

CHURCH OFFICERS.....	2
WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.....	3
MOTHERS' UNION – WROXHAM BENEFICE BRANCH.....	3
COFFEE MORNING.....	3
ST JOHN'S CHURCH COFFEE MORNING.....	3
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH.....	3
ST HELEN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH.....	4
BROADGRACE CHURCH.....	4
LIBRARY & SCHOOL NEWS.....	5
CLUB NEWS.....	6
HOVETON & DISTRICT CONSERVATIVE COFFEE CLUB.....	6
WROXHAM FOOTBALL CLUB.....	7
HOVETON, WROXHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB.....	7
GARDENING TIPS FOR MARCH.....	8
WROXHAM AND HOVETON LIONS CLUB.....	9
THE PROBUS CLUB OF BROADLANDS.....	10
BROADLANDS ROTARY CLUB.....	11
WROXHAM BURE VALLEY ROTARY CLUB.....	12
WHB TWINNING ASSOCIATION.....	13
WROXHAM SOCIAL CLUB.....	13
WROXHAM & DISTRICT LADIES' LUNCHEON CLUB.....	14
BARTON HOUSE RAILWAY.....	14
WROXHAM WI.....	15
HOVETON & DISTRICT WI.....	16
1 <sup>ST</sup> WROXHAM GUIDES.....	17
BROADLAND CHESS CLUB.....	18
COUNCIL NEWS.....	19
NORTH NORFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL.....	19
HOVETON PARISH COUNCIL.....	20
WROXHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS.....	21
ARTICLES & PRESS RELEASES.....	23
OPEN WEEK IN NORFOLK TO.....	25
HELP THOSE WITH HEARING LOSS.....	25
HOVETON VILLAGE HALL.....	25
THE PRESTON ROOMS – THE VILLAGE HALL.....	26
WESTOVER VETERINARY CENTRE.....	27
NOTICES.....	28
THIS MONTH'S COVER.....	28
FORTHCOMING EVENTS.....	29

# **CHURCH OFFICERS**

## **in Wroxham Hoveton Belaugh & Neatishead**

### **Church of England**

**Rector** The Revd Elizabeth Jump

The Vicarage 11 Church Lane Wroxham NR12 8SH

Tel: 01603 784150      whbrector@btinternet.com

### **Churchwardens**

Wroxham St. Mary

Vacant

Hoveton St John

Mr David Barnett Tel: 782002d.barnett23@btinternet.com

Hoveton St Peter

Mrs Sandy Lines Tel: 782282sandylines36@gmail.com

Belaugh

Vacant

### **United Reformed Church**

#### **Minister**

Rev Bruno Boldrini 94 Welsford Road NR4 6QH Tel: 01603 458873

#### **Secretary**

Mrs Lynne Howard Tel: 01603 738835lmhoward100@btinternet.com

#### **Contact for JAM (Sunday School)**

Mr Chris Billing Tel: 783992chrisb@ukbis.com

### **Roman Catholic Church**

**Parish Priest** Fr. James Walsh

The Presbytery 4 Norwich Road North Walsham NR28 9JP

Tel: 01692 403258 www.sacredheartnorthwalsham.com

#### **Sacristan**

Tryddyn Horning Road West Hoveton NR12 8QJ Tel: 782758

### **Baptist Church**

**Pastor** Vacant www.neatisheadbaptist.org.uk

Neatishead Baptist Church, Norfolk, NR12 8YF

**Contact** Mrs Sue Gibbons Tel: 01692 631118      s.gibbons15@btinternet.com

### **In Association with Broadgrace Church**

**Minister** John Hindley Tel: 737974      enquiries@broadgrace.org.uk

## **WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

**10.30 am Friday 3rd March 2017 St. Helen's Church, Hoveton**

The service has been prepared by the Christian Women of the Philippines -  
**Everyone Welcome**

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

Our Treasurer, Sue Cobb, started our year off by sharing some of her favourite Christian literature, mentioning old favourites like C. S. Lewis, but introducing some more recent authors like Tim LeHaye, Francine Rivers and Sister Wendy Beckett. It was good to learn there was so much good Christian writing available.

On 6<sup>th</sup> February, we have a Members' Day at St. Luke's Church, Aylsham Road, Norwich. 10-2.30. If anyone would like a lift, please contact Sue Gibbons (Branch Secretary) (738893).

On 21<sup>st</sup> February, we have the Reverend Monty Ellson, who is going to take us on a 'Lenten Walkabout'.

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.

## **COFFEE MORNING**

in Wroxham Church Hall on 20th March from 10.00am. Bring & Buy Stall and Raffle. Admission £2.00. Everyone welcome.

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

The March Coffee Morning for Hoveton St John Church will be held in the Church on Wednesday 8th March from 10.30am. There will be the usual Raffle and Bring and Buy Stall.

We now have a very good selection of jigsaws and books at a bargain price. Do come and join us for a relaxing drink and tasty eats and a chat with friends. The host this month is Mrs Roslyn France. A warm welcome awaits you.

## **UNITED REFORMED CHURCH**

<b>Minister</b>	Rev Bruno Boldrini	94 Welsford Road NR4 6QH
	Tel:01603 458873	br1.boldrini@gmail.com
<b>Secretary</b>	Lynne Howard	01603 738835 lmhoward100@btinternet.com

**Services in March (all at the Hub unless stated otherwise)**

**Sun 5th 11am Communion Service led by Revd Charles Croll**

**Sun 12th , 11 am Service led by Revd Bruno Boldrini**

**Sun 19th, 11am Family Service led by Revd Malcolm Wright**

**Sun 26th, 11am Mothering Sunday Service led by Revd Bruno Boldrini**

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! Any surplus money is given to charity and so far we have been able to support several local and national charities with our donations.

**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.

**This month JAM meets on Sunday 12th March from 10.45 to 12.15 in the Church Hall.**

**You are very welcome to our Lent study groups for five Thursdays, starting 9<sup>th</sup> March. To be held in the Hub 7-8.30 pm. No expertise needed, just a willingness to listen and learn more about the teachings of Jesus.**

**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**

**Minister:** John Hindley

Telephone: 01603 737974

Email: [enquiries@broadgrace.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@broadgrace.org.uk)

Website: [www.broadgrace.org.uk](http://www.broadgrace.org.uk)

**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**

**Tel:** 01603 782560 or **email:** [wroxham.library@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:wroxham.library@norfolk.gov.uk)

**Website:** [www.library.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.library.norfolk.gov.uk)

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/NorfolkLibrariesUK](http://www.facebook.com/NorfolkLibrariesUK)

Follow us on **twitter** <http://twitter.com/WroLibrary>

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

**Email** us at [wroxham.library@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:wroxham.library@norfolk.gov.uk) <<mailto:wroxham.library@norfolk.gov.uk>>

### Books, DVD, Music and Games Sale

Come along on Saturday 18th March to pick yourself a bargain in the Wroxham library sale of books, DVD films, music cd's and games. Sale takes place from 10-5pm.

### Social Activities and events at the Library

Bounce and Rhyme Time is now every Wednesday, (except for school holidays), at a new time of 10.30 - 11.00am. Songs and rhymes for babies, toddlers, parents and carers. FREE

### Shared Reading

Wednesday 8th, 15th, 22nd, March, 2-3pm

Enjoy the power of great stories and poems read aloud over a cup of tea. For people wanting to meet others, lift their mood and enjoy something new. If you would like to come, but don't get out and about easily, please contact us - we may be able to help with transport.

### Poetry Workshop for World Poetry Day

Tuesday 21st March, 10.30am - 12pm

Like to turn you hand at writing a haiku or two? Enjoy listening to poems read out loud over a cup of coffee? Come along to our free and informal workshop and meet new people to celebrate World Poetry Day! No experience necessary. Free. Call 01603 782563, pop in to book, or just come along!

### Friends of Wroxham Library

Wroxham Library, Friday 17th March, 10.30 - 11.45. Would you like to support us and the work we do by coming a member of the 'Friends of Wroxham Library' Group? If you would like to act as a link between the library and the local community, plan and hold fundraising

activities and develop ideas for events come along to find out more and meet others over a cup of coffee. Call the library on 01603 782560 for further information.

### Wroxham Parish Council Surgery

If you are a Wroxham parishioner and have an issue or a parish query, pop along to the library to speak to Councillors from Wroxham Parish Council on Saturday 4th March 10 - 11.30am. This is a drop in surgery and so no appointment is necessary.

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.

Knit and Natter - come along to our informal gathering. Thursday 2nd and 16th March 2.00-4.00pm, please bring your own project.

Crib Club (Cribbage card game) - new players welcome -Thursday 9th March 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. (30th March)  
All welcome

### 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.

Contact us by phone on 01603 782560, Drop-in, 10-5 Monday - Saturday and late opening till 8pm on Fridays. Email us at

wroxham.lib@norfolk.gov.uk <mailto:wroxham.lib@norfolk.gov.uk>

Thank you.

## **CLUB NEWS**

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

Our next meeting at The Wroxham Hotel will be on Thursday 23rd March at 10.30 a.m. Our speaker will be our County and District Councillor Nigel Dixon. Contact Tel. No. 01603 783490

## **WROXHAM FOOTBALL CLUB**

As these notes are prepared, our 1st team situation is looking bleak as we are cast adrift from safety along with Great Wakering who are only below us on goal difference. Our manager resigned following a damaging 4nil home defeat to Waltham Abbey a team who beforehand were catchable. We are still mathematically able to recover but it requires a monumental improvement with games running out. The magic figure to aim for is 40 points from under 13 games to go. So, from somewhere, we need 6 wins from the remaining games. Not impossible but looking highly unlikely.

There was a glimmer of hope shown by the performance in the Norfolk Senior Cup. A gutsy display against Kings Lynn Town resulted in a narrow 2-1 for the higher league team. We need that level of performance in the remaining league games. We are at home to Romford on 11th March and Aveley on the 25th – we need all the support we can get!

The Reserves in the Anglian Combination Premier Division are in 3rd place which is a highly commendable position. Wins again Stalham and Cromer provided a cushion over teams below us who we have still to meet, so all to play for.

The U18 team has been caught out by some bad weather which has resulted in several postponements but they are still in 2nd place behind Kirkley & Pakefield.

Our fund raising continues with a Quiz & Chips Evening Fri 31st March. Please call Cynthia Feltham on 783869 to book a table.

As usual all up-to-date information on Wroxham FC can be found on our website [www.wroxhamfc.com](http://www.wroxhamfc.com) or via Twitter @the\_yachtsmen . Clubhouse bookings are taken on 783538/783936 or via email [secretary@wroxhamfc.com](mailto:secretary@wroxhamfc.com)

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

Interested in Gardening and associated subjects? Why not come along to our friendly and informative club, we have a variety of speakers, outside meetings etc. only £15.00 per annum subscription with discounts at two local nurseries We meet at Hoveton Village Hall on the first Friday 7.30p.m. of every month except show days or outside meetings.

Congratulations to Bi monthly winners Mrs Mollie Ottaway and Mrs Maureen Wilson and Pam Culley for Flower of the month.

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2017**

March 3rd An anecdotal talk with Mrs Rosemary Bond

April 8th Sat Spring Show

May 5th Hanging Baskets and containers Ian Roofe

June 2nd Dale Farm proprietor Mr Graham Watts will talk on his garden  
July 6th Thursday Anglesey Abbey Trip  
July 20th Thursday Visit to Dale Farm after talk in June  
Aug 4th Conifers for the small garden Mr R Churchill  
Sept 2nd Sat Autumn Show  
Oct 6th The Exotic Garden at Henstead Mr Andrew Brogan  
Nov 3rd Witches and Devils Fungi Mr Tony Leech  
Dec 1st Broads and its Wildlife Mr Tony Brown  
Jan 12th A.G.M. and Social

If you are interested in joining us at the meetings or trips please telephone Pam on 01603782041 You do not need to be a member to come with us on outside meetings.

### **GARDENING TIPS FOR MARCH**

I always like March, to me it seems the time when it really starts getting busy. Although, looking out of the window whilst writing this article it is not very inviting, with everywhere white with snow and very grey, gloomy clouds. But during this last month you should have enjoyed the snowdrops, crocus, hellebores and some early daffodils.

If the weather is suitable, carry out the following:

Finish forking over your flower and shrub beds.

Dig out any weeds and add some compost, leaf mould or good mushroom compost.

Divide your shorter perennials like geraniums, sedums and hemerocallis.

Leave deep rooted ones now because they will not establish enough and do them in the autumn.

Plant out any pot grown plants like shrubs and climbers.

If you are thinking about planting bare root roses or hedging and moving smaller plants, do it as soon as possible as it is getting late.

Buddleia davidii needs pruning now. You should have reduced them by a third in the autumn and now by another third.

Cut down cornus (dogwoods), the single coloured stemmed varieties.

If you haven't already, cut down ornamental grasses.

Trim lawn edges which hang over your paths. If you haven't an edging iron, use an old kitchen knife.

Scrub your paths to get rid of all the grime which has built up over the winter.

Some of you may have given your lawns a trim! Brush off any worm casts and remove any twigs, if needed lightly trim. After your first cut, apply moss killer by the end of March and then rake out.

Scarify to remove the dead moss.

Tidy the veg plot for spring planting.

Plant onions, carrots, shallots, early peas and, if you haven't already, broad beans.

Check your pond, clear debris and feed fish if they are active.



Enjoy your garden and the longer evenings and visit gardens with the varied spring flowers.

*Michael Ottaway, Chairman*

## **WROXHAM AND HOVETON LIONS CLUB**

With two months of the new year having already gone, it seems time passes just that bit quicker as we get older.

Now we have put the sleigh back into storage for another year, we are now planning for the months ahead. Following our successful first **garage sale** in Hoveton last year, we are now planning more for these year in 2017 and they will be held as follows: -

Wroxham on May 21st,

Stalham on July 9th,

Rackheath on October 15th

and Hoveton again on September 3rd,

Keep a look out in this magazine for details in the coming months.

On March 28th we will again be holding our annual **open evening** for anyone to attend and will be presenting our annual donations to lots of local organisations. You are all welcome, so why not come along and join us and see what good things we do in support of our community; I think you will be pleasantly surprised. This is a social evening when refreshments will be served. Hope to see you there.

Our next **Craft Fair** will be held on **Sunday March 12th** at the Broadland Youth and Community Centre on Stalham Road, Hoveton, where lots of local crafts will be available to buy. Entry is Free and refreshments will be available.

Another future event we hope to hold, in conjunction with St Johns Primary School Hoveton, is a Summer Fete and more details will follow as soon as possible.

Unfortunately, the paragraph detailing the Santa Sleigh collections did not appear in last months issue. This is reproduced below.

“Our journeys around the villages in December, with Santa and his Sleigh, were very successful, made even better by the settled weather and it was a delight to see the expressions on the children’s faces. We are please to report that the total collected this year was **£4,071.63**, which is a new record. A sincere thank you to everyone who made a donation, no matter how small. Every penny collected goes into our charity account for the benefit of local deserving causes”

This month’s charity draw of £100 goes to the Royal British Legion, as nominated by Peter Montgomery from Coltishall, who donated goods to our charity shop in Hoveton.

If there is anybody who is interested in finding out more about becoming a Lion, come along to our open evening on March 28<sup>th</sup>, or give either me a ring, on 01603 784093, or our membership chairperson Lion Suzanne Barnett on 01603 782002.

*Lion Terry Vout, President*

## **THE PROBUS CLUB OF BROADLANDS**

The Probus Club of Broadlands is a fellowship club for men who are retired or semi-retired. We meet on the last Wednesday of every month between 12.15 and 15.00 at The Norfolk Mead Hotel, Coltishall for drinks, a delicious chef cooked lunch and a guest speaker presentation on a variety of local and general interest subjects.

At our last meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> January we welcomed our guest speaker Simon Gorton as well as accepting Chris Shallcross as a new member and welcoming prospective new member, Clive Lockyer.

After a delicious main course of seafood crepes followed by lemon sponge/custard, Simon introduced himself and commenced an animated, surprising and amusing speech on his highs and lows over 30 years of policing in England.



Having joined the force in February 1981 Simon was attached to the Luton District Police Force, the third most violent area within the country and at that time 30% understrength.

Comparing it to “life on mars” at that time, with no mobiles, computers and only paper systems for intelligence work.

Foot beats for two years, winter patrols at -20 F and only hot tea stops to keep the cold at bay. 1500 arrests were made within one year between a station of only 10 officers.

At that time, it took only 25 minutes to finger print, charge and lock up apprehended criminals – today's it can take up to 12 hours.

Eventually, Simon was transferred as a sergeant to the more peaceful environs of Norfolk where he developed a love for the Norfolk coast serving at Cromer, Sheringham, Holt, Welles and Fakenham where time was at last available to do the job properly. (average of only 14 crimes per month).

His move to Community Relations with the “First National Conference for Policing the Gay and Lesbian Community”. His continuing service to the community was rewarded with a 22 Year Good Service Medal and accolades from members of the community he served.

Following questions from our members, we thanked Simon for his visit and presented him with a small cheque for his chosen charity H.O.P.E.

The Probus Club of Broadlands is always keen to welcome new members, or to hear from those who would like to know more...

*We look forward to meeting and greeting you at one of our future meetings.*

*Contact Steve Robb on 01603 736597 (President 2016/17)*

*Or Neil Seale-Jones on 01603 666159 (club secretary)*

## **BROADLANDS ROTARY CLUB**

### **Norfolk and Norwich Group of Advanced Motorists (NNAM)**

On January 19<sup>th</sup>, Martin Woodhouse, Group Secretary) came to give us some handy hints and tips on staying safe in our cars. We found it very useful and informative. NNAM offers

free sessions on advanced driving as part of IAM RoadSmart. If you would like a **free session**, contact Martin: 01263 732997, email: [secretary@nnam.org](mailto:secretary@nnam.org) or go to the website: [www.nnam.org](http://www.nnam.org)

### **Purple for Polio**

In late February / early March we are planning a visit to Brundall Park where our 5,000 crocuses should be in full bloom with those of other local Rotary Clubs. I hope to capture this expanse of purple for a later newsletter but better still you may enjoy wandering amongst this display which reminds us how far we have come in eliminating polio!

### **Our Events in Early 2017**

**March 9<sup>th</sup>** Charter Night (anniversary of the founding of our club in 1972)

**March 30<sup>th</sup>** Coach travel and Entrance to Bletchley Park, £45 per head

**April 28<sup>th</sup>** Race Night: drinks and supper whilst placing your bets in Hoveton Village Hall.

**June 9<sup>th</sup>** Outing for Children of The Hall School, Old Catton

**June 15<sup>th</sup>** Coach travel and entrance to Gooderstone Water Gardens and Hunstanton, £30 per head

**If you would like to book a coach tour:** contact our President, Fred: 07803 193020 or 01603 898557. **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

Ann Chantry-Price

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

Our Rotary year runs from July through to the following June and we delighted to report that so far this year we have already raised almost £19,000 for charity and so far have dispensed almost £17,000 to over 15 different charities, most of them local to East Anglia but also some overseas which we are pleased to support, especially the Rotary international effort to End Polio Now. This shows that even at local level an active Rotary club can really make a difference.

Our next big event draws ever closer and it is an event not to be missed...have you got your tickets yet? We have a one off opportunity to hear the Derbyshire Constabulary male voice choir performing a varied selection of music at **St. Catherine's Church, Ludham**, on **Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7.30 p.m.** Tickets cost just £10 and refreshments are available. Tickets are sure to sell out quickly so to get yours now contact Hazel Eady on 01692 670616, Thrower's (Ludham), Abbott's Estate Agents (Wroxham) or any Wroxham Bure Valley Rotary Club Member. All proceeds are in aid of Rotary Supported Charities.

Also in March we are organizing the School Technology tournament in conjunction with Broadlands High School – now in its seventh year this successful event is always well attended and very well received by all the youngsters taking part.

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 the first half of 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**

An excellent evening was had by all at our Quiz and Supper evening on 4<sup>th</sup> February in Wroxham Church hall: a very entertaining quiz, devised by our own Gill Hood, a delicious supper prepared by some of our committee, lots of good raffle prizes and a full house of teams. Many thanks to all who made it a most enjoyable night.

Our Twinning trip to France is still well subscribed and our treasurer, Robert, is busy collecting deposits for our coach passengers. We are very pleased with the great deal we have for all our travel there and back, ferry crossing, evening meal and bed and breakfast in Versailles with an audio tour of the wonderful chateau and use of the coach while in **La Pommeraye and Montjean-sur-Loire** for the excursions planned by our French hosts. We still have a few places if anyone would like to join us and make lots of new friends here and in France.

French Conversation continued at Sheila's in Wroxham on the second Wednesday in February and will be at Joyce's in Wroxham in March. We are continuing with our reading of the French classic, "Le Petit Prince" and enjoying it. Book Club is at Helen's in Tunstead on the last Wednesday of the month and is discussing "The Historian" by Elizabeth Kostova. Jane's turn to choose in March and the meeting will be at her house in Wroxham. Jane will supply more information on French Conversation on 01603 782496 or [jane@youatt.co.uk](mailto:jane@youatt.co.uk) and Sue on Book Club on 01603 783555 or [susan@kemp.org.uk](mailto:susan@kemp.org.uk)

For any more information on any of the above please do contact our chairman, Peter, on 01603 782733 or [peter\\_c\\_milsted@talk21.com](mailto:peter_c_milsted@talk21.com)

### **WROXHAM SOCIAL CLUB**

Spring is around the corner and so are we. Lots happening so please come and visit us. We are having a come and try social, with buffet on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. Bring a friend, or come and make new friends. We would love to meet you.

Jeff's Quiz & Chips was a great success again, raising around £183 for our funds. Thank you to everyone for all their help and support in making it work.

The following is a list of our future events:

25<sup>th</sup> February Jean/Linda's Bar Quiz with Pizza or Indian Take away 7pm for 7.30.

4<sup>th</sup> March Bingo 8.00pm 11<sup>th</sup> March Bring a Friend Social with Buffet

Open to non members 7.30pm

18<sup>th</sup> March 10 Pin Bowling and Horse Racing 7.30pm

25<sup>th</sup> March Bingo 8.00pm 1<sup>st</sup> April Whist 7.30pm

8<sup>th</sup> April Darts night with buffet 7.30pm 15<sup>th</sup> April Bingo 6.00pm

22<sup>nd</sup> April Judy's Quiz and chips 7.00 for 7.30pm start (booking essential)

29<sup>th</sup> April The Chase 7.30pm

There is Snooker available Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays and most Saturdays. (Matches are played on Tuesday nights)

Darts usually on Fridays but could be played any night of the week. This also applies to Table Tennis.

You could come for a quiet drink in the bar or play cards, dominoes etc.

Social events are on Saturday nights.

Bowls can be played from May to September and we are in several leagues, More Players needed.

Membership entitles you to participate in all activities, Bowls, Leisure and Social. Members must be 18 or over.

For more information or to book for quiz and chips, please phone Rosemary Burdett (chairman) on 419811 or Jean Barnett (Bowls Secretary) 720810 or speak to any other 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.

## **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. Please ask for details or a leaflet**

*Applications are now invited to be considered for our 2019 nominated charity. You will need to apply in writing by 10th. April to Barton House Railway, Hartwell Road, The Avenue, WROXHAM. NR12 8TL.*

The Management Committee met at Barton House on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>. January for the main purpose of moving forward with the Junior friends Club. An event has been planned for Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>. March at BHR details for which will be advised to members. The Joint Friends Committee met at Barton House on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>. February. A refurbishment of the application for membership leaflet was finalised prior to a re-print. Lawrence Hassall was thanked for all the time and work he had put into this. Jane Wheeldon was also thanked for all her work as Editor of the Joint Friends Newsletter. The final issue (No.39 Spring) as editor had been produced but no decision was able to be made on future issues. Approaching the Editor of BHR Smokebox John Mason was being thought about. The 53<sup>rd</sup>. Annual Meeting of BHR was held in Dickerson's Diner on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>. February at 6pm. An earlier start had been planned than on previous years in order to make a more reasonable finishing time brought about by the necessary lengthy agenda. Peter Bower was again in the chair for this large 28 item agenda. The well attended meeting commenced fairly promptly closing just before 9.30pm within the planned time. In addition to 9 various business items, most of the 19 departmental reports had been submitted and commented upon as necessary. £2,500 was agreed to be given to our 2016 nominated charity, The Unthank Family Centre who had been represented at all the runnings. It was planned to make a formal presentation during a running this year. It was announced that this year would mark the 50<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary since the instalment of Honing East Signalbox (Wroxham BHR) and it was proposed to celebrate this during the August running. Again a big thank you was given to Christine Spencer who had prepared a lovely selection of light refreshments for the well needed half time break. The BHR stand was at the Norfolk Model Railway Show in Norwich on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>. February and would also be at the Norwich Model Railway Show on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>. April. A pre-season dinner is planned for Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>. March in The Smokehouse Restaurant at Hoveton & Wroxham Station. In readiness for the forthcoming season Preparation Day is planned for Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>. March and the Pre-running & Training Day for Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>. April

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN 2017 - OUR FIRST RUNNINGS ARE:-

EASTER SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup>. APRIL 2.30pm to 5.30pm  
EASTER MONDAY 17<sup>th</sup>. APRIL 2.30pm to 5.30pm

**WROXHAM WI**

The first meeting of Wroxham WI for 2017 got off to a good start when Kevin Webster told members about the vital work of the volunteer First Responders who are the locally based first response to 999 health emergencies. Their training, use of the defibrillator and CPR can mean the difference between life and death in the event of heart attacks. Essentials for a First Responder are time, the ability to survive broken nights, people skills and a sense of humour. The January meeting is also the time when members have to consider the six resolutions that have been suggested by members from all over the country. Each member selects the one they wish to go forward for further discussion and final voting at the National WI Annual Meeting in June. The outcome is awaited with great interest as successful resolutions form the basis of national campaigns and educational activity for the coming years. This year the resolutions cover a vast range of concerns from "Alleviating Loneliness" to "Plastic soup - keep micro plastic fibres out of our oceans". It is not all serious business. Members are looking forward to visiting "Mama Mia" at the Theatre Royal in early March, a coach outing to Langham Glass on Tuesday 18th April and a visit to The Maddermarket on 6th May to see "Yeomen of the Guard". Our next meeting is Wednesday 15th March when Frank Latham will tell us about "Growing veg in a small garden". We meet for 2.30 pm in the Church Hall on Norwich Road, Wroxham. Please come along and join us.

Jean Watson

## **HOVETON & DISTRICT WI**

The visiting speaker at our February meeting proved to be very popular. Local artist and raconteur Bill Dudley showed members how to artistically decorate a ceramic plate. We were all issued with a plain white tea plate and a 'Sharpie' permanent marker. Bill illustrated how easy it was to draw a picture on the plate and gave us tips about shading and perspective and away we went. There was lots of laughter and even the ladies who were sure they were terrible artists produced attractive plates and, more importantly, enjoyed the whole experience. So, if you visit a Hoveton W.I. member in the near future be sure to look on her mantelpiece and admire her decorated tea plate.

Our March meeting will be on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 2 p.m. at the Village Hall when Roger Jones will talk about Norfolk Wildlife Trust. Natural history is always a popular subject for talks at our W.I.

The Lunch Group will meet on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March and the Craft Group on the 21<sup>st</sup> March.

On 5<sup>th</sup> April we look forward to welcoming Alistair Murphy who will be telling us about the pioneering photographer Olive Edis.

A warm welcome awaits you at Hoveton W.I. if you wish to come along and see if you would like to join. For more details please phone Sue on 01603 783387.



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

It doesn't seem that long ago, Guides resumed after the Christmas holidays and now I'm typing the start of half term and what a busy half term it's been. In their Patrols, Wroxham Guides have been having fun working on their chosen Go For Its! The Patrols who opted to complete the He Eating Go For It have made various smoothies; compared vegetarian alternatives to sausages and sausage rolls; discovered what ingredients are added to make their favourite foods. There were two surprises when the Guides used the unit computer to see what some of the ingredients were made up their favourite snacks. Those Patrols working towards Go For It Fitness have tried to keep food diaries for a week - reviewed what they have eaten with some unexpected results and started new fitness routines.

As a unit, Guides have been drawing images to depict the main events in the history of Guiding, starting with the birth of Lord Baden Powell in 1857. We are currently up to 1932, when the Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother became the first Patron of The Guide Association. The images the Guides have drawn the images on, will later this term, form an game and help the Guides who will run our inter Patrol History of Guiding Quiz and Chip evening at the end of the term.

The Guides only have one clause left of the Diwali Fun Badge to complete having decorated cards and made Indian bangles last month. The time you read this, the Guides will have tried Bollywood Dancing with Julie from Bollywood Sparkles and will have been presented a colourful Rajasthani designed badge. To celebrate the Chinese New Year, Guides tasted a variety of Chinese Party Food and made origami characters wearing traditional robes.

You may have seen 3 Wroxham Guides in a photo in the EDP. Roys kindly made a donation to Girlguiding Norfolk – the money has been used to purchase storage boxes for the new Girlguiding Norfolk Archive Resource Centre (ARC), which Wroxham Guides use when the Flower Club meet in the use of the church hall. At our last meeting at the ARC, the Guides had a sneak preview of the 1973 Brownie dress with the yellow cross over tie, brown leather belt and brown woolly pompom hat which was introduced in 1973. The Guides look forward to an evening when they can dress up in Girlguiding Uniforms through the ages. Dresses, air hostess hats, blouses with big patch pockets are just some of the items they will be able to try on.

In the next edition of The Bridge you'll discover what the Guides did at the District World Thinking Day Event and what three of the older Guides did at their Baden Powell Adventure

Kate

Leader 1st Wroxham Guides

01603 722665

katherine135@btinternet.com

## Fitness for all in Spring 2017!

Have you been told you need to exercise more? Would you like to improve your mobility? Would you prefer to stay local? Try your local community fitness club, run by Neatishead Community Gym! We can't promise you honed hunks or leotard clad lovelies, but we can promise a warm, friendly welcome and expert advice. Our regular members are people just like you, nervous about walking through our doors but now delighted they did. Come and try us out with a FREE TASTER SESSION. We are open Sundays, Mondays and Wednesdays 8.30 to 12.30. Ring Carol on 01692 535342, or email [gym@victoryhall.info](mailto:gym@victoryhall.info) to book your session now.

## **BROADLAND CHESS CLUB**

"January has been a very busy month in the chess calendar both with the pressure to complete Club Championship matches increasing as the end of the season reaches its half way point, and league matches to be completed as well. Some club members are also competing in tournaments, representing Norfolk in the county leagues and playing in the National League. On 29th January the Norfolk Rapidplay took place, Roy Hughes, club member, the 2016 winner lost his title to the young IM Alan Merry. However in the same tournament it was especially welcome to see Broadland Club member Bob Grindod winning the Special Prize for performing well above his grade against strong opposition.

In January several members of the Chess Club and their families attended a Dementia Information and Awareness session, held at the Kings Head, Coltishall. It is well documented that keeping the brain engaged and active, the equivalent of a good physical work-out, is an important factor in slowing down the affects of Dementia.

Club member Roy Hughes and current Norfolk Champion was invited to talk to the chess club at Norwich High School for Girls, while there he played a simultaneous match, (for the initiated this means that he played all 9 at the same time) against 9 of the girls, when the bell rang to signal the end of the match, three girls remained unbeaten!

More information on the club can be found by searching Broadland Chess Club on Facebook, Twitter and Google."

Photo 1 shows Roy Hughes v Norwich High School chess team. (Parental permission has been granted to use the picture)

Photo 2 shows Bob Grindod and his well-deserved award from the Norwich Rapidplay. (our preferred pic if possible)

## **COUNCIL NEWS**

### **NORTH NORFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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

##### Budget Setting and Council Tax Challenges for 2017/18

North Norfolk DC has agreed not to increase its share of Council Tax for 17/18 and this will be 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive year there's been no increase. NNDC has been able to achieve this by planning ahead in restructuring its staff, premises and service delivery methods to reduce costs, maximise income and manage demand so that it lives within its means. The residents of North Norfolk are reaping the financial benefits of this forward planning.

Norfolk CC is planning to increase its share of Council Tax by 4.8%, comprising of 3% for Adult Social Services (the Government supports this and states it must be used for only those services) and 1.8% across a range of other budgets. Personally, I support the 3% because Norfolk has a fast rising age profile population with much greater care needs amongst the elderly and vulnerable groups. My main concern, is that this method of funding these services isn't appropriate to ensure they are sustainable and of a suitable standard of care in future years. I also have great concern NCC hasn't planned ahead and restructured its staff, premises and service delivery model costs over the past few years; to that extent it's been living beyond its means with no clear plan as to how it will remedy this in future years. On 20 Feb, Full Council will decide whether to agree the 4.8% increase; I suspect this will be agreed.

Brook Park Hoveton A meeting with Persimmon was held at NNDC offices in Dec 16 to press for progress in solving mostly surface water flooding problems and landscape/facilities completion work around the site. Agreement was reached for soil samples to be taken across the site to investigate water infiltration rates and soil fertility; the results will inform whether proposed engineering work to improve drainage will work and whether landscape planting will succeed. While some associated work has been done I am not aware of the test results or any program of remedial engineering work. I should emphasise Persimmon has responsibility for this work; it will have to be done to an acceptable standard before NNDC will adopt the public open spaces and landscape maintenance. Until then NNDC has a planning enforcement role to ensure the planning permission requirements are met in full; unfortunately, there few time limits to prevent delay. I remain on the case and will give further updates as and when I have more information.

Traffic Problems on Tunstead Rd Hoveton. I am aware of various complaints by residents of anti social car parking near the High School and other risky manoeuvres at the junction with Two Saints Close. This seems to arise from High School related traffic and I will ask Highways to advise me on options to relieve these problems; I will also be meeting with the High School to discuss what scope it has to influence any improvements.

I welcome your views on these or any other matters which concern you. 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**

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

It was lovely to see so many new faces at the Council's February meeting. Thank you to the Hoveton residents who attended the meeting and shared their views, and we hope to see you again soon. Any local residents with an interest in the work of the Council might also like to consider joining Hoveton Parish Council as a councillor. There are still a number of vacancies on the Council and much to be done, including a number of exciting new projects. So if you have a little time to spare and you'd like to volunteer your skills and experience for the benefit of the local community, why not come along to the Council's next meeting to find out more?

### **Working With Wroxham Parish Council**

Hoveton Parish Council was pleased to welcome members of Wroxham Parish Council to its February meeting, and to learn more about several new initiatives being pursued by its neighbouring council. The two parish councils are currently looking at ways to strengthen ties and work together for the benefit of the local community. In particular, "Wroxham in Bloom" sounds like an ideal opportunity to bring people together, and Hoveton Parish Council would be pleased to hear from any Hoveton residents who would like to get involved in this project. Please contact the Parish Clerk, Lisa, on [clerk@hoveton-pc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@hoveton-pc.org.uk) or 07572 349600 to register your interest.

### **Hoveton Parish Council Surgeries**

Inspired by the success of Wroxham Parish Council's surgeries, Hoveton Parish Council is pleased to be able to offer two parish surgeries of its own. On Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April, between 4.30pm and 6.30pm, members of Hoveton Parish Council will be available in Roys to meet local residents, answer questions, and to talk about the work of the Parish Council. These are informal sessions and no appointment is necessary, so whether you have ideas for the local area or concerns to share, why not come along and meet your parish councillors? Look out for the Hoveton Parish Council banner near the flower stand in Roys!

## **New Grass Cutting Contract**

Hoveton Parish Council is pleased to announce that it recently signed a service delegation agreement with Norfolk County Council for grass cutting services in Hoveton. This agreement means that Hoveton Parish Council will act in place of Norfolk County Council in carrying out the delegated service, giving the Parish Council a greater degree of flexibility and control when considering grass cutting matters. Hoveton Parish Council has already appointed a contractor for the 2017 cutting season and has agreed that twelve cuts (with strimming around obstacles) should be undertaken in Hoveton this year. With a basic agreement of just five cuts, this means Hoveton will benefit from an extra seven cuts this season, giving the village a much tidier outlook.

## **Next Meeting – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 6.30pm**

Hoveton Parish Council's next meeting is on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 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 to view the minutes of Council meetings.

## **WROXHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

### **Parking Problems**

There was a packed turnout at the Council's February meeting with people coming to complain about inconsiderate parking in parts of the village. Concern had been expressed by several residents that pavements had been completely blocked by parked cars making it difficult for pedestrians to pass and impossible for anyone pushing a pram or in a wheelchair. Wroxham's new Police Beat Manager P.C. Sean Phillips was in attendance and took details from all those who came to the meeting to raise the issue. The areas complained about were Norwich Road and Nobel Crescent. Three days later the Police visited the locations at the heart of the complaints and spoke to residents. Warning letters have now been issued promising further Police action if these actions are repeated in the future. There is a separate issue in Nobel Crescent which relates to people using the Scout Hut and parking outside people's homes rather than in the Scout Hut car park. Would anyone using the Scout Hut please be aware that thoughtless parking outside people's homes in Nobel Crescent causes annoyance and distress.

Should any other residents feel aggrieved due to inconsiderate or illegal parking in their area of the village, then please contact PC Sean Phillips. Tel: 101 Ext 6478.  
Email: [PhillipsSN@norfolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:PhillipsSN@norfolk.pnn.police.uk)

### **Wherry Gardens Tanker Issue**

Success too in the Council's battle to get the sewage tanker nuisance at Wherry Gardens ended. Following a heightened publicity campaign an extra pump put in by the developers,

Hopkins Homes, has eased the problem with tankers only being needed now twice a week rather than daily. Anglia Water has now promised to complete the work of connecting the estate fully to the main sewers by the last week of March - much to the relief of those living opposite the development in Salhouse Road.

### **Malthouse Lane, Right of Way**

The Parish Council is currently involved in a process aimed at clarifying the ownership of Malthouse Lane - the footpath which leads down to the village staithe at Caen Meadow. A local landowner had applied for ownership of part of the Lane on the basis that there was no clear ownership established and that he had maintained it as if it were his land. This is known in law as "adverse possession." This claim had been dragging on for over a year and was recently dropped by the applicant in favour of another application to the Land Registry which would effectively give ownership of the top half of the lane nearest to Church Lane/Skinners Lane to those whose land borders the lane on either side with ownership split down the middle of that portion of the lane. The Parish Council has until March 2 to consider its position after taking legal advice.

This of itself is not seen as a major issue unless any residents believe otherwise, providing a Right of Way (ROW) remains in place.

The council has been advised that the ROW shall remain in place and these rights cannot be rescinded.

The Parish Council wishes to work with all land owners in the parish to ensure that Malthouse Lane, the parish slipway and quay heading, along with the adjacent Memorial Green Space and Caen Meadow remain easily accessible to all who wish to use these amenities responsibly.

### **Retirement of our Parish Clerk**

Daphne Wyatt, who has been our Parish Clerk since 2002, has decided to retire upon reaching a significant birthday. The Council wishes her well in her upcoming retirement and now the search is on for a replacement for this part time job. If you think you have the right background and you are interested in knowing more about the job please contact Cllr Kim Claxton by email: [kim.claxton57@gmail.com](mailto:kim.claxton57@gmail.com)

### **Neighbourhood Plan**

The number of volunteers interested in serving on our steering group to prepare and write the village's Neighbourhood Plan - the document which would set out the future

development of our village for the next 25 years - is growing steadily. We would still like to hear from anyone else who may be interested in helping. This is an 18 month project and will create the framework for the future of Wroxham. There will be a public meeting for those interested in mid March. If you would like to help or want to know more please contact Cllr Malcolm Allsop : [malcolm.allsop@icloud.com](mailto:malcolm.allsop@icloud.com)

### **Contact the Council**

Our recently introduced Parish Council Surgeries - where anyone can turn up and talk to a Parish Councillor about village issues - are proving increasingly popular. They are always on the first Saturday of the month at Wroxham Library between 10 and 11.30 a.m. You can keep up to date with all our news and other issues affecting our village on our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/ourwroxham](http://www.facebook.com/ourwroxham)

You can contact the parish clerk on: [wroxham\\_pc@btinternet.com](mailto:wroxham_pc@btinternet.com) Tel:01603 721474  
Web site: [www.wroxham-pc.org](http://www.wroxham-pc.org)

## **ARTICLES & PRESS RELEASES**

'REMEMBERING RACHEL' An exhibition at Blickling Hall

There will be an exhibition at The Loft, Blickling Estate, March 8th-March 19th 2017 to celebrate the artwork of Rachel Hutchins R.C.A 1984-2015.

Norwich born artist Rachel Hutchins died on 15th March 2015. In her short life Rachel had built up a fine body of work which was highly influenced by her love of Norfolk.

Rachel who was educated at Broadland High School, went on to attend Norwich Art School, Winchester Art School ( BA ) and The Royal College of Art ( MA ) .

This exhibition celebrates her exquisite artwork from her screen prints, scraper boards, life drawings designs for wallpapers and finished fabrics. Much of the artwork has not been seen in public before.

Also on display will be current work by Chris Hutchins , Rachel's father.

Entrance to the exhibition is free.

[www.rachelhutchins.com](http://www.rachelhutchins.com)

Garden Kitchen Café re-opens from Easter Friday

Garden Kitchen Café situated in a 17th century dairy barn in the picturesque grounds of Hoveton Hall re-opens for Spring/ Summer 2017 from Good Friday.

Owner and head chef Alex Firman breathed new life into the old tea rooms last spring by creating an intimate space within the exposed brick courtyard. The café will serve delicious classic cuisine alongside exciting modern dishes with an emphasis on flavour.

This unique café offers plenty of outdoor seating under brightly coloured parasols surrounded by the sweet smell of potted herbs and plants.

This year will see the opening of the newly refurbished barn next door to the tea rooms, which will host the cafe's 'Barn & Yard Friday wood fired grill' evenings throughout June, July and August.

The herbs and vegetables growing in Hoveton Hall's Victorian walled garden provide both ingredients and inspiration for brunches, farmhouse lunches and afternoon teas.

Visitors can relax in the café and also buy tickets to view the stunning Hoveton Hall gardens, which also opens from Easter.

Visitors can pop by from Easter Friday - 14th April until late summer between 9:30am to 4pm.

### **The Museum of the Broads Opens for 2017 – its 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday!**

YOUR local Museum opens for 2017 on Wed 29 March with new displays, a special exhibition, 'Broadland in Pictures', and plenty for families to do including the new Ellis Eel Trail and a fun Easter Holiday Trail.

Take part in a World War Two rescue by an Airborne Lifeboat, discover how the Broads landscape has inspired artists and encouraged tourists, play on our new play boat, upload your Broads photo to #BroadlandPictures, try on a hat, and enjoy a hot drink and light snack in our re-vamped café. See our website for full details.

**Open: March, April, May and October: 10am to 4pm, Sun to Thurs and holiday Fridays 07 and 14 April and 20 and 27 Oct, and 10am to 1pm Sat.**

**Open: June, July, August and September: 10am to 4.30pm Sun to Fri and 10am to 1pm Sat.**

We are family and dog friendly with a picnic area by the river. Steam boat trips, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday – phone the Museum to book.

Bringing the story of the Broads alive!

Stalham Staithe, NR12 9DA, 01692 581681. [www.museumofthebroads.org.uk](http://www.museumofthebroads.org.uk)



# Open Week in Norfolk to Help Those with Hearing Loss

One in six people in UK have a hearing problem, and if you think this sounds familiar there hasn't been a better time to have your hearing checked. Hearing tests and professional advice are being made available free of charge to encourage people to take that first step.

Local hearing care specialists, The Hearing Care Centre, who visit centres across Norfolk have organised 7 'Hearing Care Open Days' between 9am and 5pm at the following centres -

- Monday 13th March 2017 (9am-5pm) - *Cecil Amey Opticians, WYMONDHAM*
- Tuesday 14th March 2017 (9am-5pm) - *Cecil Amey Opticians, DEREHAM*
- Wednesday 15th March 2017 (9am-5pm) - *Cecil Amey Opticians, ATTLEBOROUGH*
- Thursday 16th March 2017 (9am-5pm) - *Cecil Amey Opticians, HARLESTON*
- Thursday 16th March 2017 (9am-5pm) - *Cecil Amey Opticians, WATTON*
- Friday 17th March 2017 (9am-5pm) - *Cecil Amey Opticians, WROXHAM*
- Friday 24th March 2017 (9am-5pm) - *Healthy Living Centre, THETFORD*

Norfolk Audiologist, Simon Myhill said, "By holding events such as these we hope to encourage those people who have been thinking for a while about having a hearing test, and just haven't got round to it.

All services are available by appointment only. To book your appointment call The Hearing Care Centre on 0800 096 2637 or visit [www.hearingcarecentre.co.uk](http://www.hearingcarecentre.co.uk)

## HOVETON VILLAGE HALL

Our Committee are working hard to turn things around for this wonderful amenity.

Melissa is busy applying for grants, our first one should go in within days of this article going to print - so fingers crossed!

Terry is getting to grips with the accounts.

Ann is approaching local business' for their support. Margaret our hard working Manager and Sue our secretary have been busy measuring this that

and the other to get quotes in so that Melissa can attach them to the grant applications.

I've been along to Broadland High School and spoken to their Student Council asking them what kind of things would they like to see in their Community. It was an interesting chat and I now plan to conduct a small survey which I hope you'll all fill in and return to us. This will be printed in next month's magazine.

We could still do with Committee members and indeed volunteers to help us put on fundraising events which are planned for the summer. If you could spare a few hours - I'd love to hear from you! My email address is twinklingjilly@gmail.com

Warmest regards Everyone, have a good month.

Jilly Gourlay

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

As some of you may have noticed on your travels we have been having a bit of a tidy up at the Preston Rooms. The outside area has been cleared of leaves, tidied and pruned, and even the shed has been given a good tidy up. The committee are working hard to keep the village hall warm and welcoming for everyone to use. We have been lucky enough to secure a grant to pay for more new radiators, making a total of six new radiators to keep us cosy. We are now looking into the possibility of replacing some of the windows, to keep all the heat in.

### **Dates for the Diary**

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March, at 7pm the Annual General Meeting for the Ashmanhaugh and Beeston Preston Rooms Management Association will be held. All are welcome to attend and hear reports on the past year and for new Trustees to be nominated and selected for 2017. We urgently need more trustees to join us, so please come along and see if you can be persuaded!

**Poetry Evening** – 7<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm. If you enjoy reading, composing or listening to poetry, this is the evening for you. Bring a favourite poem and read it aloud to fellow poetry lovers or just come along and listen. This is a very informal evening, and everyone is welcome. Entrance fee is £2.00 including tea/coffee.

Lastly, included in this edition, is a Membership Form for 2017. We would appreciate your support of the Preston Rooms and very much look forward to seeing you at the events in 2017.

Sue Watts

Secretary

## WESTOVER VETERINARY CENTRE

Our case this month is Tommy, he was a 12 year old German Shepherd who sadly passed away at the end of last year. His story though was an incredibly positive and remarkable one given that almost exactly a year before he was diagnosed with liver failure. At the time his owner brought him to us because she had noticed him being less active than usual and his abdomen appeared swollen. We immediately ran blood tests and carried out an abdominal ultrasound exam, all with Tommy's owner present for support as he was never my greatest fan! Unfortunately his liver was cirrhotic and tests on the fluid that had built up in his abdomen, combined with his blood tests showed us that his liver was no longer functioning properly. Generally this diagnosis is not a very good one and the outlook for the patient not great, however, with medical support the liver does have some regenerative capacity and Tommy's owner was keen to give him a chance. He was started on diuretics to remove the fluid that had built up around his internal organs and liver support supplements. Remarkably he improved quickly and through a lot of TLC and home cooking did wonderfully well for a full 12 months. This was largely down to his owners care and his own will to survive, but is a fitting reminder that giving our animals a chance is always worthwhile as more often than not they surprise us!



We would also like to take this opportunity to make our readers aware that we are soon to be opening a new surgery in Caister-on-Sea. The idea is to provide a vets there for the local community as there is currently no other veterinary provision in Caister. We intend to replicate the friendly, caring, top-quality service that we currently provide at our main surgery and hope to be doing so by mid-April!

Toby Morrell MRCVS Westover Veterinary Centre

## NOTICES

### **NEW POST OFFICE MOBILE SERVICE AT WROXHAM CHURCH HALL**

Norwich Road, Wroxham NR12 8SA

OPENING TIMES: Wednesdays 11.45 – 12.45pm

SERVICES: The usual range of services will be available.

ACCESS and FACILITIES:

There is a step into the Mobile Vehicle, but an electronic tailgate is available to facilitate easy access for wheelchair users and those with disabilities.

PARKING

Parking available close to the Mobile Van

**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

# North Norfolk Chorale

President: The Marchioness Townshend

### Media Release

#### **North Norfolk Chorale to perform for Holy Week**

During Holy Week the North Norfolk Chorale will sing excerpts from Handel's Messiah at St Nicholas's Church, North Walsham on Wednesday 12 April at 6:30pm. This will be an act of worship so there is no admission fee; a retiring collection will be held in aid of Church and Choir funds.

Jonathan Dodd, Musical Director of North Norfolk Chorale, said: "the Messiah is so popular it needs no introduction from me. We shall be performing a selection of movements that give a good flavour of the work. And of course it will include the Hallelujah Chorus! Do come – everyone is most welcome".

### **HORNING CINEMA AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017** we are screening "SULLY" starring **Tom Hanks, Aaron Eckhart and Laura Linney**

2009 the world witnessed the "Miracle on the Hudson" when Captain "Sully" Sullenberger glided his disabled plane onto the frigid waters of the Hudson River, saving the lives of all 155 aboard. As Sully was being heralded by the public and the media for his feat of aviation skill, an investigation was unfolding that threatened to destroy his reputation and his career.

Doors open 7.30 p.m. for an 8 p.m. start. Cert 12A, running time 96 minutes.

Tickets: Adult £5 accompanied Child (16 and under) £1 on sale at Tidings Newsagents, Lower Street, Horning and on the door (if unsold). Telephone 01692-630434. Free Tea/Coffee. Ice Cream available to purchase.

On **21<sup>st</sup> April 2017** screening "Café Society" starring Anna Camp, Jesse Eisenberg, Kristen Stewart and Blake Lively. Doors open **7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. start.**