

TOWN and AROUND

A smiling woman with blonde hair and sunglasses is sitting on a large blue rope swing. A young child with blonde hair is sitting in front of her, laughing with their mouth open. The swing is made of thick blue rope and is suspended by two brown ropes. The background is a blurred park setting with green trees and a wooden fence. The ground is covered in brown wood chips.

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First word



This month we celebrate the 200th edition of the magazine; quite a milestone. Little did I imagine when we published issue number one back in 2005 that the enthusiasm for a magazine concentrating on this corner of Norfolk would have resulted in a publication with a print run of 12,000 copies and an estimated readership of over 20,000. I'm humbled to report that many of our contributors and advertisers have stayed with us throughout,

and I thank them sincerely.

We are not the only ones celebrating, and if you turn to the centre pages you will see just some of the Platinum Jubilee events that will be taking place in the area this month. There will be even more events listed on our website! On the same page there's a very short questionnaire about T&A and I'd be grateful if you could find time to complete it.

This issue is crammed full of items to entertain and inform and I thank everyone who has contributed to it along with all our advertisers and Ian Burt who took the charming cover photo in the Sandringham play area.

Enjoy flaming June, and I'll see you next month with issue 201.

With best wishes,

Elaine

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Incinerator Campaign Update: Norfolk County Council states its in principle opposition to Wisbech Incinerator

County Councillor Alexandra Kemp, Clenchwarton and King's Lynn South Division

In this milestone 200th edition of Town and Around, as we all pay heartfelt tribute to Elaine and Richard's hard work through the years, making this magazine the unique success it is, it is really heartening that there is a milestone to celebrate in the Incinerator Campaign. A beacon of light out of a sea of gloom.

It took a whole year to build the support and win hearts and minds. But we finally got there. It was unanimous. On Tuesday 10 May, my Incinerator Motion, duly seconded by Cllr Rob Colwell, with a helpful amendment from Cllr Stuart Dark and Cllr Andrew Jamieson, was voted through by every County Councillor in the Council Chamber in County Hall. A real cross-party effort, reaching out across the whole of Norfolk. My Motion highlighted the All-Parliamentary Group on Air Pollution's concerns about the effects of incinerators on food, farming and health and call for a moratorium on new incinerators. Cllr Dark's Amendment, which I accepted, recognised the real concerns of the people of West Norfolk, current incinerator overcapacity and environmental concerns, and added the golden words that Norfolk County Council states its in principle opposition to an energy from waste incinerator in Wisbech.

The efforts and committed work of Cllr Michael de Whalley, Martin Little of KLWIN, Ginny Bucknor of Wiswin, Cllr Stuart Dark, Cllr Andrew Jamieson all deserve praise. Thanks are also due to the leader of NCC, Andrew Proctor. Andrew's tough and formidable stance at the negotiating table would deter all but the most seasoned and determined

campaigners. But persistence, and sustained lobbying behind the scenes, finally achieved a result.

As I said to Council in my speech, the message to MVV is – Don't even think of putting in for a Consent Order. Your facility isn't needed. It would be a blight on our recycling, our climate change and net zero policy, on our landscape, our air quality, our farms and people.

I am now pressing the leader of NCC to write to the Govt and to MVV. No-one wants to go through years of planning enquiries. The best course of action is for MVV not to put in its application at all.

The Borough Council has written to the Parish Councils to confirm whether or not they were consulted by MVV. MVV only consulted within a 5 km radius. If the community wasn't consulted, the Planning Inspectorate could reject MVV's Application. Was your village/ward consulted? Were you? Let us know.

There is an update on the Free School Meals Vouchers, that the opposition campaigned to restore, after the County Hall Conservatives removed them in April. The Administration recently announced they will bring the vouchers back. But instead of a Voucher for each week of the holidays, parents of children in receipt of Free School Meals will automatically receive a £15 Voucher each month from April to October, rising to £30 in August. The same amount they would have received under the old scheme.... Stand up for what you believe in. Never give up.

New civic team at the Borough Council

At the Mayor Making ceremony on 12th May, having served as Deputy Mayor for a year, Lesley Bambridge became the new Borough Mayor. A Borough Councillor for a town centre ward for some 15 years, she was also the first woman President of Trinity Rotary. She has volunteered for various organisations: The Child Contact Centre, the Winter Night Shelter, as a Trustee for West Norfolk Carers and has been a school governor for over twenty years. In her first speech as Mayor she said she felt very honoured to take on the role.

In her 40th year as a Borough Councillor Margaret Wilkinson was elected as Deputy Mayor, a role she previously held for two years from 2019. Her years of unbroken service make her one of the longest serving councillors. A spokesman for the Borough said: "Margaret has undertaken a variety of positions, including chair of the environment committee, and she was proud to oversee many initiatives from which we still benefit from today."

Photo credit: Ian Burt



Can you get your car serviced anywhere while it's under warranty?

Abigail Bown

So, you've not long purchased a new car and you need to get it into the garage for a service. You don't want to pay an arm and a leg to the main dealer, but what choice do you have? Turns out, quite a lot.

According to an agreement called the European Union Block Exemption legislation (and, yes, this does still stand in the UK, despite us leaving the EU):

- Car makers in the UK cannot force a buyer to have their vehicle serviced by their official dealership

- A car under warranty needs to be serviced using approved parts only...

- ...and must be serviced in accordance with the manufacturers guidelines, adhering to a set schedule

- If your car requires repair work for failed parts under its new car warranty, the manufacturer has the right to insist that this work is undertaken by its official dealerships - they are paying for the repair, so this is fair.

It is completely up to you where you take your new car for its service. If you do choose to turn your back on the main dealer and search for a more affordable option, make sure you choose a reputable organisation; one with professional, qualified technicians to do the job.

Most importantly, make sure you have your service book stamped, ensure you keep records of any work done and insist that approved parts and lubricants are used in any repairs, as this is one of the requirements to ensure your car remains under warranty.

Although this is a regulation put in place by the European Union, and the UK is no longer part of this, a spokesman for the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT) said, "...we don't see anything changing in that respect for the foreseeable future."

"It's important that you follow the manufacturers guidelines concerning service intervals, such as one year or 10,000 miles, and you must use the approved parts. But otherwise, you can't be forced to use a dealer's workshop for your car's service."

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Tulip field raises £93,392 for The Norfolk Hospice

A record-breaking £93,392 has been raised for The Norfolk Hospice Tapping House following a ten-day event where a tulip field was opened to the public.

Tulip growers Mark and Susanne Eves from PS & JE Ward of Belmont Nurseries in Terrington St Clement worked with The Norfolk Hospice to open the 28-acre tulip field near Roydon, King's Lynn to the public.

The event which was held from 21st April to 2nd May sold out within four days of the tickets being released. The stunning display attracted over 10,000 visitors and tulip enthusiasts, many travelling long distances, to view the only public tulip fields in the country.

Last year, Tulips for Tapping raised over £21,500 for the Hillington-based Hospice.

The Norfolk Hospice also collaborated with Miffy, the white rabbit character which appears in the popular picture books by Dutch illustrator, Dick Bruna. Miffy visited the field on the bank holiday Monday and exclusive Miffy merchandise was sold throughout the event.

The record breaking total is the largest the Hospice fundraising team have ever achieved for an event and the catering team were involved in baking tulip themed biscuits and cakes. Over seventy-five volunteers from the Hospice and local businesses gave their time to ensure that the event was a success.

Mark and Susanne Eves, from PS & JE Ward Ltd of Belmont Nurseries, said: "It is our pleasure and privilege to work alongside The Norfolk Hospice Tapping House for this amazing fundraising event. We only grow the tulips and much of the hard work comes from



Pictured L – R – Tammy Green (Senior Fundraising Manager), John Garrett (Director of Finance), Mark Eves (Director at PS and JE Ward), Susanne Eves (Director at PS and JE Ward), Lindsey Atkin (Community & Corporate Fundraising Manager), Lynn Lockheart (Director of Operations & Retail).

the fundraising team and all the volunteers that gave their time to help.

"We are truly astounded by the amount raised and humbled in knowing what a difference it will make to those people that are supported by the Hospice."

Lindsey Atkin, Community & Corporate Fundraising Manager at The Norfolk Hospice, said: "It's been an absolute pleasure to work with Mark and Susanne once again for this special event and we are so thankful to them, our amazing volunteers and everyone who supported Tulips for Tapping.

"We'd also like to give special thanks to

Michael Rae, Roydon Hall Farms and our main sponsor Stebbings Car Superstore and our supporters Algeco, Baco Compak, Bawsey Country Park, Rudd Marquees, Rural Broadband and T M Browne.

"We are absolutely stunned by the total raised and still can't quite believe it! It will make a huge difference after such a challenging couple of years."

All the money raised will go towards the running costs of the Hospice, which costs £7,500 per day to run. The Hospice provides care services free of charge to local families facing a life-limiting illness.

Mayor Takes Part in King's Lynn parkrun

The Borough Mayor, Cllr Harry Humphrey, decided it was time to get out early on Saturday 7th May to take part in King's Lynn parkrun, all in aid of the Mayor's charities, Norfolk Young Carers and the Magpie Riding for The Disabled.

It was a really nice morning and he joined the 287 others who were also out running and walking around the parkrun 5K course in The Walks.

In addition to the runners, there were also 25 parkrun volunteers on duty, there to ensure the event went ahead safely and, of course, accurately for the runner's times!

The Mayor was welcomed by the King's Lynn parkrun Event Director, Gary Walker, who said "it was great to have the Mayor along with us to take part in what is, in fact, a great community event, open to all regardless of age or ability and, being managed exclusively by volunteers, free to all taking part. The Mayor seemed to enjoy the 5k course and finished in a much better time that he had expected. It was also a great opportunity for us to thank him for the support parkrun receives from the Borough,



particularly from the parks staff, who do such a brilliant job in keeping The Walks in the great condition that it is."

Having completed the 5K run in a time of 52 minutes 32 seconds, it was time for a welcome cuppa from The Walks café, with the Mayoress, who had accompanied him to the event to help with fund raising. He was pleased to have finished and said "it was really good to take part with such a friendly supportive crowd and to also know that I was running for two great local charities that do so much for people in the area. Having now taken part I do intend to do this on a more regular basis in the future."

Anyone wishing to support the Mayor's charities can do so at either of the following links:

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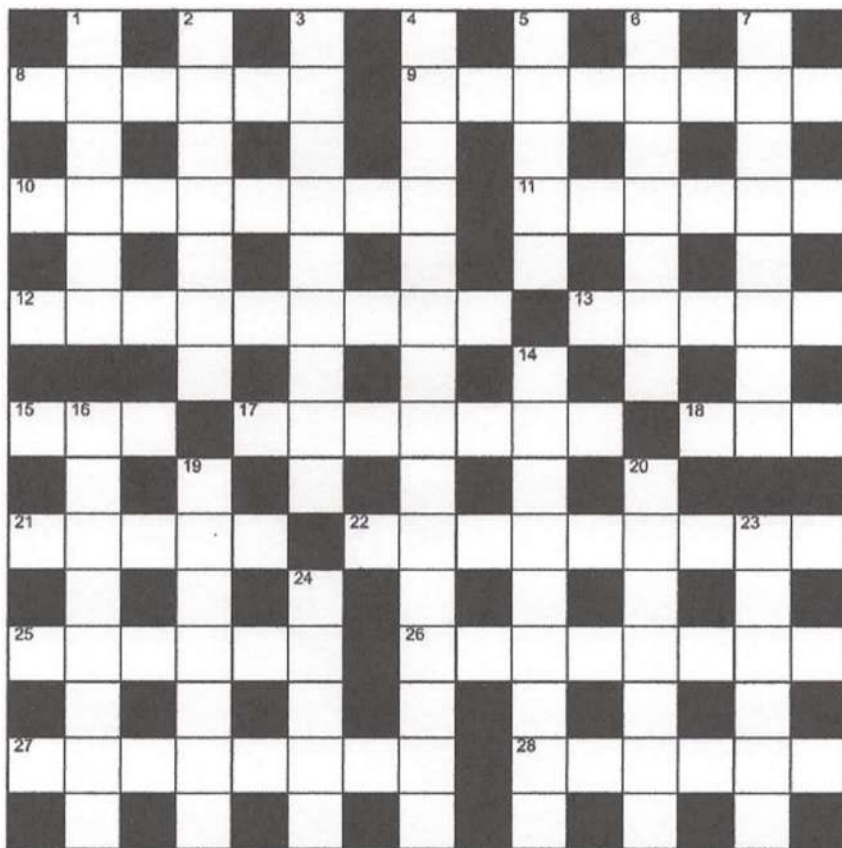


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David Elsey's Cryptic Crossword



Crossword solution on page 67

Crossword Clues Across

8. Some stated switch to stop buzzer can cause confusion (6)
9. Lean on French chap turned over by auditor (8)
10. Create a diversion on copper's patch (8)
11. Old revue affected work (6)
12. Peak weight for a butterfly (9)
13. Saw the greatest, without doubt (5)
15. Go back, making Debbie stamp out (3)
17. Run small van (7)
18. A Lewis-Morse school of thought? (3)
21. Flower seen in jar, last to come out (5)
22. Players noted for their performance (9)
25. Heard loud cry to overturn public vote ... (6)
26. ... in some way relating to constituent (8)
27. Make less iron (8)
28. One can see small boat heading off (6)

Crossword Clues Down

1. Game held in Northern Ireland yielded a measure of fineness (6)
2. Pick up magazine, say, from stall (3,4)
3. It can mess around with meaning of words (9)
4. Fruit in a tin – a line suitable for a special occasion? (8,7)
5. Sturgeon is one attending Royal event (5)
6. Country girl comes under scrutiny (7)
7. Remain drawn to slasher Sweeney – tops for a close shave! (4,4)
14. Thought 5th movement might be used to reinstate harmony (9)
16. One who lifts game during Euros is a winger (3-5)
19. They try to get a view over banks of rivers (7)
20. Goods in accepted meat and material (7)
23. It's almost time to replace King - in an orderly fashion (6)
24. Splits up band (5)

Ray Butchers Su Doku

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Making sure your property passes as you choose with a life interest trust

By Emma Langley, Solicitor, Hayes + Storr

Creating a will with a life interest trust over your property allows you to ensure that your home ultimately passes to those you choose, whilst also allowing you to provide for another loved one during their lifetime.

Life interest trust wills are particularly popular with couples who have children from previous relationships. They can also be useful to couples who have married later in life, and those with dependent siblings or elderly parents.

What exactly is a life interest trust?

A life interest trust is an arrangement whereby your will provides for one beneficiary during their lifetime but, once that person passes away, your assets are transferred over to someone of your choosing, rather than in accordance with your lifetime beneficiary's wishes.

If you have children from an earlier relationship and a property that you purchased before meeting your current partner, you might be keen to ensure that your children ultimately benefit from your home whilst being happy for your partner to continue living there. You may also have purchased a home jointly with your new Partner, who also has children from a previous relationship, and want to ensure your respective shares pass to your own children.

As the name suggests, a life interest trust typically remains in place for the remaining life of your initial beneficiary. You can, however, create a life interest trust for a set period, such as five years, or until a certain event occurs. If your children and your partner are of a similar age, you might not want your children to have to wait a long time before receiving their inheritance, or risk them predeceasing your partner and missing out altogether. In such a case, a set period could be sufficient to ensure that your partner does not feel rushed out of their home without your children's inheritance becoming tied up for too long.

Benefits of a life interest trust

Life interest trusts afford you greater control over the distribution of your estate. If you want to ensure that your partner has access to your assets during their lifetime, you could simply leave your estate to them absolutely. However, in doing so, you also give away total control of those assets. When your partner passes away, they could leave their estate, including whatever assets they inherited from you, to someone else entirely.

Some life interest trusts are created not to save assets for children, or other loved ones, but to protect vulnerable beneficiaries. You might want to leave your estate to a sibling who is unable to manage their own finances independently, or who is in receipt of means

tested benefits. Placing your estate in a life interest trust, with that person as the lifetime beneficiary, allows the trustees to provide for their needs, without that person having to manage the money or risk losing their benefits.

Disadvantages of a life interest trust

Any trust arrangement does, by its nature, require a greater level of administration. Trusts can also attract complex tax rules. Before making a will with a life interest trust, you should always seek professional advice as to the various implications.

For further information, please contact Emma Langley on 01328 863231 or email emma.langley@hayes-storr.com.



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Artworks colouring competition

Jackie Kitch

April 29th was a very important day for one local family in Hunstanton.

Karen Lawrence was the winner of our Easter Postcard Competition and will have her drawing made into postcards which will be on sale here at Artworks @the Town Hall from June onwards.

Karen chose the name of her postcard design as 'A fun day' out and of course is based on Hunstanton's Rainbow Park.

All profits from the sale of these postcards, that are being printed free of charge by Witley Press, will be donated to Karen's chosen charity 'Diabetes UK'.

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Karen is pictured receiving her HobbyCraft gift voucher from Hunstanton Town Mayor, Cllr



Adrian Winnington which was donated by Artworks. Also getting in on the action is Karen's fearless younger Sister Lauren.

Runners up included Kate Chell Williams and Isabelle Lawrence.

Thank you to all for entering our competition!

Message from the former Mayor

Cllr Adrian Winnington

When you read this I will have handed over the mayoral chain to the new Mayor at the Town Council's AGM held on 25th May. I wish them well as it really is an honour and a privilege to be Mayor and to represent the people of Hunstanton. I thought I would take this opportunity to look back over the last year and also to look forward.

Much of the last year has been constrained by the continuing Covid pandemic. During this time the residents and businesses of the town have come together to help get through very difficult times. I acknowledged the dedication of some of these people when I presented Mayor's Awards at the Annual Town Meeting to teams from Hunstanton Medical Practice, Co-op Pharmacy, Boots Pharmacy, Smithdon School, Hunstanton Primary School and Hunstanton Foodbank. During the year the community as a whole was recognised by the presentation of a plaque from the Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk. The words on the plaque are "Live your best & act your best & think your best today". What happens in Hunstanton is dependent on the sum total of the individuals in the town. As Mayor and Chairman of the Town Council I meet many people, with a variety of views and opinions, and although I do not always agree with some views I respect the right of people to express them. Councillors do not always agree on issues but they are all councillors because they want to try to do their best to help Hunstanton develop and prosper for the benefit of all. In a recent visitor survey the keyword which visitors used to describe Hunstanton was "Friendly"; this reminds us that the way we interact with people is more important than material things.

During the periods of lockdowns the Town Council took the opportunity to carry out essential repairs and refurbishment at the Town Hall and Community Centre. The Town Hall has a variety of spaces, including the splendid main hall, all available for hire. The Town Council is about to acquire the freehold of the Community Centre and Field from the Borough Council. We have recently installed a Junior Trim Trail, Youth Shelter and picnic benches on the field and have plans to install teenage/adult Outdoor Gym Equipment there. These are all part of the Town Council's ambitions to improve facilities for young people and the well-being of all residents. All this, and much more, is made possible by the time voluntarily given by our town councillors together with the expertise and hard work of our dedicated staff team of Town Clerk, Property Officer and Administration Officer.

The environment is also an area the council has been working on.

Green spaces, trees and wild flowers are important not only for wildlife but also for our own well-being. Recently 20 new fruit trees have been planted in the Community Orchard, together with a number of small native trees and hedging plants around the Community Field; all these plants being obtained from the Million Trees for Norfolk project. The Town Council has declared a climate emergency and has been developing ways to reduce litter and especially the use of single-use plastic. As we take on the freehold of the Community Centre we will be looking at ways to reduce energy consumption and the use of green energy. Food Waste has been addressed by the operation of the Community Fridge scheme which enables people to collect food which would otherwise have been thrown away.

Our community is obviously very important to us. During the pandemic many people have felt isolated and in need of reassurance. The Town Council Friendship Group meets each Friday and provides a welcome to anyone. We are supporting two groups for young people being held in the Community Centre and the Town Hall Hub. We have supported groups who helped during lockdowns and have secured grants to provide food vouchers to those in financial difficulty, working closely with the town's Food Bank. We are exploring other possibilities of providing help to those who need it. There was a great response to my Mayor's Christmas Toy Appeal and many young people's Christmases were brightened by these gifts.

Hunstanton Town Council cannot work in isolation. With much of the town's facilities under the control of the Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk it is essential that we have a good working relationship with them. The leadership of the Borough Council places great importance on supporting Hunstanton's economy and residents and to advance this has very recently initiated the formation of the Hunstanton Advisory Board. The Town Council is also working with other groups and organisations in the town to put on events for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and to reinstate the Carnival. By talking and working together we will be able to ensure that we continue to live in a very special town, which we are prepared to share with others who come to live here or just to visit.





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JANET AND JOHN EVENTUALLY GET IT RIGHT

By Kathryn Gigg Chartered Accountants, Hunstanton

Readers may remember Janet and John who have been married for many years, have two adult children and several grandchildren, and are reasonably well off, owning their own home worth about £1m, and having a good level of pension income. A couple of years ago they inherited a share portfolio and a cottage from John's parents (now worth about £600,000), which they use as a Furnished Holiday Let (as defined for tax purposes). It is in a popular location and is let nearly every week, but much of this letting income goes on paying the Inheritance Tax (IHT) on that legacy which is being paid over ten years.

In the first instalment of their story (page 11 of the May edition of T&A), John thought up a cunning plan to avoid Inheritance Tax by simply gifting both of the properties to the children whilst continuing to live in one and draw rent from the other. Fortunately, he saw the local lady accountant at the last minute who pointed out the range of ways in which this course of action would have disastrous results.

After a second meeting with his newly appointed accountant, John has learnt that most of the apparent ways of avoiding IHT have already been anticipated and blocked by the relevant tax legislation. He now knows that he needs to beware of creating a "gift with reservation of benefit" (GROB), where the donor is still deemed to own the asset until such time as the reservation is lifted; that Capital Gains Tax (CGT) and IHT have different rules; and that there is no concept of a GROB for CGT so potentially some value can be caught by both taxes on the same transaction, which seems unfair, and illogical (but so do many things in the world of tax).

However, he also learns some interesting and helpful things. The GROB rules do not apply where the donor pays the donee a market rent to occupy the property; they do not apply to gifts between spouses; and they do not apply where the benefit is minimal – for example, where a property is gifted and the donor visits occasionally (perhaps "housesitting" for a fortnight a year or staying with the donee for up to a month). There is also an exception in the event of a sudden and unforeseen serious illness, where an aged donor moves in with the donee being unable to live alone through old age or infirmity. Finally, there is a more useful relief where a donor gifts part of a property to a donee (typically a single adult child) and they then share the property, each contributing fairly to the joint expenses. He also learns that there are useful annual reliefs for small gifts and also for "regular gifts out of income".

None of these reliefs are of great relevance to John and Janet now, though he stores the information for the future in case there is a change of circumstances. Instead, they decide on a different course of action, liquidating sufficient investments to pay off the IHT and putting the holiday cottage into a Trust for the benefit of their descendants. The investments have not increased in value significantly since they were inherited, so any CGT is covered by the £12,300 Annual Exemption to which each vendor is entitled. Because the cottage is used as a qualifying holiday let, meeting various criteria about the number of let days, the CGT on that disposal can be "held over" so no charge arises until it is sold. Since no individual donee has a right to the property, the Trustees can control its management and it should be beyond the reach of divorce proceedings – although care needs to be taken with the income distribution policy. The flexibility of the Trust also means that income can be directed to the grandchildren when their needs are perhaps greater than those of their parents. Overall, and provided that they survive seven years, John and Janet should reduce their IHT bill by about £240,000, or more if they can also utilise the small gift and "normal expenditure out of income" exemptions over the coming years.

All in all, John decides that in future he may pay less attention to his friend in the pub, and that DIY IHT planning is a bit like servicing your own car brakes – easy in theory, but potentially disastrous if it goes wrong.

Please contact either myself or my assistant Nicola Tarry FCA on 01485 534800 or email kate@kathryngigg.co.uk if we can assist in any way.



Mrs K H Gigg FCA

N.B. Article written in March 2022

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Wild in Westminster and West Norfolk

A few weeks ago the Queen's Speech set out the government's legislative programme with the traditional pomp and circumstance, including a marching band, returning after the pared back Covid version. Sadly Her Majesty The Queen was unable to attend for only the third time. But that disappointment is put to one side this month as people across Norfolk celebrate the Platinum Jubilee and her immense dedication to the nation.

The government's programme focused on boosting economic growth and bringing down the cost of living in the long term by taking action to create the conditions for businesses to invest in more high wage, high skilled jobs. That must be the priority as, although our economy bounced back rapidly last year, the combination of inflationary and supply chain pressures as the world economy restarted and the impact of Putin's illegal invasion of Ukraine are being felt across the country with higher bills.

It is a worrying time for many people and the action taken so far is helping to mitigate some of the increased costs. That includes the £150 council tax rebate, cut in fuel duty, increases in the National Living Wage worth £1,000 a year for someone working full time, and increases in the national insurance threshold. In addition, the Household Support Fund has been boosted to help target support at those most in need – that is funding the Norfolk Cost of Living Support Scheme, topped up by Norfolk County Council. But



further support is being considered.

The longer term changes include a new Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill will help drive local growth and the introduction of a new levy so that the value of new housing and other developments is used to make sure the roads, GPs, school places, and other public services are in place. A new approach will give councils powers to auction off tenancies in shops that have been vacant for more than a year. And councils will be able to double council tax on empty and second homes. On planning, new housing will be required to follow local design codes for materials and styles and proposals to limit local involvement throughout the planning process are not being pursued in light of responses to the consultation.

Skills are a core element of raising productivity and higher wages in the long term. Starting with schools there will be new measures to raise standards in reading, writing, and maths and to ensure funding is allocated fairly whether schools are rural, or urban. For adults, the introduction of the Lifelong Loan Entitlement will enable people to access training throughout their working life.

While there is no overnight fix to high energy prices, by investing in more secure, affordable, and cleaner homegrown energy supplies we can make a difference longer term. The Energy Security Bill will help to do that building on changes to the financing of new nuclear power stations and drive for more offshore wind and solar.

Outside of the EU, bureaucratic rules will be removed, procurement reforms will benefit smaller British firms, and Norfolk's leading role in agri-tech will be bolstered by unlocking the potential of gene-editing technology for the farming sector.

In total, 38 bills were announced in the Queen's Speech. In Parliament, MPs are busy scrutinising them while continuing to focus on the immediate pressures and tackling the NHS' Covid backlog.

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Home of Springwatch announces plans for a Festival in September

Wild Ken Hill, the 4,000 acre farm straddling Heacham and Snettisham which has developed a three-pronged approach to land management, combining rewilding, regenerative agriculture and traditional conservation for the benefit of people, nature, and climate is hosting Gathering, a new one-day festival which will celebrate the natural world on 17th September.

Environmentalists, authors, broadcasters and speakers will share three stages for keynote discussions, Q&A and performances while smaller tents will provide more intimate spaces for readings, workshops, film-viewing, and other experiences in nature.



Project Manager at Wild Ken Hill Dominic Buscall with Ruth Dillon, Director of Gathering whose marine biologist father encouraged her interest in conservation and environmental issues.

Photo credit: Ian Burt

Dominic Buscall said “We hope Gathering will give our visitors unforgettable experiences in nature which have a lasting impact and foster greater connection with the natural world. At Wild Ken Hill we have always been committed to engaging audiences about farming in nature, hoping to inspire audiences to help address our biodiversity and nature crises. Gathering is the next step on that journey; we hope it will be an inspiring, fun, and thought-provoking day”.

Gathering will cover a broad spectrum of themes from rewilding and food production to wellbeing and creativity, all examined and celebrated in Wild Ken Hill meadows and woodlands with views of the coast.



Project Manager at Wild Ken Hill Dominic Buscall (far right) and his father Harry (second right) at a curlew release in July 21. Credit AWPR

Award winning author Mary Colwell will be speaking to singer/songwriter David Gray, best known for his album, White Ladder, which was released in 1998 propelling him onto the global stage, about her work with Curlew, Britain’s most endangered wading bird, which is being conserved at Wild Ken Hill alongside Pensthorpe and Sandringham (reported in T&A’s September 21 issue). David is involved with a number of conservation projects across the UK including protecting the endangered Curlew and this promises to be a very special evening of conversation, nature and music in the middle of his world tour.



Chairman of Natural England Tony Juniper, pictured above with HRH The Prince of Wales and Chrissy Kelley at a curlew release at Sandringham, will join Benedict Macdonald, author of *Rebirding* and forthcoming *Cornerstones* (to be released in July), in discussion on nature recovery in the UK.

Biologist turned naturalist and writer Dr. Amy-Jane Beer will about her forthcoming book *The Flow* and lead a walk into the Wild Ken Hill woods. She said: “What a gathering Gathering will be! A celebration of restoration, resilience, and creativity in a landscape of hope. I can’t wait!”

Other participants include author Sarah Langford who will chair a discussion on the future of food and farming featuring farmers such as Helen Browning, Chairman of the Soil Association and food entrepreneur and farmer William Kendall, Lee Schofield (conservationist and author), Nick Acheson (conservationist and author), Rebecca Schiller (author, journalist, and campaigner), and Jake Fiennes (conservationist and author).

Gathering will feature a selection of guided tours into woodlands and beaver habitat across Wild Ken Hill, available throughout the day. There will also be expert workshops, such as ‘Creating writing in Nature’ with author Nicola Chester, and a wellbeing offering comprising yoga, meditation, sound baths, massages and sauna.



Some of the management team Photo: Ian Burt

Families can enjoy activities in a general children’s area, as well as booking onto sessions at Little WILDlings Forest School, where children are given the freedom to explore and play in the woods..

Ruth Dillon, Director of Gathering said, “I am so excited to be directing Gathering at Wild Ken Hill. The day is going to be hugely inspiring, with an incredible programme of leading authors, practitioners, and creatives”

A selection of local food and drink vendors will serve Sri Lankan dishes, sourdough pizza, Hawaii-inspired poke, flatbreads, and much more. There will also be coffee and bars.

Pensthorpe Natural Park, Rewilding Britain, and the Norfolk Wildlife Trust, will all also have a presence at Gathering, focusing on areas where they have collaborated with Wild Ken Hill.

Tickets are priced at £55 for Adults, £30 for Young Adults, and are free for children (11 years old and under) are available now at <https://gathering-at-wild-ken-hill.eventbrite.co.uk>



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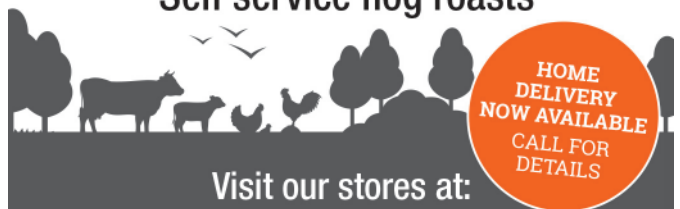
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A page from the Sage

Here we go again another Page from the Sage, from the Boy Dick for the month of June 2022 for the Town and Around.

Fairground rides

I was asked when fairground rides first came to Hunstanton. From what I can find out there was a penny on the mat (helter-skelter, lighthouse slip) on the beach around 1890 but I cannot find a date for this. About the same time a person asked the council if he, or she, could set up a steam switch back ride on the beach but I could not find out if it was given permission, so I need help please.

About 1936 a set of gallopers were set up on an area of ground next to the kennels down Seagate Road and also on a nearby area of land there was some African-style huts where people could sit and have a picnic. In 1938 the council decided to lay concrete on an area of land between the promenade and Seagate Road, unfortunately the Second World War was upon us and there were a lot of soldiers in Hunstanton and they had to have somewhere to keep their military vehicles so they were parked on this area of concrete and covered over with camouflage. It was not until 1955/56 that rides and side stuff began to appear on this area of land.

Two of the first people to be tenants on this land were Bill Nunn Snr. and Bert Haws. Bert also had a caravan site in the pit (Tesco site) he also had two small caravan sites behind the Eastern Counties Bus Garage also in Southend Road. A roller skating rink with a small beginners rink was built in the south-west area of the park but unfortunately the skating rink was washed away in the great flood of 1953 but another rink without the beginners rink was soon built again by Mr Fleming who was an undertaker with the help of a well-known fairground worker Arthur Wakeling.

Around about 1960 the lane at the back of Seagate Road was closed off and diverted after being a car park so another area of land became available and this was added to the fairground when it was given the name Rainbow Park. I am not sure but there has now been a fair in Hunstanton on this site since 1946; that is 76 years. One thing that is missing on the Rainbow Park and elsewhere in the town is prize bingo. I think I am right in saying that at one time there were eight or even nine prize bingos in Hunstanton and they were: Manor Park, Vegas, Fairground, C.H.S, Thomas's Number One, The Pier, Thomas's Showboat, one spare land next to Tamworth House and one for a short time on the railway car park next to the children's fort, as I cannot read now I have to write this from memory, so if I have made mistakes and I am sure I have, please put a letter in the Town and Around putting me right.



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Ernest Shackleton

Now here is a little story about what happened in Hunstanton in 1910. Ernest Shackleton, the polar explorer came to Hunstanton to give an illustrated talk about him trying to explore Antarctica and the polar regions.

He had been to Antarctica a couple of times before he came to Hunstanton, then he went there again in 1915 but this time his ship got stuck in the ice and Shackleton and his crew had to walk many miles to safety. In 2002 another polar expedition found his ship, The Endurance, still stuck in the ice 107 years after it had been abandoned. Ernest Shackleton was born in Ireland in 1874 and he died in South Georgia in 1922. During his lifetime he made five expeditions to Antarctica.



Beach Nourishment

As a lot of you will already know, in the middle of March the work known, and called by the Environment Agency as beach nourishment work, is completed. This means that during the winter time a lot of sand, shingle and small stones get washed from Snettisham, Heacham and Hunstanton South Beach and it ends up at Snettisham Scalp, so the idea of this two to three week operation is to take it back to build up the beaches again as flood protection. This work has been carried out in March of each year since 1990. During that time there has also on three different occasions when ships have brought in material that has been dredged up from the mouth of the Humber.

I have been asked many times why Hunstanton beach is not included in this work, well I will explain. The Environment Agency looks after the beach from Hunstanton Power

Boat Ramp south as far as Wolferton Creak. The beach northwards from the Power Boat Ramp to the cliffs comes under King's Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council, and Old Hunstanton beach belongs to the Le-Strange Estate and is private - but this beach is okay and as far as I know Old Hunstanton has never been flooded.

Hunstanton Promenade

On Saturday 2nd of November 2008 myself and about thirty other people from different organisations and jobs met at the Golden Lion Hotel for a meeting called the Spaceshaper event. It was to discuss the future of Hunstanton Promenade. In the afternoon we split into groups and walked along the promenade as far as the Hunstanton Power Boat Ramp and back. Of course the main thing that was talked about was the construction of a new ramp on the beach at the end of Seagate; the old slipway was demolished in 1974 as it was dangerous after being damaged in the 1953 floods. This slipway was not only a good and safe way of getting on and off the beach but it also acted as a very good breakwater (groynes). We have been told many times over the last forty years that a new one will be built, I looked on my webcam this morning and it is still not there. The beach at Hunstanton is looking good at the present time with all the shingle washed up against the foot of the promenade, this acts as a very good protection to the promenade.

Nettles

I was listening to Radio Norfolk when they started talking about a stinging nettle eating and drinking competition. During the Second World War I lived at East Winch. My two uncles who lived with us used to go out at weekends down to the common and alongside the road side dykes they would strip the nettle leaves from the stalk, throw the stalk away and put the leaves in an old hessian sack. It took many leaves to fill this sack and when it was full a chap would come round and pick up the sacks and pay my uncles a few pennies. I believe the nettle leaves were taken to a factory near Thetford where they were made into nettle tea. My uncles also collected rose hips that were made into rose hip syrup.

My father and I had some allotments and when we took on another one there was a lot of stinging nettles on it. One day my father and I were cutting them down and he said he didn't like cutting these nettles down as they once saved his life. I asked him what happened and he told me that he was in the army and in 1940 he was sent to France to fight the Germans. Like many other soldiers he was captured and marched to Poland and one night they stopped in a field full of stinging nettles. They had nothing to eat for five days so they ate all the nettles and took

some with them for later and that's how the stinging nettles saved his life and the life of many others.

My father and all the others were later moved from the camp in Poland and marched to another camp in Germany and this is where they all stayed until they were repatriated by the Americans.

Keeping watch by webcam

As most of you know I have very poor sight and due to other health problems I do not get about any more and I cannot read normal print like newspapers and books but due to some very helpful people I was lent a very strong lamp and a strong magnifying glass so I can use my computer and printer but everything I write has to come from my memory - but I do get some help from the webcams along the front at Hunstanton, Brancaster Staith, Wells Harbour and Great Yarmouth. I look at all these three times a day.

On 26th March this year, I was looking on the South promenade web cam, it was a Saturday but the promenade was crowded as it was a warm and sunny day; the people were really packed tight walking along the promenade, and there before my very eyes were three people on bicycles swerving in and out of these walkers, many of them children and dogs. There are signs on every lamp post saying no cycling on the promenade but evidently these people could not read.

Way back in the good old days, the 1950s 60s and 70s in the summertime there was always a beach inspector who would walk back and forwards along the promenade making sure everything was okay and inspecting the kiosks. They were always dressed in a smart blue uniform with a peak cap and a shirt and tie - no tee-shirts in those days! Maybe two people who are members of the Town Council could spare an hour or two especially at the weekends walking up the promenade to see what goes on along this lovely promenade of ours - the backbone of the resort of Hunstanton.

Barnacle Bill

A film was made on the pier at Hunstanton in 1957 called Barnacle Bill (in America it was called All at Sea) and I thought it would be nice to write a bit about this film for all those people to read who have moved here since 1957. This information comes from a very good press report I found in a back issue of the EDP. The top star in this film was Alec Guinness and his co-star was Jackie Collins. Other stars in the film were Maurice Denham, Warren Mitchel, Lionel Jefferies, Victor Madin and Irene Brown. The story was about an ex-sea captain who was always seasick. He took over a clapped out old pier in the fictional old town of Sandcastle Bay and then he ran into a spot of bother from the mayor and the local council cronies. Hunstanton had never seen the like with the famous actors surrounded by autograph hunters and well-wishers. MGM technicians everywhere - this was like Hollywood, well almost. It was

estimated that around 400 people were in the queue outside the casting directors office for parts as extras and teenagers from as far afield as Great Yarmouth and Norwich and joined Hunstanton lads and lasses for a rock and rolling scene. They included Pauline Searle whose dad Geoffrey lent the crew a boat, George Raines, Edith Jewell and Peggy Williamson dressed up as clowns and George worked alongside Warren Mitchell who played an escapologist while Charles Matkin, a borough councillor and former mayor got a part while they were filming at Brancaster and even got a bonus for wading into the sea. Martin Goodman was briefly seen teaching a policeman how to win every time on the pier slot machine while publican John Benn had to shout 'Armada'. Frank Burdett got a part as a man having an angry word with Alec Guinness because he was going bald and George Benson turned into a police officer. Edward Murray-Harvey was paid 35 shillings plus meals as a seated onlooker in the jiving scene and so on in an attempt to give the town a continental touch and create a happy holiday atmosphere. The Council gave the sea front a face lift and painted the buildings in a variety of colours then discovered the movie was in black and white! Oh, and there was the local shop displaying a photograph for sale signed by Alec Guinness - as he was passing the actor took a look and the pictures were removed as the signature was not his real one. The film went down very well and is still shown on British television from time to time.

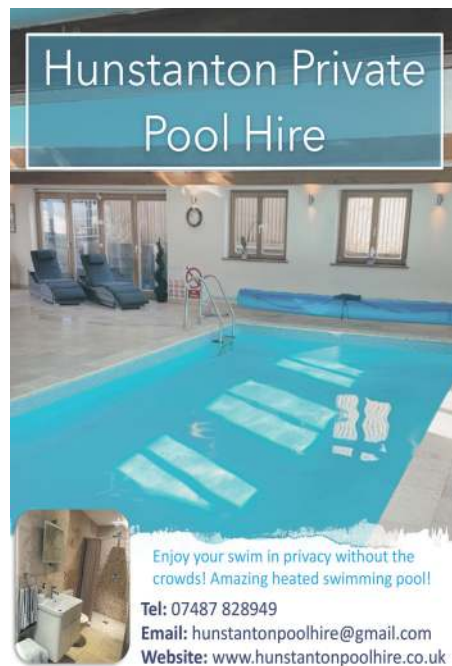
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Where I now live in Hunstanton on the Hopkins estate right at the top in Butterfield Rise we have much wildlife which includes many birds. We have a spinney, a golf links to the seaward side that attracts lots of large birds like magpies, pigeons and hundreds of jackdaws, we also have many small birds and sparrow hawks and red kite, but the main enemy is the herring gull. A few years ago you saw one or two down the beach but now you see many of them every day and they are in most coastal towns through the United Kingdom.

These herring gulls are a real problem they make a lot of mess and they attack and eat small birds; they are especially attracted to blackbirds, my opinion is that some of these herring gulls should be culled. What do you the readers think?

Easter 2022

"Come to Sunny Hunny and spend your money", that's what Don Shaw, a showman, used to shout when he had some children's rides near the Kit-Kat. Well, that was true this last Easter, it was the busiest Easter I have seen since 1976 when we had sunshine for most of the summer. Of course having a Christmas Swim on an Easter Saturday was a wonderful idea and it should now be kept up each Easter along with the Christmas Swim as well, also it was a good idea for the web-cam operator to follow the swimmers out to the



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tide line, with all those people on the promenade it is a wonder it did not collapse as it is well past its sell by date and Hunstanton needs a new promenade as well as a new and much larger swimming pool. Now that the council are charging £9 a car to park they could afford to pay for these things and much more.

I was listing to Radio Norfolk this morning talking about food banks, during the war as a small boy with my father being a prisoner of war, I would get a food parcel from the American Red Cross with oranges, other fruit and sweets and chocolate that was too awful to eat.

That's all for now keep on a troshin', all the best the Boy Dick.

Borough Council News for Heacham, Sedgeford and Fring

Cllr Terry Parish, Leader of the Group of Independent Councillors (15)

The Borough Council moved faster than expected and the Heacham Neighbourhood Plan is going to referendum on June 16th. should the village vote for it.

Boots Chemist

I raised the concerns about queuing, opening hours and delays a couple of issues ago. I have followed this up at a meeting with the Area Manager. The principal problem is due to difficulty in recruiting pharmacists. Small stores cannot open at all if there is no pharmacist present. Prescriptions have to be checked by a pharmacist and a back log quickly builds up when one is not available.

Efforts have been and are being made to reduce the problem and I hope that Boots will provide an article explaining these in detail.

Otherwise, I will update next month. I can say that staff in the Heacham shop are working above contractual hours, including Sundays, to minimise delays when a pharmacist is there. Note that this is administrative work, the shop is not open on Sundays.

I was also told that recruitment problems extend to counter staff, not necessarily in Heacham, so there may be job opportunities.

Moving Heacham Boots into the vacant shop next door is, apparently, not viable as the income generated would not meet costs. So, some useful use for it needs to be found. If you have any thoughts let me know.

Small grants scheme

Late last year, Borough Councillors were given £1000 to spend on useful activities going on in their Wards. Mine went to Heacham in Bloom, the reboot of

the Heacham Horse Show and, together with Cllr Dark, one of the football teams. May is the start of the new political year so I have another £1000 with longer to spend it in. You can come to me with ideas but there is a formal application process on the Borough Council website. Google Councillor Community Grant Scheme Kings Lynn.

There are matters which need raising about a number of things but I will leave those to July, after the Jubilee celebrations. Sedgeford Village Hall is doing those in fine style with a beacon lighting, a hog roast, and entertainment. I'm sorry that I will miss that but I want to watch Heacham Beacon afire. Some of you are holding street parties and my best wishes for all of those. I hope the day will be dry though the area, until the time of writing, has been desperate for rain. All



important food crops need or needed it.

I now have to get ready for the Mayor making ceremony in Kings Lynn. The first confirmed mayor was Robert son of Sunolph in 1308 though an earlier one may have been Bartholomew de Beluaco in 1248. A very old tradition.

A little bit of help can make a lot of difference

Small grants totalling more than £40,000 have given a boost to around 80 community organisations since November thanks to an innovative borough council scheme.

The scheme gives money to each councillor to spend on good causes in their ward. For some small community groups even a few pounds towards a piece of equipment can make all the difference to helping them keep going.

Cllr Stuart Dark, MBE, borough council leader, said: "During the height of the pandemic I witnessed how communities came together to support each other and that was the inspiration behind this scheme – to get out and support grass-roots good causes across west Norfolk."

"This scheme puts the borough council's support right into the heart of communities. Our ward members are the experts in the needs of their local areas and this means they get to choose how best to support small groups."

"These small grants support local projects, initiatives and activities that will have a positive impact throughout the borough."

"We all enjoy seeing big projects come to fruition but sometimes

small, everyday improvements can make a big difference to a community and I feel immense pride when I read about the ways in which we have achieved that through this borough council scheme."

Uses of the grants have varied widely. Hunstanton and District Men's Shed benefited from a grant to buy materials such as wood, screws and glue, while Future4Fairgrounds was able to buy books to give to local schools to increase knowledge and understanding of the showman community.

At the Burnhams surgery, a grant supported the purchase of benches for use by people visiting the dementia garden or waiting for transport, while in Great Massingham a new biodiversity area will be established in the community garden.

Cllr Dark added: "These grants are exactly as described: they are not for large sums but they have the capacity to make a significant difference to the causes – and the communities – that they support."

A further £55,000 was set aside for this year. The scheme is open; to apply visit <https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/cllr-grant-scheme>.

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HEACHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REFERENDUM

Tracy Raby, Heacham Neighbourhood Planning Group

The Neighbourhood Plan is an opportunity for everyone in the village to have a real influence on the way Heacham develops over the period up to 2036. Neighbourhood Plans were introduced by the Government in 2011 and contain policies relating to the development and use of land.

The Heacham Neighbourhood Plan has passed an independent examination which confirmed it complies with national policy and guidance, the strategic policies of the Borough Council and European regulations, and will now proceed to a local referendum which will be held on Thursday 16th June 2022.

The referendum information pack and supporting appendices are available on the Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk website.

The question asked in the referendum will be

"Do you want the Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Heacham to help decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"

Why is it important to vote?

The Plan is based on discussions at public meetings and several stages of consultation with residents, businesses and statutory consultees.

It includes policies on the issues you said were important to you, including:

THE RIGHT HOMES, IN THE RIGHT PLACES

- Smaller homes available for rent, shared ownership or suitable for first-time buyers, affordable to local, younger people on average incomes

MAINTAINING A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY

- Restrict the numbers of second homes/holiday homes to maintain the

vibrancy of the community

- Parish Council's share of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) will increase from the current 15% to 25%.
- Support and encourage improvements to our infrastructure
- Support development of local employment opportunities to improve the local economy

RETAIN THE GREEN SPACE BETWEEN HEACHAM AND HUNSTANTON

RETAIN HEACHAM'S UNIQUE CHARACTER

- Maintain Heacham's village status
- Preserve and enhance our historic and heritage assets

PROTECT OUR RICH AND VARIED WILDLIFE

- Preserve and enhance our natural environment, including, ancient trees and woodland, local wildlife habitats

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You can view the full Plan, and detail of all policies on the Neighbourhood Plan website www.heachamplan.co.uk.

If more than 50% of those voting vote 'YES' then the Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk must use OUR Plan and OUR policies when considering planning applications for any proposed developments or change of use to any land or buildings within the Parish boundary.

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Andrew Murray

Referendum Day - Thursday 16 June

Please make a note of this date in your diary. The Borough Council is organising a referendum on that date to enable those residents of Heacham and Hunstanton who on the electoral roles to decide whether the two neighbourhood plans (NP) should be 'made' and become material considerations when the Borough's officers or Planning Committee consider future planning applications.

The question on the ballot paper is a simple 'yes' or 'no'. If more than 50% of those who bother to turn out to vote approve the Neighbourhood Plan will pass.

The localism act of 2011 introduced the possibility that local residents of an area could produce a neighbourhood plan which would determine how that area is developed in the future. The NP does not duplicate the National Planning Policy Framework or the Local Plan but amplify them in respect of the particular needs and aspirations of that area.

Hunstanton's Neighbourhood Development Plan has been prepared over a very long time. It was back in August 2012, when the then Town Clerk, Lisa Powell, submitted a compelling case for the whole of the parish area of Hunstanton to have a NP. Following a consultation period the Borough Council designated the NP area in Feb 2013.

Brancaster developed their NP much more quickly and it was brought into force in 2015. Their main issue was the number of second homes in the parish and the need to build good quality but relatively simple homes that would be marketed at reasonable prices and be suitable for local people to rent or purchase. Although the proportion of second homes is not so high in Hunstanton, the NP working party thought that the town had a similar problem and took some of the policies and supporting text from the Brancaster NP. Public consultation and interaction at the Open Days in June and November 2016 seemed to

support that view. The independent examiner for the Hunstanton NP, however, considered that restriction of the sale of homes to those who would use them as their primary residence did not promote sustainable development and therefore failed the basic conditions.

The Borough Council advised that all the Independent examiner's recommendations be accepted. It has been suggested that the evidence needed to support policies in the town is of a higher quality than that for villages. After the referendum, it is likely that the Town Council will engage in further consultation, employ professional expertise to gather evidence and seek to review the NP.

The Decision Statement prepared by the Borough Council states that "The Plan has developed a positive suite of policies that seek to bring forward positive and sustainable development in the neighbourhood area. There is a clear focus on safeguarding its local character and biodiversity whilst encouraging appropriate development to come forward.

The message for Hunstanton is that we have justifiable pride in our heritage, pride in our community orchard, pride in our success in Britain in Bloom. We must develop a pride in shaping the future we want as opposed to that which might be imposed by speculative developers, planning inspectors or perhaps the courts.

The number of people who vote in the referendum may be a measure of how much Pride we have in our Neighbourhoods.



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Why on earth should anyone trust politicians?

By John Maiden

Sometimes I wonder why on earth anyone should trust politicians, whether national or local. Perhaps I am still angry about Brexit, but when fans of Mr Johnson applaud him for getting 'Brexit done', I want to draw their attention to the fact that he appears to have signed up to a legally binding international agreement, when he clearly had no intention of complying with its terms and conditions.

Closer to home, our two local councils, NCC and BCKLWN, appear to be guilty of paying lip service to protecting the environment in their policies for combating climate change caused by man-made global warming. With this in mind, I objected to a planning application for converting Hunstanton's redundant Primary School into apartments. This was in 2021, but a few weeks ago I received a letter from BCKLWN inviting my comments on "amendments received in respect of this application".

I tried several times to respond to this letter by using the planning Website. Unfortunately, the technology confused me, in much the same way as BCKLWN's planning decisions have left me feeling totally bewildered ever since May 18th 2002.

However, I did not let BCKLWN's apparent incompetence prevent me from registering a renewed objection to the desecration of Hunstanton's much appreciated Victorian Primary School, together with the Headteacher's house, and the grounds of both school and house.

I was unable to locate any

amended details, but seized the opportunity to renew my objection to this development, regardless of any revisions to the original application, which was to convert the school I attended from 1943 to 1951 into eleven residential units. I pointed out that the reasons for my objection have even more relevance today than they did a year ago.

Regardless of the fact that BCKLWN and NCC have yet to show any real concern over the threat posed by man-made global warming to the environment; I expressed the view that this would be an ideal time for both local authorities to use the school and its surroundings to educate the present generation in the best way to protect the environment for future generations.

I pointed out that use of a nearby, former Edwardian convalescent home as a temporary library proved that this location would make an ideal setting for a permanent library. Instead of extending the built environment beyond the school's original footprint, now would be the perfect time to turn most of the playground space into urban mini-forests. This could include all of the established and self-sown trees in the gardens of the head teacher's house on Valentine Road.

I reminded BCKLWN that 'Valentine' was the name of the Engineer responsible for delivering the railway line, which served Hunstanton so well from 1862 to 1969. This was a good enough reason for suggesting that the former school could also provide a venue for conferences on establishing the best way of

bringing back the railway and restoring the town to something like its former glory.

I concluded with a reminder that in 2002, when public attention was focussed on an application, supported by planning officers Richard High and Richard Dobson, to erect a characterless, hangar-shaped building on The Green; BCKLWN had turned down an offer from Architect Sarah Riviere to purchase the former Coastguard Lookout and transform it into a Centre for Research into Climate Change. Twenty years later, the former Victorian Primary School, would make an ideal substitute for the Lookout, thereby avoiding the possibility of the building going down with the next cliff fall!

Mention of Hunstanton cliffs brings to mind a comment in Dick Melton's column last month, suggesting that the promenade is "Hunstanton's biggest attraction". Perhaps he was challenging readers to come up with alternative suggestions, of which the cliffs would probably be a popular choice.

On another page Clifford Sewell waxed lyrical about the contribution made by members of the le Strange family in providing a connection to the railway network in 1862 and then a pier in 1868, but he did not let 'history' get in the way of 'his story'. A walk on the beach today proves beyond doubt that the pier was not built on chalk, but on sand. It could have had its foundations on the carrstone bedrock if it had been erected a few yards further north. This fact was confirmed in 1955 when the new North Promenade

had its foundations on twenty foot interlocking piles, until the bedrock came close enough to the surface to take the foundations. This was north of the pier's original footprint. It is clearly visible at the present time due to the increased scouring action of waves, caused by large gaps between the bedrock and poorly maintained groynes.

The Advisory Group is to meet on 26th May – so I'll report on that next month.



I can report on the first small step towards reinstating the pier! Sometime ago I reported that a sign in the Pier Flowerbed was as absent as the pier itself. Thanks to Mr Chris Durham at BCKLWN a new sign is now in place to remind passers-by of what a real pier should look like. It is surely just a matter of time before the penny drops, and the conservative manifesto pledge of 2007 "to reinstate Hunstanton Pier" comes to fruition, or must I continue wondering why on earth anyone should trust politicians?

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Linking up - Annual Round up

Cllr Andrew Jamieson

A £464 million net revenue budget for 2022/23 has been agreed, a £25m increase from last year, with increased spending across key service areas and capital programmes, along with a 2.99 per cent Council Tax rise was agreed to enable Norfolk to build back better after the pandemic. The overall capital and revenue spend is £1.45bn. Adult Social Services will see an additional £35.4m of investment, against savings of £10.5m, Children's Services will receive £23.2m of further investment, with a further £10m this year for the SEND School Programme, with £12m against planned savings and Community and Environmental Services will see an additional £11.2m, against savings of £3.5m. There is a new £10m pothole fund to draw upon, new recycling centres across the County, £5m on library upkeep and extension of services and £12m on the Better Broadband project.

The major financial challenge will come in 2023/24 which is why we are commissioning an organisational review to ensure we are as efficient and effective as we can be.

There has been substantial Beryl Bikes and E-Scooters uptake during the past year, with the average journey being over 3.5km (taking multiple car journeys out of the City) and multiple Local Cycling, Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs) plans being developed across the County (including Greater Norwich, King's Lynn, Great Yarmouth and Dereham). This is important to us in the West, as it will include a major push to increase opportunities for safe cycling throughout the AONB and surrounding area.

In a major boost to Norfolk's ambitions to run a net zero transport system £3.2million in funding has been secured to introduce 15 electric buses to the network in Norwich. The funding has been secured from Department for Transport (DfT) in a joint bid with First Bus for the 'Zero Emission Bus Regional Access' (ZEBRA) scheme. This bid is matched by £3.6m of local investment from First Bus and will deliver 15 battery electric

buses which will be in operation by March 2024.

More important for us (as electric buses are not yet able to operate on routes as long as those undertaken in rural rather than urban areas, NCC has been successful in winning £50 million funds from the Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP). This means I can now push for more frequent and later services along the Coast and to and from Lynn, bus services that link to train timetables, better and more direct services to QEH as well as minibuses to link park and ride centres with coastal villages and their beaches.

Norwich Western Link is a key strategic infrastructure project alongside the Long Stratton By Pass and the West Winch Housing Access Road demonstrating how we are working across the whole county. The Great Yarmouth Third River Cross is due for completion in 2024.

A new service to support some of Norfolk's most vulnerable young people to live within families and achieve their full potential called New Roads launched on June 1st 2021. It was set up by Norfolk County Council with significant investment to give young people access to a dedicated support team that sticks with them, understands them, and helps them to achieve and succeed. Based out of two hubs, in Dereham and Norwich, the service's aim is to give young people stability, reduce risk-taking behaviour and help to avoid the need for long-term residential care, as well as longer term costs to themselves, the wider system and communities.

The Norfolk Strategic Flooding Alliance (NSFA) has formally adopted an overall Strategy, designed to enable county wide responses to flooding across all agencies involved. The Strategy, which lays out the NSFA's vision, objectives, approach and structure, is a major milestone in the development of the Alliance, which was founded in 2021 to bring together all agencies and partners involved in planning for and responding to flooding in Norfolk. A whole river solution for the Burn is one of the priority

projects being worked on.

A new single point of contact for flooding in Norfolk has been launched, allowing residents to report any sort of flooding quickly and efficiently. In the event of flooding residents can call 0344 800 8013 giving residents a single point of contact and allowing reports to be made swiftly. Alternatively, residents can continue to report flooding online via our flooding pages. Where there is a potential risk to life from flooding people should still call 999 immediately.

The Council's £1.5m Flood Reserve Fund will be used for additional highway and ditch maintenance, drainage asset improvements work and drainage grips and kerb drains on Norfolk's highways, as well as operations to clear some of the county's 145,305 gullies that help drain rain water. Our financial response has meant that other partners, notably Anglia Water, has stepped up to the plate to deliver a significant upgrade to their Burn River plant.

As Chairman of Norfolk Coastal partnership, I have brought together a bidding team to spearhead nature recovery along the North Norfolk coast. Alongside NCC, Norfolk Rivers Trust and key landowners will work with Natural England to be one of 10 projects nationally as a showcase pilot scheme for the new ELMS scheme. There are two parts to this project:

- We want to work with landowners along the coastal strip (between the A149 and the sea) from Hunstanton to Weybourne to convert existing arable land into new habitat for nature.
- We want to work with landowners along the Rivers Hun, Stiffkey, Burn and Glaven to convert existing arable land into new habitat for nature.

We want to restore and/or improve 1500 hectares of priority habitat on the Norfolk coast to support the recovery of threatened species and increase biodiversity. We also want to restore rivers in the area, improving water quality and increasing biodiversity along river corridors. Both elements of the project will also support



climate change adaptation in the region.

Pavements, cycleways and roads all benefited from the county's £29m maintenance programme taking place right across Norfolk. The crucial upkeep work is a key part of the £42 million budget for roads and infrastructure that was agreed in February 2021. This year £4.5m is being spent on maintaining pavements and paths, for example a £167,000 scheme to remove the existing worn and uneven pavement surface on Kennedy Avenue in Gorleston and replace it with a new smooth asphalt surface.

We have an ambitious Local Transport Plan supporting a growing economy, strengthening communities and reducing our impact on the environment. A carbon cutting commitment is central to the transport plan which supports the county council's pledge to achieve net zero carbon by 2030, which councilors adopted as part of the authority's Environmental Policy in November 2019.

This will be co-ordinated locally with a Local Walking and Cycling Investment Plan for AONB. I am working with James Wild MP to pressurize DfT to alter the bid parameters of Active Travel Tranche 4 to enable us to win funding that is not just town and city-centric.

James has already been successful in helping me lobby for a change in the law in relation to FHLs, whereby owners have to prove a property is let for a minimum of 0 days a year to be classed as a business (thus avoiding council tax. While this

does not go nearly far enough, it does open the door to clarifying the system so that all residents pay for local services, regardless of whether the properties are let out or not.

Tripling the number of Roadside Nature Reserves in Norfolk were among a range of green measures agreed last July. Fewer cuts for rural roadsides, a pollinator action plan, and 188 more roadside nature reserves are all on the cards as part of plans to boost biodiversity along roads and paths across the county. There are plans to help boost cycling and walking across the county, and development of a new verge management policy which will include information for parish and town councils wishing to take on responsibility for verge cutting in their local area. The aim is to help involve local communities more in decisions about verge management near them.

Norfolk County Council has been recognised for its outstanding support of the armed forces community in Norfolk, following an announcement from the Ministry of Defence. The council has been given the Gold Award, the highest honour handed out through the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme. The award is given to organisations that employ and support those who serve in the armed forces, service leavers, veterans and their families, with the Gold Award also acknowledging the Council's partnership working through the Norfolk Armed Forces Covenant Board.

The Business & IP Centre (BIPC) Norfolk, managed by Norfolk County Council's Library and Information Service, ran a free online Summer School in 2021 for 16-25-year-olds to help them decide whether starting their own business might be right for them.

Norfolk is to receive between £115m and £195m of funding as part of the Government's Project Gigabit to provide 1GB per second broadband to up to 119,000 premises. Contracts will be awarded from February 2022. Rural homes and businesses across Norfolk and Suffolk will get next-generation gigabit broadband brought to them under a £5 billion plan to level up internet access across the UK. It

means families no longer having to battle over bandwidth giving people in rural areas the freedom to live and work more flexibly, with the speed and reliability needed to start and run businesses.

Community and voluntary organisations across Norfolk were awarded £1m from the Norfolk Social Infrastructure Fund. Total awards were £1.02 million to 25 different organisations, with grants ranging £3,400 all the way up to £250,000. The fund saw 64 applications with funding requests that totalled almost £5million. This was more than double the number of applications received last year. Bear this in mind when considering potential projects within your parish.

We got work to B1355 done via the Road safety Community Fund. My thanks to you

Norfolk Adult Social Services have faced a level of unprecedented challenge in 2021/22 as a result of the pandemic, with national and local workforce shortages, rising demand in hospitals and the community and the continued infection risk posed by COVID-19 as well as other recurring respiratory viruses such as flu.

Action being taken by the Council includes:

- Expanding action to support people at home or, where appropriate, in short term residential settings
- Stepping up the council's care recruitment campaign, to tackle staff shortages
- Providing wrap-around support for care settings
- Providing assistive technology, with 100 video phones sent out to homes
- Improving capacity in the Norfolk First Response service
- Supporting mental health services, with three new step down services

We have established a Hunstanton Town Board in order to use Levelling Up to bring forward some of the many ideas floated over the past decade. Working with the Town Council, the Leader of Kings Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council and Rt Hon James Wild MP, we Board will use 2022 to deliver concrete costed proposals for the Town to review.

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Round the bend with Dean Baker

There's a ghost in my house or who knew vampires have a sweet tooth!

For the June article I can only continue from last month and how to save more money in the home. It's difficult, because the numbers of the new prices and costs are so high and the numbers of the savings are, let's be honest, are small. It feels like an uphill struggle, but if we can make new good habits then we'll feel benefits for the years to come. There's been reports over the last few weeks about the savings to be made by controlling your household vampires!

When I tried to speak to Mrs B about this month's subject the youngest of the not so little was decidedly spooked! "Don't tell him there are vampires in the house," she hisses.

"They're called Vampire devices because they suck up power from the house."

"Yes – and that's a scary thing for a kid and even some adults, in fact! "Now, we're going to eat our puddings upstairs and you can stay at the kitchen table and type!"

"OK," I'll have desert later, I hope!

There's nothing complicated



about this, you just have to unplug electrical items that don't need to be on the entire time. For example, in our kitchen we have a plug-in radio with a clock display and a microwave. When I turn the lights out at night these 2 items wink goodnight. For years I've never questioned this but they don't need to be plugged in when they're not in use.

So I get up from the table and switch them both off. There - 2 vampires down and no garlic has been harmed in the process.

Now to phone chargers, which contain a transformer and use a very small amount of power even when not charging. A printer on standby is also using power all

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the time. Televisions use power if not switched off at the mains. Your Sky box can use an eye watering 30 W which works out at £73 a year. I said at the beginning that vampire devices don't use a lot of energy, but a recent study by British Gas estimated that as much of 23% of our electrical usage can be put down to so-called vampire energy, which means a national cost of around £2.2bn.

I leave my laptop and gallop round the house flicking switches and pulling out plugs. Over the next week there are objections

because things don't come on when buttons are pressed – but I think we'll get used to it. We have a smart meter and I haven't noticed much change, but like I said, we're making good habits.

When I return to the kitchen after my epic unplugging session my portion of pudding had vanished. I might have got rid of the Vampires but there are still mysterious forces at work in the Baker household!

Until next month, all the best.

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THE HUNSTANTON FUN DOG SHOW, Saturday 7th May

Wow, what a totally woofastic time we had at Glebe House School the other day! The Barking Bugle team were really excited to be hosting our annual Fun Dog Show again, particularly after a two year absence because of this horrible virus. We were celebrating our tenth year at Glebe which is incredibly pawsome!

Just before the show my crazy sisters, Ziggy Bear and Clara, did a weather dance and my goodness it worked - we were blessed with sunshine for most of the day. As well as the fun classes there were several trade stands selling lots of goodies, a fun fair including a bouncy castle, a fastest recall competition, an oppawtunity to have a go at flyball and also doggy dancing and trick masterclass displays.

It was great to see so many doggies of different sizes and breeds take part in all the classes. We were amazed by the number of pooches who were there strutting their stuff in the ring!

For the record huge congratulations go to Ben Rogers with his canine companion, Ellie, for winning the Best In Show, and also to Andy Floate who won Reserve Best In Show with his doggy, Bobby. Thank you so much to Upp, who sponsored these two trophies.

Our thanks also go to our special pals at Coastal Vets who have been sponsoring our Show for the past ten years, to all our wonderful volunteers, to the Men's Shed for helping out with the parking, to Kin, our professional photographer, to the K9 Capers' amazing display and for running the fastest recall competition, to Ruth for organising a superb trick masterclass, to Kevin, our compere, who presided over the event with his microphone in hand and inimitable sense of humour and, last but not least, to our excellent judge, Vicky, who had the extremely difficult job of deciding who would win rosettes.

However, we would like to thank in pawticular all you humans and



doggies out there who came to our Show, without whom this event would not have taken place. Well done if you managed to win a rosette but as we say here at the Barking Bugle, you all go home with the best dog in any case! We really look forward to hosting the event again next year.

Woofs Miss Zsa Zsa,
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NEWS FROM BRANCASTER VILLAGE HALL (BVH)

Geoff Wingrove

Brancaster Village Show: Saturday 4th June

The show will be held on Brancaster playing field behind the BVH and will include competitive exhibitions of baking, flower arranging and scarecrow making. The competitions will be held in a marquee and, following judging, all the entries will be available for viewing. There will be a tea and cakes stall in BVH and Bar 71 will be open in the afternoon, where the Derby and the Platinum Party at the Palace will be screened. All proceeds from the event will be donated to the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

For further information of these events, including opening and closing times and entry requirements for the competitions, along with all the other activities at BVH, please visit our website: www.brancastervillagehall.co.uk and for enquiries: brancastervillagehall.communitybookings.co.uk

SS VINA BRANCASTER BEACH

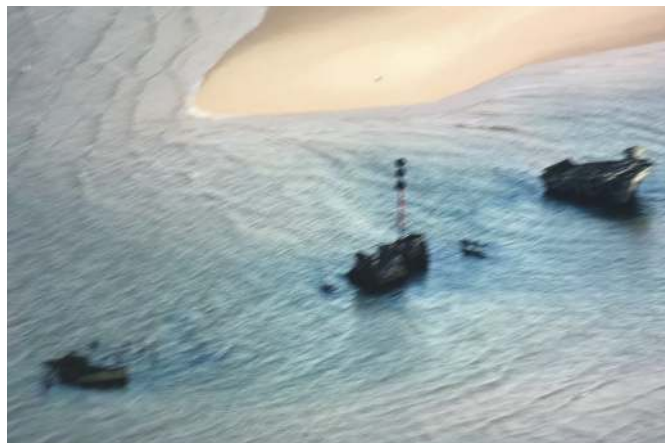
(From the Brancaster Village Hall Archive)

Many people visiting Brancaster beach are mystified by the wreck which can be clearly seen on the west end of Scolt Island. The wreck is in three sections and is stranded on a sandbank at the entrance to Brancaster harbour, which is still a working fishing centre as well as home to the sailing club. The wreck is what remains of the SS Vina, which had a long and very colourful career.

The SS Vina was built in Scotland in 1894 for the trading company J.T.Salverton and Co. of Grangemouth, as one of two vessels ordered. The ship had a tonnage of 1021gt and was constructed of steel. It had a triple expansion steam engine of 99hp driving a single bronze propeller.

The ship had a long and distinguished career, carrying cargo between the east coast of England and the Baltic States from 1894 to 1940.

In 1940 the ship was requisitioned as a naval vessel, filled with concrete and wired with explosives. She was crewed by 12, and sent to Great Yarmouth to defend the port in the event of an invasion. The ship would have been sunk by explosives in Great Yarmouth harbour to block it in the event of an attack.



When the invasion threat was over the ship was requisitioned by the Ministry of War in 1943 and towed to Titchwell to be used as a target by the RAF, in particular to test a new cannon shell prior to the D-Day landings in 1944.

In 1944 a gale carried the ship, which was full of holes made by the cannon shells, to a sandbar at the entrance to Brancaster harbour, where the wreck can be seen today. The hull filled with water and the ship remained stranded on the sandbar, despite efforts to remove it. Although the wreck makes navigation into the harbour tricky, the strong tides have subsequently made it impossible to remove.

In 1957, a merchant purchased the wreck for scrap and had it cut into three pieces, but because of the tides, it still could not be moved. The bronze propeller blew off in the 1960s.

Today much care is needed by visitors trying to get to the wreck, as the tides remain treacherous! It is recommended that your view from a safe distance.

The Wash has been the home of RAF ranges since 1926, and RAF Holbeach continues in this role today, taking over from RAF Sutton Bridge and RAF Wainfleet. The picture shows the SS Vina as she is today.

If you would like to know more about the maritime events and wrecks off the North Norfolk Coast, could I recommend the excellent work of Sue Gresham, who has been working for the Blakeney Harbour Association and has produced a number of papers on shipping incidents off our coast. Her work can be accessed on: <https://blakeneyharbourassociation.co.uk/harbour-history>.

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From the Ground up: Whether the Weather..

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The sun is shining and the wind has dropped. Beneath my feet the ground lies cracked and hard. The land is dry. Farmers are losing crops. Yet along the lanes the Alexanders look perky, our hedgerows are verdant and trees are fuzzing in their spring greens. Enough green for us, perhaps, not to notice what is occurring; the land is gasping.

The nature of soil is that most types retain moisture, especially clay; loamy and sandy soils not so much. A great deal of moisture is then released through ploughing and cultivating. But farmers know their ground, they respect and nurture it to the square inch. That is why I am happy to follow our farmer's advice about seeding Peddars Meadow.

We missed our opportunity in September when nonstop rains would have washed our seed away, and now we are waiting, just waiting for some rain to help germination. Had we sown end April, it would have blown over the Wash. Instead our precious wild meadow seed still reposes in the shed, accompanied by vast amounts of pussy litter which we learned from an excellent source will provide bulking agent for our farmer's industrial seeder. Hand casting from burlap pinnies is just not on. You don't get the same results and this seed is blimmin' expensive. But, before that great day can arrive, a rain dance is in order and I shall have to learn the steps.

Oooh! Well, that worked! We have had a nocturnal sprinkle, our 'No Mo May' lawn is heaving a sigh of relief, and perhaps, this lovely corner of England will recover and look as beautiful as it should.

Yet, as I followed the verge cutter from Ringstead to Heacham yesterday, the



Kerry Farr - Summer Breeze - Acrylic

trimmed grass revealed an abundance of litter in its wake, including the sadly ubiquitous paper, plastic and tin, and even a fish and chip container complete with sachets and fork. Tins are particularly harsh on wild life as small mammals get stuck inside and die. Glass of course, can start fires. Litter scars the earth; it is humanities badge of disrespect and stupidity.

It is only ever the few, I know, who do this, just as it is always the few who pick it up. It is time to put tracking info on all packaging. It can't be that hard in this ultra-digital age when my phone does everything bar brush my teeth. Trace these characters back to point of purchase and fine! Heavily.

On a more positive note, our art gallery in Ringstead - the Garage Studio - is continuing to attract Norfolk's best artists. We have just added two delightful works from Sally Temple IEA and a gorgeous trio from Eddie Goodridge IEA. Our artists are painting for us and our prices are great. It is our hope that

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despite some of the setbacks we have had with Peddars Meadow since we took over the land two years ago, we can now move forward. Do pop into the gallery for a browse, we would be delighted to see you.

For now, I'm back to dancing for rain - my phone tells me it is willing to count my calories - because seeding could.... could ... be imminent. I flipping hope so, cos I won't have anything to write about next month, bar have a moan.

The gallery's commission goes to our meadow project and DEC, MSF and IFAW for Ukraine.

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Plant of the month: Delphiniums

Wendy Warner

If you're looking for dramatic spires for your border to give colour throughout high summer, Delphiniums will definitely fit the bill. Vivid sapphire blue is generally the colour most associated with delphiniums, but they also come in very dark or pale blue, mauve, pink and white as well as some interesting two-tones. The tall flower spikes are covered with single or double flowers

Most delphiniums are hardy perennials, although there are annual and biennial varieties too. They combine well with other tall flowers such as foxgloves, verbascums and lupins or bring height to mixed borders with roses, peonies, phlox and penstemon. They can also be used in a border of mainly foliage plants to give a real pop of colour. Due to their height they are best grown towards the back of the border.

Delphiniums need a sunny spot in moist but well-drained soil. They dislike shady locations in

strong winds. If growing in heavy soil add extra grit to the planting hole to aid drainage. New emerging soft shoots may need protection from slugs or any late frosts and they should be staked as soon as they start to grow to avoid wind damage. If you cut spent flower stems, you may get a second flush of blooms in late summer. They don't like to dry out and will require regular feeding through the growing season with a high potash fertiliser such as Tomorite.

It is best to buy delphiniums as young plants before their flower spikes appear as they are easier to handle and plant at this stage, but if you want to be sure of the exact colour, wait and purchase more mature, flowering plants.

There are many varieties to choose from. The Pacific Hybrids Series are extremely tall, around 6ft and feature "Guinevere" with mauve-pink flowers, "Black Knight" deep purple with a dark eye, "Astolat" soft pink, "King Arthur" reddish-

purple with a white eye, "Summer Skies" light blue flowers with a white centre and "Galahad" pure white. The Magic Fountain Series are more

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Nature notes with Carrie Carey

Avian flash mob

A lone sentry stands on guard on the lowland plains of southern Africa. His family remain close by foraging for termites, small lizards and other foods which make up their varied diet. The sentry constantly adjusts his position and field of view keeping a careful watch out for would be predators. High above, silhouetted against the hot sun, a tawny eagle is also on the lookout for a tasty meal. Seemingly too close for comfort, the watchman emits an alarm call alerting fellow meerkats of danger.

Alarm calling is an effective antipredator strategy used by varying species of animals and while most alerts are vocal, some are visual or even chemical. Being confronted by a posturing swan or hit by the pungent spray of a skunk are also effective deterrents. Certain primates use different calls for different threats, other animals (including my dogs) harmonise vocals if they detect 'stranger danger'. When threatened, many birds will become quite raucous swapping the melody of bird song for strident calls, bill clacks or hisses. They'll repeat this in rapid pattern until the disturbance has passed. However, sometimes a little more action is required, and vocal alerts are accompanied by physical intervention, known as mobbing.

This type of behaviour is typically seen in gulls, terns and corvids when clarion calls have not been enough to deter a would-be-predator. Mobbing usually begins with one or two birds in hot pursuit of the attacker and as the noise and fury intensifies, other birds see this as an open invitation to join in. It is thought that the mobbing birds use certain call notes to summon help from nearby individuals. As long as risks are negated there is little threat to the assailant and in most cases, the predator will move on to somewhere less hostile. However, there are instances of raptors snatching a crow and making a meal of it, so not every mob is without risk.

Birds of prey are a particular target during breeding season and most



Raven v Buzzard. Credit Les Bunyan

attacks seem to come from above when the raptor is busy scanning the ground for quarry. Dive bombing a much larger bird may seem courageous but often the mobber has the element of surprise and catches their victim off guard. There is much to be said for this David and Goliath aerial battle, but some scientists believe that mobbing is as much about showing off to potential mates as it is about protecting nesting sites.

Not all attacks happen to birds in flight, a dozing owl perched in a tree could easily be swarmed by a chattering frenzy of passerines. Owls are frequent targets of mobbing by smaller birds who chase these predators away so they will be safer at night. Grey herons and other non-threatening species can be mistaken for a large bird of prey and set upon by groups of birds or even a brave individual if they are in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Mobbing appears to be a learned behaviour. Fledgling crows pick this up quickly from parents who are prone to target anything they perceive as a threat including mammals, humans and inanimate objects. Crows are particularly known for their long-term memories and the ability to hold a grudge, so it's always best to stay on their good side. Other species form part of a Neighbourhood Watch to protect their community and everyone is expected to help out. Pied flycatcher parents usually work with other couples to chase off predators, but if one couple is lax about their involvement, they invariably don't get support if they become the next victims of a rapacious attack.

Surprisingly, or maybe not, the cuckoo is also high on the list of 'birds most likely to be mobbed'. As well as being forceful nest invaders they have learned how to simulate a bird of prey in flight and are perceived as a credible threat. Studying the nests of reed warblers, scientists discovered that younger parents tended to be intimidated by raiding cuckoos while older birds were more likely to confront them. Overtime, the younger birds learned how to respond to the cuckoo threat by watching their more experienced neighbours and were able to set up a 'mob response' of their own.

It seems that mobbing is not only a direct way of dealing with an enemy but has other important social functions such as impressing a potential mate and teaching younger birds to distinguish friend from foe. So, the next time you hear a ruckus overhead you might want to stop for a moment in case there's an avian flash mob on show.



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Snettisham Garden Club

Snettisham Garden Club are delighted to announce that we are hosting Snettisham Open Gardens on Sunday 3rd July 2022 in aid of a local charity. Our last Open Gardens was a great success and we are hoping this year will be too. Fingers crossed for sunshine with a little gentle rain the week before! We will be open from 11 am to 5 pm. There are a wide variety of gardens from a secluded woodland by the stream to a cottage garden to the wonderful Snettisham Allotments where Hazel has offered to talk about her Bees. Maps will be available on the day from The Hanging Basket King at 17d Old Church Road. We are charging £5 per adult, children and well behaved dogs are free, with ALL monies raised going to our local Charity of choice. We have a high bar to reach this year as the last Open Gardens raised over £800! Refreshments will also be available. Watch out for more information in Stockleys Chemist windows with their kind permission.

Snettisham Garden Club is bouncing back after the past months of lockdown. For many of us our gardens and allotments became our sanctuaries which helped to keep our sanity and sense of humour! Many 'green fingers' have developed which I hope continue especially in the current economic climate. We are very lucky to have excellent suppliers on our doorsteps for all our gardening needs and they deliver too. As a garden club member you would also benefit from discounts!

Why not come along to one of our meetings for a 'look & see'. We are a very friendly group who meet on the last Wednesday of most months at The Memorial Hall, by the Rose & Crown, from 7.30pm. We have Dominic from Wild Ken Hill speaking at our June meeting on Wednesday 29th. The competition that evening is a being a photo of local wildlife whether in your garden or out and about.

The photo in this article is from The Sandringham Flower Show in 2019 where we won Best in Show and Gold! We have been invited to take part this year too where the theme is 'An Elizabethan Garden'.

Happy gardening to All.

Gail, Chairman Snettisham Garden Club
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"What is one to say about June, the time of perfect young summer; the fulfilment of the promise of the earlier months, and with as yet no sign to remind one that its fresh young beauty will ever fade."

— Gertrude Jekyll

Feeling uninspired? Look no further, the Open Gardens scheme is well under way. Go to www.opengardens.co.uk, www.ngs.org.uk or www.rhs.org.uk/gardens. Visits to open gardens can provide inspiration and valuable local advice and knowledge. We have so many open gardens on our door step, Stanhoe and Walsingham in June, Holme and Ringstead in July to name but a few. Dersingham open gardens and art trail is in September this year. This will provide an opportunity to look at a very different mix of plants that look amazing before the Autumn.

Flowers

Fill gaps in borders with annual bedding. There are lots to choose from, from exotic and vibrant to subtle and flowing. It is not too late to direct sow a few fast growing, late-flowering hardy annuals such as Calendula and Cleome or love in a mist (nigella).

Tubs can be planted up with summer bedding if not done already or fill gaps in borders with bedding in drifts.

For a natural feel, choose a few key seeds, mix in a bucket of light soil or sand and simply sow in prepared ground.

Cutting back, pruning and dividing

- Don't let them run out of steam! Pots and baskets will benefit from regular feeding, fish, blood and bone or a basic tomato feed or liquid seaweed is fine.

- Bedding plants can become tatty. Trimming them back after flowering encourages fresh growth.

Cut back or pull away dead bulb foliage. Cut back clumps of spring-flowering perennials to encourage a fresh flush of foliage.

- Cut back Oriental poppies after flowering. Cutting them right back to ground level will stimulate growth and perhaps some new blooms. Mulch and feed.

- Remove euphorbia flowers, cut the stems back to ground level.

Divide hostas now. Divide primroses after flowering. Lift and divide overcrowded clumps of bulbs too. If there is excess, pop them outside your gate and share the bounty with passers by!

General maintenance

Hoe borders to prevent annual and perennial weeds from spreading, on a warm day the weed can be left to dry up in the sun, meaning your job is even easier!. Stake tall perennials and climbers to prevent wind damage to flower spikes. Doing this now will ensure they are not visible for the remainder of the summer.

Bugs - If pests are caught early, damage can be prevented. Wash off bugs with your hose, treat with warm soapy water in a spray gun.

Lawn - Do not cut too short during dry periods. Strengthen thin patches with additional grass seed if necessary. Keep new grass seed watered well until it starts to shoot.

Vegetables and fruit - Keep sowing cut and come again crops for a regular harvest. Pinch out tomato plant side shoots. Invest in a few small plants for a local nursery or even car boot, if you haven't grown vegetables as yet. Many can be grown in pots/tubs or sacks if space is limited. Regular watering rather than panic drenching is best. Get in to a routine and stick to it.

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Free Wildlife Workshops 2022

Norfolk Wildlife Trust has worked with Norfolk Coast Partnership to create a range of workshops for two projects which are helping improve habitats on the coast and in two river catchments.

Norfolk's Two Chalk Rivers project will improve the biodiversity of the Rivers Hun and Stiffkey, and the Resilient Coast project will support communities along the Norfolk Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) to envision and action a plan to care for their environment.

Workshops coming up in June include:

- Photography as a recording tool - Thursday 9 June, 10am to 1pm Holme-next-the-Sea

In our digital age, photography is increasingly a valuable tool for recording wildlife, both remotely and in person. In this hands-on workshop we discuss situations in which photography could be helpful as a recording tool and learn techniques for photographing wildlife.

- Grassland, verges, wildlife corridors and stepping stones - Saturday 11 June 10am to 1pm, Weybourne

Conservationists are more than ever aware of the crucial importance of connection through the landscape for our wildlife. As well as looking at grassland habitat in North Norfolk, and its management, this workshop explores mini meadows and verges as stepping stones for grassland wildlife.

- Tools for species ID – Plants - Saturday 18 June, 10am to 3pm, West Somerton

Perhaps the single most important species for assessing habitat quality are plants. In this friendly workshop we look at plant identification for beginners, covering common families and representative species of flowers.

- Creating wildflower areas - Thursday 23 June, 2 to 5pm, Sedgeford

Anyone with an open patch of ground can improve it for wildlife by making a wildflower meadow. This workshop covers the best species for wildlife, how to source them, and the simple rules for making a successful wildflower meadow.

- Tools for species ID – Dragonflies - Sunday 26 June, 10.30am to 3.30pm Holme-next-the-Sea.

Dazzlingly beautiful, dragonflies and damselflies are some of our best-loved insects. Happily, with a little effort, it is easy to get to grips with the species found in Norfolk and their habitat requirements. This enjoyable workshop gives you the basics needed to begin identifying dragonflies.

These workshops are free, funded by the Green Recovery Challenge Fund.

Booking is essential. Book via

www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk/riverandcoastworkshops or phone 01603 598333.

To view the full programme of workshops visit:

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Holiday life skills set you up

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Experiencing life skills sets you up as your life goes on. I have certainly learned a lot over the years as no doubt everyone reading this has. All businesses especially those in the holiday industry face the public and no doubt this summer, all our seasonal and permanent workers will face the trauma and scorn of ‘people’ for various reasons. I am not saying that every holidaymaker will give us grief, the majority are here to enjoy themselves, and they will! Hopefully they will return.

I initially started my job in 1979 as an innocent college leaver after studying a one-year secretarial course. Not my dream job I might add, but it was a job and I wanted to work. So, not used to dealing with the public at the tender age of 17, I managed to plough my way through my work, meeting people, dealing with good and bad issues plus

everything my job threw at me. I left home, shared a flat with a friend who worked locally and at the end of the day, we had a damn good moan about what happened that day, sometimes with tears and the threat of changing jobs. A trip down the pub was always a good idea! Life went on as did our jobs. The main moan was about people, lovely people who at the end of the day, paid our wages indirectly. The bread and butter of a holiday resort. As time went on our moans lessened, we matured and moved on with our lives.

My weekend and summer job for a few years, was for Brooke and Brooke in the Katina which was opposite Azams and next to Thomas Amusements. I sold cakes, bread, sweets and ice creams. The café and restaurant were at the back with the kitchens, so I was slightly involved with this too. This

was my first experience of dealing with the public. I am sure that all teenagers starting their first jobs in a shop/café, etc, as I did, were very scared both of the people they served and certainly their bosses. I am pleased to say that now I can chat to anyone, have the cheek of the devil sometimes and will always as a question if need be – sometimes straight to the point (there is no other way I have found if you want a straight answer!).

Both my children hated their bosses in their first café jobs, hated dealing with the public and came home and moaned like crazy – just like I used to! I know I am not the only one as a parent to experience this. General life skills and confidence improves as time goes on and we have learned to smile with eyes bright and chatting nicely whether we want to or not. All is not bad though. My daughter now loves her boss, my son has had a few – still keeping in touch with them, and both love meeting people – and they have learned and matured a lot.

My point is that those first jobs that we are terrified of, set you up for life if you accept and learn. The holiday season is creeping in now and there are many tourists who will make complaints, some which are justified and some not and we have learned over the years to deal with them. Excuses, explanations, admitting you are wrong, making resolutions, making compromises. All these complaints and reports have to be dealt with in a kind, efficient, polite and agreeable manner to get to a resolution. We hope that we achieve this in our office. There are certain ways for certain people, which I will not divulge as this is one of my life skills which many might use themselves!

So, in the holiday industry in Hunstanton if you have young people employed for holiday jobs, they will definitely be very naïve when they start and by the end of the summer, will emerge stronger, less shy, more knowledgeable in many ways and more confident to face the world as they move through life. Help them to do this and they will thank you for it – not literally, but it will show in their life skills and their future and they will be moaning a lot less about people!

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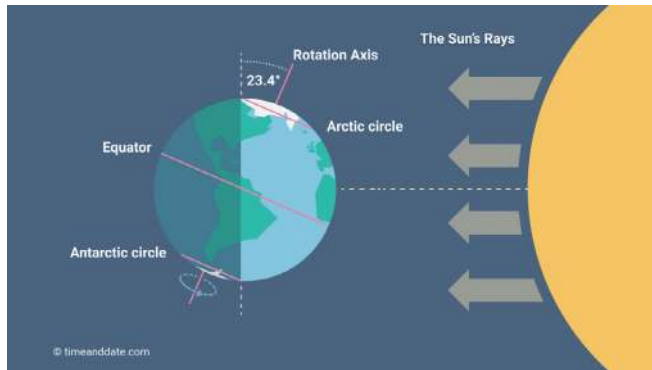
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Heacham and Hunstanton at Night

Terry Parish

NEWSFLASH reminder, 1st June early morning, Comet Schwassman-Wachman-3 may produce a spectacular meteor shower.

June and the 21st brings the longest day and shortest night, the Summer Solstice, Midsummer's Day. The Solstice is actually a point in time when the Earth under your feet is most tilted towards the Sun. It occurs at 10.13am BST this year.



Full tilt towards the Sun. Internet

June is a time of almost persistent twilight, with sunrises at around 4.30am and sunsets around 9.15pm. On the 21st itself there are 16hrs 51 minutes and 51 seconds of daylight.

After that it slowly goes downhill, or uphill if you like the night sky, turning again on the 21st Dec. And so it has done and will do whatever else happens. And a good job too as most life has evolved to live with seasonal change.

The sky does not get very dark and any moonlight scuppers most observations. The Sun can be looked at with special filters and I observed several clusters of sunspots in May. These are areas that have a temperature a little lower than their surroundings so appear dark. From them spew coils of Sun contained in magnetic fields. Sometimes these bits of Sun are flung off and occasionally head our way. These coronal mass ejections have been increasingly reported in the news as, if they impact Earth's magnetic field, they result in auroral displays and have the potential to disrupt communications and electrical power distribution.



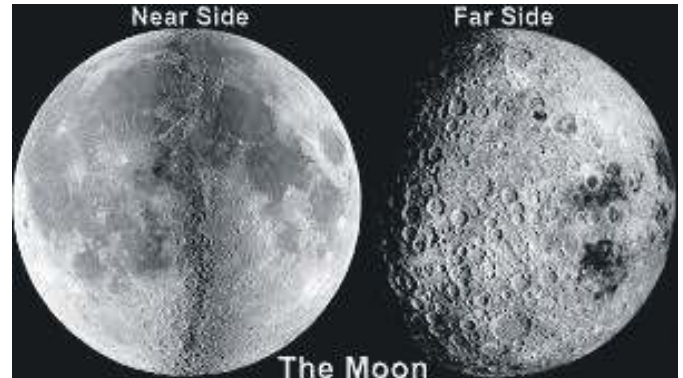
Sunspots from Heacham. Parish (a few years ago but a similar cluster showed this May)

After the Sun has fallen below the horizon light from it still illuminates the atmosphere high above your head. If thin wispy clouds are present 50 miles or so high then they light up and glow. These are called noctilucent clouds and 'tis the season for them. Look North.

14th June. The second best Supermoon of the year. It will look a tad bigger as it is a tad closer and also near the horizon which makes your brain think it is bigger anyway.

The Moon is a good target for naked eyes, binoculars or small telescopes. Choose a night when it half full or below and look along the

terminator, the line between the sunlit portion and the dark. Shadows highlight crater walls and mountains; Higher magnifications will show the tips of mountains sunlit whilst the crater they sit in are in shadow. The large flat areas are mares, seas, as early observers thought that's what they might be. We now know they are ancient lava flows likely caused by massive impacts on the farside.



Internet

The farside is something you will never significantly see unless you orbit the Moon in a spacecraft. It is more heavily cratered than the face we are familiar with. Small parts of the edges of this hidden face can be observed from time to time as the Moon slightly changes its position in its orbit with respect to the observer. This is called libration. Overall, about 59% of the Moon's surface is visible from Earth.



A NASA image from an Apollo orbiting the Moon. That's the Earth in the distance.

The reason for this one-sided view is that the Moon is tidally, gravitationally, locked to the Earth and turns once on its axis in the time it takes to orbit the Earth – 27 days, 7 hours and 43 minutes. As this is not a complete number of days (one day is a complete rotation of the Earth), the Moon moves a little East every day and moonrise is 50 minutes later each day as a consequence. Consequently, the Moon can and does appear in the daylight sky.

Whilst you are looking at the Moon through binoculars, look at the dark side of the terminator and you will find you can see a ghostly surface. This is due to Earthshine; Sunlight reflected from the Earth's surface striking the Moon and reflecting from it back to our eyes.

The Moon is a large moon, very large relative to the Earth's size, and it has a major impact upon the Earth. It stabilises its spin so that the seasons and the lengths of days and nights remain pretty constant over millennia. It is the principal cause of sea tides (the Sun contributes) and the intertidal zone, the place of rockpools, was essential in evolution. Its light and gravitational affects enable animal breeding to be triggered and migrations to be made.

It has a wobble in its orbit which follows a cycle over about 18 years. Where it is in the cycle affects tidal range and NASA has recently predicted that the mid 1930's will see higher tides just as sea-level rises due to climate change become more significant. In effect, more coastal

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flooding than earlier thought.

The planets. Nothing to see at night. The gas giants start rising in the

This has been going on for an awful long time. The question is, when will it stop? The answer is linked to the Hubble Constant which describes how fast the Universe is expanding. Recent new physics has determined that the rate of expansion is increasing and an entity known as Dark energy has been proposed to explain that. Now a researcher has revealed that her work demonstrates that the size of the observable universe is not quite as it was thought. Consequently, expansion isn't and the new physics has been a waste of many years thought. This isn't going unchallenged.

$$v = H_0 d$$

v = recessional velocity of galaxy

H_0 = Hubble constant

d = distance to galaxy

early hours. Look to the SE and east. Saturn pops up around 12.30am, Jupiter an hour later. It will be around 4m when either achieves a decent height above this difficult horizon.

26th June, just before dawn, find the crescent Moon. Bright Jupiter will be to its right, dim Mars to its left. On the 26th, a thin crescent Moon will be close to very bright Venus. Look ENE for this promising tableau. Above the Moon will be the Pleiades though you will need binoculars to bring them in to view. If you have a very good ENE horizon then, below and to the left of the Moon, you may glimpse the spark of Mercury too.

And talking of Mercury, on the 23rd, space probe Bepi Columbo will be swinging past it for a second time, losing energy and braking ready for orbiting the planet in 2025. I think my name is on it, deep within a microchip with countless others.

One star to find, Antares. The name means 'rival of Mars' because it is red and bright. Look SSE after sunset. Quite low at first but it rises. On the 13th you will find it just to the right of the almost Full Moon. It is 600 light years away and a red giant nearing the end of its life. A hot core remains but much of the star stuff has expanded outwards and cooled. The core will collapse and explode as a supernova. All the elements made in the star will be distributed, join with more, and new stars will form from it.

V is effectively the rate of expansion of the universe. So, get the distances wrong and that changes. Calculate H incorrectly and expansion is again wrong.

I have read an article about the possible resizing of the observable universe several times and I am still unsure as to whether it means the universe might be bigger, smaller, expanding less, or on the point of collapse. As I still favour, illogically, the long rejected steady state universe model first postulated by Fred Hoyle in Cambridge, I am not the best person to take sides in the current squabble. The theory most favoured is generally the one likely to create more research funding. Don't worry about it, no one will see the end or, if they do, they will probably have a reset button prepared.

PS Hedgehogs. Immediately after my hedgehog article last month, two appeared in my garden and one or the other has been regularly feeding on Spike ever since. (Available from Moulam and Horne, other retailers probably).

Town and Around's guide

Wednesday 1st

United Services Club Hunstanton: Jubilee prize bingo eyes down 8pm

Thursday 2nd

Jubilee Cream Tea - organised by Anmer WI 2.00 p.m. until 4.00 p.m. in the Anmer club house. £3 per head. To book please email Dorothy at anmerchair44@gmail.com

Festival 3 By the Sea. Free music festival on Hunstanton Lower Green from Midday to 20.45. Full line up at www.festival3.com

United Services Club Hunstanton: Cash prize bingo eyes down 8pm

Friday 3rd June

Hunstanton Jubilee Fun Day Hunstanton Town Hall. Tea Party 10am-1pm £2 followed by Mayor's Jubilee Quiz 2.30-4.30.

North Wootton, Wootton Park, Picnic on the Park, music & entertainment, refreshments & stalls, inflatables, fun dog show (2.00 p.m.). Car parking at the school. 10.00 - 5.00pm.

United Services Club Hunstanton: Jeff Manhatton singing songs from the early years of Her Majesty's reign. Come along and sing along, wave flags and dance 8pm

Saturday 4th June

Snettisham Sailing Club Jubilee Race from 8am.
Jubilee lunch from 11am

Snettisham Memorial Hall Field Free Fun Day from 1pm

Brancaster Village Show: Brancaster Playing Field. Competitions include baking, flower arranging and scarecrow making. Tea & Cakes and Bar 71 open. the Derby and the Platinum Party at the Palace will be screened. All proceeds will be donated to the East Anglian Air Ambulance. More info: www.brancastervillagehall.co.uk

Hunstanton Concert Band 2-4pm on Hunstanton Bandstand

Jubilee Fun Day 12noon-5pm at Dersingham Recreation Ground. A fun afternoon for everyone with plenty of things to do for the children.

North Wootton, Village Hall, Jubilee Party live music, village fete style games, free food and drink, fancy dress, fly your flag 10.00 - 5.00pm.

John Harris presents a Platinum Jubilee Gala Concert at Hunstanton Town Hall 7.30pm featuring the West Norfolk singers, Sharon Yates, the Platinum Players and much more. Tickets £7 (concessions £5) from 01485 532402 or admin@hunstantontowncouncil.co.uk

Jubilee Jamboree 1950s themed evening with live music from The Summertime Kings at Dersingham Village Centre. Tickets (including Street Party style meal) £10 Adults £5 under 16s. 1950s dress welcome. Enquiries to Graham Eley 07901 896102

United Services Club Hunstanton: Graham James former member of Union Gap 8.30pm

Sunday 5th

RAF Sculthorpe NR21 7RR celebrating the 70th anniversary of the 47th Bombardment Wing. Battle of Britain flypast, vintage vehicles Free entry.

The Pageant of Motoring event at Sandringham. Classic cars, exhibitors, Battle of Britain flypast, music, and the Royal Air Force Falcons Military Display Team parachuting into the event. <https://www.sandringhammotoringpageant.co.uk/>

United Services Club Hunstanton: Open Day music in the garden with In The Mood 3pm, BBQ from 12pm. Sunday carvery as usual. Come and take your photo with a life size cut out of Her Majesty for a donation to the cancer wards at Queen Elizabeth Hospital. Cash prize bingo 7pm karaoke with Mick at 8pm

Old Hunstanton Village Hall Jubilee Family Fun Day 12noon-4pm Music, Children's Entertainer, Games, Bubbles BYO Picnic, BBQ, Bar, Children's fancy dress

Snettisham Memorial Hall Field Jubilee Big Lunch
12noon in marquee

Jubilee Big Lunch at Dersingham Recreation Ground 12noon-4pm.

Jubilee B.B.Q – "Street Party" at the Anmer club - midday onwards. To book for the B.B.Q. please email Dorothy at anmerchair44@gmail.com

Saturday 11th

United Services Club Hunstanton: Kenny and the Motives all era's 8.30pm

Sunday 12th June

Royal Air Force Bircham Newton Heritage Centre Open Day 10am-4pm. Unique collection of memorabilia from the RAF station's past service. Car parking and entrance free. Venue:- The National Construction College Bircham Newton NW Norfolk PE31 6RH. NCC is signposted off the A148 and B1454

Monday 13th June

The Arts Society Lecture by Ray Warburton at Sedgeford Village Hall 2pm. Banksy and Basquiat: Superstars of Street Art. info@theartsocietynwnorfolk.org.uk

Bingo Night –Anmer Club opens at 7.00p.m. "Eyes Down" at 7.30 p.m. £6.60 for a book of 10 cards & £1.75 for a "Flyer Card". For further information email events@anmerclub.co.uk

Tuesday 14th

Brancaster Camera Club meeting 7 pm in Brancaster Staithe village Hall. It will be an informal club evening with a presentation of club members' photographs on the theme 'Garden/Flowers'. This follows on from a very pleasant evening when local photographer, Chris Holt, gave a presentation on a similar theme. We always welcome visitors to our club, so if you are in the area on that evening please come along. Contact details Sue till 01485 210013 Wendy Calow 01553 674725

Thursday 16th

Referendum Day for the Heacham and Hunstanton Neighbourhood Plans

Friday 17th

Anmer Club Film Night - The Duke - 12 - A very amusing comedy starring Helen Mirren and Jim Broadbent Club opens 7.00 p.m. Film starts 7.30 p.m. Admission £4 payable at the door. For full details please visit www.anmerclub.co.uk or email: films@anmerclub.co.uk

United Services Club Hunstanton: quiz night. £50 first prize with supper £4 pp 8pm

e to what's on this month

Friday 17th – Sunday 19th

Art Exhibition at Hunstanton Town Hall. Showcase of local artists comprising original paintings, drawings, sculpture, ceramics and textiles. Friday 2-6pm, sat/Sun 10am-4pm. Admission FREE.

Saturday 18th

Tai Chi on The Green at Hunstanton 10am-12noon. Free event. An opportunity to explore the art of tai chi and chi kung in relaxed surroundings with the backdrop of the sea. (weather permitting)
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Strawberry Tea in the afternoon at St Cecilia's Dersingham with bric-a-brac, book and plant stalls.

Sing for Zimbabwe event at Hunstanton Methodist Church between 14:00 and 18:00. There will be music and food.

United Services Club Hunstanton: Corrie Lewis Motown 8.30pm

Sunday 19th

North Wootton. Flea Market, North Wootton Village Hall 9.00 - 1.00pm.

Monday 20th June

u3a Hunstanton meeting at 2.00 pm at the Community Hall, Avenue Road, HUNSTANTON Speaker Charlotte Paton will be telling us 25 things you may not know about King's Lynn. Please go to the u3a Hunstanton site at u3asites.org.uk/hunstanton for further Information.

Thursday 23rd June

New Hunstanton WI, Methodist Hall, Hunstanton 2.15pm Speaker Christine Earnshaw - The Origins of our Surnames. New members and visitors very welcome. Please contact 01485 532174 for details.

Friday 24th

Anmer Club Quiz Night - 7.30 p.m. start Club opens 7.00 p.m. Entry £2 per person. For further information & to book email: events@anmerclub.co.uk Fully Licensed bar Raffle

United Services Club Hunstanton: Country night with Black Steel 8pm

Saturday 25th

HDFA Craft Fair at Hunstanton Town Hall 10am-4pm. Ceramics, jewellery, textiles, artwork, cross stitch and more. Free admission.

United Services Club Hunstanton: Hi Definition 60s onwards 8.30pm

Sunday 26th June

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Hunstanton Jubilee Carnival. Parade at 1pm leaving from the Recreation Ground. Stalls, Food, Entertainment. Live music on the Green.

Tuesday 28th

Village Cinema at Dersingham Village Centre 7pm King Richard – Serena and Venus Williams story. To celebrate Tennis and Wimbledon strawberries and cream and Pimms will be available for sale. £6, under 16s £3

Wednesday 29th June

Snettisham Gardening Club 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall, Old Church Road, Snettisham when Dominic Buscall will be updating us on progress at Wild Ken Hill. Any further information can be obtained from Gail on 01485 541279 or Addie on 01485 544754.

Sunday 3rd July

Walk in aid of children with cancer 1pm at Hunstanton Lighthouse. Entry £5 per dog. Info: 01485 535095 or monipoo@btinternet.com

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"Wearing sandals with your favourite dress will create a classic outfit that will never go out of style, and wedges with jeans make the perfect day to evening outfit."

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The Granite, a low wedge, metallic sandal. It features a padded insole and sling back ankle strap. Great paired with a pretty summer dress.

On trend for Summer 22 is the Oyster, a true holiday sandal with gemstone detailing adding a bit of glitz, which never goes amiss. The toe loop makes it simple to slip on and off too.

Lastly, the big question: socks with sandals? If you'd have asked this a few years ago it would have been a definite no, but time moves on and fashions change (and even Vogue gave this trend their blessing last year), so if you are feeling bold try matching a pair of frilly socks with your favourite pair.



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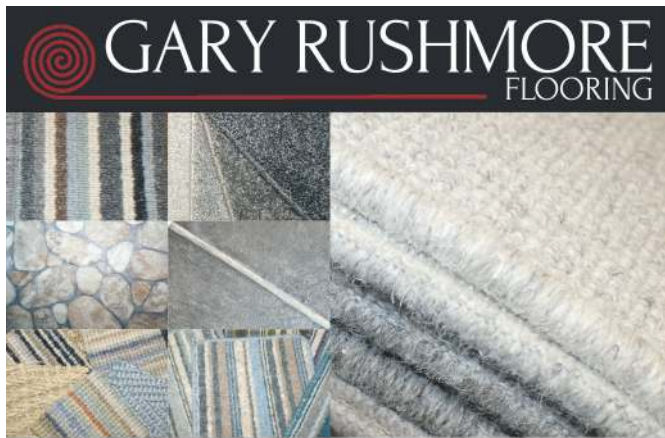
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This month we are presenting an article about our member and Hunstanton resident David Jones – former RAF pilot of many planes including the ultra-fast English Electric Lightning jet.

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The Heritage Centre continues to be open Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays and Bank Holidays from 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

We would be delighted to hear from new Volunteers who might be interested in joining our team. Tim Sullivan joined us at our most recent Tea/Coffee morning and accompanied two experienced volunteers for a session just last week and seems happy to become one of our regular volunteers. Additional volunteers always welcome.

Please call Amanda on 01485 534007 or email amandabosworth@me.com if you would like to hear more.

ATTENDANCE AT THE DOCKING HERITAGE GROUP – Local History Fair



Amanda Bosworth and Andrew Murray very ably represented this Society at this Fair held over the May Bank holiday weekend at the Ripper Hall, Docking. Tony Armstrong put together a display representing some of the things that we do in Hunstanton. It seemed that it was well attended and both Amanda and Andrew talked to a lot of visitors to the event.

TRADITIONAL CRAFTS - Lacemaking at the Heritage Centre



On Saturday, 23rd April (St George's Day) we hosted the Lavender Lacemakers for the first of what we hope will be a series of traditional craft demonstrations. Visitors to the Heritage Centre were able to see the lacemakers at work and even to try their hand at making lace.

If you are a member of a traditional craft group and would like to showcase your work at the Heritage Centre, please contact Amanda (tel. 01485 534007; email: amandabosworth@me.com) These Lacemakers are planning on returning on Saturday 4th June (during the Jubilee weekend – Pictured are the Lacemakers hard at work and

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AN OBJECT OF INTEREST FROM HUNSTANTON HERITAGE CENTRE

FLYING FREE

The next interview in our series about local residents is with DAVID JONES

First Episode

This is the story of a life that defies the expectations put upon it.

David Jones, born in 1934 in Cambridge, was an only child whose parents ran a wine and grocery store on Trumpington Street.

He was brought up in the traditional middle class way at that time when children were often confined by the social mores of their elders. They were sent to school, expected to perform and largely do as they were told.

However, the schooling he received did not serve David well and he actively disliked it.

The opinion of the school's career guidance officer at his minor public school was that as David was 'least bad at Maths he had better be an accountant.'

David's father made the necessary arrangements and as David passed the chartered accountants preliminary exam this qualified him to become an articled clerk. So he joined Slater, Dominy and Swann but hated it even more than school and failed all the exams there.

As this was 1952 the normal pattern for men was to join the National Service.

Luck was on David's side when one lunch hour he saw an advertisement in the window of the RAF recruiting office in Cambridge.

Something encouraged him to go into the office where they agreed to send him for an assessment.

Here was a chance to leave behind the boredom of the office!

At the age of 21 he left the chartered accountant's offices and because he had passed that preliminary exam, he was entitled to join the RAF as an officer and train to be a pilot. The dreariness of his childhood education quickly faded away and life took on a new and exciting turn.

As an acting pilot officer he was paid £1 a week. He spent the next four months training at RAF Kirton-in-Lindsey where he was pushed to his limits learning how to abseil and use tear gas amongst other things. And then half the trainees were chosen to go to Canada to continue their training.



Harvard



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David was amongst those who found themselves making the journey by sea from Liverpool to Montreal. He was literally taking off, leaving behind him all that he knew as the world was expanding before his eyes. Canada offered new sights as the trainees were shown around and started an acclimatisation course. Next stop was Alberta in the mid-West. In a township named Penhold, fifty miles north of Calgary, he was taught to fly the Harvard. This was a big piston aeroplane with a propeller at the front.

David was in his element – he loved learning to fly and it was clear that he had found his metier.

His next aeroplane was a jet plane – the Silver Star T-33 and it was on this machine that he got his Wings.



Silver Star T-33

His training complete in Canada he returned to the UK in 1957. Here at RAF Worksop he learnt to fly the De Havilland Vampire which was an early English jet plane and one of the fighters in use at the end of World War 2.



De Havilland Vampire

He also had to learn to navigate in the industrialised atmosphere of the Midlands. In the 50s the mist, fog, smoke and pollution made flying more difficult than in the clearer

airs of Canada where the visibility was seldom less than 50 miles!

It took 5 months to get used to flying in these conditions but once he had conquered them he requested to move on and fly fighters because he wanted that challenge. Being young and now in touch with his daring and courageous self, he relished the idea of mastering the skills needed to fly such planes.

During the post war period of the late 50s young men joined the RAF to fly planes and not to fight. The war was well and truly over, even though there was a lingering concern about the Russians. The idea now was prevention– the fighter planes had a role in this strategy. David was taught how to fly the plane accurately, how to use and fire guns, and above all how to use the machine safely.

It was thought at this time that the bomber planes would deliver the arsenal needed to protect sovereign countries, even though the USA, Russia, France and the UK had nuclear weapons. This was the pre-missile era.

In April 1958 David was moved to RAF Chivenor in Devon. Here morale was high and he learnt to fly the fastest plane the RAF owned – the Hawker Hunter jet. This single pilot plane appealed to David and it was during the process of mastering this plane that he flew beyond the speed of sound. This exciting procedure of learning to understand what the Hunter could do was achieved by flying over Lundy Island. Here he climbed up very high and then pointing the plane directly down, he descended going supersonic for the first time which was an exhilarating and heady experience.



Hawker Hunter

The flight envelope was about understanding everything the Hunter could do and this appealed enormously to David.

His progress in the RAF was going very well and he was now posted to No.74 Squadron at RAF Horsham St. Faith, which is now Norwich Airport. No 74 Sqn was a well-known Battle of Britain squadron with one of its men – 'Sailor Malan' being famous for his actions as a pilot in the Battle of Britain.

Here David flew the very latest model of the Hunter. At this time in 1958 there was trouble between the Greeks and Turks in Cyprus. On a short detachment of 2 months David was sent to Nicosia Airport to help keep

the peace. The task was to interrupt the two sides getting together.

He describes this episode as 'great fun' because he was keeping the peace without firing a gun.

Back in Norfolk the squadron was moved to RAF Coltishall in preparation for the Lightning plane made by the English Electric Company. This was the first and only totally English aircraft that could fly at twice the speed of sound.

The only problem was there was no one to teach them how to fly it! David and his fellow officers, being the ingenious and highly proficient men that they were, taught themselves.

For your first flight in this incredible aircraft you would have a friend flying a Hunter nearby should there be any problems.

He said of this experience: 'The biggest challenge was staying mentally ahead of the aircraft which was desperately trying to go supersonic in the climb!'

As the post war years moved on to the 1960s David's growing expertise was being used in different ways. Now the RAF was demonstrating the skills of the Lightning plane to the public and at the Farnborough Airshow David provided the commentary.

In 1962 he flew the Lightning at the Paris Airshow to display its prowess again.

It was not all easy going with this plane however; being such an early model there were many technical problems and although it was advanced for its time it was not totally reliable.

Despite this it attracted attention from many important people who were impressed by its speed possibilities. One of these was Herb Elliot the Australian '4 minute miler' and a world record holder. He came to visit RAF Coltishall and much to David's huge surprise he was asked to host him.

The two became lifelong friends.

Life was good for David – he was doing what he loved, he was living in a part of the country he loved and he was surrounded by friends. Was there anything missing? Well possibly! Visiting the Trowel and Hammer pub in Norwich one day with his fellow officers, he met a young woman called Helen. Her part in his story is brief however because it transpired she had a sister who really appealed to David.

And so it was at this juncture in his life Canny entered the frame – 18 years old, about to sit her A levels but looking for adventure. And she found it!



David Jones beside an English Electric Lightning – Photo MoD

Margi Blunden April 2022.
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Piles and Tribulations

Notes from a rural GP, Dr David Ince

I understand from the editor that this is the 200th edition of Town and Around and I thought to mark this momentous occasion alongside the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, I should offer a serious, considered article full of health information and health promotion. Unfortunately I couldn't think of anything and as I am well over the copy extension date I thought I'd write my usual whimsical, ranting nonsense and see if it doesn't get noticed.

My father is a retired GP and he clearly had an influence on my own career choice. As a child I had grown up watching him being called away to deliver a baby or deal with a cooking pan stuck on a child's head. My mother (who was herself a midwifery sister at St Thomas') manning (can you say this – perhaps womaning or 'non-binarily attending') the phone for the next emergency call to come through. He was an old fashioned cradle to grave GP who had originally started in a small practice with 2 GPs that grew during his career to 10 GPs and the accompanying clinical and administrative staff. There is an obsession within the NHS of working at scale, big is beautiful and integration of larger and larger services. Even those practices that are small are being encouraged to work at scale through Primary Care Networks (PCN) through which any new money and resources are being funnelled into general practice. Getting corporate and clinical agreement amongst a group of 2 or 3 GPs who are contractually obligated to work together in a partnership in one practice has now been made even harder with PCN membership meaning agreement is needed amongst 20 or 30 GPs. The poor managers are dealing with the herding of the most difficult of cats!

A recent NHS Director of Primary Care said, in 2018, that GPs should be pleased when small, rural practices close as there were too many of them struggling to meet patient demand. He did later apologise but highlighted that many smaller practices struggle to provide the wide range of services needed. He highlighted the apparent 'need' to work across groups of practices. I would argue that these small practices are the gold standard and heart of general practice. Since 2015 the total number of GP practices has dropped from 7800 to 6500 with the average size of a practice patient list rising from 7300 to 9500. GP practices with less than 5000 patients have halved during this period with practices with more than 20000 patients having tripled with 1 in 20 practices in England now this size. In 2018 roughly 140 GP practices closed with only 62% of these being accounted for in mergers; only 18 had closed in 2013. Coastal and rural communities have felt the impact most and some rural patients are now more than 20 miles from their nearest GP surgery. However data shows that small GPs are among the most popular with patients as they tend to offer better continuity of care and access as evidenced by the annual national patient survey.

The NHS commissioners clearly find it more taxing dealing with and individually contracting to a large number of individual practices rather than larger group practices or networks. Despite the trend to larger practices the data on access and satisfaction with the service is worse rather than better. The media, for whatever reason, do not appear to be on the side of general practice and only a light leaf through some of our most popular press (sounds like Maily Dail) you will find headlines and analysis highlighting the reducing hours or days GPs work. Apparently the average hours worked by a GP has dropped from 42 in 2008 to 38.5 currently – I'm not sure where this data is from but it relates to contracted hours rather than actual hours worked and doesn't take into account any hours worked in medical education, management, training, revalidation or other necessary activity. Equally they highlight a reduction in availability of appointments out of hours and at weekends. Anecdotally but with corroborating professional opinion, appointments in early mornings, evenings and weekends are not popular with patients and are often left unfilled. Patients do not appear to want to have their routine blood pressure check on a Sunday afternoon – rather like the GPs themselves they would prefer to be pushing their blood pressure up by playing football with their children

and irritating their spouses. I would conservatively estimate my hours in the past week at closer to 70 (not including time spent writing this article!). This is all on a background of reducing acute hospital beds, cuts to social care, increasing patient demand and expectation, cancelled operations and hospital outpatient appointments, struggling mental health and ambulance services all of which have an impact on primary care.

General practice training and recruitment is in crisis. The promise of thousands of new GPs is not materialising and plenty of new GPs do not want to come and work rurally. This has led to practices closing due to being unable to recruit or larger practices taking these practices over. The government obsession with extended access outside of the core contract (which is 8am-6.30pm Monday to Friday) has caused the smaller practices to be forced to amalgamate with larger ones making organisations that are not as patient friendly and paradoxically have worse access. Fewer GPs, longer hours, lower pay, poorer working conditions and less community service investment and support does not make general practice enticing to trainees. 1 in 8 specialist GP trainees do not plan on staying in general practice once they finish their training.

The government should stop its obsession with extending the hours of an already stretched service. Those GPs who already work in the out of hours service are having to work longer in their own practices to try and achieve the ridiculous targets set which is destabilising the existing out of hours service as they do not have the capacity to do both. You can only spread the butter so thinly.

The solution is to accept that general practice is not an emergency service – the vast majority of what we do is chronic disease management, disease prevention and holistic care. Invest in the core hours rather than trying to stretch it but also invest in an appropriate out of hours service that can deal with urgent appropriate primary care issues without trying to turn every GP practice in to something that is opened unsustainable supermarket hours.

Solving the workforce crisis and improving patient access needs to accept that small is often very beautiful.

I wish you good health.



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It's a long and arduous process – The QEH funding journey

Jo Rust

We can only hope that by the time this article is published for you to read, we'll have finally been notified that our much needed local hospital is on the shortlist to be considered for funding. We have to hope this is the case because now the number of props keeping the hospital as safe as it can be for staff and patients has increased to 1528! It actually might be even more by the time you read this.

It seems incredible to me that, given the number of support props which are needed, we are still in a competitive process with other needy hospitals to try to get the funding we need. Most of us would assume that the money would automatically be provided. After all, this is a government that gave £37 BILLION pounds to Dido Harding to run the now defunct track and test. Dido's husband just happens to be a Conservative MP and track and test ran for less than two years! If the government can award that type of contract with no questions asked, why can't it plan a strategy to have a rolling programme to replace all hospitals which have come to the end of their life span.

When we went to Parliament in April and spoke to James Wild and Duncan Baker they both said they were disappointed that the announcement regarding the shortlisting has been delayed. Our campaign group were concerned that they, as new MPs with little influence or power, wouldn't be able to exert enough pressure on to the Secretary of State for Health (daren't use an actual name as it might change between now and publication!) and we asked that they petition Liz Truss and Stephen Barclay. They assured us that they were doing this. They also assured us that if they could actually get Sajid Javid (oops, I've mentioned his name!) to come to King's Lynn and look at our hospital, they would also ask that he meet with the campaign group so he could hear from us directly about our huge concerns and why



Photo credit: Jo Rust

our hospital must be a recipient of full funding for a total new build.

We also have to remember that the QEH exec team are warning that parts of the hospital might have to be closed down if funding isn't awarded. Laura Skaife-Knight has been clear – there is no plan B.

So, we will continue to do whatever we have to, as a campaign group. Whether that's turning out in the recent rain showers to demonstrate outside the QEH to make sure people know the funding isn't a done deal, or going to parliament, lobbying MPs or raising motions at council. This is OUR hospital and we will fight to save it.

Independent Cllr - Jo Rust

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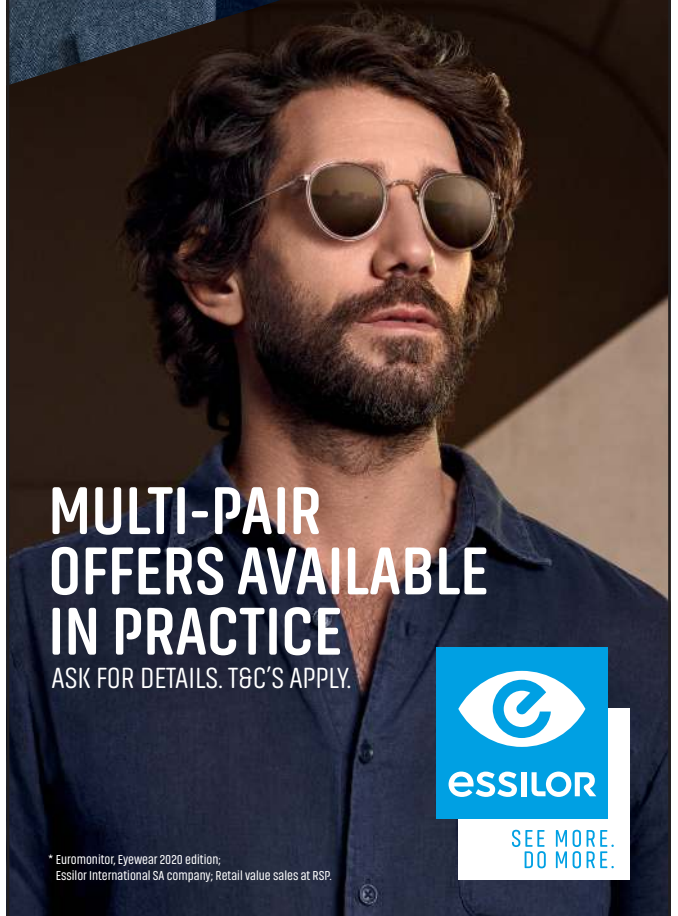
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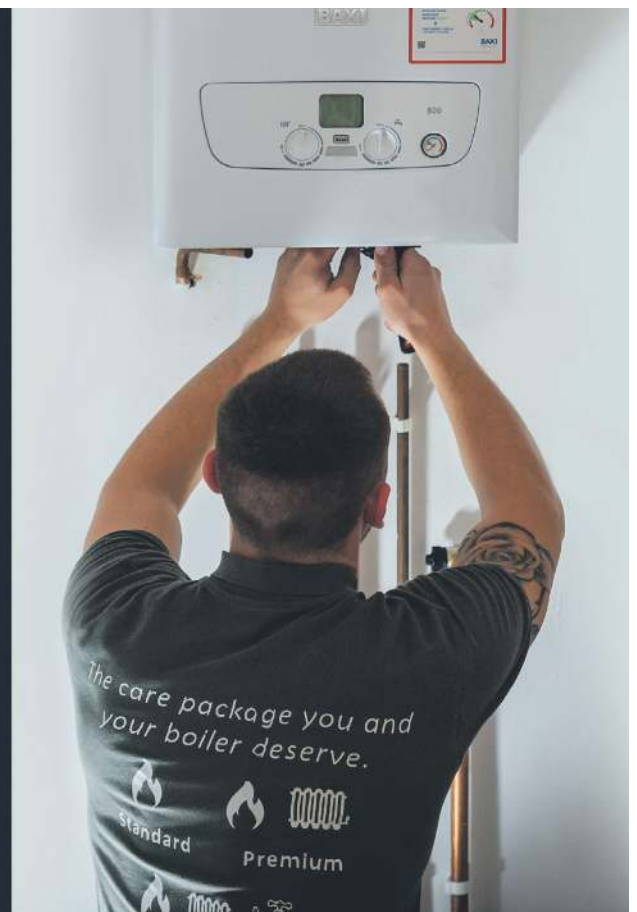


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Strictly Arts: update from the HDFA

Verity Jowett

The Hunstanton & District Festival of Arts team is proud to kick off Hunstanton's 2022 programme of celebrations in honour of Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee as we present our best ever FREE Live Music Festival on Thursday 2nd June, starting at midday. The line-up includes the amazing Nelson's Shantymen, Band Age, the Fried Pirates and popular covers band the Melodybeats as well as featuring regular and new bands and solo artists - a musical feast for everyone! Find the full listing with performance times on our website www.festival3.com/music.

Our other event this month is the HDFA Art Exhibition which opens at 2pm on Friday 17th June at Hunstanton's Town Hall and runs until 4pm on Sunday 19th June. Exhibitors will be presenting a wide range of paintings, sculptures, textiles and ceramics and entrance



is free, so why not take an hour or so to come and browse the wonderful artworks on display? You never know, you might be going home with a treasure of the future for your home!

Just tipping into July, The One-Act Drama Festival which is supported by the HDFA, returns to Hunstanton and this year will be staged at the Princess Theatre from 1st-3rd July 2022. This unique event presents amateur theatre groups in competition with each other as they perform a 40-minute One-Act play in front of an audience. Tickets are £7.50 per session (at least two performances per

session) or you can purchase a Season ticket for the entire Festival for just £20 and visit however many sessions you fancy over the weekend. So please come along and experience live theatre with a difference! Tickets are available from the Princess Theatre Box Office either in person or online www.princesshunstanton.co.uk or call 01485 532252.

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For our full programme of events, go to our website www.festival3.com and you can also find us on Facebook at Festival 3 By the Sea.

ART AND "LEVELLING UP"

Lesley Nadel

Social mobility in the cultural industries is a problem. Recent studies have shown that the Arts sector can be "quite socially enclosed" and working-class people continue to be hugely under-represented: 12.6% in publishing; 12.4% in film, TV and radio; and 18.2% in music, performing and visual arts. There is a prevalence of unpaid work in the arts which is why it can be more like an elite profession rather than an open and meritocratic one. Some believe it's time to challenge the "old boys' network" in the creative industries.

It has been suggested from data going back to 1850 in the US that a major determining factor in whether someone becomes an artist is their family's wealth. The greater the family income, the greater the chances of a person identifying themselves as an artist, musician, author, actor or other creatives. The same study also showed that the annual income for US artists is typically below average for the country, and there are still lesser minorities in the arts, especially in the visual arts and literature, than in other occupations. The same can probably be said for the UK.

The Government intends "to tackle cultural disparities and ensure that everyone, wherever they live, has the opportunity to enjoy the incredible benefits of culture in their lives." (The Levelling Up White Paper, February 2022). The Paper talks about a 'Renaissance', and a '21st century Medici model'. It identifies six factors that will help drive the levelling. However, at the heart of a 21st century Medici model would be arts and culture, and these are omitted from the central capitals of the 'Renaissance.' To address the inequalities in the creative arts sector, working



THE ARTS SOCIETY - ENRICHING LIVES THROUGH THE ARTS

Next lecture: **Monday 13th June 2022 at 2pm in Sedgeford Village Hall**

Banksy and Basquiat: Superstars of Street Art

Lecturer: **Ray Warburton**

What binds them together is 'street' or 'graffiti' art. Banksy, from Bristol, emerged in the 1990s with a stencil-based approach to street art. Most memorable are large rodents, girls with balloons and flower-throwing freedom fighters. Some see Banksy as a prankster but with increasingly serious cultural or socio-political points to make, as in the picture that shredded itself at Sotheby's in 2018. Banksy remains anonymous despite his popularity.

Basquiat was born in Brooklyn in 1960. On the streets, he made graffiti; but once he moved into Andy Warhol's protective world, he gained a reputation for studio-based neo-expressionist art full of graffiti-like logos and images, with historical and political overtones. Basquiat died of a heroin overdose aged 27.

The lecture will trace their careers and describe their major artworks. Over and above the tag of 'street artist', and despite their very different backgrounds, the lecture will make connections between them and attempt to evaluate their contribution to contemporary art and their status as art Superstars. The lecture will be jargon-free with audience engagement, backed by high quality images.



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class communities need to be supported to provide the makers, musicians, the creators, curators and directors.

There is a disproportionate distribution of finances in the art market. Most artists are struggling, whilst a handful of the most popular can sell paintings for huge sums of money. The visual art world is divided between the popular and financially successful artists and auction houses, and the lesser known and struggling ones. "Levelling up" may well produce more artists but will it produce more successful ones who will share in a more proportionate distribution of the art economy?

Two famous modern artists who overcame any social mobility problems – Banksy and

Basquiat - had periods as struggling artists and now have their works selling for huge sums. The secretive Banksy allegedly became an artist at fourteen, was expelled from school and served time in prison for petty crime. Basquiat grew up in a solid middle-class home in Brooklyn, neither poor nor uneducated. But he was a street kid who described his family as "highly dysfunctional". If you would like to make the connection between these two street artists and explore how they became such art superstars, come and join us at Sedgeford Village Hall on Monday 13th June 2022 at 2pm. For more details of the lecture and membership visit our website at www.theartsocietynwnorfolk.org.uk



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Mick is presently principal percussionist at English National Opera and Professor of Percussion at Trinity Laban College of Music. He recently commented about his profession... "I love being part of, in orchestral terms, what you could call the icing on the cake. When you get to the glorious moments in a piece of music percussion is often included to heighten the experience, and that can be a really exhilarating feeling coming in, joining in at points like that. I also like the flamboyance of percussion, whether you're playing tuned percussion and non-tuned percussion in an orchestra or in an ensemble or solo, there's a certain flamboyance or showmanship that can go with it."

We are certainly in for an exuberant after dinner talk as Mick is a renowned and entertaining after dinner speaker. "My life with a single triangle" will be our icing on the cake of what will be, we are sure, a splendid evening. Tickets are £55 each and view the menu on www.musicinthorpe.com

Julian Godlee was immersed in music during his time at Cambridge but graduated in medicine and was part of a large GP practice in Hertfordshire before retiring to Norfolk where he returned to his passion for singing. His glorious mellifluous voice is well suited to the wonderful selection of English songs he will be singing on Saturday, June 18th at 7.30pm.



*Julian Godlee and
 Brenda Blewett*

Brenda Blewett, who was head of accompanying at Chetham's School before her early retirement is well known to Music in Thorpe audiences and she will be accompanying Julian. Tickets are £12 each.

Before our recital on Sunday June 19th at 3pm you may enjoy a cup of tea and some homemade cakes. Hannah Lang and Peter Hewitt are a flute duet from Northamptonshire. Both highly gifted performers and we shall be able to enjoy some Bach, Mozart, Schumann and Prokofiev among their easy to listen to programme. Tickets are £15 each.

July concerts start early on July 1 with The Mithras Trio, Marmen String Quartet and Benedict Holland.

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KING'S LYNN FESTIVAL BOX OFFICE OPENS

Early ticket sales for the 2022 King's Lynn Festival reflect audience enthusiasm for the wide variety of more than 30 events featured in the two-week programme to be staged on July 17-30.

From the opening concert by the Grimethorpe Colliery Band to the finale by the much-respected Royal Philharmonic Orchestra the festival's tradition of excellence is again attracting music-lovers from far and wide.

The busy priority booking period reflected the great interest in what artistic director, Ambrose Miller, describes as "a terrific programme including internationally-famous names, brilliant young talent and fascinating lectures. It offers something for everyone."

This summer's feast of music and the arts at King's Lynn will soon burst into life and the box office at the Corn Exchange is open and it is also possible to book on the festival website. www.kingslynnfestival.org.uk

The festival will mark the 70th anniversary of the Queen's Coronation with a performance at St Nicholas' Chapel by Spiritato of the famous chaconne from Purcell's royal suite, King Arthur, which was played at Westminster Abbey in 1953.

One of the leading string quartets of its generation, the Skampa Quartet, will present the Ruth Fermoy Memorial Concert on July 21 to commemorate the festival's founder. The event is already proving a big draw.

Last year's hugely successful organ recital by Ben Horden in St Nicholas' Chapel will be followed up by a recital on the same organ by Rachel Mahon, a Canadian organist who is director of music at Coventry Cathedral.

An exciting innovation this year will be on July 18 when the festival stages a concert for the first time at the magnificent Houghton Hall. It will feature Benjamin Baker (violin) and Daniel Lebhart (piano).

Melvyn Tan will give a piano recital in the Minster on July 28, and the ever-popular five morning coffee concerts will bring prize-winning rising stars to the festival stage at the Town Hall.

King's Lynn Festival Chorus will team up with soloists from the European Union Chamber Orchestra at St Nicholas' Chapel on July 24. The programme will be Vivaldi's Four Seasons and Handel's Dixit Dominus.

Adding variety Kit and McConnel, one of Britain's best-loved cabaret duos, will bring their wit and "musical silliness" to the Guildhall on July 19.



Jazz vocalist Clare Teal and her band of seven will celebrate the art of swing at the Corn Exchange on July 27. Two much-respected personalities will add to the festival's appeal - Nick Crane will give the Royal Geographical Society lecture and Andrew Graham-Dixon will present two different lectures.

Last year's very successful afternoon coach tour to three fascinating churches will be followed by a visit to the "Wonderful Wiggenshalls" a few miles outside King's Lynn on July 21. Festival audiences will also be able to visit Westacre Theatre where the Hill Quartet will give a Sunday afternoon concert on July 24.

A special event on July 17 will mark the 150th anniversary of the birth of Ralph Vaughan Williams and his associations with King's Lynn. On July 30 a talk about renowned conductor Sir John Barbirolli, a frequent visitor to Lynn Festival, will be given by David Greening, secretary of the Barbirolli Society.

This year the Contemporary Consort will be joined on July 25 by composer and Radio 3 presenter Michael Berkeley. The musicians of Minima will provide contemporary accompaniment to a screening of Nosferatu, an eerie silent horror film on July 22. Adding variety to the festival's packed programme will be a visit by folk-singing sisters, The Unthanks, on July 29.

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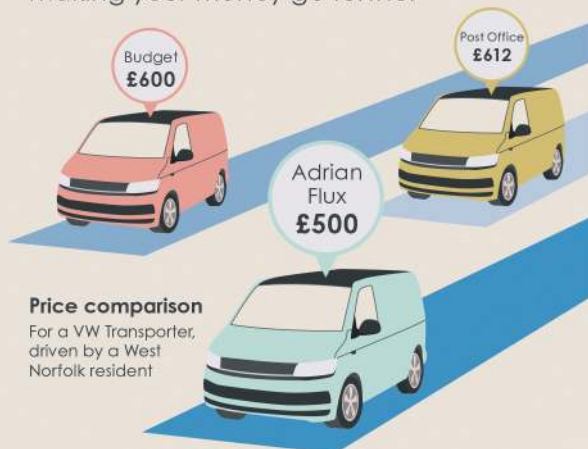
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Family-run funeral director A.J Coggles offers a unique level of personal service to families at the most difficult and distressing times.

The business, which was established in 1851, from the village of Pentney, opened offices in Kings Lynn, in 1980, Downham Market in 1991 and Wisbech in 2016.

Funeral director John Coggles, who joined the family business in 1980, said: "We provide a level of service, care and dignity that is to be expected from a company with such a proud history.

"We view each funeral individually; there are so many options available now. "There is a wide range of transport available, as well as traditional hearses. We also offer bespoke Orders of Service to reflect the individual and their lives and interests."

John is joined by sons David and George and daughters, Helen and Hannah who are the fifth generation to join the family business.



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David said: "Being a family business we can offer a more caring individual service and level of help to families at their time of need.

"With the loss of John Lincoln's, the only independent family funeral directors in Hunstanton, we felt that our family could help offer the same caring service to the local area."

With that in mind, the Coggles family and staff now also run a support service at the Wisbech office on a monthly basis which will be extended to their new office in the former Barclays Bank, 13 Bridge Street, Downham Market, when it opens in July. Called 'Ne Solus' (Latin for do not be alone) it is a bereavement cafe offering support, comfort and friendship to local families.

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Hunstanton Fire Service update

Chris Guy

April and the start of May have been a bit quieter for the crew but despite this we have still been called on to attend a container fire at a recycling centre, an RTC where the car had hit a wall, assist the release someone trapped inside a toilet and most recently we attended a large fire in Clenchwarton along with several other stations from across Norfolk.

Our newest recruit will be attending her BA (Breathing Apparatus) course over the next 2 weeks where she will learn how to wear BA safely and effectively and after successful completion will be able to wear BA in building fires when required. Our other development firefighters have been working hard towards their Gateway 1 & 2 assessments which forms part of their process towards being signed off as competent firefighters.

With the lifting of Covid restrictions the crew have started carrying out familiarisation visits of premises around Hunstanton again these help us to understand the potential risks in our area and for the crew to gain a better understanding of the layout inside the buildings which helps us should we ever need to attend an incident at these locations.

We are currently looking into holding an open day this summer and will hopefully be able to share further details of this soon. Our previous open days in 2018 and 2019 were great successes with lots of people attending and plenty to see and do for everyone.

We still have vacancies within the crew, for anyone interested in joining you can contact Watch Manager Rigil Kent on 07452940635 or drop by the station on a Monday evening between 1830 and 2130.

Hunstanton Lifeboat Station news

Geoff Needham LPO

On Monday 9th May at 4.30pm the UK Coastguard requested launch of Hunstanton RNLI lifeboat to go to the aid of a Foil surfer in trouble off Hunstanton. The RNLI volunteer crew launched on service and proceeded to South Beach area and located the surfer, a local man who had been struggling with his Foil for some time. A member of the public had been observing the surfer, and alerted the Coastguard. The RNLI crew assisted the surfer back to the beach into the care of the local Coastguard response team, while the lifeboat waited just off shore because of the state of the tide, he did not require any medical treatment. Our crewman returned to the lifeboat. The Lifeboat was released to return to station. Thanks to the member of the public who did the right thing.

If you see someone you think is in trouble call the Coastguard, who will call us. H.W. 12.46. p.m.. Vis. Good. Sea state Slight. S.E. 1 Weather Fine.

On Tuesday 17th May at 7.30pm the UK Coastguard requested the launch of the Hunstanton RNLI lifeboat to go to the aid of a Kayaker in trouble off Hunstanton.

Hunstanton Lifeboat, Spirit of West Norfolk, launched on service and was quickly on the scene, a few hundred metres off shore. The teenager was having trouble getting ashore against the wind and tide. He was assisted back to the beach. The lifeboat then returned to station. HW 8.10pm Vis. Good Sea state Slight. SW4 Weather Fine

We have two flank stations, Skegness to the North and Wells to the East, both operate an offshore lifeboat. Skegness has a Shannon and Wells is having a new boathouse built, and will soon have a Shannon. Over the years we have



been involved in joint incidents involving major incidents. On 24th April the sad news of a former Wells' coxswain David Cox had died at the age 96. David had a distinguished service with Wells RNLI, and was true legend, and received five awards for courage determination and excellent seamanship. A privilege to have met him. On behalf of Hunstanton R.N.L.I. R.I.P. David. Our condolences to his Family.

Sunday morning at 10.30am at the station, Sea Lane Old Hunstanton, bring your youngsters to meet the crew and see the Tractor and Lifeboat plus the Hovercraft, learn the sea safety code, and join Storm Force. Kate will teach all about staying safe when visiting the seaside, a £2 donation is suggested. We look forward to seeing you all. Volunteers are wanted to man the shop at the Boathouse, if you think you can help visit the station on a Sunday morning, for advice.

Respect the water campaign and advice to Holiday makers, Tidal waters have strong tidal

currents, especially the approaches to the harbours. General coastal safety tips. 1. Check the Weather and tide times. 2. Read signs. Be aware of local hazards, ie; sandbanks. Channels Strong tidal currents. 3. Carry means of calling for help. 4. If you see someone in danger dial 999 or 112 and ask for the Coastguard who will page us.

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John has already presented Gala shows for the Silver Jubilee (1977 at Loddon, his former home), Golden Jubilee (2002 at the Princess Theatre, Hunstanton) and Diamond Jubilee (2012 at King's Lynn Corn Exchange). He also presented 'Millennium Gala' at the Town Hall, where he has also appeared in plays and at the piano.

Appearing in this year's show will be the West Norfolk Singers, led by Jean Hornbuckle, Malachi Needham, a young saxophonist, whom John met in King's Lynn, and who turned out to be the son of one of his former pupils, Zimbabwe Fellowship (Methodist minister Richman Ncube, his family and friends from Africa), Sharon Yates, singer, The Platinum Players (mainly former members of the Princess Players), who will perform two comedy sketches. The finale will consist of several patriotic songs and poems, featuring the entire cast, and with the audience invited to join in.

John's career has been in languages, but he has always enjoyed playing the piano, and has raised considerable sums over the years for various charities, including £600 last September for the NHS. Proceeds from this summer's show are to be shared between The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Trust and the Mayor of Hunstanton's Charity (to be nominated by the incoming Mayor in May 2022).

Tickets for 'Platinum Jubilee Gala', priced at £7 (Concessions £5), on sale at Hunstanton Town Hall (tel. 01485-532402).

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Letters to the Editor

Litter

Driving around our lovely countryside I am amazed at the amount of litter and rubbish laying in the grass and hedgerows, there seems to be more and more. Litter, the odd mattress, grab bags, plastic in all shapes and sizes the list is endless.

Are we a lazy untidy nation, or is it the fact getting rid of household waste is not easy?

The policy of Norfolk County Council to charge for DIY waste is ludicrous. Unless it has changed last time I checked you could only take one cupboard door at a time and pay for the privilege. So if a kitchen is being replaced it could take twenty or so trips to get rid of the removed items. Expensive for the person concerned in terms of fuel, wear and tear on the vehicle and bad for the environment in terms of exhaust fumes.

Reports say fly tipping is an all-time high, well I think the Council can share a lot of the blame.

Geoff Harris

Tracing David

I am trying to trace a long-lost cousin of mine. He was Christened John David Harrison and was generally known as both David and John. Harrison was his surname but it may have been changed to Warner when his mother re-married. He was born to parents Patricia (nee Moore) and John Edward Harrison. His date of birth is 8th December 1960, and he was born in Blackpool, Lancashire. I believe that Patricia and her son moved to the Hunstanton area sometime in the mid-to late 60s; I know that they were definitely living in the Hunstanton area. I remember David as a very young child and I would love to hear from him or/and his mother.

My name is Marelyn Manning and my address is: 2 Snowhill Crescent, Thornton-Cleveleys, Lancashire, FY5 3JD. My telephone number is 07980867204.

Prisoner of the Motor Car

Peter Doveston

I have just got back from Hunstanton, or St Edmunds for the purist, and if ever there was a place that is not ready for a future dominated by cars (electric, driverless or otherwise) it is Hunstanton.

You only have to drive in or out of Hunstanton at the wrong time to get a sense of the problem. Cars teem in from all parts excitedly anticipating a day in the seaside town only to be met with the, now, infamous queue at the top of Lynn Road.

"Aha!" I hear you cry, "No doubt caused by the ill thought out junction where the main road meets the B1454, the one by the Garden Centre?" (Norfolk Lavender)

Sadly, no. This is not a problem that will be solved by the mere rearrangement of a junction nor, heaven forbid, by adding a lane to the A149. The problem is one that starts with the gradual post-war decline of our railways and looks toward a future where we have made non-car travel so seemingly impossible and unpalatable that there may not be a solution at all.

The Victorians would routinely get the train to Hunstanton for a day at the Seaside, indeed it was even the Royal Family's preferred means of transport right up until the mid-20th Century, long after the motor car had started to ebb away at the popularity of train travel. The line ran from Lynn, which we now refer to as King's Lynn and terminated at Hunstanton, there was a junction at Heacham with a line that ran to nearby Wells.

Of course, it is little wonder in some respects that the motor car became a more popular choice for days at the seaside. You could pack your entire family, your lunch, your buckets and spades, the pram and your great Aunt Edith into a car at home. Then after a short trip could unload them all right next to the beach. It is clearly much more attractive than carting all that lot to the train station, possibly having to navigate a connection at Kings Lynn, then doing all of that again at the other side. However, is the attraction of driving starting to wane?

There is, as I have already mentioned the now inevitable queue on the A149. There is the ungodly site of hundreds of cars squishing and turning a (likely) once beautiful beach side into a re-enactment of the Somme. You get out of your car and have to navigate a depressing app or have to fiddle about with a detestable machine whilst a queue of onlookers wait impatiently. You leave the car park, dodging and weaving as you go, trying your best not to die due to the carelessness of another driver. You then have to cross umpteen roads in Hunstanton itself because the pavements are too narrow and are filled with prams and old people. I have nothing against prams and old people! They have a right to be there, I'm not sure the cars, however, do.

And this is if you have the decency to park in one of the larger car parks outside the town! There are many who don't, who will risk driving through the town to get a better location for their car or who don't want to pay the parking fee. On Bank Holiday weekends, the residents of Hunstanton must just leave the town, lock up their windows and doors and pray to the gods that their town will still be usable the following week.

"Stop moaning" you might say, "You don't HAVE to drive" but this is just the thing, I do. How else does anyone reasonably get into Hunstanton? On sunny days, the buses are stifled by the traffic so what good are they? There are no park and rides. The cycling infrastructure is poor at best so ideas of cycling from Heacham, Snettisham or Dersingham are unattractive. Do I row? Should I hang glide in? Since the final closure of it's railway station in 1969, Hunstanton is under the thumb of the motor car. There is, perhaps, no better symbol of this than the car park that replaced Hunstanton's railway station.

"Why Hunstanton, you could go somewhere else, with better links, perhaps Brighton?" you may ask and this is a good question. I have nothing against Brighton and I encourage people to make a trip there. Hunstanton, however, holds a special place for people from the nearby

midland areas, it is the nearest Seaside town worth a visit and many of us who grew up in Northamptonshire, Cambridgeshire and Leicestershire (amongst others) have memories of visiting Hunstanton as children. We have shared experiences here and small, but important, family traditions. We probably also have memories of a Hunstanton far less car ridden than it is today. It is painful to see such a town fall into, what I would perceive as, neglect.

Time to rethink the train idea? A wisp of good news perhaps, on doing a little research around the subject I found an article entitled Port support for King's Lynn to Hunstanton railway plan dated March 21 which hints at a potential reopening of the old Lynn to Hunstanton line. Excellent idea, I say. Then there is this too from a 2018 issue of Rail Magazine (843) which proposes a Hunstanton Parkway (sadly, this article is behind a paywall) but the main features of which are that the project would cost around £150 million and would provide important links for, as the article reports 'an area listed as one of the UKs worst unemployment black spots for young people', these ideas need to be revisited with some seriousness. A 22 year old in North West Norfolk could be forgiven for wondering how £37 billion could be spent on a poorly functioning test and trace system but £150 million is not available to improve their life as well as the lives of many others, present and future!

Then there is the situation in Hunstanton itself, it should consider designating most of the town as a residential parking permit area to deter those who will chance their arm, the two large existent car parks at either end of the town could remain. I am not advocating a wholesale ban on cars traveling to Hunstanton, it would be detrimental to its economy to do so. What I am advocating is giving people realistic and attractive alternatives to driving in. Why not a cycle ride in the sun? Why not a read and a snooze on the train in from Kings Lynn or Hunstanton Parkway? I would love these options and I think others would too.

Far more convenient

Heacham South Beach Public Toilets refurbishment

Work is well underway on the refurbishment of Heacham South beach toilets following support from Heacham Parish Council and the Ken Hill Estate.

Temporary toilets are in place while a complete refurbishment of the current building is undertaken. Upgraded toilets, basins, accessible toilet, and a slight reconfiguration of the layout, will be open to the public in time for the four-day Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend in June.

The project has seen investment from the borough council, the Community Infrastructure Levy, the Norfolk Strategic Fund, Wild Ken Hill and Heacham Parish Council.

Cllr Stuart Dark MBE, Leader of the borough council and Member for Heacham Ward, explains: "When I became one of Heacham's councillors this was a long-standing issue of concern and frustration. I'm pleased that working with others we've been able to get this much-needed work delivered. It's right to improve the facilities that are offered to residents and visitors to the area.

"This work, costing in excess of £100,000, includes adding a life-saving defibrillator to the building available 24/7 and is a significant long-term improvement."

£20,000 of the funding for this refurbishment comes from the Community Infrastructure Levy. The borough council has also received £10,000 of funding from the Norfolk Strategic Fund, a Norfolk-wide package of measures worth £2.25m in total to support the visitor economy in the county.

Cllr Terry Parish, Leader of the Independent Group and Member for Heacham Ward, added: "The need for new toilets at South Beach has been recognised by Heacham residents and visitors for many years. I am relieved that work will soon be underway to improve matters and hope that the result will be both good and lasting. Funding from the

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borough council, Heacham Parish Council, the Ken Hill Estate, and the Community Infrastructure Levy has enabled this work to, finally, be progressed."

Dominic Buscall, Project Manager at Wild Ken Hill said: "We're delighted to help improve these local facilities."

Cllr Graham Reader, Chairman of Heacham Parish Council said: "Heacham Parish Council are pleased that finally the much-needed refurbishment of the South Beach Toilets are under way, with funding from the borough council, Ken Hill Estate, the Norfolk Strategic Fund and the Parish Council. We would also like to thank Cllrs Dark and Parish for persevering in getting this project up and running."



Are you thinking of volunteering this Summer?

Joy Wylie

Here at Purfleet Trust we have lots of opportunities and would love to tell you more.

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Carol volunteers on reception at our Purfleet Pathways centre. This is what Carol says about volunteering "We are all on a journey and I now have the time in mine to help. I feel like I am part of a team here and we all contribute to helping the clients. We all need someone to support us at some time in our life and I chose Purfleet Trust because it's a charity that empowers people who have been marginalised, to restore their confidence and skills."

Allan volunteers on the House 2 Home project and says..

In my younger years, I was brought up in a really tough area. I am very acutely aware of the impact homelessness can have on people.



I now have that opportunity to fully commit to supporting The Trust in something I feel passionately about. One of the absolute highlights for me in my role is when we deliver furniture to clients moving to their first home and we get a big "thank you", that's what it's all about for me, a two-way experience.

Also this summer we have been invited to hold a fundraising family fun weekend at Norton Hill Railway on 20th/21st August. The light railway will run from 1pm to 5pm on each day and we will have two fields with

games and activities for all the family.

We are looking for volunteers to ...

- Help set up gazebos, stalls etc on the morning of Saturday 20th
- Bake cakes for the cake stall
- Help on the tea and cake stall over the weekend
- Donate bottles for the bottle tombola (always a popular stall!)
- Craft stalls and any local businesses that would like to be involved
- Help run stalls and activities such as fete games on the day
- Be a summer superstar and take refreshments to stall holders
- Keep the site clean and tidy over the weekend
- Help with packing down on the Sunday afternoon
- Video the event for us to use on our website/social media
- Source raffle prizes for the Purfleet fundraising raffle

If you'd like to be part of the team please get in touch with:

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Hunstanton & District Inner Wheel

Sue Trewin, Club Correspondent

Due to a technical hitch last month text relating to our recent evening of bowling appeared with no photos so I would like to put that right. I was pretty hopeless at bowling but thoroughly enjoyed the evening.



We were delighted to welcome Laurence Moorlas, Fundraising Executive for Queen Elizabeth Hospital to our Charter evening. We have supported a couple of projects in the past and currently the hospital have launched the Dementia Care Appeal. Laurence was able to show us some of the equipment which would help patients to improve their cognitive skills. I see Laurence pretty regularly as she flies past the information desk in the front entrance of the hospital where I work. It was a treat to be able to have a proper conversation with her



and not be interrupted by phones or enquiries.

It was pleasing to see from members that they were stimulated by Laurence to consider volunteering at the hospital. Watch this space!

I live in a cottage surrounded by fields and today saw the arrival of a dozen cows- this comment has absolutely nothing to do with Inner Wheel, nor has ten pin bowling, but all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.



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New Rector appointed for the Sandringham Group of Parishes



The Revd Canon Dr Paul Williams, CStJ, DL, has been appointed and will take up his post in September.

Her Majesty The Queen, Lord Howard of Rising and Mr Edward Dawnay, together with the parish representatives and the Bishop of Norwich, have appointed Dr Williams for the group that comprises the parishes of Wolferton, Hillington, Castle Rising, Sandringham and Flitcham.

Dr Williams says: "Although I take with me many happy memories of my time in Tewkesbury and the Diocese of Gloucester, I am greatly looking forward to joining the Sandringham group of parishes as together we worship and witness to the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord."

Paul was born in Chatham, Kent and has attended the universities of St Andrews and Cambridge. He trained for the ordained ministry at Westcott House. After being appointed Assistant Chaplain at Selwyn College, Paul served a curacy at St Stephen, Chatham and an incumbency at St Augustine, Gillingham, before becoming Personal Chaplain to the Bishop of Rochester. He moved to Tewkesbury in 2003, where he has been Area Dean and is Honorary Canon of Gloucester Cathedral. As Vice Dean of the Priory of England and the Islands, Paul is closely associated with St John Ambulance. He is a Commander of the Order of St. John, a published author, and recently appointed Deputy Lieutenant of Gloucestershire. He is married to Catherine, who is also a priest, and they have two adult children, Alice and Harry.



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Xenia Horne has devised a programme of harp music for a summer's evening for the concert she is giving in aid of

All Saints Waterden on 15 July.

She has chosen pieces from a wide range of musical styles to showcase the versatility of the harp, from early court music, well-loved compositions from Thais and Delibes, to more contemporary music including Peter Maxwell Davies (Farewell to Stromness) and Ludivuco Einaudi (Nuvole Blanche and Come Un Fiore). Xenia will also include Irish, Welsh and Celtic traditional tunes together with her



own arrangements of Gershwin and Louis Armstrong.

Xenia has worked internationally as a harpist, singer and composer and currently lives in Norwich. She has composed for radio and theatre, collaborating as well with Norfolk Music Hub. She has developed creative projects for people of all ages and in all settings, most recently for Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge. Xenia regularly takes her harp into schools and care homes, and creates pop-up performances in public spaces.

She recently developed a series of pilot workshops for children and young carers for the opera superstar Joyce diDonato's Eden Project. This is an ambitious initiative involving a global tour of more than 45 venues across five continents with associated educational workshops. Xenia was one of two musicians selected to work in the United Kingdom.

All Saints Waterden is a beautiful little Anglo-Saxon Church, which has neither water or electricity and sits in the middle of fields outside South Creak. A thorough restoration of the church – a grade 1* listed building – was completed in 2019 and the Friends of All Saints Waterden have been helping to maintain it. The church is a unique relic of the lost medieval village of Waterden and is cherished for its architectural and historical interest – as well as its spiritual atmosphere.

It continues to be a place of regular Christian worship as part of the Creakes Benefice and is open to all.

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News from Brancaster School



We have had a very busy time at Brancaster Church of England Primary Academy in the past few weeks! As well as our ongoing sessions learning the ukulele, we have had specialists coming in to teach the Y3/4s the recorder, which will build up to a chance to play as part of an orchestra by the end of the school year. We also have an art specialist working with us every week, and had great fun with a project designing and building bridges out of art straws. As if



that isn't enough, we are involved in an art project at the Village Hall, working on a piece to celebrate the school's 160th anniversary!

Only a few days after the start of term, Key Stage 2 all went on an educational visit to Ken Hill, where Springwatch has been filming. The visit leader, Michaela, told us all about the crops that are grown there and took us past the rewilding area. Although we were not allowed to enter, we were really lucky because out of the one thousand acres where they could have been, the four Tamworth pigs decided to come close to where we were so we got a good look at them. We also did some more Science work by searching for and identifying different living creatures using a classification chart, where we had to answer yes or no to a question and then follow a path to other questions which eventually led us to the name of each different bug we found. We made some cosy bug homes for them before releasing them into the wild - some even had a playground and a sofa! As well as these Science activities, we also had a great time doing Forest School activities. With help from Michaela, Billy started a campfire and we then cooked marshmallows and popcorn - delicious!

The Year 6s also had a fantastic visit to King's Lynn fire station with Crucial Crew, where they learnt lots about how to keep themselves safe in many different ways. One thing that particularly stuck with us was learning about internet safety.

Finally, it is that time of year when the oldest children in the school have to do their SATS tests. The thing about tests like these is that they won't test how kind, brave, honest, helpful or funny our children are - what great individuals each and every one of them is. But the way the Year 6s have approached these tests, especially after the disruption caused by Covid, tells us an awful lot about the resilient, determined and courageous people they are. We have all been so impressed at how hard they have been working in preparation for these tests, and how they have been striving to improve. Whatever the results turn out to be, we are so proud of them all.

Good luck, Year 6s!



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Recently we provided 4G routers to allow the use of card payments for Tapping House and Tulips for Tapping which raised over £93000.



The previous week Richard set up a system for the Stately Car Boot Sale at Sennowe Park for the Norfolk Churches Trust, powering the silent auction and payments helping the silent auction total to reach



£30000 and raise £80000 overall for the charity.

For The Sandringham Flower Show at the end of July we have been appointed to supply internet connections for you are exhibiting there. It is possible to book an internet connection for the day for your stall from Rural Broadband to help you take payments, just drop an email to richard@ruralbroadband.co.uk or call on 01485 572253 in advance, if possible, to arrange your connection.

As a company we have built up a huge amount of knowledge in getting the best connections at events by using a mix of technologies from basic 4G connection, roaming sim cards that move to the best network locally, bonded systems (mixing mobile networks together) satellite broadband and long-range links too.

With more Event online systems internet is required for Health and Safety, Crowd monitoring and last-minute Event Planning changes good reliable internet is key. With mains power not always available we have routers and devices that can run on a battery for a whole day too. Connections can be provided for just a few hours to a whole season of events. The internet connections to allow the card machines at the Lets Rock 80's Festivals to operate at the bars and VIP areas are designed installed by Richard and the Team. These events are just beginning to get back to full flow after a shorter season in 2021. If you have any requirements big or small we are always happy to discuss your requirements.

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This layered concoction begins with a sweet mixture of milk, cream, eggs, vanilla, and fresh breadcrumbs. Fruit is added as the next layer and it is topped with a soft, fluffy meringue with a crisp top, making the dessert worthy of its name.

It's not a difficult recipe and is best served straight from the oven with a generous amount of cream.

For the Pudding:
 225ml full fat milk
 225ml double cream
 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
 110g caster sugar
 5 large egg yolks
 140g breadcrumbs

Lemon zest (from 2 lemons)
 225g fruit compote

For the Meringue:
 large egg whites (room temperature)
 110g caster sugar

Preheat the oven to 160 C. Lightly butter a 9 x 2-inch ovenproof pie dish.

Place the milk, cream, and vanilla extract into a saucepan and slowly bring to a gentle boil.

In a large bowl, whisk the sugar with the egg yolks until light and fluffy. Still whisking, slowly add the warmed milk and cream to the egg mixture, taking care not to splash.

Add the breadcrumbs and the lemon zest and mix to combine.

Pour the egg and breadcrumb mixture into the dish. Leave to stand for about 15 minutes, so the breadcrumbs absorb the liquid.

Carefully transfer the dish to a roasting tin and fill the tin halfway with hot water. Bake the custard in the preheated oven for about 25-30 minutes until the custard has set. Take out of the oven and allow to cool.

Whisk the egg whites using an electric hand whisk on full speed until stiff peaks form when the whisk is removed. Add the sugar a teaspoon at a time, still whisking on maximum speed until the mixture is stiff and shiny.

Warm the fruit gently in the microwave or in a pan. Then spread the fruit carefully over the base.

Cover the pudding with a thick layer of meringue.

Lower the oven temperature to 150C and return the pudding to the oven (not in the roasting tin with water) for about 25-30 minutes until the meringue is pale golden all over and crisp.

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Our parish events are now restarting and the first will be the Strawberry tea on the afternoon of 18th June at St Cecilia's, Dersingham. There will also be bric-a-brac, book and plant stalls.

There will then be the parish BBQ at OLSE, Hunstanton on 20th August, all are welcome. Tickets will be available for both events, see the weekly bulletins or website for more details.

We also have regular Rosary prayer meetings at St Cecilia's every Monday from 2pm. and

there is also a Mothers Prayers group which meet at 2.30pm Monday fortnightly at OLSE.

The Pope's prayer intention for June: Families; We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

Our parish has been supporting the appeal for items for Ukraine, with both churches acting as collection points. There is a list of items required in the porches of both churches.

A few members of the parish have been getting together, originally to discuss the Synodal consultation, but have carried on with the meetings to discuss ways to enliven the life of the parish following the drop in attendance due to the pandemic of the last couple of years. The dates of the meetings will be published on the website and in the weekly church

Brave in the Queue for the Loo!

Queuing for the loo could cost you your life! Hae ***** (name changed for security) is a brave and courageous lady who I was fortunate to meet. This lady is from North Korea and twice she was imprisoned in the notorious labour camps. The reason was because she was a Christian; she follows Jesus in her life. Like all other Christians in North Korea (and other faiths) they are banned as everyone has to submit to the country's leader, Kim Yong Un, who with his ancestors are venerated as Deity.

If people don't bow before the pictures (that have to be in every house, school, town and building) it is a crime with resulting arrest, also required at statues is the laying of flowers. The country is very poor, satellite images show a country in near darkness, with no electricity for most of the population and little food. Being a Christian is a crime in that Country but even being such a hard place to live the church is growing. It is a church like the Church of England which believes in the Trinity; One God in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It was the power of the Holy Spirit leading the lady in the labour camps that enabled her to begin a church in the most difficult imaginable situations, if she got found out she would have been executed. The church celebrates Pentecost, we remember the gift of the Holy Spirit to the first disciples. It was a powerful experience then, when along with wind and fire, 'all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit' (Acts 2:4). At Pentecost, 3000 people were added to the Church. The Holy Spirit also equips us with His gifts to engage in the mission and ministry of the Church.

However, the Spirit's power also enables us so to grow in our faith. He assures us of God's love and acceptance in our lives, despite our fears, doubts or failures: 'God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us' (Romans 5:5). Even though the lady from North Korea had experienced much persecution and harm to her husband (a church leader who was killed), herself and family; her faith has deepened in wanting to serve her Lord in the power of the Holy Spirit. She was brave even in the darkest times, brave to serve her God that she started in secret a church in the Labour camp; if she had been found out she would have



bulletins and anyone interested in contributing in any way is more than welcome to take part.

Sr Danuta is guiding a regular parish study/discussion group at the Convent every Tuesday, 4.00-5.00pm, looking in more depth at the readings for the following Sundays. All are welcome to come and take part.

The Sisters at St Theresa's Convent, Sandringham Road, are now offering daily Mass at 12 noon. Please confirm with them if you intend to be present. Contact 01485 532837.

For Parish news including Mass times and prayer requests, please see the Parish News page on our website. For information about live streamed Masses in the Diocese and related matters, including Coronavirus updates see the Links page of our website at, www.hunstantoncatholicparish.org

People are advised not to go to Mass if they have any symptoms, however mild. Wearing masks when coming to church is still advisable, and hand sanitiser is still provided. We now have communal singing of hymns at our Sunday Masses.

The Sunday Masses are at 9am at Mountbatten Road, Dersingham and 11am at OLSE Sandringham Road, Hunstanton.

Daily Masses are at 10am at Hunstanton on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays and 10.15am at Dersingham on Wednesdays.

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met the same end as her husband.

How or where did she start and grow this church in the labour camp? In the queue for the loo on a Sunday, whispering words from the Bible (from memory), prayers and singing hymns including Amazing Grace. The queue for the toilet for us can be an annoyance; maybe next time we can follow Hae *****'s lead by using it as a time to pray to God!

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JUNE - As we celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee this month, we can reflect on her Majesty's 70 years of service and on the qualities of service, devotion and constancy. These strong God-given qualities we can all express, for God makes them available to each of us. These positive qualities need to be upheld in all walks of life since they are lasting, solid and secure a positive future for our country and mankind. Let's recognise these qualities and live them ourselves, see them in others and be grateful that they have been so obviously lived by our monarch as we all celebrate this occasion.

Our church at 10 Queen's Drive, Hunstanton holds services at 11 am Sundays and 12 noon on the first Wednesday of the month. Services last approximately an hour and comprise readings from the King James Bible and Science & Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy. Magazines on Christian Science are free from a rack outside the church building. Follow us on Facebook to see up-to-date information about our church and its activities and services. Information on Christian Science and our worldwide church can be found at www.christianscience.com. Services are also available online at www.spirituality4.me, along with other online events, talks, etc. and our online shop where you will find books, including the Bible, the writings of Mary Baker Eddy, and many other inspirational resources.

Hunstanton & the Saxon Shore

Dear Friends, as we start June this year there are some great celebrations planned in this area, around the county and the country. These events will bring people and communities together for joyful reasons. We are celebrating our Queen's 70 year reign. This is an astonishing achievement and the first time that any British Monarch has celebrated a Platinum Jubilee. In that time the changes that have happened in this country and the world have been almost unimaginable to everyone all those years ago. The Queen's coronation is often spoke of as the first time televisions were bought and watched by friends and family all gathered around a tiny screen. In 1952 her first Christmas broadcast was only heard on the radio but in 2021 it could be seen on TikTok or heard on Amazon Alexa!

And the Queen has been a constant presence in an ever-changing world and it is testament to her humility and service that, though scandals may have rocked her family and a great number of her governments, the Queen herself remains an inspiration to many.

The majority of her coronation was shown on television, there was one moment that was deemed too sacred to broadcast (I'm not sure that would happen today!). This was the moment when the symbols of her status – the crimson robe, the diamond diadem, the coronation necklace – were removed, and the Archbishop of Canterbury anointed the new Queen with holy oil. The Queen has spoken since of how this moment was the most significant one of her life, as in humility she was dedicated to a life of service and called to follow the example of Jesus who himself gave his life for others. It is fitting then that the other important church celebration taking place on the first weekend in June

is the feast of Pentecost.

The feast of Pentecost is when we remember the gift of God's Holy Spirit to the church, that Spirit of love and service which binds all people together and fills us with the guiding presence of God.

The early Christians after receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit, dedicated their lives to one another in service and in worship. In our Benefice we will be both the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and Pentecost over the June weekend. On Thursday 2nd June we will have a Thanksgiving Service for the Jubilee at Thornham Church, 10.30am with tea, coffee and cake following. All are welcome to join us for this service at the start of the weekend and enjoy refreshments in our church. On the Sunday all of our services will be Holy Communion services and these will be in the traditional form of The Book of Common Prayer as the Queen is fond of this service. There will also be hymns that are her favourites along with the celebration of Pentecost. Our churches will all be open for the weekend and if you go in to spend time in quiet contemplation or prayer you may find some rather lovely floral decorations adorning some of them.

I give thanks to God for the life of our Queen, her long service and for the way in which she speaks gently but faithfully of her personal relationship with Jesus. May we be encouraged by her witness and seek to serve and support others in our communities. Lastly, do enjoy the long weekend, have fun with all of the different activities in our communities and stay safe.

God bless,
Rachael

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Christ is Hope

Easter and Pentecost are seasons of transformation, change and hope. The death of Jesus had brought a dark cloud to many who followed him. The disciples were going through a difficult, tumultuous period. A period of anxiety, fear, and confusion. There were many questions in their minds and no answers. But his resurrection and appearances between Easter and ascension, and his outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost transformed their experiences, from hopelessness, purposelessness, despair to hope and meaning.

This season is important to me, coincidentally it is to the Methodist church family as a whole. It was during this season on the 25th of May 1738, that John Wesley's like the disciples was transformed from a timid, anxious man, to a powerful preacher and a great missionary of history. John Wesley entered the following in his journal: 'About a quarter before nine, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for salvation; and an assurance was given me. That experience of our founder John Wesley proved to be a watershed experience, an experience that transformed his life and the life of many poor people in England. Not only was the Methodist movement born, but it also found new wings to reach the rest of the world. Today Methodism witnesses in over 132 countries, representing over 80 million people, in the Methodist, Wesleyan and Uniting church traditions. The movement is involved in education, health, social justice and advocacy in many ways across the world.

I personally came into contact with Methodism through a small church in a small rural village of Plumtree, in Zimbabwe. I attended their mission day school for my secondary education. The difference was, unlike most government schools, mission was reasonably cheaper and affordable. Poor people like me and many young hopefuls could access good education. Because it was a church school, it had a conducive environment, with good discipline, and a supportive system. Through extra mural activities, we were introduced to faith. My heart-warming experience, however, was triggered by the period of Easter services. The music, the stories, the people inspired me. I must confess that I despised the man and women who followed Christ, but their simplicity, touched me. After some listening, observation, and conversations, I believed. That transformed my life. I am forever grateful for that experience.

The Methodist offers opportunities for worship every Sunday at Austin Street. Churches together Heacham are holding an Ascension service on the 27th of May 2022, at Heacham Methodist Church, Station Road, all are welcome. In addition, in Support of Christina Aid, we are hosting a Sing for Zimbabwe event at Hunstanton on the 18th of June 2022, between 14:00 and 18:00. There will be music and food. Rev R. Ncube



SING FOR ZIMBABWE

Saturday 18th June 12.00 until 18.00

Hunstanton Methodist Church

Come and meet Zimbabwean friends and learn more about the country during an afternoon of music, food and fellowship

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The service at 10.30 am on Sunday 19th June will be linked to the event



Contact Rosie Rayner for more information: 07963 181573

Snettisham Salvation Army

June is the time of year when our thoughts turn to holidays. I wonder how you plan your holiday. Some people like to plan well in advance and know that all arrangements are in place. Some people like to look for last minute deals.

But with all holidays the big decision is what to take with us. This is determined largely by where we are going. If we are travelling abroad then we are probably looking for sunshine and heat so light clothing will be the order of the day. But a holiday in this country will probably need a mixture of clothing to cover any eventuality. I usually think layers of thin clothing best as you can easily add more layers if it turns cold.

When you have decided what to take you then have to decide how much. This is a very difficult decision for some. My husband always said I took everything on holiday except the kitchen sink.

I have just been on a short holiday and before I left I had lots of clothes laid out but realised that I would be taking more outfits than days in my holiday; so I had to have a sort out.

The ideal way to decide is to take just enough clothes to last. None of us want the dreaded task of washing while away.

I really admire people who pack just enough in a rucksack. They have holiday packing down to a fine art.

In the Bible Jesus sent his disciples out to preach the message to everyone they met and his instructions to them are in Mark 6:8.

'Take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no bag, no money in your belt' They were to travel light.

We can travel through life by travelling light. We can cast all our burdens and sorrows on God - He will share our burdens and help us to cope. He is always there with us to guide and direct.

Mavis Jones

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Revolutionary Jesus

By Gordon Tanner, a member of The Way C F Leadership team

Many people have an impression of Jesus as 'gentle Jesus meek and mild . . .' and it is true that for some – mainly the poor, the destitute, and the people who knew they were sinners – He did treat them gently. He'd heal them emotionally, spiritually and physically and restore them to society.

But there was another side to Jesus that general impression does not convey. He had no truck with man-made rules that made life even more burdensome. For instance He healed a man who was blind - by bending down and picking up some mud and applying it to the man's eyes. But he did it on a Sabbath day, and that annoyed the Jewish elders. You see, in picking up the mud he was doing work, and the Jewish rules for the Sabbath forbade work.

Another time he was criticised for healing on the Sabbath someone who was crippled. Again it was supposed to have been work. Jesus answered their hypocrisy by pointing out that if one of their animals or a child had fallen into their well they would pull them out, Sabbath or not.

Jesus' ministry seemed to attract much criticism, especially from the Jewish authorities. When He healed someone with the words 'Your sins are forgiven' He was criticised with comments about only God can forgive sins. But then He knew he was God's son, even if they didn't accept that fact.

Much of Jesus teaching was revolutionary. The first shall be last, and the last first'. 'If someone strikes you on the left cheek, turn your right cheek to him too'. 'If you want to save your life, you must lose it'. This was revolutionary to the thinking of the time.

Life was pretty hard in Israel. They were under the rule of a military occupier, Rome, and the Romans were known for their brutality. There was no space for stepping out of line. Any behaviour that might be regarded as rebellious would be suppressed brutally. In fact the Jewish leaders had an arrangement with the Romans to keep the people from

rebellious in exchange for them to be allowed to practice their religion. And so it was that Jesus was killed by crucifixion along with a couple of petty criminals. It was an horrendous way of executing people, but used to stop people considering rebellion. But Jesus was prepared for that. You can see it in the things he said. For instance, 'I, when I am lifted up, will draw all men unto me'. His death and subsequent resurrection have drawn men from every nation over the last 2000 years and Jesus continues to draw people from all nations to himself. When we become Christians we accept that Jesus, in dying on the cross, has paid the penalty for all the sin we have committed. And that brings about a revolution in our lives. How can we continue to deliberately sin when we've recognized the death of Jesus being for us? Old habits get broken, some more extreme than others, but we are changed and we have new ways of thinking about things. I have previously cited here my mother-in-law's comment about me. 'What's happened to Gordon? He is no longer rude to us!' For others it is far more dramatic. Criminals change their way of life, addicts of all sorts can find release.

Some people think 'Well, I'm not a sinner, so that's not for me'. I'm sorry if that's you. You see the bible says unequivocally 'All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God'. Please think again, Review your life, your attitudes, your motives. Jesus' sacrifice was for all men, don't miss out.

News from The Woottons

by Richard Coates

Parish Assembly

South Wootton Parish Council held its annual Parish Assembly recently and there was a good turnout of residents to hear the committee chairmen report on the work done over the previous year. Some points of interest included that there were a few good allotments available at £40 a year and the extension to the parish office should be completed during the summer. The chairman of the planning committee talked about the various planning applications for large scale development at both Knights Hill and off Nursery Lane, each involving hundreds of new houses in South Wootton. When you look at how attractive The Woottons is, it's no wonder that housing developers can see that selling houses here will be easy but too many new houses will only spoil the very thing that attracts them in the first place.

Jubilee Celebrations

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee is being marked in The Woottons in a big way. First on the Jubilee Thursday by unveiling a plaque commemorating the planting of seven trees for the seven decades of Her Majesty's reign, then by the lighting of The Woottons' own beacon as part of the national network of beacons throughout the country.

On the Jubilee Friday at the park that sits between the two villages, a large all day event has been organised - The Picnic on the Park - with disco music, inflatables, children's activities, live bands, bar, refreshments and a fun dog show at 2.00 p.m. There's plenty of car parking at the North Wootton School.

On Saturday, the party fun continues at the North Wootton Village Hall with live music, village fete style games, free food and drink and residents are encouraged to turn up in fancy dress or 1950s style clothes or even patriotic union flag clothing!

There's lots of things happening in The Woottons in June with the dates listed in Town and Around's guide to what's on this month. If you know of anything else happening in The Woottons that's not listed let Richard Coates know about it by emailing him at richardcoates@inbox.com. He sends out an updated weekly listing and you can get a copy if you email him and ask him.



Hunstanton Croquet Club news

Hunstanton Croquet Club once again hosted a prestigious tournament as 14 of the country's top players competed in the Golf Croquet 'A' series, on 14th and 15th May.

'A', 'B' and 'C' level tournaments are held all over the country throughout the season, with the 'A' level series being reserved for those with the lowest handicaps. Hunstanton's David Boxell and David Thirtle-Watts both qualified for this event.



Pictured from left: Paul, Richard, Debbie

The winners in three categories were:- England player Richard Bilton, Debbie Lines, and Paul Durkin. Special congratulations to Richard for treating us to a double hoop (hoops 5 and 6 with a single hit) in his final round.

Our thanks to Terrey and Richard for managing the tournament and all the volunteers who are up early to prepare the lawns and who help with refreshments and clearing away.

Come and Try Day

Despite the cold wind, 25 new players took advantage of our free, 'Croquet, Cake and Chat', Come and Try Day. Hope you all enjoyed it! Good to see some of you on subsequent club afternoons. Many thanks to the committee and members working hard behind the scenes to make it happen.

The May Bank Holiday saw the resumption, post Covid, of the annual Robert Prichard AC competition. All five lawns saw action as a strong field of 20 took part over 3 days of fierce competition. Thanks to Ellie and her team for the catering and all the behind the scenes work done by our brilliant volunteers before and after each day's play.



The eventual winner was Mark Avery, pictured above, pushed hard by runner-up Sam Murray

Mark has been playing at the top level for close to 40 years, representing his country in four MacRobertson Shields, winning three of them. Mark won the President Cup in 2021, and has been selected for the fifth time to represent England / GB in the MacRobertson Shield, in 2022.



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The Globe Trotters Running Group Support Mental Health Week



The Globe Trotters running group, which meets at 8 am each Sunday morning in the Tuesday Market Place for their weekly run decided this week to get behind the Greencore Socially Distancing Relay in support of mental health charities, MIND and the 8:56 Foundation.

The aptly named Globe Trotters, have been holding their weekly Sunday morning run for the last 9 years, and were only too pleased to dedicate Sunday's run to Mental Health Week, by joining in the locally organised Greencore relay.

The runners gathered as usual at 8 am before setting off for an 8 mile run, all wearing the event tee shirt and collectively raising over £700 towards the charities.

The Globe Trotters group coach, Gary Walker said, "it was good that all of the runners were willing to devote the mornings run to supporting such great charities and the post run social gathering in The Globe was a mass of green tee shirts, which caused a lot of comment from the Sunday morning regulars."

The group, which is open to all, regardless of ability, meets each Sunday at 8 am at The Globe is aimed at improving fitness and wellbeing through running.



Glebe House School Golf Day returns with a sell-out competition!

Sunday 24th April saw the return of the Glebe House School Golf Day after a two-year break. Blessed with a day full of sunshine 17 teams headed off round Heacham Manor Golf Course.

Despite the cold wind which accompanied them round, spirits remained high and all the players returned with smiles on their faces! Organised by the Glebe House School Parents' Committee, the day presented an opportunity for friends and family of the Glebe House School community to relax, have fun and to raise funds for the school.

"Over the last couple of years our parents' committee programme of events has been on hold, so to have such an amazing event for all the family has been just wonderful" said Amanda Rowe, chair of the Parents' Committee.

The day offered something for all the family, including a two-course lunch open to all and a tri-golf challenge for all children to join in and win both a medal and a lucky dip prize. The relaxed tone of the day followed the players round the course, with some of the school's pupils selling refreshments and the players trying their hardest to avoid the £5 penalty by not hitting their ball into the water on the 7th hole!

Louis Taylor, Glebe House School Headmaster, came along to present this year's prizes, and thanks to the event sponsors, there were some truly outstanding prizes! Prizes were awarded for Longest Drive, Nearest the Pin, the Adult 1st Team, the Adult Runners-up Team and the Junior 1st player, with prizes including stays at Titchwell Manor and Blanca's Tents, meals at The Duck Inn and Eric's Pizza, a family ticket for the Princess Theatre and a series of golf lessons with the golf professional Ray Stocker.

"It was fantastic to see the Glebe community be able to come together socially once again," said Louis Taylor, Headmaster.

"Being able to host such a successful day on behalf of the school would not have been possible without the generous support of all the sponsors, for which the school and wider Glebe community are very grateful", he continued.

As the sun set on this sell-out Golf Day, so the organisers congratulated all who took part and began to turn their thoughts to an even bigger and better Glebe Family Golf Day in 2023!



From left: Louis Taylor, Headmaster, Matt Bush, Dave Gilbert, Trevor Smith and Aaron Leveritt of the winning team Anyone seen my balls?



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Sporting corner with Tim Keogh

Sowerby's raise over £5k for the Ukraine Crisis Fund

On Wednesday, 27th April, four employees of Sowerbys Estate Agents set off on their bicycles from the Norwich branch and cycled 105 miles to their Kings Lynn office, via all of the region's other seven offices.



With staff from other branches and developer clients joining them at various stages en-route, the core team managed the feat in just over nine hours. Donations were received from kind passers-by throughout the journey as they briefly rested up at each office. Combined with committed donations, a total in excess of £5k was raised for the Ukraine Crisis Fund.

Breathless weather aided the cyclists and ensured an almost problem free ride - on the last leg one rider took a fall into the path of an oncoming bus which, fortunately, abiding by the new Highway Code, managed to avoid a collision! Amazingly, there was not one puncture on the day.

Peter Hurrell, Land and New Homes Manager for Sowerbys, is a keen cyclist and had the idea to combine celebrating the opening of Sowerbys new King's Lynn branch, Bank Chambers and a charity ride.

Peter explained, "Initially the team expected to raise a few hundred pounds perhaps - we were overwhelmed with the generosity. A huge thanks goes to our new homes developers who sponsored the team and a special mention to Jac Sandy who was our support vehicle for the day; following with copious supplies of hydration and snacks! We are all very proud of the team for their achievement and raising money for a very worthy cause."



Sam Jones, Peter Hurrell, Phil Crookes, Lloyd Sandy,
Phil Bateman and Paul Nally



Peter Hurrell was part of the Sowerby's team that cycled 105 miles in aid of the Ukraine Crisis Fund. He took some time out to give Town & Around an insight into his life:

Name: Peter Hurrell

Age: 53

Star sign: Virgo

Where born: Spondon, Derbyshire but moved to Norfolk when 1 year old, when grandparents moved to Hunstanton and parents followed them to Norfolk

Occupation: Land & New Homes Manager for Sowerbys
Family: Wife Terie, met at work and also an estate agent. We have been together for 18 years. Eldest daughter Liberty is 22 from a previous marriage, Isla 14 and Jack 12.

Cats or dogs: No pets

Which team do you support: I am no longer fanatical, however I have supported Liverpool since the 70's

Sporting icon: Kenny Dalglish (one of many Liverpool legends)

Previous Sports: I have always enjoyed sports, whether competitively and, now, more recreationally. Swam competitively as a child, whilst also playing badminton and football in between.

Funniest sporting experience: Learning road cycling with clip in cycling shoes...and failing off at the first roundabout

Worst injury: Broken heart aged 12

Favourite meal/cuisine: I love most foods and my favourite meal would be one shared with good company

Favourite drink: I could say ditto the above, however, my tippie is most certainly Brandy

Favourite holiday destination: Anywhere with the family, ideally with some heat

Three items for a dessert island: Endless access to music, great reading material and a boat !

Favourite band: Most things from the 80's

Pet hate: I am a fairly relaxed and forgiving individual

Worst habit: My wife would be better to answer this question, safe answer, occasionally talking to myself

Any superstitions: None

Any hidden talents: Still hidden

Biggest achievement in life: Of the many things that seem significant at the time, none compare with simply being 'Dad' to three truly wonderful children

Message to younger self: Relax a little more and enjoy the ride

Like to live forever: For long enough.



Sporting corner with Tim Keogh

Football round-up



Ingoldisthorpe FC before their League Cup final victory over Castle Rising
 Back from left: Corbyn Lake, Ivan Gkuso, Ric Barlow, Aaron Herbert, Kieran Herbert, Josh Andrews, Ika Kortua, Ryan Younge, Phil Bradshaw, (Assistant manager), Alan Kitchener (Manager).
 Front from left: Dylan Ess, Jake Ess, Shannon Herring-Blatch, Lonut Armeanu, Max Andrews, Will Bradshaw



Ingoldisthorpe FC achieve the double

Ingoldisthorpe Football Club capped off a fine season by completing the league and cup double on Wednesday, 4th May. Having already secured the Division Two title of the North West Norfolk Football League, they overcame local rivals, Castle Rising, 3-0 in the league cup showpiece final at Fakenham Town's Daly Group Stadium.

Ingoldisthorpe settled their nerves with an early goal from Aaron Herbert. Castle Rising then failed to capitalise from a penalty as Ionuk Armeanu saved Matthew Pearson's spot kick.

The game erupted in the second half as both teams were reduced to ten men in one incident. However, second and third goals from Dylan Ess and Will Bradshaw respectively were enough to bring the cup back to Ingoldisthorpe.

Division Two also saw Castle Rising consolidate their cup runners up with an excellent 3rd place finish, whilst Docking Ranger Reserves and Dersingham Development FC secured mid table finishes.

Heacham FC Reserves finished 3rd in the North West Norfolk League Division One whilst Docking Rangers finished the season a creditable 6th in what proved to be a very competitive division. Ingoldisthorpe Reserves



Heacham FC captain with his children Nancy and Teddy and the Anglian Combination League trophy

finished the season 3rd in Division Three.

Heacham FC have also confirmed that Vanarama Conference North side, Peterborough Sports, will be visiting in a pre-season friendly on Saturday, 22nd June. They were also presented with the Sterry Cup for winning the league at their last home game against Beccles Town- this remarkable solid silver trophy having been in circulation as far back as 1896.

The North West Norfolk League is being restructured for next season, so all local clubs will be eagerly awaiting the format for the 2022/23 season. Heacham FC first team have been promoted to the Thurlow Nunn League and await next season's fixtures in July. Supporters are also excitedly anticipating the first round draw of the FA Vase in July, a competition Heacham are now eligible to enter for the first time. Club representative, Duane Gowan, said, "this is a very old and prestigious competition at this level of football and we would love to get a home tie on our debut participation."

Finally, a sad note to report on the demise of two local teams this season - Hunstanton and Snettisham have fielded teams on and off for over 100 years and are, now, no longer represented. Let's hope someone takes over the mantle and ensures they regain a football status in the near future.

Photo credit: Ian Burt

Heacham Football Club Job Opportunities

Reserve Team Manager

Heacham FC of the Thurlow Nunn League Division One North, are looking to appoint a proven manager / management team to run their reserve team, who compete in the North West Norfolk League Division One.

Heacham FC boast some of the best facilities in the area, including a 4G pitch, a dedicated support following and robust infrastructure.

This is a fantastic opportunity for the successful candidate(s) to continue and improve on the great work and success currently achieved

by our current manager who has had to step down due to work commitments

First Team Physio

This is a fantastic opportunity for the successful candidate to be part of Heacham FC's first team management. There will be a requirement to be available for all Heacham FC games, both home and away. Ideally you will possess a sports therapist or a physiotherapist background.

If you want to be part of the Heacham FC journey please submit your interest and CV to David Griggs (Heacham FC 1st team manager).

For an informal chat regarding either position, please contact David Griggs on 07581 878414.

Armchair sports trivia

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Question: The familiar colours of Leicester Tiger's white, red and green team shirts are likely to be prevalent at rugby union's premiership final at Twickenham on June 18th, but what colour was their first ever shirt?

Closing date: 15th June 2022

Answers to: editor@townandaround.net

or post to: 18, Tapping Close, Snettisham, Norfolk PE31 7FF

Mr Wlodziu Kula-Przewanski from Hunstanton won last month's sports trivia question about the FA Cup- the correct answer was Barnsley.



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On the turf with Charles Joyce

One of the most popular jockeys announced his retirement during the Punchestown festival. Robbie Power won most of the major national hunt races when Silver Birch won the Grand National and Sizing John won the Cheltenham Gold Cup. He rode his first and last winner at Punchestown and rode in his last race at the track finishing behind the queens of racing when Honeysuckle ridden by Rachel Blackmore extended her unbeaten record to sixteen races including twelve at the highest grade one status. Another jockey to retire in April was Lucy Alexander who broke the mould for women jump jockeys. A punter was always assured of a horse doing its best when Lucy rode and she silenced many of the betting forum keyboard warriors. But although ten years younger than Robbie Power the reason for Lucy retiring from race riding was the same as recovering from injury became harder as time passed. A few years ago keyboard warriors were often very critical of women jockeys frequently comparing them to AP McCoy. I suspect there has never been nor ever will be a jump jockey as AP McCoy. He was a bit of a freak. I do recall one woman jockey beating him in a finish. Her name was Rachel Green. She was and still is the partner and assistant trainer with Anthony Honeyball. She was a top point to point rider who decided to ride her other half's horses under national hunt rules. I had plenty of wins with her riding. My neighbour once asked me who Rachel was when he heard her win and I had the money down. You can imagine the look he gave me when I said her name was Rachel Green. He said did she have a friend for him called Monica Geller. We both had a laugh when I said No he had to be dancing in the dark (Courtney Cox - Monica Geller - is the young girl who jumps on the stage in the Bruce Springsteen video).

There has been plenty of debate about the proposal for affordability checks and punters not being allowed to lose a hundred pounds in any one month. The Government nanny is Nadine Dorries who appeared in the jungle and is now banned by Anna Richardson from appearing on Naked Attraction because of the push to privatise Channel 4. The daughter of an Irish Catholic father, her mother was a protestant. That's one thing we have in common. Another is she called David Cameron and George Osborne two posh boys. During her time in Parliament she tried to introduce the advocacy of abstinence for girls in sex education. She also tried to reduce the time limit for abortions in the UK along with changes in the rules regarding counselling for the women involved. It's not as far as the US Supreme Court seems to want to go by overturning the Wade v Roe decision which legalised abortion under federal law. If that happens American women will have little option other than to return to the back street abattoirs that were put out of business by the Supreme Court in 1973 and in the UK by David Steele's Abortion Act in 1967. Under the NHS abortions today are not all carried out through surgery. But when medical methods are used it still can be dangerous, even life threatening, for women if they bleed too heavily. The draft opinion from Associate Justice Samuel Alito looks to the 18th century to govern the 21st century. In doing so it attacks the 1868 14th Amendment Equal Protection Clause which underpins much of the civil rights in the USA. If the Supreme Court confirms the early draft what is next? Brown v Board of Education which ended race discrimination in schools or Reed v Reed which ended gender discrimination or Lawrence v Texas which legalised homosexuality or even Bakke v University of California where a white man successfully claimed he was being discriminated against, thus ending racial quotas.

As far as punting is concerned nanny Nadine is backed up by Auntie Carolyn Harris who is chair of the Select Committee that investigated problem gambling. No responsible person would deny there are no people who have a problem with gambling and betting beyond their means. Although few will have lost as much as Nick Leeson who caused the collapse of Barings Bank. There are the Essex oil traders who profited £570 million in one day's gambling the price of oil would fall. They are now being investigated by the Financial Conduct Authority as to if they worked together to deflate the price of oil. They agreed to buy oil at the close of play price, but were selling it at a higher price as it plummeted. This brings the question did they have the funds to pay if

they got that wrong? And there is the question where will nanny Nadine and Auntie Carolyn draw the line. In their puritanic zeal will they ban the local bingo once they have closed down the betting sites on the internet having driven people who like a flutter every now and then into the arms of the modern day peaky blinders or local mafioso and all that will involve.

One positive position taken by Nadine Dorries was to express her support for Tracey Crouch MP's report on football. Very basically with all the problems that came from Bury FC and the proposals to have a European League the Government decided enough was enough. Although most likely to effect the top clubs in the immediate future the aftermath of an Independent Regulator for English Football to oversee clubs will at some stage filter down to the minnows of football. An Independent Regulator for English Football was included in the Queen's Speech in May this year. Among the recommendations of Tracey Crouch's review are recommendations 11; 12; and 13: which surround the integrity of the owner or any individual or group of individuals who own at least twenty five per cent of the club.. Or put in a simple way is the club owner a fit and proper person. All owners will be subject to the integrity test every three years with the outcome possibly published. At a Parliamentary Select Committee when answering questions from Scottish National Party MP John Nicolson who raised concerns about the human rights abuses catalogued in Saudi Arabia, Tracey Crouch said "I hear what you say." but explained she did not have all the details and therefore could not commit herself to whether the takeover of Newcastle FC by the Public Investment Fund of Saudi Arabia would have been blocked under her proposals. Other recommendations include there should be a shadow board of fans with the power to veto certain aspects of the club such as selling the ground. Another recommendation was a review of women's football and the disparity with men. The Premier League is exclusively played by men. But if Ellen White was a man her value would be more than England captain Harry Kane and not far behind such as Lionel Messi at his peak. I can't think of a man in the present game who is as good a striker as the Manchester City goal poacher. What the outcome of the review into women's football brings is not yet known.

On the racing front I hope T & A readers avoided the Godolphin favourite as suggested in the 2,000 Guineas. It seems a very strange statistic, and I would not rule out Native Trail winning top mile races later in the year. Sir Michael Stoute has made a slow start to May with his fillies. Peter Bowen is ticking over winners keeping our head above water. But at Chester the Aidan O'Brien, Ryan Moore, Galileo combination were four from four with Thoughts of June at 7/1 (early 9/1), Changingoftheguard 10/3 (early 5/1) Star of India 6/4 (early 5/2) and Temple of Artemis 9/4 (early 4/1) and then to cap it all Aidan O'Brien and Ryan Moore teamed up with their only other runner at Chester when Cleveland won the Chester Cup at 6/1 (early 7/1). That is a 1971/1 starting price accumulator. An early price four horse accumulator on the original O'Brien/Moore/Galileo combination is a 1.049/1 and that alone must make the annual subscription to T & A well worth the outlay.

Moving on June is the time of the Derby and Royal Ascot. Aidan O'Brien has ruled out Derby winter favourite Luxembourg. Very quickly Stone Age from Ballydoyle won impressively at Leopardstown he went to the front of the market. Then Sir Michael Stoute's Dante Stakes winner Desert Crown took over favouritism. He's still inexperienced and will have to cope with the undulations of Epsom. Looking for the winner is more difficult this year due to the withdrawal of Luxembourg. The "lads" of Coolmore have won seven of the last eleven Derbys with six of them coming from Ballydoyle. Godolphin have come back from the oblivion with Masar and Adayar. The favourite often runs well in the Derby with seven winning and seventeen winners were in the front three of the market in the last twenty five races. But there are often runners who place and at times win at good each/way prices. Aidan O'Brien's runners from Chester is the best place to start to look. This year they are Changingoftheguard and Star of India. Temple of Artemis is another

possible, but it is a big step up to win the Derby from a handicap. United Nations won the Lingfield Derby trial which is the same race Adayar won last year before winning the Derby for Godolphin. One possible at a likely each/way price is Eydon who finished fourth in the 2,000 Guineas. Roger Varian's charge was a surprise winner at Newmarket in April and stepped up on that in the 2,000 Guineas. It should not take much more improvement for him to take a hand. There's been no winner coming from stall 2 and no winner from the widest stall in the last twenty five years. The two inside and the widest stall have a very poor record over a mile and a half at Epsom and a punter needs a very good reason to invest in a horse drawn in any of those stalls.

The Oaks which is run on the Friday has been opened up with the run of Nashwa who could help Hollie Doyle become the first female jockey to win a British classic. She was very impressive when winning at Newbury and will give the favourite and stablemate Emily Upjohn a real headache. There are doubts about the favourite handling the track. Their trainer is John Gosden who has won the race three times in the last ten years. Small syndicate Lingfield Oaks trial winner Rogue Millennium is to be supplemented and is likely to give a good account of herself. I do like supplemented runners as not even the super rich owners do it without a solid chance of a return. But I don't see Tuesday from Ballydoyle getting beat. She was third in the 1,000 Guineas, a sister to super filly Minding and can follow in her sister's footsteps. Aidan O'Brien has won the Oaks six times in the last ten years. But again it's not always been the filly the market suggests is the first string. Hopefully Tuesday triumphs on Friday.

A couple of weeks after Epsom comes Royal Ascot. It's hard to see Baaeed losing the opening race on Tuesday afternoon. Later that day Charlie Appleby looks to have a grip on the St James's Palace Stakes with 2,000 Guineas winner Corebus and runner up Native Trail. My fancy would be for the son of Oasis Dream. It's unlikely they'll both turn out as the trainer will want to keep them apart. But whichever is Charlie Appleby's representative will be hard to beat as he has a number of top class milers in his Newmarket stable including Modern Games who won the Breeders Cup last year and opened his account first time up this year by winning the French 2,000 Guineas. On Wednesday Mishriff in the Prince of Wales Stakes will be difficult to beat. He ran too bad to be true at Riyadh in January. Last year he was the best mile and a quarter horse in the world. Thursday is Gold Cup day. Stradivarius will be a very popular winner. He has won the race three times, but was beaten into

fourth place last year behind Subjectivist. Likely favourite Trueshan runs best when there is soft in the going description which does not always happen in mid-June. Princess Zoe will give a good show of herself. Scope is one who could run well at a working man's price. He won the French St Leger last year and went out on his sword when second on his return over a distance that maybe a bit short for him. The same day the Ribblesdale Stakes is often won by a filly who does not handle Epsom or even not run in the Oaks. If she turns up Above The Curve for Joseph O'Brien will be one to give a very close look at as she was beaten at Chester by the track and Ryan Moore riding the Ballydoyle winner. Friday brings the Commonwealth Cup. Castle Star is one to take a close look at. He was beaten by Perfect Power at Newmarket last year, but he ran well to overcome a tardy start and burning up too much energy during the race. He has an entry in the Irish 2,000 Guineas. I'm not convinced he will win that, but it will be a good warm up for Ascot. Later in the afternoon comes the Ascot Derby or to give it its official title the King Edward VII Stakes. The Derby should give a few clues, but Charlie Appleby has a strong hand. On Saturday horses of both sexes that ran well in one of the Guineas races are the ones to look at closely. It's very unlikely a Guineas winner will turn up, but often those that placed in either the colts or the fillies Guineas do win or at least go close at very reasonable odds. There are still several trials to go before Ascot, but one small system is Jamie Spencer on non-British or French bred runners in handicaps on the straight track - races up to and including a mile - that are either three year olds or five year olds. He does get an odd British bred winner, but very few from too many runners and avoiding them makes the savings outweigh any return. One thing to be wary of is some mile races at Ascot are run on the round track. It's the straight track that suits Jamie's riding style. Pay particular attention to his rides when the race is restricted to only three year olds.

For June and up to the end of the turf season Sir Mark Prescott's three year olds in handicaps when ridden by Luke Morris or Ryan Tate. Sir Mark does not do flash sprinters so six furlongs or further and in Classes 3,4 and 6. He does okay with fillies but the main return comes from races which colts and geldings can run in. He is famous for his sequence winners. So prices early in the morning should not be more than 12/1 and not shorter than 1/2.

As always pay the bills first and under no circumstances bet if you cannot afford to lose, because even the best professional punters lose more often than they win.

Ladies Day winner



Ellie Lewis from Heacham was the lucky winner of our recent competition to win two tickets to Ladies Day at Fakenham Racecourse. With over 100 entries received, a delighted Ellie will be treating husband, Gary, to a day at the races. The day pass badges include access to all areas of the racecourse as well as the evening entertainment. Well done Ellie, Town & Around hope you have a wonderful day and thank everyone who entered the competition.

Pictured above T&A's sports writer Tim Keogh with Ellie at Hunstanton Croquet Club where she is a member.

Catenian Association Donate to the Bridge for Heroes Charity

Following a dinner at the Dukes Head, the West Norfolk Circle of the Catenian Association handed over a cheque for £900, to the local Bridge for Heroes Charity, which provides support to Armed Forces Veterans and their families in need.



The Catenian Association is an international body of Catholic laymen, whose West Norfolk circle who meet monthly and are committed to families, friendship and fun. In addition, the Association is particularly concerned with the care of the widows and children of deceased members and to support our fellow members when they need our help.

Helen Taylor, the CEO of The Bridge for Heroes said "we are extremely grateful to the Catenian Association for their kindness and generous donation, which will be used in supporting those veterans and their families who are feeling isolated or lonely, in particular those in the 'hard to reach' groups, such as those in care homes or being cared for in their own homes".

The photograph shows outgoing Catenian West Norfolk Circle President Rob Ashwell handing over a cheque for £900 to Karl Anthony for The Bridge for Heroes.

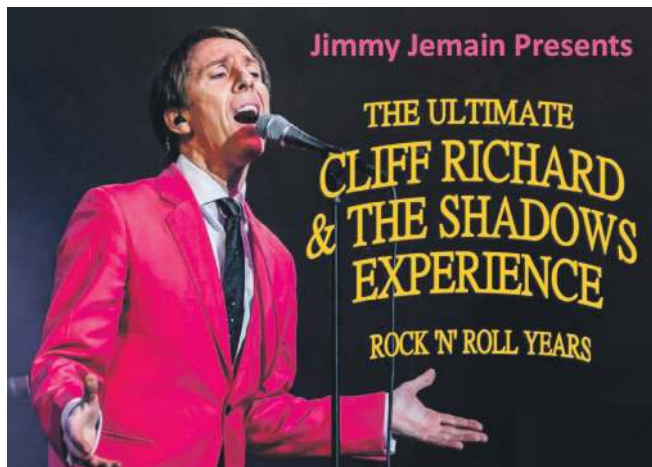
Behind the Scenes ...

The Princess Theatre presents to you, the third entry of Behind the Scenes! The summer season is well and truly in full flourish at our Theatre. We have welcomed many exciting shows in April and May and look forward to the future acts and events - I will later discuss - filling our auditorium come June and early July.

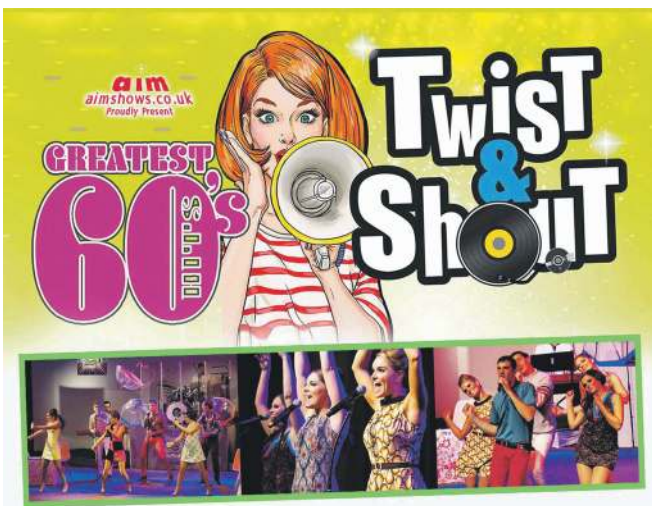
The Princess Theatre erupted with Soul in late April, welcoming the amazing 'American Four Tops Motown Show'. With nearly a sold-out performance, customers, and staff alike, spent the evening up from their chairs, dancing. An amazing atmosphere was felt in both the auditorium and the bar, people were left buzzing on their journeys back home.

Throughout April and May, we continued to have our weekly film screenings. One of the screenings was a very much anticipated 'Belfast'. Many gathered to watch this captivating story unfold - interestingly produced in black and white. This award-winning feature joins other critically acclaimed films we have shown/will show in the future. An updated film list can be found at the end of each month in the box office.

As I mentioned previously, during this month of June, we have some fun performances lined up, including a 50/60s weekend which will take place on the 9th of June through to the 12th of June.



On the 9th of June we have 'Wired For Sound - Celebrating the Music of Cliff Richard', where award winning Jimmy Jemain will take the stage to celebrate six decades of hit singles by Sir Cliff Richard. Described by Cliff himself as "a bit too good", this is a must-see act!



With the decade of the 60s being one that saw the continued growth of Rock and Roll, June 10th brings to the audience a 'Musical History

Experience'. Expect to see the sights and sounds of the 60s recreated, featuring two iconic sixties groups, The Swinging Blue Jeans & The Tornados! Not only will you experience the 60s via sound, but follow as the act takes you through authentic 60s footage. This show really lives up to its name, get ready to immerse yourself and experience this moment in musical history!

'Twist & Shout' have expressed "We are excited to bring the swinging 60s to the sunny coastal town of Hunstanton on June the 11th!". The all-star West End cast of 'Twist & Shout' have an all-singing and all-dancing, evening lined up for you on Saturday. They start their show with the explosion of Brit Pop in 1962 and progress through to the late sixties - the era of Flower Power and Free Love. You'll be looking forward to your drink break during the interval as this show will have you boogying the night away!

With the rock genre also being heavily prevalent throughout the 60s, our weekend closes on Sunday the 12th with 'The Who's Greatest Hits performed by The Goldhawks 2022'. A former audience member, who watched them previously at our theatre, quotes - "They ARE the fabulous WHO ... what a show they put on, they were great, can't wait to see them again." Get ready to rock with The Goldhawks, acclaimed to be one of the finest live bands touring the UK today.

That brings a close to the details of our 50/60s weekend during early June! Of course, all themed costumes are welcome, whether it be polka-dot dresses or tea shade glasses! Our staff may even snap a picture of you and your party!

The second event I am excited to speak with you about is the 'One Act Drama Festival'! Festival 3 by the Sea, with the support of HDFA (Hunstanton and District Festival Of the Arts), have come together with the Princess Theatre - after a 2-year hiatus - and are well and truly back with even more energy at their feet! The event takes place from the 1st of July through to the 3rd of July, the weekend will be packed full of amateur entertainment, each theatre group performing a One-Act production. (See also p52-53)

This unique mode of dramatics will mean an amazing opportunity to experience a whole variety of performances. You will be watching the possible stars of tomorrow, a personable rare experience to get your creative mind flowing! During studying A level drama, an event like this would have been a dream of mine to have seen, if any teachers are reading, remember we can offer group bookings - just speak to the box office directly!

We look forward to all the acts that will set a foot upon our stage during this month of June! Please see a full performance list on the back page. As always - I would like to give a big thank you to all the shows and guests alike that have visited our theatre during the past month. We hope to see you all at the Princess Theatre again soon, but until then - break a leg!

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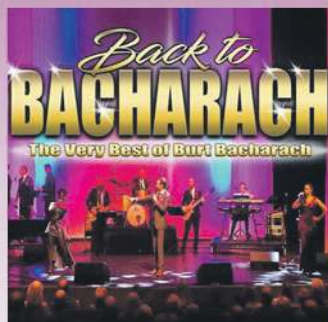
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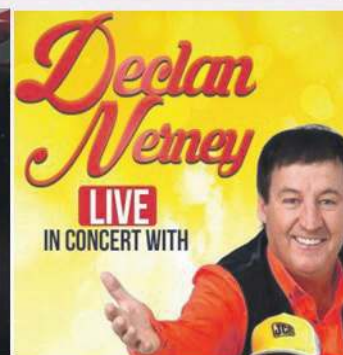
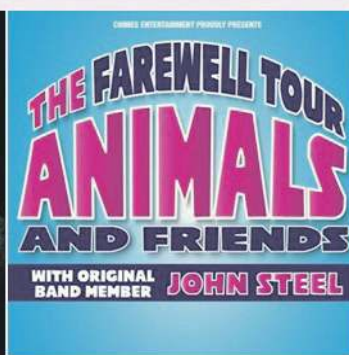


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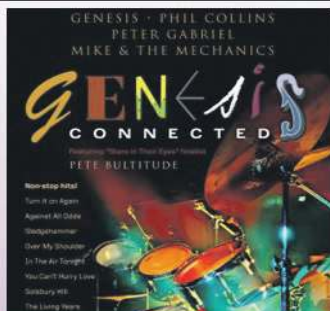


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