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MOTHERS' UNION – WROXHAM BENEFICE BRANCH

Please come and join our quiet morning at St. Helen's Church on Tuesday, 18th July, 10.30 am to 1.00 pm. This will be led by the Reverend Angela Smith from Horning. It will be a time for thoughtful contemplation and study and, if the weather is good, why not bring a folding chair so you can take advantage of the beautiful grounds. Do bring a packed lunch if you'd like to stay on after the study.

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.

ST JOHN'S COFFEE MORNING

The July Coffee Morning for Hoveton St John Church will be held in the Church on Wednesday 12th July 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 plus much more. Do come and join us for a relaxing drink and tasty eats and a chat with friends. The host this month will be Mrs Sue Cobb. A warm welcome awaits you.

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Services and Events in August (all at the Hub unless stated otherwise)

Sun 6th , 11am Service led by Mike Gibbs

Sun 13th, 11am Communion Service led by Revd Sue Seeley

Sun 20th, 11am Service led by Mr Bob Ravenshear

Sun 27th 11am Service led by Revd Bruno Boldrini

Sun 27th 3.30pm Riverside Service in Hoveton

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 or phone 01603 783992 for more details.

There is no JAM in August.

Every Monday at 2pm at the Hub there is a meeting of the Prayer Group. Anyone is welcome to come to pray or be prayer for.

On the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month in the Hub at 7pm our minister leads a 'Back to Basics' course for new Christians or enquirers or those who want to know more about the Bible. All welcome.

ST HELEN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

St Helen's Coffee Drop-In: The next 'drop-in' is on **August 2nd at 10.30** for coffee or tea and a cake: the proceeds go to small local charities. so please come and give us a look in the Narthex at St Helen's. We're always glad to welcome new visitors.

Fourth Wednesday Club: is on holiday in August, but meets again on **Wednesday September 27th** with a **Harvest** themed gathering. This popular and friendly 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**. The 'sub' of **£2.50** includes coffee, lunch and entertainment, and there's a monthly 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

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Website: 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 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

Website: www.library.norfolk.gov.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/NorfolkLibrariesUK for all latest news and events

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>>

Social Activities and events at the Library

Bounce and Rhyme Time is every Wednesday, at a new time of 10.30 - 11.00am. During school holidays please contact the library or check our Facebook page to confirm the event is running. Songs and rhymes for babies, toddlers, parents and carers. FREE

Summer Reading Challenge.

Join us on our 'Bear Hunt' adventure for the Summer Reading Challenge.

Games, songs, role-play and storytelling with a professional tutor from Little Peoples Drama Company. Wednesday 2nd August: 2-4 year olds 10.30 - 11.15am; 4-6 years olds 11.30 - 12.15pm. Weather permitting we will be bear hunting outside! Booking essential £5 per child, payable on booking. Refunds cannot be made for customer cancellations.

Wednesday 9th August, 10:30 - 11:15

Animal Story and Rhyme Time

A special Summer Reading Challenge session for pre-schoolers.

Friday 11th August 2 - 3:30pm

Animal Agents Detective Agency

Got what it takes to join the animal agents? Then test your skills at the Detective Academy! Dust for fingerprints, look for clues and solve the mystery. Not suitable for children under 8. £3 to cover cost of materials. Contact the library to secure your place.

Friday 25th August 10am - 12pm

Animal Agents Crafts

Drop in and make your own animal agent to take home. Free. Family activity.

Friday 15th September

Summer Reading Challenge Medal Ceremony

4:15 to 5pm

Come and be awarded your medal and certificate, enter our raffle and find out about our exciting new competition.

Count on Norfolk Storytelling

Wednesday 30th August 10:30-11:15am

How will the Troll under the bridge cope with the goats who keep multiplying in number? If the smartest giant in town buys 12 new items of clothing and then gives half of them away, how many will he have left? These and other important questions will all be answered in a fun and participatory way in the Count on Norfolk storytelling for numeracy event. The stories, aimed at 4 to 7 year olds, will be told in a fun and interactive way with performance storyteller Liam Carroll. Free - just come along!

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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 5th August 10 - 11.30am. The next session after that will be Saturday 2nd September at the same time. This is a drop in surgery and so no appointment is necessary.

Extend Exercise Class - Starting Monday 11th September, then every Monday until 16th October.

A seated exercise class to music for the over 60's. A FREE six week course, but booking is advised. Contact the library for more details and to reserve your place. Dementia friendly - carers welcome.

Norfolk and Norwich Association for the Blind advice afternoon
Thursday 10th August, 2.00-4.00pm. Drop in session offering advice to the blind and partially sighted and anyone else seeking information.

Norfolk Carers Support offers one-to-one individual support, information and advice to unpaid carers across Norfolk. They will be at Wroxham Library Monday 21st August, 10.30am - 1.30pm. Just drop in to talk to an advisor.

Family History. Use our free access to Find My Past and get advice from Diane, our family and local history expert. Drop in on Fridays from between 6-7.30pm. Contact the library to confirm the session is running

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

Crib Club (Cribbage card game) - new players welcome - Thursday 10th August 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. (31st August)
All welcome

Time Travellers Wroxham!

A new and friendly group for older people at Wroxham Library. Get together to reminisce and share your memories over a cup of tea and contribute to our community archive of local stories. The first and third Wednesday of every month at 2pm.

Contact us by phone on 01603 782560, Drop-in, 10-5 Monday - Saturday and late opening till 8pm on Fridays. Look for up to date information regarding all our events and activities on our Facebook page. Email us at wroxham.lib@norfolk.gov.uk <mailto:wroxham.lib@norfolk.gov.uk>

HORNING COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

JULY 2017

Our final total for the Race for life held in June was £1070.69 – thank you to everyone who supported us.

Thanks to a donation from the Horning Boat Show we will be able to continue to run our café next academic year, look out for the posters with the next years dates which will be available early September.

Our Drama after School club will be performing Horning School Musical in the Village Hall at 2.45pm on Wednesday 19th July; we welcome our local community to join us.

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; for more information or to book your child in for September, please contact us.

This has been a very busy term with lots of school trips, activities, visitors and fund raising; we are all looking forward to the long summer holiday.

We are thankful to our local community for supporting us at all our events and look forward to keeping you all informed of our activities next academic year.

Pam Carver

Horning Primary School

www.horning.norfolk.sch.uk; email: office@horning.norfolk.sch.uk; 01692 630470

CLUB NEWS

WROXHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

Wroxham are already well into their friendlies for the new season. We started off with a disappointing defeat against newly promoted Anglian Combination Premier Division side Hellesdon, Although it has to be said we were leading 1nil at half-time but wholesale changes for the second half ended in a 3-1 defeat. Hellesdon included Shaun Taylor and Jack Guyton who both played for us last season with Guyton scoring against us! But hopefully Reserve Team Player of the Year Taylor will still sign for us and fulfil his undoubted talent. Better results followed against Norwich CEYMS and Mulbarton which were both won convincingly. By the time these notes are published we will be starting the season in earnest. Our first game back in the Eastern Counties League is on Tues Aug 1st against another former ECL club Histon, who while they were away played as high as Conference level and almost made it to The Football League. They even saw off Leeds Utd in The FA Cup but three successive relegations has seen them drop back. The full list of league fixtures for the season is still awaited. We start off in our own journey in The FA Cup this season with a long trip to Southend Manor on Aug 5th in the Extra Preliminary Round fighting for prize of £1500 and a home tie against the winners of the Gorleston v Stanway Rovers tie.

The Reserves beat neighbours Hoveton Wherryman in well a contested friendly 2-1 and their were some encouraging signs for what will again be a very young side playing in the Anglian Combination Premier Division. They have a few more friendlies before starting their league programme at Stalham on Tues 5th Aug, followed by a difficult trip to last season's runners-

up Harleston. In the Senior Knock Out Cup face promoted UEA in another tough game as the students are always very fit.

We have a new Commercial Manager in Liam Brydon who is looking to secure more sponsorship. Most of last season's sponsors have been loyal and we are grateful for their support. We also have some new sponsors for the season with Kingsley Care Homes the new name on the 1st team shirts. Kingsley run Heron Lodge Care Home in Wroxham which is just one of many retirement homes across the country www.kingsleyhealthcare.co.uk for further details. Jewsons the builders merchants have also come up with a generous package as well as LJS Joinery of Lenwade www.ljsjoinery.co.uk who provide bespoke windows. We are still looking for more sponsors particularly a kit sponsor for our reserve team. Please contact Liam on 07827 998103 to discuss our full range of sponsorship products.

New Chairman Lee Robson has soon found his feet with some new ideas to take the club forward. Lee has developed a new website www.wroxhamfc.org which is well worth a look alongside our Twitter feed @the_yachtsmen

We are still looking for a new Treasurer and Fixture Secretary. Anyone interested or wanting further details, please contact Secretary Chris Green on 783936 or email secretary@wroxhamfc.com

HOVETON WROXHAM AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Despite the forecast of storms, indeed thunder and lightning all around, 30 members and friends had a dry and warm enjoyable day out at Anglesey Abbey. The coach was very comfortable and an excellent lady driver.

Friday August 4th 7.30.p.m. Hoveton Village Hall an talk by Mr R Churchill on Conifers for the small garden, these plants come in all sorts of colours and shapes which add winter colour and height to even a small garden. Raffle. Refreshments. Non-members always welcome £2.00 Members don't forget the bloom of the month. For further details contact Pam on 01603782041

30 members and friends had a lovely day out at Anglesey Abbey despite the threat of storms, indeed they were all around but it stayed dry, thank goodness.

Friday 4th August 7.30.p.m. Hoveton Village Hall. Mr R Churchill will give a talk on Conifers for the small garden. This group of plants comes in such a variety of colours and forms and will enhance even the smallest of gardens/containers. Non- members very welcome £2.00 refreshments and raffle. More details for the remainder of the calendar year Pam 01603782041

Members don't forget the monthly bloom.

GARDENING TIPS FOR JULY

In my garden there is still plenty of colour. Foxgloves, day lilies, perennial geraniums, hebes, weigelas, philadelphus, as well as roses.

Whether you have planted trees, shrubs, perennials or summer bedding they should all be doing quite nicely.

But with your baskets, tubs or any other containers they need feeding and watering regularly. Keep hoeing through your borders and dig out any remaining deep rooted weeds.

I don't know about you, but my hedges have really grown, especially at the beginning of June. If you have not already trimmed your hedges, now is the time to do beech, *Lonicera nitida*, privet and hornbeam. Just check that there are no birds still nesting.

Keep dead heading roses, bedding and perennials.

Divide old clumps of bearded irises. Replant the young rhizomes and reduce the foliage by half.

Keep mowing your lawns. If they are slowing up through drought, raise the height of the cutting blade slightly.

In the veg plot keep picking peas & broad beans and lift potatoes.

Keep sowing salads in small rows as well as carrots.

Water squashes and courgettes well, also runner and French beans.

In the greenhouse shade plants, provide ventilation and take out side shoots on your tomatoes, if they are not bush varieties, and feed weekly.

Keep your pond topped up, clean filters and feed fish regularly.

This year I replaced my pump with a more powerful one and it's much better. The fish look really healthy.

Visit gardens, get new ideas, talk to fellow gardeners and enjoy your garden.

Michael Ottaway, Chairman

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.

We recently received the sad news that following a Fraser Carlisle-Brown had passed away. Fraser had been a member of Probus since 1984 and was well respected and liked for his friendly, gentle and polite style of speaking.

Fraser will be missed by all of us at Probus and all our condolences and sympathies go to his wife Jane and family.

Fraser with his Legion D'Honneur Medal September 2016

The speaker at our June meeting was recent club member the Reverend Barry Furness, who gave an illustrated talk on gliders and his time as a glider pilot.

He explained in detail, about the development of gliders over the last 160 years and the latest improvements in design and the use of modern materials, which have greatly improved flying ranges and duration times.

We were given detailed information on flight, the various controls and their uses and on flying a glider, including planning the flight, the different methods of launching gliders into the air, local and cross-country flights. Sustaining flight was through thermal, ridge, wave and sea breeze front and lift activities. Most important, of course was the safely landing a glider both on an airfield and away from a prepared airstrip.

Barry spoke about air law, navigation, metrology and the military use of gliders and modern glider aerobatics.

The talk included photographs of vintage and modern high-performance gliders and of Barry's own gliders and flights.

A round of applause and a few questions and answers rounded off an interesting and informative afternoon.

The Reverend Barry Furness
Barry in his glider

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 Searle-Jones on 01603 666159 (club secretary)

BROADLANDS ROTARY CLUB

Alfie Hewett and Gordon Reid win at Wimbledon again!

We sponsor Alfie who is from Norfolk and were delighted that he and Gordon retained their wheelchair doubles title by defeating the French pair: Stephane Houdet and Nicolas Peifer for the second year running. They won 6-7, 7-5, 7-6! It was a nail biting match.

Ann Chantry-Price is speaking about the Guild of Nurses at our Rotary Club

Led by a team of 8 founders who trained at Barts in London and our Sponsoring Alderman, who is the current Lord Mayor, nurses have joined the Livery movement in the City of London. Our membership has grown to 200 from 111 nursing establishments. We will care for nurses in training, in work and in retirement. We offer educational events, fellowship and financial support to all nurses who become a part of the Guild, which has plans to become a Livery Company.

We have a charitable fund, which should grow to enable us to make a difference to nurses and the care they can give to their patients. So we can reach out and make that difference to both the carers and those who are unwell across the UK. I am fortunate to be Member of the Court and I am a member of the Charitable Committee.

www.guildofnurses.co.uk email: enquiries@guildofnurses.co.uk

Our work with School Children

We took a party of 6 children aged 4-6 years from Hall School, Norwich to Wroxham Barns on Wednesday 7th June. We started at the farm, where the children were able to feed the

lambs and to handle the small animals. After a lovely lunch, we were treated to the freedom of the fun fare. David and Janette Packham, who run it, were extremely generous.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

We are sponsoring a young lady from Norfolk to take part in the course at Grafham Water from 2nd - 9th September.

Our Next Events

Thursday Sept 21st Speaker on Working in Construction in Papua, New Guinea

Friday Sept 29th MacMillan Coffee Morning, Spixworth Village Hall

Friday Nov 24th Our Quiz Night

If you would like to know more about our club / events contact me:
annchantryprice@gmail.com, Tel: 01603 270478 / 01296 660202

Ann Chantry-Price

Photo included as attachment:

1 The Master of the Guild, Brenda Griffiths with Ann at the first Declaration Service

2-4 A selection of photos from the Wroxham Barns day out – Train ride, fair ground ride, sheep at the farm

WHB TWINNING ASSOCIATION

We're off to France this month, to our Twinning villages of **La Pommeraye and Montjean-sur-Loire**, and going to have an excellent time, I'm sure, with our wonderful hosts and hostesses, on our visit to the marvellous chateau of Versailles, on our interesting tours and eating and drinking the delicious French food and wine: we can't wait.

Before that, we had **our annual flotilla on Ranworth Broad on 22nd July**, boats of our members with many of us aboard, rafted up and enjoying a lovely picnic, chatting and having a great social time. The weekend after was our **trip briefing and social evening on 28th July** at Robert and Margaret's house in Wroxham, another lovely social occasion and getting us ready for our Twinning visit. Many thanks go to David for organising the flotilla and Robert and Margaret for the briefing and social get-together.

French Conversation had their end of term soirée at Sheila and Peter's in Wroxham on 12th July and had a very convivial evening. They will get plenty practice this month in France and will reconvene in September on the second Wednesday, perhaps switching to afternoons instead of evenings in the winter months. **Book Club** was at Joyce's in Wroxham on 26th July to discuss "Title Deeds" by Liza Campbell and, similarly, may hold afternoon, instead of evening meetings in the winter. Jane can give you more French Conversation details on

01603 782496 or jane@youatt.co.uk and contact Sue about book club on 01603 738555 or susan@kemp.org.uk

For any more information do contact Peter on 01603 782733 or peter_c_milsted@talk21.com

WROXHAM SOCIAL CLUB

NEWSLETTER AUGUST/OCTOBER 2017

We have now programmed up until Christmas, with so much to look forward to with our calendar of things to enjoy, join in, make new friends and have fun. Exercises for the brain with Quizzes, prizes to be won at Bingo, and lots else to do.

Events...22nd JulyBBQ ###& Roulette 6pm.....July 29th Whist.....
Aug 5th Tamworth Visit.....Aug 12th Bingo 8pm.....Aug 19th Games Night.....
.Aug 26th Bar Quiz/Social.....Sept 2nd Bingo.....Sept 9th JUMBLE SALE 11 AM.....
Sept 16th Quiz & Chips.....Sept 23rd Bingo.....Sept 30th Whist.....Oct 7th Antiques
Night***Oct 14th Bingo 8pm.....Oct 21st Wii 10 Pin Bowling.....Oct 28th Music
Quiz***

Quiz & Chips need pre booking, so please phone Rosemary 01603 419811 to book your place, bring friends and make up a team of 4. This is open to non Members.

BINGO starts at 8pm, all other events 7.30pm, Quiz nights 7 for 7.30pm

Friday night is Darts night, and Snooker can be played most nights.

JUMBLE SALE Saturday Sept 9th at 11 am. Please start collecting items for sale.

The Club has **2 Full Size Snooker Tables, Lawn Bowls in the summer months, Darts each week, Card Games etc.**

CLUB MEMBERSHIP entitles you to all club events and facilities. BOWLS, LEISURE AND SOCIAL.

CONTACTS ARE Rosemary Burdett (Chair) 01603 419811 or Jean Barnett (Bowls Secretary) 01603 720810.

Please ring for more info about the club. New members over the age of 18 Membership fee is £26 pa due in December, but joining later in the year the fee is pro rata. Half price for 16/17 year olds. Temporary membership is £5 per month.

You are welcome to call in when Club is open to get more info and have a chat with a Member. DON'T BE SHY

*****These events are subject to confirmation, so please watch the Notice Board outside or phone either contact named above.**

This needs booking for catering purposes, to please telephone in the first instance.

BARTON HOUSE RAILWAY

www.bartonhouserailway.org.uk

enquiries@bartonhouserailway.org.uk

01603 782008

Open 3rd. 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

The Junior Club Day on Saturday 17th. June from 11 am to 2 pm went very well which had a steam theme. Some theory prior to practical learning on how to prepare a steam loco for running was well presented by Peter Howard tailored for the particular age group. This was followed by some train rides with the steam loco and a chance to drive an electric loco. Thanks to Ian Afford for his driving support. Following this, and with perfect weather, a group from St. Mary's Church enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea on the lawn combined with a train ride and thanks again to Ian Afford for continuing his driving after the Junior Club event. £50 was kindly donated. A sunny and warm afternoon in the company of Stalham Brass Band made for an excellent Third Sunday Running on 18th. June. 99 admissions with 30 children raised just over £530 which included 136 from the catering department. It was interesting to note that almost an equal number of admissions were by river and road. A faultless afternoon which exceeded expectations as on the warmest running day for a very long time the tendency was to go to the coast. During a short after running meeting The Station Master presented Ian Wells with a 10 year service certificate, and it was agreed that half the money that had been raised at the Bradwell Community Fete would be donated to St. Nicholas Church at Bradwell who hosted the event. Half the donations from a concert to be held at St. Nicholas Church on Saturday 8th. July would be given to BHR. Peter Bower gave an update on the long term aim to merge the BHR with the Wroxham Signalbox Trust which would then become a registered charity. The M&GN Circle Summer Meeting took place at BHR on a sunny & warm Saturday afternoon the 1st. July. Peter Bower welcomed some 40 members and guests in Dickerson's diner with a slide presentation on the

history and beginnings of the railway with its connections to the family business. Then the new M&GN Circle archive centre in Barton House was viewed when it was outlined what had been done so far and what was hoped to be achieved in the future. The museum was then opened to view followed by tea and cakes back in the Diner served by BHR staff and then to finish the meeting a ride behind one of the electric locos on the railway itself. BHR2 portable track would be at the Worstead Festival on Saturday & Sunday 29th. & 30th. July. and a further Junior Club day would be held on Saturday 19th. August commencing at 11 am.

OUR NEXT RUNNING IS ON SUNDAY 20th. AUGUST
(celebrating 50 years of Honing East Signalbox)

WROXHAM WI

On one of the hottest days of the year Wroxham WI members were entertained by Ian and Kevin, the Minstrels, warmly dressed as members of the Tudor Court. They skilfully played an array of instruments of the time and members can now add words like "cramphon" and "Shorm" to their vocabularies. Everyone is looking forward to the meeting on 16th August as it is the Summer Garden Party. Weather permitting this will be held in a member's garden on The Avenue but the Church Hall on Norwich Road will be available just in case! The garden party is a lovely opportunity for everyone to relax, enjoy teatime treats, a good raffle and plenty of chat. On Friday 25th August members joined by family and guests will enjoy an evening river boat cruise entertained by a Jazz Band and partaking of a finger buffet. On Wednesday 20th September it is back to the Church Hall, Norwich Road, Wroxham for what promises to be a really interesting talk on Wells Harbour by Robert Smith. The meeting begins at 2.30 pm and guests will be warmly welcomed. Jean Watson

HOVETON & DISTRICT WI

At our open meeting on 5th July over 60 members and visitors enjoyed listening to W.I. member Rita Massingham talking about Hoveton and Wroxham of yesteryear and afterwards tea and cake was served whilst people, asked questions, reminisced about times past and looked at Rita's archive of photos and documents. Please do it again Rita we were all entranced!

August is the month for outings. This month members will enjoy 2 outings. The first will be on our usual meeting day, the first Wednesday in the month 3rd August, when we will visit Norwich Cathedral for tea in the Refectory with time to spare to enjoy the Cathedral. The second outing will be on Wednesday 30th August when we will be joining a coach outing to Springfields Outlets Shopping and Festival Gardens where we will have time to look at the gardens and (perhaps more importantly!) we will have time to shop.

On Wednesday 6th September we will be having a talk about Happisburgh Lighthouse. We meet at 2 p.m. at Hoveton Village Hall. Hoveton & District W.I. loves to welcome visitors

and prospective new members at our monthly get-togethers. Members enjoy all sorts of social benefits too. If you would like more information please phone Sue on 01603 783387.

WROXHAM AND DISTRICT U3A

Keep your mind and body active by joining U3A, a national organisation for people no longer in full time employment, with branches all over the country. Our local group meets at The Hub, 114 Norwich Road, Wroxham on the third Tuesday of every month at 2.30 with speakers on a wide variety of subjects – visitors are welcome. Members take part in a variety of activities in various locations during the month run entirely by other members, including History, Bird Watching, Walking, French conversation, Listening to Music, Swimming, Play Reading, Chess, Garden Visits, Pub Lunches and Evening Dining. At present we have 70 members, and numbers are rising. The annual subscription is £15, and if you are interested contact our Secretary, Sue Badger on 01603 737572 susanbadger49@btinternet.com

SOLO CLUB.

If you live on your own, are over 55yrs why not come along on the 2nd Tuesday in the month and enjoy a friendly afternoon. We meet at the Hoveton Village Hall, 2.00 - 4.00pm. We have the occasional speaker/demonstrator, arrange 2/3 outings during the year and always tea and biscuits! If you wish to find out more please ring 01603 782178 or 782730. Our next meeting will be on the 12th September.

1ST WROXHAM GUIDES

Wroxham Guides enjoyed an evening with Salhouse Broad Rangers. Guides completed various conservation activities – making a note of all the tree species and the number of each type in a specific area; measuring and recording the girth of the larger trees; litter picking and pulling up unwanted plants encroaching the Broad; identifying and recording the type of birds – including 3 types of geese; various ducks including 2 tufted ducks and a variety of land based birds. Most Guides were luckily enough to do this from a boat which took them out onto the Broad. Before leaving, the Guides enjoyed feeding the ducks and geese oats. At our last meeting in June, 1st Wroxham Guides were selected to take part in an activity which may be used in the new programme. We were given the group activity the ‘Big Dream’ to try and then asked to give feedback. Guides explored aspirations for the future and compared them to their childhood dreams. One of the activities involved Guides chatting to each other for a minute, trying to ascertain their partners skills, strengths and interests. These were then written down and the Guides then had to chat to another Guide. Once each Guide had 10 or so things on their list, the next three Guides, using the skills, strengths and interests on a sheet of paper, suggested careers they felt would best suit the Guide. It certainly gave the Guides food for thought.

Since our last article in The Bridge, Wroxham Guides made the most of being outdoors – they had fun visiting Happisburgh Lighthouse and enjoyed playing Mini Golf at Wroxham

Barns. 18 holes of laughter, frustration with some shots not rebounding as expected or balls having a 'mind of their own' and ending up in the water but several Guides putted a hole in one! Congratulations to Remi & Lilia the joint winners. Mini Golf was Emilys last regular Guide Meeting before moving up to the Senior Section but before saying goodbye, she and Eloise were presented their Baden Powell Challenge Badges and certificates. Emily will be moving up to the Senior Section so no doubt we'll see her at District events. The Senior Section is for girls aged 14 – 18 who plan and carry out their ideas – recently they held a cook out at Salhouse Broads, went canoeing, held a chocolate themed evening and are shortly going on a day trip to London. To join or find out more contact Gina - windchimes2000@hotmail.com

Several Wroxham Guides joined Rainbows, Brownies and other Guides from Hautbois District on a trip to Banham Zoo. As well as visiting the animals, playing in the park, a few Guides went on the High Wire – a rope course with tricky crossings, before coming down on the aerial runway. A great day had by all.

In the next edition of The Bridge magazine, you'll be able to find out how Wroxham Guides ended the summer term and our plans for the autumn term.

Kate

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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 to book your session now, or email gym@victoryhall.info for other enquiries.

BROADLAND CHESS CLUB

Life at the Broadland Chess Club is usually very slow during the summer months. In the previous newsletter I said that the club would only be open on Mondays, however due to members holidays and other commitments there will be no club nights now until Monday September 4th, however anyone who wants further information or who is interested in joining the club will be able to contact us via the usual methods of Facebook/Twitter or our

Website. From September the club will also be hosting a special league, “The Friendly League”, for those players who are graded under 100, this will give those lower graded players and Juniors a chance to shine.

The in-house tournaments are now finished, with the final of the Broadland Chess Club Championship actually taking place in my dining room and very tense it was too. Roy Hughes versus Ken McEwan, the house had to be quiet, no dogs barking, TV's off etc. After an exciting couple of hours Roy was deemed to be the winner and claimed the trophy.

On July 4th the annual John Scott Memorial Blitz was held at the Norwich High School for Girls. Each player has 5 minutes on the clock in which to defeat his opponent, there were seven rounds to play and Roy Hughes from Broadland also claimed the title here.

July 3rd saw the club's AGM and the presentation of the cups. The photo's show Roy Hughes with his club champion trophy, Bruce Carmen being presented with the trophy for winner of the 2nd Division trophy and Adrian Cornell, receiving the trophy for winner of the 3rd Division. All trophies presented by David Owen.”

ASHMANHAUGH AND BARTON WANDERERS CRICKET CLUB

From the boundary....

Our 2017 cricket season is now in full swing and the 1st XI have now won 7 out of 10 league and matches played. There have been some stupendous performances from what is, for the most part, a very young team. Notably and most recently the club's lead coach and opening 1st team batsman Jordan Everett scored a whopping 179 not out and then went on to take 4 wickets from opposition! He scored more than the entire opposing team managed from their innings.

The 2nd XI have not been so lucky but are optimistic that with a few new signings and the prompt return of some old players they can turn things around.

Our junior section are doing very well this season with the Under 9's winning their league, Under 11's just missing 2nd spot in their league and the Under 13's still battling for a top spot theirs.

The Under 19 T20 Blast Competition is now in full swing with live music and fun evenings planned

June saw the first of our now famous steak barbecue nights kindly sponsored by Tavern Tasty Me. The partying went on into the night and a good time was had by all. All social events and parties on evenings are open to friends, club members, villagers and supporters alike. The more the merrier! Martin our volunteer barman is doing a sterling job!

We have also been joined in the clubhouse by sponsors Broadacres Care Home who kindly provided our 1st team with a delicious tea.

For those interested in participating in club cricket senior training takes place at Barton Turf on Thursdays at 6pm where everyone is welcome to join in.

Junior training will continue throughout the summer on Fridays at Barton Turf from 6pm and as usual the bar will be open and the bbq on the go whenever possible.

We'd love to have you join club members at the bar, watch a match and support the local teams.

All fixtures are on the club website, www.abwanderers.org.uk and up to the minute information can be found on our social media pages – please follow us to keep up to date!

RECORD-BREAKING DONATION FROM COLTISHALL JAGUARS RUNNING CLUB

Members of Coltishall Jaguars Running Club committee were proud to hand-over a cheque for £2000 to the East Anglian Air Ambulance at the end of June.

The money was raised entirely through proceeds from entry fees to the club's annual Mike Groves 10K race on June 4th - which this year saw a record-breaking number of runners take part.

The Jaguars' Club President and founding member Alan Groves said "Each year we have donated money to charity after this race - but this year it is by far the largest amount we have ever been able to give. It is a huge achievement."

Alan organised the original Mike Groves race in 2000 in memory of his son Michael, a talented athlete who died in a traffic accident.

This year's record amount represents the running club's growing success and popularity. Participant numbers in the club's three annual races have increased dramatically since the club established their base at Scottow Enterprise Park, 12 months ago.

Ginny Seppings, Norfolk Fundraising Officer with East Anglia Air Ambulance, was able to show some of the Jaguars committee around the EAAA base at Norwich Airport – although the helicopter itself had been called out.

Accepting the donation on behalf of the EAAA, a charity which receives no direct government funding and is reliant on donations, Ms Seppings thanked the Jaguars and

explained that the £2000 would go a long way towards funding a life-saving mission: “As we say here, together we save lives.”

She went on to add:

“You must be thrilled about the record turn-out to your race, and the positive response to this year’s new features. I’m tempted to sign up for the next one myself!”

The next race is the Jolly Jaguars 10K, to be held on Sunday September 24th at 10am at Scottow Enterprise Park. Runners of all abilities are welcomed and club ‘pacers’ will be on hand to help those who wish to target particular times. Medals are awarded to all finishers including any youngsters who take part in the free 2K Fun-Run for children before the main race.

For more details and an entry form, or for more information about the running club, visit www.coltishalljaguars.co.uk

COUNCIL NEWS

NORTH NORFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL

Message from County & District Councillor Nigel Dixon

Update on Brook Park, Hoveton You may recall there are long standing drainage and landscaping problems which Persimmon has been very reluctant and slow to address but they now propose to carry out extensive engineering work on the central Public Open Space (POS) this Autumn. The work involves replacing poor soil and removing buried building waste from the central open space and re-profiling it to reduce water run-off rates; it also includes re-profiling the Swales and installing deep soak away columns in the Swales and the infiltration ponds. This will create considerable upheaval with the transporting of poor soil out and new topsoil in and in the general excavation of the site. The area will then be reseeded and replanted. Once this work is proven to resolve the drainage problems then the long awaited play area will be installed. The smaller POS areas at the south end of the site will also have soak away columns installed to address surface water pooling problems and this work may be done ahead of the central POS work. This work is the result of Persimmon ignoring local advice on the flooding history of the site and haphazardly dumping all its waste soil and debris in the central POS area, profiling it into mound and calling it “landscaping”!

Waiting List for Garden Refuse Bins I know some Hoveton residents are on a waiting list for a brown waste bin for garden refuse and are rather frustrated at the delay. When NNDC agreed the waste collection contract with Kier, around 2009, the take up rate for garden waste was low but steadily increased over the years so that demand now exceeds the anticipated and agreed capacity. The contract has provision for increases but it now needs another collection vehicle to be funded and NNDC has had to wait for the demand to rise to a level which makes it viable. I can advise that contractual negotiations are

expected to conclude shortly and when another vehicle is available then those on the waiting list can expect to join the service; so do look out for information on this and make sure you are confirmed as on the list.

Car Parking Problems on Tunstead Rd. Many residents and regular users of Tunstead Rd have complained about overspill car parking from Broadland High School (BHS) on Tunstead Rd since earlier this year when an inspection of BHS recommended changes to site security and health and safety arrangements which reduced car parking capacity. I met with the BHS Head in March to explore remedies because the degree of traffic flow disruption and the reduction in road safety and residents amenity wasn't acceptable as a permanent arrangement. While BHS has plans to change its entrance and increase car park capacity it's now clear that this major work will not be done during the 2017 Summer break and thus delayed until at least mid 2018. Hoveton Parish Council has offered alternative car parking places at the adjoining Village Hall but so far BHS hasn't taken it up. I know that all the relevant agencies have been involved but so far the best solution seems to be parking at the Village Hall. There's a question whether such routine parking on Tunstead Rd, and the degree of impact it has on others, contravenes the Road Traffic Act; that point will be explored but I would expect the matter to be resolved without legal recourse. In any event, my position is that it's capable of being resolved by September when BHS resumes and the sugar beet campaign will start soon after, adding extra pressure on traffic flow and road safety.

My contact details, if you wish to raise any other concerns, are: Tel 783885 or e mail: nigel.dixon@norfolk.gov.uk or NigelNDD@aol.com

HOVETON PARISH COUNCIL

Meet Your Councillors!

Last month's interview with the vice-chairman of Hoveton Parish Council, Peter Howe, was unfortunately missing a few questions once published, so it has been reprinted here in its entirety. Peter and his wife Alex moved to Hoveton in 1992. Peter has been a member of the Parish Council since 2011.

What is the best thing about being a Parish Councillor?

"Endeavouring to contribute towards the improvements to facilities within the village and towards helping residents get solutions to their problems."

What do you like most about living in Hoveton?

"It's a vibrant local community with many good shops and great transport links. Best of all, it's on the river, with a lovely Riverside Park."

Who would you most like to be stuck in a lift with?

"Apart from my wife(!), the Dalai Lama."

Who would you least like to be stuck in a lift with?

“Donald Trump!”

What's the most challenging aspect of being a Parish Councillor?

“The frustratingly long time it takes to achieve the improvements we seek and get support from other local authorities. Our new responsibilities looking after the Village Hall are also certainly a challenge with so few councillors to share the load.”

To find out more about becoming a parish councillor for Hoveton, contact the Parish Clerk (07572 349600 or clerk@hoveton-pc.org.uk), or come along to the Council's next meeting.

Contacting Your Council

At its meeting of 3rd July, Hoveton Parish Council agreed new responsibilities for councillors, meaning each parish councillor will now take the lead on additional areas of the Council's work. The updated list of councillors' responsibilities is as follows:

Cllr Martin Richmond (business and neighbourhood planning, governance and finance); Cllr Peter Howe (assets and maintenance, Granary Staithe, footpaths, highways and drains); Cllr Alex Howe (litter and dog refuse, highways and drains, Patient Participation Group representative); Cllr Chris Marshall (planning, grass cutting and landscaping, Riverside and Pocket Park); Cllr Jilly Gourlay (Hoveton Village Hall; schools liaison); Cllr Ann Rogers (Hoveton Village Hall; Hoveton Bowls Club liaison; police liaison).

Hoveton residents with queries or concerns about any of the above areas of work are encouraged to contact the relevant named councillor. If you're not sure who to contact, or if your query isn't related to one of the areas of work noted above, then please get in touch with Lisa Weller, the Parish Clerk. Lisa works part-time, variable hours to meet the demands of her role, so she may not always be able to answer queries right away, but she'll do her very best to get back to you as soon as she can (please note that Lisa will be out of the office from 6th to 20th August inclusive).

Full contact details for the Parish Council can be found on the Council's website (www.hoveton-pc.org.uk) or on the parish noticeboards. Hoveton Parish Council does not currently have any social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter, etc) so the only way to raise your concerns and to see action taken is to contact the Council directly as described above, or to attend a Council meeting. Please do raise any queries or concerns you may have with the Council, because if the Council is not made aware, it cannot take action. The most constructive way of bringing about positive change in Hoveton is to work with your Parish Council!

Taking Action on Road Safety

Hoveton Parish Council continues to liaise with local residents concerning the ongoing problems regarding traffic congestion on Tunstead Road. The Council has offered Broadland High School alternative staff parking facilities at Hoveton Village Hall to help ease the situation, and it will continue to press this offer with the school's staff and its Board of Governors. A highway engineer from Norfolk County Council recently visited Tunstead Road to assess the problem, and the Parish Council is due to meet with him soon to discuss his recommendations and to raise a number of other highway maintenance concerns (including the ongoing problems with surface water flooding at the pedestrian crossing near St John's Primary School).

As previously mentioned in *The Bridge*, a number of local residents have also contacted the Parish Council to raise concerns over speeding traffic in the village, with Tunstead Road, Horning Road and Church Road all identified as problem areas. The Council has asked the Safer Neighbourhood Team to include speeding in Hoveton as one of its new policing priorities. It has also agreed to purchase a SAM2 (speed awareness message) sign, which records speeds and gathers data on road use. In addition to helping with road safety, it is hoped this sign will provide evidence to support the Council's requests for changes to be made to problem roads. The sign must be moved every four weeks, and Cllr Alex Howe and Cllr Martin Richmond have kindly agreed to move the sign between a number of agreed locations and to gather data until a Community Speed Watch team can be formed.

Community Speed Watch offers local people the chance to get involved in speed reduction activities, supported by Norfolk Safety Camera Partnership, Norfolk Police, and the Local Authority. A minimum of six volunteers will be needed for Hoveton's Community Speed Watch team, each willing to contribute a minimum of one hour per week. More information can be found in the Community Speed Watch booklet (www.hoveton-pc.org.uk/reference). Alternatively, call 01603 276 433 (or email communityspeedwatch@norfolk.pnn.police.uk) and ask to speak to the Community Speed Watch Administrator. And if you are interested in setting up a Community Speed Watch scheme for Hoveton, or if you'd like to volunteer to join the Community Speed Watch team, please let your Parish Council know!

Working Together With Wroxham

Given the increasing prevalence of issues that affect both parishes, the Parish Councils of Hoveton and Wroxham have formed the "Wroxham and Hoveton Joint Action Group". This group brings together members of both councils on a monthly basis to discuss matters of mutual interest and importance. The group has already resulted in our councils holding a joint parish surgery, and it is hoped it will lead to more instances where we can support each other and co-operate on important issues.

Our two villages are served by a single set of services under increasing pressure, so it is vital we look at the bigger picture and encourage our District Councils and planning authorities to do the same. If you have any suggestions about issues the Wroxham and Hoveton Joint Action Group could consider, please get in touch with either Parish Council.

Upcoming Meeting Dates – Monday 31st July and Monday 4th September

Hoveton Parish Council's next two meetings will be held on Monday 31st July and Monday 4th September, both a 6.30pm start, in the Jubilee Room at Hoveton Village Hall. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. In the meantime, please visit the Parish Council's website (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

NEWS FROM WROXHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council is alarmed to hear that the idea of a large scale housing development in Wroxham has been resurrected. Broadland District Council has issued a call for development sites throughout its area as it struggles to come up with a five year land supply for new homes required by central government. The same two sites that emerged before have again featured in their "long list". One is a plan to build 20 home on the site of Wroxham Football Club while the other is a plan for 350 new homes on land at the end of The Avenue and linking onto Salhouse Road. The view of the Parish Council and our District councillor Vincent Tapp is that any such development would be unsustainable and is totally unacceptable. Council Chairman Barry Fisk has now written to the head of planning at BDC Phil Courtier. This is his letter:

"On behalf of Wroxham Parish Council I refer to the Broadland's Land Call wherein some 350 homes could be proposed at land to the east of Salhouse Road and bounded by The Avenue. This council opposes the notion that any further major developments can take place in the Parish and crucially a development of this size is unsustainable in our community 350 houses would increase the number of homes in the village by almost 50% which would be an intolerable sudden growth

Wroxham has few community facilities, save for a library. There are no schools, doctor's surgery or bank branches. It has few retail outlets and these are limited to a petrol station that includes a mini-market, gentlemen's hairdressers, florists, veterinary surgery, exclusive gift and art outlet, a boat hire outlet, a small waterside pub and soon to open restaurant adjacent to

Wroxham Bridge.

These facilities are certainly insufficient to sustain a development of some 350 homes.

The site in question abuts Wroxham Broad the main Broad in the National Park. The entire area is one of natural beauty and formed the backbone of the birth of Wroxham's Conservation Area.

Furthermore the main and intermediate roads in the area of development of the village are inadequate and the main roads are gridlocked at peak times especially throughout summer weekends. The NCC Highways Department strongly opposed the road access plan for the present development, Wherry Gardens, and was ignored. This potential new site would only worsen the current situation. Access from Salhouse Road would exacerbate safety issues. Access via The Avenues to the new site is both impractical and undesirable as it is a narrow single track road liable to regular flooding.

The extra traffic movements it would create would have a major adverse impact on the quality of life for those living in The Avenue and local area including Charles Close, Staithe Way Road and Beech Road and throughout the village changing forever the very nature of the Wroxham Conservation Area.

The Avenues is already susceptible to flooding which would be further exacerbated by concreting over fields of this size.

The objections raised against the Wherry Gardens Development still hold good. There has been no infrastructure development since that site for 100 homes was approved.

Development on the Football Ground would not, in our view, present such an adverse impact although accessibility via Skinners Lane, Castle Street, Church Lane and East side of the Avenue all in some way having to access the Norwich Road would not be without major traffic congestion at peak times and increasing the safety issues that come with unsuitable access roads bearing additional traffic.

We have consulted much of our community via the WPC Face Book page. The story about this potential development has been viewed 2,300 times-a record response. Comments left are united in their total opposition to the plan for 350 new homes

BDC is both aware and supportive of WPC's initiative to introduce a Neighbourhood Plan and surrendering this land as part of the call up runs against this endeavour.

WPC strongly requests that BDC do not include this speculative application in its growth plan."

Since receiving the letter Broadland District Council passed us onto Mike Burrell at the Greater Norwich Growth Board, who have responsibility for finding development sites in the great Norwich area, who have responded positively in advance of a formal consultation starting in October. A meeting has been set up for mid-September in partnership with Salhouse and with District Cllr Vincent Tapp & County Cllr Tom Garrod. We hope this response means we should be in a good place for an advanced formal response when formal consultations take place

Wroxham Cemetery

Wroxham Parish Cemetery in Nobel Crescent is running out of space - not immediately but plans need to be made for the future. It's administered by the Parish Council and Cllr Peter Mantle who leads on our Recreation and Amenities Group has arranged for work to be done to improve its look and make it a more peaceful and better tended final resting place.

Heritage Warden

We reported a few months ago that Broadland Council was proposing the idea of Heritage Wardens. Now it looks like the plan will be adopted and we are looking for a volunteer to take up the task. You should be interested in history and keen on community involvement. It's an unpaid post but it promises to be a rewarding role. If you are interested in knowing more please contact our Parish Clerk Clare Male.

Forward Together

As previously reported, the parish councils in Wroxham and Hoveton have got together to form a Joint Action Group to work together on the many problems that we share. One of the first issues we will be tackling is the growing concern over the Norwich Road and the sheer volume of traffic. We are concerned on a number of levels including, congestion, road safety, noise and air pollution levels for those living on or near the main road. Look out for future developments on this and other fronts.

Keep up to date with parish news on our Facebook Page @ourwroxham.

Contact our Parish Clerk Clare Male on 07803 705434. Email:

wroxhamparishcouncil@gmail.com. Web: www.wroxhamparishcouncil.org

ARTICLES & PRESS RELEASES

1ST HOVETON & WROXHAM SCOUT GROUP

The "Bag-pack" at Roys on 17th June raised £600.42, which will be used to buy a new tent and other camping equipment. Thank you to all who contributed and to Roys for allowing us to do it.

Our AGM was held on 27th June and among the presentations were long service awards 20 years to Carol Hughes and Janine Grant, 25 years to Romina Marshall, 30 years to Carole Fleming, 40 years to Nigel Pope. Carole also received "Chief Scout Award" for 30 years service.

Well done to all of them !

Our major fund raising event - Car & Bike show was held on 16th July, the weather was not so kind to us as it has been in most years. Liz Jump kindly did the presentations and oversaw the raffle draw. Nearly 300 cars & bikes were on show and around 1000 adult visitors attended. (Next year`s Car & Bike show will be on Sunday 22nd July 2018).

At time of writing the money was still being counted and not all expenses were in. The money raised will go towards improving facilities at our HQ in Nobel Crescent. Details, when available, will be on our website www.hovetonandwroxhamscouts.org.uk where you can find lots of information about the group."

Unique pedal-powered canoe now available to hire at Belaugh Boatyard **UNIQUE PEDAL-POWERED CANOE NOW AVAILABLE TO HIRE AT BELAUGH BOATYARD**

Belaugh Boatyard is a traditional broadland boatyard which has been running from the site in Belaugh for over 100 years. As well as the building, maintenance and restoration of boats, we have a range of small river craft available for hire, allowing exploration of this beautiful stretch of the River Bure.

An exciting new addition to the fleet for 2017; we are now able to offer the Pedal Boat for hire. This unique pedal-powered canoe has been designed and made in Norfolk by Dad's Boats (www.dadsboats.com), and is a brilliant new way to get out and enjoy the Norfolk Broads. The innovative design allows 2 passengers to sit back and relax in the comfortable seats whilst both pedalling in a forward motion. It is surprising how easy it is to achieve quite a pace as the Pedal Boat slips quietly through the water.

Come and try it for yourself, and get some fresh air and exercise! It is an easy pedal upstream to Coltishall common for a picnic, icecream or a visit to the riverside pubs; or a slightly longer pedal downstream to Wroxham and all it has to offer. The river is quiet, picturesque and unspoilt, and we regularly see kingfishers and otters.

Also available are 'Grace' our 6-seater motorised dayboat, and 'Amelie' our rowing boat for 2-3 people.

For more information and to book, please contact Belaugh Boatyard on 01603 781583 or 07519534601, email theboatyardbelaugh@yahoo.com, or visit our website www.belaughboatyard.com.

HOVETON VILLAGE HALL

So much happening.....so little space to tell you in!

Things are starting to liven up at the Hall.....for the first time ever we now have a waiting list for potential users!

And.....now this is the exciting bit.....we've got a LICENCED BAR!! Peter

will be running it in the Shields Room. He's also providing a WIDE SCREEN TV, comfy chairs and light food. So if you'd like to book the hall for a party or an event - Peter would be very happy to run the bar for you - just ask Margaret for more details.

We're also connecting to WIFI - get us!

The Zumba classes are expanding and Debby is now doing BODY BOUNCE classes as well as her normal exercise evenings.

Lucy will be starting YOGA ON THE PARK on Thursday evening, starting on 3rd August - weather permitting. Everyone is welcome! Mats provided. If you'd like to book a space, please ring Lucy on 07554434803

Jessica's Wish are having their annual charity day on the Park, it's a 1st for us - there will be live bands, a beer tent and many more things to do and see on Saturday 29th July 12-8 - everyone is welcome.

We also will be having a private function in the evening, it'll be a busy time round the Hall that day, so you may have extra parking going on around and about.

The Lions are holding their FETE on Sunday 13th August. It's a Family fun day with dog agility show and lots more fun! Come along and have a lovely day out.

Many CONGRATULATIONS to our very own football club - THE WHERRYMEN. They

have now gone up the league and have a very exciting season ahead of them.

They've played 3 friendlies so far, winning against Reepham and Buxton and coming a very close second against Wroxham. Well done Lads!

THE WHERRYMEN would love your support on the touch line so if you fancy a wander down, they next play on TUESDAY, 15th AUGUST @ 6.30pm and

The BAR will always be open on match days!

We're hoping the Hall will be painted, the floor revarnished, with the badminton court re marked ..giving the Hall a much needed freshen up ready for Autumn.

Jimm Cobb has been working tirelessly behind the scenes. The Stage is now looking better than it has done in years....if anyone wants to start up an Amateur Dramatic Company - it's ready and waiting for you! It would be brilliant to have shows on at the Hall.

I've put in for a grant from Santander to get a new kitchen....so keep your fingers crossed; that would be nice would'nt it.

THE TOUR OF NORFOLK is coming to Hoveton on Sunday 20th August. YAY! The race will be starting and finishing @ Hoveton Hall....but our facilities will be used to provide parking for around 400 cars. It's going to be incredibly busy around Hoveton but if you want a prime spot to watch

everything....come on down - the bar will be open, fresh coffee and cakes will be available and there will be ice cream! Sounds like a brilliant afternoon to me!

If you have any plants or shrubs you could donate , we would love to have them....we plan to put in some flower beds and if we get further grants - come on all you local business' help us out here - some picnic tables and benches, giving the field a softer look, thus creating a Park.

So from now on folks...our place is going to be known as HOVETON VILLAGE HALL & PARK

If you'd like to come and give us a hand at helping to transform this wonderful amenity, please ring me on 07818214277. It would be lovely to see you.

If you'd like to hire the Hall or Park, please contact Margaret on 01603 784100

Jilly Gourlay

AUGUST ACTIVITIES AT THE MUSEUM HERE IN STALHAM

On Wednesdays 09, 16, 23 and 30 August we have an inspirational **Art Activity Workshop Event**. Each Wednesday the free workshop, led by a specialist artist, will feature watercolour painting, sculpture, textiles with natural materials, and coloured pencil drawing on each day, so come along. The workshops are for children and grownups. It's a day to develop your skills or maybe start a new hobby.

The **Vikings Day** on Sunday 13th is a chance to dress up in costumes to recreate the Vikings that were in our area in the 9th century. With plenty of activities and fun for all the family!

The ever popular **Shantymen Concert** is set for Saturday 19th. Come along for an evening of Norfolk entertainment together with a bar. Tickets are £10.

Sunday 27th and Monday 28th August bank holiday features a steam boat trip on our steam boat Falcon to the **Barton Regatta**. You will have the unique opportunity to watch the racing from the water. Tickets are £7.50, children £5.00.

Falcon River Trips Sunday to Friday in August. Enjoy a unique river trip on board our own Victorian steam boat, Falcon. Spot wildlife and revel in the sounds of steam whilst on the river. Daily (except Saturdays) in August. Bring a picnic by the river and soak up the sun! Phone the Museum to book your place: 01692 581681.

1 hour trips (10.30 to 1.30) Adult: £4.50, Child: £2.50, Family: £13

1/2 hour trips (2.30 & event days) Adult: £3.50, Child £2.50, Family: £13

The Museum celebrates 21 years here in Stalham. Local sponsors are providing magnificent prizes for our raffle, so please do support our Heritage site when you visit us. Look out for the souvenir magazine too!

Check out our Trip Adviser reviews, keep up to date with the news on Facebook or Twitter @MuseumBroads. Full details of all events are on our website www.museumofthebroads.org.uk. #makeitstalham this August.

Museum of the Broads, Stalham Staithe, NR12 9DA.

THE PRESTON ROOMS – THE VILLAGE HALL

Hopefully by the time you are reading this we will have had a great Village Fete and raised much needed funds for St Swithins and the Preston Rooms.

The Ashmanhaugh Antiques Night was once again a very pleasurable evening. Our 'expert' from Keys in Aylsham, was both knowledgeable and amusing. We had a varied collection of objects from which we learnt a great deal – mainly that none of us would be retiring to the Seychelles just yet!

We are holding a Coffee Morning on August 5th, 10am to 12 noon. Please come along and support us if you can.

The Potato Weigh-In and Supper on August 10th is always good fun, especially if you actually have some potatoes in your bucket after all these months of watering and nurturing. The difference in weights is interesting to say the least, and the dishes brought for supper, containing potatoes, are always very good. This event is held on a Thursday, so put it on your calendar, 7pm in the Preston Rooms.

Whilst on the subject of growing, don't forget to make a note of the Village Show on September 9th. Schedules for Entry will be sent out shortly.

Sue Watts

Secretary

BRIDGE VETS

Holidays and your pet.

It is that time of year when we all start to have our summer holidays, but what of our pets?

Kennels or cattery? Neighbour or pet sitter to check at home? What about taking them with you?

If they are to go into a kennels or cattery, then make sure their vaccines are up to date – including kennel cough for dogs – most kennels will want this vaccine to be given at least 2 weeks before their stay, also make sure their flea, tick and worming treatments are up to date so they do not bring back any holiday gifts! Ensure you have enough of any medications they need for the duration of your break too.

These are some of our tips:

- If your pet has never stayed at a kennel/cattery before, think about a trial night for one night. This will help your pet to realise that you are coming back.
- Familiarise your cat with their basket; consider putting a few treats inside.
- If the kennels allow it, take your pet's own bed.
- Take some of your pet's favourite toys or provide a worn item of clothing to reassure your pet with a familiar scent.
- Consider using a pheromone diffuser or a calming product such as Nutracalm®
- Get references, insurance details and meet the people that will be caring for your pet in advance.
- Can they accommodate any special needs – including giving any medications?

Lots of people now like to take their pets with them. If you are planning to take your pet on holiday consider getting a suitable cat carrier or dog crate and practice using it on short journeys to allow your pet to be accustomed to their surroundings in preparation for longer journeys. Be aware that many pet friendly hotels and holiday cottages will not allow pets to remain unattended – and if they do, may insist on them remaining in a cage, so check their policies before you book. Ensure microchip details are up to date – most microchip companies will also allow the addition of temporary addresses, however as a minimum ensure the mobile number they hold for you is correct.

Pet passports allow pet owners to take their cats, dogs and ferrets to other EU countries and return home without their pet having to go into quarantine. Your pet will need to be microchipped and vaccinated against rabies at least 3 weeks prior to travel and be issued with an official pet passport certified by an authorised veterinary surgeon. In addition other treatment will probably also be advisable to protect your pet against exotic diseases and parasites – for example Leishmania and heartworm, both of which are endemic in southern Europe and can be preventable. Do not forget that you will need to get your pet treated for tapeworm and the passport certified by a vet prior to your return to the UK.

Please call us on 01603 783920 to book an appointment with a vet to discuss further details about the pet passport scheme, or check the website www.gov.uk/take-pet-abroad. You will need to book an appointment at least 3 weeks prior to your holiday if you do not currently have a valid pet passport.

Wherever you choose to take them, find the details of a local vet before you travel and keep them handy – hopefully you will not need them for any emergency, but it is useful to know where they are before the need arises! Don't forget that you will also still need the usual precautions against heat stroke, sunburn and so on, but above all ENJOY IT

David Martin BVM&S MRCVS
Bridge Veterinary Practice

WESTOVER VETERINARY CENTRE

Here at Westover Vets we are fortunate to be one of only a very small number of practices in Norfolk with access to keyhole surgery. Otherwise known as laparoscopy, it involves the use of delicate instruments and small cameras to perform surgery through tiny holes in the abdomen (see photo). The advantages for our patients are huge. Research has shown key hole spaying is 70% less painful than traditional techniques, there is also less trauma associated with the surgery, which reduces the risks and speeds the recovery process. This is probably why key hole surgery is the first choice for human medicine. Having performed both techniques for a number of years I can say that there is little debate over which has the greater benefits, but this is not its only use in our pets.

In fact, we also utilise the technique to obtain biopsies of abdominal organs, particularly in patients with liver disease. Liver disease itself varies hugely in its severity and how it presents, but often the only way to get real information about the liver is to obtain a biopsy. For many people the idea of putting their pet through open surgical biopsies and the recovery period that follows is too much. However, we can obtain key hole biopsies far more quickly, less invasively and with fewer risks and the results we have obtained have enabled us to accurately and quickly treat our patients with liver disease. Not all conditions are curable, but we have recently treated a beautiful 8 year old female Labrador who has completely recovered from her liver condition following accurate diagnosis.

If you would like any more information regarding key hole spays for your female dog or regarding any other condition, then do not hesitate to contact the surgery on 01692 403202.

Toby Morrell MRCVS Westover Veterinary Centre

NOTICES

PAULINE GLEN-WEST (OF FORMER WATER BIRD RESCUE)

sadly passed away on 9th July 2017.

She will be greatly missed.

Forever in the hearts of Keith, Melanie, Milo and Andy.

HOVETON BOWLS CLUB SUNDAY 9TH JULY 2017

On the night of Sunday 9th July at approx 11.20 p.m. a partly filled skip was overturned in the car park of Hoveton Village Hall. The Police have been informed.

This was a senseless act and the people who did this have only made extra work for the senior members of the club. We do not need this kind of antisocial behaviour in our village.

On 12 July I lost my front door key (it must have fallen out of my bag en route to the medical centre or subsequently to Read's pharmacy.) I retraced my steps, but not finding it, reported the loss to the police, not really holding out much hope. Next day, I had a call from Hoveton police station to say my key had been handed in. To the thoughtful person(s) who handed in a door key with a knitted donkey's head fob, thank you - you have restored my flagging faith in human nature!

All best wishes,

Carol-Mary Fraser

ST. MARY'S CHURCH CHOIR

have vacancies for a few more singers.

Choir practice is on a Friday 7pm - 8pm together with a morning service on Sundays.

New comers will be made most welcome.

For further details contact Choirmaster & organist Matthew Bond,

email matthewd.bond: yahoo.com

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:

The Harvest seems to get earlier - and gets done quicker - every year. As we go to press "all is safely gathered in - some is troshed and gone to Lynn" as one local version of the well-known Harvest hymn had it. So here's an appropriate picture by Cecily May Barker from her "*Children's Book of Hymns*" first published in 1929 when Harvest was still about golden sheaves, four-legged horsepower, and the whole village pitching in. The old feast of Lammas, with its pagan origins in *Lughnasadh* to honour of Lugh the Celtic craftsman god, was usually celebrated on August 1st but in reality was a 'moveable feast' to be celebrated any time up to September: in the Christianized version of 'loaf-mass' the first sheaf of the harvest was cut, the grain milled and made into bread which was presented at church. The modern idea of the Harvest Festival can be traced back to Rev. Robert Stephen Hawker at Morwenstow in Cornwall in 1843. Parson Hawker was a deeply compassionate man, much loved though eccentric, who wrote *The Song of the Western Men* - and excommunicated his cat for mousing on a Sunday. Cecily May Barker was a 20th century artist whose prolific output was much in the same line as Wroxham's own Agnes Gardner King: she is chiefly remembered for her immortal "*Flower Fairies*" books, but we hope to feature some of her lesser-known work in "*The Bridge*" over the next 12 months. *Nick Walmsley.*

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Date for your diary. Thursday October 19th 2017. 7.30 pm.

Wroxham, Church Hall.

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'Belle of Boston'

>> **Local WW11 historian Trevor Hewitt will give a very interesting account of the fate of the 'Belle of Boston' a B24 Liberator aircraft belonging to the 458th Bomb Group.**

>> **This aircraft took off from Horsham St Faith airfield (now.Norwich Airport) on the 8th May 1944 at 6.16 am, on a bombing mission with 10 crew on board.**

>> **It was in the air for only one minute and after having an engine failure crashed into the village of Frettenham.**

>> **Trevor will give a detailed account of the crash and how his father and local villagers managed to rescue some of the crew members.**

>> **Trevor will also bring to the talk many artefacts recovered from the area and also tell of the visits the crew member families have made to the crash site. He will will also have in his possession an extremely interesting 'Letter of Thanks'**

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A talk not to be missed.

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>> **All proceeds to St Mary's Church Wroxham. £6 including light refreshment.**

FREE TASTER SESSION WITH VOICEMALE

Voicemale is a friendly bunch of men who love to sing together. Not a male voice choir in the conventional sense, we have an exciting and eclectic repertoire from many traditions, including African-American Gospel music, and folk songs from Corsica, Zimbabwe, Ireland, Wales, Georgia and the Basque country. All our songs are unaccompanied and we learn them by ear, so there's no need to read music, although sometimes this is available for those who want it. We're led by Stephanie Anderson, who also leads Trinity Broads Singers and Scunslata.

We meet in Aylsham on Saturday mornings - usually the 2nd, 4th and 5th Saturday of the month. After our summer break, we'll be starting the new season with a free Taster Session on Saturday 9th September at the Salvation Army Hall on Hungate Street, Aylsham, from 10.30 to 12.30. You are cordially invited to come along and see whether you like singing with us!

More information is at <http://www.stephanie-anderson.co.uk/Choirs/voicemale>

HORNING CINEMA AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Friday 11th August 2017 “WHAT WE DID ON OUR HOLIDAY” starring Rosamund Pike, David Tennant, Billy Connolly and Ben Miller. Doug and Abi take their kids on a family vacation. Surrounded by relatives, the kids innocently reveal the ins and outs of their family life and many intimate details about their parents....

Doors open 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 start. Cert, 12A running time 91 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 and nibbles available to purchase or bring your own refreshments.

Friday 15th September 2017 Screening “JACKIE”

Manchester

In Manchester, that fine city, the floral tributes grow

In majesty their wondrous colours displayed, row on row

Up high the skylark still bravely sings, oblivious to the tragedy below

We are the dead, short days ago we lived, loving & were loved

Saw dawn & and the evening glow, joyous with music in our ears, now we are no more!

To you we throw the flaming sword of justice

Hold it high & in your fight remember us who died.

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