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

At the beginning of March we had a very successful Women's World Day of Prayer at St. Helen's, when representatives from all the churches in the area came together to a service devised by the women of the Philippines. A total of £292 was donated. Thanks to all those who contributed in any way to this colourful and thought-provoking service.

For our meeting on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> April we look forward to hearing from our Broadland Area leader Val Ovenden about all the projects that the Mothers' Union is involved in with her talk entitled 'Reach Out As Your Hands'. Please remember to bring something for the bring-and-buy stall.

Everyone (not just Members) is welcome to join us at St. Helen's Church. 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 24<sup>th</sup> April from 10.00am. Bring & Buy Stall and Raffle. Admission £2.00 Everyone welcome.

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

The April Coffee Morning for Hoveton St John Church will be held in the Church on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 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 Ann Rogers. A warm welcome awaits you.

## **Walk of Witness**

### **Good Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April**

**Starting at St John's Church Hoveton at 10.00am,  
join us along the way.**

**We plan to finish at St Mary's Church Wroxham  
approx. 11.15am with Coffee/Tea and Hot Cross Buns.**

# **UNITED REFORMED CHURCH**

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

**Sun 2nd , 11am Communion Service led by Rev Sue Seeley**

**Sun 9th, 11am Service led by Mr Mike Gibbs**

**Sun 16th, 11am Easter Morning Service with Communion led by Rev Bruno Boldrini**

**Sun 23rd 11am Service led by Rev Malcolm Wright**

**Sun 30<sup>th</sup> 11am Service led by our church worship group**

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 Sundays April 9<sup>th</sup> and 16th from 10.45 to 12.15 in the Church Hall.**

**A Walk of Witness will be held on Good Friday Morning**

**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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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**

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**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>>

Social Activities and events at the Library

Cookie Tots at Wroxham Library.

Friday 21st April, 10.30 - 11.30am.

Have fun creating healthy, easy to make recipes with your child (aged 2 -4) and join in with fun activities based around preparing and enjoying food, including eating the food your child

has made (no heat will be used)!

Booking essential - £6.50 for Library members and £7.50 for non-library members.

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

### 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 1st April 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 6th and 20th April 2.00-4.00pm, please bring your own project.

Crib Club (Cribbage card game) - new players welcome -Thursday 13th April 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. (27th April) 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.

### **HORNING COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL - MARCH 2017**

During March the children will be taking part in 2 workshops as part of the 2017 Norfolk and Norwich Festival; Create your Own Comic Book and the Norfolk Story. In April The Dogs Trust will be working with all the children, from pre-school to Y6 and some KS2 children will be taking part in the Cluster Netball tournament.

Swallows class curriculum topic of Moon Zoom has really captured the enthusiasm of the children; they had a personal message from someone who works at NASA and were thrilled

that they were all mentioned by name! As a finale to this exciting topic the class will be visiting Norwich Playhouse to see a performance of 1<sup>st</sup> Hippo on the Moon.

The next school café will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 16 May and 4 July; we are always very pleased to see friends old and new. The continued support of the Horning Boat Show enables us to host this event - Thank you.

Our Drama after School club will be putting on their 1<sup>st</sup> performance at Horning Village Hall on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm. Our Easter Assembly takes place at St Benedict's Church, Horning on Tuesday 28 March at 10.30am, all parents/carers and local community are welcome to join us at both these events.

The School will be hosting a Race for Life event on Wednesday 14 June; there will be a variety of fun activities, refreshments, raffle and tombola. Members of the community are welcome to come along and participate in the race or just cheer the children on and support our fundraising effort. Our previous Race for Life raised the fantastic sum of £937 for Cancer Research; we would very much like to match or exceed this amount this year. More details to follow later.

Horning Hedgehogs pre-school is able to take children from aged 2, sessions run from 0845-1145 Monday to Friday with afternoon sessions on Tuesday and Thursdays, 1215-1515. We have a few places available for this academic year and a waiting list for September 2017 intake. If you would like more information please contact us.

Finally, we are collecting the Sainsbury Active Kids vouchers; these can be left at the school or taken to the school café. We are thankful to 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 27<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30 a.m. Our speaker will be Mr. Tim Ambler. His talk being titled 'Does Political Advertisers really change votes'. Contact Tel, No., 01603 783490

### **WROXHAM FOOTBALL CLUB**

With the season rapidly drawing to a close it is now looking mathematically unlikely that the Wroxham 1st team can avoid relegation. A run of 7 losses and a further defeat at Brentwood who were 3rd bottom, means we are almost certain to be in the drop zone and it would require another reprieve for us to continue in Step 4 football next season. This is very sad given that we have worked so hard to get to this level but it may not be such a bad thing to regroup and plan for the future. We received a 125 year anniversary award (1892-2017) from The FA before the game with Romford and that is really an incentive to make sure the club

has a bright future and not fall into the abyss. Unfortunately other clubs including several local ones, are overtaking us and it is not just down to players, volunteers and sponsors but facilities & location also. Romford (who don't have a ground of their own – they ground-share) made a rather cutting comment in their match report afterwards stating “they had made the long trek to Norfolk to play on a pitch with undulations in many directions”! Other clubs have made similar and sometimes more fruity comments. Travelling will be made a little easier with the NDR but it does highlight that things are changing in the football world and the use of 3G pitches, which can be shared with the community, is becoming more important to grass roots football. Relocation which is something that has been talked about at Wroxham for many years now needs to be top of our agenda!

By the time these notes are published, we will have only two more home games against Ware on 15th April and Thurrock on the 22nd, both 3pm ko. Please give your support to the team and as we plan for the future, any offers of assistance in any form including financial, would be appreciated.

The reserves continue to perform well in the Anglian Combination Premier Division and are getting praise for their performances. They have been in 3rd place for most of the season and hopefully they can hang on to that position which would be a great achievement. They have three more home games against Mulbarton on 1st April, Stalham on the 29th Waveney on 6th May all 2-30 ko's.

The u18's also continue to do well and look as though they will finish runners-up to Kirkley but still have a good chance of progress in their league cup.

On the fund-raising front, we are holding a Sportsman's Evening on Sat May 20th in the clubhouse with Liverpool Talksport presenter Micky Quinn our guest speaker. He played for Newcastle & Coventry in the Premier League and is regarded as one of the most amusing presenter's with plenty of stories to tell. Full details elsewhere in the magazine.

The club house booking is available for parties, wakes and other function. Please contact the club on 783538 or Secretary Chris Green 783936 to book.

Full details of club matters can be found on our website [www.wroxhamfc.com](http://www.wroxhamfc.com) or via twitter @the\_yachtsmen

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

Many thanks to our member Mrs Rosemary Bond for her very interesting anecdotal talk on her young life in India, it was very much enjoyed.

Forthcoming events:- SPRING SHOW on April 8th at Hoveton Village Hall. Entries accepted Noon – 1.30p.m. Please refer to your schedule for other information regards entries. Please support this show however small, a vase of flowers a daffodil or jar of jam to help this to be a successful event.

Congratulations to Mrs Jean Hanson for winning both the Monthly Bloom and domestic class at the March Meeting. Unfortunately the pot of dafs couldn't be judged as not a flower was to be seen!!!!, a late variety I think.



The popular broadcaster and gardener Mr Ian Roofe will be with us at the May Meeting on the 5th to give us a talk on Basket and Container Planting, one not to be missed.

Visitors welcome £2. 00 for the May meeting. Any queries Pam 01603782041

## **GARDENING TIPS FOR APRIL**

We've had a spell of warm weather recently, at the time of writing in mid-March, and spring has started early with daffs up, out and some already over.

In your borders, keep on top of weeds, as seedlings grow quickly in the spring sunshine.

Lightly feed roses, climbers and shrubs. Fork in gently.

Prune roses if you haven't done so. Cut out weak growth, diseased and dead stems and prune healthy stems to an outward facing bud.

Tie in shoots of climbing and rambling roses.

Prune hydrangea and winter jasmine.

Sow fresh salad crops like lettuce, radish, spring onion and salad leaves in small rows, or in containers, in the smaller, compact garden.

Plant out first and second early potatoes in rows, two feet apart, or grow them in tubs, if you prefer.

Plant your onions and shallots in rows. If you have problems with blackbirds pulling them out, pre plant in cell trays and once they have rooted, plant out in the veg patch.

It's also time to sow early peas, beetroot, carrots, spinach and hardy herbs like parsley, coriander and dill.

Sow bedding plants now in the greenhouse or, if you prefer, buy plug plants or small plants and grow them on.

If you have any other seedlings, prick them out into trays or small pots to grow on.

Lawns haven't really stopped growing, but you should now be trimming regularly. Feed with spring fertilizer containing iron which will treat any moss. Next, rake out moss to encourage strong grass growth.

Start feeding pond fish if you aren't already doing so.

Make sure pond netting is secure to keep herons out.

April is a busy month, so if the weather is good, get those jobs done.

If you do have some spare time, visit any open gardens for ideas, as well as enjoyment.

*Michael Ottaway, Chairman*

## **WROXHAM AND HOVETON LIONS CLUB**

Summer must be on its way and with the clocks going forward, it's good to see the days getting longer. Here's hoping for a good summer.

Our craft fair held on March 12th was a success with all the stallholders having good sales. Our next fair is on Sunday May 7th.

We also had a very successful open evening, when we donated a total of £5250. to 23 deserving causes in our area. It was good to see so many people attend to receive their donation for their cause and learn more about their work.

The first of our **Garage Sales** this year, is being held in **Wroxham on Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup>** and those of you living in Wroxham will find a booking form inserted in this magazine. In, the unlikely event of the form being missing and you wish to take part, please contact Lion Brian Russell on 01603781608. Maps showing the location of the pitches will be available on the day for a £1. donation and full details of the pick up point for these will be contained our report in May's edition of this magazine, as well as on posters around the village.

This months £100-00 charity draw goes to Parkinson's UK nominated by Mrs. Adams from Sprowston, who donated goods to our charity shop in the precinct at Hoveton. We are always looking for good quality Bric-a-Brac and small electrical items, in good condition, to sell in our shop and collections can be arranged, by phoning me on 01603-784093

If any one feels they would like to find out more about becoming a Lion and joining a wonderful organization, helping people less fortunate than our selves, please come along to one of our meetings. These are held at the Broadland Youth and Community Centre, Statham Road, Hoveton, on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 8pm. Alternatively give me a ring on 01603 784093, or our membership chairperson Lion Suzanne Barnett 01603 782002. You would be made most welcome.

*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 22nd February we were pleased to accept Clive Lockyer as a new member and welcome prospective member John Bird as well as introducing our Guest Speaker Trevor Eady (NNR).

Our Social secretary, Mike "Romeo" Southey (red roses for all the ladies) was also thanked yet again for organising a well-prepared Ladies Valentines Lunch, attended by forty members and guests at the Scarborough Hills Hotel. Our thanks again to the hotel management and staff for their good service and thoroughly enjoyable food.

Following another gastronomic Norfolk Mead Lunch Guest Speaker Trevor Eady commenced to entertain us with an interesting and enlightening presentation on the NNR Poppy Line, Sheringham.

Anyone who has not yet visited the North Norfolk Railway (NNR) “Poppy Line”, will soon realise it is indeed “far more than just a train journey” (as promised in their current time table & guide leaflet). We were all surprised by the variety of monthly events, specialist galas, dining train experiences, picturesque views, station services, living-history, hands on driver and signalling experience days and much more (you can even meet Thomas the Engine, Dad’s Army, Santa Clause and Halloween Ghouls)

Trevor started his career at Heathrow Airport in 1967 and spent 9 years, starting as a “run around” (anything to get close to planes) to the staff of the Management Duty room eventually leaving, to take a position at Norwich Airport as an Operations Officer. After 30 years at Norwich achieving the role of Commercial Director and Deputy MD, Trevor began retirement phase 1 as a volunteer with the NNR, starting as a ticket collector, then guard and in 2009 took over the employed role as General manager only going into Phase 2 retirement, last December. Apart from his role in expanding the events and special activities (increasing the number of passenger’s/annum to 166000 from 126 000). One of his most satisfying efforts was in inviting and persuading nearly all of the High Street traders operating in Sheringham, to get them fully involved in the popular “1940’s Style Weekends”. The regular visits from other UK Heritage Railways of different class locomotives (especially for railway fanatics) made me think of local guest beers regularly appearing in our local pubs, which also reminds me I must attend their Annual Beer Festival this year (14-16<sup>th</sup> July).

The NNR is run as a non-profit making organisation thanks to some 370 volunteers and 50 staff. The costs of on-going building of new services and repair and maintenance of locomotives, all taken up in their annual budgets.

Last year they were voted and given the “Best Large Attraction Award in Norfolk and Suffolk” – a fitting end to Trevor’s 7 years at this very special local railway enterprise. For more detailed information you can visit [www.nnrailway.co.uk](http://www.nnrailway.co.uk).

A round of applause to Trevor for his presentation and the photo show of the locomotives (including his very own impressive garage - model railway) ...all in all a pretty busy guy as he also plays guitar with his son as Airmail duo  
An act specialising in the music of the Shadows.

We thanked Trevor for his visit and presented him with a small cheque for his chosen charity “East Anglian Air Ambulance”.

The Probus Club of Broadlands is always keen to welcome new members, or to hear from those who would like to know more...next month’s presentation by Cedric Smith will be “My Friendship with Freddie Laker”.

*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 Searle-Jones on 01603 666159 (club secretary)*

## THE NORFOLK BROADS YACHT CLUB

The clocks have changed, the evenings are lengthening, boats are being spruced up for the season and the members of The Norfolk Broads Yacht Club are looking forward to another exciting season of sailing, racing and social activities.

Although the racing programme finished in mid October, the Junior and Youth Academy continued over the winter months on Saturday mornings. Youngsters, from complete beginners to seasoned racers, have been honing their skills ready for the new season. Their training will be further advanced in our forthcoming Easter Sailing School which takes place in the first week of April. We expect around sixty children will enjoy the fun and exhilaration of spending time in the open air and sailing on beautiful Wroxham Broad.

The committees have been busy over the last few months planning for the 2017 season. There is a packed programme of club racing and regattas, adult training for all abilities and social events to suit all tastes. Our Open Day this year takes place on Sunday 14th May with 'come and try' sailing sessions, club tours and trips around the broad. The club enjoys excellent catering and bar facilities with a fabulous view of the broad. A Sunday roast with a glass of your favourite beverage whilst watching the racing - what could better! If you are interested in taking a look any time at what we have to offer, contact us below.

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## BROADLANDS ROTARY CLUB

### Rotary Young Musicians of the Year District Final

The Rotary Clubs of Broadlands and Holt held the annual North Norfolk Heat for the Rotary Young Musician of the Year Competition on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January at Gresham School Chapel. Pianists: Ben Garrod, George Corson and vocalist, Grace Cushing made it through to the East Anglian District Final at Gresham's School on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February along with other s from Cambridge, Norfolk and Suffolk. An audience of over 140 was entertained with great music from a variety of instruments and voices. They were competing for a place in the Regional Final to be held in Colchester on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March. **George Corson** won the instrumental section - Broadlands Club and **Grace Cushing** (vocalist) was the runner up - Swaffham Club

**Do you have spectacles you no longer need?**

Vision Aid, a charity established in 1985, recycles glasses to recover precious metals. These are sold to fund eye tests; eye care and spectacles for those in need overseas with the help of volunteer professionals. We have collection points for unwanted glasses at the following **GP surgeries: Hoveton, Ludham and Acle**. We also have a bin in the **Faith Charity Shop** opposite the Old Fire Station **in Stalham**. This is managed by our Member, Pat Hinkins who would welcome any glasses and cases you no longer need – just drop them in at one of the above locations.

*According to WHO: restoring sight is the single most cost effective health intervention to reduce poverty.* [www.visionaidoverseas.org](http://www.visionaidoverseas.org)

### **Purple for Polio**

In early March our 5,000 crocuses in Brundall Park should be in full bloom with those of other local Rotary Clubs. You may enjoy wandering amongst this display, which reminds us, how far we have come in eliminating polio!

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

**April 28<sup>th</sup>** Race Night: includes dining in the 'Trackside Restaurant' in Hoveton Village Hall. First race is at 7.30pm. Tickets £8 from Richard on 01603 715796

**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 Fred: 07803 193020 or 01603 898557. **If you would like to know more about our club / events** contact me: [annchantryprice@gmail.com](mailto:annchantryprice@gmail.com), Tel: 01603 270478 / 01296 660202

Ann Chantry-Price

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

I hope everyone enjoyed the displays of purple crocuses around the village signs in Wroxham, Hoveton and Horning during March. As you may remember we planted these in the autumn as a reminder of our Purple for Polio campaign as we continue our efforts to finally eradicate this horrible disease world-wide.

March was also a busy month for us with our concert by the Derbyshire Constabulary male voice choir at St. Catherine's Church, Ludham, on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> March. A full report next month, as there will also be on our School Technology tournament held at Broadlands High School on 17<sup>th</sup> March.

We are delighted to have just welcomed Mary Cook as a new member into the club, and we have two other potential new members in the wings. 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 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**

Our Twinning trip to France is still well subscribed and our treasurer, Robert, is still 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. We will be having a social evening and briefing for our visit on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July at Robert and Margaret's house so please put it in your diaries.

French Conversation continued at Joyce's in Wroxham on the second Wednesday in March and will be at Maggie's in Belaugh in April. We are continuing with our reading of the French classic, "Le Petit Prince", in bilingual text, and enjoying it. Book Club was at Jane's in Wroxham on the last Wednesday to discuss "The Illegal Gardener" by Sara Alexi and will be at Sue's in Coltishall in April. 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**

Jeff's quiz was a great success; he always attracts a full house. Thank you to everyone who helped. Well done.

I hope no more banks close in Hoveton. We have had to change twice in the past year; it's not straightforward with business accounts.

Anyone who can spare some time on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April, please come and help with some tidying, weeding, maintenance, etc. We start at 10am. A small army working together could make such a difference.

**Events:** 25<sup>th</sup> March, Bingo. 1<sup>st</sup> April, working party at 10am, and Whist in the evening. 8<sup>th</sup> April, Darts Night with Buffet. 15<sup>th</sup> April, Bingo. **22<sup>nd</sup> April, Judy's Quiz and Chips.** 29<sup>th</sup>

April, 'The Chase'. 6<sup>th</sup> May, Bingo. 13<sup>th</sup> May, Jumble Sale at 11am. We will then be running into the Bowls season.

Bingo starts at 8pm with all other events starting at 7.30pm unless stated differently. If you want to order food on Bar Quiz nights please 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 else).**

Friday night is Darts night, 7.30pm; also Snooker, which is available most nights.

Just pop in for a drink and a chat.

New Members over 16 years. Membership is £26 for a year due in December; the fee is pro rata if joining is later in the year. Half price for 16-17 year olds. Temporary Membership is £5 per week and is deductible from the full membership should you decide you like us and want to stay.

We have two full size snooker tables, and a cosy bar area, Lawn Bowls, Table Tennis, Darts, and Cards are always available, as well as Quizzes, Bingo, and Whist etc. Club Membership entitles you to all club events and facilities, including Bowls, Leisure and Social.

For more information and to book for Quiz 'n' Chips, please contact Rosemary Burdett (Chairman) on 419811, or Jean Barnett (Bowls Secretary etc.) on 720810.

### **HOVETON BOWLS CLUB**

Are you looking for a new hobby? Where you can gently exercise whilst meeting new people? Why not join Hoveton Bowls Club. We have a registered coach who can give lessons to those new to bowls and several open days where you can come along and give it a try.

We hold in house competitions and play in two afternoon leagues for the competitive amongst you. We have three roll-ups a week for you to practice your new found skill and hold social events throughout the season. Does this sound like the ideal opportunity for you? Then come along to our annual open day on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April between 10-1 (the first of several dates), alternatively contact our secretary Joseph Balaam on [j.balaam2010@gmail.com](mailto:j.balaam2010@gmail.com) or phone 01603 783258 for more information. We welcome applications to join the club from new and current bowlers, and also have social membership opportunities available.

### **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**

*We are currently accepting requests for consideration to be our 2019 nominated charity. You will need to apply in writing by 10th. April 2017 to Barton House Railway, Hartwell Road, The Avenue, Wroxham. NR12 8TL.*

A full list of 2017 running dates are included in this issue but you can always look on our web site or contact us for any further details you may require. A pre-season dinner had been planned for Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>. March in The Smokehouse Restaurant at Hoveton & Wroxham Station. The Joint Friends Committee were scheduled to meet at Barton House on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>. March and plans for the Annual Meeting in May were on the agenda. Anyone may attend the Annual Meeting and have the chance to become acquainted with what goes on. There will be a newly formed Junior Club event on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>. March from 11am until 1pm in Dickerson's Diner. The theme would be wagons, centred around the already purchased wagon kit. Members of staff would be on hand to help and supervise as necessary with tea or coffee etc. being provided. It is intended to have further Junior Club days in June, August and October planned by the Management Committee but interested members of staff with parent members are invited to form a separate Junior Club Committee in order to move forward with this enjoyable and successful project. The BHR stand will be at the Norwich Model Railway Show on Saturday 2nd. April at Hellesdon High School from 10am until 4pm. Preparation Day was planned for Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>. March, a time to clean things up and prepare everything for the Pre-Running & Training Day on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>. April before the start of season running on Easter Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>. April. Broadland District Council are now producing discount vouchers entitling free entry to BHR for one child (under 14) with two paying adults. Paul Nelson is welcomed as a new staff member commencing on Preparation Day. A proposed return visit by the group Railtrail has been planned for Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>. April.

### **TO REMIND YOU OF OUR FIRST RUNNINGS**

**THESE ARE ON EASTER SUNDAY AND MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. APRIL**

**If you do intend to visit us sometime, we very much look forward to seeing you and sincerely hope you will enjoy it. However, you are reminded things may be subject to alteration at short notice from time to time for various reasons most of which can not be foreseen.**

### **WROXHAM WI**

Visitors to the February meeting would have been surprised to see Wroxham members wearing their hearts, not on their sleeves, but on their outfits. The green hearts, crafted from various materials, were worn to show members' love for all they want to protect from climate change. This is part of the WI campaign to ensure that world leaders reach agreement to keep



global temperature rises down to 1.5C. Members enjoyed a talk by Peter Lawrence on "The Policeman's Lot" and realised just how much policing has changed since the 1970s. He also offered a look at the more "discreet" world of the royal and embassy protection squads and a chance to view pictures of beautiful embassy buildings. Having given generously to Foodbank in January members are now planning to collect toiletry and personal items for Women's charities. A visit to Mama Mia at the Theatre Royal was hugely enjoyed. Members may not have danced in the aisles but hearts were lifted. Now they are looking forward to visiting Langham Glass on 18th April and Yeomen of the Guard at the Maddermarket Theatre on 6th May. The next meeting of Wroxham WI is on Wednesday 19th April when Juyna Lewis promises "Indian Spices". If you would like to know more and enjoy the aromas please come along to the Church Hall, Norwich Road, Wroxham for 2.30pm. Visitors are always welcome  
Jean Watson

### **HOVETON & DISTRICT WI**

At our March meeting members were entertained by Roger Jones who is a volunteer with Norfolk Wildlife Trust. His enthusiasm for the Trust was catching as he told us about the origins of the organisation which was founded in 1926 when Cley Marshes were acquired as a bird breeding sanctuary. Over the intervening 90 years Norfolk Wildlife Trust has taken on responsibility for over 50 wildlife reserves and organises hundreds of events, particularly encouraging young people to take an interest in Norfolk wildlife. Currently there are over 35,000 members and 8 thriving local member groups.

Roger's wildlife photographs were stunning and made us appreciate how lucky we are to live in beautiful Norfolk.

As the meeting was on 1<sup>st</sup> March – St. David's Day – members enjoyed a home made Welsh cake with their cup of tea.

The next meeting will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April at Hoveton Village Hall when Alistair Murphy will be telling us about pioneering photographer Olive Edis.

The lunch group enjoyed their March lunch at the pleasantly re-decorated Hotel Wroxham and look forward to getting together (at a different venue as we are peripatetic!) on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April.

And, of course, many members will enjoy their Craft Afternoon later in the month.

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

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

February 22nd is World Thinking Day (WTD) - the joint birthday of Robert Baden Powell, the founder of the Scout Movement and his wife Olive who later became World Chief Guide. It is an opportunity to celebrate International Friendship when Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world think of each other and express their thanks and appreciation for our international Movement. This year, WTD fell on our meeting night so 1st Wroxham Guides spent part of the evening Bollywood Dancing with Julie from Bollywood Sparkles and learnt about the variety of Indian costumes and jewellery.

On the following Saturday, Wroxham Guides joined Rainbows and Brownies from around Hautbois District for our annual World Thinking Day event. This year the activities were based around the five Guiding World Centres - Pax Lodge in London; Our Chalet in Switzerland; Our Cabana in Mexico; Sangam in India and Kusafiri which was only formed in 2010. Kusafiri is using existing facilities to bring World Centre experiences to Africa. The 'centre' has no fixed site but changes location at every event, creating international experiences to girls and young women in different countries in Africa. So far, Wroxham Guides have had the opportunity to stay at Pax Lodge and Sangam. Using Trangias and cooking outside on a rather windy, damp day, Guides made a Swiss chocolate fondue, Indian banana chapattis, a Mexican mixed bean Tacho filling and a spicy carrot salad from Morocco. They also made seed bead flags from the 7 countries Kusafiri has held events in so far. A tradition since 1932, the World Thinking Day Fund collects pennies and coins from members around the world, to support their fellow Guides and Scouts. All donations help fund WAGGGS activities and are used where the need is greatest in our global Movement. (A sign of inflation, we now collect 10ps and raised over £60 on the day which will be sent to WAGGGS - the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts)

At our weekly meetings Guides have now finished and evaluated the Go For Its they were working on - either Healthy Eating or Fitness. There were some interesting suggestions how some of the activities could be improved. The older Guides are working towards the first aid badge - thanks to Heather and Geoff, the first aid trainers who have made this possible. The Guides have also been learning new games and thoroughly enjoyed 'Capturing the Flag' at our last meeting. The flag was a neon lit balloon as the game was played outside in the dark. Fortunately all those Guides caught during the game were released from jail the time their parents came to collect them.

By the time you read this, Jasmine, Emily and Eloise will have completed the Baden Powell Award. This is the highest challenge badge they can gain as a Guide and in order to do this, they needed to attend a Baden Powell Adventure.

\*\*\* Editor I have asked Eloise to send me a couple of sentences about this when she gets home from school - I will forward this to you soonest, but if too late, can go in next months edition \*\*\*

If the article is too late, please add

One of the Guides will write up their experiences which you will be able to read in the next edition of The Bridge and find out about the fun we had at a residential weekend at Roughton Mill with Martham Guides.

Kate

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## **ASHMANHAUGH & BARTON WANDERERS CRICKET CLUB**

From the boundary.....

The season is fast approaching and despite the lack of “on the pitch” activity it doesn’t mean that we have been quiet behind the scenes over the winter months.

Firstly we would like to welcome on board our new main club sponsor Broads Tours. Company director Paul Greasley was officially welcomed to the club at the AGM held on February 21<sup>st</sup> and we look forward to a long and successful relationship.

Our new club president, Adam Cohen was voted in and Chairman Nigel Rudd remains in position.

We are very happy to say that the junior section of the club continues to grow and Friday night training for all juniors of any ability will commence at the end of April.

We are always looking for new match day sponsors, sponsorship can take many forms and many prices; we always make sure it is as mutually beneficial as we can.

And lastly do we have any senior cricketers out there who may be looking to take up the bat (or ball) again for a match or two? If so you would be very welcome, please get in touch for details or keep

eye on our Facebook and Twitter feeds or the website. Contact [everettjayne@gmail.com](mailto:everettjayne@gmail.com) in the instance

## **FITNESS FOR ALL!**

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**

“Broadland Chess Club makes History!

This season Broadland entered two teams in the Norfolk Handicap Cup ( a Rapidplay tournament), and both teams reached the semi-finals. Broadland Swifts triumphed over Norfolk and Norwich  $4\frac{1}{2} - 3\frac{1}{2}$ , while Broadland Swallows played Nth Norfolk and won by an amazing margin of  $6\frac{1}{2} - 1\frac{1}{2}$ . Therefore, the final will be Broadland Swifts v Broadland Swallows. The match will be played on the 3rd May at The King's Head in Coltishall. This is the first time that both finalists have been from the same club – history has been made!

However Broadland's recent successes do not end there, we are also in the finals of the Williamson Cup, the Norfolk and Suffolk Cup, and are currently laying at the top of the League Division 1 table.

All of this means that the players are having a very busy time of it. However if that is not enough we still have individual players that are showing tournament successes.

Congratulations must also go to all of our young players on both their club performances and also individual achievements. In February the Norfolk Junior Chess Championships took place. Karthik Saravanan scored 6/6 to

become the u-18 champion and Darcy Pashley was unbeaten with 5/6 to become the u-10 champion.

Other Junior prize winners are Preethi Saravanan 3rd equal in the u-14s, Justin Singh was 2nd equal in the u-11s while Benjie Perry was 2nd in the u-9s.

Broadland Chess Club meets at the Kings Head, Coltishall on Monday and Wednesday evenings at 19.30, and as always encourages new members of any age and ability. For anyone interested the club can be contacted via our Facebook or Twitter accounts, or through our website.”

The picture shows Karthik (left) and Darcy with their cups following their tournament success, (photo by club member, Paul Badger).

## **COUNCIL NEWS**

### **NORTH NORFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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

##### **Scottow Enterprise Park (SEP) - Progress Report**

SEP is the former RAF Coltishall site which Norfolk County Council bought in Jan 2013 for 3 principal reasons: to stop it falling into long term disuse and decay; to help regenerate the local economy and open up new business opportunities; and, to create a revenue income stream for NCC. Some of you will recall the RAF closed the station in 2006 and the site was transferred to the Ministry of Justice which then built the current Prison (HMP Bure) on most of the domestic area of the site. The Prison was opened in 2010 and the remainder of the site (600 acres of airfield and hundreds of buildings) was put up for sale with an asking price of around £10 to 12 million. There were various expressions of interest from commercial buyers but in 2012 NCC secured a purchase deal for £4.1 million and took possession in 2013. There followed much criticism that NCC shouldn't spend public money in this way; certainly the task of regenerating the site and buildings, which had been unused for 7 years, was a huge and unusual challenge for NCC. Various regeneration proposals were made and some of them were simply not viable. In 2014 an application was agreed for a huge solar PV farm producing 49.5 MW of renewable electricity and in March 2015 the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of 35MW was installed. In 2016 the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase was installed taking it to 49.5MW. This produces an annual income of almost £500,000. Alongside this there's been investment in the buildings and site utilities to enable 505,000 sqft of buildings floor space to be made available; currently, 78% of it is now let and producing income. The tenants range from high technology building construction, engineering, and agri- tech businesses to a film production

company and a hot fire training facility for the Fire Service and there many other firm enquiries in the pipeline. Currently, 295 jobs have been created on the site by 80 business tenancies, some of which are just for storage, but 11 of which are new start up businesses. Currently, SEP has regenerated much of the site, it has boosted the local economy and is producing a modest net income for NCC, with much more in prospect. There's still a great deal more to do but on those 3 measures it has been a success story and I have been pleased to play my part as a member of the SEP Steering Group since the project started.

Traffic Problems on Tunstead Rd Hoveton. I continue to get complaints by residents about car parking and risky manoeuvring problems along the Road and I am investigating what can be done to relieve them. I will advise further when acceptable remedial measures have been identified.

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**

Unfortunately Hoveton Parish Council's meeting of Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March could not take place as scheduled, due to the unavailability of several councillors. Apologies to anyone who attended on the night. Luckily, the Council was able to rearrange this meeting for the following week, but this unusual occurrence has served as a reminder that the Council is still in need of new members in order to carry out its work successfully. The minimum number of councillors needed for a meeting of Hoveton Parish Council to take place is four, but with only six members in total, the Council is left very short-handed when illness strikes, or when work or family commitments must take priority. The Council carries out vital work on behalf of the local community, but more help is needed if it is to continue to provide such services.

Hoveton Parish Council is therefore appealing for enthusiastic members of the local community, who would like to get involved with the development of the parish as a whole, to come forward to find out more about the Council and the role of parish councillors. Why not come along to the Council's next meeting to see how the Council works? Or for an informal chat about the Council's work, just pop along to the next parish surgery (details below). Further information is also available in the guide "Becoming a Councillor", which can be downloaded from the Council's website ([www.hoveton-pc.org.uk/reference](http://www.hoveton-pc.org.uk/reference)) or is available on request from Lisa, the Parish Clerk ([clerk@hoveton-pc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@hoveton-pc.org.uk) or 07572 349600).

### **Parish Surgery Reminder**

Don't forget that Hoveton Parish Council's next 'parish surgery' is due to take place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April. Between 4.30pm and 6.30pm, members of Hoveton Parish Council will

be available to meet local residents, answer questions, and talk about the work of the Council. This is an informal session, so no appointment is necessary. Just look out for the Hoveton Parish Council banner in Roys café!

### **Community Speed Watch**

A number of local residents have recently raised concerns with the Council over speeding traffic in the village, with Tunstead Road and Horning Road identified as particular problem areas. The Council has been in touch with Norfolk County Council and with Norfolk Constabulary's Safer Neighbourhood Team to report these concerns, to seek advice on this matter, and to explore possible solutions, such as road safety improvements. In the meantime, however, the Parish Council has been advised that a 'Community Speed Watch' scheme may be of benefit to the village.

Due to ever-greater demands for its services, it is simply not possible for Norfolk Constabulary to carry out speed enforcement checks in every community on a regular basis. Community Speed Watch offers local residents the chance to get involved in speed reduction activities. The scheme involves speed monitoring by trained volunteers, followed by education and enforcement from Norfolk Safety Camera Partnership, Norfolk Police, and the Local Authority. A minimum of six volunteers are required for each scheme, each willing to contribute a minimum of one hour per week.

More information can be found in the Community Speed Watch booklet, which is available on the Council's website ([www.hoveton-pc.org.uk/reference](http://www.hoveton-pc.org.uk/reference)). If you are interested in setting up a scheme for Hoveton, please let the Clerk know, as the Parish Council may be able to assist you with this. Alternatively, call 01603 276433 and ask to speak to the Community Speed Watch Administrator (or email [communityspeedwatch@norfolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:communityspeedwatch@norfolk.pnn.police.uk)).

### **Neighbourhood Watch**

At a recent meeting organised by Norfolk Constabulary, Hoveton Parish Council was interested to learn more about Neighbourhood Watch. This scheme aims to bring neighbours together; to create strong, friendly communities where crime and anti-social behaviour are less likely to happen; and to ensure nobody has to feel afraid, vulnerable, or isolated in the place where they live. If you would be interested in setting up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in the Hoveton area, visit [www.ourwatch.org.uk](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk) to find out more, and don't forget to let your Parish Council know!

### **Priority Services Register**

Don't forget that UK Power Networks offers a free Priority Services Register for anyone who may need extra support in the event of a power cut. You can apply to be on the register if you have a disability or health condition, are of retirement age, have a medical dependency on

electricity, or have a child under five. Visit [www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk](http://www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk) for full details or pick up a leaflet at the next parish surgery.

### **Next Meeting – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 6.30pm**

Hoveton Parish Council's next meeting is on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 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**

Wroxham Parish Council has a new councillor and a new Parish Clerk. We are delighted to welcome them both to the council.

Our new Parish Clerk is Clare Male who takes over the reins this month from Daphne Wyatt who has been Wroxham's Parish Clerk for 15 years.

Clare is already clerk to two small nearby parish councils and lives near to our village.

Let Clare introduce herself: " I am delighted to become your new Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

As the previous Clerk Daphne Wyatt served your Parish for many years amassing a wealth of information and knowledge, I have big shoes to fill but thankfully Daphne has been very supportive and is helping to answer all my questions.

"I live in nearby Neatishead and am also Clerk to Ashmanhaugh and East Ruston Parish Councils. I have recently completed my Certificate in Local Council Administration and come from a public sector background. I have a young son and although originally from Surrey, I have lived in Norfolk for 14 years. I enjoy sailing on Barton Broad, keeping chickens, a glass of wine and a good book.

The Parish Council is responsible for a variety of local issues and works closely with Norfolk Constabulary, Norfolk County Council and Broadland District Council. If you have an issue with the local area and are not sure who is the right person to contact then start by contacting me and I will guide you.

Contact me by email: [wroxhamparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:wroxhamparishcouncil@gmail.com); Facebook: [www.facebook.com.ourwroxham](http://www.facebook.com.ourwroxham) or by phone: 07803 705434. "

### **New Parish Councillor**

Our new Parish Councillor is Philip Everett who lives in Beech Road and was co-opted onto the council at our March meeting. Let Philip introduce himself: "My wife and I moved here in April 2016 from Hertfordshire. Having spent several years as visitors to the area, we decided we would spend our retirement living in Wroxham permanently.



I retired from the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) after more than 30 years of serving the communities of London and working closely with a number of partners and stakeholders in a variety of roles. These included government agencies, businesses and local neighbourhoods. Following my retirement as a police officer in 2012, I continued to work for the MPS taking part in the quality assurance of major police training programmes.

In addition, I was a school governor at a school for eight years, where I lived in Hertfordshire. My responsibilities included governor training, primary assessment methods and staff selection. I was also an active member of my Parochial Church Council. I completed four tenures between 1992 and 2014 and my responsibilities here included pastoral care, fund raising and monitoring major change projects such as Mission Action Planning and asset management.

I am keen to take an active part in the well-being of my local community and believe my skills and experience of working with local communities provides a sound basis for understanding and serving the interests of those living and working in the Parish. Wroxham is ideally positioned, given its proximity to Norwich, the Broads and coast and has an important role to play in the growth of the region. As a member of the WPC, I would see this as an opportunity not only to do my part to encourage a sense of community spirit but also to influence the future development of the village.

Having retired to Wroxham, I am currently learning to sail and look forward to exploring the Broads. I have a passion for history and particularly the English Civil Wars. I also enjoy art history and more recently have begun to research the artists of the Norwich School of Painting. I can often be found at Trafford Park supporting "The Yachtsmen" on a Saturday afternoon."

It's great to have Philip on board!

### **Sugar Beet Lorries**

Three members of Wroxham Parish council recently attended a meeting of nearby parish councils affected by the number and frequency of heavy sugar beet lorries rumbling through the village and leaving by the Salhouse Road. Other councils including Hoveton, Salhouse Panxworth and Ranworth are similarly affected. The trucks are on their way to the British Sugar plant at Cantley. The councils are to work together in partnership with Norfolk County Council Highways department to try and persuade the trucks to take an alternative route - especially when the new Northern Distributor Road is opened in ,hopefully, less than 12 months' time.

## **Bus Shelters Salhouse Road**

The bases for two new bus shelters are now in place and the parish council has asked Hopkins Homes to complete the task of erecting the new shelters on the designated sites.

## **Malthouse Lane**

After extensive enquiries the Parish Council has decided to raise no formal objection to the application by one local landowner whose land borders the lane to the north for the ownership of the top half of the lane to be split down the middle between the adjoining land owners. The council has taken this decision on the basis that the right of way which exists cannot be curtailed. There are however issues relating to access to the lane especially in relation to those seeking access to launch small boats from the parish slipway. Further enquiries and action are being considered.

## **Annual Parish Meeting**

The annual parish meeting will be held on Thursday April 6 at The Hub on Norwich Road starting at 6.30 p.m. It's an informal meeting open to all in the village to come along and raise any issues of concern or just share ideas. The monthly Parish Council meeting will follow at approximately 7.30 p.m.

# **ARTICLES & PRESS RELEASES**

## **Spring at the Museum of the Broads**

Spring has sprung – celebrate Easter somewhere different in 2017. We open with a fun Easter Holiday Trail especially for families with Easter themed prizes too.

Be inspired to see the Broads differently by visiting our special exhibition, 'Broadland in Pictures'. Discover how our unique landscape has been used in art, in advertising, on postcards and on souvenirs. And you can take part too, by uploading your Broads photo to our Twitter page, @MuseumBroads, #BroadlandPictures.

**Opening hours for March and April: 10am to 4pm, Sun to Thurs and holiday Fridays 07 and 14 April, 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.

Save the date – our popular annual Boat and Fishing Jumble takes place at the Museum on Sunday 07 May. £1 entry, £10 per stall – call the Museum to book.

Bringing the story of the Broads alive!

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[www.museumofthebroads.org.uk](http://www.museumofthebroads.org.uk)

## **HOVETON VILLAGE HALL**

Busy, busy, busy....

Lots of things starting to happen with our Village Hall....every 2nd SATURDAY there will be a specialist foodie market - Best in Market - check out and follow its Facebook page. High quality stall holders ranging from artisan Pastry Chef ( his tarts are Devine)! Local beer from a local brewery, a cider maker, a local farmer with his lamb....and much more!

For April and May it's going to be very busy at the Hall, there's the annual plant sale in April and the big jumble sale in May, therefore, all parking will be on the playing field.

Don't forget the Farmers market is on every 3rd Saturday of every month, lots of lovely goodies to be had there also.

Please come along and support these events, they might start off small but with your support and encouragement they'll grow and grow!

We are applying for a drinks licence so if you'd like to hold an event or party, please BOOK OUR HALL! Call Margaret on 01603 784100.

We're looking into having a story teller come to our Hall, perhaps on a Sunday morning or have a late afternoon/early evening session for young children. This is a professional company and they travel all round Norfolk telling their tales.

We're busy getting quotes in for having the Hall decorated, with new floors laid. Keep your fingers crossed our grant application is successful to help pay for it!

As you will see, there is a short survey asking you all what kind of things we would like in your community, please take the time to complete it and return it to Ann Rogers of 7 Waveney Drive, Hoveton NR12 8DT. These things all help when we're putting in for grants.

Our very own Hoveton Wherryman Football team are playing extremely well and

are fast approaching the top of their league...they are always looking for new members so if you fancy joining the team why not give Bilvo a call on 07918554649.

As we're on the subject of football.....not many people will know this as Alan Royall doesn't like to make a fuss but.....he was presented with a long standing achievement award from Wroxham Football Club on Saturday 11th March. He's worked hard for 50 years servicing his community.....yes - 50 years! As well as supporting and running Wroxham FC, he was a founder member of starting our own Hoveton Wherrymen FC 25 years ago. And he's still doing it, every Saturday. Such a huge achievement and a dedication to his local Community - I'm sure you will join me in saying a HUGE thank you for working so hard over the years.

That's about it for this month....I look forward to updating you all next month of our progress. If anyone would like to get involved please contact me on 07818214277 or email me at twinkilingjilly@gmail.com.....we could do with some volunteers to man the car parking on those Saturday's in April and May ....any takers??

\*Hoveton Village Hall and Playing field - questionnaire for Residents  
Hoveton Village Hall management committee are investigating what improvements may be desirable to make the site more attractive to users. What outdoor facilities would you like to see, e.g. Outdoor Gym? Trim Track? All Weather Pitch? Anything else? How often would you use it? When would you use it? What improvements would you like to see inside the Hall? What new usage do you think would benefit the community? Do you live in Hoveton or within 2 miles of the village? Please state your age group; under 20, 20 - 40, 40 - 60, 60+ Thank you for taking part in this survey. Please reply to ; Email; arogers@hoveton-pc.org.uk  
<javascript:\_e(%7B%7D,'cvml','arogers@hoveton-pc.org.uk');> or post; 7 Waveney Close, Hoveton Nr12 8DT\*

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

By the time you read this article, the AGM for the Ashmanhaugh and Beeston Preston Rooms Management Association will have taken place. Hopefully volunteers will have agreed to join the team of Trustees to share the workload in keeping the hall up and running for the coming year.

You may have noticed, (I hope you have!) that we have had some new windows installed. These will definitely keep the warmth in created by our new radiators, and cut down on the maintenance that the wooden frames need annually. Also, the Calendar of Events for 2017 has been posted around the village. Once again, we have tried to hold an event for most months of the year. I hope the new calendar of events will encourage you all to come along and join in, as we'd love to see you.

The first event is the **Poetry Evening** – 7<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm. If you enjoy reading, composing or listening to poetry, this is the evening for you. Entrance fee is £2.00 including tea/coffee.

Thank you to those of you who have become Members of the Preston Rooms for 2017. Please consider joining, annual membership is only £5 per adult and this money greatly boosts the funds needed to keep the hall open and available for everyone.

Finally, may I wish you all a very Happy Easter.

Sue Watts

Secretary

## **WESTOVER VETERINARY CENTRE**

Our case this month is a Blue a 3 year old female cat. She first presented to the surgery with a history of being under the weather for 2 days, hiding up and not eating with her normal gusto. She was unusually quiet for a cat of her age and was running a very high temperature. We are fortunate enough to have facilities to run blood tests immediately in the practice and these demonstrated high white cell counts, but apparently normal organ function. Her abdomen was uncomfortable on palpation so following a period of time on intravenous fluids and antibiotics Blue had an ultrasound examination of her abdomen. Most of her organs were normal in appearance, but her right kidney was enlarged by 25% and rather unusually there was a large amount of fluid in the capsule surrounding the kidney. Even more unusually, this fluid was sampled and found to be purulent, indicating an infection. She was started on appropriate antibiotic treatment and miraculously improved within 48 hours. Since then she has gone from strength to strength and when scanned again 2 weeks later the kidney had returned to its normal size and all the fluid had resolved. Cats are not always the easiest pets to medicate, so her response to treatment is a great credit to the dedication and perseverance of her owner and her own will to pull through.

We had another piece of good news this month at Westover Vets; we have been re-accredited by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons. To pass this assessment a practice must demonstrate the highest standards in veterinary care, customer service, cleanliness, staff training and development and facilities and equipment, so we are very proud of our team for reaching and maintaining these standards. Currently we are the only practice accredited for Small Animals in North Walsham and for Large Animals and Equine in Norfolk!

Toby Morrell MRCVS Westover Veterinary Centre

## NOTICES

### **MEET YOUR LOCAL OFFICER**

Police Community Support Officer Paul McAllister, a member of the local Policing Team, will be at the Wroxham Hub Community Café, Wroxham Road, on the following dates, between 1030 and 1130hrs.

- **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017. Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2017.**
- **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017.**
- **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017. Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017.**

I will be available to discuss any Policing issues affecting the area.

**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

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

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2017 screening CAFÉ SOCIETY** starring Jesse Eisenberg, Kristen Stewart and Steve Carell. Set in the 1930s Woody Allen's bittersweet romance follows Bronx-born Bobby Dorfman to Hollywood, where he falls in love, then back to New York, where he is swept up in the vibrant world of high society nightclub life.....

Doors open **7.00 p.m. for 7. 30 p.m. start.** Cert 12A, running time 92 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 12<sup>th</sup> May **2017 screening "DAD'S ARMY: THE MOVIE"** starring Arthur Lowe, John Le Mesurier, Clive Dunn, John Laurie, James Beck, Arnold Ridley and Ian Lavender. Doors open

**7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. start.**

## **UPTON FAMILY WALK**

Norwich Centenary Rotary Club are the organisers of the annual charity walk which for the last 10 years or more has been known as The Acle Walk which was organised by Henry Dent and his friends at Great Yarmouth Rotary Club.

Sponsored walkers raise funds for their chosen charities. The charities receive 100% of sponsorship funds raised and our costs are covered by entry fees for each walker. Any "profits" are in turn divided towards charities that Rotary supports.

The walk this year is on Sunday May 21st starting and finishing at Upton Village Hall and follows a Norfolk Wildlife Trust 6 - mile route around the marshlands / dykes and the River Bure. Since the walk's inception over 15 years ago, over £180,000 has been raised for local charities and most years we have between 100 and 150 walkers taking part.

[www.norwichcentenaryrotaryclub.co.uk](http://www.norwichcentenaryrotaryclub.co.uk)

Tel:07493 071632

Entry & Sponsorship Forms available by emailing: [uptonwalk@gmail.com](mailto:uptonwalk@gmail.com).

## **TRUNCHONBURY FESTIVAL 2017**

**'A happy place for smiley people!'**

A Music Festival for the whole family with entertainment for all ages and tastes.

Quickly making a name for itself as one of the friendliest new festivals in the East of England, the organisers of Trunchonbury Festival (25 – 27 Aug, Knapton, Norfolk) have announced the full line up of artists and events scheduled for bank holiday weekend 2017.

Tickets and Camping Passes are now on sale through the website

<http://www.trunchonburyfestival.com/tickets>

Striking a balance between headline acts and up and coming local bands and DJ's, the Main Stage, Dance Stage and Acoustic Stage cater to all music tastes. While elsewhere you can find

Performing Arts Stage, Children's Field, Trunchonbury Arms Beer Tent, Stalls and Food Market, Fun Fair, Stilt Walkers, Jugglers, Magic Stage and Healing Fields

New to Trunchonbury this year is the Performing Arts Tent which will feature live performances from poets and twisting tales from our storytellers. A rich variety of drama productions from different companies are also on the program as will be a variety of interactive events and Yoga to get you up and moving.

The Healing Fields Marquee offers a selection of up to 10 complementary therapists from the Association of Norfolk Healers to enhance general health and wellbeing. Therapies will include Spiritual Healing, Massage, Palmistry and Flower Remedies

There will be a huge variety of food on offer as the Food Stalls will include: Café, Thai, Wood Fired Pizza, Panini's, Burgers, Duck Wraps, Candy floss, Sweets, Donuts, Sweet Waffles, Crepes, Noodle bar, Hog roast, Finger chicken, Curry, Children's snack packs and from our German Specialist, Bratwurst, Frikadellen, Vegetarian Sausage and Pretzels. Elsewhere will be stalls offering Henna Body Art, Hair Garlands, Shabbychic, Scarves, Fair Trade clothing, Incense Holders, Silver and Costume Jewellery, Bags and Bandana's.

## **THE GOOD SAMARITAN**

Each day a lovely young Bosnian girl (Monika) stands all day long outside Roy's food hall here in Wroxham; in all weather- wind rain, sleet, snow In freezing conditions she stands selling the Big Issue. Every day, hour in, hour out, hundreds pass her by not 'seeing' her, sometime, just sometime, a person will stop & talk to her, even buy her a hot drink. For myself I cannot pass her without giving a cheery word, buy her a bar f chocolate, a drink & some money. One day, she said she was fed up with her life which 'guttred' me & made me weep! Our modern world is not so far removed from that of Jesus Christ's & reminds me of the parable of the Good Samaritan. Forever chasing money, self enhancement & greed makes our small tawdry lives meaningless unless we give it a purpose!

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