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## **CHURCH OFFICERS**

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***From the Rector the Revd. Liz Jump***

I have just come back from a week away. Not a momentous statement, except maybe for your Rector who finds it very difficult to justify stopping and taking time out. There is always so much to do - a never ending list of things that must be done, things that should be done, and things that will be done one day should I ever find the time.

My week away was not, technically, a holiday. Clergy are required to take a retreat each year, and so I recently contacted several retreat houses to find one that had a vacancy for a very tired Rector. The only one with availability didn't really fit my idea of retreat space. Not the green fields and gentle streams of the 23rd psalm, but a Franciscan Community right in the heart of a busy city. London, to be precise! So, slightly unsure of the way this would work, I set off for my time out. And it was wonderful. I had taken one book with me; a book about finding space with God in busy ministry - and all through the week that theme came up again and again as God found ways to show me the importance of just resting and being with Him, and of maintaining that in the busy times. I wandered into Southward Cathedral to find a clergy study day, reflecting on finding time with God in busyness. I attended Communion in Westminster Abbey, having to concentrate to follow the service amid the crowds of tourists - God in the midst of busyness to be sure. And on my final day I wandered through the busy streets, again reflecting on the ability to be quiet with God in busy times and spaces, and found myself outside a church which advertised coffee (and very good it was too) only to find that I had unknowingly arrived at the church which hosts Moot, a new religious community. That evening I

attended their very simple yet beautiful contemplative service which left me feeling that my week was complete.

I arrived back aware that life would be once again busy and full of essentials and deadlines, but also with the resolve to remember that in that busyness it is possible to find God. God is not the God only of the still small spaces, of the green pastures and the living waters, but also the God of the difficult times, the busyness and the things that must be done. All we have to do is remember that and take a moment to pause and acknowledge His presence.

Love and prayers

Liz

## **MOTHERS' UNION – WROXHAM BENEFICE BRANCH**

At the AGM in October we discussed our possible programme for next year, and now the fine-tuning begins!

At our meeting on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> November, the Mothers' Union Chaplain, the Reverend Simon Lawrence, will be talking to us about Advent and preparation for the Christmas season.

The Diocesan Council will be held on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> November at St. Luke's Centre, Norwich, between 10-2.30 pm.

Everyone (not just Members) is welcome to join us. We meet at St. Helen's Church at 10.30 am. Please contact Suzanne Barnett, Branch Leader (782002) or Val Ovenden (782466) for more details or to arrange a lift.

## **ST JOHN'S CHURCH COFFEE MORNING**

The next monthly Coffee Morning for Hoveton St John Church will be held in the Church on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> of November at 10.30am

There will be a raffle & bring & buy stall. Do come & enjoy a friendly chat with friends whilst enjoying coffee cakes & scones.

The November Coffee Morning Hosts are Mrs Angela Cullum and Mrs Jasmin Squires.

A warm welcome awaits you.

## **COFFEE MORNING**

in Wroxham Church Hall on 21<sup>st</sup> November from 10.00am. Bring & Buy Stall and Raffle. Admission £2.00. Everyone welcome.

## **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

Christmas Fair on 3rd December in Wroxham Church Hall 10am - 12 noon. Books, Tombola, Cakes/Jams & Pickles, Christmas Goodies & Surprise Gifts, Bric-a-brac, Bacon Rolls with Tea & Coffee and Children's Activities with Rev'd Liz Jump.

## **WANTED**

Unwanted gifts and good quality bric a brac (no electrical goods) for St. Mary's Christmas sale on 3rd December.

Please ring Marion Pardon 01603 782438.

## **UNITED REFORMED CHURCH**

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## **Services and Events in November (all at the Hub unless stated otherwise)**

**Sunday 6th 11am Holy Communion Service led by Rev Bruno Boldrini**

**Sun 13th , 10.45 am Remembrance Sunday Service at St John's , Hoveton, led by Revd Ian Fosten**

**Sun 20th, 11am Family Service led by Canon Peter Howard**

**Sun 27th, 11am Service led by Rev Bruno Boldrini**

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> 2.30 Healing prayer group at The Hub.**

Coffee is served after each service. Please do join us!

Our weekly **Community Café on a Thursday 10.30-12.00**, is a great opportunity to meet up with friends over a coffee and slice of homemade cake. It's free – all we ask for is a small donation towards the costs. All are welcome!

**JAM** (our Sunday Kids Club) is always open to new children for fun, cooking, games, crafts and Bible stories. Please contact Chris Billing at [chris.billing@ukbis.com](mailto:chris.billing@ukbis.com) or phone 01603 783992 for more details.

**The next meetings are Sundays 6<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> November 10.45-12.15 in the Church Hall . On 20<sup>th</sup> November we shall be in the Hub 11-12 to join in the family service.**

## **FRIENDS OF WROXHAM CHURCH**

*President: Right Reverend Graham James, Bishop of Norwich*    *Charity no: 1107913*

### **AGM**

The AGM was held on October 27<sup>th</sup> and the future of the film shows was discussed. More details about the meeting will be given next month.

### **EASTONS HOLIDAYS**

On **Thursday November 24<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm in Wroxham Church Hall** Mr. Robert Easton will give an illustrated talk on the family history and present day range of holidays and day excursions offered by Eastons. Tickets £7 (including refreshments) from 01603 782466/782555/784748.

If you have any ideas for fundraising activities, or would like to join the Friends and get involved, please contact Val Ovenden on 01603 782466 or email [fowc@btinternet.com](mailto:fowc@btinternet.com).

## **ST HELEN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**St Helen's Coffee Drop-In:** The next 'drop-in' is in St Helen's Narthex on November 9th at 10.30 for coffee or tea and a cake: the proceeds go to small local charities. A warm welcome assured for patrons old and new.

**Fourth Wednesday Club:** meets again on Wednesday November 23rd. This popular social club is open to all 'Senior Citizens' over 60 from 11.30 - 16.30; it starts with coffee, and continues with a simple hot lunch around 12.30. It's a popular and friendly gathering fulfilling a local need. The 'sub' of £2.50 includes the coffee, lunch, homespun entertainment and a raffle. There are also plants and previously-owned books for sale and the money raised is distributed to local charities.

**Rooms available:** St Helen's has rooms available for small bona fide meetings and gatherings of up to 30 people; several organisations meet here on a regular basis. Facilities for preparing light meals and hot drinks are available (you bring your own refreshments). Centrally situated with excellent car parking. Please call 01603 782758 for further details.

## **BROADGRACE CHURCH**

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**Services:** We meet each Sunday at 4pm in The River Rooms in Coltishall, the old Salvation Army Hall opposite the garage in the centre of the village. Come along and you and your family will find a warm welcome, a friendly bunch of people and the chance to think about the spiritual, significant issues of life. See [www.broadgrace.org.uk](http://www.broadgrace.org.uk) for more details or, give John a call on 01603 737974.

## **LIBRARY & SCHOOL NEWS**

### **WROXHAM LIBRARY**

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**Drop-in,** 10-5 Monday - Saturday and late opening till 8pm on Fridays

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### **Get Digital Courses at Wroxham Library**

#### **iPhones and Tablets for Absolute Beginners**

Wednesday 30th November, 7th and 14th December, 10.45 - 12.45.

Have you been given an iPhone and don't know your apps from your elbow!? Is your tablet giving you a headache? Come along to these three free sessions with any hand-held device and all will be explained! With students from Broadland High School, Hoveton. Booking essential - pop into the library or phone 01603 782560.

### **Vacancy**

#### **Bounce and Rhyme Volunteer Required**

Wroxham Library is looking for someone to deliver fun songs and rhymes for

preschool children along with their parents and carers, for these popular weekly term-time sessions. For just one hour a week, this opportunity is ideal for someone needing work experience in a related field or who perhaps simply enjoys encouraging learning. For further information, contact [katherine.osborne@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:katherine.osborne@norfolk.gov.uk) <mailto:katherine.osborne@norfolk.gov.uk>.

## **Social Activities and events at the Library**

### **Your Library Needs YOU**

The "**Friends of Wroxham Library**" is a new group, aiming to support the library through: Organising events and activities; Fundraising; Giving feedback on library services to ensure we're meeting the needs of the community; Displaying library information around the community.

If you are interested please get in touch to find out more as we'd love to hear from you.

### **Bookgroup**

Why not join the Wroxham Bookgroup? A great opportunity to try reading something new and to meet new people! The group meets at 2pm on the third Wednesday of every month.

### **Family History.**

Use our free access to Find My Past and get advice from Diane, our family and local history expert by booking a half hour session on Fridays from 6-7.30pm.

We can also offer free 1 hour support sessions from our Family History volunteer, these must be booked in advance, please call for more details,

**Knit and Natter** - come along to our informal gathering. Thursday 3rd and 17th November 2.00- 4.00pm, please bring your own project.

**Crib Club** (Cribbage card game) - new players welcome - Thursday 10th November 2.00-4:30pm. Please bring your own board and cards if you have them.

**Scrabble Club** meets on the last Thursday of each month from 2.00-4.30pm. (24th November) All welcome.



## **HORNING COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL – October 2016**

All classes have been on school visits: Swallows class hunted Dinosaurs at the Dinosaur Park in Lenwade, Kingfishers class took part in pirate activities at the Time and Tide Museum in Gt Yarmouth and Harriers travelled by train to Norwich and the Castle Museum to learn more about Egyptians and Mummification. All had great days out although the weather could have been kinder; thanks to our valiant parent and community helpers who accompanied the classes. Parents have joined the Harriers creating Egyptian Art, made and sampled fruit kebabs with the Kingfisher pirates and been entertained by Swallows class with their unique retelling of the Dinosaurs Love Underpants story. KS2 children have also dressed for the day as Egyptians and Pirates.

This year our main charity focus will be Homelessness. Our Harvest Festival held at St Benedict's Church was very well attended and we were pleased that Revd David Smith was able to join with us. We dedicated this to collecting tinned and dry goods for the People's Picnic in Norwich, we hope a representative of this organisation will visit the school to explain more about what homelessness really means. We also made collections of dog food and treats for Help for Homeless Hounds based in Norwich.

Our next visit to St Benedict's Church will be for an act of remembrance on 11 November at 10.45am with a minutes silence at 11am; all welcome.

The first school café was very well attended and we welcomed friends old and new. We look forward to serving you at our next café on 29 November, with 2017 dates - 24 January, 21 March, 16 May and 4 July. The café continues thanks to the continued support of the Horning Boat Show – Thank you.

Ms Czubaj and the Kingfishers took part in the Macmillan Big Coffee Morning, a huge variety of cakes were baked and sold raising the fantastic sum of £216.79 for this excellent charity – well done to everyone who supported this event.

Horning Hedgehogs our on-site pre-school takes children from aged 2, we currently offer sessions 0845-1145 Monday to Friday and an afternoon session on Thursdays, 1215-1515; for more information please contact us.

Finally, we would like thank our local community for supporting us at all our events and look forward to another exciting half term. Pam Carver

Horning Primary School

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## CLUB NEWS

### **HOVETON & DISTRICT CONSERVATIVE COFFEE CLUB**

Our next meeting at The Wroxham Hotel will be on Thursday 24th November at 10.30 a.m. when we welcome Christopher Gibbons talking of his 'Time with The Met'. Contact Tel. No. 01603 783490.

### **WROXHAM FLOWER CLUB**

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 9th November at The Wroxham Church Hall at 7.30.p.m. It will be a wonderful evening as Lee Berrill from Earls Barton will be our demonstrator his title "Deck the Halls"

We are holding our Christmas meeting on Wednesday 14th December at The Wroxham Church Hall at 7.30 p.m. Our demonstrator will be Anne Colby her title "Christmas Spectacular" Seasonal refreshments will be served. Visitors and new members are always welcome. For further information please telephone Mrs Lynn Hands 722582 or Mrs Pam Poulton 782063.

### **WROXHAM FOOTBALL CLUB**

1st team results have improved and wins are like buses, get one and another one arrives! That's what happened when we beat Godalming Town in the FA Trophy and immediately followed up with our first Ryman League win at the 13th attempt away to Witham Town. For good measure we then got a third defeating league leaders Phoenix Sports.

The win against Godalming set up an away tie with Ryman Premier high flyers Needham Market on Oct 29 likely to be before these notes are published. But a win would bring some much needed prize money, so let's hope for the best.

We were in danger of being cut adrift at the bottom but the wins against Witham & Phoenix made it just one defeat in 6 league games. The young team are coming of age and hopefully results will continue to improve.

The reserve team are receiving lots of plaudits with their results and performances. A 4-1 win in the Senior KO Cup against holders Spixworth raised a few eyebrows and set up a home quarter final tie on Nov 5 against Reepham Town. A six match winning run in the league including a deserved win at Acle and most recently

Cromer, has taken them up to the top of the table. Please come along and give them some support.

The U18's were beaten at Kirkley in a top of the table clash in which they underperformed. But this was their first defeat and there is a long way to go. They play on Thursday evenings if you want to get out!

Our Quiz & Chips Evening turned into a great success with over 70 attendees. Thanks to Cynthia Feltham for organising plus her helpers.

Next up on our fund raising calendar is our Annual Fireworks Display on Sun Nov 6. Full details are advertised elsewhere in the magazine.

The club website [www.wroxhamfc.com](http://www.wroxhamfc.com) and our Twitter A/c @the\_yachtsmen are still very popular and on Twitter we have almost 3,500 followers.

Sign boards to advertise businesses are available on competitive terms. Please contact Cynthia on 783869.

## **HOVETON, WROXHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB**

We all had an entertaining evening in October, when we were given a practical, informative and amusing talk by Bob Coutts on 'Autumn tasks in the garden'.

The results for best butterfly cakes were **1<sup>st</sup> Maureen Wilson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Terry Crouch, 3<sup>rd</sup> Mollie Ottaway**, and for the best dahlia stem **1<sup>st</sup> Mollie Ottaway, 2<sup>nd</sup> Pat Crouch, 3<sup>rd</sup> Terry Crouch**.

The monthly bloom results were **1<sup>st</sup> Pat Crouch, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Clements, 3<sup>rd</sup> Maureen Wilson**.

Our next talk will be on **November 4<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm, Hoveton Village Hall**, when Charlotte Philcox will give us a practical talk on 'Vegetable growing in pots and containers'. There will be refreshments, a raffle and time for a chat afterwards. Visitors are welcome, £2. Further details from Pat on 01603 782523.

Looking ahead to **December 2<sup>nd</sup>**, there will be a talk on The Winter Garden with Sheila Ashe.

## **GARDENING TIPS FOR NOVEMBER**

November can be a very busy month, depending on your size of garden.

If you have any large jobs to do this is a good time to get them done; for example, laying a lawn, making a new bed, digging up large plants or removing or planting a hedge.

If the garden is getting too much for you, this is the time to change it to make your life easier for next year.

This is the month where you can plant new bare root stock.

Finish planting your daffodils and tulips which will then give you much needed colour in spring.

You can still divide perennials. Plant some back into your border, adding organic matter to the soil first.

Tender plants could be protected by fleece, if not, put indoors or into the greenhouse.

Now is the time to tidy your borders. Dig over or fork point, adding some organic matter.

Lift dahlias, after they have been blackened by the frost.

Turn tubers upside down to dry off before storing them in a frost free area.

Lawn mowing will normally have finished by now. Rake leaves off.

Moss killer can be applied if you still have a problem area. Also, spike the area with a mechanical spiker or with your digging fork.

In the veg garden, lift any remaining autumn crops.

Take down bean plants and canes, but leave the roots in.

Rough dig any uncropped ground, incorporating organic matter.

Most fruit should have been gathered by now so check your stored fruit and remove any rotten ones.

Make use of any good days in November.

Berries have appeared early on pyracanthas and holly this year and you may know the old saying about it being a sign of a cold winter. Who knows?

Time to get busy!

*Michael Ottaway, Chairman*

## **WROXHAM AND HOVETON LIONS CLUB**

Now the clocks have changed, winter is really getting close and I think this is the time of year that we must remember to keep an eye on our elderly and disabled neighbours. Just take a moment or two to check that they are alright and that they have plenty of food in the house. If you see them in danger please call for help.

The Club has made two large donations during the past month to support causes in our area. Firstly we have given £10,500-00 to Sea Palling Volunteer Life Boat. £6000 of this will enable them to purchase a new inshore boat, which will allow them to undertake rescues, close to the rocks and groynes where their present boat cannot safely reach. The new boat will be named "Lion Ros Clipston" in memory of our Club Treasurer and Past President, who sadly passed away at the end of March. This is particularly poignant for both myself, as Ros was my sister, and her husband, Lion Mike. A formal hand over of the boat will take place in the near future. The balance of the monies will go towards the purchase of a new engine for the existing boat, as the present engine is now uneconomic to repair. The second donation was of £990-00, made to Hoveton and Wroxham Medical Centre for the purchase of a new phlebotomy chair, for the comfort of patients attending for blood tests. These are just two of the donations made this month – a number of others, of smaller amounts, were also made. In the past year almost £42,000 has been donated to deserving causes.

With Christmas getting closer, we are now preparing our Sleigh ready for Santa to make his rounds. Our first outing will be a trip to Sprowston Manor Hotel, on Sunday 20th November, where they are holding a Christmas Fayre. Next will be an evening trip to Horning, on Thursday 24th November, for their late night shopping event. So come on children, get your mums and dads to put their coats on and come along to support this event and you can tell Santa what presents that you would like for Christmas. He will be delighted to see you.

On December 2nd we make the first of our annual trips around the villages, at Salhouse (weather permitting) where we will be collecting for various local causes. See you all then. We are very appreciative of your past generosity and hope you will continue to support us.

Our next **Craft Fair** is on **Sunday 6th November. 10am to 3pm** at Broadland Youth and Community Centre, Stalham Road, Hoveton, so come along and see a lovely selection of hand made crafts which will make good Xmas presents that are just that bit different, Admission is FREE and refreshments are available.

This month's charity draw was won by D.Hands of Horning, who donated goods to our shop. Their nominated charity is Motor Nuerone Association, who will receive £100.

We still have vacancies for any one would like to volunteer to work in our charity shop, so if you have a few hours to spare please call me on 01603 784093. We would also appreciate donations of any unwanted, good quality Bric a Brac to sell in the shop. Collections can be arranged - just ring 01603 784093.

If any one would like to find out about joining the great charity organisation that is the LIONS, just come to one of our meetings, which are held every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at Broadland Youth and Community Centre (8pm). Alternatively ring me, on 01603 784093, or our membership chairperson Lion Suzanne Barnett, on 01603 782002. I am certain you would enjoy being part of the Lions Movement where we not only deal with the serious business of supporting the local Community but also have a lot of fun and friendship in doing so.

A report on our Royal Air Force Squadronaires concert will appear next month.

*Lion Terry Vout, President*

## **THE PROBUS CLUB OF BROADLANDS**

The Probus Club of Broadlands is a group for men who are retired or semi-retired. We meet on the last Wednesday of the month at The Norfolk Mead Hotel in Coltishall for lunch followed by a presentation on a subject of usually local relevance.

Our last meeting was held on the 29<sup>th</sup> September when we had the pleasure of viewing one of our members, **Fraser Carlisle-Brown's** Legion D'Honneur Grand Croix medal awarded for his action in the D-Day invasions.

Fraser was serving as a navigator aboard 271 Squadron RAF Transport Command guiding Dakota C-47's carrying advance paratroopers and later towing gliders/airborne troops to take positions just before to the actual D-Day landings 6/6/1944

Fraser was given a wine toast and a heartfelt round of applause from all.

There is an interesting and amusing interview with Fraser and renown author James Holland which I found at [www.griffonmerlin.com](http://www.griffonmerlin.com)>Airforce>British (refer Fraser Carlisle-Brown)

If this wasn't enough we then had the pleasure of (once again) welcoming our guest speaker **Dr. John Clements**, current Pastor of the Old Meeting House Congregational Church, Colegate, Norwich.

John's talk was a small glimpse into Trans-Actual Analysis "to know who you are and where you are going."

Many years of research (USA) has gone into the identifying of people as belonging to one (or more) of three general groups (ego states):

"parent", "adult" and "child"

These were discussed in general terms as to the types of behaviour that can be identified in these groups and subsequently the interrelationships that exist / arise from examining the make-up of these groups.

An enormous amount of well documented research has gone into this subject(s) which is of course impossible to fit into John's brief introduction (30 minutes).

Notwithstanding this however John in his inimitable, jovial style certainly piqued our interests and left me at least still deciding which ego state I'm best identified with (my wife would certainly place me in the later).

Suggested further reading was "I'm OK you're OK" and "Staying OK" and "Man's Search for Meaning" – Dr Frankel

Thanks to Fraser and John for your input in our lunch and as always to The Meads chef and staff for great food and service.

**The Club is always keen to welcome new members, or to hear from those who would like to know more. Contact Steve Robb on 01603 736597. We look forward to seeing you at one of our next meetings.**

## **BROADLANDS ROTARY CLUB**

### **Fund Raising in September**

On Friday 16th September our Charity Quiz Night at Hoveton Village Hall was greatly enjoyed and we raised £602, which with matched funding from Barclays Bank gives us £1,204 for a number of deserving local charities.

We held the Macmillan Coffee Morning at Spixworth Village Hall on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September. Our visitors enjoyed tea, coffee and home made cakes served by the wonderful ladies from Spixworth WI. Everyone wondered round our stalls purchasing more homemade cakes, bric-a-brac and raffle tickets. They also joined in with the Broadland Rocks Choir who entertained us with a selection of popular songs. It was well attended and we raised £515.50, which was doubled to £1,031 with matched funding from Barclays Bank. This goes to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Thank you to all those who came to either or both of these events. You made the difference.

### **Alfie Hewett wins Two Silver Medals in Rio**

Alfie went off with his new wheelchair from Rotary and had success at the Paralympics with a Silver Medal in both the wheelchair doubles and in the singles where he was up against his doubles partner Gordon Reid, who won the Gold! We can all be very proud of not just a local talent but of someone who turns adversity into success!

### **Our Carol Service: Wednesday December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at St Margaret's Church, Old Catton**

This is one of the most enjoyable events in the year, with all our favourite Carols and readings. Afterwards we chat over drinks and nibbles before we set off for home in a festive mood. You would be very welcome to join us and if you can let me know we can cater accordingly. But if you are unable to tell me in advance, just come along and swell the voices singing carols! We are already expecting some of those who attended our two events mentioned above. The more the merrier!

**If you would like to know more about our club and our events** please contact me: [annchantryprice@gmail.com](mailto:annchantryprice@gmail.com), Tel: 01603 270478 / 01296 660202 or visit our website: <http://www.rotaryclubofbroadlands.org.uk>

Ann Chantry-Price

### **WROXHAM BURE VALLEY ROTARY CLUB**

Its Last chance time to enter our spectacular "win a car" raffle in aid of EACH, the East Anglia Air Ambulance, the End Polio Now campaign and other charities supported by our rotary club, with the draw due to take place at Castle Mall in Norwich on 20<sup>th</sup> November. Tickets are available from members and also from NMG showrooms in Norwich and from Abbott's estate agents in the Precinct, Hoveton. Do try and have a go...it is all in aid of some great causes and someone will definitely be driving off in a brand new car ready for Christmas!

We were busy outside Roy's in Wroxham on 22<sup>nd</sup> October collecting in aid of our Purple for Polio campaign and to coincide with Polio Day. We have also been out planting swathes of purple crocus bulbs in Wroxham, Horning and Hoveton,



usually near the village signs, to give the campaign another boost in the Spring of next year.

We rolled out our Eyebox concept at the Rotary District Conference in October and plan to push this hard over the coming months. It is a box of assorted strength reading glasses to be sent to villages in Africa and other under developed countries to help improve sight and ultimately literacy in these areas. Initial research has shown there is a major need for this type of support and we hope to be at the forefront of this initiative.

Not long now until Christmas is upon us and the usual round of eating and drinking and celebrating is underway....but before then we will be out and about with Santa doing our Christmas charity collection so keep a look out for us from early December.

Finally, a bit late but everyone enjoys a good wedding and members of Wroxham Bure Valley Rotary and partners were delighted to celebrate the wedding of one of our former presidents and current Assistant District Governor in District 1080, Jonathan King to the lovely Christine...it was a perfect day and everyone had a fabulous time.



Jonathan and Christine's Wedding

We are always pleased to welcome more new members into the club - you can pop along and meet us any Monday evening if you fancy finding out a bit more about us and what we get up to, but please contact our secretary Anne Kittle in advance on 07887523071 to check the meeting details and so we can ensure we have food for you. Visit our web-site on [www.wroxhamrotary.org.uk](http://www.wroxhamrotary.org.uk) for more information and details of our exciting programme for 2016 and into 2017, or our Facebook page on [www.facebook.com/wroxhamburevalleyrotaryclub](http://www.facebook.com/wroxhamburevalleyrotaryclub) or contact our president, Rosemary Youngs on 01603 717272. There is no better way to give something back to the local community...and no better time than now.

## **WHB TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

Back in to our normal routine again with **French Conversation** at Jane and Phil's in Wroxham on 12<sup>th</sup> October and **Book Club** at Maggie's in Belaugh on 26<sup>th</sup>, discussing "The River" by Olivia Laing. Unfortunately we had to postpone our **Quiz and Supper evening** on 15<sup>th</sup> as so many of our members away or unavailable then so we have rebooked it for **4<sup>th</sup> February in Wroxham Church Hall at 7.30pm**, so teams at the ready then and let's have a good turnout for our main fund raising event.

This month sees our **AGM on 10<sup>th</sup> November in Wroxham Church Hall**, all members or prospective members welcome to hear of our year's activities, sample the local Loire wines from our twinned villages and catch up with friends. We have started already planning **next year's trip to France, 9-15<sup>th</sup> August 2017**, with, hopefully a visit to the chateau of Versailles and a night near there en route. We'd love to take as many members as possible so please book these dates and if you'd like to join us for a week in France at extremely reasonable rates, make new friends, visit the wonderful Versailles palace, it only costs £15 to join our association or £25 for family membership.

We'll soon be organising **our annual post-Christmas dinner** too so look out for this, another very pleasant social occasion. As ever, if you would like any more information please contact Peter on 01603 782733 or [peter-c-milsted@talk21.com](mailto:peter-c-milsted@talk21.com) or come along to our AGM on 10<sup>th</sup> November.

## **BADMINTON**

Come and get fit and have some fun by joining a friendly group of people who play on Wednesday evenings at Broadland High School in Hoveton. We hope that new players (except beginners) and current members will come and support this local club. Tel: 01603 782606 for more details.

## **WROXHAM SOCIAL CLUB**

Brian Hedge and Geoff Parker treated us to a quiz with a difference. The slides made a nice change. It is amazing how many village signs we pass every day without recognising them. Geoff also had some Norfolk questions to make us scratch our heads. Ken's Fish and Chips were delicious and nice and hot.

### **Events:-**

**29<sup>th</sup> Oct – Jumble Sale** 10.30 am, **5<sup>th</sup> Nov – Bingo**, **12<sup>th</sup> Nov – Judy's Quiz n Chips** 7pm for 7.30pm, **17<sup>th</sup> Nov – AGM** 7pm followed by Bowls AGM, **19<sup>th</sup> Nov – 'Who Wants to be a Millionaire?'**, **26<sup>th</sup> Nov - 'Bill's' Quiz n Chips** 7pm for 7.30pm, **3<sup>rd</sup> Dec – Bingo**, **10<sup>th</sup> Dec – Reminiscing Quiz 'Linder'**, **17<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Party.**

Bingo starts at 8pm. All other events 7.30pm unless stated differently. If you want to order food on Bar Quiz nights arrive at 7pm.

**Quiz and Chip nights are open to non-members. Please phone to book your table (teams of 4) and food order. (If there are less than 4 we can usually team you up with someone.)**

Friday night is Darts night 7.30pm and Snooker. Snooker available most nights.

We have sold our pool table but table tennis is still available. Or just pop in for a drink and a chat.

Phone me. New members over 16 yrs. Membership is £26 for a year due in December, joining later in the year the fee is pro rata. Half price for 16-17 year olds. Temporary Membership £5 per week – deductible from full membership.

We have two full size Snooker tables. Lawn Bowls, Table Tennis, Darts, Cards, etc. are always available. Quizzes, Bingo, Whist, etc. Club membership entitles you to all club events and facilities. Bowls, Leisure and Social.

For more information and to book for Quiz n Chips, please contact Rosemary Burdett (Chairman) 01603 419811 or any other member or committee member.

## **WROXHAM & DISTRICT LADIES' LUNCHEON CLUB**

We meet on the first Tuesday of each month (excluding July, August and

September) for an excellent lunch, followed by a talk on a variety of subjects, which is always interesting and entertaining. New members and visitors are always welcome to join us for good company and to hear speakers on a wide variety of topics. Mrs Jenny Atkinson on 01603 472556 or 01692 535932 will be happy to give you further details.

## **SOLO CLUB**

This club is for anyone who is over 55yrs and also live on their own. If you would like to come along and join us you would be made very welcome. We have the occasional speaker or demonstrator plus social afternoons where you meet friends, have a natter and enjoy a cup of tea and biscuits. Several outings are arranged throughout the year. We meet on the second Tuesday in the month at Hoveton village hall, Stalham road - 2.00-4.00pm. If you would like further information please ring 01603 782178 or 782730. Alternatively, just come along one Tuesday and see for yourself!

## **BARTON HOUSE RAILWAY**

[www.bartonhouserailway.org.uk](http://www.bartonhouserailway.org.uk)  
[enquiries@bartonhouserailway.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@bartonhouserailway.org.uk)  
01603 782008

Open 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sunday of the month from  
April to October from 2.30pm to 5.30pm

**(A regular boat service operates from Wroxham Bridge FOREVER RUNNING)**

**We can offer a wide range of facilities for your private function or party.**

Our nominated charity for 2017 has been decided upon and will be East Coast Truckers who's aim is to provide memorable days out for disabled and disadvantaged children living in the East Anglia area. The running on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>. September was fairly quiet in spite of the dry and warm conditions. There only being around 80 visitors reflected on the low overall takings of just over £400 including an unusually minimal income from Dickerson's Diner. The boat service suffered too with only a few passengers but operationally it was a good afternoon at the railway. Afterwards, a staff meal had been prepared by Sue Wells which consisted of a wonderful beef hotpot with a large selection of fresh vegetables, this was very much enjoyed by some 25 staff, a very big thank you Sue. Then came the evening running on the following Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>. with ideal conditions for this magical event, when the railway was lit by traditional oil lamps. The BBQ was available again with burgers & sausages. Usual thanks go to the Preston family for

arranging and looking after this, Dickerson's Diner was open as normal and takings "first class". With almost 90 visitors this was a slight improvement on 2015 with the overall takings of just over £630 also being a slight increase. The BBQ and Dickerson's Diner are always a valuable contribution to the event. Trains ran continuously throughout the evening. Whilst the evening may be "magical", the preparation which takes most of the day and the clearing up afterwards which includes all the lamps being extinguished and cleaned (cleaning alone lasting into days) is not and is a most arduous task. A special thank you from Peter Bower who leads the operation is given to all those who give time up to help especially to Richard Jones and Humma who were on hand throughout. Following the success of the Junior Friends launch in August the first Junior Club Day was planned for Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>. October between 10 and 12 noon. The Staff Newsletter "Smoke-Box" reached it's 200<sup>th</sup>. edition in October and thanks go to John Mason who has been Editor for the last 8 years.

**FINAL RUNNING FOR 2016  
IS OUR SANTA SPECIAL ON SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup>. DECEMBER**

A chance for the children to meet Father Christmas on the train in his Railway Grotto and receive a named gift. Why not go First Class and enjoy a festive meal in our diner... **Advance Bookings necessary.** For further information please contact "Santa Booking" BHR, 53, Harbord Close, NORTH WALSHAM, Norwich, Norfolk. NR28 0TA. Mobile 07749 806351 or home 01692 218515 e-mail: [emmahoward88@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:emmahoward88@yahoo.co.uk).

**WROXHAM AND DISTRICT U3A**

The University of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Age is open to everyone in the community over the age of 55; it is a great way of meeting friendly and like-minded people and engaging in those all-important 'mental-active' activities that help to keep us happy and healthy. Interested? Contact Sue Badger (secretary) at 01603 737572 or by email on [susanbadger49@btinternet.com](mailto:susanbadger49@btinternet.com) or John Long (chairman) at 01603 722254 or email [johnhl@btinternet.com](mailto:johnhl@btinternet.com). Conversely, visit our website on [www.u3awroxham.co.uk](http://www.u3awroxham.co.uk).

**WROXHAM WI**

It must be every Chairman's worst nightmare - what to do at a meeting when the speaker/entertainer arrives very late or even fails to turn up. At the September meeting of Wroxham WI President, Margaret Collingwood, rose magnificently to

the occasion. She gave members a lively account of a recently attended day on dance and used it as an opportunity to talk about future events and activities of ~Wroxham WI, the Broadland Group and Norfolk Federation that members could attend or become involved with, It was agreed that toiletries could be collected to be given to homeless ladies. Members hope to hear about the Norfolk photographer, Olive Edis, at some future date. On 4th November members will have a celebration Birthday lunch at Vera's Coffee Shop at Wayford Nurseries, Stalham and on 2nd December Christmas celebrations will be off to a good start with the Broadland Group's Christmas Extravaganza at East Tuddenham. On 6th October there may have been grey clouds outside but inside Ludham Village Hall was bright with sunshine yellow crockery as about 80 members attended the Broadland Group meeting. Martyn Shults entertained with stories of crooners from an earlier generation including Mario Lanza, Matt Monroe and Rat Pack members, Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Junior, and serenaded with a selection of their most popular songs. A lovely way to spend a Thursday afternoon. The next Wroxham WI meeting is on Wednesday 16th November at 2.30 pm. This is the Annual Meeting but we shall also hear about "The History of Enos". Do come along to join us at The Church Rooms, Norwich Road, Wroxham and enjoy a taste of WI life.

Jean Watson

## **HOVETON & DISTRICT WI**

**Hoveton W.I.** meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m. in Hoveton Village Hall. We are always delighted to welcome local ladies who would like to come along and see what we do and how we enjoy ourselves.

For more information give Sue a ring on 01603 783387.

On 5<sup>th</sup> October about 40 members and guests enjoyed a cream tea to celebrate Hoveton W.I.'s 94<sup>th</sup> birthday and our speaker Maggie Gallop gave a fascinating talk about Denman College which was founded in 1948 for W.I. members to enjoy short interesting courses. The College is still popular and runs many stimulating short courses in cookery, arts & crafts, history, photography - to name but a few. Maggie stressed that the accommodation nowadays is very luxurious when compared to the Spartan conditions of 1948!

The next Hoveton W.I. meeting will be our Annual General Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> November when members will be electing their committee for 2017, looking back over the past year and looking forward to plans for next year.

The Lunch Group will be meeting for our monthly lunch at a local venue at 12.15 p.m. on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

The Craft Group will meet at 2 p.m. Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

## **TRAVELS WITH COLTISHALL JAGUARS RUNNING CLUB**

Runners will travel miles in pursuit of miles to run.

Coltishall Jaguars marathon runner Jeremy Lawrence thought he was far away from home when he headed to Loch Ness to run 26.2 miles in the Scottish Highlands at the end of September.

He was fairly surprised when on the coach taking entrants to the start he found himself sitting next to a runner from Old Catton – then the two people in the seat turned round to reveal they were from Norwich too.

But Jeremy's travels to Scotland were outdone by another couple of intrepid Coltishall Jaguars runners earlier this year. Jackie and Rod Bye went to Dubai to complete their marathons in January.

In temperatures above 24C the race required an early start and Rod and Jackie donned their orange Coltishall Jaguars vests before dawn for a 6am start.

Rod liked the fast, flat course and enjoyed seeing the elite Ethiopians dominate the out-and-back race, but Jackie said:

“It was like running up and down the M1! Nothing picturesque, just ‘The Sail’ as a guide to the 20 mile mark. And it was so, so hot! If Rod goes back to do it again – he'll be going without me!”

It's not just competitive running in far flung places that takes our fancy. You know you have truly caught the running bug when you are packing for holiday and your extra going-out shoes are ditched in favour of trainers!

In fact on holidays this year Coltishall Jaguars have already run up mountains in Scotland and Columbia, along beaches in Portugal and Ibiza and through the countryside in Canada and the Sussex Downs -to name just a few places. One runner who has recently returned from a cruise told me he had run round the ship's deck – numerous times!

Overall it's not where you go, it's what you do once you get there. Just run. For every running step you take – you are clocking up the distance and building fitness and personal achievement.

With the dark nights drawing in, the Coltishall Jaguars have begun their winter travels – meeting and training in street-lit locations in Wroxham, Spixworth, Sprowston, Norwich, Thorpe St Andrew and North Walsham. Why not join us?

If you are interested in finding out more you call Mel on 01603 736717 or check out our website [www.coltishalljaguars.co.uk](http://www.coltishalljaguars.co.uk) or see our facebook page for more details.

### **1<sup>ST</sup> HOVETON AND WROXHAM SEA SCOUT GROUP**

The Scout Group has had a busy year so far, culminating in the Annual Car Show in July. The event was hugely successful and raised over £4500. Thanks to all those who supported the show this year either exhibiting or visiting. Also, thanks to all who helped run the show, with particular mention to Fred and Dru Crane, whom without their timeless hard work, the show would not have gone ahead, raising valuable funds to help support the group and provide scouting for over 100 young people in the area. Further to this, it is with sadness to announce that after over 30 years involvement in the group, Fred and Dru have decided to leave the group, whilst maintaining involvement with the District team. Fred steps down as Chairman, with the Group in one of its healthiest positions ever financially, and with record numbers of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts that are registered with the group. Our sincere thanks go to both Fred and Dru, who have put so much hard work into the Group. We hope to continue running the Group in the same successful manner! On that note, we are always on the lookout for leaders, skills instructors and helpers or for parents to sit on the executive committee. If you would like to get involved in something very enjoyable and provide for young members of the community, please contact Terry on 01692 630688. We look forward to hearing from some of you soon!

Richard Baines 15/10/16

### **1<sup>ST</sup> WROXHAM GUIDES**

Due to a technical error, the article written for the October edition of The Bridge is somewhere in cyberspace. Therefore this article covers a couple of months. Our first meeting of the autumn term was the Patrol Leaders Council where the Patrol Leaders reviewed last terms programme. We also discussed how Guides were getting on and looking



at how using this, we could tweak the Patrols for the new term. We then focused on the planning the programme as we welcome 5 Brownies up to Guides. Elephant and the Penguin Patrols have chosen to the Animal Activate Go For It! whilst Polar Bears and Pandas have chosen the film based Go For It! Lights, Camera, Action. Read future editions of The Bridge to discover the activities each Patrol chose to complete. Twelve Wroxham Guides joined Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Young Leaders and Leaders for the Hautbois District Fun Day. Three coaches left Wroxham heading for Great Yarmouth – after the glorious sunny week, it was disappointing it was overcast but it takes more than a shower or two to dampen the spirits of Wroxham Guides who joined Guides from Coltishall and Salhouse at Retroskate. After a quick picnic lunch by the beach, the Guides had a great time at the fun swim session with inflatables at the Marina Centre. It was a short walk to the Hippodrome Circus to meet up with the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides to sit back and enjoy the summer spectacular. Acts displayed skills in balance and agility as there were acrobats, flying trapeze daredevils, gymnasts, synchronized swimming as well as some clever banter between the compare and Jonny Mac. As we couldn't use Wroxham Church Hall on what would have been our first full meeting of the autumn term, we held an 'introduction to Leadership' training for the older Guides at the ARC – Girlguiding Norfolk's new Archive Resource Centre at Coltishall. We looked at four leadership skills - how to communicate effectively; time management; setting goals and motivation. There was a planning activity and afterwards we reviewed the good points, discussed alternative methods to ensure everyone felt included and looked at skills that needed working on. Hopefully as a result, we will have 4 happy, self lead Patrols with confident Patrol Leaders. During the summer holidays, Wroxham Guides received their first letter from Janani, the 11 year old girl who lives in a slum in southern India, who we are sponsoring through the local Vidiyal Trust. Janani lives with her parents, older brother and younger sister. Her dad is lucky if he gets 10 days work a month as a labourer and her mum is unemployed. Janani attends school and receives extra tuition; she likes playing cricket and eat noodles. Penguins were the first Patrol to write to Janani and they have also sent her a couple of photos of activities they have recently been involved in. The new recruits have been working on clauses to gain their red scarves. They have cooked spaghetti bolognese, learnt how to tie friendship knots and have found out about Guiding outside the District. Other Guides took part in a Promise activity and discovered some facts about Diwali – one of five clauses of the fun badge they have chosen to complete. In Patrols, Elephants made a shoe box habitat, Pandas made and decorated photo frames, Penguins looked and compared food labels and Polar Bears made a camera obscura. During the Pamper evening, the Guides experimented with Mehndi designs using henna on eyeliner; soaked their feet in foot spas; had a go at nail art; made home made face packs and learnt how to give hand and lower arm massages. Read The Bridge next month to find out

about our evening at Fairhaven Water Gardens and what we discovered in the Girlguiding Norfolk archives.

Kate

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## Your local Girlguiding Units need leaders or face closure



Our volunteers do amazing things - some of which might surprise you. You could find yourself white water rafting, training guiding Leaders overseas, singing along with 10,000 girls at Wembley Arena, make new friends and learn new skills.

Whether you've been involved in guiding before or you are completely new to us, you'll feel proud to watch girls grow through guiding. Your professional and personal experience, a specific skill or simply your enthusiasm - you have so much to share with girls and young women in guiding.

There is an age group to suit ladies 18+. No experience required as training, support and uniform are provided.

Rainbows are 5 - 7 years. Rainbows learn by doing – they get their hands dirty, do sports, arts and crafts and play games. Being a Rainbow is all about having the space to try new things. Through taking part in a range of different activities with girls their own age, Rainbows develop self-confidence and make lots of new friends.

Brownies are 7 - 10 years. Girls in Brownies have incredible experiences together, make brilliant friends and discover the world around them. Every time they meet up, groups of Brownies learn new skills and take on challenges as they work out what they want to be and do in the future.

Guides are 10 - 14 years. With Guides you'll get out there and do something really different. Guides create their own campaigns, learn and share new skills and fly down the occasional zip wire. They explore new places, go on camps, holidays and trips, they also enjoy exciting events like the Girlguiding star-studded concert, the Big Gig, and their own music festival, Wellies and Wristbands.

Hautbois Senior Section are looking for young ladies 14+ to join them. They normally meet locally, Wednesday twice a month.

Contact [windchimes2000@hotmail.com](mailto:windchimes2000@hotmail.com)

If you would like more information about volunteering or meet up for an informal, no commitment chat, please contact Kate 01603 722665 or 0776 55 32 789 or email [wroxhamguides@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wroxhamguides@yahoo.co.uk)

### **BROADLAND CHESS CLUB**

Well the new 2016/17 season has got off to a flying start. Although team fixtures have only just started there is little movement in the leagues at present, individual club members have already managed to achieve amazing results. In the first weekend of October the Norfolk Championships were held at the Tithe Barn, Horstead. Roy Hughes became Norfolk Champion for the second time, after an exciting final game. David Owen won the Challengers cup. Several Junior members of the club also took part and performed to a high standard showing lots of promise for the future of local chess.

Over the summer months the club held a friendly tournament consisting of 2 rapidplay games and 2 blitz games against each opponent. A blitz game consists of each player only having 4 minutes each on the clock-exciting stuff! This tournament was won by Henry Duncanson.

For more information on the club please visit

<https://sites.google.com/site/broadlandchessclub>, we can also be found as Broadland Chess Club on either Facebook or Twitter.

The club meets at the Kings Head, Coltishall, Monday and Wednesday evenings.

## **LOCAL WEEKEND EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL!**

Looking for something different? Try the new exercise class “20\*20\*20” on Sundays at 11.45 at Neatishead Victory Hall. Open to anyone, the class is led by Louise, the highly-trained and very motivating instructor at your local community gym. It comprises 20 minutes each of three types of exercise (no equipment), including an aerobic warm-up, and core and floor exercises. All you need is comfortable clothing and a bottle of water, but bring a mat if you have one! Cost is £5 adults, or £3 juniors (12+) and students; free to existing multi-session gym members. All abilities catered for! Any queries, ring Carol on 01692 535342, or email [gym@victoryhall.info](mailto:gym@victoryhall.info)

## **COUNCIL NEWS**

### **NORTH NORFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL**

#### **Message from County & District Councillor Nigel Dixon**

#### **The Financial Challenge and Council Tax Pressures of the County and District Councils**

**Norfolk County Council** faces a huge budget challenge for several future years because it's had to cope with reducing central government funding and rising demand, particularly in Children's Services (education and care) and Adult (social) Services. To compound the problem, the political Administration from May 2013 to May 2016 failed to recognise the need to find effective solutions to the underlying causes and instead allowed budgets to be overspent and relied on General Reserves (meant to fund unforeseen needs) to routinely meet the funding shortfall. Effort should have been made to reform management systems, redesign services and develop new income streams in past years. Also, simply throwing money at problems doesn't address the causes nor is it sustainable unless you reduce costs or generate new income to balance the books. The new Administration, since May 2016, has found that £20m has been raided from the Reserves recently and current year budgets are heading for a circa £20m overspend if nothing is done to arrest the slide and hold Officers to agreed budget spending limits. You may recall NCC raised its share of Council Tax for the current year (2% for Adult Services + 1.99% for other needs) so I will press for remedies to be found which don't increase Council again next year.

**North Norfolk District Council** faces a similar challenge with reductions in the Rate Support Grant from central government and the expectation that the local economy will grow to increase NNDC's income from business rates, to help compensate, but that's easier said than done. The Rate Support Grant is due to be phased out by 2020 so reducing costs and creating new income streams in the next few years is crucial to keeping its share of Council Tax low; for the past 6 years NNDC hasn't increased Council Tax and I will be working to ensure that continues, if possible. NNDC has planned ahead, it restructured to reduce staff costs, uses its buildings more efficiently and has redesigned its services to be more cost effective and fit for the future. Some of these reforms take several years to deliver the saving or new income streams so planning well in advance is crucial to closing funding gaps.

Six years of central government imposed austerity has impacted hard on local government and some services have suffered more than others, Highways maintenance is one often quoted and noticed by the public. Some Councils have risen to the challenge and made the necessary reforms others haven't and will now have bigger funding gaps to close. As we enter the season for preparing next year's budget there will be many arguments in public about how funding gaps should be closed and what services may have to change. In my experience Councils must plan well ahead and explore every avenue of reform before raising Council Tax, especially when many residents are on fixed, or even reducing, incomes during these tough times.

I welcome your views on these and any other issues. My contact details are: Tel 783885 or e mail: [nigel.dixon@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:nigel.dixon@norfolk.gov.uk) or [NigelNDD@aol.com](mailto:NigelNDD@aol.com).

## **HOVETON PARISH COUNCIL**

**The minutes of HPC meetings can be viewed at <http://www.hoveton-pc.org.uk> or on the Village Notice Boards**

### **News From Hoveton Parish Council**

It's been a month of change for Hoveton Parish Council, with three councillors stepping down from their roles with the Council and one new councillor coming on board. Hoveton Parish Council would like to thank departing councillors Paul Keeble, Karen Lincoln, and Kerry Walker for all of their hard work (in particular Kerry Walker's efforts regarding Hoveton Village Hall) and to wish them well in

their future endeavours. Meanwhile, a very warm welcome is extended to Mrs Ann Rogers, who was co-opted as a councillor at the Council's October meeting.

### **Why Not Join Hoveton Parish Council?**

Hoveton Parish Council consists of five dedicated councillors, providing a strong foundation for future growth, but more councillors are needed if the Council is to achieve its goals (particularly now that Hoveton Parish Council has agreed to become the sole trustee of Hoveton Village Hall, as noted below). Have you ever thought about becoming a parish councillor? It's a rewarding and fulfilling role, offering many opportunities for personal development, and it need not take up a lot of your time. Aside from monthly meetings, councillors are able to tailor their Council commitments to fit the time available to them. So even if you only have a few hours to spare each week, you are very welcome to apply. To find out more about how to get involved, visit the Council's website, contact the Clerk, or come along to the Council's next meeting (see below). We hope to hear from you soon!

### **Hoveton Village Hall Update From Cllr Jilly Gourlay**

Hi, folks! As you will have just read, Hoveton Parish Council has now agreed to take on the responsibility of trusteeship of our wonderful Village Hall and playing field. I have volunteered to form a sub-committee to run this fantastic amenity – but I need your help! We already have a treasurer (Terry), a secretary (Sue), and Melissa will apply for grants, but I need other volunteers to help organise things. I only need a few hours a month. And you'd really be doing something for the community. We need new play equipment for the little ones, and something for teenagers would be great. The Hall itself needs a new roof and a much-needed facelift, and that's only the beginning. Unfortunately, we have no money in the kitty. Is there anyone out there who could paint a couple of rooms for us, free of charge (we would of course pay for the paint and tools needed)? We've got a wonderful facility in our Village Hall, but with your help it could be something amazing!

We are hoping to hold monthly events during the summer, with the first event planned for May. We already have some ideas: a flower festival and competition; a Food Fest, attended by local cottage industries; outdoor cinema evenings on the park; and how about our own 'Great Hoveton Bake Off' (perfect for those of you who love baking!)? So watch this space! If you'd like to get involved, have any ideas,

or would like to sponsor one of these events, please contact me on 07818 214277 or twinklingjilly@gmail.com. Whatever your skills, I'd be delighted to hear from you!

### **Highway Improvements**

A highway inspection of Hoveton is due to take place soon, and Hoveton Parish Council has already been in touch with Norfolk County Council (NCC) to raise the following concerns: blocked drains on Stalham Road, Tunstead Road, and at Hoveton St. John; the speed limit signs on Stalham Road being hidden by foliage; repairs needed to the Tunstead Road trod where it has been overrun by vehicles; the exposed road surface at the corner of Long Lane/Stalham Road, which has led to the formation of large puddles; the length of pavement outside the 'forties row' needing resurfacing, extra grass cutting and hedge trimming; the stretch of Stalham Road from Long Lane to Victory Housing needing attention in terms of its overgrown footpaths; the grass verge on Tunstead Road needing to be cut regularly; and the overgrown shrubbery in Stalham Road's central reservations. The Council has also been in touch with NCC regarding concerns raised over the appearance of the embankment along the Three Rivers Way route, and several proposals have been put forward for remedial work for this area. Further updates will be provided as soon as they are available.

### **Working For Hoveton And For You**

Hoveton Parish Council is happy to investigate concerns raised by local residents. Cllr Marshall was recently contacted by a number of parents and carers regarding the new puffin crossing on Horning Road. Concerns were raised over the length of time allowed for crossing, so Cllr Marshall asked NCC to look into this matter, and a site visit was quickly arranged. As a result of this, the crossing's 'green man time' was increased to the maximum of seven seconds. A happy outcome indeed for those children using the crossing! This is just one small example of Hoveton Parish Council acting on residents' feedback to make a difference in the local community. But the more councillors the Council has, the more it can achieve, so please do consider finding out more about becoming a parish councillor!

### **Next Meeting – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 6.30pm**

Hoveton Parish Council's next meeting is on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 6.30pm, in the Jubilee Room at Hoveton Village Hall, and all are welcome to attend. In the meantime, please visit the Council's website ([www.hoveton-pc.org.uk](http://www.hoveton-pc.org.uk)) or check the parish noticeboards for updates and information, or feel free to contact the Parish

Clerk, Lisa Weller (07572 349600 or [clerk@hoveton-pc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@hoveton-pc.org.uk)), or one of your parish councillors if you have any concerns or ideas you would like to share.

## **WROXHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

Do you have any ideas for new council projects in our village? If so your parish council would love to hear from you. Your council, as previously reported, has already received more than £80,000 from the Community Infrastructure Levy on the developer of the Wherry Gardens Estate. We hope that a further £47,000 will also be forthcoming. This scheme was created by government so that communities who face a substantial influx of new residents and the attendant pressure on the provision of services should have some money to help offset the demands of an increased population. The Parish Council has decided to set up a small working party to co-ordinate ideas on how the money should be spent and they would love to hear from you. Should it be a large project like some kind of parish office and multi use space that could act as a focus for our village? Should the money be used for a range of smaller projects? What about improving Caen Meadow and making it more of a feature? The working party is open to all suggestions which will be considered by the council and it's hoped that a short list of potential projects will be presented to a public meeting to hear everyone's views early in the new year. If you have any ideas please contact Councillor Barry Fiske by email : [barryfiske@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:barryfiske@hotmail.co.uk).

### **Wherry Gardens Development**

A number of issues concerning the Wherry Gardens estate were aired at the October meeting of the council. There had been concerns from those living nearby of an odour problem emanating from the emptying of drainage tanks. Councillors were told that Anglia Water is due to resolve the situation imminently. Concerns were also raised about speeding in Salhouse Road and the lack of a pedestrian crossing. The Council is pledged to continue its campaign to get Norfolk County Council to deal with this issue and direct talks are planned.

### **New Defibrillator**

Wroxham now has a new defibrillator which is located on the wall outside the Church Hall. These machines, as we know, can be life savers and it's good to have one so central in the village. If you believe that someone needs the use of the device the instructions on how to access it are printed on a notice alongside. A code to access the machine is needed and the instructions make it clear that this can only be



obtained from the ambulance service by ringing 999 and giving the box identity which is printed on the instructions.

You can see pictures of the new machine on our Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/ourwroxham](http://www.facebook.com/ourwroxham). Thanks to Councillor Ian Joynson for getting this life saving bit of kit up and running.

### **Parish Surgeries**

Your Parish Council is to launch a month “surgery” where members of the public can come along to raise any issues of concern with a parish councillor. These will begin in November and the location will be Wroxham Library. For up to date details and the timing of the surgery please look at our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/ourwroxham](http://www.facebook.com/ourwroxham)

### **Comings and Goings**

Councillor Margaret Flatman who has been the energetic force behind our community speed watch scheme has sadly resigned from the council which will now be looking for a new organiser for the teams of volunteers who help man the speed camera unit. The team also would like to hear from anyone who would like to assist. It only takes a few hours each month and does contribute to the safety of our village. If you are interested please contact our Parish Clerk Daphne Wyatt:  
[wroxham\\_pc@btinternet.com](mailto:wroxham_pc@btinternet.com)

The Council welcomed its newest member Patrick Hadinghan. We are delighted to have our first member from the Wherry Gardens development and we look forward to Patrick playing an active role in integrating this latest housing development into the village as a whole.

With the resignation of Cllr Flatman there is a new vacancy on the council. Anyone interested in applying for co-option should email the clerk giving your background and your reasons for wanting to sit as a parish councillor:  
[wroxham\\_pc@btinternet.com](mailto:wroxham_pc@btinternet.com)

### **Heritage Warden**

Broadland District Council hopes to get funding for a new Heritage Warden scheme. The idea is to have a warden in each village to log and report on the state of old buildings and structures, to help organise heritage events and to play an active role in making the community aware of its own local heritage. Read full details of the scheme and how you could get involved on our Facebook page:  
[www.facebook.com/ourwroxham](http://www.facebook.com/ourwroxham)

Wroxham parish clerk: wroxham\_pc@btinternet.com

Web site: [www.wroxham-pc.org](http://www.wroxham-pc.org)

## **IS 2017 THE YEAR TO START YOUR OWN BUSINESS?**

**Have you always dreamed about starting your own business but not sure where to start?**

**Maybe you want to turn your hobby into a business or just want to be your own boss?**

A **free** programme is offered by Broadland District Council for all Broadland residents who want to find out more about self-employment.

The three hour Business Start-Up Workshop is designed to introduce you to the basic principles of starting a business, where you are also provided with a Business Start-Up Toolkit.

After attending, the follow-on Business Essentials Programme delves deeper into what to expect in starting and running your own business. The course shares knowledge and signposts you to additional resources.

Throughout and after each course, you will receive on-going support and advice from the Council's Business Advisors as you decide whether running a business is right for you.

After completing the programme, you may have the option to take a series of further free courses as discussed with the Business Advisor.

A new programme begins every month and courses take place at the Council's training facility in Hellesdon.

For further information please contact the Council's Business Support team – Tel: 01603 430449, e-mail: [business@broadland.gov.uk](mailto:business@broadland.gov.uk) or visit our website: [www.broadland.gov.uk/training](http://www.broadland.gov.uk/training) to find out course dates and the range of other courses available.

## **ARTICLES & PRESS RELEASES**

## **HELP MAINTAIN HERITAGE WHERRIES**

The Wherry Yacht Charter Charitable Trust maintains and operates a heritage fleet of five wherries comprising two Pleasure Wherries (Hathor & Ardea) and three Wherry Yachts (Norada, Olive & White Moth).

These classic timber sailing vessels require regular on-going maintenance to keep them in pristine condition.

We are a volunteer organisation and would welcome new members to assist at our Wroxham base.

Basic practical skills are all that is required for many of the jobs but, if you have specialist skills, for example, in woodworking, painting or electrics, you would be particularly welcome. If you can spare just a few hours and are looking for a new interest we would be delighted to talk to you.

Opportunities are also available to sail on the vessels and even crew on them if that is your interest.

Further information may be gleaned from our website [www.wherryyachtcharter.org](http://www.wherryyachtcharter.org) or contact David Splitt (telephone: 01493 748045 email: [david.splitt@btinternet.com](mailto:david.splitt@btinternet.com)).

## **POLICE NEWS**

I am PC Andy Mason and I work as the Community Engagement Officer for Broadland. My responsibilities include working alongside and promoting the Special Constabulary. I support and promote police support volunteers and work alongside Neighbourhood Watch and Community Speed Watch. Police Support Volunteers and the Special Constabulary are both advertised on the Force Website if you are interested in getting involved. If you are interested in setting up your own speed watch please e-mail me at

[masonad@norfolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:masonad@norfolk.pnn.police.uk) <<mailto:masonad@norfolk.pnn.police.uk>> to receive more details. I will be attending SNAP meetings when possible as well as other community events which will all be promoted on the 'Broadland Police' Facebook page and Twitter. You can also receive regular information through Police Connect.

## **ST SWITHINS CHURCH NOVEMBER 2016**

Lots of you came to the Harvest quiz this year and it was so nice to see some of our friends from across the 'road'! Despite it really being a social event we managed to raise nearly £100 so many thanks to all of you.

Our harvest festival service was also very well attended and at least a dozen children came to enjoy Pauline's service that kept them busy and happy throughout. As of last year Sarah and her team produced a great lunch in the Preston rooms afterwards to round off the event. I am sure she would like me to thank all the helpers especially those behind the scenes. The church had been decorated beautifully by a number of different people so many thanks to them for their help and the produce they brought. All the fresh produce and the tins have now been taken to the Salvation Army in Norwich who can make good use of them.

Our next social event is the Christmas minimarket. We would be very grateful for any items for the tombola (deliver to Simon and Sonya Hannant), cakes and savouries for the cake stall and any Christmas decorations that are in good order but no longer needed (to myself).

Finally, please don't forget that the service of Remembrance starts at 10.45am not 11am.

Anne Mulhall (01603 784874) [anne.mulhall1@btinternet.com](mailto:anne.mulhall1@btinternet.com)  
Church Warden

### Forthcoming Events:

15<sup>th</sup> October 7pm Auction of Promises Preston Rooms

26<sup>th</sup> November 10-11.30 Christmas Minimarket Preston Rooms

### Church services

9<sup>th</sup> October 11am Harvest thanksgiving St Swithins

13<sup>th</sup> November 10.45am Service of Remembrance St Swithins

11<sup>th</sup> December Christingle time tba

## **THE PRESTON ROOMS – THE VILLAGE HALL**

First of all, a very big thank you from all of us who organised the Macmillan Coffee Morning. We had a good turn out, an amazing selection of books at bargain prices, tasty cakes, garden produce, bric a brac and a raffle. In total we managed to raise £366.20, a really generous donation. Thank you to everyone who came and supported this good cause.

The next event at the Preston Rooms will be the Christmas Mini market on November 26<sup>th</sup>, (10 – 11.30am). If last year is anything to go by, it will be a great place to do some Christmas shopping. The Christmas Thank you will follow on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. This year we are thinking of combining it with the carol singing event. Look out for posters around the village nearer the time giving details.

Now that autumn is upon us, why not come along to one of the regular clubs? It's a lovely way to have a catch up with everyone and learn something new. There is always a cuppa and if you're really lucky there may even be cake!

Gardening Group – 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month, 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Close Knit Knitting Group – Every Friday afternoon, 1pm – 3pm

Sue Watts, Secretary

## **BRIDGE VETS**

### **CELEBRATING 2 ANNIVERSARIES**



We at Bridge Vets are celebrating our 30th anniversary of caring for you and your pets here in Wroxham. Our 30th anniversary also co-insides with the 1st anniversary of David and Marie Martin taking over the practice from

its founders Brian and Annie Thompson, with the aim of continuing the high standards of care for you and your pets over the next 30 years.

We would like to thank you; all of our loyal clients for all of your support and custom over the past 30 years, as well as our wonderful staff for all of their tireless work and dedication to all of your pets entrusted to our care.

As an independent, family owned practice we are pleased to be able to offer a standard of service that we hope exceeds your expectations, which is personal and caring, most importantly with your pets interests central to everything we do.

To celebrate this milestone we will be having a number of special offers at various times over the coming year, starting with 10% off flea treatments purchased in December. Keep a watch for our new website launching soon, [www.bridgevet.co.uk](http://www.bridgevet.co.uk), also on Facebook, Twitter and of course in the practice, where you will always be welcomed with a smile!

Thanks again and here's to the next 30 years!

David and Marie Martin and the team at Bridge Vets

Tel: 01603 783920

email: [bridgevets@bridgevet.co.uk](mailto:bridgevets@bridgevet.co.uk)

## **WESTOVER VETERINARY CENTRE**

Most people know a friend or family member who suffer from diabetes, but it is not always something we associate with our pets. However, recent studies have shown that as many as 1 in 100 cats and dogs will develop diabetes. Being aware of the signs to look out for is very important as are the things that we can do to reduce the incidence of the disease.

Our case this month, Molly, presented to the surgery with classic signs. She was an otherwise healthy female 12 year old cat who had suddenly started losing weight despite a ravenous appetite and she was drinking a great deal of water. Diabetes was first on our list of differentials and was confirmed through detecting glucose in a urine sample and then running a blood test to look at her blood glucose levels. Cats can develop Type II diabetes in the same way that people can and it happens that Molly was carrying rather a lot of weight prior to her illness and this is likely to be one of the contributing factors. Once diagnosed we started her on twice daily insulin injections, her appetite and thirst have reduced and she has started to gain some weight again. Crucially we don't want her to gain too much weight as obesity increases the risk of diabetes and there is a chance that once she is stabilised if we

can keep her at a healthy weight the diabetes may even resolve completely without the need for continued medication.

November happens to be pet diabetes month, a nationwide scheme to raise awareness of the disease. Their website [www.petdiabetesmonth.co.uk/](http://www.petdiabetesmonth.co.uk/) has plenty of useful information on the condition. Alongside this we will be offering free diabetes clinics with our nursing team during the month of November, so if you are interested please call the surgery on 01692 403202.

Toby Morrell MRCVS Westover Vets

## NOTICES

### **THE SAGA OF SLOT'S HOLE**

Following comments by anonymous persons in October's "Bridge", contacts of the present writer whose families go back many generations in these villages were quick to confirm the Maltings area beside Caen Meadow as indeed being called Slot's Hole: one attended Wroxham School in the war years and played in the area. To quote him exactly: "A-corse thass Slot's Hoole ...!" An', blast bor, Oi reck'n thass what 'at is (unless you know different of course). *Nick Walmsley*

### **A DOUBLE HELPING OF WROXHAM MEMORIES**

Why was Barry Gorbould the only child watching in Skinner's Lane when King George VI drove by to visit his cousin Lady Hastings at Bureside? And, in her own words as told to daughter Penny, what it was like for Nell Harrison bringing up a family down steep Malthouse Hill with no water, no gas, and (at first) no electricity? Go to <http://mywroxham.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/> and click on From Barry's Scrapbook and Penny For Nell's Thoughts or the Parish council site <http://www.wroxham-pc.org/>, click on History and the same titles.

**WROXHAM CHURCH HALL** is available for hire during the day. It has a modern kitchen, good facilities and good car parking.

For more information ring Janet Benson, Tel: 10603 783140

## **THIS MONTH'S COVER**

This month to mark the season of Advent, a combination of two beautiful paintings by two old Netherlands masters. The floral garland originally framed a picture of the Virgin and Child and is by Jan Philips van Thielen; the profile of St John the Baptist by Matthias Stom. The artists were contemporaries, working in the first half of the 17th century. Van Thielen was a favourite flower painter of the time and his garland is a composite of spring and summer flowers alluding to the eternal virtues of the Virgin and Child, and some welcome colour in November; the Baptist heralds the coming of Christ, his cousin. Little is known of Stom who went to Naples and followed the *chiascuro* style of Caravaggio. Netherlands religious paintings of the time are immediately recognisable by their use of subjects with contemporary clothing and a distinctly northern European 'look': Stom's young Baptist could easily be just in from looking after cattle on the polder!

*Nick Walmsley*



## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

### **CHRISTMAS WITH GARY WINTER**

Saturday 3rd December Hoveton village hall 7pm to 10pm advance tickets only £8.00 adults £5.00 children includes seasonal buffet and lucky ticket available from co-op or snappers on Stalham high street or 01692580485.

### **WINTER WONDERLAND**

17th and 18th December 19 Ingham road Stalham 4pm to 7pm Winter wonderland with Santa's grotto seasonal refreshments and raffle plus photos with Santa by Kerry from snappers. Free entry.

**Both events raising money for the East Coast Truckers children's charity**

## **CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR**

**Hoveton Village Hall**

**November 13<sup>th</sup> from 10am**

**Free Entrance**

**Free Parking**

### **DING DONG MERRILY.....**

Barton Turf Choral Society are presenting their Christmas Concert at Barton Turf church on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm. A lovely programme of Christmas music featuring traditional carols, and Charpentier's Messe de Minuit de Noel, will be followed by seasonal refreshments. Tickets are available on the door - £8 adults, £4 children.

### **HORNING LATE NIGHT SHOPPING**

**Thursday 24th November 5pm - 8pm**

Come and join us in Horning, for our Late Night Shopping event on Thursday 24th November. Our Shops will be open offering festive discounts to get your Christmas shopping off to a good start, plus this year The Lions Charity will be bringing Father Christmas and his sleigh

to the Village Green. Shops taking part are the Galley with stocking fillers, festive decorations, cards and unusual one off gifts. Horning Post Office will be open for sales of toys & gifts, stationery and tastings of Norfolk Garden Preserves. Lavender & Lace will have reductions on all gift were. The Staithe and Willow Tearoom will be presenting a Christmas craft stall with wreaths and gifts and The Body Shop. Farm Fresh Meats, will be also open to take Christmas orders but also to say goodbye and introduce new owners Tavern Tasty Meats. There will also be wine tasting at Tidings ( Mace ). Something for everyone. We look forward to seeing you there, so put it in your diaries now!

## **NORTH NORFOLK CHORALE**

### **Seasonal concert under new Music Director**

North Norfolk Chorale, one of the longest established choirs in North Norfolk, is giving a seasonal concert on Saturday 19 November at 7.30 pm in the Chapel at Gresham's School, Holt. This will be Chorale's first performance under its newly-appointed Musical Director, Jonathan Dodd.

The concert will include perennial favourite, Handel's "Zadok the Priest", along with performances of Vivaldi's "Gloria" and Pergolesi's "Stabat mater". North Norfolk Chorale will be joined by soloists Elenor Bowers-Jolley (Soprano) and Esther Brazil (Mezzo Soprano).

Jonathan Dodd said "I am delighted to be able to lead North Norfolk Chorale in a programme of deservedly popular works and I am particularly pleased that we have been able to attract soloists of such high quality. I urge people to come along to Gresham's Chapel on the 19<sup>th</sup> November to hear the Chorale sing in this wonderful space".

Tickets are available at £13 (including early booking discount) online via the Auden Theatre website at [www.audentheatre.co.uk](http://www.audentheatre.co.uk) (click on "What's On" and select "Main Events Calendar"). Alternatively tickets can be bought on the door at the full price of £15.