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HOVETON ST JOHN HARVEST FESTIVAL

On the 22nd October at 11am we will be holding our Harvest Festival. A light buffet will be provided after the Service, free of charge and all are welcome to come and celebrate this joyful occasion with us

This service will be the first time our new Music group will be leading us in praise, so come along and help us sing our thanks for the “Harvest safely gathered in”

Please bring your offerings of non-perishable goods for the Norwich Foodbank, to help people in crisis, on the day. If you are unable to attend the service but would like to donate items for the Foodbank please bring them to St John’s Church on Saturday morning 21st October.

We all look forward to welcoming you to this joyous event. If you have any queries please ring Suzanne Barnett 01603 782002

MOTHERS’ UNION – WROXHAM BENEFICE BRANCH

In September we had our AGM, a time to look back over past-activities and to start planning for next year.

We are going to the Mothers’ Union Festival Service at the Cathedral on Wednesday, 4th October, starting at 11.00 am. This is when Members from all over the county join together for praise and worship. We do hope you will join

us.

Everyone (not just Members) is welcome to join us at St. Helen's Church at 10.30 am (not in October). 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 October Coffee Morning for Hoveton St John Church will be held in the Church on Wednesday 11th from 10.30am. There will be the usual Raffle and 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 hosts this month will be Mrs Angela Cullen & Mrs Jasmine Squires. A warm welcome awaits you.

ST MARY'S COFFEE MORNING

to be held on 16th October 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 October (all at the Hub unless stated otherwise)

Sun 1st, 11am Service led by Dr Louise Tailford

Sun 8th, 11am Communion Service led by Rev Bruno Boldrini

Sun 15th, 11am Service led by Rev Ian Fosten

Sun 22nd 11am Family Service and Church Birthday led by Rev Bruno Boldrini

Sun 29th 11am Service led by Rev Malcolm Wright

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 date for October is Sunday 22nd and from 10.45 to 12.15 in the church hall.

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 one of our members home 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 October 4th 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 October 25th. This popular and friendly social club is open to all 'Senior Citizens' over 60 from 11.30 - 1630; it starts with coffee, and continues with a simple hot lunch around 1230. 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.

The Annual Pilgrimage and Fiesta in honour of Our Lady of Penafrancia: proved a great success in this its 7th year, when around 600 mainly Filipino pilgrims from all over East Anglia, Lincolnshire, and Hertfordshire took over the Broads Tours fleet for the Fluvial Procession (river cruise) followed by a Mass in the grounds of St Helen's Catholic Church on September 17th. Our Lady is the Patron of the Bicol region of the Philippines, and venerated as a protector from typhoons: in a stormy week the weather was very kind to us! The Procession from the boats to the church with the pilgrims singing and reciting the Rosary is one of the largest public demonstrations of the Christian faith in East Anglia, and never fails to Sunday shoppers in their tracks: this year the head of the Procession was arriving at St Helen's just before the tail of it had crossed the bridge. The organisers of the Pilgrimage always make a point of inviting all residents and boat owners to come and join in the Fiesta, but sadly very few do. Tribu Bicolano, the organisers of the Pilgrimage, especially wish to thank Broads Tours, St Helen's Catholic Church, the Police, and local residents for making this very special and much-loved event possible each year. It also marked a 'first' for St Helen's in being the very first 'open air' Mass celebrated there: we hope to include some pictures from the event in a future issue of "The Bridge".

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

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Email: enquiries@broadgrace.org.uk

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 Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for details of our next session.

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 7th October 10 - 11.30am. The next session after that will be Saturday 4th November at the same time. This is a drop in surgery and so no appointment is necessary.

Extend Exercise Class - Continues until Monday 16th October.

A seated exercise class to music for the over 60's. A FREE event, 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 19th October, 2.00-4.00pm. Drop in session offering advice to the blind and partially sighted and anyone else seeking information.

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 5th and 19th October 2.00- 4.00pm, please bring your own project.

Crib Club (Cribbage card game) - new players welcome -Thursday 12th October 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. (26th October)
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>>

CLUB NEWS

HOVETON, WROXHAM AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

The Autumn Show held on September 2nd at Hoveton Village Hall was a bit disappointing although figures were up on last year, 11 exhibitors and 124 exhibits against 102 and 10 in 2016. Unfortunately membership is declining and the weather had a contributory factor. This year it was held on a Friday night not a Saturday afternoon which suited some people more, it is very difficult to arrange events when people are so busy. Congratulations to Monthly and Show Winners. Mike Clements, Pam Culley, Jean Hanson, Mollie Ottaway and Michael Ottaway

Many thanks to all who contributed and to those who helped in any way.

Friday October 6th Hoveton Village Hall 7.30.p.m. Mr Andrew Brogan will give a talk on The Exotic Garden at Henstead. New members always welcome, Visitors £2.00 Raffle. Refreshments etc.

on November 3rd Hoveton Village Hall 7.30.p.m. Dr Tony Leech, an authority on Fungi will give a talk Witches and Devils (the darker side of Fungi).

GARDENING TIPS FOR OCTOBER

I like October for all the different coloured leaves our trees produce, but not so much when we have to clear them up. Also, our evenings pull in so quick that we have to plan our jobs carefully.

Before the frosts arrive we need to move any containers which have tender plants into a sheltered spot, or maybe into a greenhouse or conservatory.

However, if they are planted in the garden they may need mulch and/or a protective fleece put around them, especially if they are in a draughty spot.

Start to tidy borders, lift any remaining summer bedding.

Dig over, add organic matter and tidy up permanent plants before planting your pansies, violas or wallflowers.

Also plant daffs, tulips and other flowering bulbs.

Prune and shape up your shrubs and reduce the height of those tall ones, like buddleia davidii.

Your lawns should have regained their colour by now. Keep cutting them, but not so short as you have been. If you like a nice lawn, scarify two or three ways and clear all the debris up.

Spike if necessary to improve drainage and let air in. Over seed then to thicken the sward.

In the veg area, harvest main crop potatoes, beetroot, carrots and other veg.

Take down runner and climbing French beans, add to the compost heap, but leave the roots in the ground.

Pick apples and pears and store carefully, also pick any remaining soft fruit.

In the pond area tidy up your plants and remove any yellow leaves.

Cover your pond to stop leaves entering.

Renovation Work!

After you have cut an area down, dig out all stumps and roots, then level the site.

If replanting, add organic matter.

If you are making a lawn, level up and rake in seed or turf it.

Enjoy the autumn in your garden.

Michael Ottaway, Chairman

WROXHAM BURE VALLEY ROTARY CLUB

Our latest charity fund raiser took place on Sunday September 10th – a picnic in the park at Soley Hall, courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Gorton, when Hayley Moss and Terry Adams both performed wonderfully. The weather could have been kinder but a good crowd enjoyed the entertainment and supported the sale of cakes, wine, teas and coffee. Proceeds from the charity event exceeded £1200 half of which will be going to Hope and the other half to charities supported by Rotary. It has been agreed that the Club will purchase a shelter box to be sent to one of the many needy international disaster areas at the current time, from its share of the proceeds. A shelter box includes tent, water purification and other essential supplies to support a family for several months as emergency accommodation.

International polio day happens in October and on 22nd of the month look out for us doing a collection outside of Roy's in Hoveton. Norwich castle will also be lit up in purple to highlight the "purple for polio" campaign, and the club will be planting more purple crocuses this autumn to further raise awareness. Progress continues to be made and we are getting very close to finally eradicating this terrible disease across the world.

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

August Lunch 30/8/17

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 talks.

Our special speaker this month was Dr John Clements, Pastor of the Old Meeting House, Colegate, Norwich.

John has spoken to us on several occasions with a variety of subjects from Knights Templar – Gold at Midnight - Mind-fullness (knowing me knowing you) and now his latest review of Oliver Cromwell.

Cromwell entered the House of Commons as MP for Huntingdon in 1628. The following year Charles 1st initiated the Dissolution of Parliament all of which led up to the Battle of Edgeware and the start of England's Civil War between the Roundheads (The New Model Army /Puritans) and the Cavaliers (Royalist Supporters) – several battles followed, culminating in the Roundheads /Model Army's victory over the Royalists at the Battle of Naseby 1645.

After the Army marched into London (1647) the King fled to Carisbrook Castle, Isle of Wight – Civil War broke out in 1648 and the King was finally captured and sentenced to death (by 68 votes to 67) and beheaded on 30th January 1649.

The New Republic was declared as the Commonwealth of England. Over in Ireland, the infamous Battle of Drogheda and Sieges of Wexford and Clonmel. These were fought against Catholic Irish who were loyal to the Royalists. This lead to future problems in Ireland between Protestant and Catholic factions.

Further troubles in Scotland and England were followed by the First Anglo-Dutch War (1652) – Cromwell becomes Protector with the First Protectorate Parliament (1654) - the Second Protectorate Parliament following in 1656. After declining the offer of the kingship, Cromwell was installed as Lord Protector on 26th June 1657.

What then followed was a peace treaty with the Dutch , the seizure of Jamaica, the Anglo-French treaty to attack the Spanish Netherlands, the defeat of the Spaniards by Anglo-French forces and the acquisition of Dunkirk

Bloody battles, political intrigue and hardening of religious beliefs (including the cancelling of Christmas) made this a tumultuous time and little wonder that Cromwell ravaged by malaria and urinary/kidney infections died on 3rd September 1658.

Alas this was not the end for Oliver C (for his body that is) – Cromwell's son could not control the Army and Parliament, who were continually at loggerheads. In order to stop sinking into chaos, Prince Charles, the exiled son, Charles 2nd was returned to the throne and the Monarchy reinstated in 1660. In 1661, Cromwell's body was exhumed and he was posthumously sentenced for regicide / treason. His corpse was hung and his separated head, spiked on public display (up to 1685).

Recently, there has been a resurgence in interest in The English Civil Wars and Cromwell's pro's and con's reviewed.

A general round of applause and thanks was given for John's interesting talk, with a small donation made to the Old Meeting House Congregational church.

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

Club Outing to The Cromer Pier Show

On August 24th we met for dinner at the Cliftonville Hotel and then went on to see the Pier

Show. It was a most enjoyable evening and it is the only Pier Show still running in the UK and indeed in the world! So it was well worth supporting in this, it's 40th year!

About Our Rotary Club

I receive calls on occasions from readers expressing interest in our club. Rotary is about regular meetings / events focused on fellowship and charitable activities. Some people ask if they are 'posh' enough to join Rotary. We aren't posh! We enjoy meeting together; we support each other and raise funds to help others. Our club meets at lunchtime on a Thursday but some of our events can be on other days. We pay an annual subscription to enable the club and Rotary itself to support those in need and us in fundraising. It is great to get together and makes our lives and those of others happier and more fulfilled.

Lend with Care

Our latest loan is to Maria in Ecuador. She is a seamstress in her mid fifties, a single mother with four children. The youngest is at university. She lives with one of her daughters in Loja. She runs a sewing workshop, a business she began 16 years ago having studied to become a qualified dressmaker. She started with only one sewing machine and sewed for her family and friends. Her reputation spread and she bought three more sewing machines allowing her to offer a good service to customers. She now makes all kinds of clothes, mostly formal trousers and shirts. She works alone and hires a worker when she has many orders to fulfill. She now wants to buy a new sewing machine, material, threads, buttons, needles, fasteners and fabrics to make curtains and sheets.

Our Next Events

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

Friday Sept 29th MacMillan Coffee Morning, Spixworth Village Hall 11.00 am

Friday Nov 24th Our Quiz Night at Hoveton Village Hall at 7:30pm

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

3 Photos included as attachments:

1 Rotary Club Members in Cromer: 1. From L-R Back row: Frank Hurrell, Delia Thrower, Robert C-P, Alan Drew Front Row: Sandra Hurrell and Mary Drew 2. Jacqui Fiddy and Tom Thrower.

2. Maria in Ecuador

Ann Chantry-Price

WHB TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Thirty-nine members of our association enjoyed an excellent visit to our twinned villages of **La Pommeraye and Montjean-sur-Loire**. As ever, we were all made to feel very welcome, lots of hugs and kisses, wonderful French food and wine, great excursions to local attractions and a very enjoyable stay and visit to the magnificent chateau of Versailles en route. We especially enjoyed the medicinal herbal gardens, Jardin Camifolia, lovely to walk around in the sunshine and also to learn of the healing properties of various plants and flowers. Also our visit on the Monday to the Bioparc at Doué-la-Fontaine was excellent, full of endangered animal and bird species in large well-kept enclosures, some of which you could walk through, with caves, rocks and trees: something for everyone. We were all very sad to leave but looking forward to seeing our French friends again here next year and planning an interesting programme for them.

Book Club met at Aileen's in Ashmanagh in September to discuss "In the Month of the Midnight Sun" by Cecilia Ekbäck, a historical Swedish thriller. October will be Maggie's turn to choose and host in Belaugh. French Conversation will resume in October, too many members away in September, and will be at Angela's in Hoveton. We are starting our afternoon meetings in October for French and Book Club, to avoid the dark nights, from 14.30-16.00, French changing to the first Wednesday of the month and Book Club, as normal, the last Wednesday. For more information contact Jane for French on 01603 782496 or jane@youatt.co.uk and Sue for Book Club on 01603 738555 or susan@kemp.org.uk

We will be having a committee meeting soon to start our planning for next year's visit and have had many good ideas from our members for local excursions which we will explore. In November will be our AGM, with wine from our Twinning villages and, hopefully, some photos of our recent trip: date to be announced soon.

For any general information, if you'd like to join us and make new friends here and in France, do contact our chairman, Peter, on 01603 782733 or peter_c_milsted@talk21.com

WROXHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

We are well into the new season and the 1st team have certainly got off to a good start. Better than we might have expected under new management with virtually a new team. But a run of six games undefeated was brought to an abrupt halt with a 5-1 defeat at Newmarket on their new 3G pitch. It could be said the team was "not at the races" despite creating chances but it did give an insight into the upward progression of a club that has invested in new facilities; something we hope we may be able to do in the not too distant future! But at least it was followed up by another win against Thetford to take the team up to 4th place after 10 games. Our entry into The FA Cup at the extra Preliminary stage didn't last long as we lost by the only goal at Essex Senior League side Southend Manor. The winning goal came 2 minutes from full time and with it the chance of a deserved replay and the £1,500 prize money. This was the first time in 22 appearances that we had lost at this stage, so a big disappointment. In the FA Vase we met Norwich CBS (formerly neighbours Spixworth) on Sept 23rd before this

publication. Hopefully we made progress with a chance to emulate the emulate the team that got to a Wembley final in 2010.

The reserve team have had a mixed start. They started with a draw at Stalham, one they should have won but defeats at Harleston and Long Stratton mean they are already sitting 3rd bottom in the table. A good 8-2 win at UEA in the Senior KO Cup should give them a boost though. They are yet to play at home and with further away trips it seems they will not be seen at Trafford Park until October.

The U18's have got off to a flying start with wins over Bungay & Diss in the youth league and an excellent result at Bury saw them in the next round of the FA Youth Cup where they are again away at Gorleston.

The U16 development side played at home against Fakenham with a 3nil win but failed to complete an early season double as they drew with the young Ghosts the following week.

We haven't been able to fill the role of Club Treasurer and would welcome someone to come forward to look after the money side and help plan for an an exciting future. You don't have to be an accountant but a grasp of Excel spread sheets and a head for figures will do. We could also still do with more help on match days and someone to assist our grounds man who likes tractors! Anyone willing to help with any of these positions, please contact the Secretary Chris Green on 783936 or email greenc@btinternet.com

Cynthia Feltham's popular Quiz & Chips takes place in the clubhouse on Fri 27th Oct. This will also include an interlude for a game of Bingo to provide for an entertaining evening. To book a table please contact Cynthia on 783869.

Our annual Firework display is on Sunday 5th Nov – full details elsewhere in this months magazine.

We had an attempted break in on Wed 6th September which resulted in considerable damage to a couple of doors which have had to be replaced. There was nothing stolen from within the building but there was further damage to a caravan and the ignition key for our mini bus has disappeared. Anyone with any information which may help catch the offenders please contact the Police on 101.

For further club information, please access our website www.wroxhamfc.com or follow us on Twitter @the_yachtsmen.

WROXHAM AND HOVETON LIONS CLUB

On a recent BBC television program, "Holding Back the Years" the presenter stated it's well known in the many studies that have been carried out, if you are retired and wish to live a long rewarding life, being part of a voluntary organisation will help. Or are you still working but looking for a worthwhile outside activity? One such lady, as well as holding down a very active job and running the Guides Rainbows has just joined our club. So like her, if you'd like to join the team, we'll be happy to see you at our meeting on 2nd or 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm, in the Broadland Youth and Community Centre, Stalham Rd, Hoveton. For

more information please ring me on **01603781310**, or our Membership Chairman **Lion Ron Hill** on **07753382410**

In conjunction with the Hoveton Village Hall committee in August we held our first village fete. Fun, food, refreshments and entertainment for all the family was the order of the day. Our thanks go out to all the participants, local companies who very kindly donated raffle prizes and last but by no means least you the general public for supporting the event. September was a busy month in which we held a combined quarterly craft fair and a garage sale in Hoveton which attracted the public from near and far. All the money raised from these events will, after costs, be used to support local, national and international charities and worthy causes.

Rackheath will be the next venue for our popular garage sales so, if you're at a loose end on **Sunday 15th Oct between 08:30 am and 2pm**, why not come along to the Fish and Chip shop car park in the centre of the village and buy a map. You never know what bargain you might pick up.

Our precinct Lions charity shop is always on the lookout for good quality Bric a Brac or clothing and recently Peter from "**Sea Palling Cycle Hire**" very kindly donated children's bicycles to sell, so if you need a child's bike pop into the shop. If you wish to donate any items please bring them along or we can collect – just ring **01603 784093**. Our August **£100-00 shop draw** went to the "**Meningitis Trust**" nominated by **Mrs Moulton** from **Salhouse** and **Septembers £100-00** draw goes to "**The British Red Cross**" nominated by **Tina Finch** from **Scottow**. We are always on the lookout for volunteers to help in the shop, so if you would like more information, drop into the shop and talk to a member of staff or ring **Lion Terry** on the above number.

As always you can follow our exploits on Facebook or our website. We look forward to seeing or hearing from you.

Lion Mick Holden, President.

WROXHAM SOCIAL CLUB

Our memorial Day on Sunday 20th August. Another memorable day in our calendar. The Trophy for bowls was won by Val Read and Keith Davies and for Snooker, Tony Bispham. Julie Yellop, daughter of our late President Neville, presented the awards. Another super buffet was provided by our members.

AGM will be on Thursday 16th November at 1900 hrs. Nominations for committee members as soon as possible please. Bowls meeting will follow.

Future events:- NB we have a few changes to our programme:-

October 7th Whist...**October 14th Bring your Antiques for Valuation £2 plus £1 per item (maximum of 3 items per person please), 18 00 for 18 30. A Donation from the evening to AGE UK ...October 21st Pin on Wii ...October 28th Music Quiz with Fish n Chips. Tables of 4 Please phone to book a table and to order food. Time 19 00 for 1930...**November 4th Bingo...November 11th Crib ...November 16th AGM 19 00 hrs ...**November 18th Jeff's Quiz n Chips Tables of 4. Please phone to book a table and order food...**November 25th Bingo...Dec 2nd Christmas Bar Quiz...Dec 9th Karaoke...Dec 16th Christmas Party (a plate of food from members would be nice).

Non members welcome to our Quiz n Chips, Antiques evening, Bingo etc.

Bingo starts 20 00hrs. All other events 19 30hrs. Quiz nights 19 00 hrs for 19 30 start. Friday night is Darts night, 19 30 hrs, & Snooker 19 00 hrs (snooker is available most nights).

Phone me for more information. New Members over 16 yrs. 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 126-17 year olds. Temporary Membership for New Members is £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. Or follow us on Facebook – Wroxham Social Club.

LADIES BADMINTON

Monday afternoons 1.30 – 3.30p.m. Intermediate level We would be please to have new members join our friendly club. we have a cuppa too. More details Pam 01603782041 or Carol 01603783527

BARTON HOUSE RAILWAY

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01603 782008

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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.

It was very pleasing to have recorded a sum of almost £650 having been achieved by our portable BHR2 track attending the Worstead Festival on 29th. & 30th. July. £48 had been donated from the staff BBQ held after the July running provided by Ian & Sue Wells. With perfect weather, another successful Junior Club Day was held on Saturday 19th. August from 11am to 2pm. It was a fun event when under supervision of staff, adults and juniors had a free hand to have a go at all aspects of operating the railway. A buffet lunch was provided to finish

with. The following day was the Sunday Running when a remarkable attendance brought in almost £780 (including just over £170 from the catering department), such a huge contrast from the previous running. With admissions being 153 with 47 children this was a record figure for a few years the weather being fairly good with sunny intervals and mild which is always an important element. With a basic number of staff available it was noticeable how well everything ran and in spite of visitor numbers it was surprising that it did not seem uncomfortably crowded. A small display and presentation had been prepared by Sylvia Tilson to mark the 50th. anniversary of Honing East Signalbox arriving at BHR. On Thursday afternoon 31st August BHR hosted a party of 30 from The Railtrail Group which was a return visit although some different members. Our electric boat service was provided for them after they had made a visit to Wroxham Signalbox and BHR was available for the duration of the visit during which a fine buffet was provided to which staff were also invited. A big thank you once again must go to our member Christine Spencer for the provision of this. BHR benefited by £391.50 from this event. The group had arranged to return by road. Although the weather was good with sunny intervals but a couple of light showers the September Running on 17th. was an all time low. With only 50 admissions the sum of £235 being taken was not surprising. BHR was open prior to the running at 12 noon to celebrate members Ian & Sue Wells 30th. wedding anniversary for which 17 adult and 2 child special issue tickets were given to invited guests. A magnificent buffet had been prepared by Ian & Sue which staff were able to enjoy too.

**THE LAST SUNDAY RUNNING OF 2017 WILL BE ON OCT. 15th
BUT OUR SANTA SPECIAL IS ON SUNDAY 17th DECEMBER**

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

WROXHAM WI

There is no better place to be on a lovely summer's day than in an English country garden. Edna's beautiful, spacious garden was the ideal setting for Wroxham WI members to enjoy teatime treats, interesting beverages, challenging quizzes, a generous raffle and above all good companionship and chat. Everyone agreed that the August Garden Party was a great success. Efficient organisation, good weather, a great jazz band and a tasty and plentiful buffet supper ensured another great success - Wroxham WI's evening river boat trip. It was a brilliant way to start the Bank Holiday celebrations. It is now time to settle down to Autumn meetings and Christmas preparations! Our next meeting is on Wednesday 18th October at 2.30pm in the Church Hall, Norwich Road, Wroxham. Visiting speaker, Brenda Packman, will tell of the work of ACWW. This stands for Associated Country Women of the World and is the large international charity supported by the WI movement to provide for rural women worldwide funding projects on literacy, health, education, agriculture, water and much more. Please come along to sample WI life. You will be warmly welcomed. Jean Watson

HOVETON & DISTRICT WI

Members welcomed Carol Palfrey one of the 'Friends of Happisburgh Lighthouse' to our September meeting. Carol fascinated us with interesting facts and amusing anecdotes about the famous red and white striped lighthouse which is the oldest working lighthouse in East Anglia and the only independently run lighthouse in Great Britain.

Built in 1790 with a tower 85ft tall, it was originally one of a pair but the North Sea claimed the other one many years ago. The pair were designed to help safe passage around the treacherous Haisborough Sands. Yes, it is a different spelling!

Carol explained that the lighthouse was saved as a working light by the local community, it is maintained and operated entirely by voluntary contributions. She is a gifted speaker and we all thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon.

At our meeting at 2 p.m. on Wednesday 4th October Hoveton & District W.I. members will be welcoming Christine Humphries whose talk has the intriguing title 'Laura Eke and the fishermen who painted in wool'. Why don't you come along and find out what its all about? Visitors are always warmly welcomed and we have other activities for you to enjoy if you wish to join our W.I. Interested? Sue Cobb, our president, will be delighted to give you more details if you phone her on 01603 783387.

WROXHAM AND DISTRICT U3A

U3A is a national organisation for learning and enjoyment of activities for people no longer in full time employment. Our Wroxham branch is in its 4th year, and has at present 77 members. Members and visitors are welcome to our monthly meeting, which in October takes place on Tuesday October 17th at 2.30 pm at The Hub in Wroxham, when the speaker will be Jenny Gibbs on "A Turkish Shirley Valentine".

Regular activities, run *by* the members *for* the members, include Photography, Play Reading, French Conversation, Classical Music, Bird Watching, Local History, Swimming, Gardening and Dining Out, among others. Any new ideas most welcome. Our subscription from October to April is £10. All enquiries to our secretary, Sue Badger on 01603 737572

SOLO CLUB

We meet on the 2nd Tuesday in the month, usually 2.00-4.00pm at the Hoveton Village Hall. (Members who will be joining us for our annual fish and chips please note our October meeting will be from 1.00-3.00pm). Throughout the year we have the occasional speaker or demonstrator, plus social afternoons etc. If you are on your own and would like to come along you would be very welcome. If you wish to know more please ring 01603 782178 or 782730.

HOVETON & DISTRICT CONSERVATIVE COFFEE CLUB

Our next meeting at The Wroxham Hotel will be on Thursday 26th October at 10.30 a.m.
Our speaker, the N.N.C.A. Chairman – his subject, Constituency Update
Contact Tel.No. 01603 783490

1ST WROXHAM GUIDES

There were two very different camps on offer to Wroxham Guides over the summer holidays. A 1940's style camp at Gressenham and a 21st Centaury Festival in the New Forest. The reports below were written by Guides who attended them.

Looking Back

'On August bank holiday weekend I went on a 1940's Guiding weekend at Gressenhall Farm & Workhouse as part of their 'Village at War' event. We slept in 1940's bell tents which are a little bit like a tepee, round and held up by a pole in the middle. The night before the public arrived we played a game which focused on identifying and translating morse code and turning words into flag symbols and coding. We tried a traditional plum pudding for our tea. The next morning we had to wrap all our bedding into bedding rolls and pack it in to bedding racks, 1940's style, so everything was ready for the public to visit. We dressed in traditional blue guiding dresses with hats and red neckers and plaited our hair with red ribbons as they would have done in the 1940's. Then every morning we had 'tent' inspection'. Over the 2 days the event was on we helped the land girls out on the farm by collecting the straw and storing it behind the beautiful Suffolk Punch horses who were working the fields. We went to a traditional church service on the Sunday and we were taught drill and first aid skills by the 'Home Guard'. We had to chop our own wood for the camp fires we cooked on, and we could help to skin and cook the rabbit for our rabbit stew if we wanted to (I didn't!). Each patrol took it in turns to show the public around our camp site. In the evenings after dinner we sang camp songs and later lay on the hay bales where we saw shooting stars! On one evening we sat together in the parlour of the old farmhouse telling stories and drinking hot chocolate. We each had to take a traditional cake or biscuits with us so there was always lots to eat! I got to meet Guides from lots of different places around Norfolk and Essex who were all very friendly. We were allowed time off to go round the event and see all the 1940's stands and the museum. The campsite was lovely, next to the farm buildings where the Suffolk Punch horses were stabled and where there were baby chicks, pigs and a farmyard cat. I would definitely recommend this as one of the best Guide camps I have been on'. Rebekah

Guiding Festival 2017

On Friday the 25th of August, we travelled down to Foxlease, a Guiding Activity centre in the heart of the New Forest to participate in a Guiding festival called Wellies and Wristbands. 3000 Guides and Senior Section members from around the country came too. After we set up camp, we had dinner and went to the stage to listen to the bands which were on. It was a great atmosphere with everyone doing their part in cheering and jumping up and down! After this we went to bed. The next morning we had breakfast, with the rest of the day free to take part in none ticketed events. In the day there were loads of different things to take part in like face painting, henna, an inflatable obstacle course, football training, fire lighting, Quiditch and visiting the Betty Bus. We also had tickets for a daily activity, like the big wheel, canoeing, segways, swimming and zip wire. After our free time we had dinner and listened to the music again. On Sunday we had the same options to do, to explore the large site and enjoy the facilities available, such as hot tubs! Sunday night was the most enjoyable, as everyone was really making the most of it. Roadtrip, who played on Friday night, came back again and the night finished with a solo artist Harvy who was later joined by Roadtrip to finish the evening on a high. The next day was mainly spent packing up our tents and travelling the long way back home. Overall it was a great experience which I would do again.

Cressida

At the start of this term, we held a Patrol Leaders meeting and invited Leanne and Caitlin who are replacing Emily and Eloise who are now moving up to the Senior Section. This was followed by a planning meeting. Two Patrols have decided they would like to have fun trying out various activities from the Go For It! Chocolate whilst the other Patrols have decided to have fun with Go For It! Parties. To find out about the activities they have chosen to complete and the unit activities the Guides have voted to do, you'll need to read the next edition of The Bridge magazine.

Kate

Leader 1st Wroxham Guides

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SMALL STEPS CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE!

Getting fitter isn't easy, but small steps can help you start to see improvements. Yes the first few days may give you aching muscles and tired limbs but soon you'll notice a change and hopefully see the benefits. Even if you think you've a mountain to climb remember all mountains are climbed one step at a time. 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 those small steps and make a 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

On Tuesday 10th October at 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. approx., we will be holding our next Morning Duplicate Bridge session at HORNING VILLAGE HALL (Annexe at rear). 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). Please note that these events are now being run monthly by the Club, and similar bridge meetings will be held in future on the morning of the second Tuesday of each month viz. 14th November, 12th December, 9th January, 13th February, etc. at the same time”

BROADLAND CHESS CLUB

“Time has flown by and here we are at the beginning of a new season in the chess world. During the summer the British Chess Championships were held in Llandudno, Wales with the Grandmaster Gwain Jones being victorious. A number of Norfolk players travelled to take part this year. They aim to move this tournament around the country so from East to West, and North to South, for your information the last time they were held in Norfolk was back in 2007 at Great Yarmouth College, we put on a really good show and even played chess on the beach! Surely it must be time for the tournament to move back to East Anglia soon? Who knows?

The club opened its doors last week and welcomed over half a dozen new members including several Juniors. This bodes very well for the season. A new tournament started this week, The Aylsham Festival Cup, an annual warm up tournament before the league fixtures start in October. The county season kicks off with the Norfolk Championships on Saturday 30th September 2017 for two days where the current Champion, a Broadland Chess Club member, will seek to defend the title.

Broadland will field four teams in the Norfolk Leagues, a team in the Williamson Cup, a team in the Norfolk & Suffolk and two teams in the Rapidplay Handicap Knockout. As defending champions in all tournaments we have a tall order to be as successful this year with a number of other clubs in the county looking to take over our array of trophies. Our success is

built on attracting new players of all abilities, you never know you could be the next Norfolk Champion, with a little help from our club members, so if you're wondering how to fill the winter evenings why not come along and play a few friendly games with members.

Our club meets three times a week, at the Kings Head Coltishall, (19.30) but if you are a new member or visitor come along on Monday and Wednesday evenings when someone will always be available to talk to you.

For more information contact us via our website, facebook or twitter pages."

COUNCIL NEWS

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: belough@btinternet.com)

NORTH NORFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL

Message from County & District Councillor Nigel Dixon

Car Parking Problems on Tunstead Rd. Many of you may recall my article in August when I set out the issues behind why Broadland High School staff are parking their cars on Tunstead Rd all day, during school days. I also said alternative parking was on offer at Hoveton Village Hall by arrangement with Hoveton Parish Council (HPC) and that there were expectations the matter could be resolved in September before the sugar beet campaign begins when the prevailing traffic increases in both size and number. I can advise that I and a Cllr from HPC met with the BHS Head on 29 Aug to review the situation and further explore how the alternative parking could be used. The local Police were also meant to attend the meeting but agreement was reached for them to meet separately in the 1st week of Sep, so that the legal position on the right to park on the highway was fully understood. As I write, that meeting hasn't happened and the parking on Tunstead Rd continues without noticeable change. I have asked the Police to expedite that meeting and fully explain their position; I can do no more at this stage. However, I ask that residents and road users affected and concerned by the car parking to express their individual concern and wish for action to PC Gibbs on:

07810813528 or email: gibbst@norfolk.pnn.police.uk and the BHS Head on email: aronwhiles@broadlandhigh.org

Warm Home Discount This is an extract of a helpful article circulated to me recently:

The Warm Home Discount (WHD) is a government scheme aimed at tackling fuel poverty throughout the UK offering £140 off electricity fuel bills for the winter of 2017/18. The money comes in the form of a one-off discount on your electricity bill between the months of October and March and applications for this period are now open. It's aimed at people who are in fuel poverty or who are at risk of it.

Criteria for the Warm Home Discount:

You qualify for the discount if on 9th July 2017 all of the following applied:

- your electricity supplier was part of the scheme
- your name (or your partner's) was on the bill
- you were getting the Guarantee Credit element of Pension Credit (even if you get Savings Credit as well)

You may be able to apply directly to your electricity supplier for help if you don't qualify because you don't get the Guarantee Credit element of Pension Credit but:

- you're on a low income
- you get certain means-tested benefits
- Check with your supplier to see if you're eligible and how to apply.

If you think that you might be eligible for support under the scheme, you can find more information on [the Gov UK](#) website or by contacting your energy supplier. There's also a helpline to energy advisors on [01259 220000](tel:01259 220000).

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

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HOVETON PARISH COUNCIL

News From Hoveton Parish Council

Hoveton Parish Council is pleased to announce the co-option of a new Parish Councillor, Mr Russell Reeve, who joined the Council at its September meeting. Cllr Reeve brings with him a wealth of experience in working with town and parish councils (including his current role as County Officer for the Norfolk Association of Local Councils) and is already proving a very valuable addition to the Parish Council team. Hoveton Parish Council would like to extend a warm welcome to Cllr Reeve and to wish him well in his new role as Parish Councillor.

Budgeting For The Future

Hoveton Parish Council will soon be drawing up a draft budget for the 2018/19 financial year and planning how funds will be spent. As part of this process, the Council welcomes feedback from local residents on items to be included in the budget. So if you have identified a particular need for funding within the parish, or if there is a specific project you would like to see the Parish Council pursue in the near future, please get in touch and let us know. Please send your suggestions to the Parish Clerk (07572 349600 or clerk@hoveton-pc.org.uk) by 22nd October.

Meet Your Councillors!

Our series of interviews to introduce your Parish Council continues this month, with Cllr Chris Marshall stepping into the spotlight. Chris has lived in Hoveton for over 30 years and he joined the Parish Council in 2014. He takes the lead on planning matters, and on work involving Riverside Park and Pocket Park, grass cutting and landscaping.

What is the best thing about being a Parish Councillor?

“The challenge of getting a common-sense approach adopted to solve problems for the parish.”

What do you like most about living in Hoveton?

“Its location ‘twixt the city and the sea’ surrounded by some of the most beautiful scenery in Norfolk, or indeed England as a whole. What more could you want? For my part, I've enjoyed it for thirty plus years.”

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

“My favourite living musician, Eric Clapton, but only if he leaves the amplifier at home – I'm deaf enough already!”

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

“Any ‘climate change is a myth’ supporter. The rate at which humankind has accelerated global warming surely needs no more ‘proof’ – I might just lose my temper with their ostrich-like attitude!”

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

“The twin challenges of persuading those in local government that they don't always know best, and trying to persuade people in the parish that becoming a councillor WILL help to get things done.”

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.

North Norfolk Parish and Town Council Forum

The North Norfolk Parish and Town Council Forum started in February 2015 and is overseen by an executive committee comprised of councillors and clerks (all in a voluntary capacity). The Forum's aim is to encourage parish and town councils across North Norfolk to work together to find solutions to common problems.

Members of the Forum introduced themselves to Hoveton Parish Council at the Council's 3rd July meeting and talked about the subject of second homes council tax, which is the main issue being tackled by the Forum at the moment. They explained that a percentage of funds raised from second homes council tax are allocated to the Big Society Fund, which parish councils can apply to for grants.

However, when these grants are awarded, no weighting is given to those parishes more adversely affected by second homes (there are currently 22 second homes in Hoveton, which is above average, but this only includes homes registered for council tax and not properties subject to business rates). The Forum is concerned that funds collected from 'second homes council tax' are not being allocated to those parishes with the highest proportion of second homes.

At its meeting of 31st July, Hoveton Parish Council agreed to become a member of the Forum and to support its work. Cllr Alex Howe kindly agreed to represent the Parish Council at future meetings of the Forum's executive committee and to report back accordingly. Actions agreed at September's Forum meeting included exploring how second homes council tax is being dealt with in other areas, and how other parish and town councils are handling the numbers of second homes that are being purchased; marrying up work already being undertaken on shared business rates with the second homes council tax; encouraging the Government to recognise parish and town councils when discussing the distribution of funds; and considering possible legislative changes.

Raising Concerns About Crime

Norfolk Constabulary will be holding a Public Engagement meeting at Hoveton Village Hall on Wednesday 25th October from 6pm to 7pm. All are welcome to attend. Hoveton's Beat Manager, PC Tom Gibbs, is expected to be in attendance, so this will be an excellent opportunity for local residents to raise concerns about crime or to offer suggestions for future policing priorities. After the meeting, the Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel will meet to discuss and decide local policing priorities for the next three months.

Norfolk Strategic Framework Consultation

Hoveton Parish Council was recently consulted on the draft Norfolk Strategic Framework – a document prepared jointly by Norfolk's Planning Authorities, which sets out shared objectives on housing, employment and infrastructure. The consultation proved a good opportunity for the Parish Council to comment on aspects of development planning that aren't covered when individual planning applications are being decided, and to influence the District Council's Local Plan. Talks were held with Wroxham Parish Council via the Wroxham and Hoveton Joint Action Group to ensure a co-ordinated response to the consultation on a number of local issues that affect both villages, such as problems with traffic and road congestion and the importance of tourism and generating local employment.

Next Meeting – Monday 2nd October, 6.30pm

Hoveton Parish Council's next meeting is on Monday 2nd October, 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

Highways Issues

Following pressure from the Parish Council a Norfolk County Council Highways engineer visited the village in early September and was shown, first hand, the problems we have been experiencing with flooding. He was shown around the village by Council Chair Cllr Barry Fiske and the council's lead on Highways Cllr Tony Adams.

The first thing looked at was flooding caused by blocked drains in several parts of the village including The Avenue, Keys Drive and the Norwich Road outside the Broads Tours car park. Parish Councillors had previously taken direct action on the flooding in part of The Avenue where Cllr Fiske together with Cllrs Tony Adams, Peter Mantle and Malcolm Allsop together with local resident Peter Claxton actually dug tree and road debris out of the three worst affected road drains. The Highways engineer admitted this was unacceptable and is to put in place a regular maintenance drain cleaning programme to prevent the situation from ever getting like this again. The problem on the Norwich Road by the car park is a bigger job and will require the road to be closed overnight so that repairs and improvements can be made to stop the small lake forming every time we have heavy or prolonged rain.

The Parish Council team also raised the issue of the footpath in Charles Close - part of which has recently been replaced but leaving the "inner circle", which is in a very poor condition, untouched. Highways have now included the replacement of the rest of the Charles Close footpath in their budget for 2018/19 and in the interim have pledged to send repair teams to make good some of the worst affected areas. Other issues tackled on the engineers visit included concerns relating to pedestrian and traffic safety in the area of The Avenue and

Church Lane which was discussed at length and a cost effective and attainable solution was arrived at which we hope to be able to announce in the near future.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Steering Group members charged with drafting our Neighbourhood Plan which will be the planning blueprint for the village for the next 20 years, are now well into their task. They attended the recent Wroxham and Hoveton Lions Summer Fete in Hoveton where more than 50 Wroxham residents called by their stand to offer their views on the future shape of our village. The first full public consultation on the process will be held at The Hub in Norwich Road on Saturday November 4 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. This is an open event for anyone who lives or works in Wroxham. Hoveton is not part of this process as they are in a different local government area. You will be able to find out more about what a Neighbourhood Plan is, talk to members of the Steering Group and express your views, wishes and concerns for the future of Wroxham. These opinions will help shape the Plan. This is the first of several consultations we will be holding in the village. Please come along. It's our village and we want to hear what you have got to say.

As part of the Neighbourhood Plan we are asked to supply a "vision" for the future of Wroxham. The draft vision is as follows:

"As a Conservation Area, by 2038 Wroxham parish will remain a unique and beautiful waterside community in which to live and enjoy. It will have a variety of good quality homes, improved community services, effective traffic management, and appropriate businesses, developed in ways that are sensitive to its iconic location."

Cemetery

Cllr Peter Mantle, who leads for the Council on Recreation and Amenity issues has instigated substantial improvements to the village cemetery in Noble Crescent. Gates have been repainted, spoil heaps removed and the area has been generally improved. The Council has also made provision for an extension to the cemetery when that becomes necessary on adjoining land which leads down to the river. The current cemetery should be adequate for another eight to ten years. Our thanks to Peter for a lot of hard and diligent work on behalf of our community.

Replacement Mobile Phone Mast

The siting of a replacement mast on land behind the Church Hall has mobilised a group of residents opposed to the structure to instigate a petition against it. Others in the village have welcomed the prospect of improved phone and data communication. The Parish Council had been asked for its views by the planning authority, Broadland District Council. However just before the Council's September meeting one of our District Councillors, Vincent Tapp informed us that Broadland would not now be required to give or withhold planning permission as, after investigation, the replacement mast fulfils criteria set by Central

Government and is therefore “permitted development” under the relevant planning legislation. This legislation also applies in conservation areas such as Wroxham where the criteria are tougher but the proposal still meets them. In other words there is nothing anyone can do about it - even if they wanted to. However the Parish Council will continue to monitor the project’s progress.

Wroxham Parish Council contact details. Web: www.wroxhamparishcouncil.org
Facebook: @ourwroxham. Parish Clerk: Clare Male: wroxhamparishcouncil@gmail.com
Tel: 07803 705434

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 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.

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

OPEN WEEK IN NORFOLK TO HELP THOSE WITH HEARING LOSS

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

Local hearing care specialists, The Hearing Care Centre, who visit centres across Norfolk have organised a series of Open Day events in the following locations -

●Friday 13th October 2017 (9am-5pm)*Cecil Amey Opticians, HOVETON*

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

All services are available by appointment only. To book your appointment call The Hearing Care Centre on 0800 096 2637 or visit www.hearingcarecentre.co.uk

OCTOBER AT THE MUSEUM OF THE BROADS

Our season is coming to a close at the end of October but that doesn't mean that things are winding down in Stalham! Half term (Mon 23 – Fri 29 Oct) sees our very popular Hallowe'en trail with Broads related spooky goings on. A great event for the family and for our volunteers who love decorating the exhibits!

Don't miss our Broadland in Pictures exhibition - October is your very last chance to see this special collection of paintings, photographs, sculpture, brochures, and holiday souvenirs through the years.

Falcon, our steam boat, will be running up to the end of the season, Tuesday to Thursday each week and daily during half term week. It's such a unique trip and loads of wildlife to see along the way.

Finally, we are always looking for volunteers for now and for the new season in 2018. There are a variety of different roles - check out our website. Being a volunteer is a great addition to a CV, it gives the opportunity to learn something new and meet a great bunch of people. It comes highly recommended!

Go on, #makeitstalham

www.museumofthebroads.org.uk

Museum of the Broads, Stalham Staithe, NR12 9DA, 01692 581681

CAPRON & HELLIWELL SOLICITORS OPEN NEW WROXHAM OFFICE

Capron & Helliwell Solicitors are delighted to announce that due to the firm’s ongoing expansion, another office in Wroxham has been opened. The new Wroxham office, Helliwell House, is located at Station Road, where the former NatWest bank was based.

Ground floor meeting rooms are available.

The firm's other Wroxham office at the Broads Centre will be kept and will continue to offer Conveyancing and Residential and Commercial Property Law services. The firm's new office offers Private Client Law services including Wills and Probate and Inheritance tax advice (previously available at the Broads Centre office), as well as offering a Family Law service including free family law clinics (previously only available at the Stalham office).

Lindsay Little, Partner in charge of Helliwell House, remarked that all the partners and staff are delighted at the firm's further expansion in Wroxham. "We have been looking for new offices with ground floor meeting rooms for many years and are thrilled that we have now achieved this which will also strengthen our legal presence in Wroxham. We were pleased that Charlotte Helliwell, daughter of the late Michael Helliwell, a past Partner in the Practice, carried out the formal opening for us."

If you would like to make an appointment to speak with one of Capron & Helliwell's legal experts please call the firm on 01603 783818 (for either of the Wroxham offices) or 01692 581231 (Stalham office)

THE PRESTON ROOMS – THE VILLAGE HALL

I have to begin this article by saying a really big Thank You to everyone who supported the Village Show, on September 9th. The entry schedule listed six groups with 37 classes, and we had 133 entries, which was amazing.

There was a wonderful display of potted plants, flowers, shrubs, fruit, vegetables, home baking and handicrafts. Congratulations to the overall winner Pam Culley, I came second and Jenny Payne came third.

On Friday September 29th between 10am and 12 noon we are holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning at the Preston Rooms. It would be lovely if you could come along to support this worthy cause.

On Saturday November 11th, between 10am and 3pm we are holding a Maker's Market at the Preston Rooms. This is an event being organised by the village Close Knit Knitting Group. There will be stalls full of all sorts of knitted and crocheted things, and refreshments.

Don't forget that we still have the groups being held in the Preston Rooms. The Gardening Group is on the fourth Wednesday of the month, between 1.30pm and 3.30pm and the Close Knit Knitting Group is held every Friday between 1pm and 3pm. New members/beginners are always welcome. These groups are a great way to stay in touch, especially as the weather moves into autumn and winter.

Sue Watts
Secretary

ST SWITHINS CHURCH SEPTEMBER 2017

Fish and Chips Harvest quiz Preston Room. This was a sellout with a packed room, and raised the sum of £300!



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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BRIDGE VETS

Has your pet suffered with a limp? Most do at some point in their lives. Sometimes a limp is a sign of something simple like a torn nail or graze on a pad other times it can signify a joint problem. Many can be treated simply, but not all as in the case I am writing about, Charlie.

Charlie is a lovely, lively cocker spaniel who has been having problems with his forelimbs since he was only a few months old. At two years old I diagnosed Charlie as having elbow dysplasia, a developmental problem of his elbows resulting in instability of the elbow joint, micro-fractures and ultimately osteoarthritis - degenerate joint disease. He was initially treated with rest and painkillers as needed, however over the following 18 months he deteriorated, hence I referred him to a specialist, where he underwent surgery on both elbows. Initially Charlie did improve greatly, unfortunately- as is often the case - he did begin have painful days again, which became more severe and frequent over the following months. Over the following two years we tried various treatment methods including anti-inflammatories, physiotherapy and hydrotherapy, all of which helped for a while before Charlie would become lame again. We had to resort to some of the most potent painkillers, however Charlie's quality of life was becoming restricted and he was unable to enjoy his favourite pastime - running free chasing a tennis ball.

I had a number of discussions with Charlie's mum, discussing the possibility of referring him for elbow replacements - a very expensive and not always successful option. We also had a discussion about Charlie's quality of life, considering the possibility that we may have to put Charlie down, as he was becoming a very unhappy dog. It was at this point we discussed novel therapies which were just starting to become available - Platelet Rich Plasma and Stem Cell Therapy.

Platelet Rich Plasma had appeal in that it can be produced in the practice from a blood sample, however it appeared to me that the results were not as good as Stem Cell Therapy, thus after discussion we decided this was the best option for Charlie.

Stem cell therapy is a revolutionary new treatment for patients with lameness problems, in particular those caused by osteoarthritis. I undertook some research into this therapy, before advising Charlie's mum that one particular specialist laboratory stood out from the others, having the authorisation from the Veterinary Medicines Directorate - giving assurances as to the quality of their work/product, along with a lot of evidence of the stem cells they produce helping animals. Stem cells have the remarkable potential to develop into many different cell types in the body. When injected into damaged tissue they can greatly assist in the repair of that tissue. The treatment type we decided to use has now been included in the World Small Animal Veterinary Association recommendations for the treatment of osteoarthritis.

To produce stem cells we needed to harvest some fat tissue from Charlie's groin under a general anaesthetic, along with a blood sample. The harvested tissue is then sent off to the specialist laboratory who select and grow the stem cells from the fat, a procedure taking a couple of weeks. The stem cells are then frozen in liquid nitrogen and stored at the laboratory until required.

We arranged for Charlie to return to the surgery and arranged for the Stem cells to be couriered to us still frozen. Under sedation I injected the stem cells into both of his elbow joints.

The results so far are amazing; Charlie has only limped once and is pain free in both of his elbows - the best he has been for years! Most importantly he is free to run again! The stem cells should have effect on the joint for at least six months, often dogs can be pain free for some years, however we have a backup plan - I arranged for the laboratory to store Charlie's harvested cells for his lifetime so if he does start to limp or show signs of pain again we can just request another batch of Charlie's stem cells to be sent to us, which are again injected into his elbow under a light sedation, benefitting him in exactly the same way again, without him needing repeat surgery to harvest more fat!

David Martin MRCVS

WESTOVER VETERINARY CENTRE

Although autumn is upon us and the days are drawing in there remains the possibility of a few hot spells and with this in mind I wanted to write about a case I saw during my latest weekend on call. At the time we were experiencing some very warm weather, but nothing unusual for August. Unfortunately, our furry friends are less well equipped to deal with the heat and certain breeds of dog are especially affected. On this occasion, it was a 3-year-old

French Bulldog who had been struggling with his breathing for a day or two and this had led to him over heating and developing heat stroke. He presented to the practice collapsed, panting heavily and had a temperature of nearly 44C. He was immediately transferred to an oxygen tent, placed on a drip, given medications to reduce the inflammation of his airways and cooled down with wet towels and cold compresses. French Bulldogs are among a number of breeds classed as “brachycephalic”, this means they have shortened faces which has led to collapsing airways, excessive soft tissues obstructing their airways and inevitable breathing problems for many individuals. The knock-on effect in hot weather is their inability to cool down properly through panting and the increased risk of heat stroke.

It took over 4 hours for his temperature to drop back to the normal range and he needed to be monitored intensively round the clock to ensure he was breathing properly and regulating his temperature adequately himself. Remarkably he pulled through and was discharged the following morning, unfortunately many dogs with heat stroke are not so lucky. So please remember to avoid walking your dogs in the heat of the day, always ensure they have access to water and don't leave them in the car if the weather is hot- “not long is too long!”.

Toby Morrell MRCVS Westover Veterinary Centre

PETITION FOR RENEWAL OF CHARLES CLOSE INNER PERIMETER PAVEMENTS.

On Thursday a petition was composed and signed by 39 residence and users of Charles Close footpaths. All contributors were unhappy with the condition and usability of the footpaths not included in the recent project during summer 2017.

There were numerous examples of failure of quality and usability of the work already undertaken, with examples of unusable drive ramps and trip hazards left around drain covers as a result of the summer work.

Contributions commenting on the remaining pavements included examples of cambers and deterioration of the surface preventing disabled access, users walking in the road to avoid dangerous slopes and cambers, people unable to use pushchairs and being forced to cross the road, and examples of falls due to trip hazards resulting in at least two physical injuries.

The petition was submitted to the Wroxham Parish Council meeting on Thursday the 7th of September and explained to the meeting.

WPC agreed to consider what could be done.

Barry Fiske (WPC chair) spoke with me today and said WPC reviewed the pavements yesterday and agreed to patch dangerous areas within the next few weeks. They plan to budget for a major resurface using the 2018/2019 budget in the next 18 months or so.

So in summary, we have an agreement in principle to tackle the issue.

NOTICES

Young and old, the communities of Hoveton and Wroxham have come together with love, caring and generosity after the death of James (Jimmy) in July.

We wish to thank you all so much it has been an overwhelming experience.

Barbara, Tony, Simon and Chris.

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](mailto: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:

A recreation of times past this month, pictured at the Strumpshaw Autumn Steam Rally this year. October was very much the time to 'trosh' as can be seen in the background of the picture; it was time to get in wood for the winter too, so the steam-driven sawbench is in full swing in the foreground. Wroxham had its own threshing contractor with premises on Church Lane, just past the Manor House, where the Vicarage and the other new houses stand going up towards Skinners Lane. Few farmers could afford to buy a complete threshing outfit, so Arthur Haylett hired out the usual array of steam traction engines, threshing outfits, sawbenches, etc. from a yard there, notable for the big pond by the entrance gates. Originally a horse pond, it found a new use under Mr. Haylett since traction engines are thirsty beasts too. The yard and its various sheds and barns ran through to the railway, and the area from the railway to Norwich Road was all grazing land (no houses then). This rural idyll was mostly gone by the 1920s - a few semi-derelict engines and threshing drums lingered on for a few years more - but older residents will occasionally refer to 'Haylett's Yard' and 'Haylett's Pond' close by 'Daisy Farm'. Incidentally, 'Felicity' the agricultural engine driving the sawbench has a local connection: built by William Allchin of Northampton in 1911 and exhibited at the Royal Agricultural Show that year, she was owned for many years by Billy Bird of Tunstead and brought the traffic to a standstill when travelling through Hoveton and Wroxham on the way to local rallies. After Billy's death she went to live near North Walsham. *Nick Walmsley.*

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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.

IT'S SHOWTIME! @ HOVETON VILLAGE HALL THURSDAY 26th OCTOBER. It's an afternoon performance.

'TO HELEN AND BACK'

Tickets are on sale via The Creative Arts website or from Ann Rogers on 01603 783258, ann.ashbyrogers@gmail.com

This is the first of, hopefully, many shows to come so PLEASE GIVE US YOUR SUPPORT! It would be amazing to have a packed house.....and the bar will be open too!

YOGA IN THE PARK

Autumn came with wind and gold, showing the beauty of letting go... As we say goodbye to Summer Yoga in the Park, we make space for yoga in the cosy indoors for Monday Yoga 6-7pm at North Walsham Congregational Church Hall. Using blocks, straps and other supports to go explore deeper into postures

and feel the benefits for longer. £6 drop in session or £20 for 4 weeks.

Get in touch to book your space at yogawithlucya@gmail.com

[facebook.com/yogawithLucyA](https://www.facebook.com/yogawithLucyA) www.yoga-with-lucy.tumblr.com

H.A.T.S HORNING AMATEUR THEATRICAL SOCIETY

Are you bored sitting at home doing the same old thing? Want to get out and about a bit more and make some new friends? Then why not join the H.A.T.S., the friendly amateur dramatics group based at Horning Village Hall near Wroxham. The group is looking for budding actors, singers and dancers to join them onstage for their next pantomime which will be staged in January.

If you don't fancy being on the stage but would still like to be involved, there are several other really important jobs...making costumes, creating props, building scenery, selling tickets...whatever your talent, come along and get involved, we'd love to see you!

Rehearsals are expected to start the first Sunday in October at 6pm and every Sunday from then (except over Christmas) until show week.

The Annual General Meeting of H.A.T.S. is on 17th September at 6 pm in Horning Village Hall. Newcomers will be made most welcome.

For further details, please contact the HATS Chairman,
Robin Baines on 01603 782920 or 07721 465647.

IT'S A DIBLEY CHRISTMAS IN NORFOLK!

Local actor Laura Williamson, who lives in Norwich, is reprising her role of Geraldine Grainger in *The Vicar of Dibley Christmas* at the Sheringham Little Theatre and then at St. Georges Theatre in Great Yarmouth during November. Laura and almost all of the original cast, from the first *Vicar of Dibley* production, are continuing the story of the Village of Dibley in this hilarious show.

St. Georges Theatre plan to start up their own amateur group, based at the theatre, and it is hoped that this performance will inspire would-be actors and back stage crew to join this new and exciting project.

The village of Dibley is still the quirky, chaotic place that we all know and love, and Christmas is on its way. But first, Geraldine has much to do. She has some news to break that will leave David Horton in shock! She has to find a way to celebrate the anniversary of the Churches saint, which results in a stunning revelation from one of the Dibley Parish Councillors, and she has to find a way to break the twenty-seven-year winning run of David Horton in the village quiz. A task made more challenging when she finds out that his opponent is Alice.

Can she succeed with any of these challenges before the Yuletide season is upon them? Will the village nativity be the final straw? All will be revealed in *The Vicar of Dibley Christmas* at the Sheringham Little Theatre from 15th to 18th November 2017. 7.30pm. Matinee 2.30pm on Saturday 18th. Tickets £12 from the box office. 01263 822347

Tickets for St. Georges Theatre performance on 25th November. 7.30pm, £8 each from the box office. 01493- 331484

OPEN DAY AND SMALL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

on DECEMBER 10th at NEW FARM AVIATION GROUP in FRETtenham (NR12 7NG) FREE ADMISSION donations welcome. REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE plus GRAND XMAS DRAW.

For future ref the museum is open on the second Sunday in the month from MARCH 2018. Anyone clearing a shed or wishing to donate / loan artifacts of anything military please contact 01692 406943 or 01603 781864.

HORNING CINEMA AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Friday 13th October 2017 screening “THE TIME OF THEIR LIVES” starring Joan Collins, Pauline Collins and Franco Nero. A former Hollywood star enlists the help of a new friend in order to journey from London to France for her ex-lover’s funeral, with the various mishaps en route making the trip unforgettable.

Doors open **7.00 p.m. for 7.30 start** Cert: 12A Running time 104 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 3rd November screening “VICEROY’S HOUSE” starring Gillian Anderson, Michael Gambon and Hugh Bonneville.

YOUR ‘WROXHAM COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH’

Due to many complaints regarding speeding traffic in our village, several years ago, Wroxham Wroxham Community Speed Watch continues to monitor traffic within the village. If you are interested in supporting this vital work please call Mike on 784944