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WHAT'S ON

VH = village hall

AUGUST

3rd Wed. **Field Dalling** Coffee Morning, VH 10.30am
5th Fri. **Field Dalling** Firsty Friday, VH 6pm
5th Fri. **Sharrington** Craft Group, VH 10-30am-12.30pm
6th Sat. & 7th Sun. **Binham** Art Group Exhibition, MH 9.30am-5pm
6th Sat. **Langham** Stall on the Green 9.30-11am
12th Fri. **Bale** Fish and Chips, VH 7pm
13th Sat. **Field Dalling**, Summer Fete, VH 2pm
13th Sat. **Langham** Stall on the Green, 9.30-11am
14th Sun. **Binham** Village Fete and Show, MH and playing field 1-4pm, Show entries 9-11am
16th Tue. **Binham** Summer Concerts-Civitas Ensemble, BP 7.30pm
19th Fri. **Field Dalling** Bingo, VH 7.30pm
19th Fri. **Langham** Quiz Night, VH 7pm
20th Sat. **Gunthorpe** 50:50 Club Coffee Morning, VI 10.30am
20th Sat. **Langham** Street Fayre
20th Sat. **Sharrington** Claude Bourbon Concert, VH 7pm
21st Sun. **Sharrington** Church BBQ, The Place 12.30pm
24th Wed. **Field Dalling** U3A Military History Group, VH 10am
26th Fri. **Bale** Bale Oak Bar, VH 6.30-9.30pm
27th Sat. **Bale** Bale Annual BBQ, VH 7pm
27th Sat. **Langham** Stall on the Green, 9.30-11am
28th Sun. **Stiffkey** The Knoll, Church Fundraising Stalls, 10am-5pm

SEPTEMBER

2nd Fri. **Binham** Summer Concerts-Jonathan Sage & Keats String Quartet, BP 7.30pm
2nd Fri. **Field Dalling** Firsty Friday, VH 6pm
2nd Fri. **Sharrington** Craft Group, VH 10-30am-12.30pm
7th Wed. **Field Dalling** Coffee Morning, VH 10.30am
8th Thu. **Morston** Seal Trip & Crab Supper, Morston Quay at 5pm followed by supper in VH
9th Fri. **Bale** Fish and Chips, VH 7pm
10th Sat. **Binham** Summer Concerts-Andrew Maginley, BP 7.30pm
10th Sat. **Sharrington** Annual NCT bike ride
15th Thu. Hindringham and **Binham** Open Circle, Life of Edith Cavel, Hindringham VH 7.15pm
15th Thu. **Sharrington** Noble Rotters, VH 7.30pm
17th Sat. **Bale** Bale Book Group, VH 4pm
18th Sun. **Binham** Priory Concert-North Sea Strings and Voices, BP 3pm
21st Wed. **Sharrington** Gardeners: Talk, Field Dalling VH 6.30pm
23rd Fri. **Bale** Bale Oak Bar, VH 6.30-9.30pm
23rd Fri. **Field Dalling** U3A Family History Group, VH 10am
23rd Fri. **Field Dalling** Bingo, VH 7.30pm
24th Sat. **Gunthorpe** 50:50 Club Coffee Morning, Village Institute 10.30am
24th Sat.-26th Mon. **Stiffkey** The Tutor Group, The Old Dairy, Norfolk Open Studios, 10am-5pm
25th Sun. **Stiffkey** Cricket Club Match, PF 1pm onwards
28th Wed. **Field Dalling** U3A Military History Group, VH 10am
30th Fri. **Stiffkey** The Tutor Group, The Old Dairy, Norfolk Open Studios, 10am-5pm

REGULARS

Monday **Bale** Painting Group, VH, 1-4pm (12 Sept-12 Dec)
Monday **Sharrington**, Yoga class, VH 11.30am-12.30pm
Tuesday **Binham** Art Group, BMH 9.30am

Wednesday **Binham** Youth Group resumes in September after school holidays 6-8pm, BMH.

Third Wednesday in the month **Binham**, Cosy Club, BMH 2-4pm
1st & 3rd Saturdays in month **Langham** Coffee Mornings, VH 10am-12noon

POST OFFICES & LIBRARY BUSES

Wednesdays **Field Dalling** Post Office, VH 8.00-8.40am
Wednesdays **Langham** Mobile Post Office, VH 8.50-9.20am
Thursdays **Field Dalling** Mobile Library Highfields, 16.25 - 16.45 (23rd June & 28th July)
Fridays **Sharrington** Library Bus, VH 3.10pm (26th Aug. & 23rd Sept.)

CLASH DIARY

If you are arranging a big event, contact your village rep to add it to our clash diary, then check the diary to see what else is going on.

October

8th Sat. **Sharrington** Antique Valuation Day, VH 10am-3pm
22nd Sat. **Sharrington** Gordon Giltrap Concert, VH 7pm

November

26th Sat. **Sharrington** Christmas Fayre, VH 10am-2pm

December

10th Sat. **Field Dalling** Christmas Fair

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We welcome **articles, drawings, photos, poetry and advertisements** for publication from all ages but the editor reserves the right to edit or omit submissions. A **maximum of 400** words is recommended. Please contact your local rep on their email or phone number listed under your own village heading.

All submissions must go through the village rep.
For general information: lynxeditor@pobox.com.

Deadlines for submissions to reps are: 6 January, 6 March, 6 May, 6 July, 6 September & 6 November

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Church Services for the Stiffkey and Bale Benefice for August and September 2022

HC=Holy Communion. CFS=Church Family Service. MP=Morning Prayer. BCP=Book of Common Prayer

Parish	7 th August	14 th August	21 st August	28 th August
Bale	9.30am HC		9.30am HC	
Field Dalling		11.00am Animal Blessing Service	At Saxlingham	11.00am MP BCP
Saxlingham		At Field Dalling	11.00am HC BCP	At Field Dalling
Gunthorpe		11.00am MP BCP		
Sharrington	9.30am MP BCP	9.30am HC	9.30am MP CW	9.30am HC
Binham	11.00am HC	11.00am MP BCP	11.00am MP BCP	9.30am HC
Morston	9.30am HC BCP		9.30am MP BCP	
Langham	At Stiffkey	9.30am MP BCP	At Stiffkey	9.30am MP BCP
Stiffkey	9.30am MP BCP	At Langham	9.30am HC BCP	At Langham

Parish	4 th September	11 th September	18 th September	25 th September
Bale	9.30am HC		9.30am HC	
Field Dalling		11.00am CFS	At Saxlingham	11.00am MP BCP
Saxlingham		At Field Dalling	11.00am HC BCP	At Field Dalling
Gunthorpe		11.00am MP BCP		
Sharrington	9.30am MP BCP	9.30am HC	9.30am MP CW	9.30am MP
Binham	11.00am HC	11.00am MP BCP	11.00am MP BCP	
Morston	9.30am HC BCP		9.30am MP BCP	
Langham	At Stiffkey	9.30am MP BCP	At Stiffkey	9.30am MP BCP
Stiffkey	9.30am MP BCP	At Langham	9.30am HC BCP	At Langham

Zoom Evensong on 7th August and 4th September at 5.00pm. For further details please contact Ian Newton on 01328 830947 or email iannewton46@gmail.com.

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DEANERY NEWS

**Joint Meeting of Holt and Repps
Deanery Synods**

13th October, Sheringham at 7.30pm

RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

May I wish you a warm, happy, growth-filled August and September. I, though, think that potatoes may be very small. A nice dusting of rain in the night would suit my beans and greens well!

We do live in unstable times: folly, war, wickedness and want seem to stalk a lovely world; and all those things speak of having got things wrong. Error.

Stability is an antidote to error, as Paul encouraged the Colossians: "As therefore you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so live in him, rooted and built up in him and

established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving." (Colossians 2:6,7). Form and pattern in creation are God's means of approaching us; and so also are man-made forms and patterns, in music, words, buildings, books and people. God is surely able to use those forms of service made for public worship: whether those forms are ancient and rigid, or modern and flexible. If the Spirit may inspire the extempore, He may not be limited not to inspire that which is written, read and heard. Indeed if liturgical forms are condemned, then this distaste for what is made may be the beginning of those anti-materialist errors against which Paul fulminated.

We are of the earth but with souls, which are of the heavens. In Christ both meet. In the exercise of making, doing, growing, caring, we are re-made, put back together, mended. We can do a lot on our own, but add worship to the dish and we have a Feast.

Yours truly,

Ian Whittle The Rectory, Langham 01328 830246

Some lines of Coleridge:

Therefore all seasons shall be sweet to thee,
Whether the summer clothe the general earth
With greenness, or the redbreast sit and sing
Betwixt the tufts of snow on the bare branch
Of mossy apple-tree, while the night thatch
Smokes in the sun-thaw; whether the eave-drops fall
Heard only in the trances of the blast,
Or if the secret ministry of frost
Shall hang them up in silent icicles,
Quietly shining to the quiet moon.

.....All seasons shall be sweet to thee.....

LOOKING AFTER LOCAL LYNX

Local Lynx is a not-for-profit community paper covering the villages of Bale, Binham, Cockthorpe, Field Dalling, Gunthorpe, Langham, Morston, Saxlingham, Sharrington and Stiffkey.

Published every other month, it contains community news as well as news and articles from each of the villages together with details of church services and news from the local school in Langham.

Currently distributed to over 1,100 households it has an estimated readership of over 2,000 as well as over 800 readers on-line at www.locallynx.co.uk.

The paper is produced entirely by volunteers with the editor supported by village reps who collate the stories, distributors who pop the paper through each letterbox, proof readers who try to catch the typos, a designer who can add style and of course those that write the interesting articles and news.

Financially the paper is supported by the parish councils and parochial church councils of the villages concerned and by the wonderful local businesses who place their adverts with us. We also have great support from our readers. If you like what you read and would like to make a contribution to the running costs of the paper then these can be made by contacting the editor at lynxeditor@pobox.com or by direct bank transfer to: Local Paper a/c 65004288 sort code 09-01-54.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

COUNTY COUILLORS' NOTES

...from Michael Dalby

Big Norfolk Holiday Fun opens summer bookings

Children across Norfolk can benefit from a range of fun activities this summer, as the Big Norfolk Holiday Fun scheme returns for the six-week school holiday.

Bookings are now open for the scheme, which provides free activities with a healthy lunch for children eligible for means tested free school meals.

The scheme is delivered by Norfolk County Council in partnership with Active Norfolk and supports children aged 5 to 16 as part of the government's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme.

Activities will be running from 25th July to 2nd September where children will have the opportunity to learn a new skill, play a range of sports or take part in a host of activities such as outdoor adventures, science workshops, cooking, art, and lots more.

Those who are eligible for means-tested free school meals can claim free spaces, whilst paid spots for a small charge are available on many activities for those who don't qualify for a free place. More can be found on this at www.norfolk.gov.uk/bignorfolkholidayfun.

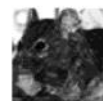
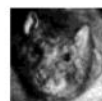
Plans for new recycling centre at Sheringham

Plans have been unveiled for a large new recycling centre at Sheringham, intended to replace the current site and serve as a new recycling centre for the area. Norfolk County Council is now asking for people's thoughts on the proposed site location and design.

County councillors allocated £1.65m funding in February 2019 for this part of Norfolk's ongoing recycling centre improvement programme. The new recycling centre would have; a reuse shop, plenty of parking spaces, a one-way system for smooth traffic flow and reduced queues, separate public and service areas (which means it would not need to close for waste collection lorries, as is the case at the current site) and a 'pay as you throw' section for DIY waste and a trade service for small businesses.

The new site would be located on land opposite the existing Sheringham recycling centre and accessed from the A148 Holt Road. A new junction with the A148 is proposed to improve visibility in both directions.

The consultation is open from 1st July to 31st July 2022. A drop in event, where residents can discuss the plans with officers from the County Council, will be held at the Holway Road Community Centre in Sheringham on Wednesday 13th July between 2.30 and 6.30pm.



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Information will also be displayed at Sheringham Library from 1st to 12th July.

Following the consultation, Norfolk County Council hopes to submit the planning application in autumn 2022. If approved, construction is expected to start in summer 2023 and the new site could be open in late 2023 to early 2024.

County Councillors' contact details:

Michael Dalby: County Councillor Wells Division - Glaven, Priory and Walsingham Parishes (incl. Binham & Cockthorpe, Brinton & Sharrington, Field Dalling & Saxlingham, Langham, Morston, Stiffkey)

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DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

...from Victoria Holliday

Housing - 160 new affordable houses were built last year, with 52 expected this year. The number is lower due to lack of sites and the impact of the building pause due to nutrient neutrality.

The new Energy Officer is liaising with parishes to promote energy efficiency improvement works. Contact NNDC for details. A Discretionary Hardship and Support Grant is also available, as is the Household Support Fund, extended till March.

Culture - the next meeting of the Community Arts Funding Panel is 28th July and submissions are welcomed.

Leisure - there will be a bid for Levelling Up funding to build a new swimming pool in Fakenham.

Six blue flag accolades have been awarded to beaches across the district.

RNLI lifeguard are in place at Sheringham West, Cromer East, Mundesley and Sea Palling: the remainder will start in July.

Well-being - funding has been received for 8 community connectors, each working with one of the district's towns and surrounding villages. These community connectors will work with community leaders and organisations to identify priorities, needs or gaps in support, facilities or service provision, and will work with the community and NNDC to fill those gaps.

North Norfolk Waiting Well project will help those waiting for non-urgent orthopaedic surgery with, for example, housing adaptations.

Environment - composition analysis shows food waste is the biggest single element of residual waste. There are plans for food collection from next year.

The Net Zero Action Plan has been adopted which aims to reduce NNDC's carbon footprint to net zero by 2030.



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The environmental team has been identifying areas across the district which are suitable for rewilding.

Finance - NNDC was sixth in the country at paying out the Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grants and 24th at paying out coronavirus business grants.

90% of eligible properties have received the Council Tax Energy Rebate.

Customer Services - 10% of customer contacts are not trying to access NNDC but alternate services e.g. Norfolk County Council. Telephone options have been updated to direct customers to the right place first time.

Public convenience refurbishments at Wells are progressing.

Planning - The Planning Department is working on a Planning Service Improvement Plan using soundings from a customer satisfaction survey, and engagement with

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The building control team has a higher workload than usual and the enforcement team currently has 245 live cases.

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Regular Events

Holt Library - 01263 712202

For further information or to book where necessary, visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries or call 01603 774777 if you prefer to speak to a member of staff.

Tuesdays: Family History Drop In Weekly 10.30am, Just a Cuppa Weekly 11.30am - 12.30pm, Bounce and Rhyme Weekly 2 - 2.30pm. **Wednesdays:** Book group (check date with staff) 2.30 - 3.30pm, Evening book group (check date with staff) 5.30 - 6.30pm. **Fridays:** Crafting for Children Weekly Term time only (except summer holidays) 3.30 - 4.30pm. **Saturdays:** Lego Club Weekly 2 - 3pm.

THURSDAYS AT THREE

St Margarets Church, Cley next the Sea

Starting 1st September, The Friends of Cley Church are pleased to welcome you to a new season of relaxing music in St Margaret's Church, Cley each Thursday at 3.00pm, followed by a chat over tea and cake. Dogs are welcome. There is access for those less mobile. Entry is free, but we welcome donations towards the upkeep of this historic building. (See ad on p.4)

We have been able to acquire a fabulous piano and the acoustics are wonderful in this magnificent church. There are a variety of talented local artists who perform programmes ranging from classical instrumental, jazz, cabaret, songs, musicals and operatic highlights. The season will run till Christmas. Do come along. Any questions contact Victoria Holliday on 07557 054629.

CLEY CHURCHYARD DISCOVERY DAY

Sunday 28th August 2022

The day will involve a series of activities for all the family to help you explore and discover nature and a bit of history in Cley's beautiful churchyard.

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The programme is being compiled (and is subject to change) but currently looks like:

9:30am: Birds talk/walk. A local birder will help you see and identify birds and will tell you what species are to be seen through the year.

11am-4pm: Nature Trail, self-guided for children and all the family, available all day. A host will be available 11am- 12noon & 2:30-4:30pm.

12noon: Butterflies & moths: talk/walk

2:30pm: Cemetery Tour. Stories about some of the people buried in the churchyard.

3:30pm: Flowers and plants talk/walk. A survey in 2016 discovered over 100 different plant species in the churchyard.

You are very welcome to bring a picnic and enjoy it in the church field (a toilet is available in the church).

The final programme will be publicised and available in the church in mid-August.

NORTH NORFOLK AMNESTY STONE

The unveiling of a carved stone commissioned by Amnesty International's North Norfolk Group took place on 11th June 2022.

The Forest of Dean Sandstone monolith, carved by Norfolk letter cutter Teucer Wilson, is to be sited on the Wiveton Village Green.

"Most of our fundraising or campaigning," explains Amnesty member Kate Vogler, "is very immediate. This stone will be more permanent. It is both a memorial to, and a reminder of, the struggle to protect human rights around the world."



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The North Norfolk Group didn't want to deflect from their normal fundraising so the stone is the result of nearly four years work in attracting donations and sponsors. One of Amnesty's guiding principles is inscribed on it: 'It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness.' It is hoped that these words will give some food for thought for passing visitors and walkers.

"We are grateful to Wiveton PC for having the vision to allow this lovely stone to be situated on The Green at Wiveton, also to all those who support the work of Amnesty International," adds Kate Vogler. "Sadly the world appears to need reminding about human rights now more than ever."

NNA Group Secretary Chris Gill
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BALE

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BALE OAK BAR Aka 'BOB'

On the sunny Friday evening of the Jubilee weekend, Bale village hall was transformed into Bale Oak Bar ('BOB'). Red gingham tablecloths and wildflower posies adorned the tables inside; red, white and blue bunting created a celebratory community atmosphere outside.

Background jazz added to the mood. The dartboard



was in great demand as the evening wore on.

Mark Milsom and I were hosts for the evening and were kept on our toes supplying patrons with drinks on a warm and sunny evening. We had

terrific support for the venture from the village and, judging by our feedback questionnaires, everyone had a great time and were happy with the wide variety of drinks available.

Stock has been sourced locally where possible and has a strong Norfolk theme. Prices are competitive. Bale Oak Bar will be opening on the fourth Friday of the month from 6.30-9.30pm and we look forward to welcoming visitors and residents of neighbouring villages as well as those of Bale.

Fish and chips evenings will be on the second Friday of the month as usual.

Fiona Andrews

WILD BALE

Hummingbird Hawkmoth

Our garden this summer has attracted a hummingbird hawkmoth and we have enjoyed watching it feed among our red valerian and sage flowers during the warm evenings.



A day-flying moth, the hummingbird hawkmoth hovers rapidly, moving from flower to flower drinking the nectar with its long proboscis. The length of the proboscis allows the moth to feed from plants with long



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funnel-shaped flowers, such as honeysuckle, that moths with a shorter proboscis are unable to drink from.

Stand close enough and you can hear the hum of the moth's wings and see the large eyes, orange wings and black and white chequered body. The wingspan is 40-50mm and, as they hover above tubular flowers, they look remarkably like hummingbirds found in the Americas.

A migrant from Africa and southern Europe, the hummingbird hawkmoth arrives each spring from about April to lay its eggs. The ova are only 1mm across and are laid on lady's bedstraw which the caterpillar feeds on for twenty or so days before pupating. It then remains hidden in leaf litter for three weeks until the new adult emerges. The hummingbird hawkmoth can produce several generations each summer in the UK but only a small number survive the winter, normally in southern England. However, as the climate warms and winter becomes indistinguishable from autumn and early spring, many more will survive the winter and the UK population will increase.

The sighting of a hummingbird hawkmoth in late summer is a thrill and often considered lucky. On D-Day, 6th June 1944, a swarm of hummingbird hawkmoths were seen flying across the English Channel towards Britain and the brave soldiers heading to France regarded them as a lucky charm. *Paul Laurie*

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

We're getting back into a nice routine again at the village hall, now adding our monthly pub night to the schedule of regular events. The Bale Oak Bar will be open on the fourth Friday of each month from 6.30pm to 9.30pm so feel free to pop in for a drink (or two). If you would be interested in helping out, volunteers are always welcome. Please come along and speak to the bar staff or a member of the Bale Village Hall Committee.

Fish and Chips night, still the second Friday of the month, continues to be a popular get-together and the new system of ordering in advance is working well. We are now taking delivery at around 7.15pm so have less time to consume our beer and wine before having some food to line our stomachs! Don't forget to place your order via the Bale Village Whatsapp group, balevillagehall@gmail.com or 01328 878355 by 6pm on the evening.

We always look forward to the barbecue on the Saturday of August Bank Holiday weekend, this year on the 27th. Proceedings start at 7pm and booking is

essential as this is a popular event. Booking from 1st August via Bale Village Whatsapp or balevillagehall@gmail.com and pay on the night (£15).

Although not technically within the dates of this Lynx issue, the Harvest Supper will be on 1st October at 7pm. Please get in touch to book from 1st September via the Bale Village Whatsapp or email (see above). Tickets £12.

We have been having problems beyond human understanding with BT and others so, at the time of writing, still have no internet connection at the village hall. We are therefore still unable to take credit card payments. Ali is working very hard to get the situation sorted out but in the meantime it is cash only, please.

PM

BALE PAINTING GROUP

The Bale Painting Group has been going for seven years now. Initially there were enough members to run two sessions on a Monday but, following the Covid 19 pandemic, we are now running a single afternoon session. The opportunity is there to extend the membership to anyone who would like to have a go at creating some art. There is no formal tuition but we organise guest artists to hold workshops from time to time.

The sessions are relaxed and any media you may choose to use is fine. We have acrylic paint, inks and pastels, too. Our art is up for viewing in the village hall. However, displaying your pictures is not obligatory.

If you are interested in attending a session to try your hand or to join the group as a regular (or occasional) member, you are most welcome.

The sessions are every Monday from 1pm to 4pm until 25th July, restarting after the summer holidays on 12th September.


You may contact us using the email address ThePaintingGroup@outlook.com or just pitch up at a Monday afternoon session. *Peter Jones*

BALE FETE

A 'Newbies' Tale

Walter popped his head over our garden gate one sunny afternoon and asked whether I would like to help with the tombola stall at the fast-approaching Bale Fete. Feeling it an honour to be asked and deploying my usual position when put on the spot, I said 'yes'.

I then thought 'what the heck do I do now?' In my hour of need came Chris and Dick Broughton, the undisputed tombola king and queen for the past sixteen



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years, who appeared with the tombola, tickets and some prizes together with a list of instructions that Ikea could do with adopting.

The day arrived and with it the sun and a very gusty wind. Off I went with my chauffeur, who is also my husband, to set up our stall in Walter's beautiful garden. The wind tried its best to disrupt proceedings but was no match for the copious amounts of Sellotape (or 'sticky-backed plastic' for the Blue Peter aficionados out there) holding down the gingham tablecloth and home-made signs that Chris and Dick had used for previous events.

I was ably assisted on the day by Sarah who was great fun to spend the afternoon with. I was delighted to find a new friend. We greatly enjoyed battling gusts of wind to keep the prizes on the table and the tickets inside the tombola whenever we forgot to shut the trap door. Oops!

Our stall was located next to the Sheringham and Cromer brass band which created a great atmosphere. We had a steady flow of customers throughout the afternoon, many returning to our stall in a determined effort to win a Terry's Chocolate Orange, a pair of gardening gloves or a wooden spatula and spoon set. Well, who wouldn't want to bag those prizes?

A highlight of the day was when a little boy who had returned several times with Mum to try to win a child's fishing net, got his prize at the fifth attempt, the boy's delight almost outdoing that of the gentleman who, moments later, won a jar of 'Werther's Originals'.

Helping out at the fete was a great experience, reminding me of childhood days at our local fete. Sarah and I were delighted with the amount we raised and even more delighted with the overall amount raised from the other participants on the day. I can honestly say it was great fun and I enjoyed every minute of it. Thanks for asking me to help, Walter. *Rebecca Withey*

ALL SAINTS' BALE Church News

A big 'thank you' is due from the churchwardens and PCC to all those involved with this year's Bale Fete: stallholders, refreshment providers, sideshow stewards, jam-makers, donators and all who attended or bought tickets for the Grand Draw. It is a great example of a village working together. An especially big 'thank you' goes to Walter Hammond, who makes it all happen and allows his garden and kitchen to be invaded for the day. Over £3,600 was raised this year, much-needed revenue for the church after the lockdowns when

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running costs remained constant but income abruptly dried up.

Communion services continue to be held on the first and third Sundays of the month at 9.30am. It would be interesting to hear from anyone in the Parish whether they have a preference for a different type of service, perhaps Morning Prayer or Evensong, as we are open to a change in routine if there is a desire for this.

This year's Harvest Festival will be on 2nd October and donations of food to decorate the church, then to be given to a local charity, will be gratefully received. Please leave any contributions at the back of the church by Saturday 1st October lunchtime. Many thanks.

The church building remains open for anyone to visit, either to look at the architecture and historic stained-glass window, for private prayer or simply to enjoy the quiet, calming atmosphere. We would ask all visitors to make sure they close the mesh door on their way in and out as it prevents birds and other animals from entering the church and causing damage. Well-behaved dogs are always welcome to accompany their owners. *PM*

CPR/DEFIBRILLATOR SESSION

Bale Village Hall: 14th August 2022

Bale's very own Dr Fiona Andrews and Critical Care Paramedic, Mark Milsom, will be demonstrating how to carry out CPR, use a defibrillator and perform other life-saving skills at Bale Village Hall on Sunday 14th August from 11am to 12.30pm.

This is the second session that Fiona and Mark have held in Bale. The first session received very positive feedback from attendees. To book a place see details on the poster below.

There is no charge for the training but donations to Norfolk Accident Rescue Service will be gratefully received. *MT*

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100 CLUB RESULTS

Please note that annual subscriptions need to be renewed at the beginning of August 2022.

If you would like to join the 100 Club, please pay the annual subscription of £12 into a/c 10142182, sort code 20-30-81, using 100 and your surname as the reference. The draw is held on the second Friday of each month at Fish and Chips in the village hall.

May 2022

1st Angus Jones £25
2nd Vinny Cebrat £10
3rd Sandy Chapman £5
4th Martin Moore £5

June 2022

1st Susan Buttifant £25
2nd Kris Clarke £10
3rd Margaret Dent £5
4th Walter Hammond £5

BINHAM

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REPLACEMENT LYNX VILLAGE REP FOR BINHAM

I would like to hand over to someone else having undertaken this role for seven years. It's not too onerous but does require some thought, time, gathering reports prior to arranging in the Lynx style to send onto the editor (so IT skills help). Village contacts are asked to attend a bimonthly Issue meeting where review and discussion for future issues takes place.

It certainly helped me to integrate into village life when we first came to live here on retirement. If you are interested in undertaking this task for the village, please contact me Liz Brady at Lizsdavenport@gmail.com or 01328 830830.

BINHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The Summer season is upon us, as the golden colours of ripening wheat and barley change the landscape from lush green to yellow/gold. The farmers and roads will be busy with harvest traffic of all shapes and sizes, passing through the village(s) for example lorries, tractors and trailers moving the rye harvest from field to grain silo. As schools start to break up this weekend the influx of visitors will be more noticeable, and volume of traffic will increase.

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The news that Covid is still prevalent. According to the epidemiologists, most of us have now had Covid, which reminds us that it is becoming common place again. I look forward to the day when I do not mention it, although we should remain vigilant over the summer and take simple precautions of remembering the strap line - hands, face, space, and ventilation as the current Covid strains seem to have no barriers.

On a much brighter note, Binham Village Jubilee celebrations were enjoyed by many despite the variable weather. The joy of achieving our plan, something for everyone young or old was special for those who had worked



hard to provide space for a picnic and tug of war on the Green, flowers and a children's wildflower garden in

All Saints church and churchyard Cockthorpe, a concert and special Sunday morning service in Binham Priory, and finally the grand Jubilee Tea Party in the Village Hall and all-comers cricket match on the playing field in the mizzle rain.

The 700 metres of bunting, mixed, red, white, and blue was admired by many and has been packed away for future use. What a wonderful achievement to



The decorating team.

get upwards of 200 on the Green and I lost count of the number of Tug of Wars between the teams of all ages from 6 -75 year olds and at least 35 of similar ages participated in the allcomers cricket match.



Our plan achieved what we set out to do, to bring the village together, get to know others, have fun in the village and celebrate



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Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. Instead of mugs/coins/medals a rather splendid commemorative bench has been purchased and will be installed in the Autumn. The position is to be decided, so if you have any suggestions as to where we might put it for all to use, do please let me know.

None of this would have been achieved without the commitment of a fantastic group who came together early in February and stayed the course to deliver such a memorable weekend. Thank you to everyone involved for such a tremendous effort and to those who came to enjoy the festivities.

The PC is still working on the refurbishing the telephone box probably as some sort of exchange 'hut'. We hope to activate the necessary work at the next PC meeting. If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact Sarah Hayden (PC Clerk) or me Liz Brady. The PC is always willing to listen and preserve the nature of the village.

Elizabeth S Brady, Chair Binham PC

BINHAM VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

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What a wonderful Platinum Jubilee weekend we had at the beginning of June. Even though the weather could have been better, it was a memorable and moving occasion.

The Trustees of the Hall are sad to say that the unique June Read has decided to hang up her 100 Club reins. The 100 Club raises essential funds for the Hall and has done for decades. For a small subscription of £12 per year, every member gets a number. Every month, June twirls our lovely hand-made number twirling machine and pulls out the requisite quantity of ping pong balls etched with numbers and voila! One might win a tenner or a fiver and every now and then we have a month where the winner might get £25. Frankly, it's a better investment than the Lottery.

June was a member of the Hall team when the Hall was in the old school opposite the Priory. Liz Brown joined that team in 1983 and June was there. When the current Hall was in the planning stages, she was co-opted on to the new Trustee committee in 1999 to run the 100 Club and she has done this with great success. Who hasn't had a tremor of anxiety if she approaches you in Trevor's shop with the words "Your 100 Club sub is due!?" And she has been brilliant at wrangling subscribers who are late with their contribution – although that might just be me. So successful has she been that the new oven was purchased by the 100 Club

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a couple of years ago. June always runs the raffles and the tombolas at the fete and other events, and she has always, always made the apple pies for the annual Christmas supper.

At the time of writing, we haven't quite finalised the handover from June to someone new but hopefully by the time this issue is printed we will have done. Info will be on the website.

Thank you very much, June, for all you have done over the past many years. We are very grateful for all your hard work and will miss you.

Don't forget the Fete and Village Show on August 14th – including our famous Dog Show. Details will go up round the village, on the Facebook page and on the website.

Mary Hunt

BINHAM ART GROUP

The royal postcards and pictures in the Memorial Village Hall for the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations portrayed a variety of interpretations on the royal theme. It's always interesting to see such a broad interpretation with portraits, corgis, flags, horse racing, guards and so on providing a colourful display. There are photos of the display on the news page of our website. Also on the website is a heartfelt thank you letter from Olena Yermolenko, a Ukrainian refugee now in Poland. Olena sent out an appeal for art materials so she could teach children affected by the impact of the war in Ukraine. Isabel Tipple, one of our members, kindly initiated a collection and posted a package to Olena. Clearly Olena was appreciative of the support and sent us photo of the class enjoying their art.

Preparations for our Annual Art Exhibition on the weekend of Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th August are now advanced with posters and promotional flyers now appearing on notice boards around The Local Lynx

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villages. There will also be a preview evening on Friday 5th August which will be by invitation only, Covid is still with us, so we are limiting attendance accordingly. We will have about 120 exhibits across all mediums and available for sale for all budgets. Local landscapes, which are always popular, will be well represented with contemporary works, on a range of subjects, providing the contrast. Refreshments will be available too.

May's picture of the month was won by Robin Townend with an acrylic painting of local pine trees called 'Holkham Canopy'. The picture of the month is chosen from a selection of recently painted pictures and voted on by art group members in a monthly ballot. For more information about the art group please visit our website: www.binhamartgroup.weebly.com.

Robin Townend

BINHAM YOUTH GROUP

We are pleased to announce that we will be reopening youth group when the schools return after the summer holidays on Wednesday evenings 6-8pm in the Village Hall during school terms. We have been busy over the last few months making sure the staff are up to date with their training and legal checks have taken a while as we had trouble finding anyone who was willing to take on our low numbers for training.

We look forward to seeing you all again soon as well as some new faces after this long-enforced closure. If you have any questions, please contact Andy on 01328 830178.

Andrew Marsh

HINDRINGHAM & BINHAM OPEN CIRCLE

Hindringham and Binham Open Circle do not meet in August but on 15th September we welcome Georgette Vale to tell us about the life of Edith Cavell.

We have sponsored one of the village planters. They look lovely and cheer up the exterior of the village hall. Thanks to Richard and Julie for all their hard work.

If you have any questions please ring our Secretary Sue Elkins on 01328 878487. If you're interested, please come along to any of our meetings. They are held on the third Thursday of the month at Hindringham village hall and start at 7.15pm.

Sue Elkins

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

People may forget what you said,
people may forget what you did,
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BINHAM PRIORY SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Tuesday, 16th August, 7.30 pm

Civitas Ensemble

Steve Bingham, violin, Jane Carwardine, violin,
Brenda Stewart, viola, Jane Fenton, cello

Music by Purcell, Dvorak, Finzi, Britten, Pärt.

"Images" is a multi media event which includes visual images to accompany the string quartet music as well as involving the local community in choral works, poetry readings and artworks.

Friday, 2nd September, 7.30 pm

Jonathan Sage, clarinet

Keats String Quartet: Laurie Dempsey, violin, Charlotte Fairbairn, violin, Heather Bourne, viola, Elisheba Stevens, cello.

Music by Weber, Mendelssohn, Coleridge Taylor

Saturday, 10 September, 7.30 pm

Andrew Maginley, baroque lute

Music by Adam Falckenhagen, Bernhard Hagen

"Sturm und Klang" features lute music from the court of Bayreuth performed by the magic of candlelight.

Reserved tickets are available from: Maureen Frost, 01328 830362, davidfrost226@btinternet.com.

CONCERT AT BINHAM PRIORY

With North Sea Strings and Voices

Sunday 18th September, 3pm

North Sea Strings and Voices is conducted by the international composer Dr Susannah Self. They bring to Binham Priory a beautiful programme of Elgar's 'Serenade for Strings', Grieg's 'Holberg Suite' and the première of Dr Self's 'Revelations of Divine Love' inspired by the writings of Julian of Norwich. The music for 'Revelations of Divine Love' is upbeat and accessible and was composed during a residency at Aldeburgh this year.

North Sea Voices are joined by international soloists, Alison Kettlewell who has sung with the Hallé orchestra and Eileen Hulse who has sung at Glyndebourne. North Sea Strings and voices are all professional musicians. They have played in operas composed by Dr Self at The Birmingham Old Rep and at Musictheaterstage Festival in Vienna. Their artistic administrative director is the cellist/composer Micheal Christie who is married to Susannah.

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FRIENDS OF BINHAM PRIORY

We strive to help preserve Binham Priory church for generations to come - and we hope our latest project will add to the enjoyment of younger visitors to the magnificent Grade 1 listed building.

We have just donated new books for the children's area along with a small bookshelf to house them. These are dedicated to the memory of late FoBP committee member Pauline Scott who worked tirelessly on ventures to improve and conserve the church and its history.

FoBP fund-raising resumed in early summer with preparations for the return of Picnic to Jazz. Now we are focussing on our Autumn talk. We are bringing you a distinguished speaker who has had an exceptionally interesting career. There will be more information soon. Details will be sent to our members in September when they will have early access to tickets before we open the box office to the public.

We always love to hear from you if you have ideas or suggestions. Should you wish to contact us, please email friendsofbinhampriory@gmail.com. Our website, www.friendsofbinhampriory.weebly.com, provides details about what we do, who we are and offers a page dedicated to what's on in Binham. Do let us know if you have an event you would like listed.

We also enjoy welcoming new people to our functions, and you may spot us at village events. Once again, we hope to have a presence at Binham Christmas Fair on 19th November in the village hall. Should you wish to become a member of FoBP, it will cost you less than £1 a month. We will have memberships forms at the fair. They can also be download from the website or collected from our stand inside the church. *C.Raymond*

BINHAM MEMORIAL HALL

100+ Club winners

June winners: £25 Alan Brown, £10 Kevin Cooke, C Fowle, £5 Margaret Martin, Joanna King, Mr G Marsh.

July winners: £25 Mr G Griffiths, £10 June Read, Jade Robson, £5 Mike Calvert, G Savory, Mr & Mrs Small

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No news from Cockthorpe this time.

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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Norfolk Churches Bike Ride
Saturday 10th September

Last year this amazing event raised £130,000 to support Norfolk's beautiful churches. 711 gallant people took to their bikes, laced up their walking or running shoes, braved the sea and used transport that included boats, horses, tandems, mobility scooters, cars and buses.

This is a really good way to have some fun exploring Norfolk's magnificent churches, taking some exercise and raising money for our church and the Norfolk Churches Trust. Do join us if you feel energetic or would like to support a rider - sponsor forms and further details are available from Sam Duncan in Field Dalling on 01328 830 258. <https://norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride/>

Harvest Festival: Sunday 11th September 11am

Join us to celebrate God's goodness to us as we approach the end of the harvest season. Please bring a bring and share lunch to eat with others after the service if you wish. All welcome.

Open Gardens: Thank You

Thank you to all those who supported our Open Gardens the Sunday before the Jubilee. We welcomed 150 folks to the village, and it was a really good community occasion.

Finally, let us hear the word clearly...

At the church council meeting on 7th July, we decided to install a sound system to improve sound quality, with a loop for those with hearing aids. It should be installed in the church by August.

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ANIMAL BLESSING SERVICE

Sunday 14th August at 11am

This is the moment to bring your lovely dog, cat, lamb, to church for God to bless them.

We always have such a lovely service. The pews provide excellent protection for each animal - we've never had a fight or squeak...must be the smell of the dog treats at the back.

It's a short service, so owners don't have to get worried either. See you soon.

Fiona Newton

200 CLUB WINNERS

June Winners:

Bridget Newman: £50

Mrs C Pugh: £25

Fenella Greenfield: £15

SUMMER FETE

Saturday 13th August at 2pm, Village Hall

This year's summer fete will be on Saturday 13th August at 2pm. Please join us for fun and games.

See page 22 in the Saxlingham section for more details.

GUNTHORPE

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FOGPC

50/50 Club Draw Results

May		June	
Alison Snelling	£25	Sharon Lloyd	£20
Chrissie Whyman	£20	Alison Snelling	£15
Roy Marsden	£15	Peter King	£5
Sandra Worth'ton	£15	C White	£5
Bill Hill	£10	Karen Burton	£5
Remy Metcalf	£10	Lindsay Harriet	£5
David Aitman	£5	Lin Dufour	£5
Emily Lemberger	£5		
Chris Metcalf	£5		
Peter Howard	£5		
Dave Godin	£5		

We finished the 2021/2022 year on 31st May with 144 members, our highest ever number of supporters, and despite some members leaving the village and

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hence not renewing their memberships the 2022/2023 year has started well with some 140 renewed or new subscriptions. In the year 2021/2022 we had to cancel 4 meetings to meet the COVID regulations, but the 50:50 club still contributed £1,254.60 to the Friends charity. The final May super draw was held as part of the village's Platinum Jubilee lunch celebration. The lunch was a great success and is reported on as a separate article. However, the first 50:50 Club of the new year was very poorly supported, so we hope to see more of you coming along soon.

As always, we would welcome more members - so if you are new to the village or have been here a while and not yet joined would you consider joining us? If you would like more information on the 50:50 Club, please contact either Myfi Everett on 01263 860035 or John Blakeley on 01263 861008.

John Blakeley

ST MARY'S CHURCH NEWS

Bad News

At the usual second Sunday of the month service, we noticed that the big oak eagle lectern had gone, leaving only the two steps up which to climb to read the lessons. It must have taken at least two "miserable offenders" to make off with it.

Two weeks earlier at 6:15am the quiet of a summer's morning was shattered. The overflowing bottle



bank container in the church car park was being hoisted high in the air for the bottles to be emptied into a truck. Before it was swung over, the cable holding the two bottom trapdoors broke, the bottom opened, and glass smashed down in smithereens over the car park. Much of the clearing was done by Nick Boon after his rude awakening in the Old Schoolhouse next to the church, also by the collection company and others. We think the ground is now safe again for everyone and cars, but it has been impossible to pick up every tiny fragment.

Good News

At the time of writing this, the police at Fakenham are holding what we think is our eagle. After the theft they put out a press release, and an alert member of the public reported two similar lecterns in a local reclaim yard. The police have such photographs as we have been able to find, but it is difficult to identify it definitively. We have high hopes that the police will be satisfied that it is indeed ours and should be returned to Saint Mary's. Any help about the lectern, its history and

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means of positive identification would be appreciated, including when the church first had it with presumably a service of dedication.

It is still in good condition, unlike the bronze eagle eventually recovered wingless two thousand years ago after the Romans lost their Ninth Legion to the wild tribes of Scotland. This tale was told by Rosemary Sutcliff in her historical novel *The Eagle of the Ninth*, a thrilling read for all ages.

The tradition of using eagle-shaped lecterns with outstretched wings on which to rest the Bible apparently predates the Reformation. There is a medieval example at what is now the Minster of St Margaret in Kings Lynn. It is said that the symbolism may be because the eagle was believed to be the bird that flew highest in the sky and was therefore closest to heaven.

We were delighted that Nick and Debbie Boon's daughter Cecily was married to Nathan Whitmarsh in the church by the Rector on 4th June.

FRIENDS OF GUNTHORPE PC

When you read this, the Friends AGM will have taken place in the Village Institute – we hope with many attending - and followed by the usual (pre-covid-usual) Fish & Chips. Thanks to all who attended. If anyone has not yet joined the Friends and 50/50 Club, and wishes to – or wants more information, please contact myself marievalk@aol.com or John Blakeley jbconsult@btinternet.com. We are a secular charity holding 'Gatherings' to raise money to support the fabric of Gunthorpe Village's, St. Mary's Church. We have a jolly time doing so and can use all the help we can get. It is all very friendly and easy-going so do please join us.

A joint gathering was held with The Village Institute to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee over a buffet lunch. I don't think I have ever seen more people in the Institute. It was a wonderful afternoon. Thanks go to so many people who brought food and helped, but mostly to Tony and Lin who did most of the hard work (and cleared it all up!), to John for running the raffle and taking the money, and to Val for her delightful 'Vintage Decorations'.

Another mention must go to Liz Marsden who has kindly provided the picture frames for Evie Marsden and Rowan and Hazel O'Brien's artwork which was created for the Jubilee edition of the Lynx and is now on display at the Village Institute.

Hopefully these recent gatherings are a sign of times to come. Thanks to all who support us and a wonderful summer to all the fabulous Gunthorpe Village People.

Marie Denholm, chairman

GUNTHORPE PLATINUM JUBILEE LUNCH

A massive thank you goes to all who contributed to and attended the very successful Platinum Jubilee Lunch on 4th June.

Thanks to generous donations before the event, which covered all the expenses for setting up the event, all the proceeds of the day, ie the raffle and further donations, which amounted to £531 were evenly split between the Institute and the Friends giving each a very welcome £265.50. Since the event we have received two further donations amounting to £90 and this has also been split between the Institute and Friends.



Photos by Lynn Dufour

As well as for the pre-event donations, special thanks go to Tony and Lynn Dufour, Hilary Bevan-Jones, Val King and Marie Denholm who did much of the work in setting up the Institute for what was one of the best village parties I can recall in 50 years living in Gunthorpe. They were not alone, and we would all like to thank those who also helped before the event and all who brought food and raffle prizes on the day – too numerous to thank individually but you know who you are, and your



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contribution was vital for the success of the day.

It would be remiss if we did not also say a special thank you to Albanwise for their contribution of a truly magnificent hamper as a raffle prize, and the white wine enjoyed on the day.

A great party for the village – we should not wait for another Jubilee before having another one. *JB*

LANGHAM

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HELP NEEDED (AGAIN!)

Village committees looking for new recruits

There are five village committees in Langham run by villagers for the benefit of the village. They are: Village Hall, Playing field, Parish Council, Friends of Langham and Langham Street Fayre.

Would you like to be involved in helping support any of them? It wouldn't take much of your time, would be of great benefit to the village and, as most of the committees are fairly informal, a great way to socialise and meet new people.

If you'd like any further information on any of them you can contact Debi on Langham 830767.

200 CLUB WINNERS

May winners

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3rd £10 Mr & Mrs Fisher (39) 3rd £10 Rod Lees (130)

June Winners

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Do you enjoy gardening and eating really fresh, tasty produce but don't have a very big garden? It's not too late to get going for this summer. We have a number of plots available on our very friendly allotments for just £20 per year for a large plot and £15 for a smaller one. You don't have to be a Langham resident as everyone is welcome. So if you, or anyone you know is interested or has any questions, please contact Cavin on 01328 830444 and he will be happy to give you further information.

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You will no doubt have received a flyer through the door asking for your help with this years street fayre, if not, our apologies as "if you pay peanuts, you just get monkeys to do the job".

We are in urgent need of volunteers to give up an hour or so on the day (all of our contact details are listed below) and/or gifts of produce on the day. Cakes/bakes and goodies for the cake stall; plants/flowers and produce for the plant stall; good quality bric-a-brac and books for the bric-a-brac stall. And bottles of the good stuff for the bottle stall.

Also, if you have any contacts around and about who could be persuaded to donate a raffle prize that would be amazing.

One other really important thing – if you live on, or have a rental property on Holt Road, the road will be closed to ALL traffic from 8am until midnight on 20th August and we would ask that all vehicles are removed from the road in good time as there will be lots of comings and goings, and the likelihood of vehicles getting damaged is high.

We are so excited to be able to do this again this year and can't wait to see you all there.

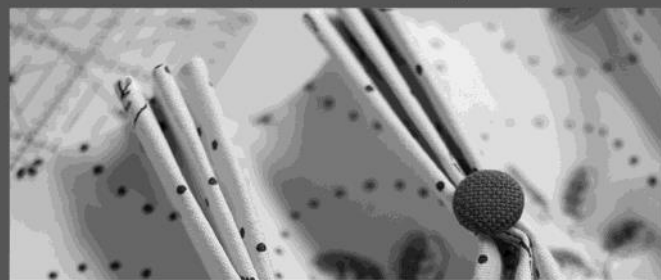
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Kate 01328 831967 or email langhamstreetfayre@gmail.com.
Street fayre committee

BLOOD CANCER FUNDRAISER

Street Fayre

We shall be having a stall at the Langham Street Fayre on 20th August. It will be our usual £1 a go Tombola and perhaps a couple of nice things for sale. It

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seems a long time since the last sale so we really hope to see you all again. We have missed you.

Looking forward to the day, please come along we shall be in our usual place outside the Travis.

Maureen and Peter Dennis

SPEEDWATCH UPDATE

Community Speedwatch Group

By the end of July 2022, with the Parish Council's encouragement and support, the new Community Speed Watch (CSW) Group in Langham should have completed all of its training requirements and should also be in possession of the equipment needed to begin its own rota of monitoring sessions.

The CSW initiative allows members of the community to address the issue of speeding by becoming actively involved in road safety, monitoring speeds at safe locations with speed detection equipment.

The aim of the CSW initiative is to address the problem of speeding through a partnership of the Police, the local community, Parish Councils and other partners.

This work within Langham will complement the data that is already being collected on a monthly basis by the village's own SAMS2 Unit vehicle speed recording box as it moves around its various different fixed locations. For example, some recent data analysed from North Street (within the existing 20 mph speed limit area), included a maximum vehicle speed recorded of 75 mph at 2 o'clock on a weekday afternoon, and other vehicles regularly travelling along this same roadway at speeds of between 40 and 60 mph.

Therefore, from August 2022 onwards, the new Langham CSW Group should be able to begin speed monitoring activities in both the 20 and the 30 mph speed limit areas within the village.

Langham's new CSW Group is still looking for some more volunteers to join-in and to share in the speed monitoring activities.

So, if you would like to offer support and some of your time, then please contact the Langham CSW Group's Coordinator direct via 07773 820774.

Alan Smith



DOG FOULING UPDATE

Dog Fouling Issues in the Village

With Langham Parish Council's encouragement and support, the Environmental Protection Team's Ranger from North Norfolk District Council (NNDC), David Thompson, applied signage, including some temporary Advisory Stickers to the pavement surface, on North Street on 9th May 2022.

At the Parish Council's request, David has paid particular attention to North Street, on both the pavement and the grass verge stretches.

David will continue with his patrol visits to Langham in the near future; in order to review and assess the level and extent of dog fouling problems in our village.

If any villagers wish to comment/report on incidents of dog fouling anywhere within Langham, then please either contact a member of your Parish Council or else go direct to David Thompson himself at NNDC.

To help with this, you may find the following links useful. <https://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/tasks/environmental-protection/report-dog-fouling/Home> | [Reducing dog fouling \(north-norfolk.gov.uk\)](https://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk)

Alan Smith

BRING & BUY 28TH MAY

Due to inclement weather this event took place in the village hall. Refreshments: £35.50, Cake Stall: £115.00, Plant Stall: £56.00, Weight of the Fruit: £8.00, Number of Strawberries: £6.00, Bric-a-Brac £127.00, Books and Toys: £57.50, Raffle: £74.00, Donations: £105.10. **Total: £584.10.**

Weight of the Fruit: 10lbs, which was won by Peter Wright who guessed 9lbs 6oz.

No of Strawberries: 56, was also won by Peter Wright who guessed 62.

Not as high a figure as 2019 (£675.00) but it provided a welcome social occasion so, thank you everyone for your help and your support. *Ann Sherriff*

STALL ON THE GREEN

(opposite the Blue Bell)

Do come and support us at this traditional and social event, meet new people and have a chat. If you can, please bring along some produce or some baking treats, all will be gratefully received. Sales will only take place on three weekends this year as Saturday 20th is the Langham Street Fayre.

The dates are as follows: Saturday 6th August, 9.30 - 11am, Saturday, 13th August, 9.30 - 11am, Saturday,

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If you would like any more information or are able to help, please contact Janet Allen on 01328 830276

STREET FAYRE QUIZ Village Hall

To continue our long-standing tradition of Street Fayre activities, we will be hosting the quiz night in the village hall on Friday 19th August. Final details are yet to be agreed (we do have a lot on at the moment) but we will make sure that it's advertised in good time via posters in the village and on our Facebook and village website pages. Once again, any raffle prizes would be most gratefully received.

Jan Hope has also very kindly produced her "on the street" quiz sheet that can be bought for £1 from the street fayre committee members or at the pub.

Street fayre committee

CLOTHES RECYCLING BIN Playing Field

You may (or not) have seen the new recycling bins on the playing field car park. We have one for clothes and shoes and another for paper and cardboard. When they are emptied it generates income for the village. I'm pleased to report that the clothes bin was emptied recently and the grand sum of £21.10 has been added to the coffers of the parish council. Whilst this is not a vast amount, every little helps so thank you to those who make use of them.

Paul Godfrey, Chair, Parish Council



MORSTON

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MORSTON TYMPANUM Restoration Celebration

A party, attended by over 80 people was held in All Saints Church, Morston on Saturday 7th May to celebrate the restoration of the Tympanum and Decalogue. This was a long-standing wish of Chris and Hope Todd for many years but a bequest by Hope in her Will enabled the PCC to start a campaign to raise the £75,000 needed for the work to be done. A sub-committee of the PCC applied for grants and sent fund raising letters out to all their friends and contacts and, within six months, the money was raised.

Kiffy Stainer-Hutchins, the conservator, who had already donated a report on the Tympanum in memory of Andrew Athill, undertook to do the work and, together with her team of Hugo, Emma and Nicola, worked for two months painstakingly cleaning the dirt and varnish from the wooden boards in the chancel arch. Local resident and craftsman, Nick Hamond, was also involved in the project. Today we can see the Coat of Arms of George IV together with the lion and unicorn either side and the rose of England and the thistle of Scotland.

Drinks and nibbles were served by PCC members and a short talk was given by Kiffy and Hugo on the history and renovation work undertaken. The vicar, The Rev Ian Whittle, then blessed the work which was dedicated to Chris and Hope Todd whose family were in attendance.

Do come and see it for yourself – there is a laminated sheet giving more information and a torch for you to be able to see the cleaned boards in more detail. If anyone would like to read a copy of the report by Kiffy Stainer-Hutchins, please contact Anne Rolfe at annerolfe45@gmail.com.

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MORSTON PCC-LANGHAM FAYRE

Morston PCC has acquired a pitch at the Fayre on Saturday 20th August and will be in its usual position in the Vicarage driveway. The PCC will be running a bric-a-brac stall and a plant stall and look forward to seeing you there.

If you have any small items to donate please contact Alice or David Carnwath on 01263 740418. All proceeds to All Saint's Church, Morston.

CRAB SUPPER & SEAL TRIP

The hugely popular annual crab supper and seal trip to Blakeney Point will take place on Thursday 8th September, departing Morston Quay at 5pm. This wonderful event includes a seal trip followed by a sumptuous meal of local crab, a selection of salads and delicious puddings. Wine, beer and soft drinks available. Tickets at £30 are available from Mary Athill at 01263 7401306. All proceeds to All Saint's Church, Morston.

QUEEN'S JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Despite the weather trying its hardest to dampen activities celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Morston residents and visitors fully embraced the fun filled celebratory break. On Thursday for two hours around midday, over 40 visitors were given expert guidance in campanology from resident bell ringers Gill Kay and David Carnwath, and tried their hand, with various degrees of success, at ringing the church bell. Ushering in the jubilee celebrations, the bell was given a full and rigorous workout with a variety of combinations of sounds resonating across the fields of Morston. Participants were rewarded with a choice of delicious jubilee decorated cupcakes and a name in the bell ringers register.



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Later that evening a massive turnout of well over 100 people grabbed a bottle or two and gathered on the field by the Quay to witness and celebrate the lighting of Morston's colossal bonfire as part of the



nationwide beacon lighting ceremony. Jim Temple and Charlie Ward did a grand job in building a bonfire so large that most of the coast could see its illuminations.



Fire engine at Morston

In fact, the flames were so significant and so high that locals further down the coast were so concerned that they called the fire brigade! Once the firemen arrived to see the celebrations in full flow and that no one was in danger they were sent on their way back to base fortified by an offering of true Morston hospitality of sausages and other assorted nibbles.



On Sunday, in the final trilogy of jubilee celebrations, a beautifully decorated Village Hall, adorned with red, white and blue flags and bunting, was packed with residents enjoying a glass or two

or more of fizz, together with the fine fare of sandwiches, sausage rolls, cupcakes, strawberries and plenty more. The Queen was toasted and a fabulous few days of celebration was ended. Huge thanks go out to all those who supported and helped pull these events together and made it such a joyous and memorable occasion. I've no doubt the Queen would have been very proud of the village's efforts.



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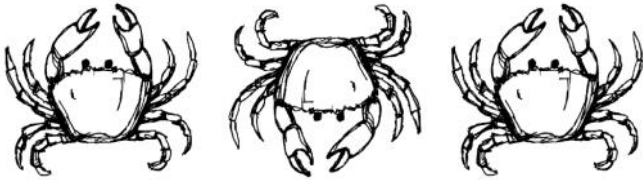
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BLAKENEY POINT – A RANGER’S VIEW

On the wall of the living room/kitchen in the Lifeboat House at Blakeney Point is a small plastic frame holding the pictures of 12 men. These are the pictures of the wardens that used to work here, looking after the Point from even before it became one of the first ever natural heritage sites acquired by the National Trust, in 1912.

First amongst these pictures is Bob Pinchen, who called the Point home from 1901 to 1930, when he lived out on the harbour in his houseboat, the Britannia. From his photo, I have to say he looks the part; sporting a dapper flat cap and enormous white moustache, and I can’t help but wonder what life must have been like for him here. Not only would he have had far fewer modern amenities, but the profession he was a part of was only just being born; Bob Pinchen being one of the original ‘watchers’ employed by the Trust for the purposes of wildlife conservation.

I find it a striking connection to the past, that fact, and it is interesting to think how every other man pictured in that frame represents a link to the history of the Point. Sometimes they leave more solid footprints. A fragment of Pinchen’s boat still lies in Pelvetia Marsh to this day, only ever exposed when the tide is out.

A lot must have changed in all that time, because change is very much in the nature of the Point. Every

winter storm causes a shift in the makeup of the sand dunes, and the shingle ridge continues to grow and grow and split, forming ever new generations of so-called ‘Far Point.’

My name is Thomas Lloyd. I am one of the new National Trust assistant rangers out here on the Point, both living and working from out of the iconic blue Lifeboat House, and, in stark contrast to Bob Pinchen, I have been here for just over two months. But already I have seen many changes in the day-to-day faces of Blakeney Point.

Probably the most obvious is how much warmer it has become since March. The walls of the Lifeboat House are thin, and the cold winds off the North Sea do have a way of pushing indoors. Now it is quite comfortable to sleep with the windows open. The trade-off, however, being that the mosquitoes have already started biting at my ankles.

Along with the insects of spring came the flowers and the birds. The skylarks and meadow pipits are all up in song, and heavy-set shelduck waddle through the dunes as they search for old burrows to shelter their chicks. The stonechats are chatting. The swallows, martins and swifts are following the line of the coast west, and ringed plovers, oystercatchers and avocets are all laying their perfectly camouflaged eggs in amongst the miles of shingle. Countless cushions of thrift and sea campion bring splashes of colour to the heathland, and while in March there were days when I would see no other faces than those of my two colleagues, we are now receiving multiple human visitors every day.

Even the way the tide comes in is a drastic change to this habitat. At times, the Lifeboat House can feel relatively inland. Six hours later it is right by the shore. Not that long ago, I watched from a vantage point as a Chinese water deer was cut off on a little island by the rising tide, and had to wade its way delicately back to land.

Point Life

In many ways it is odd that Blakeney Point is not an island. A lot of the features of living here are indeed quite island-like, from being surrounded by wildlife, to the comparative isolation from people, to the fact that most of the people you see will have arrived by boat. And that’s not to mention the sheer awkwardness of trying to get fresh groceries out to the Lifeboat House. But with the exception of that small hiccup, life here on the Point is relatively comfortable. We get our electricity from a bank of solar panels in the ‘garden’, but the water comes straight from the mains. The wood



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burner did a great job of warming up the cold evenings in March, and the shower works better than the one in my last flat did.

From the outset, it is obvious that the House is both a work and a living environment. There are only a handful of us out here on the Point, which I definitely believe to be a good thing, as it keeps us from treading on each other's toes in the kitchen (not to mention queueing for the bathroom), something that can cause issues in even a traditional flat sharing scenario. My bedroom is very small; literally a wall-to-bed-to-wall situation. But it can't be denied that it is both comfortable and cosy, and whenever I wake up in the morning, it is to the sound of birdsong.

A lot of the interior Lifeboat House is panelled in wood, giving it a very old-fashioned nautical feel. Both inside and out, it is a house with a lot of character, and it is no wonder that it is considered a local landmark. Almost everywhere you go around Blakeney Point, the views are stunning, but especially from high up in the dunes. St Nicholas' Church at Blakeney is a clear landmark, while Stiffkey, slightly further inland, is easier to see by night.

The whole Point can feel very calm and serene when the wind is still, but when it picks up in earnest it is easy to see how harsh and brutal this landscape can be. Regardless of the weather, I am very fond of the walks here. They are long and lonely, and easily accessible from my home in the House. And every time I go out, it is practically guaranteed that I will find something new and interesting, whether that's a new plant, some interesting footprints in the estuary mud, or a bird's nest hidden in the grass. I have never seen so many hares in all my life.



Working on the Point

I once asked our head ranger Duncan what, in his opinion, was the most precious part of the Point. I expected him to say the little terns (one of our flagship species), or, at the very least, another species of bird. I found his answer however to be a lot more interesting. He told me it was the Point itself, as a habitat full of continuous, uninterrupted natural processes, which are not allowed to carry on in a lot of other, similar places.

This is evidenced by the constantly shifting face of the Point: the sand dunes that rise and fall with the

years, and the fact that the Point itself is continuously spouting new shingle ridges, and saltmarshes in between them. Geography is something I think of as taking thousands, if not millions of years to occur, but here you can watch it in action, and that is an experience I have never had before.

It is for this reason that we do not manage the land itself as actively as many other sites. When I look out of the window, the vista I see has a claim of being natural in a way that is increasingly rare in the modern world. And a lot of the species that breed here struggle to breed in other places or require a distinct helping hand. Where you find tern species elsewhere, they are very often breeding on artificial lagoons and islands, and while in those locations these features are a necessity, here we have an almost ideal (from a geographical perspective) habitat for the birds to breed.

The terns themselves are wonderful neighbours. While I admit, their calls do lack musicality, they are characterful birds in several other ways. I often sit down on the beach and watch them fishing along the coast. Fishing is an important part of the courtship process of terns. It gives the male the chance to prove what a good provider he is, and mating is dependent on the presentation of a suitably impressive fish. Sometimes, you will see a little tern struggle, passed with a fish so large he can barely lift it, and I can't help but cheer them on in such instances. Frequently, they will then go on to drop the fish, but such is life. I like to think of it as a lesson about taking on more than you can chew.

While the terrain itself of Blakeney Point does not require extended management, there are two other aspects of work here which we must control, as they could prove disastrous to the many rare species that live on the Point. These are over-predation by carnivorous animals and disturbance by humans.

While natural conditions might be just about perfect for the terns to breed, once they have had their eggs and fluffy chicks, they are immediately vulnerable to predation. The ever-opportunistic brown rat is one such predator, and a large proportion of our time this spring was spent reducing the local population before the terns began to lay.

The many species of large gulls are also a concern for us, as anyone who has ever had their lunch stolen on a hot summer day can probably relate. A tern chick looks like a tasty meal to most large gulls, and a lot of our early-year efforts have revolved around making the Point look like a dangerous, risky place for gulls to have their chicks. For this purpose, we have some quite



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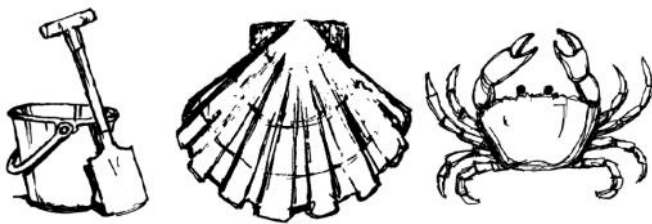
interesting kit, including a spinning sphere with a large pair of owl-like eyes, to trick those predators into feeling that they themselves are in danger of predation. Anywhere the gulls look likely to settle, the 'owl' is sure to follow.

We also possess two solar-powered callers, capable of playing a very loud species-specific alarm-call on receiving a text from our phones. From a professional point of view, it is very satisfying to send a text one minute and see all the gulls evacuating the area the next. If these methods come up short, we also have a license to destroy nests.

One part of our job is protecting the tern colonies from human disturbance. This can be challenging because even well-meaning people who love nature can cause a lot of harm without either meaning or realising it. Sandwich terns are infamously fickle nesters and are known to abandon entire colonies when they feel threatened.

Perhaps they have good reason. To a tern, a pair of people out for a walk looks much like any other predator out on a hunt. If they have a dog off the lead, the line is blurred even more. Baby terns really are the height of helplessness, and if the parents are frightened off the nest it also leaves the chicks vulnerable to the previously mentioned gulls. It is unfortunate, but if rats, gulls, dogs and people had free reign then one of the last remaining breeding sites for these species could well be abandoned.

Thankfully, we have other tools in our arsenal to help even the odds. We deploy hand-crafted dummies of the birds on the beach and play their own calls back to them to encourage the colony to settle in the safest place possible (although in the end, it really is up to them), and all of us are vigilant to the threats they face. Sometimes it can be stressful, wondering whether you've done everything you could, but at the end of the day we are all here because we want to make a difference and protect the species and areas that we care about. I hope I will still be here a long time from now, and that I will see many more of the changes that this very special landscape has to show.



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If you have any donations for the stalls, please bring them to the Villagers' Hall on Friday, 12th August or before midday on Saturday 13th August.

We are looking forward to an afternoon of fun with friends, families and visitors and raising valued funds for both Churches and the Villagers' Hall.

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Nevertheless, to the man (it was a he who was spotted) whose name is not known to your scribe, thank you.



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NOBLE ROTTERS: BRING ME SUNSHINE

Wines for summer drinking: what better way to start Season eight at our tasting in May?

With half a dozen wines sourced from Yapp Brothers, well established independent wine merchants in Mere, Wiltshire and another three from the Wine Society our first tasting of the 2022/23 season focused on wines designed to live up to the heat of summer. The wines characteristics were mostly light, floral and juicy, with not too great an alcohol content and, in the case of the red wines, happy to be served a little chilled.

A round, crisp and refreshing sparkling Saumur set the scene and was followed by an unusual Chinon Blanc, a popular Picpoul de Pinet and two rosé wines; one from South Africa and the other from Corsica. The reds featured a Pinot Noir from the edge of Sancerre in the Loire, a Fleurie from Beaujolais and two wines where the principal grape variety was Cabernet Franc, one from Bergerac and the other from Saumur. With perhaps the exception of the white Chinon, all wines were well received; summer was clearly just around the corner.

By the time of publication, members will have put their skills to the test with a 'blind tasting' of ten wines in July before tuning their tastebuds for a wine and cheese pairing in September.

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Our group of crafters meet each month on the first Friday of the month. Our next meeting is Friday 5th August from 10.30am – 12.30pm.

After making corsages for our Queen's Jubilee picnic, we delved into the world of watercolours. Our first painting gave us some tips on achieving a wonderful skyline and shore, with the addition of flying geese. The following month we took ourselves outside to capture the view across the fields from our village hall.

We get ideas from the group of crafts to try and so on Friday 5th August we are quilling. Quilling is rolling strips of coloured paper and shaping them into a decorative design. These designs can then be used to put onto a greetings card or displayed as a hanging. On 2nd September we shall be continuing with quilling.

We ask for a small donation for materials and refreshments.

If you would like to meet like-minded people and try something new please join us. No skill required.

For further details please email us on sharringtonvh@gmail.com

Anne Abrams

FOODBANK NEWS

Sharrington continues to give generously to the Foodbank collection at the back of the church. In the first two weeks of June alone we gave 21kg of food and other essentials. Unfortunately demand is greater than ever. Dave Pearson, project director of the Mid Norfolk Foodbank, where our donations go, said recently "No-one in Norfolk should be facing hunger and we want to see an end to local people needing emergency food. While we work alongside other food banks in the Trussell Trust network to bring about long term change

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to ensure everyone has enough money for the essentials, any donations in our most needed items will be invaluable". Most needed items are tinned meat and vegetables, long life milk and tinned fruit and rice pudding. Everyone is feeling the financial pinch at the moment, but if all of us could manage just one or two extra items in our shopping trolley for the Foodbank, together we could make a substantial difference to helping those in most need. The long summer holiday presents an even greater challenge to parents struggling to provide family meals.

As ever, items can be left at the back of the church, which is always open during the day, and they will be taken to the Fakenham Salvation Army collection point every two weeks.

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

As mentioned in the last issue of the Lynx, on the 21st May Sharrington held its first table top sale. It was great to see so many coming to the village hall to browse the items for sale, have a coffee and a chat, collect a map, and then head off around the village to visit houses that had their own tables selling their wares, and pick up even more bargains. The event proved to be a great success and raised funds for the village hall and the church.



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On Sunday 5th June the village hall was festooned with flags and bunting both inside and out. Tables were set out, decorated with stunning floral displays, and over 40 guests enjoyed a bring your own Jubilee lunch.

After lunch with a glass of bubbly, we drank a toast to the Queen, followed by the National Anthem accompanied by young Rowan on her trombone (see picture). This was all topped off with everyone receiving some Platinum Jubilee pudding – made by committee treasurer Bobbie Coe – which everyone agreed was delicious. My thanks to everyone who attended and created such a brilliant atmosphere and to the committee for their hard work in organising and preparing the event.

After all that activity we now have a relatively quiet period ahead. Our regular Monday morning yoga classes continue, as well as monthly crafting sessions and bi-monthly meetings of the Noble Rotters for wine buffs.

For the full programme of events visit www.sharrington.org.uk. On the music front we look forward to 20th August when we will be entertained by Claude Bourbon. Tickets are available by emailing sharringtonvh@gmail.com.

One other item to note for later in the year relates to the Queen's Green Canopy initiative. Albanwise, our

local estate owners, are joining us in establishing a hedge at the village hall to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. This project will be in November when we receive our saplings from the Woodland Trust. We would love as many of you as possible to come along and plant a sapling in memory of this historic milestone. Details will be emailed out and in the Lynx nearer the time and put up on our noticeboard outside the hall.

David Webb Chairman

CHURCH NEWS

At the end of May members of the church took part in the village table top sale with two stalls in the village hall raising nearly £300 for church funds selling plants and bric-a-brac.

On 5th June, we were pleased to have a special service celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Jubilee bunting was displayed on the churchyard gates and flowers filled the church in the official jubilee colours of purple and white. After the service the congregation enjoyed coffee and cake together.



In the next two months we have three events planned. Our annual BBQ is returning after a gap of three years on Sunday 21st August and the Norfolk Churches Trust bike ride is on Saturday 10th September. Further information about these events can be found elsewhere. Our third event is on 8th October when an Antique Valuation Day in conjunction with Keys the auctioneers will take place in the village hall. Further details will be given in the next issue of Local Lynx.

We continue to meet every Sunday at 9.30am and all are welcome to join us.

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CHURCH BARBECUE

The popular church barbecue is back this summer and will take place on Sunday 21st August, hosted by Perry and Pippa Long at The Place in Bale Road from 12.30pm.

Tickets must be booked in advance and are £10 each, available from Pippa Long on 01263 860613 or philippalong@hotmail.co.uk. Along with the usual BBQ choices there will also be a vegetarian option. Soft drinks are provided and you are invited to bring your own wine, beer cider etc as you please.

Here's hoping for fine sunny weather on the day when we can yet again enjoy a summer social occasion in The Place's lovely garden.

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NORFOLK CHURCHES TRUST BIKE RIDE

The 2022 bike ride will take place on Saturday 10th September and we hope some readers will take part in this annual event. Asking family and friends to sponsor you will help to raise funds for Sharrington church and the Norfolk Churches Trust. You can enjoy either walking, cycling or any other mode of transport to visit some of our lovely Norfolk churches.

Setting off from Sharrington you can visit as many other churches in the area as you like and at each church you will be able to use your form to record your visit.

Please take a look at the Norfolk Churches Trust website <https://norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/> where you can find more information about the Trust's work and download registration and sponsorship forms. These will also be available at the back of the church.

Volunteers are needed during the day at Sharrington church to welcome participants and fill in their sponsorship forms so if you have an hour to spare during the day and are not taking part in the ride your help would be very much appreciated. Please contact Pippa Long on 01263 860613 if you think you can help.

CD

SHARRINGTON AND DISTRICT GARDENERS

We are pleased to announce our new website is now live. Do have a look at www.sharringtongardening.org.uk.

It is in its infancy at present but our programme for the year can be found there, plus contact details, and news and photos from events will be posted regularly.

Our visit to Raveningham Hall on a gloriously warm sunny day in May was a great success. The gardens were enchanting with an abundance of subtle blues, pinks and creams of the late spring and early summer blooms which more than made up for the absence of the splendid displays of roses which take over as summer progresses. Given the heat of that day, a highlight of the visit was the Stumpery, a shady area where huge upturned tree stumps lie all around, covered in ferns and lush woodland greenery. The excellent Victoria sponge and tea served in the garden cafe was an equally welcome treat.

Our June event was much closer to home, at Spouts Hills, Holt. Members and guests were guided round Holt's best kept secret, Spouts Hills, by local naturalist Tony Leach. No plant was too small or insignificant to escape his attention and enthral his audience of some well-informed but mostly near-enough beginners. It was a fascinating tour as Tony blended local history, past and current management issues along with the excitement of having our eyes opened to what was literally under our feet.

At the time of writing, we are looking forward to our July "Garden Safari" visit, this year to the gardens of Brinton, and thank all those involved in the organisation of this popular event.

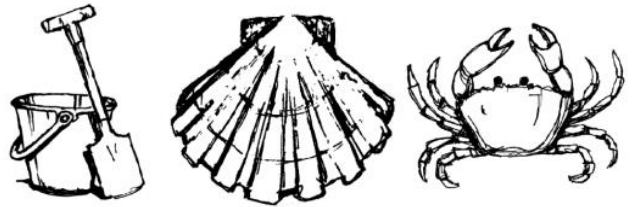
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GENERAL NEWS

The villagers have rallied together to put on a picnic in the playing field to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. It was wonderful how many people came together to make the event happen. Let this event spur us on to have more events in the village. I hope that we can come together again and organise a summer fete for August 2023.



This Month's Seasonal Recipe: Raw Broccoli Salad

Serves two as an accompaniment.

Ingredients

- 1 crown of organic broccoli or 250g of tender-stem broccoli
- 2 tbsp of mayonnaise
- 75 ml of fattoria la vialla white balsamic vinegar (other brands are available)
- 1 tbsp of chopped organic almonds
- 3 cloves of garlic

Instructions

Get a small frying pan and lightly toast the almond flakes until you start to smell the nutty aroma. Let them cool on a separate plate.

Chop the broccoli up, including the stem, until you have pieces of broccoli that are roughly half an inch.

Finely slice the garlic cloves.

Pour the white balsamic vinegar into a mixing bowl, then whisk in the mayonnaise until you get a dressing consistency. You can add more mayonnaise or vinegar depending on how thick you like it.

Mix in the slice garlic, then the broccoli and finally the cooled almond flakes. Leave to infuse for an hour or more to allow the flavour to develop. Serve at room temperature.

Sophia Williams

STIFFKEY VILLAGE FACEBOOK

The latest edition of the Local Lynx is posted on the facebook group after its publication as a PDF. I am also publishing the minutes of the Stiffkey Parish Council meetings after they have been published.

If you're interested in helping with the Stiffkey summer fete that Stiffkey is aiming to organise next year then please join the facebook group entitled Stiffkey Jubilee which will be utilised to organise future village events. Or alternatively please email, stiffkey.event@aol.com.

Sophia Williams

NORTH NORFOLK BOOK WORMS

Stiffkey Book Worms April & May Reviews

April's book club read was *Mission* by Patrick Tilley and published in 1981. This is a work of science fiction which is not a genre we dip into very often.

The novel explores what happens when a young New York lawyer Leo and his doctor girlfriend come face to face with Jesus of Nazareth in a hospital morgue. A body with wounds that replicate the stigmata that then vanishes.

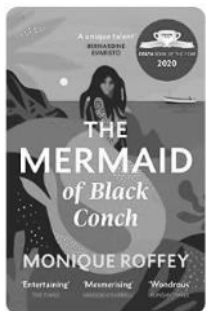
The book is written as Leo's record of his encounters over several weeks with The Man and we agreed that the beginning was a great hook and generally the story had an interesting premise. For some the book seems to have cult status and I can certainly see how reading it



forty years ago, it would have generated a lot of conversation in how the author uses the new testament to reinterpret Jesus and religion. There is time travel, the eternal battle of good versus evil and plenty of Star Trek metaphors. For more contemporary readers, sections are reminiscent of Dan Brown.

Most of us in the group struggled with Tilley's writing style; there are large sections of lecture like prose which made it feel like the novel was a frame to hang Tilley's views on. It made the flow clunky at times and most of us found we were skipping these "lectures" to get back to the enjoyable storyline. Again, for those who finished the book, we all felt the plot twist ending was gripping and quite unexpected. It scored 3/5.

May's read was *The Mermaid of Black Conch* by Monique Roffey, a 2020 Costa Book of the Year.



The novel is set on the fictional Caribbean island of Black Conch in the 1970s. The story is about a young fisherman David Baptiste and his encounter at sea with a mermaid, Aycayia. She is entranced by David's singing and then disaster strikes when she is caught by two Americans during a fishing competition.

This was a book that did not 'hook' all our members but certainly made

for interesting and lively discussion. Some of our members struggled with the magical-realism while others fully accepted it. This mythical love story was sad and dark in places and some of us were moved by the authors rich descriptive language, evocative of lush green jungle and wild elements affecting the sea and weather. Others found some of the vivid descriptions too visceral.

There was praise for the authenticity of language, use of patois and it was recommended in audible format. The novel deals with the guilt of colonialism, the shackles of history that bind some characters. We also see the transformation of some characters through their interaction with the mermaid. One member saw the novel as a historical allegory for Caribbean culture. 3.5/5.

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TALES FROM THE RIVERBANK

The weather during May and June has been very mixed, with some cool and wet days in stark contrast to the heatwave in play at the time of writing. Not enough rain, however, to lift river levels which remain very low.

Fish numbers have increased, which I'm pleased about, although trout numbers on my stretch are nowhere near last year's. The trout are territorial, each having its own preferred feeding area, so there is a natural limit to what one will see along any stretch of the river. We have three which feed by our bank in a pretty regular pattern at the moment, neatly spaced out.

We've seen some spectacular jumps for insects, the fish well out of the water, and you get a great view of the shape, size and colour. The fish seem to prefer sitting in a faster flowing part, and let the food come to them. As well as jumping for flying insects, they will take invertebrates from the river and even smaller fish. Speaking of which, the sticklebacks have re-appeared, and we have one that has built its nest right by our bank. The males build the nest and encourage females to lay eggs in it. The male will then guard it until the eggs hatch, and he can be seen wafting water over it with his fins and body to help oxygenate the eggs.

Very near to this nest we can see a shoal of a lot of very small fry (tiny fish). It is difficult to say what breed they are, but their presence is most welcome as some will survive to adulthood, whatever they are, and the rest are food. They are unlikely to be trout however, as their fry tend to stay in the gravel until much bigger, feeding on their yolk sack, and then quickly become territorial, like the adults.

No otter sightings to report in the current period, but we are seeing kingfishers regularly. They most often are seen as small jet fighters zooming past, at almost water level, sometimes in pairs. It is a tantalising glimpse, and always over far too quick. Even at this pace the colours are obvious, and very intense. The excitement of these brief sightings cannot be underestimated.

The water fowl have been busy raising families. The mallards are prolific with several broods about, and we have four swan cygnets with Mum and Dad in attendance as almost daily visitors. My recent favourite however was a family of shelducks – my first sighting of a full family of these delightfully coloured ducks, Mum and Dad with ten new ducklings. They are mostly white with a bottle green head, black shoulders and a chestnut brown breast band. The ducklings are fluffy, with white and mottled brown feathers, and extremely cute.

No one beats the little Teal for cuteness however, and we have seen a single female a few times recently. After checking notes, I realise she is most likely looking for a nest site, as they generally live in small flocks, apart from when having young. Fingers crossed for another new brood.

Martin Williams

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CHURCH NEWS

The PCC (Parochial Church Council) held its AGM in May and resolved to broaden the membership of the PCC, by appointing a separate secretary and investigate a nomination for a fabric officer. We extend our thanks to Heather, Alex and Liz for their ongoing support and also David, Steve, Ian and Neil for their care and attention in the Churchyard. Heather remains as treasurer and guides our work as we increase the team.

The weekend service on Jubilee weekend recognized the remarkable service of our Queen and was finished off in patriotic style and panache by organist Martyn. We were pleased to have numerous visitors to the Church over the Jubilee weekend and the preceding week. Fundraising is an important aspect of the Church and we are grateful to Arabella for her preparation of delicious cakes, biscuits and other treats, served by many willing volunteers at her generous hosting of the open garden at Warborough Place in May. The PCC also anticipate running some stalls on the Knoll on the August Bank Holiday Sunday morning. *Alan Duff*

STIFFKEY JUBILEE PICNIC

We were lucky to have some of the best weather of the weekend for the Jubilee Picnic on Stiffkey playing field on Thursday 2nd June. It was a very relaxed affair, attended by villagers of

all ages. There was much happy picnicking, with the Rum Dogs playing in the background, groups of children running around together whilst older generations were

catching up with village friends and meeting new neighbours. Cakes were brought and shared in the pavilion, the old marquee came out of retirement to be



dressed in fairy lights, and the playing field provided the perfect space for the children's games. At 9.45pm we duly lit our fantastically fashioned beacon and stood around it for some much-needed warmth.

It was a rather last-minute decision to try to organise the event, and we were extremely grateful for the incredible support of the dedicated team of

volunteers involved in the Playing Field Committee. Also invaluable was Sophia's efforts in keeping everyone updated and involved via the Stiffkey Village Facebook page.

Ultimately, it was made possible through the generosity of spirit within the village. Thanks go to those who kindly donated towards the funds including the Parish Council, and those who loaned furniture, matting, braziers and mirrors. We are thankful to the many who gave their time including the pavilion cleaning team, the Stiffkey Red Lion's bar creation, the tent-erecting gang, Becka



and her camera, the shifters of 'stuff' around the village, and the rolling group who put-up and took-down tables, chairs, signs, as well as yards of bunting and lights, all coming together to create a truly picturesque setting.



The biggest thanks goes to all who turned up, to eat, drink, dance and chat, and made it such an enjoyable village evening.

The event has been captured by many lovely photos and videos which have been shared on the Stiffkey Village Facebook page. If you don't have access to Facebook, you are welcome to email stiffkey.event@aol.com, or speak to one of us, and we can help to access photos in a different way.

Janey and Kerensa



COASTAL MARSH ARTISTS

The Coastal Marsh Artist collective is a group of artists that joined together to support each other and promote their art along the North Norfolk coast.

Thanks to all of you who came out to our open studio event for the North Norfolk Open Studios.

Stiffkey wholeheartedly supported Sophia Williams during her village exhibition party.

Special thanks go to the Stiffkey Red Lion who supported the event with their inclusion of work by Sophia Williams and promoted the event for the Coastal Marsh Artists.

We are planning more group exhibitions throughout the year. A selection of our artists will be at the Langham Street Fayre this August, for more information take a look at our website www.tinyurl.com/thecoastalmarshartists.

Sophia Williams



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