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Belaugh St. Peter

BELAUGH HARVEST

followed by

HARVEST SUPPER

Sunday September 24th at 6.30 pm

MOTHERS' UNION – WROXHAM BENEFICE BRANCH

On Tuesday, 19th September we will have our AGM (earlier than usual) and do some forward-planning for our activities next year. 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 September Coffee Morning for Hoveton St John Church will be held in the Church on Wednesday 13th September from 10.30am. There will be the usual Raffle, Bring and Buy Stall and Cake 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 Ann Hindley. A warm welcome awaits you.

ST MARY'S COFFEE MORNING

to be held on 18th September in the Church Hall.

From 10.00am, admission £2.00.

Cakes, preserves, Raffle, Bring & Buy stalls.

All are welcome.

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

Sun 3rd , 11am Service led by Revd Malcolm Wright

Sun 10th, 11am

Service led by Revd Bruno Boldrini

Sun 17th, 11am Harvest festival Service led by Canon Peter Howard

Sun 24th 11am

Service led by Revd Bruno Boldrini

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

Our weekly **Community Café on a Thursday 10.30-12.00**, is a great opportunity to meet up with friends over a coffee and slice of homemade cake. It's free – all we ask for is a small donation towards the costs. All are welcome! Any surplus money is given to charity and so far we have been able to support several local and national charities with our donations

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

JAM dates for September are Sundays 10th and 24th from 10.45 to 12.15 in the church hall. Do also join us for our family service Harvest festival on 17th.

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 September 6th 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: meets 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.

St Helen's 7th Annual Pilgrimage for Our Lady of Penafrañcia: this year takes place on Sunday September 17th: the Fluvial Procession down the River Bure will be at 9.00am followed by the Pilgrimage through the village with the Statue of Our Lady and Mass at St Helen's around 12.30pm - see poster. and expect around 500 pilgrims from the Filipino communities in the east of England. The Pilgrimage is open to all, but please be advised that all three of the big Broads Tours boats are now fully booked - anyone who would like to swell the numbers of the flotilla in their own boat would be made very welcome.

BROADGRACE CHURCH

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Services: We meet each Sunday at 4pm in The River Rooms in Coltishall, the old Salvation Army Hall opposite the garage in the centre of the village. Come along and you and your family will find a warm welcome, a friendly bunch of people and the chance to think about the spiritual, significant issues of life. See www.broadgrace.org.uk 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>>

This September sees new and exciting things at Wroxham Library! 'Wroxham Time Travellers' is a new friendly group for older people, meeting on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month at 2pm – 4pm; an opportunity to share memories of local life over a cup of tea and a biscuit, this group is ideal for those interested in local history or those who would simply like to meet new, like-minded people. We will be collecting stories to go on www.historypin.org <<http://www.historypin.org>>, an online archive that shares stories and photos from communities all over the world – if you have any photos you would like to bring along we would love to see them and we will be looking at local photos from 'Picture Norfolk', such as this one taken around 1888 of Wroxham Bridge. This event is free (including refreshments) and is dementia friendly. If you, a neighbour, friend or family member finds it difficult to get out and about these days, we may also be able to help with transport to and from the library. If you are something of a local historian, we also have 'The Friendly Invasion on Film – American Airmen in Norfolk' on Friday 22nd September; and if you need some gentle exercise we also have a FREE Extend Exercise Class - Seated Exercise

class for the over 60's to Music starting on Monday 11th September – see listings for further details for both these events.

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.

Medal Ceremony

For all of you who have successfully read six books over the summer holiday there is a certificate and a medal waiting for you at our medal ceremony which is taking place on Friday September 15th from 4.15 - 5pm. If you would like to attend the Medal Ceremony, please let us know so we can prepare your goodies, or come at 4pm for registration. For all those unable to attend, your medal and certificate will be available the next time you visit the library.

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 2nd September 10 - 11.30am. The next session after that will be Saturday 7th October 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.

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 7th and 21st September 2.00- 4.00pm, please bring your own project.

Crib Club (Cribbage card game) - new players welcome - Thursday 14th September 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. (28th September) 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.

The Friendly Invasion on Film - American Airmen in Norfolk

Friday 22nd September, 5.30pm. Come and enjoy a new compilation of archive film footage from the East Anglian Film Archive with Libby Morgan, Trust Librarian of the 2nd Air Division Memorial Library. Booking essential and payable in advance. £2 for library members, £3 for non-members.

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>>
Thank you.

CLUB NEWS

HOVETON WROXHAM AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Regrettably only 11 members enjoyed an interesting and informative talk on Conifers for the Small Garden by Mr Churchill. August seems a busy time for many people, next year we will omit this month from the calendar. Congratulations for Mrs Maureen Wilson for winning the Bloom of the Month competition.

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS A CHANGE TO THE DATE OF THE AUTUMN SHOW, THIS WILL NOW BE FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 1ST. Entries accepted between 6.30. and 7.30.p.m. Judging between 7.30.p.m. and 8.30p.m. followed by presentation of trophies. We will not be having a speaker. refreshments will be taken and the committee will arrange an interesting period of time when the judging takes place.

Please try and support this show, members are dwindling, likewise exhibits, it would be excellent to report a successful show.

More details from Pam on 01603 782041.

GARDENING TIPS FOR JULY

This is a nice time of year with plenty of colour still in the garden. There are cooler evenings and not so much watering is needed. Whilst writing this article an inch of rain has fallen yesterday and today.

Summer bedding should be giving you plenty of enjoyment, keep dead heading eg begonias, geraniums and marigolds. Also, plants like dahlias, chrysanthus and roses need dead heading too.

With your perennials, trim stems that have flowered and pull away any dying leaves.

If you haven't trimmed your hedges, like beech, leylandii and hornbeam, there is still time.

Give your privet and lonicera their final cut.

Think about what spring bulbs you would like while there is a wide choice available.

Some lawns have been stressed. They should be greening up soon and we can then start thinking about our autumn maintenance later this month.

In the veg area, lift any remaining onions and shallots.

Plant spring cabbage and sow overwintering onions.

Keep picking beans and harvest courgettes and marrows.

Lift your main crop potatoes.

Take down any nets from bushes that have finished fruiting.

If your apples are ready, start harvesting your early varieties.

Pick blackberries, autumn raspberries and conference pears.

If you don't cover your pond in summer, now is a good time to put a net over ready to stop those falling leaves from entering your pond.

You may be anticipating large renovation work or major clearing in your garden. Plan ahead, decide what is the best plan of action and you could now start cutting the area down so it's ready for the next stage.

Enjoy your garden this autumn and remember the nights are pulling in fast.

Michael Ottaway, Chairman

WROXHAM FLOWER CLUB

will be meeting at The Church Hall, Wroxham, at 7.30 pm on 13th September when Wendy Goodliff from Spalding is demonstrating her floral arrangements with the theme, 'A Stitch in Time'.

Wendy's beautiful arrangements will be raffled so there is the chance of taking home a wonderful display. Refreshments follow the demonstration including excellent cakes.

New members and visitors are very welcome to our meetings and the AGM.

If you would like further information we would be happy to hear from you or just come along on the night.

Please contact: Lynn Hands on 01603 722582 or Pamela Poulton on 01603 782063

WROXHAM BURE VALLEY ROTARY CLUB

Our next big charity fund raiser takes place on Sunday September 10th from 2pm to 6pm – a picnic in the park at Sloley Hall, courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Gorton, when Hayley Moss and Terry Adams will be providing the musical accompaniment. It is bring your own picnic but cakes, wine, teas and coffee will be on sale. Proceeds from this charity event will be going to Hope and other local charities supported by Rotary. Tickets cost £10 for adults, children under 16 free, as is car parking. Tickets are available from Hazel on 01692670616, Anne on 07887523071 and Abbotts Estate Agents in Hoveton 01603783838.

We recently held a summer barbecue at the home of David Prichard for members, partners and guests, which District Governor Robert Lovick attended. We were delighted to present Paul Harris awards to two of our members for exceptional service to community projects, here and overseas. David Prichard and Simon Gorton were the deserving recipients and we congratulate them on their achievements.

Advanced warning of an event later in the year - we are holding a quiz in Horning Village hall on Friday 17th November....more details next time but keep the date clear!

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 for more information and details of our exciting programme for 2017, or our Facebook page on www.facebook.com/wroxhamburevalleyrotaryclub or contact our president, Joyce Plant on 01692 630152. There is no better way to give something back to the local community...and no better time than now.

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.

Our special speaker this month was Dr Fiona Cawkwell from University College Cork, Ireland, and the daughter of our late incoming president Barry Cawkwell. Fiona had promised Barry she would visit our club and give us a (not too technical) introduction to “satellite imagery”.

Fiona trained as a Geographer, completing a MSc in Remote Sensing and a PhD in the use of satellite imagery to monitor changes in cloud cover over the Greenland ice sheet. She moved to Ireland and became a lecturer at University College Cork in January 2006, after spending

2.5 years as a researcher in Canada which included 2 six-week field seasons camping on an Arctic ice cap collecting data on ice cover.

She took us through the history of Remote Sensing, starting with WW1 pigeons strapped with cameras, followed by the development of radar during WW2, and spy satellites of the 1960s Cold War. Present day civilian uses that many are familiar with include Google Earth, graphics in media reports and weather forecasting. Fiona went on to explain how different applications of Remote Sensing rely on different types of energy, for example atmospheric ozone detection uses ultra-violet radiation, changes in glacier positions uses visible light, crop discrimination uses near infra-red radiation and soil moisture measurements uses microwave radiation. Fiona showed a fascinating series of images of night time lights from Syria which highlighted the impacts of war on electricity availability, as well as a four-decade long series of images from the Brazilian rainforest illustrating the spread of deforestation. She finished with some comments on the benefits of Remote Sensing to the UK as well as some thoughts on the future of the subject at a local and global scale, and how it is increasingly becoming part of our everyday lives, whether we are aware of it or not.

After a round of questions a round of applause and our thanks to Fiona for making this special trip to her dad's old club

We also welcomed back John Smyth and were pleased to introduce new prospective member Bob Jennings (our speaker last October on the Royal British Legion).

Next month we look forward to welcoming back Dr John Clements for his presentation of Cromwell (the Lord Protector not Henry 8's mate)

We were again pleased to welcome new member Bob Jennings

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

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

WHB TWINNING ASSOCIATION

French Conversation will resume this month, at 7.30pm, on the second Wednesday after a break for our Twinning trip to **La Pommeraye and Montjean-sur-Loire**. We have decided to hold afternoon, instead of evening, meetings from November to February or March and these will be on the first Wednesday: please contact Jane on 01603 782496 or

jane@youatt.co.uk for any further information. **Book Club** will follow the same pattern on the last Wednesday of the month: in August we discussed "Sleeper's Castle" by Barbara Erskine at Marie's in Sutton. Sue will provide more information, and we do have a couple of vacancies, on 01603 738555 or sue@kemp.org.uk.

At time of going to press, we are still two days from our Twinning visit so details next month. I'm sure we will have a great time, the weather forecast looks good on the Loire and we have a very interesting programme of events to look forward to: perhaps not so much the 5am start! Unfortunately, two of our founding members have had to withdraw and we all wish Sue a speedy recovery: they will be missed. Please contact us via Peter, our chairman, for any more details on 01603 782733 or peter_c_milsted@talk21.com

WROXHAM SOCIAL CLUB

What a fabulous day we had on Saturday 5th August. 53 friends from Tamworth descended us for a day of Bowls, Snooker, Crib and Darts. I'm pleased to say that Wroxham won all of the trophies. They kindly donated a raffle and the proceeds to our club and drank us dry. Our members provided an amazing buffet. The Naval songs sang with gusto nearly raised the roof. Thank you to everyone who took part, helped and provided such wonderful food. Looking forward to next year, when we have recovered.

More helpers needed on 1st Saturday in every month to maintain the club. Please, if you can spare a couple of hours to help out in any way, from 9-30am. (Especially Bowlers, it is your green) Inside cleaning and painting also need. Many Hands.....

Jumble Sale 9th September 11am. (Help, Jumble and Cakes needed please).
AGM will be in November.

Future events:- 2nd September Bingo....9th September Jumble Sale....16th September Quiz n Chips. Tables of 4. **Please phone to book a table and to order your food.** 23rd September Bingo....30th September Bring your Antiques for Valuation. 7th October Whist.... 14th October Bingo.... 21st October 10 Pin ~ Wii.... 28th October Music Quiz with Fish n Chips. Tables of 4. **Please phone to book a table and to order food.** 4th November Bingo. 11th November Crib. 18th November Jeff's Quiz n Chips. Tables of 4. **Please phone to book a table and to order food.**

Non members welcome to our Quiz n Chips, Antiques evening, Bingo etc.
Bingo starts 8pm. All other events 7-30pm. Quiz nights 7pm for 7-30 start. Friday night is Darts night 7-30pm & Snooker. (Snooker available most nights).

Phone me for more information. New Members over 16yrs. Membership is £26 for a year due in December, joining as a new member later in the year, the fee is pro rata. Half price for 16-17 year olds. Temporary Membership £5 per week. Deductible from full membership. There are two full size Snooker tables, Table Tennis, Lawn Bowls, Darts, Social Events etc. Club members are entitled to use all club facilities. Bowls, Leisure and Social.

For more information please contact Rosemary Burdett (Chairman) 419811 or Jean Barnett (Bowls Secretary) 720810 Or any other member or committee member.

BADMINTON

Come and join a friendly group of people who play for exercise and fun on Wednesday evenings at Broadland High School, Hoveton. The new term starts on the 13th September, and we hope that new players (except beginners) and current members will come and support this local club. Tel: 01603 782606 for more details.

BARTON HOUSE RAILWAY

www.bartonhouserailway.org.uk
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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

A cheque to the value of £112.50 has been given to St. Nicholas Church Bradwell being half the fares taken (with BHR2 portable track) at the Community Fete on Saturday 10th June and the sum of £110 was raised for BHR at the 75th Birthday celebration Concert held at St. Nicholas Church on Saturday 8th July. (this was half of the donations total). The July running on Sunday 16th was not one of our best days due to the poor weather being very "drizzly" most of the time. This resulted in a poor attendance and takings all round not quite reaching £215, the worst for some time. Stalham Brass Band had again arranged to attend. The heavy drizzle stopped in time for the staff BBQ which Ian & Sue Wells had arranged following the running and thanks go to them for providing this. BHR2 portable track attended the Worstead Festival on Saturday & Sunday 29th. & 30th. July. This was a new venue which had been thought about for some time and for which a generous donation was given. This event proved to be an exceptional success when a total of just over 952 rides were given which reflected this attraction to a steam railway. As usual a handful of staff coped really well with a very busy two days and thankfully with reasonable weather. Transportation, setting up and clearing up is

always a thankless task and all those staff involved are thanked for their dedication and support. On Tuesday 1st August staff visited The Parklands Miniature Railway at Hemsby to enjoy travelling the extensive 7¼" gauge track layout with a BBQ to follow. A wide range of locomotives and stock were operating including a couple of locomotives owned by BHR staff. This event was all with thanks to the Witheridge family for their kind invitation. A further Junior Club event was planned for Saturday 19th August from 11am - 2pm which would be a fun day with participation in as many activities as possible. On Thursday 31st August BHR would be hosting a party of 30 from The Railtrail Group arriving by train at Hoveton & Wroxham. A visit to Wroxham Signalbox and BHR boat service would be included with refreshments provided at BHR.

**OUR NEXT RUNNING IS ON SUNDAY 17th SEPTEMBER
FOLLOWED BY OUR ANNUAL EVENING RUNNING ON
SATURDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER AT 6.30pm.**

A magical event with the railway & signals alight with many traditional railway oil lamps.
Also a BBQ and other side stalls.

WROXHAM WI

The title of the talk at the July meeting of Wroxham WI had members intrigued, "Miss Reeve's own battle", who was Miss Reeve and what was her battle. Speaker, Georgette Vale, told the story of the formation of the Stanford Battle Area in Breckland, Norfolk when in 1942 the Ministry of Defence turned out from their farms and homes about 1000 people to create an army training area. Farmers and tenants were compelled to leave their homes in three villages with only two weeks notice but with an unequivocal promise that they would return when the war was over. One tenant farmer was Miss Reeve who maintained the fight not to leave and then to return to her home. Miss Reeve and all the tenants were betrayed by the British Government as no one has ever returned to the villages and tragically she took her own life. Members enjoyed hearing a report from Pam Parfitt, our link delegate from Thorpe End WI, on the proceedings of the WI AGM held at Liverpool in June. She reported that both resolutions supported by Wroxham members earlier in the year, on tackling loneliness and supporting research into microplastic waste had received majority support. The enjoyable social month of August is now past but plenty to look forward to - an Autumn Federation meeting at Sheringham, Quiz nights and plans for a Broadland Group Christmas extravaganza in early December. The September meeting is at the Church Hall, Norwich Road, Wroxham at 2.30 pm on Wednesday 29th September when Robert Smith will speak on Wells Harbour. If you have not been before or are new to the area do come along for a taste of WI life and friendship. You will be very welcome. Jean Watson

HOVETON & DISTRICT WI

July and August have been busy months for the ladies of Hoveton W.I.

On Wednesday 2nd August - our regular first Wednesday of the month date - several of us, together with some husbands, travelled on the no. 12 bus to visit Norwich Cathedral and

Close. Some of us enjoyed looking at the Cathedral and others walked to Pulls Ferry and along the river bank. We all joined together in the Cathedral Refectory for afternoon tea, chat and chuckles before returning home.

On Wednesday 30th August we have a coach trip to Springfields Outlet Shopping and Festival Gardens when we will have time to look at the gardens and (perhaps more importantly!) shop.

On Saturday 29th July several members represented Hoveton W.I. with a successful stall at Jessica's Wish charity day at Hoveton Village Hall.

Sunday 13th August saw our Institute represented at the Wroxham & Hoveton Lions Club Summer Fete at the Hoveton Village Playing Field. Our 'Books & Jigsaws' stall drew the crowds and the W.I. ladies making teas and coffees in the Village Hall lost count of how many they made! Our thanks to the Lions for running such a successful village event.

At our September meeting at 2 p.m. Wednesday 6th September at Hoveton Village Hall we will be welcoming a 'Friend of Happisburgh Lighthouse' to tell us all about it. Visitors are very welcome.

On Monday 11th September our Lunch Club meets and later in the month the Craft Group gets together.

For further details please contact 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.

HOVETON & DISTRICT CONSERVATIVE COFFEE CLUB

Our next meeting at The Wroxham Hotel will be on Thursday 28th September at 10.30 a.m when our speaker, Mr. Fred Lunt will talk on Can Manufacturing. Contact Tel. No. 01603 783490

1ST WROXHAM GUIDES

The last meeting of the summer term was run by Cressida and Leanne who are working towards the Baden Powell Award. They were completing a Healthy Life style clause – organising a sports competition with another Patrol. Although it supposedly summer, it wasn't a particularly warm evening at the end of July but at least it was dry and the Guides enjoyed various games and relays before playing their version of Capture the Flag. There was just time for an ice cream, before the Guides star burst in various directions for the summer holidays.

During August, the leaders met to look ahead to the autumn term. The Guides came up with lots of suggestions of activities they would like to do and squeezing them into the programme will be a challenge. Ideas included fitness activities – basketball to zumba; outdoor events – bat walks, fire lighting and a trail; thought provoking ideas included a Crystal Maze themed evening and a quiz night; global activities suggestions included holding an international evening with traditional crafts and food as well as trying to fit in a Go For It, a camp, holiday and an outing! We asked the Guides who they thought would make good Patrol Leaders which will necessitate a slight reshuffle of the patrols as Emily and Eloise, who were both Patrol Leaders, have decided now is the time to move up to the Senior Section. We wish them well and look forward to seeing them at future joint events.

The August BH weekend sees a few Wroxham Guides heading to the New Forest where they will be joining hundreds of other Guides and Senior Section members at Wellies and Wristbands. This is an exclusive Girlguiding camp which aims to give both girls and volunteers the full festival experience. That means live bands, a pamper zone, hot tubs, a Leaders Lounge, cinema screenings, huge inflatables, zip-lining and much much more. Hopefully it will be more Wristbands than Wellies!

At our first full meeting mid September, we look forward to welcoming Jessica who has recently moved into Wroxham and finalising the autumn term programme. To find out how we get on, you'll need to read the next edition of The Bridge magazine

Kate

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GO FOR GOLD!

Sorry, it's highly unlikely that your local community gym can make

you into an Olympic athlete, and you won't be competing against anyone but yourself, BUT you can be a winner. You CAN get fitter, healthier, stronger and lighter, and achieving those goals can feel like winning a medal. It doesn't have to be a marathon either, just a few hours a week can make all the difference.

Neatishead Community Gym is a local, friendly, low key, relaxed facility for people like you, for everyone who wants to get and keep a little bit fitter. Give it a go. Take a few small steps and make a very big difference. 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.

HORNING BRIDGE CLUB

From Tuesday 12th September at 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. approx., new morning bridge sessions at HORNING VILLAGE HALL (Annexe at rear) are now being run monthly by the Club. Please be in your seats by 09.45 a.m. latest. Cost £2.50 including refreshments. Friendly atmosphere, players from other clubs most welcome. Come with a partner, if preferred, but we will find you a partner anyway. Just turn up - no need to book, but for any enquiries contact Ron (01603 781416) or Jenny (01603 720826). Similar bridge sessions later this year are being held on the following Tuesdays - 10th October, 14th November, 12th December.

BROADLAND CHESS CLUB

Chess in the Shallow End

by Heather Enid Wells

Regular readers of this column will have noted Broadland Chess Club's many successes and seen the photos of our top players with their impressive silverware but, if you just enjoy a casual game, that may not have seemed to have much to do with you. Indeed, you may have felt that joining a club and playing more formally would take the fun out of it. Especially the thought of getting thrashed week in, week out by strong club players! Nevertheless, you may have felt that little itch: "I wonder how good I really am ... and I wonder how good I could be if I put my mind to it ... and had some help with my game ..."

Three years ago, as a novice of (I think I can say) 'mature' years, I joined Broadland Chess Club to find out. Since then I have learned a great deal more about chess, made a lot of new friends, enjoyed many tense battles over the board, delighted in the beauty and mystery of the game, and travelled far and wide to play it. I've attended superb coaching sessions given, free of charge to our members, by some of our top players, and had great support and encouragement throughout. And to my surprise, although I still very much enjoy casual games, I do find the 'real thing' more fun.

You may have gained the impression that our club is all about achievement at a high level. Yes, we do have many brilliant players, including the current Norfolk County Champion. However, Broadland is not just the biggest and most successful chess club in the county, but caters more for the small fry (like me) than any other, and for all levels in between. At the lower level, Broadland club members comprise more than a third of the total of players in the county graded under-100 points by the English Chess Federation (not counting schools' and junior clubs).

Now, in an innovative move by our Chairman, Paul Badger, Broadland is launching its own in-club 'Friendly League' for under-100 (and so-far ungraded) players, where we chessboard minnows can test the water against one another and, in due course, gain an official ECF grading – or maybe improve the one we have. All Friendly League games will be played at our club HQ, the King's Head, Coltishall, and there is even a trophy, the Stichbury Shield (pictured).

So now novice, rusty-returning and junior players can enjoy official, but less pressured, chess. For those who'd like to play in the main Norfolk League, the Friendly League offers an easy way to gain experience before stepping up to that. (Though, for complete beginners, Norwich U3A Chess Club, meeting on the first and third Mondays of each month, 10:00-noon at George Carver Court, Northfields, Norwich, offers individual tuition from first "this-is-a-pawn" basics to improver level, which is adequate to play in the Friendly League.)

So, if you'd like to dip your toe in, come and join us at Broadland Chess Club! Subs are £20 (juniors £5) plus £15 Bronze-level ECF affiliation for the whole year. For more information find us on Facebook/Twitter.

Heather

COLTISHALL JAGUARS RUNNING CLUB

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

Draft Norfolk Strategic Framework – Have Your Say! Development planning is the most emotive and vexing topic I have to deal with and it affects us all in some way or other. This Strategic Framework document will decide where in Norfolk major development for housing, employment and infrastructure will go in the years up to 2036. It strongly influences the Local Plans which each District Council produce to allocate land for housing and employment and takes account of infrastructure investment needs and capacity limitations. It's been jointly drafted by all the Planning Authorities in Norfolk and it's open for public consultation until 4pm on 22 Sep 17. This is your opportunity to have your say on many aspects of development planning that aren't covered when individual planning applications are being decided; typical examples are: traffic capacity and congestion of the A1151, too

little local employment, overloading of local health services and the capacity of local schools. The document is available online at: <https://norfolk.citizenspace.com/consultation/norfolk-strategic-framework> (this includes an online response form but responses can also be emailed to: nsf@norfolk.gov.uk). Copies are also available at Libraries and written responses can be sent direct to: Trevor Wiggett, NSF Project Manager, NCC County Hall, Norwich. The document is in 8 sections but most people will want to comment on the following sections, perhaps taking account of my prompting comments and questions:

Sect 5: The Economy – in particular the importance of providing more local jobs to reduce daily commuter traffic, the importance of tourism to the Broads, the Coast and rural villages; the importance of protecting the countryside and areas of conservation and wildlife habitat land because, for many visitors, that's why they come here and spend their money. For North Norfolk tourism is worth about £500 million a year and employs over 10,000 people in various roles; it's important we preserve and protect our natural and historic assets for the enjoyment of all. Agriculture, horticulture and forestry provide much of our food and natural resources it also provides the rural tranquillity, wildlife diversity and scenic 'big sky' views across our rolling landscape that we, and our visitors, enjoy. The North Norfolk economy is very diverse and generally comprises of medium, small and micro businesses mostly employing less than 50 people but they are the life blood of our community and it's vital they prosper.

Sect 6: Housing – How should we balance the demand for more housing against the other competing demands for land and the limitations of our roads and other infrastructure and services? How should we best preserve the rural/Broads character and quality of life of our villages, yet not turn them into museums?

Sect 7: Infrastructure and Environment – How adequate is: Broadband speed, mobile phone coverage, our road and rail links, our utilities, electricity, water, sewerage etc and our social infrastructure of health, education and wellbeing services? What should be done about the increasing congestion of the A1151? How should we protect our environment from creeping urbanisation, air pollution, destruction of wildlife habitat and displacement of species and the risk of coastal and inland surface water flooding etc?

If you believe our villages, the Broads, or North Norfolk or Broadland Districts are under attack from over development or that our infrastructure and services provision needs to be urgently improved this is the best way to make your case and get your voice heard; this will help to influence the next Local Plan and address the issues which concern you most.

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!

In the third of a series of interviews to introduce your Parish Council, we spoke to Cllr Alex Howe. Alex and her husband Peter moved to Hoveton in 1992. Alex re-joined the Parish Council in December 2016 after a short break and now takes the lead on work involving litter and dog refuse and highways and drains. She is also the Parish Council's representative on the local Patient Participation Group.

What is the best thing about being a Parish Councillor?

“As a retired caseworker it allows me to continue trying to resolve community related problems.”

What do you like most about living in Hoveton?

“As a non-driver I am within walking distance of the shops, the railway station and buses. There are also wonderful independent cafes with glorious views of the river, and the seaside is within 40 minutes by train.”

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

“My husband and my daughter, Rachel. But, as I suspect they wouldn't want to be stuck in a lift with ME, could I have Russell Watson as a stand-by, singing Nessum Dorma?”

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

“A disgruntled resident!”

What is the most challenging aspect of being a Parish Councillor?

“Knowing that the powers of parish councils are not all encompassing and that it takes time to bring influence to bear where possible. Sometimes parish council work needs to take precedence over the washing and the ironing!”

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

Taking Joint Action

The Wroxham and Hoveton Joint Action Group has enjoyed some very positive coverage in the local media lately and it hopes to build on this coverage to spread the word about local issues. One such issue is the heavy volume of traffic using the main road through the villages. The Joint Action Group is currently exploring ways to tackle this problem, which affects both Hoveton and Wroxham in equal measure. Joint projects in the pipeline include an Air Quality Survey and a Traffic Survey.

With Hoveton and Wroxham covered by different Safer Neighbourhood Teams, the Joint Action Group has also been discussing the best way to deal with crime that affects both villages. Hoveton's new Beat Manager, PC Tom Gibbs, is keen to work with Wroxham's Beat Manager on issues of joint concern, and the Joint Action Group is keen to assist with this work wherever possible. The two Beat Managers have been invited to attend the Joint Action Group's next meeting to discuss this further.

New Beat Manager

Local residents met Hoveton's new Beat Manager, PC Tom Gibbs, at the Parish Council's meeting of 31st July. PC Gibbs is based at Hoveton Police Station and lives nearby, so Hoveton is his local community. His main role as Beat Manager will be to deal with neighbourhood issues. Along with the PCSOs, he hopes to get 'out and about' to meet local people, talk to the community, and give public reassurance.

Although Wroxham is not included in the area covered by PC Gibbs, he intends to work with Wroxham's Beat Manager on issues of joint concern. He recognises that crime in Hoveton affects Wroxham and vice versa and so he will be working to tackle crime on both sides of the river. PC Gibbs will attend Hoveton Parish Council's meetings when he is able to do so, and will give a brief summary of local crime news. PC Gibbs wants to be a visible presence in the parish, and he would like to encourage residents to approach him if they see him in the village.

Tunstead Road Talks

By the time you read this, a meeting will have taken place between members of Hoveton Parish Council, Cllr Nigel Dixon, PC Tom Gibbs, and the headteacher of Broadland High School, Mr Aron Whiles, to try to resolve the problems with traffic congestion on Tunstead Road. Norfolk County Council has advised it will not be able to fund changes to the road outside the school, and the provision of parking on school grounds is a long-term plan, but the Parish Council believes a short-term solution can be found, hopefully before the new school year begins.

Next Meeting – Monday 4th September, 6.30pm

Hoveton Parish Council's next meeting is on Monday 4th September, 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) or check the parish noticeboards for updates and information, or to view the minutes of Council meetings.

WROXHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The recent heavy rain in August again brought flooding to roads in parts of the village. The problems associated with substantial rainfall are exacerbated by blocked road drains which do not allow the surface water to drain away. The Norwich Road outside Broads Direct pay and display car park, The Avenue and Keys Drive were amongst the worst affected. In The Avenue the water was around 10 inches deep and covered a substantial area of the road at its junction with Charles Close. Wroxham Parish Council has been requesting Norfolk County Council's Highways department to clean these drains on a regular basis for some time. It is clear that the cleaning regime has been cut back from previous years. Cllr Tony Adams who leads for WPC on highways issues has been actively pursuing this issue for some weeks and we have just enlisted the support of our County Councillor Tom Garrod in ensuring that a more regular drain clearing operation is delivered for the village in the future.

Watch this space for more information.

Phone Mast

Broadland District Council has at last received the formal planning application for a new 20 metre high mobile phone mast to be sited on land at the back of the Church Hall on Norwich Road adjacent to the railway line. The mast is to replace an existing mast which sits at the back of the funeral director's premises close to the Church Hall. There have been a number of objections to the siting of the mast together with other comments welcoming the prospect of improved phone and data coverage for the village. You can view the application in full together with maps, plans and a photo montage showing what the mast would look like together with other information on the Broadland District Council's web site. Just go to www.broadland.gov.uk/planning and enter the planning application number : 20171377. You may leave comments or objections to this proposal on the BDC web site. The Parish Council will discuss this application along with other local planning applications at its next meeting on September 7. We should point out to those who seem to think otherwise that the Parish Council is not the planning authority involved in this application and is merely a consultee.

Housing Development

We have previously reported that Broadland District Council's "call for land" for new housing development has produced two sites offered in our village. One is a plan to build 20 homes on the site of the football club and the other would be for 350 homes on land between The Avenue and Salhouse Road. This call for land is so that BDC - as part of the Greater Norwich Growth Board - can meet its obligation to central government to provide a five year land supply to meet its housing targets. Your Parish Council wrote a letter firmly rejecting development on that scale in that location and as a consequence Chairman Cllr Barry Fiske and Parish Clerk, Clare Male, have been invited to attend a meeting at County Hall in

September with Mike Burrell Greater Norwich Planning Policy Manager. Also in attendance will be Wroxham's County Councillor Cllr Tom Garrod and one of our Broadland District Councillors Cllr Vincent Tapp.

Councillor Fiske Commented: "We are determined to follow this process through and raise sensible objections at every turn. We cannot stop progress and recognise that some development is inevitable but we believe it is essential that all agencies work with the Parish Council in endeavouring to ensure any and every development is in harmony with the village and its residents. Three hundred and fifty homes on this site would be simply wrong."

Cemetery

Work is due to start imminently to remove the spoil heaps from the cemetery, levelling the ground that has been built up since the mid seventies.

Plans will then be put into place for controlled removal and disposal of soil within the cemetery grounds in advance of the extension to the cemetery to take us forward for at least the next 20 years, within the Wroxham Neighbourhood Plan.

Further work will commence towards the end of the month in reshaping and remodelling the memorial area, seen as you enter the cemetery, hopefully enhancing the general look of this place of rest.

Wroxham Neighbourhood Plan

The Steering Group working on the Neighbourhood Plan attended its first public event recently with a stall at the Lions Club Hoveton Summer Fete. More than 50 Wroxham residents stopped to give their views on how our village should develop over the next 20 years. One of the ironies was that the Steering Group had to go to the Hoveton fete as Wroxham has no such similar event due to our woeful lack of public open space. This has brought home to the group how important this issue is and how we should address it. This issue will be part of the team's planning in the month's ahead. The Neighbourhood Plan now has its own website and Facebook Page for you to keep up to date. The website is : www.wroxhamplan.wordpress.com. For the Facebook Page just search Facebook for: Wroxham Neighbourhood Plan

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ARTICLES & PRESS RELEASES

AGE UK APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE AT HOVETON AND WROXHAM MEDICAL PRACTICE

Age UK is collaborating with the Hoveton and Wroxham Medical Practice on a three month pilot to offer patients, carers and other people in the community the opportunity to meet with Age UK representatives at the practice to help with advice and support that they may require in terms of challenges they may face relating to aging and caring for the older person.

If you would like to meet with an Age UK representative, the practice is running clinics as follows:

Wednesday 27th September 2017, 9:30-12

Wednesday 25TH October 2017, 9:30-12

Wednesday 29TH November 2017, 9:30-12

Appointments are 30 minutes long. If you wish to book an appointment please contact the main surgery number on 01603 782155 and ask for an Age UK appointment.

The pilot will evaluate whether there is enough demand to continue to offer the service locally.

Free advice sessions in local medical practice

Age UK Norfolk and the Hoveton and Wroxham Medical practice are working in partnership to provide advice and support to older people registered to the practice. The free appointments which start in September, will increase accessibility to the charity's services and help with non-medical issues relating to later life.

GPs often find older patients visit them when they need social care and support rather than medical interventions to resolve their problems and after a successful similar pilot in South Norfolk, Age UK Norfolk advisers are set to hold 30 minute free advice appointments at the practice (which has the second highest elderly GP population in North Norfolk) in September, October and November.

The advisers will help older people visiting their GP with non-medical issues such as poverty, debt, loneliness, social care and accessing further support and advice.

GPs and practice nurses will be able to refer patients to the Age UK Norfolk advisers or patients can book appointments themselves at the practice.

Kate Rudkin, Head of Development and Operations at Age UK Norfolk, said, “We are very pleased to be providing local access to our long established quality information and advice services and we will be linking closely with other voluntary organisations to provide support. GP surgeries are central to communities and an ideal location for patients.”

As well as providing support through these advice appointments, Age UK Norfolk also hopes that their presence in the practice will increase awareness of the support and services the local charity offers to older people, their families and carers in Norfolk.

For more information about Age UK Norfolk, please visit ageuknorfolk.org.uk or call 0300 500 1217

FLU CLINICS AT HOVETON AND WROXHAM MEDICAL PRACTICE

The Saturday Flu clinic this year at the practice on Stalham Road is on:

Saturday 7th October from 8am-1pm

Please book an appointment for this clinic by contacting reception on **01603 782155**.

Extra clinics are available outside of the Saturday clinic, so if the date above does not suit please contact reception for an appointment explaining that you cannot manage the Saturday date.

Thank you for supporting your local Surgery by attending for your flu vaccination.

People who should have a flu jab (From NHS Choices)

The injected flu vaccine is offered free of charge on the NHS to people who are at risk. This is to ensure they are protected against catching flu and developing serious complications.

You are eligible to receive a free flu jab if you:

are 65 years of age or over

are pregnant

have certain medical conditions

are living in a long-stay residential care home or other long-stay care facility

receive a carer's allowance, or you are the main carer for an elderly or disabled person whose welfare may be at risk if you fall ill

Front-line health and social care workers are also eligible to receive the flu vaccine. It is your employer's responsibility to arrange and pay for this vaccine.

WROXHAM CARE HOME WELCOMES NEW HOME MANAGER

Overbury House residential care home, located in Wroxham, Norfolk, has announced the appointment of Gerard Dooley as its new Home Manager.

Gerard joins the home, which specialises in delivering quality care to elderly adults including those living with dementia, having previously managed a care home where the service was recognised as being 'outstanding' in the way the home was led. Having joined Overbury House in June, Gerard is focused on making some positive changes and is aiming to gain recognition for the quality of care being delivered at the home.

Confirms Gerard Dooley: "Before joining Overbury House, I visited to get a feel for the home and was welcomed with open arms by the friendly staff. The home has a lovely warm atmosphere and I am keen to inject my personality and identify inventive and effective ways of further improving the services we provide to the people living in our care.

"I have a proven track record of injecting a positive team culture and morale in the homes I have managed and together look forward to helping Overbury House gain further recognition for the great care being delivered to our residents, each and every day."

Added Lisa Brown, Regional Operations Assistant at Healthcare Homes group, which operates Overbury House: "We are delighted to have Gerard on board at Overbury House. He has some great experience in supporting elderly and dementia-specialist services and we are sure he will make his mark at Overbury House, working in partnership with both the staff and the residents and their relatives."

Gerard has been working in the care industry for almost five years and prior to this was in the Armed Forces for seven years, where he was an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Pilot in the Royal Artillery.

Overbury House is located on Staithe Way Rd, Wroxham, Norwich NR12 8TH. For more information on the range of residential care and respite services provided, telephone 01603 782985.

Alternatively, please visit the Healthcare Homes website at www.healthcarehomes.co.uk or follow the group on Facebook: www.facebook.com/healthcarehomes.

1ST HOVETON & WROXHAM SCOUT GROUP

Thanks to all who helped or attended our Car Show on 16th July - the total raised was £5190.87

which will go towards improvements to our HQ in Nobel Crescent.

After a break for the summer holidays, all sections will be starting a full programme of activities in the new term.

Fundraising events for your diary

October 14th - Jumble Sale at Hoveton Village Hall - 11am start

October 21st - Bric-a-brac Sale at HQ, Nobel Crescent - 10am start

October 28th - Coffee Morning and Plant Sale, HQ Nobel Crescent - 10am start

More details of all of these will be in next months Bridge !!

November 18th - Bag packing at Roy`s 10am til 4pm

We also raise money by recycling clean clothing, paper/cardboard, glass bottles and tin cans in the banks provided, at our HQ in Nobel Crescent.

Thank you to those who already support in this way.

ART AND DRAWING CLASSES IN HOVETON YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Keen to improve and develop your drawing skills? Enjoyed drawing at school but haven't really done any since ? Would you like to start a class but feel a bit nervous about it all ?

Chris Hutchins ever popular drawing classes start again for the Autumn on Monday September 11th. The classes are mainly concerned with drawing but the principals taught are relevant to all forms of art and students are able to work in various mediums. Each week Chris brings in different things to draw, either a still life or something seasonal or just suggests a theme for the week. Chris is a patient and sympathetic teacher.

There are two classes on Mondays. The morning class is from 10.30am -12.30pm and the afternoon class is from 1.15pm - 3.15 pm.

The classes are suitable for artists of all abilities including beginners. The cost is £7 a session for drop in or £55 for 10 sessions in advance.

For more information contact Chris on 01603 784319 (home)

07847030479 (mobile)

or visit his website:- chrishutchinsart.com

SEPTEMBER AT THE MUSEUM OF THE BROADS

There's still time to plan a visit to the Museum before the end of the school holidays, or later in September when it's that bit quieter. We are open Sun to Fri 1000 to 1630 and Sat 1000 to 1300. Take a steam boat river trip Tues to Thurs on our steam boat, Falcon.

You can visit the Museum for FREE during the Heritage Open Days weekend, Sat 09 and Sun 10 September. Falcon will be running (£3.50 and £2.50) and we'll also have the Wherry Yacht, Norada, to climb aboard, courtesy of the Wherry Yacht Charter Trust.

The Museum celebrates 21 years of bringing the story of the Broads alive in 2017. There's the special exhibition, 'Broadland in Pictures' with work by local artists. We have some magnificent prizes in our 21st birthday raffle, so buy a ticket and support our Heritage site. Look out for the souvenir magazine too!

Check out our Trip Advisor 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

Firstly, thank you to everyone who supported our Coffee Morning on August 5th. It was a very pleasurable couple of hours, having a catch up with a good cup of coffee and a nice piece of cake.

On 10th August we all met for the Potato Weigh in and Supper. Twenty- four of us brought our buckets in the hope that somewhere, lurking in the bottom, there might just be the odd potato! The winner of the evening was once again Anne Wilson with a whopping 6lb 11oz, with her husband John coming second with 6lb 5¾oz. We all know their secret now, so Poundland had better get some extra stock in for next year! Lily won the children's category with a weight of 1lb 14oz. We had some delicious potato dishes to follow, including meat and potato and Homity pies, frittata, stuffed peppers and even chocolate cake.

Our next event is the Village Show on September 9th. Schedules of Entry were included in the last edition, so hopefully you will all be thinking about what to enter. It has been a strange year in the garden, so it will be interesting to see what we have all managed to produce in the torrents of rain and heat waves of recent months. The Show is all done in the spirit of good fun and 'joining in', so please don't be put off thinking it will be too serious to have a go.

Even if you don't want to enter you are welcome to view at 3.30pm after judging, when tea, coffee and soft drinks will be on sale. Most entries are then put up for auction, which is always good fun.

Sue Watts
Secretary

ST SWITHINS CHURCH SEPTEMBER 2017

Just a very short entry as I am just back from holidays. Simply to say a great thank you to everyone who supported our village fete, those from Ashmanhaugh but also many of those who came from outside the village. We raised £1300 much more than last year so thank you to everyone who came and everyone who made the fete possible by their hard work.

Two dates for your diary

29th September 7pm Fish and Chips Harvest quiz Preston Room. This is a good natured quiz and fish and chips are optional. Teams of up to 6 to me please

28th October 10-12am Autumn Fair Preston Room – a bit of a variation on our usual Christmas minimarket as things seem to get a bit too busy around the festive period. Please come and have coffee and buy some seasonal goods.

Anne Mulhall

Church Warden

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‘ANGELS OF THE NHS’

is the book I published at the end of 2016 and am currently trying to market locally. It tells the story of Joy Cooper and her new acquaintances, who in the late 60’s, with little experience of life outside their homes, arrive at a large Teaching Hospital, in London, to train as State Registered Nurses.

Follow their journey as they replace their mini-skirts and stiletto heels for the starched aprons and below-knee striped dresses of their new profession. How will they cope with their new environment?

The author asks you to accompany her on her journey; fictitious yet based on her experiences. Smile as she describes the highs and lows of hospital life; share the stories of the patients for whom she cares. Are the tales of strict Ward Sisters and fierce consultants true? Above all feel the glory of the beating pulse of the NHS, in the latter days of the time when Matron ruled supreme.

The book is available via Amazon as a paper back/e-book. Hopefully it is soon to be available at our local library. Marion Andrews

BRIDGE VETS

Do you walk your dog in grassland areas or fields of wheat and barley? If so...do you check your four legged friends feet and ears when you return home?

Over the summer and early autumn, foreign bodies from grasses, wheat and barley are very common and proving to be very troublesome this year. We are seeing cases on a daily basis and recently removed 445 grass and barley seeds from various parts of a single dog’s body, with a great number of them penetrating under the skin.

Grass seeds tend to act like a dart that can pierce the skin and burrow deeply under the skin causing severe pain and infection in the animal’s body, commonly the grass seeds are caught

in the dog's fur between their toes and around their face as they have small barbs that help them to become attached to the animal's fur. Wheat and barley ears are proving to be a real hazard this year too. Ears are also very susceptible to these foreign bodies.

Grass seeds, wheat and barley ears can go so deeply under the skin or into the ears that a sedation or general anaesthetic is required to remove them. Sometimes they can track long distances meaning they are difficult to find, occasionally more than one attempt maybe needed to remove them. It is not unheard of for a grass seed to migrate from the paw to the shoulder! Along with feet and ears, grass seeds can be caught in the eye, where they tend to get trapped under the third eyelid, causing the eye to become very inflamed and can even result in a very painful ulcer. Inhaling grass seeds is not unheard of too; an animal that has been in long grass and then started sneezing with a nasal discharge or has developed a cough - this could be due to inhaling a seed. In these cases a general anaesthetic would be required to perform a procedure to view the nasal passages and lungs – we use an endoscope which is a long flexible camera through which we can view and remove foreign bodies. Extreme cases can result in major surgery to remove them.

It is not just dogs that suffer with these seeds but cats can too. If your pet is shaking their head, or has a cough or develops a swelling between their toes, you could suspect a foreign body, then the best course of action is to contact us on 01603 783920.

The best way to prevent grass seeds is to avoid walking in fields of wheat and barley and avoid long grass areas, plus we recommend a thorough check over of your pet when returning from a walk.

David Martin MRCVS

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

BELAUGH PARISH MEETING

The Autumn Parish Meeting will take place on Thursday 26 October 2017 at 7.30pm, in The Old School, Belaugh.

Norman Evans, Chairman (tel: 01603 782244;
email: belaugh@btinternet.com)

FIASCO IN THE FOG

On December 29, 1944, in a snowstorm and with ground fog reducing visibility to a few feet, four B-24s took off from Rackheath American Airbase for a bombing raid in the Ardennes. The second one hit the trees in Bear's Grove and crash-landed in the field directly opposite the entrance to Wroxham Hall. What happened next was almost unimaginable. Read the full story by copying www.wroxhamhistory.wordpress.com into your web browser and clicking on Fiasco in the fog.

MORE HELP WANTED

We are in need of extra volunteers to deliver The Bridge in Wroxham. If you can spare around 20 minutes each month to do a good turn for your neighbours, particularly the elderly, by posting a copy of this informative local magazine through their letter boxes, please call Keith at 01603 784719.

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:

In 1889 London-based artist Frederick Morgan (1847 - 1927) produced this painting called "The Harvest" - the blackberry harvest in this case. His father John, a successful member of the British Society of Artists painted popular genre scenes, and his most famous picture ("The Jury" of 1861) earned him the nickname of 'Jury' Morgan. Having been born 170 years ago 'Fred' Morgan (as he liked to be known) was at the height of his powers at a time when critics and public alike loved his well-painted, if idyllic and sentimental, paintings of children, often with a doting grandparent in tow. By the time he died, just 90 years ago his work was out of fashion. Morgan produced a painting for Pears Soap which featured a small child handing a puppy to her brother in the bath with the words "His turn now!" It is in the Lady Lever Collection at Port Sunlight. "The Harvest" is unusual amongst Morgan's work with its sensitive air of melancholy, captured beautifully in sombre autumn colours under a radiant 'buttermilk' sky that would have delighted Hogie Carmichael. Clearly summer is over.

Nick Walmsley.

A WARNING – Being charitable can damage your Wealth

We had several heavy items to donate to the Lions' Charity Shop, so instead of walking from Roys car park, my husband drove to the precinct. At the car park there he checked it would be o.k. to drop the stuff off as it was for charity. However, not realising it wasn't part of the main car park, he pulled in at one of the empty spaces outside Hotel Wroxham. Unbelievably, this stay of only four minutes, resulted in a fine of £100!

The lovely ladies at the Lion's Shop were appalled by this, but when my husband approached the Hotel's owner, the reaction was "Tough". Mozart wrote of the Clemency of Titus – not in Wroxham, matey!

There is however a post script to this, a few days after this costly mistake, he won £125 on his Premium Bonds. How's that for a Guardian Angel?

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Annie is sorry it has been such a long time since the last Charity Event - she has had to take an enforced break from all activities for a while, but is hopeful that it may be possible to hold a lunch session during the run-up to Christmas. Last year's was such a lovely occasion and it will be nice to be able to share together another such enjoyable

event. So watch this space for announcements and full details nearer the time. In the meantime best wishes to all.

Hope it's OK, Val!

HOVETON HALL GARDENS CELEBRATES ITS SILVER ANNIVERSARY IN AID OF AGE UK NORFOLK

A celebratory Garden Party is being held to mark the opening of Hoveton Hall Gardens which have delighted thousands of gardening enthusiasts and other visitors over the past 25 years.

Hoveton Hall Gardens is well known for its magnificent magnolias, unusual species of trees and shrubs as well as its stunning vistas. In 1992 Andrew and Barbara Buxton decided to open the gardens to enable others to appreciate and discover the wide variety of plants, shrubs, trees and wildlife found in the formal gardens, lakeside settings and along its woodland paths.

And situated at the heart of the estate, is the fine Regency house of Hoveton Hall – now family home to Andrew and Barbara's son Harry, his wife Rachel and their four young children.

The Garden Party with musical entertainment will be held in the formal walled Spider Garden on Saturday, September 2nd starting at 2pm. Guests will be greeted with sparkling wine followed by an informal afternoon tea with musical entertainment and speakers as well as having the opportunity to wander around the gardens at their leisure.

Attendees can also find out more about the history of the walled Victorian kitchen garden, a rare Victorian glasshouse and a Grade II listed 18th century ice well.

The couple manage a B&B as well as host a number of popular events throughout the year including a Country Fair, outdoor theatre productions and for the first time this year welcomed the Tour de Broads on Sunday, August 20th.

“As a family we are really excited to celebrate the fruition of my father's original vision for Hoveton Hall Gardens. We continue to manage the estate sustainably to ensure future generations will be able to appreciate its beauty and discover the wildlife living there,” said Harry Buxton.

Tickets costing £21.83 can be bought via www.hovetonhallestate.co.uk or direct at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/celebrating-25-years-garden-party-charity-event-tickets-36480739875

Money raised will be donated to Age UK Norfolk which is also celebrating its 70th anniversary this year. ?

Hoveton Hall Gardens and Garden Kitchen Café are open every day (except Saturdays) from 10.30am to 5pm.

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

Wroxham, Church Hall.

'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 also have in his possession an extremely interesting 'Letter of Thanks'

A talk not to be missed.

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

YOGA IN THE PARK

Email: yogawithlucya@gmail.com

Website:yoga-with-lucy.tumblr.com

[facebook.com/yogawithlucya](https://www.facebook.com/yogawithlucya) Instagram: [yogawithlucya](https://www.instagram.com/yogawithlucya)

Who: Anyone can join the sessions as variations will be given for all levels.

When: 6-7pm on during the summer (weather depending)

Where: Mondays North Walsham Memorial Park.

Tuesdays Aylsham Recreation Ground.

Thursdays Hoveton Playing field

What and Why: Providing opportunities for people in the North Walsham, Aylsham, Hoveton and surrounding areas to try something new, explore deeper into the benefits of yoga and connect with nature in the parks of Norfolk during the summer months. I will provide some yoga mats (around 8) and people can bring their own mats or towels too.

HORNING CINEMA AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Friday 15th September 2017 screening "JACKIE" (played by Natalie Portman). Following the assassination of President Kennedy, his wife Jacqueline fights through grief and trauma to regain her faith, console her children and define her husband's legacy. Known for her extraordinary dignity and poise, here we see a portrait of "The First Lady" as she fights to establish her husband's legacy and the world of "Camelot" that she created and loved so well.

Doors open 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 start Cert 15 running time 95 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 13th October 2017 screening "The Time of Their Lives".

Manchester

In Manchester, that fine city, the floral tributes grow
In God, a sea of wondrous colours, row on row
Up high the lark still bravely sings,
Unheard by the carnage down below
Short days ago we lived, loving & were loved
Now no more to see the dawn or sunset glow
No more the sound of joyous music in our ears
We are the dead
But remember us as we were & our smiling face
Resting now with Him & in His Place
To you we throw the burnIng sword of justice
Hold it high & in your fight remember us who died.

Brian Potter

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2 Pine Bookcases. Very good condition, tongue & groove back, adjustable shelf heights with metal pins. 183cm x 76cm and 200cm x 87cm. £75 each or £130 for both. Call Edith on 07858 996 707 for details. Collection only.

Qualcast Electric Lawnraker - 320mm wide, 400watt motor, £15 ono. NEW Milano Chrome Towel Rail for central heating system, 800mm tall x 500mm wide, slight damage to chrome plating hence price of £12. Tel. 01603 783649

Childs '**Moshi Monsters**' bike, green and blue with illustrations. Nearly new condition. Steel frame, front and rear brakes calliper. To suit 3/4/5 year old. 48cm from saddle at lowest position to floor. £25 ono.

Tel: 01603 783951

Spring interior **Cot Mattress**, zip cover. New condition 54"x27"x4". £15. **Gents Evening Suit** "Moss Bros", black 40" chest, 34" waist. New. £50, cost £200 (3 free bowties). 2 **Ladies Fur Lined Jackets** "Neutral Territory" size 12/14. One brown, one Fawn. Hardly worn. £8 each.

Tel: 01603 783904

Aluminium Extending Ladder. (22'0"ft) 2 x 11'0" lengths. Good condition - £10.00. **ASL Airflow Step Ladder**, 6'0" high, tubular steel with wooden steps - £5.00. **Danforth Anchor Kit**, 4.5kg. 10'0" of chain plus 120 feet of Anchor rope - £35.00. **Ikaros Inshore Flare Pack.** Contains:- 2 red hand flares, 2 orange hand smoke, in container, expires Dec 2018. (This item:- ADULTS ONLY PLEASE) £35.00. **Parrymore Bunk Boat Trailer**, 22'0" long, 7'6" wide. Four wheels + spare, winch and wheel hub wash system. Hardly used £1800.00. 2 **Seago Classic 180N Life Jackets with harness (manual).** New unused. £25.00 each.

Tel:- 01603 784827

Beige Electric Recliner Chair. Operation button on right side. Just under 2 years old. Excellent condition. £300 Buyer collects.

Tel:- 01603 783708

A Traditional Wooden Hand Carved Swinger Rocking Horse for children 3 to 9 years, mounted on a wooden safety stand. Features: leather bridle & saddlery, horsehair mane & tail, painted dapple grey. Approx size length 36", saddle height from floor 33". £750.00 – could deliver. **Rowing Dinghy** complete with wooden oars, fibreglass, 8ft 6" long, 4ft wide. £40 ono – could deliver. Tel: 07762172005

WANTED

Experienced Cleaning Lady who has lived in Wroxham for 30 years. Available for household chores in Wroxham and Hoveton.

Tel: 01603 784129

YOUR 'WROXHAM COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH'

Due to many complaints regarding speeding traffic in our village, several years ago, Wroxham Community Speed Watch was formed. You have probably seen us in action at various points

around Wroxham. There are about 80 such groups across Norfolk, staffed entirely by volunteers.

Just their presence alone seems to slow the speed of traffic. However, the watches constantly record vehicles at reportable speeds. This leads to these drivers receiving a warning letter from Norfolk Police.

Indeed, I can inform the residents of Wroxham that such letters were sent as a direct result of YOUR Speed Watch teams during July.

I'm sure you would agree that the Community Speed Watches are carrying out good and valued work on behalf of the parishioners.

To continue and to expand on this important work in Wroxham we would welcome new members to our small friendly group. More members mean more watches, more watches mean more reports and more reports mean more letters.

So, if YOU have ninety minutes a month to help, and would like to become involved, please ring Mike for more information on 784944, email wroxhamspeedwatch@yahoo.com There will be a warm welcome and training will be provided.