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First word



Henry James wrote: "Summer afternoon... summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language." I wouldn't argue with that.

Apparently, there are 37,533 words in this June issue, so hopefully amongst them you will find something that interests you.

I imagine that every child has dreamed of finding buried treasure, and the West Norfolk Hoard is the largest collection of seventh century gold coins found

in Britain. Thanks to recent funding Norwich Castle Museum has acquired the hoard and has put it on display in the Anglo-Saxon and Viking gallery. You can read all about it on page 44.

Closer to home, but also historical, is the 1681 Moon Clock on St Margaret's Tower in King's Lynn – if you haven't seen it, it's on the south-west wall of the tower some 82 feet up. Clock making in Kings Lynn is the subject of Russell Lyon's article on page 12.

Fans of motor racing can read about veteran Le Mans driver Robin Donovan on pages 62-63 in the sport section of the magazine.

Turn to pages 75-76 for the diary of events. I've added more colour to make it easier to read.

My thanks as always to everyone who has contributed articles, images, information and advertising.

Until next month,

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Council Leaders confident that a three-unitary model is right for Norfolk

In a joint statement issued in early May, the leaders of Norfolk's six district councils* said they 'remain confident in our comprehensive vision for a three-unitary model for the county, which we believe will deliver significant benefits for our communities: including improved public service outcomes, enhanced local economic growth and stronger democratic representation.

Our model is rooted in our detailed knowledge and experience of Norfolk and our clear understanding of how to address the unique challenges and opportunities ahead while aligning closely with the Government's criteria for local government reorganisation.

The three-unitary model proposes the establishment of three distinct unitary authorities centred around the historic urban centres of Norwich, Great Yarmouth and King's Lynn. This structure is designed to reflect the functional and geographic significance of these areas as civic and economic hubs, ensuring that local governance is both effective and responsive to the needs of our diverse communities.

This approach also aligns with the Government's preference for maintaining existing boundaries where possible while providing a clear rationale for necessary changes to optimise service delivery and

community alignment.

Our three-unitary model will enable tailored approaches to local economies and housing, recognising the distinct characteristics and needs of each area. It will also provide a balanced power dynamic ensuring that no single entity dominates and that local voices are heard across the county.

One of our next steps will include launching a significant public and stakeholder engagement exercise to listen to the views of local people to help us refine this proposal into a full business case that maximises the potential of devolution and local governance in Norfolk by the Government deadline of September.'

*The six council leaders are:

Breckland District Council: Leader: Cllr Sam Chapman-Allen

Broadland District Council: Leader: Cllr Sue Holland

Great Yarmouth Borough Council: Leader: Cllr Carl Smith

King's Lynn & West Norfolk Borough Council: Leader: Cllr Alistair Beales

North Norfolk District Council: Leader: Cllr Tim Adams

Norwich City Council: Leader: Cllr Mike Stonard

Local Government Reorganisation

Jo Rust

Much has already been written about Local Government Reorganisation and the changes that might come about as a result, so I hope I'm not creating a sense of déjà vu by writing about it again!

I was initially opposed to any changes to the way in which local government operates, but as it's going to happen whether I like it or not, I felt a better stance was to try and embrace it and look for the positives which we could see as a result.

I have a genuine enjoyment in my role as a borough councillor for my ward, and my role of Cabinet Member for People and Communities across the whole borough. I try hard to ensure that the places I go and the meetings I attend bring about positive change for our area, such as becoming a Marmot Place which aims to reduce health inequality and allow all our residents the best chance possible to fulfil their potential.

But there can be challenges because if we always do what we've always done, in the same way as before, we're only going to get the same results.

Local Government Reorganisation provides the opportunity to do things differently, to work differently, so that we might be able to expect different results and outcomes. While many of the same things will need to continue – such as housing, roads, bin collections and more, the way we organise and undertake the



tasks is likely to change. If a three unitary model is accepted and we get to work with Breckland and North Norfolk, we will, no doubt, take on some of their ways of work as well as transforming our own, becoming a larger council delivering all services which are currently carved up between us at the borough and Norfolk County Council.

Many residents refer to "the council" and are probably unaware or not particularly bothered with who delivers what, they just want "the council" so do it effectively and efficiently. If they now only have to call one number or email one address to deal with complaints about pot holes or missed bin collections, then it simplifies their lives, and that can only be a good thing.

I'm keen for a three unitary model as that

divides our county and doesn't place all the power into Norwich, which for many is too remote from us over in the west. I think many agree that a single tier of government hopefully with the seat in the West, could make important and strategic decisions about funding and spending and do it with the interest of our residents at heart, rather than a political party, that is certainly the case with our Independent administration who are leading King's Lynn and West Norfolk. Taking party politics out of the equation has seen us adopt a far more collegiate approach to decision making, focusing on the needs of community and not the egos of the people making those decisions.

As a council we're working on a transformation programme to help bring us up to date and provide services in a modern and streamlined way. It's surprising how behind with the times some of our functions have been. Even looking at the NHS and the introduction of an electronic patients record system, which most other NHS trusts already have, shows how digitally behind we have been. We all know things take longer to reach us in Norfolk, but we shouldn't allow our enjoyment of a quieter and slower pace of life, to have poorer outcomes for our residents.

I look forward to working to make sure that they chance we have to have is the best one for our area.

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West Winch Bypass - Success!

The Government is giving West Winch £90.4 million for the Bypass. The news came on 22 April, like a bolt from the blue.



The Department for Transport has finally given approval for the West Winch Housing Access Road Outline Business Case. After our long campaign, dating back in the case of one resident to 1976, residents and I gathered at the A10 - where we used to hold our protests - to celebrate.

The new 40 mph road will start from a priority junction at Gravel Hill Lane and continue up to the A47. The current A10 which carries 20,000 vehicles a day, at least 11% of them HGV's, will be traffic calmed to a 30 mph/ 20 mph village road, with weight and speed restrictions, to divert through traffic, sugar beet and freight lorries, off the high accident sub-standard A10, and out of the village. A Parish Councillor who has lived all over the world, described the current A10



in West Winch as scary.

A suite of Active Travel measures, slower speeds, more pedestrian crossings, will make it much safer for residents to cross the road.

West Winch is in the Borough Council's Local Plan for 4,000 homes. The new road will serve the new development, but the Large Local Majors Fund, is also about linking the major route network to the strategic route network and improving safety for all road users.

Last year, Homes England underwrote the Local Contribution for the Bypass to the tune of £18 million. This means the £109 million road is now fully funded. This is important, as last August, the Borough Council Planning Committee granted Planning Permission for 1100 Hopkins Homes, with or without the Bypass.

As residents know, even though the planners won't admit it, the current A10 cannot take any more traffic from major development. The timescale for the Bypass, start date late 2025, with a finish date of Summer 2027 is yet to be determined.

West Lynn Ferry

The Borough Council is close to setting a date for re-opening the Ferry, but this 4- month delay to key Active Travel infrastructure is not acceptable. It's cut West Lynn off from the town and put more cars and congestion on the road. The absolute opposite of what the Council should be doing.

The repair works for the Landing Stages, and the addition of a new protective structure, to separate passengers from anything falling from the Rennie Jetty, has gone out to tender. The repairs to the West Lynn Landing Stage will take 10-14 days to complete. Then the Ferry can re-open. But this will be a temporary fix.

The design for the long-overdue replacement of West Landing Stage that the Borough Council unanimously approved, in my Budget Motion in February, is of paramount importance. Funding from the Towns Fund would be ideal for this project.

If the Council had listened two years ago, in 2023, when I did the West Lynn Transport Survey, and then had the Feasibility Study done, the new Landing Stage could now have been in place by now and we would not need to fund repairs.

Town Deal funding to move the library out of the purpose built Carnegie building, would have been better spent on a new West Lynn Landing Stage. But when I suggested this to the then leader of the ruling Independent Group, when I was in the Borough Cabinet in Summer 2023, I was suspended from the Cabinet. This is the way power walks and talks. Did the leader think I would cave in? Standing up for your residents comes first. I walked out of the Cabinet.

The Independent Group won power, after a first term from 2019-23, of resolutely speaking up, calling in decisions, bringing Motions to Council. But it has changed in its second term. It's now the establishment. After a further debacle about revising the Local Plan to delete development onto to Hardings Way Bus Lane in early 2024 - I parted company with the Independent Group and now lead the Progressive Group.

What is it, that those in exalted positions do not understand about the need for cherished infrastructure in our most deprived wards?



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Cllr Terry Parish, Heacham Ward which includes Sedgeford and Fring

A new (council) year begins and allocations of roles and responsibilities will have been published. You won't find me as chair of planning or even as a committee member which, after around 12 years (minus 1 when I was Leader), removes me from the fray. The reason, briefly, is that following a car accident at the end of last October, the resulting injuries prevented me doing my job the following week. Unwisely attempting to do something, I sent emails to the vice chair with my opinions, up to that point in time, on planning applications. I also implied some criticism of officers. Neither are allowed and escalation occurred when someone decided to alert the press. Hence my removal from committee.

There are some advantages of this outcome as I am now free to comment on and criticise major planning applications anywhere. In my Ward I can take a fuller stance either for against applications within it, just like old times.

I will now bore you, again, with Cheney Hill, Heacham. Those of you present at the Annual Parish Meeting will have heard me say that the reserved matter applications will be in June.

Political Comment

Richard Bird



You might know that as a former Independent Town, District & County councillor I, with the support of a minority of councillors, have advocated the introduction of Unitary governance for many years.

In my opinion we have been over-governed in Norfolk. We currently have three layers of governance: Parish or Town, District, Borough or City and the overriding, huge, budgeted

'What year?', was the response. Well, today, 9th May, I have been told that they have been moved from 2nd June until 30th June (two meetings this month as the council goes to sleep in August).

I will be speaking, from the floor, as Borough Councillor, about some broad principles. This will likely include section 106 funding for libraries. As it stands, such money will go to Hunstanton, not to Heacham. The Parish Council will likely send someone too, to speak about local matters. A resident who backs onto the site would be a useful third speaker. The development cannot be stopped as outline permission was granted albeit 10 and 8 years ago though, some say, including me, that they should be scrubbed and reapplied for. The reserved matters applications show details of the site layout. Some of you are adversely affected and there are also the matters of construction times; moving materials on and off site; wheel washing, and the road route of construction lorries etc. etc.

The Fenway debacle seems to have escalated again with residents enduring a poor situation. Officers have been made well aware of what is going on. As of noon, 9th May I am still

County. Three levels of overly expensive local authority.

As well as these elected authorities there are many quangos including the Highways authority, Environment Agency, Drainage Boards and Police and Crime authorities.

There is a calling for rationalisation, replacing the County and District Councils with just three new Unitary authorities, so from the current eight to three.

The savings after initial set up costs could be phenomenal. Freeing up monies for the services those authorities are supposed to provide to Norfolk's population.

Of course, the old guard will be protesting, they have managed to stop these changes for years, the old saying 'to ask turkeys to vote for Christmas', comes to mind. Why would current councillors want to reduce their income? Many are what's called 'double hatters', drawing small salaries from multiple levels of governance and possibly quangos

awaiting an update promised to residents.

You will have received consultation about the proposed traffic lights at the junction of Lamsey Lane and the A149. Improvements to this junction have been asked for, for years and it has taken Government grant funding for bus route improvements to get the job done. They will also help all village traffic including that generated by the Cheney Hill developments and increases due to visitors to Wild Ken Hill. They may chop up visitor traffic streaming to Hunstanton but stationary at traffic lights is no different to just stationary.

Sedgeford have gleaned, from Anglian Water, some fascinating information about water extraction which affects the River Heacham. Congratulations for their perspicacity on this matter. I will ask if it can be more widely shared. The Parish Council have also pursued matters relating to the proposed County housing development on the old school site. This application has now been submitted and I look forward to comments on it before I make any response.

The application for a swimming pool within the holiday

as well.

It is said that the most efficient governance is dictatorship, and so it's important to get the balance right; we are being asked to vote for an elected Mayor who will be the conduit between local unitary authority and national governance.

The last major shake up was around 1973/4 and we were still ironing out the wrinkles until quite recently.

It was my privilege to work with the late Cllr. John Dobson, when we were both independents at County Hall. He had been the leader of Kings Lynn Borough Council and had written the document about how the Borough Council should operate. I had asked him about many items within the document and his depth of knowledge was just beyond question. I hope another John is available for this huge task.

We as an area must be aware of the powers given to the Mayor, that they are reasonable and must benefit the local population. Lots



complex at Fring has received no public comments to date. The Assistant Conservation officer has some interesting notes and recommendations which I encourage interested parties to read. I have asked if they are going to be taken further or incorporated into conditions.

The County has been pushing its solution to local government reorganisation, a one nation state for Norfolk with little to credit it as far as representation of the people is concerned. The three unitary model supported by District Councils will be far better for you and information will be forthcoming. There has been a press statement explaining this stance and a copy of that to all Parish Councils.

The Council Leader and Chief Executive are continuing their visits to Wards around the Borough and the new date for Heacham is at the end of August. I will confirm date and venue next month.

of useful information & a questionnaire from NCC <https://norfolk.citizenspace.com/public-engagement/lgrfeedback/>

The editor has only given me 400 words to write on the subject, but if you want to ask questions or get into print with any responses, now's your chance. The social media option is good, but does anybody read the comments posted?

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We're Married; do we really need a will?

By Yasmin Knock, Solicitor, Hayes + Storr

Many assume that marriage or a civil partnership guarantees inheritance, but dying without a will means your estate is distributed under intestacy rules, which may not align with your wishes.

If you are married without children

Your spouse or civil partner will inherit your entire estate.

If you are married with children

Your spouse or civil partner receives the first £322,000, all personal possessions, and half of the remaining estate. The other half is divided equally among your children. If a child has died before you, their share passes to their descendants. If a child dies leaving no children of their own, their share is redistributed among your surviving children.

Stepchildren are excluded unless legally adopted. Children from previous relationships inherit regardless of estrangement or financial independence.

If you are cohabiting

Unmarried partners do not inherit under intestacy rules, regardless of relationship length. However, a separated but not divorced spouse still inherits.

If you are not married

Your estate follows a strict priority order: children, parents, siblings, and then more distant relatives. If no relatives exist, the estate passes to the Crown.

Other implications

Intestacy rules can have unintended consequences. They are rigid and may not reflect personal wishes or tax efficiency. Married couples without wills could face unnecessary inheritance tax liabilities. Additionally, intestacy complicates estate administration, causing delays and extra costs.

Without a will, distributing assets can be complex, especially for those with significant or varied assets. The process of locating heirs and determining entitlements can lead to disputes and legal challenges.

A qualifying relative may contest the estate distribution, arguing that the intestacy rules do not provide reasonable financial provision. A surviving spouse or civil partner may also claim that their legal entitlement is insufficient.

Taking professional advice ensures your estate is distributed according to your wishes, avoiding stress for your loved ones.



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Friendly donations to social supermarket

A local friendship group has provided £1,500 and food donations to help resident's access affordable food and essentials.

King's Lynn Oddfellows presented the cheque to Purfleet Pantry on Wednesday 30 April at Gaywood Church Rooms, having already collected and gifted food including tinned goods, cereal, pasta and other everyday items.

The donations were the result of fundraising initiatives held by the group's members, which included book sales and raffles. The Purfleet Pantry was the chosen charity of outgoing Chairman at King's Lynn Oddfellows, Sandy Evans.

Explaining the reason behind her support, Sandy said: "The Purfleet Panty provides an invaluable service to some of the most vulnerable in our communities and I could think of no better cause to support.

"Thank you to everyone who donated. You've made a hugely positive difference to people's lives and I'm very proud to hand over this money on the behalf of everyone at King's Lynn Oddfellows."

The Purfleet Pantry, a social supermarket which offers everyday food, essentials and furniture at affordable prices, was launched in May 2023 by the Purfleet Trust in partnership with the Borough Council and the Norfolk Community Foundation.

The initiative serves the residents of South Lynn and the surrounding areas, including communities as far as Downham Market and smaller villages such as Walpoles and



Terrington.

Membership to the Pantry costs £3 a year and anyone is able to join its already 1,200 members. To date it has provided essential support to around 2,500 adults and children.

Karen Mason, Purfleet Pantry Manager, said: "We are incredibly grateful for the generous donation from King's Lynn Oddfellows. This support will make a significant impact, enabling us to continue purchasing high-quality fresh produce and maintaining affordable prices for our members. This helps families stretch their budgets further and ensures access to healthy, nutritious food.

"The Purfleet Resettlement Project and the Purfleet Pantry are dedicated to supporting the people of King's Lynn and West Norfolk. All contributions – whether financial or food donations – are used directly to assist individuals facing challenging and stressful circumstances."

King's Lynn Oddfellows is one of 96 nationwide branches that make up the Oddfellows friendly society, one of the oldest and largest of its kind in the UK. The local group is made up of around 390 mostly retired local members.

The Society aims to improve people's lives through friendship and support. Oddfellows members can access a variety of benefits including care and welfare support and a travel club, and there are opportunities to volunteer.

As well as its fundraising initiatives, King's Lynn Oddfellows hosts a range of affordable and accessible events in and around King's Lynn and West Norfolk which are open to all.

Branch Secretary at King's Lynn Oddfellows, Alison Schultz, said: "There's something for everyone here and we're a really friendly bunch.

"Anyone interested in finding out more about us should get in touch with me or come down to one of our brilliant events. You'll be sure of a warm welcome."

Alison can be contacted via email at alison.schultz@oddfellows.co.uk or by calling 07564834292.

More information about the Oddfellows can be found at www.oddfellows.co.uk.

RAF Marham veteran wins national charity award

Gary Walker, who previously served at RAF Marham, has won the 'Special Recognition' Award at the RAF Benevolent Fund's prestigious annual awards. Gary Walker was nominated for this award for his outstanding commitment to support the Fund over the last seven years.

The RAF Benevolent Fund Awards is now in its 13th year, celebrating the outstanding contributions of the fundraisers, volunteers and partners who support the charity. The 2024 Awards took place on Thursday 25 April at the Sheraton Grand in London and was attended by hundreds of RAF personnel, veterans, and supporters of the RAF Benevolent Fund.

Gary's fundraising efforts began in 2013, when he supported the Marham Village Fun Day. When this ceased in 2017, he decided to continue the summer event, namely a 10-kilometre run, on behalf of the RAF Benevolent Fund. Over the years, Gary has expanded this to include a duathlon, a children's one-kilometre event, a cycling endurance event and virtual runs for those unable to attend in person. Gary also initiated a New Year's Eve ten-kilometre run around the peritrac at RAF Marham.

Running since 2017, these events have raised a huge amount for the RAF Benevolent Fund and other charities. Gary has raised in excess of £46,000 for the RAF Benevolent Fund.

Gary said: "I'm absolutely gobsmacked to win this award! The RAF Benevolent Fund are so brilliant. From my time at RAF Marham I have seen firsthand the impact the Fund has on RAF families and individuals. It's a privilege to win."

Air Vice-Marshal Chris Elliot, Chief Executive at the RAF Benevolent Fund, said: "The awards are a fantastic opportunity to recognise and celebrate the remarkable support we received from

individuals, groups and organisations in 2024. The support enables us to continue to deliver our vital services and reach more members of the RAF Family.

"Many congratulations to Gary on his well-deserved win – his inspirational commitment, passion and advocacy has been wonderful to see. From everyone at the RAF Benevolent Fund – thank you."

The RAF Benevolent Fund is the RAF's leading welfare charity, providing practical, financial, and emotional support to RAF personnel, veterans, and their families. If you know a member of the RAF Family in need, please go to rafbf.org to find out how the Fund could help.



Fund Life Vice-President Lady Hillier, Gary Walker and Air Vice-Marshal Chris Elliot. Credit: Ollie Dixon

Clock making – Through Time in Kings Lynn

Russell Lyon

I first took a real interest in clockmaking after doing family research when I discovered that my grandfather five times back made long case clocks in the 1780s. I also found two that were still working but unfortunately not for sale. One is in British Columbia. Time had always been important as well in my professional life. I always seemed to be rushing between appointments but with only a cheap plastic wrist watch to keep me going. Now with more spare time on my hands – literally I could look around.

In Britain clock making became a tradition in many towns going back centuries and King's Lynn was no exception. My grandfather was making his clocks in Lanark in Scotland.

Recording time has always been important to people whether you were a Neolithic farmer recording the seasons using stones like Stonehenge as markers for the passage of the sun or people in coastal communities as in Kings Lynn where a Moon Phase clocks helped to record the tides. Thomas Tue in 1683 made this type of clock in Lynn, installed on the east front of the southwest tower of St Margaret's church placed there to be easily visible from the port and River Ouse and gratefully used sailors and merchants alike. He was a gunsmith as well as a clockmaker unlike my ancestor who traditionally in Scotland at the time was a black smith.

Mechanical clocks were invented around 1280 and the first was recorded in 1283 at Dunstable Priory and was the result of a collaboration between a monk and a blacksmith. It was used to mark the time of monastic services. There was a Guildhall meeting in Lynn in 1373 when a fine was imposed on any one being late "after le clock struck 10" of the "clokke" of St Margaret's. This means there was a striking clock in Lynn after about 100 years from the original invention of the clock mechanism.

Lantern clocks became quite common in the 17th century. They got that name not from their mechanism but because they were usually hung from a wall like a lantern. They worked for about 30 hours before needing rewinding of the weights which drove the mechanism and the pendulum. These clocks normally recorded the hours only. Thomas Tue in Lynn made lantern clocks many of which were signed and dated. He must have made a lot of them with help from his apprentices as he lived until he was 97. It is said he had retired when he was 85.

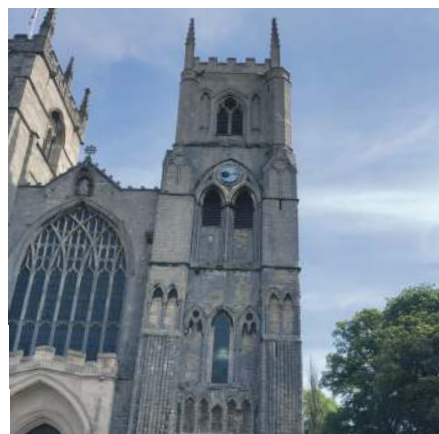
Although Tue made very many clocks he is still best remembered for the Moon Clock on St Margaret's Tower which he made and freely gave to the town in 1681. It still stands proud if a bit dishevelled by the weather at 82 feet on the south west wall of the tower. It was made at his own expense and charge but he could afford it as he died a fairly wealthy man with many properties. His family all predeceased him. The Moon Clock was not his design but he worked from various



drawings and book called Cosmographia probably of German origin. It shows the moon phases and ages. The copper disk rotates once each lunar month (approx. every 29 and a half days). A pointer in the shape of a dragon was attached to the rim and as it moves around, it shows the days of the lunar month. It also shows on the outer ring the 24 hours of the day to indicate the time. In the great storm of 1741 much of the clock was damaged and only the outer ring survived. The clock was repaired and repainted and the engraved lines regilded.



There have been many clock makers in Lynn after the time of Tue, notably the Caitlin



family who handed down the business within the family. Thomas Oldmeadow who worked in the High Street was reported to have repaired the Minster clock but this will not be the original clock which now stands proudly on the other tower to the Moon clock. The present clock was made by John Moore and Sons of Clerkenwell (North London) in 1845. It had a fine mechanical movement but was unfortunately altered to an electric drive in the 1960s.



Clock making changed over the years and in many small towns clockmakers found it easier and cheaper to import different parts of the clock such as the dial, the mechanical movement and even the case. These came from larger centres such as London and Birmingham and many clocks were only assembled in Lynn. It became the modern way of manufacturing but as Geoffrey Chaucer many centuries ago so aptly said (of progress), "Time and Tide wait for no man" and I'm sure Tue would be thrilled that even part of his Moon clock still survives into the 21st Century.



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Village Hall VE Day Celebrations and Flypast a 'Fitting Tribute' to the Greatest Generation

North Wootton came together to party like it was 1945 on Saturday 10th May at the Village Hall's VE Day 80th Anniversary Celebration.

To mark the historic moment the Second World War ended in Europe in 1945, North Wootton Village Hall played host to a week of events.

VE Day celebrations in the village kicked off with a village wide scarecrow trail competition. Villagers created and displayed Victory in Europe themed scarecrows, and locals cast over 700 individual votes for their favourite entries over the course of the week.

More solemn events took place on the anniversary of VE Day itself, Thursday 8th May. At 9am, locals gathered to see the VE Day Flag raised in front of the Village Hall, and the VE Day Proclamation was read aloud by the Village Hall Committee's Chairman, Dennis Blackmore.

North Wootton Village Hall then joined over 1000 other locations across the UK at 9:30pm and lit a beacon, the flame representing the end of the darkness of war. The community watched on as Antony Lamb, Events Organiser for the Village Hall, lit the flame and joined together in singing "I Vow To Thee My Country".



King's Lynn and West Norfolk Mayor Unveils Commemorative Plaque

At 11am on Saturday 10th May, Priory Lane was closed to traffic and the local community came together in celebration as King's Lynn and West Norfolk Mayor, Cllr Paul Bland, declared the street party officially open. Entertained with wartime classics sung by singer Kelly Ann and performed by The Eddie Seales Big Band, the crowd were treated to a Hurricane flypast from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flypast approaching 3pm. Many took the opportunity to dress in



1940s costume while enjoying the sunshine.



Villagers dressed in 1940s costume



North Wootton Village Hall Committee organised the events

Vehicles from the era were on display alongside wartime memorabilia and posters, and the Mayor unveiled a plaque commemorating the event. At 4pm, Andrew Stevenson from Hawkins Ryan Solicitors who sponsored the Scarecrow Trail presented prizes to the winning entries. The public vote saw "The Rushtons", "Aycliffe", "The OG's", and "The Chad Family" take the top spots before first place was awarded to "Aycliffe" and second place to "The OGs".



Crowds of locals enjoy the sunshine and celebrations

Event Organiser, Antony Lamb, said: "The Hurricane Flypast brought tears to my eyes. The community really did come together - it was wonderful to see. It's important that we take the opportunity where we can to remember the sacrifices made by so many during the war, and so it was especially lovely to hear how the events held here this week have opened up conversations, story telling, and remembrance within our community."

Dennis Blackmore said: "I believe that we achieved something very special. True, we

organised and executed an impressive event thanks to the diligent and good-natured effort of committee members and friends of the committee. However we achieved more than that; we brought our community together in one sweet sunny afternoon of celebration and friendship with the village hall at its heart. In that we created a fitting tribute to the Greatest Generation who bought us our freedom".



Kelly Ann sings wartime songs



Entertainment from The Eddie Seales Big Band



Andrew Stevenson from Hawkins Ryan Solicitors presents prizes to Scarecrow Trail winners



Classic cars from the era were on display

EQUITY RELEASE MADE SIMPLE



James Batchelor, Principal of Evergreen Equity Release Solutions, based on the historic Tuesday Market Place in King's Lynn, on making Equity Release simple.

When my business partner, Nigel Barrett and I first formed Barrett Batchelor Mortgage Services LLP, the aim was to not only be professional and efficient, but also to ensure that the service offered was personal and friendly. We firmly believed that this was required to make our company successful and is also what the people of Norfolk required. We were, and remain, determined to treat our clients with the respect they deserve and to ensure that they don't feel as if they are just a number, as can be the case when dealing directly with the big banks.

When we made the decision to extend our range of services a number of years ago by forming Evergreen Equity Release Services, it soon became apparent to us that this personal approach was probably even more important when dealing with people who were considering Equity Release.

Important decisions have to be made when people are approaching retirement, and using your property to raise funds could well be the most important one of all. It's fair to say that Equity Release is not for everyone, and part of the process I guide people through is explaining other options that may be available to them. In addition to this, future plans and state benefits could be affected. It's not a decision that should be rushed into and it all depends on your individual needs and personal circumstances.

Having said that, more and more people are recognising the benefits of raising money this way, and that it can be a very efficient way of doing so.

Many of you will still be very active in retirement, and still have plenty of plans ahead of you. If you no longer have a wage coming in, and maybe your private pension has not performed as you had hoped for, the question that could be asked is how you can fund your future plans?

For many, it could be a case of having the majority of your wealth locked up in your home. Where some will look to downsize their property to release some money (not a cheap option in itself when you take into account the fees from estate agents, solicitors, potential stamp duty on the new purchase etc), more and more people are looking at the option of staying in their current property, and raising funds via Equity Release to enable them to do so.

One thing I am very keen to do is to explain to people how the Equity Release market has evolved over the last 25 years. You no longer have to sell your property to the bank, so you still retain ownership of the property. Another important point is the "No negative equity guarantee", which ensures that the amount you borrow will never exceed the debt on your property.

Examples of how I have assisted people with their Equity Release requirements are:

- raising funds to boost their income in retirement
- clearing an outstanding mortgage on their property
- property improvements
- assisting family members financially
- funding a new or existing hobby, such as caravanning

There are of course numerous other reasons you may be looking to raise money, and the importance of fully discussing such matters with a fully Qualified Equity Release Adviser cannot be stressed enough.

A big concern I have is that many people decide that Equity Release is not an option for them, without being in possession of the full facts. They could be missing out on a great opportunity due to this, and this is why I offer a completely free consultation, without any obligation. I'd even suggest that you bring a family member or a trusted friend with you to the meeting.

If you are fast approaching retirement (Equity Release is available to over 55's only), or indeed you have already reached this milestone in your life and would like to explore the options available to you, I'm here to offer a helping and guiding hand. To understand the features and risks, please ask for a personalised illustration.

If our service is of any interest to you, I'll be only too pleased to visit you in the comfort of your own home if you would prefer me to do so.



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Nature notes with Carrie Carey

Volunteering

After the devastating 'big flood' of 1953, farmland beyond Titchwell Village was reclaimed by the sea, transforming into salt marsh and quickly becoming a haven for birds and other wildlife. In 1970 a birdwatcher spotted a pair of rare Montagu's Harriers in courtship display over the marsh and as a result, land here was purchased by the RSPB three years later. Work to reshape the land began and tons of clay were hollowed from the marsh to build sea banks. The largest bank, known as The Great Wall of Titchwell, was built in sections with over 6,000 polybags of sand used to fill the gaps. In January 1976, the reserve's marshes became ocean again as the sea smashed into the new bank tossing newly laid polybags aside in its wake. Despite nature throwing a spanner in the works, dedicated volunteers worked tirelessly to rebuild the sea wall.

Five years later, in the bitter chill of December 1981, a resolute band of volunteers braved the elements and exacting terrain to help construct a new bird hide on the sea wall. Undaunted by freezing temperatures, they ferried concrete slabs and timber joists to the proposed site. Staggering and skidding over icy ground, they lugged their cargo over half a mile of unforgiving mire. After the hide was completed, 130 tons of hoggin (a form of self-

binding gravel) was required to finish the path connecting the hide to the main track along the West Bank. Armed with shovels and wheelbarrows, these tireless volunteers hauled load after load of hoggin—an amount equal to the weight of ten Minis—for several days, until the path was finally laid.

Since those early years, volunteers have continued to be an instrumental force at Titchwell Marsh reserve. From maintaining paths and cleaning hides to monitoring wildlife and leading guided walks, their contributions are as diverse as the landscapes they help to preserve. When you visit the reserve, chances are you'll be welcomed by a friendly volunteer at the entrance, served by one in the café, or guided by another in the shop—offering advice on everything from the best bird seed to which binoculars to hire. Behind the scenes, other individuals play a crucial role helping us with administration, social media and co-ordinating volunteer teams. It's not a far stretch to say that volunteers are the heartbeat of the reserve, offering time, energy and passion to protect and enhance the habitats and wildlife we all care about.

One of the myths about volunteering is that it's just for people who've retired. But there are plenty of opportunities for anyone still working, studying at college, or even



attending school. Work experience placements and Duke of Edinburgh's Award schemes are great examples of how volunteering can fit into busy lives, offering meaningful ways to get involved beyond the traditional roles. These opportunities not only support the reserve but also provide valuable skills and experiences for those wanting a career change. What a great way of dipping your toe in the conservation sector to see if this is for you.



Not sure how to start?

It's as simple as one, two, three



1 Hop Online

All volunteer applications must be made online. Check out our latest volunteer roles by visiting <https://volunteer.rspb.org.uk/opportunities> and put PE36 Hunstanton in the search bar OR



Use this QR code

Just whip out your smartphone and scan this QR code, Pop PE36 Hunstanton in the search bar and see what catches your interest. New roles for Snettisham and Titchwell become available seasonally.



2 Click here to apply

After selecting your role, dive straight into the online application form! It's simple to fill out and takes just a few minutes. Hit the submit button and your application will be sent directly to the reserve team.



3 Drop in for a chat

We will invite you to join us for a morning to get a feel for the role. You'll meet other volunteers, so do ask lot of questions. We'll schedule a date after receiving your application. Did we mention that there's coffee and cake!



Welcome aboard!

Now you've joined the flock it's time to meet your 'work buddy', get your uniform and learn more about the work you're supporting. We'll ensure you have everything you need to make your volunteering amazing and rewarding.

Volunteer opportunities

A bitesize guide to volunteering at Titchwell Marsh and Snettisham reserves



Food and Beverage

We're looking for baristas, servers and all-round behind-the-scenes superheroes to join our team. Whether you like to be in the forefront of the action or prefer to take a back seat, we have a role for you!



Welcome Team

As part of our meet and greet team you'll be at the forefront of welcoming visitors to the reserve. You will help set the tone that ensures all our visitors will have a memorable day on the reserve.



Retail

If you have a passion for working with people and crafting outstanding experiences, our retail team is eager to welcome you! This position involves sales, merchandising and providing exceptional customer service.



Roving Ranger Titchwell or Snettisham

Are you a keen birdwatcher eager to share your knowledge and enthusiasm? Then we have the ideal role for you. You'll play a key part in enriching the visitor experience, with opportunities to lead walks if that appeals.



Work Parties Titchwell or Snettisham

We are on the lookout for extra hands to join our volunteer team maintaining the facilities and habitats. If you enjoy working outdoors, this may be the role for you!



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Beyond the practical, volunteering is a powerful way to improve wellbeing. It can help renew self-assurance and encourage independence or activity following an illness or change in circumstances. One volunteer told me that his day at Titchwell gave him purpose, and a reason to get up, get dressed and get out of the house following the death of his wife. Others are here because they want to learn new skills, build confidence, meet new people and improve their wellbeing. Some of outdoor crew easily chalk up their ten thousand steps when they are here, for others, it's the mindful benefits of spending time on

a nature reserve that hits the spot. Just as importantly, there are opportunities to make friendships, feel part of a team and enjoy a shared sense of purpose. Whether you're working alongside others on a reserve path or chatting with visitors in the shop, the social connections built through volunteering are every bit as valuable as the work being done.

In addition to being nature havens, Titchwell Marsh and Snettisham reserves are visitor destinations. As the demands of conservation and public engagement grow, so does the need for individuals who can help us maintain our habitats and ensure our visitors have a fantastic experience. Volunteers are essential to the success of our reserves, and there's always a need for more hands to help with a variety of tasks. Have you got a few hours each week to support the teams in our shop, café and welcome area? Or are you able to spend some time monitoring one of the reserves, offering support and advice to visitors or perhaps taking on a practical role? From regular commitments to one-off events, each volunteer contribution helps protect natural spaces and enrich the experiences of those who visit.



You can find out more about these roles by visiting the RSPB volunteer website at www.volunteer.rspb.org.uk and pop PE36 Hunstanton into the search bar. Alternatively, ping an email to titchwell@rspb.org.uk or call the team on 01485 210779 and we'll be happy to go through the roles and application process with you.

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GARDENS JUST KEEP ON GIVING!

Jane Jarvis

There's no question of Bridget Crowfoot letting the grass grow under her feet! In her 89th year she is developing a brand new garden which you can visit as one of the Ringstead Open Gardens on Sunday 8th June.



The 'doyenne' of Ringstead gardening, Bridget Crowfoot, moved to Apple Tree Cottage with her husband, Tony, in 1991. Passionate about gardening, Bridget set about transforming the 2 acres of "wilderness and brambles" into a wonderful garden of flourishing borders overlooked by majestic trees, including many planted in commemoration of her numerous grandchildren. It's a garden that has been enjoyed by so many Open Gardens visitors since she first opened it in 1993 to raise money for St Andrew's Church. Bridget's talent to propagate plants enables her to share her passion too with the popular Plant Stall she set up, a staple of the Ringstead Open Gardens event, where she is always on hand on the day to offer advice and share stories.

Last September, with her family's advice, planning and blessing, Bridget moved into her fabulous new home which she has named Oak Tree Cottage, set in the original grounds of Apple Tree Cottage where Bridget's eldest son John and wife Amanda now live. The ground around her new home needed Bridget's magic touch and she has spent the last few months planning and planting up a brand new garden overlooking her former home.

It's still a work in progress and the challenge of a new garden at any age can be daunting, but it's Bridget's positive 'can do' attitude that is so inspiring.

"Gardening is essential" she explains "if you say you can't, you've had it at my age! – it's a must – I can still get on my knees and still get up! Sitting in my garden, I gather strength."

Gardening is surely Bridget's life and

passion – she doesn't make too much time for other options..... "I have friends who have other pastimes including tapestry. I think I've got one somewhere I started 20 years ago!"

Bridget's new home itself is state of the art. "It's all on one floor with underfloor heating and a fantastic hall way running through the house that my grandchildren love to skate through!"

Her son's labradors, Darcey and Archer, walk up to her gate to greet her every morning. It seems her son and daughter-in-law might have taken on a big challenge to tend and maintain the extensive Apple Tree Cottage garden but, reassuringly, Bridget says

"They needn't worry, I'm keeping an eye on things from my corner over the fence. I still need to source more cuttings from them too! And I'll be on hand to tend, advise and 'instruct' of course".

There's no doubt she will!

Bridget's famous Plant Stall will be open again this year at Apple Tree Cottage.

A tradition spanning nearly 50 years, the ROG Sunday is popular with both locals and holidaymakers, many of whom return year on year to spend a day touring the gardens and enjoying delicious homemade lunches and teas – all designed to reflect the epitome of a wonderful British summer day out.

Gardens offer treats of traditional beauty with deep herbaceous borders, established climbers and trees within carstone walls around large manicured lawns to smaller cottage gardens each with their own special allure, spectacle and creative ideas.



The gardens will be in full bloom in June with a wonderful range of roses, delphiniums and alliums to name but a few, and all host gardeners are working to ensure their displays are at their best.

Bridget's enthusiasm and passion for gardening will most certainly inspire you and, as you tour the village, you will most probably

find a bit of Bridget in every border!

Many village garden hosts have joined the tradition taking pride in presenting their gardens to the public to raise money for the village Church but also putting their culinary skills to good use preparing the added popular attraction of delicious homemade lunches of cold meats, a variety of special salads, quiches, tarts and bakes. You can then take another stroll round the gardens to work up an appetite for an amazing array of homemade cakes on offer for afternoon tea!

The delicious homemade lunches and teas will be available in the Village Hall and Car Park with live music accompaniment. The typical British contingency of "dining inside if wet" will ensure no one is disappointed.

All funds raised on the day will be for St Andrew's Church where, from 7th-9th June 10am-5pm, there will be an Art Exhibition and the popular Flower Festival with the theme this year of 'Books'

As well as Bridget's Plant Stall, there will be the popular Tombola and Raffle stalls at the Village Hall. The Bowling green will be open for you to have a go, take a walk round Courtyard Farm or head off to enjoy Ringstead Downs Woodland Garden. There is a FREE Minibus to take you around the village.



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Wendy Warner's plant of the month - Hibiscus

If you are looking to bring a touch of the exotic to your garden (or your house) look no further than Hibiscus. Hibiscus are beautiful plants, bearing large trumpet-like blooms in a range of colours, depending on the species. Hibiscus syriacus is the hardy, deciduous type, used in outdoor planting schemes and Hibiscus rosa-sinensis is tender and evergreen and grown as an indoor plant.

Although the flowers are similar, the requirements of the two types of Hibiscus are very different. Native to southern China, hardy types will tolerate our winters, although they are deciduous and lose their leaves leaving just a twiggy form. Hibiscus can catch some gardeners out by fooling them into thinking they haven't survived the winter due to their very late leaf development. Spring growth is much later to appear compared with most other deciduous shrubs with leaves often not emerging until early May.

Medium to large, deciduous shrubs up to 4m tall, Hibiscus have an upright habit. They produce trumpet-shaped flowers

in shades of pink, red, lavender, blue and white and some bi-colours with a different colour throat, opening in succession from mid-June to autumn.



Hardy Hibiscus 'Pink Chiffon'

Hardy hibiscus are easy to grow and require moist but well-drained soil in a warm and sunny spot, ideally sheltered from winds. If growing in pots, choose a loam-based, peat-free compost such as John Innes No. 3. Feed outdoor hibiscus plants annually in spring, with a slow-release, high potash formula, such as rose food. Mulch in autumn to help maintain soil moisture levels and suppress weeds. Any dead or damaged stems can be cut back hard and they will regrow. When they reach an optimum height of about 1.5m they can be pruned annually after

flowering to keep in shape.

Traditional hardy hibiscus have flowers of between 7-10cm in diameter. My personal favourite is 'Oiseau Bleu' (bluebird) with vibrant purple-blue flowers with a maroon centre. 'Red Heart' is a single pure white flower with a deep red centre. The Chiffon series have semi-double flowers – 'Pink Chiffon' has pale pink flowers with darker veins at the centre and 'Blue Chiffon' is pale blue.

A new addition to the hardy hibiscus offering, is the Walberton's Lunar series with much larger single flowers at 18cm in diameter, which are spectacular! 'Eclipse' has vibrant pink outer petals with a deep red centre, 'Rose Moon' has a deep crimson central eye that softens into delightful pale pink outer petals and 'Flare' has a large deep red centre with white edges of the petals.

Hibiscus rosa-sinensis are the tropical type which we grow as house plants and need a minimum temperature of 7°C to thrive. These flower in shades of red, pink, orange and yellow, often with a darker centre and have dark

green, glossy leaves. In addition to the amazing colours of the petals, they have coloured, protruding stamens and styles with yellow anthers.

Grow indoor hibiscus in a bright, humid spot out of direct sunlight and if happy they will flower from May to October. Water indoor hibiscus regularly during the growing season and feed fortnightly with a high potash liquid feed. Cut down on watering from late autumn to spring, when the plant is dormant. During the summer, it can be moved outdoors to a sheltered spot but needs to be brought back indoors before temperatures drop.



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Carol Greening

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Free parking is available by the church for cars and minibuses only. Coaches should drop off passengers outside the village hall where we can advise on parking. It is a 10-minute walk from the church to the village hall and there will be a free shuttle mini-bus for visitors at both.



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Our recent daffodil and spring flower competition was a great success, with an impressive number of entries – the photograph shows just a selection. It was lovely to see such a variety of colourful spring flowers on show, including an attractive display of the humble dandelion. Our next competition is dahlias later in the year. Many of our members are keen dahlia growers, so this should make a striking and dramatic display.

Did you come along to the recent Community Fair at Downham Market Town Hall? Many thanks to Downham Market Town Council for organising such an enjoyable event and to everyone who supported it. We were one of 19 local organisations represented, and we had a lot of interest from both fellow stallholders and members of the public. We were delighted to sign up one new member on the day, and there was a lot of interest in our Society so hopefully we'll be welcoming several new members to our next meeting.

Our main event each year is our Summer Show – this year's is on Saturday 12 July in Downham Market Town Hall. Start thinking now about what to enter, and look out for the free programmes, which have been distributed to many local shops, including Downham Garden Centre and Downham Market Library. The programmes are bright yellow, so easy to spot. We are hoping for a nice lot of entries, and with a wide variety of categories and classes (floral art; flowers; pot plants; fruit; vegetables; preserves; bakery; crafts; art; photography), there really is something for everyone. Only 30p per entry, so why not enter in more than one class? The Town Hall will be open for viewing the entries from 11am. Refreshments will be available and there will be raffle tickets and plants for sale. Prize-giving is at 3pm. Do come along!

If you wish to join our friendly Society, or just find out more, Judith, our membership secretary, would be delighted to hear from you. Contact Judith on 01366 501466 or email jt.mazur@tiscali.co.uk.



EMBRACE THE SUMMER BY ENJOYING A GARDEN OPEN FOR THE NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME

There is so much going on in a garden in June, glorious colour, delicious scents and gentle sounds. And there will be some 25 glorious gardens opening their gates across the county for the Scheme this month, from large rural garden to small town gardens. The National Garden Scheme website, lists all the gardens that will be opening, and here T&A has picked out a few that look very interesting.

Sunday 8th June 11-5 Group Opening - The Rudhams

East and West Rudham are adjoining villages surrounded by countryside with Anglo Saxon origins. The four gardens are very varied in history, design and planting providing inspiration and enjoyment.

Open 11-5. Combined adm £10.00, chd free. Light refreshments in the Rudhams Village Hall, PE31 8GN. Dogs allowed

Dragonfly Cottage, Broomsthorpe Road, East Rudham, PE31 8RG

Cottage dating from C18 in ½ acre plot with lawned areas, mature trees and colourful herbaceous borders. Two small ponds, wildflower areas and small vegetable/cutting garden

Wensum Farmhouse, Pockthorpe, West Rudham, King's Lynn, PE31 8SZ

2 acres planted in 2014 consisting of small walled cottage style garden with mixed shrubs, perennial plants and bulbs surrounding the farmhouse, and an adjoining wild meadow with meandering mown paths, ponds and species trees.

The White Cottage, Pockthorpe, West Rudham, King's Lynn, PE31 8td

Surrounded by fields, this newly renovated garden designed by its owners, is in its infancy. Planting lends itself to a more naturalistic approach influenced by designers Nigel Dunnet and Noel Kingsbury. Plants mingle with each other displaying height and colour.

Wensum House, Station Road, East Rudham, King's Lynn, PE31 8SU

Georgian house and garden previously owned by doctors attending the Royals at Sandringham. Approx. 2 acres with lawns, mature trees and woodland areas. Main walled garden comprises box hedge pathways, large cottage style herbaceous borders, rose arches and stream flowing through. Summer house and greenhouse.

Sunday 15th June

Manor House Farm, Wellingham, Fakenham, PE32 2TH

Open 11-5 Adm £7.00, chd free. Home-made teas & refreshments. Partial wheelchair access. Picnic Area (but please not by the house) Dogs allowed. Charming 4-acre country garden surrounds farmhouse. Formal quadrants, 'hot spot' of grasses and gravel, small arboretum, pleached lime walk, vegetable parterre and rose tunnel. Walled 'Taj' garden consisting of old-fashioned roses, tree peonies, lilies and formal pond. A variety of herbaceous plants.

Sunday 22nd June

The Old Rectory, Creak Road Syderstone, King's Lynn PE31 8SF
Open 11-5. Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas. Refreshments in aid of St. Mary's Church, Syderstone.

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A tale of dark deeds and duels, romantic entanglements and comedy from start to finish.

Gloucester-based Rain or Shine Theatre Company will be back again after the success of last year's performance, which broke all previous attendance records with an audience of 180 who enjoyed picnics and wine under a fabulous west Norfolk sunset.

So, why not pack your festival trolley and come along to meet Mrs Malaprop, yes, she of the mangled and inappropriate words.

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BARTON BENDISH OPEN GARDENS

(PE33 9GF) Sunday 1st June 2025 11 am – 5 pm

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Vintage and Classic Cars, Children's Trail, Raffle, Plant Stall, Cake Stall, Pimm's Tent, Community Library and Second-Hand Bookshop. Village Hall toilet facilities open all day. Admission £5.00 (Children Free).

Proceeds to St Andrew's Church.

Enquiries: bartonbendishevents@gmail.com 01366 347549

Snettisham Gardening Club

Our meetings are held in the Memorial Hall, Old Church Road at 7.30pm on Wednesday evenings.

On the 25th June one of our favourite speakers, Janette Merillion, will be telling us how to Brighten up Shady Areas in our garden and will be bringing along some plants.

Our Annual Village Open Show will be held on 12 July show. Schedules are available now from Stockley chemists. You do not have to be a member of the Gardening Club to enter.

Even if you do not wish to enter the show, you will be most welcome to come along to see what local residents have produced - the exhibition includes crafts and cookery as well as plants and there are cream teas available. The show opens at 1.30pm until 4.00pm and a raffle ticket included with admission to be drawn at 3.30 pm.

We do not hold a meeting at the end of the month in July.

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30th Celebrations for 2nd Wells Brownies and Snowy Owl!

Tuesday, May 6th, marked a delightful milestone for 2nd Wells Brownies as they celebrated their 30th anniversary alongside their beloved Guider, Jill Craske (Snowy Owl), who also celebrated an incredible 30 years of dedication. The evening was full of fun and fond memories, bringing together current and former Brownies and leaders.



Wells Brownie Leaders past and present

The young Brownies enthusiastically embraced their roles as waitresses, expertly taking cake orders (and perhaps sampling a little themselves!). Guests enjoyed a raffle and received commemorative printed pens as keepsakes of the special occasion. The creative spirit of the evening shone through as celebration badges were made with their badge machine, and a cozy atmosphere was created with toasted marshmallows over tea lights.

A trip down memory lane proved to be a highlight, with old photo albums sparking laughter and the sharing of countless happy memories among the attendees. An imaginative indoor campfire added to the cheerful ambiance before the celebration moved outdoors to bask in the evening sunshine. The festivities culminated in a heartwarming singsong and the presentation of Jill's 30-year service award by Division Commissioner Nicky Scott.

Jill (Snowy Owl), the founder of 2nd Wells Brownies, expressed

her heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to the evening's success and to all who came to celebrate. "It was lovely to see so many people turn up and celebrate with us," she shared, adding an optimistic "Here's to another happy 30 years!"



Nicky and Jill 30 year service presentation

Farm Fun for Gayton Rainbows and Snettisham Brownies at Snettisham Park Farm

Excitement was the order of the day as the Snettisham Brownies welcomed their friends from the Gayton Rainbows for a

delightful adventure at the nearby Snettisham Park Farm. The air was filled with happy squeals and giggles as the young adventurers embarked on a hands-on journey of discovery, getting up close and personal with farm life.



They all had the opportunity to bottle feed lambs and armed with bags of specially prepared feed, the Brownies and Rainbows offered tasty treats to the friendly goats, who eagerly crowded around.

Next on the agenda was a fascinating visit to the farm's chicken coops. Here, the children learned about how chickens live and the process of egg laying. The real thrill came when they were given the chance to carefully collect freshly laid eggs.

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Tiny hands gently reached into nesting boxes, carefully cradling the warm treasures. The experience provided a tangible connection to where their food comes from, fostering an appreciation for the work involved in farming.

The shared experience provided a wonderful opportunity for the Brownies and Rainbows to bond, sharing laughter and discoveries as they explored the farm together.



Heacham Brownies Celebrate VE Day



The Heacham Brownies recently marked Victory in Europe Day with a heartwarming celebration filled with laughter and creative flair. Embracing the spirit of the era, the young participants enjoyed a party that cleverly incorporated the themes of remembrance and resourcefulness.

A highlight of the afternoon was a lively game of pass the newspaper parcel. Each layer unwrapped revealed a precious few rationed sweets, adding an extra element of excitement and a taste of history. Traditional party fun continued with pin the tail on the donkey, filling the air with giggles.

The Brownies also created bunting and tablecloths, followed by a fabulous feast!

Rainbow Fun in Hunstanton!

The 1st Hunstanton Rainbows have been having a blast this year, with just one more term of fun before the summer break!

Before Easter, the unit held a cozy pyjama party where everyone, leaders included, got to wear their comfiest PJs. The girls enjoyed yummy cake, played exciting games, and even made delicious banana splits. The party was also a special occasion as five new Rainbows made their promise and another five Rainbows took the next step on their Girlguiding adventure by walking over the Rainbow to join Brownies.

Adding to the excitement, the

unit proudly celebrated Robyn, who became the first Rainbow in 1st Hunstanton to earn her prestigious Gold Award. This incredible achievement requires completing all 12 interest badges, participating in 18 hours of Unit Meeting Activities, gaining 6 skills builder badges, and earning all 6 Theme Awards.



A huge well done to Robyn for her dedication and hard work – the whole unit is incredibly proud of you!

Exciting adventures for Hunstanton Brownies and Guides



The Hunstanton Brownies recently returned from their annual pack holiday at Patteson Lodge, and what a week it was!

With lots of crafts and activities, grooving the night away with a silent disco, and even got creative designing their very own tie-dye tops. The fun didn't stop there, though! The term was packed with exciting adventures, including a visit to the RNLI and a whirl around the roller rink.

Meanwhile, the Hunstanton Guides are going from strength to strength! They've been busy mastering the art of confectionery and facing off in a thrilling "Ready Steady Cook" bake-off challenge. The summer term promises even more excitement with walks, outdoor challenges, and a determined effort to support their eldest Guide in achieving her prestigious Gold award. It's certainly a busy and exciting time for Girlguiding in Hunstanton!



Also, local leaders proudly marched alongside the enthusiastic Brownies and Guides in the Hunstanton's VE Day parade. The young people, full of energy and respect, added a special touch to the commemorative event. It was a wonderful display of community spirit, bringing together different generations to remember and honour a significant moment in history. A big thank you to everyone who participated and made the day so meaningful!



Rainbows (Age 4-7) Brownies (Age 7-10) Guides (Age 10-14) Rangers (Age 14-18)

For those interested in joining Girlguiding as a young member or adult volunteer, registration is open at <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/>

Volunteers are always welcome. Whether you're a parent, a former member, or someone new to Girlguiding. There are so many ways to get involved!

For more information on how to get involved or to find your local group, please contact: northwestdivision@girlguidingnorfolk.org.uk

May the Toys Be With You coming to Lynn Museum this July

Opening in time for the summer holidays on 15 July, 'May the Toys Be With You' showcases one of the UK's finest collections of vintage Star Wars toys and original cinema posters, from 1977-1985. It is a celebration of the now highly collectable vintage toy line and of the iconic design work and art of the Star Wars movies.

The exhibition is not only a celebration of classic toys and collectables but also of the iconic design and art-work of the Star Wars films. From X-Wing Fighters to lightsabers, these fantastic creations have fired the imagination and made their mark on the cultural landscape since the first film was released over forty years ago.

The collection is owned by Star Wars devotee, Matt Fox, who bought his first toy aged five. His collection is now one of the finest and most complete in the UK.

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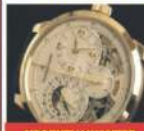
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Louise Barbry

As June arrives, British gardens burst into life. This is the month when borders start to sing with colour, and the structure of your planting really begins to show. But with longer, warmer days and unpredictable rainfall, thoughtful gardening is essential—not just for aesthetics but also for resilience. Focusing on drought-tolerant plants, clever water storage, and planting for a long season of interest can transform your garden into a thriving, low-maintenance haven.

Bring in Colour and Structure

June is the perfect time to assess the structure of your garden and add pops of colour that will last through summer and beyond. Think in layers: tall, architectural plants like *Verbe-na bonariensis*, *Perovskia* 'Blue Spire' (Russian sage), and ornamental grasses such as *Stipa gigantea* or *Pennisetum* provide vertical interest and movement.

For mid-height interest, consider *Salvia nemorosa*, *Echinacea purpurea*, and *Achillea millefolium*, which all offer vibrant colour and attract pollinators. Ground-huggers like *Geranium Rozanne*, a long-flowering perennial with violet-blue blooms, provide excellent ground cover and extend flowering well into autumn.

Use evergreen shrubs such as *Pittosporum*, *Euonymus*, or *Box* to anchor borders and give year-round form. These structural elements are vital for maintaining visual interest even when flowers fade.

Choose Drought-Tolerant Heroes

With the potential for dry spells increasing, particularly in the southeast of England, it

makes sense to select plants that can thrive with minimal watering once established. Here are a few top picks:

- *Lavandula angustifolia* (English lavender): Hardy, fragrant, and adored by bees.
- *Sedum* 'Autumn Joy' (now *Hylotelephium*): Fleshy leaves and late-summer blooms, ideal for dry spots.
- *Eryngium* (sea holly): Architectural and striking, with spiny leaves and steel-blue flowers.
- *Agapanthus*: Particularly the deciduous varieties, which cope well with drought.
- Thyme, oregano and rosemary: Perfect for sunny spots and useful in the kitchen.

When planting, add grit or sand to improve drainage and encourage deeper root systems for better drought tolerance in clay based soils.

Smart Water Collection and Storage in Small Gardens

Even in limited spaces, it's easy to harvest and conserve rainwater:

- Slimline water butts can be tucked beside a shed, garage, or even under a downpipe from a house roof.
- Collapsible or decorative water tanks are ideal for patios or courtyards.
- Gutter diverters and connectors can link multiple water butts together, increasing your capacity to store rainwater over wet months.

Don't forget to regularly clean your gutters and filters to maximise water collection efficiency.

Retaining Water Where It Matters

Conserving water isn't just about storage—it's also about smart soil care:

- Mulch generously around plants using bark chips, compost, or gravel to suppress weeds and reduce evaporation.

- Incorporate organic matter like well-rotted manure or garden compost into beds to boost soil structure and water retention.
- Water deeply but infrequently to encourage roots to grow downwards, making plants more drought-resilient.
- Plant in groups, rather than in isolation. This helps create microclimates and reduces surface evaporation.

If you're container gardening, choose larger pots which dry out more slowly, and line terracotta pots with plastic to reduce moisture loss.

Plant for a Long Season of Interest

To keep your garden alive with colour and texture from June through to the first frosts, choose perennials and shrubs that peak at different times:

- June to August: *Salvia*, *Alchemilla mollis*, *Delphiniums*, *Geums*
- August to October: *Sedum*, *Asters*, *Rudbeckia*, Japanese *Anemones*
- Year-round: Evergreens like *Hebe*, *Euphorbia*, and ornamental grasses

Add bulbs like *Alliums* for early summer drama, followed by *Dahlias* for late-season flair (lift or mulch well in cold regions). And don't forget ornamental grasses, which come into their own in late summer and continue to provide movement and form deep into winter.

In Summary

June is a golden opportunity to set your garden up for months of beauty with minimal fuss. Focus on structural planting, long-flowering perennials, and water-wise practices. Whether you garden in a generous plot or a tiny urban space, thoughtful planting and water management will ensure your outdoor space is resilient, colourful, and full of life all season long.

Enter your stunning photos in the new 2026 Hunstanton Charity Calendar Competition

Local budding photographers and seaside enthusiasts are invited to showcase their favourite images of Hunstanton in the new Hunstanton Charity Calendar Competition - an exciting opportunity to have your photo featured in the official 2026 Hunstanton Calendar, while supporting a vital local cause.

Entries are now open, and the organisers, Hunstanton Webcams, are calling on locals and visitors alike to submit their most beautiful, atmospheric, or iconic photos of Hunstanton throughout the year. From moody sunsets to energetic wildlife or landmark views, the calendar aims to highlight the community's love for this unique stretch of Norfolk coastline.

"We noticed that lots of people put some stunning photos on social media," said Glen Piggott, who runs Hunstanton Webcams. "We wanted to capture these in a charity calendar- not just to celebrate Hunstanton's beauty throughout the whole year, but to support an important local cause at the same time."

For every calendar sold, £2 will be donated to a local charity committed to keeping our coast and community safe and thriving.

Selected winners will not only have their photo featured in the calendar but also receive a free copy and full credit. The competition is open to all ages and abilities, and photos can be submitted online via the official entry form at:

<https://hunstanton.webcam/calendar-competition>

The deadline for entries is Sunday, 15th June 2025 - so don't miss your chance to take part!

This is your opportunity to show off your favourite view of Hunstanton while helping support an essential local cause.

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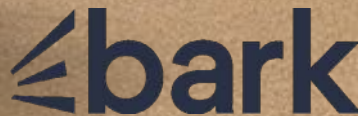
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MAKING TAX SIMPLER IS NOT ALL THAT IT SEEMS...

By Kathryn Gigg Chartered Accountants, Hunstanton

HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) are constantly trying to make tax “simpler”, or what might be termed “more inclusive” (in that they would like taxpayers to report income or gains which might have been overlooked). We saw this a couple of months ago when they published a friendly little document entitled “Take the hassle out of your side hustle” which initially suggested that those earning under £3,000 as second income would no longer need to file a Tax Return – drilling into the detail, this was clarified: “... the government has just announced that a new online reporting tool is on the way soon. When it’s live, you’ll be able to use it to tell HMRC if you earn between £1,000 and £3,000 from trading – instead of having to send a Self-Assessment Return.” The new tool should apparently be available by the end of this parliament, so until then the rules remain exactly as there always have been.

There is a similar and more generally applicable mismatch of expectations for those receiving Bank and Building Society interest outside an ISA. Over the last few years, and despite recent reductions, the rates paid on deposit accounts have risen sharply. Although there is a 0% Personal Savings Allowance of £1,000 (in total, NOT for each source) for those paying Basic Rate Tax, reducing to £500 for higher rate payers and Nil for those in additional rate, it is estimated that there are upwards of 2m taxpayers who will have a liability. As part of the drive to reduce administration, HMRC have taken many of these individuals out of the Self-Assessment regime – for those who are not self-employed or renting out property a Return is now only required if:

- you have savings income of £10,000 or more (excluding savings income in an ISA)
- you have income from dividends of £10,000 or more (excluding dividend income in an ISA)
- you have any other untaxed income of £2,500 or more.
- you have total taxable income of £150,000 or more before tax.

Clearly this leaves a gap where savings income falls between



£1,000 and £10,000. HMRC had hoped to fill this by picking up interest figures direct from the banks and building societies and collecting it via PAYE Codings or direct “Simple” assessments, but it seems this is neither comprehensive nor necessarily accurate with about 20% of interest returns being unmatched – additionally it is not clear how the system is functioning for Dividends which will also need declaring; and of course private interest arrangements will not be within the matching system.

However, the responsibility for reporting taxable income remains with the taxpayer, so even if HMRC fail to raise an assessment the taxpayer should notify HMRC of the liability by 5 October following the tax year end in which the income arose. This can be tricky, since HMRC did not complete the 2023/24 assessments until 31 March 2025!

The theory sounds fine, but in practice the system still isn’t running properly. Failing to declare untaxed income will lead to interest and penalties on top of the tax due and whilst it is hard not to lay the blame at the door of HMRC for removing so many people from self-assessment, ignorance of the law is still seen as “carelessness” where penalties are concerned. Anyone who thinks they may have a liability should take advice as soon as possible as Voluntary Disclosure ahead of time is always preferable to having to react to correspondence from the Revenue and make a Prompted Disclosure.

If you require any tax advice, whether personal or business, please contact either Kate or Nic at Kathryn Gigg Chartered Accountants, Hunstanton on 01485 534800 or kate@kathryngigg.co.uk.

N.B. Article written May 2025

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Priory Rotary and Baby Basics

Last December King's Lynn's Priory Rotary Satellite Club ran another successful stall at North Wootton Village Hall's annual Christmas Fair and the money raised, boosted by a top up from club funds, allowed them to donate £500 to the local West Norfolk branch of Baby Basics. The presentation, at Dersingham church where the charity is based, was made by Satellite Club members Mark Collins and Sue Longley (third from right) pictured here with volunteers from the group.



Mark from the club noted: "This is the second time we've been able to support this worthwhile charity and it was good to catch up again with Maggie and her team who were busy making up packs for new mums when we arrived."

Centre leader, Maggie Anderson said: "We are enormously grateful for this generous donation and the continued interest and support in our volunteer work."

"Baby Basics West Norfolk continues to be busy answering requests from frontline care professionals from many varying agencies. The rising cost of just about every essential needed to ensure a safe clean and appropriate place for a newborn baby to sleep is for some simply unaffordable.

We support professionals in answering their referrals for anyone assessed as being unable to provide what they need including families in poverty, families seeking asylum, those facing domestic violence, teenage mums, those facing homelessness or those who are in temporary accommodation. We have already responded to more than 120 referrals this year with more already on the system. Having a safe space for a baby to sleep, such as a Moses basket, is the most basic provision that every parent wants for their child and although the increase in demand shows the sad situation faced by families locally, we are privileged to be able to be there to support them."

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Heritage is always worth preserving

John Maiden

Many years ago, Peter Gunn taught history to a group of Norfolk College students that included our daughter Caroline. She was very impressed by Peter's teaching style, but much more recently I have rediscovered Peter as the author of several books on aviation. This prompts me to write a few words on his background and "Aviation Landmarks in Norfolk and Suffolk" the title of his latest book. The 1936 photo of Bircham planes (right) is just one of many fine illustrations in the book.

I have discovered that Peter was brought up in the Scottish Borders and went to school in Edinburgh. After that he studied history at Durham University, followed by teacher training at Dundee University. This led to a post teaching history at Stranraer Academy before moving to Norfolk College - now the College of West Anglia. Later he became a freelance indexer of books and journals in subjects ranging from archaeology to military history. Peter has managed to produce eight books, mainly on local aviation history, the outcome of a lifelong passion for aviation and military history and over forty years of research. The most recent book, Aviation Landmarks in Norfolk and Suffolk (2nd edition 2024) is published by the History Press and is obtainable (or can be ordered) at most bookshops including Waterstones, online from the History Press (www.thehistorypress.co.uk) and also from Amazon.



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NORFOLK AND SUFFOLK



PETER B. GUNN

Other recent books include Sculthorpe Secrecy and Stealth: A Norfolk Airfield in the Cold War (History Press 2014), and privately published airfield histories of Great Massingham and Bircham Newton. In addition, he was commissioned to write a history of No. 206 Squadron called Naught Escapes Us for the Squadron Association in 2004 (now in its second edition).



As well as consulting libraries, museums, archives and online sources, one of the great pleasures of his work is searching out the sites connected with aviation history as he travels the country with his wife Janet. Peter says there is always something new to learn, as well as the challenge of giving presentations to various groups and local societies. In his diary there is currently a talk he will be giving to North Norfolk U3A on Wednesday July 23 at 10.00am in Field Dalling Village Hall, NR25 7LE.

For the time being the last word on Peter goes to another very good friend, Sqdn Ldr David Jones, who flew at amazing speeds from Coltishall and Horsham St Faith during the Cold War and was on duty at Hunstanton Heritage Centre for Peter's visit. He said: "I find the amount of information contained in Peter's books absolutely incredible!"

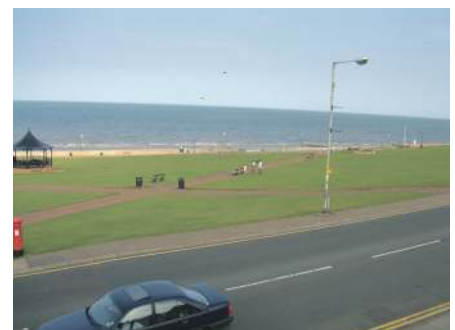
On Sunday May 4th David invited me to accompany him, at a slower speed, on one of our regular visits to the RAF Sculthorpe Heritage Centre, which is going from strength-to-strength thanks Ian Brown, its founder and curator, together with a team of dedicated volunteers. I am very impressed by the Hunstanton Heritage Centre, but I am amazed at the speed with which the former USAF chapel has been transformed into such a high-quality heritage centre. The centre opens on the first Sunday of each month and I am looking forward to my next visit on June 1st. Who knows, Pope Leo might be the next high-profile visitor to receive an invitation from Ian?

Looking further ahead, I am hoping for reasonable weather on Sunday July 20th when I will be demanding West Norfolk Council admits that it must start complying with the restrictive covenant on The Green, imposed by Bernard le Strange on July 20th 1955 for the benefit of the inhabitants and visitors of Hunstanton.



Above: Ian Brown with BJ Kelly's Flight Suit
- Photo David Jones

Below: The Green in 2002 by Tony Cassie





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The Barking Bugle

THE HUNSTANTON FUN DOG SHOW

The sun was shining and tails were wagging at the Hunstanton Fun Dog Show held at Glebe House School on Saturday, 10th May 2025. With blue skies above and plenty of our four-legged friends in attendance, the day truly lived up to its name — everyone had a pawesome time! From the moment the gates opened, there was a buzz of excitement. Doggies paraded proudly in their best collars, some in costume, others just showing off their natural charm. Children giggled, tails wagged and the green field echoed with friendly barks and laughter.

From waggiest tail to best rescue, the 14 classes were full of charm, character, and canine charisma. Whether purebred or proudly mixed, each dog brought joy to the crowd and smiles to their humans. Glorious weather and a friendly, relaxed atmosphere made it a pawfect day out for families and furry friends.

As well as the fun classes each doggy had an opportunity to do some agility and also test their speed in the fastest recall competition. While all this was going on the humans had a chance to indulge in some retail therapy as there were stalls offering treats, handmade collars, toys, dog-friendly goodies and refreshments. There was also a bouncy castle and some fairground games to keep the little humans amused.

Special thanks go to our pawesome panel of judges, namely Alex, Sheila, Rex and the Mayor of Hunstanton, Michael Ruston, who had the extremely difficult job of selecting the winners among so many deserving doggies. I am also really grateful to Fran and Paul who ran the fastest recall competition, and to Sabrina who organised the have-a-go agility. The event wouldn't have run so smoothly without the help of our dedicated volunteers, including Amanda and Kevin, whose energy and kindness were appreciated by all. A huge thank you also to the Men's Shed, whose brilliant efforts kept parking running like

clockwork - a real behind-the-scenes success. Oh, and I had better say something nice about my pawrents who carried our instructions pawfectly! And finally, a huge bark out THANK YOU to the amazing Coastal Vets who sponsored our dog show! You don't just keep us healthy — you cheer us on, care for us when we're not feeling our best. You're pawsitively pawsome and we love you fur-ever!



We would like to congratulate Cerys with her very cute doggy, Molly, for winning the Best in Show and also Emma with Cassie who won the Reserve Best in Show. However, as we always say here at the Barking Bugle, whether you win a rosette or not, you always go home with the best dog in any case.

We look forward to another tail-wagging fun time next year!

Woofs

Miss Zsa Zsa,

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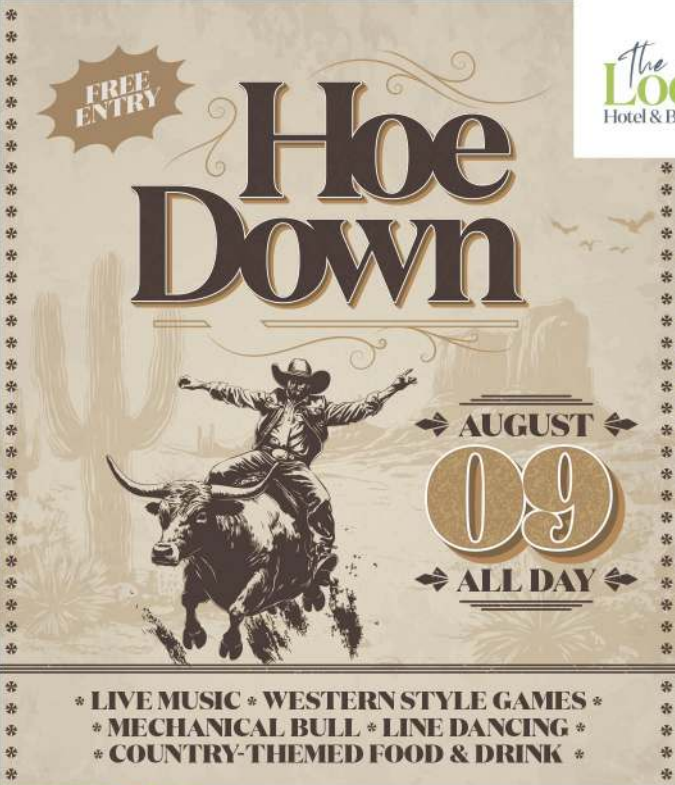


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Miss Teen Great Britain! Little Miss Teen Norfolk

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Elizabeth, who lives in Kings Lynn and attends Wisbech Grammer School, has seen off hundreds of teens from across Great Britain to make it to the grand final at her first attempt.

Elizabeth says "I am so excited to have made it to the final, it is a great achievement, as there were so many gorgeous semi-finalists!"

Teenagers from across Great Britain will compete for the crown in a spectacular grand final. The winner of Miss Teen Great Britain will walk away with some incredible prizes – including a cash prize, dresses from The Dress Studio, a sparkling sash and crown, and more! The finalists will stay in a luxurious hotel in



Blackpool, Boulevard Hotel.

The grand final of Little Miss & Miss Junior Great Britain will be held on Saturday 11th October at The Globe Theatre in Blackpool.

The weekend of Miss Teen Great Britain is set to be full of fun, with the finalists enjoying a Beauty Queen Challenge Day, a pyjama diva party at the Boulevard Hotel and much more!

"Making it to the grand final is a dream come true – fingers crossed I will be able to win the crown!" says Elizabeth.

Hunstanton u3a

We will be pleased to welcome you to our June meeting on Monday 16th at the Community Hall, Avenue Road, Hunstanton at 2.00 pm when Beekeeping and the life cycle of bees will be explained by Judith Evans MBE.

Our July meeting will be on Monday 21st July at the same venue. We have yet to receive confirmation of our speaker but look forward to seeing you at either or both meetings. Telephone 07443763679.

For further information please see our website hunstantonu3a.org.uk

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Alzheimer's Society's Forget Me Not Appeal

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Alzheimer's Society's Forget Me Not Appeal will help to fund life-changing dementia support for people living with dementia today, and research that could mean a brighter future for people who may face it tomorrow.



Dementia affects all of us and one in three people born in the UK today will develop dementia in their lifetime. Across Norfolk there are more than 5,600 people living with dementia – 2,850 in North Norfolk. That's why every Forget Me Not badge has its own meaning. Yours might be about your mum, dad or a dear friend.

Alzheimer's Society patron Dame Judi Dench is supporting the campaign, she said: "Every Forget Me Not badge has its own meaning. Having seen the impact of dementia first-hand, I'm sadly all too aware of how cruel and unforgiving this condition can be. Not only for the person affected, but their loved ones too. This June, join Alzheimer's Society and thousands of people across the country and wear your Forget Me Not – to support people living with dementia today and those who may face it tomorrow."

Donate: £10 suggested donation. For every £50 raised could help families to access support from an Alzheimer's Society expert Dementia Adviser to help them navigate their diagnosis.

Where to get yours: alzheimers.org.uk/ForgetMeNotAppeal

OLD HUNSTANTON FLOWER FESTIVAL

Friday to Sunday 25 - 27 July 2025

The 50th Flower Festival will soon be here! Our enthusiastic flower arrangers are planning their interpretations of the theme "Golden" and they need help... If anyone would like to make an arrangement - you don't need any experience: there is plenty of help on hand - please let us know. Sarah Bocking on bocking554@btinternet.com will be delighted to hear from you. In addition, if you would like to come along and help during set-up on the Thursday, you will be more than welcome.

Simon Carter is preparing a commemorative brochure which will go on sale at the end of June. Priced at only £3, it will be available for sale at the Old Hunstanton village shop from late June so please make sure you buy a copy! For more information please contact Simon on simoncarter920@btinternet.com.

Now is an opportunity to sort through any clothes, books etc, you haven't used in a while! If you have any clothes, handbags or jewellery in good condition, please contact Christine Earnshaw on 2chrisearnshaw@gmail.com. If you have any books which you would like to pass on please contact Dave Watkins on davewat@hotmail.com. If you have any items suitable for our tombola please contact Ian Clinton on theclintons@sky.com and Mike Oldham on mikeoldham1@sky.com will be pleased to relieve you of any saleable bric a bric.

In addition, Jane Rimmer on janerimmer58@hotmail.com has taken over the organisation of our very popular cake stall. If you would like to make any cakes, buns, jams or marmalades, please contact her. These items sell out very quickly so we need a steady supply over the three days of the Festival.

As you can imagine, this is a huge community event. If you would like to be involved in any other way - such as managing stalls, making cakes, serving teas - please contact Mike Tuffs on momtuffs@hotmail.com.

And finally... there will be a sausage sizzler on Wednesday 30 August to thank everyone who helps with the Festival... of which there are many of you!

RESCUE : WOODEN : BOATS update

Wendy Pritchard

You can now book heritage tours and charters on Dunkirk Little Ship and former lifeboat Lucy Lavers. We are delighted that our new booking system for Lucy Lavers Heritage tours and charters is live, awaiting your booking. Find the booking button on our website www.rescuewoodenboats.com. Enquiries to 07403 637589.

Our skipper Isaac is ready to welcome you on board our Dunkirk Little Ship and former lifeboat Lucy Lavers from May 24th.



Our Heritage Tours are a perfect way to: celebrate your own special occasion; experience being aboard a wartime-serving wooden vessel; hear about Lucy Lavers' story; learn more about the maritime heritage of the local fishing communities who earned their livings in unique wooden double-ended boats from North Norfolk beaches; and to hear about the heritage Port of Wells, established in the 15th century, as well as experience the beautiful views.

We look forward to welcoming you aboard soon.

You can also book your choice of our summer Events programme at the Maritime Heritage Centre in Stiffkey. We are offering maritime themed talks and workshops ranging from felt and knot workshops to Norfolk's maritime history in objects, history of local lifeboat rescues and some boatbuilding tales. Details and booking on our events page www.rescuewoodenboats.com

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Tulips for Tapping 2025: A Celebration of Care and Community Support

Chloe Garrett

Tapping House and Norfolk Tulips are delighted to be celebrating another fantastic Tulips for Tapping event again in 2025 sponsored by Persimmon Homes. Thanks to generosity, compassion and community spirit of thousands of supporters, this event has been bigger and better than ever before.

This year's event, closed on a high on Monday 5th May, with a record-breaking £507,450 raised across the 10 day event. This milestone year coincided with Tapping House 40th anniversary, and the breathtaking kaleidoscope of 9.3 million tulips in full bloom provided a perfect backdrop for visitors to enjoy all whilst supporting the Hospice.

Over 31,000 people travelled from all around the world to the fields near King's Lynn to witness the display and walk through the tulips. Every penny raised will go directly to Tapping House to fund care for people who are living with a life limiting illness, and support for those most important to them.

Nicola Ellis, Chief Executive at Tapping House said, "This event means so much to the Hospice, the way in which our community pulls together to support each other and the Hospice is beyond incredible. We're deeply grateful to everyone who helps make this happen, from the 300+ volunteers who have given over 3,000 hours of their time, to the local businesses who have donated their goods and services to help set up the event. This achievement wouldn't have been possible without our community working together.



Special thanks also go to Mark and Susanne Eves of Norfolk Tulips, Michael Rae, and Roydon Hall Farms, whose continued support and generosity make this event possible."

Susanne Eves, Director at Norfolk Tulips (PS & JE Ward Ltd),



Victoria Rush & Lindsey Atkin



added:

"We're incredibly proud to support Tapping House, and it's a joy to see the event come together and how this supports our local community. To us it is so much more than the money we raise, everyone we meet in the field has their own unique story and reason to support the Hospice. The memories that we help people create in the field are moments to treasure for years to come!"

Images: Ian Burt



Chloe Garrett & Lewis Eves

The life-changing impact of Volunteering

As National Volunteers' Week approaches this June, Tapping House is shining a spotlight on the extraordinary individuals who give their time, heart, and energy to support patients, families, and staff across every corner of our care services.

From our busy Inpatient Unit to our bustling charity shops, from complementary therapy sessions at the Tulip Centre to large-scale fundraising events like Tulips for Tapping, our volunteers are the beating heart of our Hospice. Their dedication is more than generous and their contribution makes an incredible difference. At our recent flagship event, Tulips for Tapping, we were humbled by the efforts of over 300 volunteers, who collectively donated more than 3,000 hours of their time. Their efforts, alongside the incredible support of local businesses, made the event not only possible, but the most successful to date.

Could you be a Hospice Hero?

Volunteering at Tapping House isn't one-size-fits-all. With a broad range of roles available, there truly is something for everyone. Whether you're looking to make a regular weekly commitment or help out on an ad-hoc basis, please consider becoming part of a community where your work truly matters.

On the ward: A listening ear and a warm smile

Our Inpatient Unit is a place of peace, dignity, and expert care. Ward Volunteers don't need medical skills - just compassion, reliability, and a heart for helping.

Ward Volunteers support patients and their families with small but meaningful gestures:

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- Assisting staff with non-clinical tasks

Even a few hours a week can bring huge comfort to someone facing a difficult time.

In the Community: Retail and transport roles that drive change

With nine charity shops and a busy warehouse operation, you don't need to live

close to the Hospice to volunteer at one of our shops or at the Warehouse, there are many ways to get involved.

- Serving customers and sorting donations at our Charity Shops
- Driving for our patient transport
- Supporting our growing recycling programme
- Volunteering for our eBay team - researching treasures, photographing items, and packing sales

Behind the scenes: Hospice kitchen and gardeners

Volunteers also play a role in our bustling Hospice Café, supporting the catering team with food service and kitchen duties. Or if you love gardening we have gorgeous grounds that with help from our volunteers are kept looking welcoming for patients and visitors.

Raising crucial Funds: Events and fundraising support

Volunteers play a crucial role in supporting the fundraising team with administration, by raising awareness and supporting at events. Volunteers groups organise and run events on behalf of the Hospice in addition to those individuals who represent and support the large number of events the Hospice is involved with.

Events like Tulips for Tapping, Open Gardens, Author Afternoons, Golf Days, Quiz Nights and our end of year Shine A Light event, all rely on enthusiastic volunteers to:

- Lead or support at events to ensure they are organised, well run and enjoyable
- Help with parking
- Collect our fundraising money pots out in our local community
- Handle donations and funds raised
- the welcoming face of the Hospice at community events

Whether you're a natural organiser or just enjoy being part of something meaningful, there's a place for you here.

Specialist Support: The Tulip Centre

At the Tulip Centre, we offer a range of therapies from physiotherapy to massage.

Volunteers can:

- Assist therapy staff
- Welcome and accompany patients
- Support our popular Fishing Group at

Lynnsport on Tuesday afternoons or help out at our Men's Group in Rays Cabin, here at the Hospice.

Our recent community Butterfly Volunteer service provides training if you're interested in become a specialist volunteer who provides emotional support to patients nearing the end of life.



Why Volunteer?

If you're interested in becoming a Hospice Hero... why not come and join our friendly team of 300+ Volunteers making over 50,000 hours of difference every year! We couldn't be more grateful for any further support.

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- Your property could become unmortgageable.

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- **Devalued Property:**
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- **Higher Costs:**
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Recent reports indicate a significant increase in issues related to cavity wall insulation (CWI). Investigations have revealed that tens of thousands of homeowners who utilized government-backed schemes to insulate their homes now face risks of damp and mould due to poor-quality installations. These issues have led to structural damage and, in severe cases, rendered properties unmortgageable.



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THE PROBUS CLUB OF KING'S LYNN



PROBUS – What's that?

Good question! PROBUS stands for **P**rofessional and **B**usinessmen, and relates to the National organisation created to provide the social friendship enjoyed by members at their former workplaces when they retired or semi-retired from their full time employment. Locally, the Probud Club of King's Lynn (which is totally autonomous and therefore not bound by any National rules) was founded in 1978 to provide that social interaction between members when they retire, or semi-retire or are nearing retirement.

So who are we and what do we do? We are a diverse group of men from all sorts of backgrounds and occupations and find it most interesting to just chat and exchange views and experiences from our former professions or employments. We meet at 10am every Wednesday morning at the Knight's Hill Hotel, South Wootton for coffee and biscuits, for a friendly chat about things in the world right or wrong, except the 3rd Wednesday in the month, when we meet at 12 for 12.30pm

at the Knights Hill Hotel for lunch, sometimes with a speaker from a local business or organisation. This is always interesting and informative, and suits the profile of our members. Various outings, visits and events are held throughout the year.

The Joining Fee is £15 (to cover the cost of the Club tie and lapel pin both with the Probud logo, and your name badge. The Annual Subscription is only £15.

We hold an Annual General Meeting in September each year when a new President and a small Committee are elected to guide the Club through the year ahead. We have a President's Lunch in March, a Strawberry Tea in July, and a Christmas Lunch which are attended by our Ladies and friends.

If this is of interest to you, you are welcome to simply drop in for coffee and biscuit at the Knights Hill Hotel, Garden Room at 10am any Wednesday morning, (except for the third Wednesday in the month see paragraph above) or see our Website or the Borough Council's Lilly Website.

You can also contact our Secretary Ivan

Jordan on (01553) 670228, Treasurer Bob Ward {01553} 617374 or any member of our Club who you may know.

We held a raffle at one of our lunches and raised £100.00. This we gave to Cancer Research UK in King's Lynn.



*In the photograph from left to right
Ivan Jordan, Sydney Brailley, Kelly Allen
(Cancer UK), Terry Wright, Bob Ward*

Rotary YOUNG WRITER COMPETITION

A magnificent ninety-six entries were received by Hunstanton and District Rotary for the 2025 Rotary Young Writer competition. The theme this year was "Wonderful Water" and children aged 7 to 17 years took part with ten local schools submitting entries.

The young entrants used their creativity and imagination to produce varied styles of poetry and prose. Works of fiction and non-fiction were entered and the judging panel delighted in the engaging and well-thought-out pieces of work.

Winning entries from Walpole Cross Keys Primary School and Springwood High School have gone on to be entered into the District Final which involves children from all over East Anglia.

Entries could be typed or handwritten and this year a prize for the best handwriting was won by West Lynn Primary School.

The competition is divided into three categories; Junior ages 7 to 10, Intermediate ages 11 to 13, and Senior ages 14 to 17. Judges are looking for imagination relating to the subject, the ability to engage interest, the ability to be consistent in the power of argument and relevance to the theme.

Schools involved this year were Clenchwarton Primary, Gaywood Primary, Glebe House, Heacham Junior, Snettisham Primary, Walpole Cross Keys Primary, West Lynn Primary, Marshland High, Smithdon High and Springwood High. Each entrant received a certificate and prizes were awarded for 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place in each category, and for handwriting.

The Rotary Young Writer competition takes place each year and local schools will be given information of the 2026 theme in November 2025, with the closing date in February 2026. For more information or to show your interest please contact info@hunstantonrotary.co.uk. Individual entries are welcomed.

Fantastic turnout for Easter Egg Trail at Sandringham



Priory Rotary held their annual Easter Egg Trail on the Sandringham Estate on Easter Sunday. Over 800 people took part, raising around £2500 for the East Anglian Air Ambulance. The young families particularly enjoyed the occasion, and appreciated the help from the many Rotary volunteers on the day, ensuring the event ran smoothly.

The trail started at the entrance to the children's play area. From there, it wound its way through the woods, where participants had to find the 18 clues hidden along the way, leading them back to the finish where they collected their chocolate eggs generously provided by Kinnertons Chocolates in Fakenham.

Thanks go to the Sandringham Estate for helping with the organisation and providing such an excellent venue for this event.



Hunstanton & District Inner Wheel

Afternoon Tea Parties!

Gillian Teicke

Since last writing, our members have enjoyed two very different afternoon tea parties!



On 23rd April, some members travelled to Ely for their annual International Tea. As ever, we received a warm welcome and were given a delicious afternoon tea – all homemade by Ely members – sandwiches, savouries, scones and tempting cakes!

The speakers for the afternoon came from I(C)T – International Children's Trust (the C is deliberately in brackets to symbolize protecting children from child labour and child marriage). The charity, which is based in Coventry, works in several countries in the world – Sri Lanka, Madras, Zimbabwe, Burkina Faso, Ecuador and Northern Uganda. Their work ranges from teaching children the basics of literacy and numeracy from pre-school to school leaving age. Funds are also being used to purchase equipment such as sewing machines to set up a programme teaching adolescents the basics of tailoring. Rotary is also involved in some of these projects.

The funds raised through tickets and a raffle were donated to I(C)T.

Our second tea party was held on 7th May and this took the place of our regular meeting. The purpose was to celebrate our birthday – our 48th Charter Year! We celebrate our charter at this time of the year as it indicates when our Club was established - in 1977!

We have a little traditional ceremony, which we carry out at the beginning of this event, which is the Lighting of the Candles. We have four candles and members of the Club are selected to light them. The first one is to remember past members who have served the Club. The second is for present members who actively support the Club, the third candle is for future members and the fourth candle is to recognize Inner Wheel members throughout the world and the work they do.



We held our Charter Afternoon Tea at Briarfields, Titchwell, where the staff were very friendly, as usual, and served a delicious spread most efficiently. We all enjoyed being together and sharing friendship, which is what Inner Wheel is all about.

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West Norfolk Hoard on display at Norwich Castle Museum & Art Gallery

Norwich Castle Museum & Art Gallery has received £217,200 from the National Heritage Memorial Fund (Memorial Fund) and £101,000 from Art Fund and The Wolfson Foundation to acquire the West Norfolk Hoard – the largest collection of seventh-century gold coins found in Britain.



The West Norfolk Hoard, Norfolk Museums Service. Image: David Kirkham

The internationally significant hoard contains 129 gold coins, most of which are Frankish tremisses – solid gold coins minted in the Merovingian Frankish Kingdoms that occupied much of modern-day France, Germany, Switzerland and the Low Countries. These are the first coins made and used in Europe after the fall of the Roman empire and predate the first gold coinage made in Anglo-Saxon England.

The West Norfolk hoard is one of only eight hoards of this coin type known from Europe and only the third from the UK. Experts say the hoard will help transform our understanding of the early English economy and European trade and exchange networks.

The hoard is exceptional due to its size and the variety of the coins it contains. Of the 129 coins, there are 118 different coin designs and 51 different European mints represented, as well as ten coins from Byzantium, including two from Constantinople.

Prior to its discovery, the largest hoard of coins of this period was a purse containing 101 coins discovered at Crondall in Hampshire in 1828, while the famous ship burial from Sutton Hoo in Suffolk, excavated in 1939, included a purse of 37 gold coins.

Declared Treasure by the Coroner's court in November 2021, acquisition of this extraordinary find for a public museum means it will remain intact and accessible to researchers and visitors to Norwich Castle where the hoard has just gone on display in the newly reopened Anglo-Saxon and Viking Gallery.

The National Heritage Memorial Fund were joined by Art Fund and The Wolfson Foundation, the V&A Purchase Grant Fund and Friends of the Norwich Museums in supporting the acquisition of the hoard.

Simon Thurley, Chair of the National Heritage Memorial Fund, said: "Buried for over 1,400 years, the West Norfolk Hoard and the fascinating insights it offers into sixth century England's place in the world, can finally be revealed. We are delighted to support this acquisition which will keep the hoard intact, in the county in which it was buried and publicly accessible for everyone to enjoy.

The hoard appears to have been buried in about 610AD, based on the date of the latest coins. In addition to the tremisses, the hoard also contains nine gold solidi – a larger coin from the Byzantine empire worth three tremisses – and four other gold objects. These other items – a gold bracteate (a Scandinavian type of pendant), a small gold ingot, and two pieces of scrap gold which were probably originally parts of jewellery – suggest that the coins should be seen also as a collection of bullion, valued by weight rather than face value.

The geographical spread of the coins contained in the hoard points to the international connections of the English elite at the time. For instance, two coins, one from Huys in Belgium and another from Sion in Switzerland, are identical to coins buried in the Sutton Hoo ship.

This has the potential to transform our understanding of the economic conditions of the period as Dr Tim Pestell, Senior Curator of Archaeology at Norwich Castle Museum & Art Gallery, explains: "This internationally significant find reflects the wealth and Continental

connections enjoyed by the early Kingdom of East Anglia. Study of the hoard and its find spot has the potential to unlock our understanding of early trade and exchange systems and the importance of west Norfolk to East Anglia's ruling kings in the seventh century."

In common with the small number of other very wealthy seventh-century hoards known, the reason for the burial of the coins remains shrouded in mystery. Tremisses remain very rare coins, only a few of which are found by metal-detectorists in Britain every year. Their collection in a group like this is therefore highly unusual and points to the wealth of the owner and the exceptional circumstances that must have led to its burial and loss. It also tells us something new about the numbers of coins from across Europe that were in circulation and reaching Britain.



*Above: Close up showing detail of a Byzantine gold solidus
Below: The West Norfolk Hoard, Norfolk Museums Service.
Image: David Kirkham*



The hoard was discovered by two metal detectorists in a field in West Norfolk with the majority of the objects found between 2014 and 2020. While one finder acted legally and worked with archaeological authorities, the other sold his finds illegally. He was subsequently convicted and served a prison term for theft. Thanks to the responsible detectorist, we are now able to explore an internationally-significant find that will open a new window into the past. Together with the landowner, both have requested anonymity, hence the hoard being described only as coming from 'West Norfolk'.

The West Norfolk hoard now takes its place alongside other finds from the Anglo-Saxon period for which East Anglia is famed, with the ship burial at Sutton Hoo probably the most internationally renowned example. The Sutton Hoo Mound One ship – which was buried about 625 AD – includes a purse of 37 Frankish tremisses as well as three coin blanks and two gold ingots. Another recent key find – and the largest find of gold metalwork from the era – is the mid-7th century Staffordshire hoard discovered in 2009 which, while spectacular, contains no coins, underlining the uniqueness and importance of the West Norfolk hoard.

The display of the hoard marks the reopening of Norwich Castle's Anglo-Saxon and Viking Gallery which has been closed for several years to protect collections from building works to transform Norwich Castle's Norman Keep which lies adjacent to the Gallery.

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News from Brancaster Village Hall (BVH)

Geoff Wingrove

Commemoration of VE Day 8th May 1945

Commemorative events, generously funded by Brancaster Parish Council, marked the 80th anniversary of this historic occasion. BVH was the venue on 8th May for an illustrated talk about life in North Norfolk on VE Day in 1945; the presentation covered the key issues of that summer, using contemporary photographs and documents of the time. It was preceded by refreshments accompanied by live music from the 1940s, including Glen Miller favourites, and was followed in the evening by a performance by the Brancaster Community Choir of wartime songs at the Barrow Common Beacon, which was lit as part of the national celebrations. Both gatherings were very well attended and warmly received. Many thanks go to all those who took part or assisted in arrangements, and to Briony Bax MBE for organising the event.

Forthcoming events

Curry Night 14th June 6.00pm: Currylicious will serve great food, and magician Nick Twist will provide the entertainment.

Brancaster Summer Party 26th July 3.00pm to 11.00pm: the major community event with food and music – further details to follow.

Regular groups

Our regular groups – Yoga, Baby and Toddler, Fitness Fusion, Beginners' Pilates and Coffee Mornings - continue as usual, along with visits from the Library Van.

Bar 71 continues to offer a warm welcome and to host darts, skittles and quiz nights.

Brancaster Stores and Post Office is introducing a new range of Dann's Ice Cream, as well as some doggy ice cream. We are looking to extend hours (further details to follow) and welcome Michelle as a new member of the team.

Don't forget to visit the Art Studio, which has an amazing display of paintings and art works: you will be assured of a warm welcome.

Further information about these and other activities can be found on our website at www.brancastervillagehall.communitybookings.co.uk or on Facebook and Instagram. For enquiries, please contact us at bvhsetup@gmail.com

FROM THE BRANCASTER PARISH ARCHIVE: THE WRECK OF THE TRAWLER "SHERATON"

Visitors to Hunstanton often take a beach walk below the cliffs and come across the remains of a small ship lying close to the cliffs and ponder its story. What was this vessel and what is it doing – obviously wrecked – below St. Edmund's Point, close to the village of Old Hunstanton and the historic lighthouse? There are many wrecks around the coast of Norfolk, mostly caused by storms, which are a frequent occurrence; that said, many of the wrecks are on the east coast, and few on the north.

T.S. Sheraton was built in 1907 in a shipyard near Hull, with an engine supplied by a nearby company. The ship was 130 feet long and 23 feet wide and had a 12-foot draft; it was constructed of metal plates over metal runners with some internal wooden frames. It was powered by steam and had a single screw to drive the boat. Its design and construction owed much to the older sailing trawlers, which meant it was an excellent sea boat, well able to cope with North Sea conditions.

The Sheraton was built at a time of growing tension in Europe, with Germany asserting itself on the continent and across the world. It was also building a powerful navy, which challenged the domination of the Royal Navy and made the country more vulnerable to invasion. The might of Royal Navy was, at that time, more than that of all the other navies in the world put together, but the increasing German strength was viewed as a major threat, given the great power of her army. Influential voices in the Royal Navy were promoting the idea that steam trawlers should be used as minesweepers in order to release Royal Navy ships for other tasks.

The Sheraton began its life as a trawler working out from Grimsby, which was a major fishing centre. When World War One broke out in 1914, the Sheraton was requisitioned by the Royal Navy to carry out minesweeping and anti-submarine duties. Sheraton was one of 800 trawlers requisitioned by the Navy to undertake wartime duties: often

the fishermen were also taken into the service to crew their boats. Sheraton was transferred to become a boom defence vessel which patrolled the barriers erected to protect harbours and anchorages. She also carried out anti-submarine work, which involved net-laying and patrolling the anti-submarine booms.

In 1918 Sheraton returned to fishing duties at Grimsby but, with the start of World War Two, she found herself requisitioned by the Royal Navy in 1942. She was assigned to the Nore Command, which was an ancient command established in the 17th century to guard important naval bases such as Chatham. The command had an area to guard in the North Sea of about 200,000 square miles, including the large minesweeping trawler bases at Harwich and Yarmouth; it was disbanded in 1961.

Sheraton was assigned to guard and patrol duties in the Nore Command, armed with a small gun and, eventually, an echo-sounding device to locate submarines. As such she would have been one of the many trawlers used to protect the invasion fleets carrying troops, equipment and supplies to the Normandy beaches on D-Day and in the subsequent Allied campaign across France, Belgium and Holland into Germany.

Following the end of the war and after three years of hard service, the Sheraton was decommissioned: given her age and old-fashioned steam propulsion, there was no possibility of returning to her trawling duties. She was stripped of all her equipment, painted bright yellow and designated as a target for the RAF – very much like the SS Vina, featured in another article. The Sheraton's engine was also probably removed at this time and concrete ballast put in its place.

In 1946 Sheraton was towed to The Wash and anchored off Brest Sand, Lincolnshire, to fulfil her target duties for the RAF. In April 1947 a fierce storm broke out in the North Sea and Wash areas; Sheraton broke from her moorings and drifted across the Wash, coming to rest on Hunstanton beach. Efforts were made to tow her off, but to no avail, and Sheraton was eventually sold to scrap merchants, who stripped the boat down to her lower hull and keel.

The wreck remains on Hunstanton beach to this day, exciting interest from visitors, but is a testament to a very sad end to a vessel that had given such sterling service over two world wars. The ship's bell was rescued and became a monument still used today by the Bridleigh Sea Cadets. Sheraton was one of hundreds of trawlers used by the Royal Navy during the Second World War for a wide variety of tasks. They and their crews were crucial to keeping our shores, harbours and coastal trade more secure during very difficult days. The pictures show the Sheraton aground off the beach at Hunstanton and as she looks today.



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Sedgeford Spring Fayre Review Jacquie Sindle

Sedgeford Craft Fayres held the first of 3 fayres this year on Sunday 13 April. It was a huge success so a big thank you to all who attended, purchased items from the lovely stall holders, had refreshments provided by Sedgeford Village Hall Committee and those who purchased raffle tickets in aid of East Anglian Air Ambulance. We raised a great amount of £210.00. East Anglian Air Ambulance have sent a heartfelt thanks to everyone involved. Joan and I would like to thank the stall holders who provided raffle prizes also; we are very grateful for your support. A special thank you also goes to Hunstanton Round Table for their very generous support and to Farmer Freds, Thaxters, Tesco in Heacham, Tesco in Hunstanton and the King William Inn in Sedgeford who provided raffle prizes also; we are very grateful for your support. A special thank you also goes to the shops and businesses who displayed our posters and to Elaine and Richard Bird of Hunstanton Town and Around for their continued support.

We look forward to seeing you all in August when we will be running our second Fayre of the year and the raffle this time will be in aid of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. If you would like to be involved in any way, then please email sedgefordcraftfayre@gmail.com



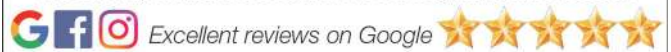
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Fundraiser reaches £20,000 milestone for hospital that cared for late mother



Passionate fundraiser Maggie Drew is on a mission – to raise as much money as she can for The Queen Elizabeth Hospital (QEH).

Spurred on by the 'exceptional care' given to her late mother, Maggie has just topped an impressive £20,000 in donations and has no plans to stop raising funds with her sights now firmly set on backing a new QEHKL Charity appeal

She has been an unwavering advocate for the hospital, first supporting a dementia care appeal and lately focussing on the hospital's Critical Care Unit (CCU) all in memory of her

mother Moira.

Moira, who was diagnosed with Sjogren's Syndrome in 2009, spent a significant amount of time being cared for in CCU. She died in July 2020, but Maggie's gratitude for the care her mother received has inspired her to give back.

Maggie, from Hunstanton said: "I wanted to give something back to the hospital, because they have been so wonderful in looking after my mum before she passed away. The care she received was exceptional, and I'm incredibly grateful for the support they provided."

The mum of one is turning her efforts to The QEH's EPIC Moves, Better Lives Appeal, designed to improve the hospital experience for patients living with dementia and frailty, continuing the hospital's reconditioning and exercise therapy programme.

Dr. Katie Honney, Clinical Director for Integrated Care of the Older Person and Clinical Lead for the charity appeal, said: "We are eternally grateful to everyone who supports this important campaign and donates to the cause. With the money raised, we will be able to ensure that patients living with dementia and frailty can benefit from exercise therapies while they are being cared for on our wards."

Samantha Taylor, Charity Manager at The QEH, said: "Maggie's dedication to our hospital is truly inspiring. Her fundraising efforts make a huge difference to the care we can provide to some of the most vulnerable patients. Thanks to her and others who support our appeal, we can continue to enhance the experience for those living with dementia and frailty. We couldn't do it without them."

To support Maggie's fundraising efforts and contribute to the EPIC Moves, Better Lives Appeal, visit the JustGiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/epicmovesappeal>

Hunstanton Marks 80th Anniversary of VE Day with Four-Day Celebration

Jan Roomes, Town Clerk

Hunstanton Town Council's Events Team proudly hosted a vibrant and heartfelt four-day celebration to mark the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day, bringing the community together to honour the legacy of those who helped shape the freedom we enjoy today.

The commemorative events began on Thursday, May 8, with a country-wide tribute. A VE Day flag was raised at the war memorial, assisted by the Head Boy and Girl from Hunstanton Primary School and Smithdon High School. That evening, the Town Hall was illuminated in red, white, and blue as a ceremonial beacon was kindled at 9:30 PM, inviting all to reflect on the courage and sacrifice of the wartime generation.



Friday welcomed local care homes, carers, volunteers, and vulnerable residents to a special fish and chip luncheon at the Town Hall. Guests enjoyed live music from David Young, shared stories, and formed new friendships in a heartwarming afternoon of community spirit.

The festivities continued on Saturday with John Harris's much-loved Victory Gala, which once again filled the hall with laughter, music, and cheer. Sponsored by Hunstanton Town Council, the gala featured

performances by The West Norfolk Singers, The Platinum Players, and the Zimbabwe Fellowship. Proceeds supported the Hunstanton Royal British Legion.

On Sunday morning at 11:00 AM, the Royal British Legion led a procession from the United Services Club to the Cenotaph, where Fr. James Munro officiated a moving remembrance service. Wreaths were laid in honour of all who served and sacrificed.

Among the musical highlights of the weekend was nostalgic live 1940s music performances at The Spinney by Imogen and Steve Wingate organised by Ian Wells, capturing the spirit of the era, drawing enthusiastic crowds who danced and sang along to wartime classics.

The weekend concluded with entertainment in the High St including performances by, street theatre from Misfit Mollys, a classic Punch and Judy show, balloon artistry, and roving entertainers delighting crowds throughout the day.

Hunstanton Town Council extends heartfelt thanks to all who supported and participated in this landmark event. Special appreciation goes to the Royal British Legion for organising the parade, Ian Wells for coordinating musical entertainment, the Heritage Centre for their contribution on ration book displays, local businesses for



their wartime discounts, World of Fun for donating flags, and all the entertainers, volunteers, and staff who made the weekend possible.

Shop Window Competition

To commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day, local businesses took part in a spirited shop window display competition celebrating the wartime spirit and community resilience of the 1940s. The creativity and effort shown by all participants was truly commendable, and the town was treated to a nostalgic and heartfelt tribute.

The results are as follows:

1st Place – Beachwave Creations

Located in the charmingly restored Old Coal Shed, Beachwave Creations captured the hearts of judges with its handmade decorations, both inside and out. Owner-crafted bunting, vintage-style displays, and a thoughtful giveaway of a free, self-designed sewing kit added an authentic and personal touch. Beachwave also took part

in the ration book scheme, offering wartime-inspired interaction for visitors.

2nd Place – Tapping House Charity Shop

This shop impressed with its beautifully curated displays across both windows, featuring vintage clothes, crockery, and an evocative wartime aesthetic that truly captured the spirit of VE Day.

3rd Place – By the Book

A clever combination of literature and nostalgia, By the Book engaged customers with a "Guess the Price of the Wartime Picnic Hamper" competition, complemented by a thoughtful selection of relevant books that transported visitors back to the 1940s.



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New Art Gallery will be a 'Fabulous space with beautiful high quality works'

Chequer House Gallery is proud to announce their wonderful new art space in King's Lynn which will now be the "Home of the Independent Artist". Located on 10-12 King Street, the gallery will host a myriad of high-quality works from over 50 independent artists with diverse styles and techniques.

The art, which will be available to purchase from the end of May, will include paintings, prints, ceramics, photographs, and sculptures in a variety of mediums including oil paint, acrylic paint, textiles, wax, ink, stoneware, resin and even hundreds and thousands!

Manager of Chequer House, Kim Miller stated, "We are very excited to bring this new art space to Chequer House. This gallery will include both up and coming and professional artists and will be permanent. I hope there is something for everyone and for all budgets!" The large space will also feature a reading room and shop that will sell handmade gifts featuring glassworks, wooden bowls, cards, browser art and framed prints. The Reading Room will be a peaceful place to sit and peruse the eclectic collection of books on display ranging from antique novels to autobiographies.



Pins by Tiffany Alexandra Bealey

We believe that Chequer House Gallery will be an exciting cultural hub in the heart of King's Lynn. Later in the year, the gallery will be involved in the King's Lynn Festival where an exhibition called "Revelation" will be held from 9th July to 27th July. Gallery Coordinator Jackie Kitch said "This is going to be a fabulous place for art lovers. Not only is the art exceptional and at such a varied range but I believe this is going to be an incredibly popular place for Norfolk, culturally, aesthetically and recreationally!"

The new gallery will have an Open Day on Saturday 31st May and will remain open after that daily from Wednesday to Sunday, 11:00 – 17:00. Follow Chequer House Gallery on Instagram and Facebook to keep up-to-date with news and to see some of the art that will be on display, or visit chequerhousegallery.co.uk.

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Hunstanton Society

TALKS

In May we have Kelly-Ann Willson visiting us to talk about the work of The Wash and Norfolk Marine Partnership. One hears a lot about the organisations that deal with various aspects of the Wash and it's surroundings but never ever much information to put it all into perspective.

This is the last Talk that we have for this season following which we shall have a break until September when Summer will almost be over, sadly. We shall be announcing our next season's talks programme probably sometime in August when it will all be set.

Deepdale Farm Open Farm Event 1st June 2025

Many of you who attended our February Talk will recall that Deepdale Farm has a number of events during the year that are open to the general public at no cost.

Anna Biesty has contacted us about this event running from 10.00am to 4.00pm on Sunday, 1st June. The Open Farm Sunday aims to connect people to farming and food production. On the day one can expect lots of activities in the farmyard plus a guided walk departing at 11.30am. All the activities are listed on their website <https://deepdalefarm.co.uk/open-farm-sunday-2025-1st-june/>

The farm do ask that you book ahead so they can arrange the event appropriately, so please do visit their website



Update on the VE Day Weekend

We were very pleased to deck out the Heritage Centre this last weekend and for a few months until the 80th Anniversary of VJ Day which takes place on 15th August. Not only was it our wonderful Event Team's idea but they helped the Town Council to create 'Ration Books' in which many local shops promoted themselves by offering various attractions and promotions specifically on Sunday 11th May. We were pleased to welcome over 230 visitors over the weekend into the Heritage Centre including these colourful characters (pictured) who had arrived in Hunstanton with a couple of vintage

cars to brighten up the High Street. They were being spied on by our very own 'George' who was dressed to do a fly-past – however, with six legs, that might present a problem! Thanks to the Events Team for all their huge effort pulling it all together.

We were also joined by Barry – our very friendly Fossils expert who brought with him some ordnance shells and ammunition as well as some shrapnel (fragmentation) that he also has an interest in.



AN ITEM OF INTEREST FROM THE HERITAGE CENTRE

This particular item is derived from work done by Tony Armstrong some time ago and is the History of the Isolation Hospital in Hunstanton.

On Redgate Hill there is a pair of residences that were converted from the building that was once the Isolation Hospital. It is now surrounded by housing, but in its time, it was isolated from the rest of Hunstanton. This was still the case in 1956, well after it closed

It all started in 1893 when the Medical Officer for the Docking Sanitation Union, Dr Whitty, reported to the Local Board that it would be prudent to protect the community from the possibility of the spread of Infectious Diseases. He suggested that provision should be made to have an 'Isolation Hospital' built.

The very mention of isolation' or fever' meant that nobody wanted it near them, so Mr Hamon le Strange who owned much of the land in the area, suggested a site near Redgate Hill. He was to give the land, and the Council would do the construction.

The 4-bed facility, built in red brick, was completed in May 1896 - at the cost of £275.10s. In the event of an Epidemic occurring and only having 4 beds available, any spare and unused Bathing Machines would be commandeered and used. Within 2 months a case of Scarlet Fever was admitted.

The hospital was in use as such until the outbreak of World War 1 in 1914. At that time, it was a prime candidate for treating injured soldiers, so work was put in to converting the premises. However, there is no evidence that

it was ever used for this purpose, the two convalescent homes in Hunstanton being preferred (on average catering for 80 soldiers at a time).

So after the war, the hospital went back to its original use under Hunstanton Urban District control. Local information tells us that anybody being admitted was brought by a black coach pulled by black horses. The hospital became obsolete with the opening of the new General Hospital in Kings Lynn.

The 1945 photograph (top of this page) shows the building in use as a residence (note the war-time taped kitchen windows)



This 1971 photograph shows the building divided into two homes. These were rented out by the Urban District Council until 1956, when under the terms of the original land transfer, the le Strange estate was

offered the land back under the terms of the original land transfer. Mr Bernard le Strange declined. The two accommodations were then sold off as well as the surrounding land, and four more bungalows built.

Philip Thomas, Hunstanton Society May 2025

David Elsey's cryptic crossword

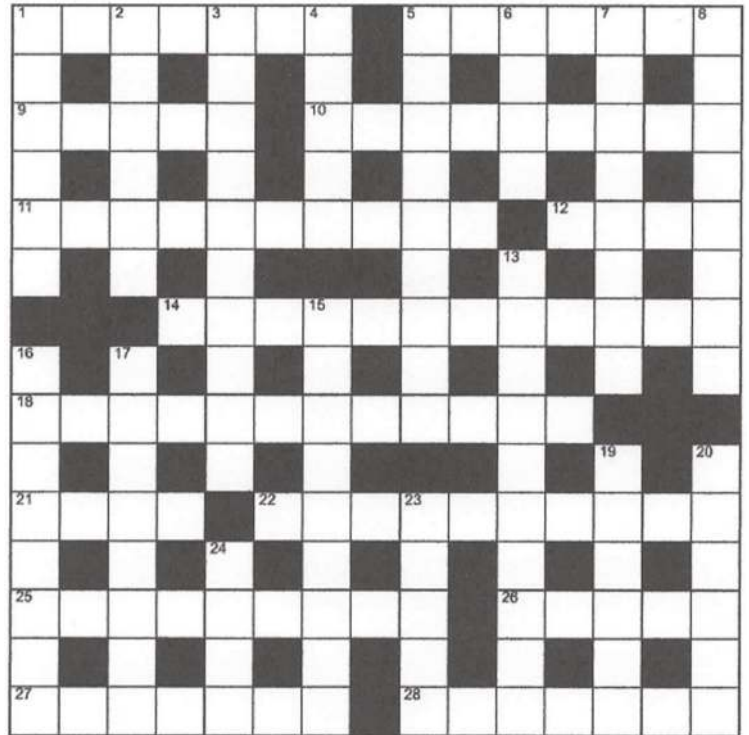
Cryptic clues

Across

1. Demand repayment of debts? Not me, that would be heartless! (7)
5. Drink, imbibing last of malt – and hold water! (5,2)
9. Just left counter (5)
10. Make clear first of tipplers organized tab (9)
11. Displayed finest made fudge (10)
12. Fit cables inside casing (4)
14. Applied force to manoeuvre into a position of chief importance (5,2,5)
18. Manage to complete a round (4,4,4)
21. After starting tractor, I will plough the land (4)
22. Clap master's version of Any Old Iron (5,5)
25. Tailor has edges of the collar to finish for attaching to costume (9)
26. Prone to telling stories (5)
27. Instrument in a sorry state is shown respect (7)
28. Labourer is to join function with staff (7)

Down

1. Arrive within a short time to get plate (6)
2. One is a hero to supporter near goal (6)
3. It's unacceptable as an anagram indicator (3,2,5)
4. Rests while touring European stations (5)
5. Open grassland backs on to reserve, giving additional space (5,4)
6. Happy Sue regularly seen in church (4)
7. Layabout sounds exhausted (8)
8. Went before pacemaker at first, then dropped back (8)
13. Pear or plum irritated tooth? (5,5)
15. Iced cocktail old-fashioned is biting, being strong in spirit (9)
16. Senses English test is no different to usual (8)



17. Drawn in outline (8)
19. With a victory about to be fulfilled, make an entrance (6)
20. Jack is working under vessel (6)
23. Quarrel? A right set-to! (5)
24. Album is taken from film (4)

Solution on page 35

What an Easter Extravaganza it was!

Esther Boehm On behalf of the Save The Old Dairy Project team

The Easter Extravaganza at Heacham Public Hall on 19th of April was a huge success. Much fun was had by all. Easter bonnets, clay animals, monoprints and seascapes were made. Plus people tried their hand at card making, quilling, scrap-booking, crocheting and pebble painting – Oh and lots of cakes and scones (thanks to Joanna at Modern Story) were consumed!

The Easter Bunny was in residence too. Apparently she might be back as a cheeky elf or Christmas tree fairy at our next event which will be in December.

Thank you Heacham for all your support. And a massive thank you to Mary Atkin, Stina Burger, Michelle Louise Carter, Brittany Elwin, Sophia Heathcote, Helga Joergens, Kerry Long and Sue York for providing the craft activities. And a big shout out for our volunteer helpers Allan, Felicity, Jill, Mags, Mo, Pattie and Sarah Jane and – of course to all who generously donated tombola prizes and cakes. Much appreciated. We raised an incredible £444.40 and donations are still coming in.

On the day we had fantastic feedback: "Can we do this every week?"

"Absolutely amazing day. Wish we could do it more!!! Appreciate you all." "This was such a fun afternoon! ... Thank you so much to Esther and all of the lovely volunteers! Super friendly and so patient. We loved it!"

It was so wonderful seeing the enthusiasm which we believe indicates a shift from being online to being hands on. We really would like to be here for the community and run regular arts and crafts activities for all. Owning The Old Dairy would make this a reality.

Last but definitely not least, a huge thanks to Margaret Marciniak for her donation of the proceeds of her Sound Bath on 25th of April. She raised £184. Don't miss her next Sound Bath on 20 June – 0795 140 2717 (If you don't know what a Sound Bath is come and see – no

water involved and you get to leave your clothes on!)

Our next fundraising event is a Coffee Morning at 36 Staithe Road, Heacham, PE31 7EE on 28 June from 11 am to 3 pm. Come join us – eat yummy cakes, play some fun games and try your hand at some craft activities. We look forward to meeting you.

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King's Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council Mayor Making 2025

Cllr Andy Bullen has been elected as Mayor of King's Lynn & West Norfolk and as Chairman of the Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk for the coming year at the Mayor Making ceremony.

At the ceremony, which took place on Thursday 15 May 2025, Cllr Steve Bearshaw was elected as the deputy Mayor.

Cllr Andy Bullen, elected as Mayor, was born in Kings Lynn and has lived around the borough including Heacham, Great Massingham, Castle Acre and Downham Market.

Cllr Bullen has long involvement with local wildlife organisations and spent time travelling and working abroad in publishing. Andy now runs a specialist maritime and port publishing business.

He is Chair of Kings Lynn Conservancy Board and is active in promoting and supporting wildlife in the borough. He continues to support young people in the borough through his long association with The Swan Youth Project and as Honorary President of 42F King's Lynn Air Cadet Squadron.

Since being elected to the council in May 2019 as an Independent Councillor for North Downham Ward in Downham Market, he has served on the Environment & Community Panel and the Bio-Diversity Task Group.

In his spare time Cllr Bullen enjoys his motorbike, cooking, cycling and music. Andy will be supported as Mayor by his sister Jane Jestice.

Cllr Steve Bearshaw, elected as deputy Mayor, was born in Wigan and raised in North Yorkshire.

Growing up, he was extremely active and could usually be found on the golf course, the rugby pitch or 1000ft in the air teaching air cadets how to fly gliders.

A long 28 year career serving in the Royal Air Force has seen him posted to Germany, Scotland, West Midlands, Lincolnshire, Bristol and Norfolk, whilst countless detachments and Operational tours have taken him all across the world.

In his time, he's worked on many different aircraft types, from those in the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, including Spitfires, Hurricanes and Lancaster Bombers, to the latest state of the art technology of F-35 Lightning, in such roles as the Configuration Manager, Modifications



*Mayor Cllr Andy Bullen (left)
with Deputy Mayor Cllr Steve Bearshaw*

Manager, Fleet Manager and his latest, Quality Manager.

A posting in 2001 brought him to Norfolk where after 10 years at Marham he settled and now lives in Clenchwarton.

Cllr Bearshaw is an Independent Councillor for The Clenchwarton Ward and was elected to the Council in May 2023, serving as the Armed Forces Member Champion and on the Audit Committee, Standards Committee, Corporate Performance Panel, Chair of Regeneration & Development scrutiny panel (until taking on his current deputy Mayor role) and the outside bodies of Armed Forces Covenant Board, King's Lynn Conservancy Board, King's Lynn Internal Drainage Board, East of Ouse Pulver and Nar Internal Drainage Board, Stoke Ferry Internal Drainage Board, Southery & District Internal Drainage Board. He's also Chair of the Clenchwarton Aircrew Memorial Charity.

He will be supported in his year in office by his wife, Marisol, who hopes in later retirement to be able to entice him back to where she grew up in the sacred valley of Peru.

East Anglian Air Ambulance (EAAA)

Trevor Dane EAAA Volunteer

EAAA King's Lynn Fundraising Group (KLFG)

The group started in 2023 to raise awareness of EAAA in the area by way of finding and attending local events to represent and fundraise in aid of the charity. The group consists of a small number of volunteers, including myself. KLFG attended their first fundraising event in May 2024 and, in May 2025, completed a full year of fundraising. Thank you to everyone who has supported EAAA through KLFG.

Our community

Raising awareness of EAAA in the community is very much at the heart of what KLFG does as well as providing a local connection for local EAAA supporter groups as well as to the wider charity. We also deliver talks to local groups, and manage EAAA collection boxes in the community.

April event update

20 KLFG members attended the Sandringham Easter Egg Trail, which supported King's Lynn Priory Rotary Club and EAAA, raising a brilliant £512.57 on the day. KLFG and EAAA would like to thank Priory Rotary for their valued support of EAAA.

KLFG events completed in early May 2025

3 May – Tesco, Gaywood: An awareness stand and bucket collection raised a fantastic £119.16. Thank you to Tesco Gaywood community champion, Sophie for inviting us in store, Louise who assisted us on the day, and to Tesco customers who donated.

4 and 5 May: NVTECH - EA (National Vintage Tractor and Engine Club) Assisting EAAA and NVTECH at Stradsett, near King's Lynn. £239.46 was raised by the group. Thank you to NVTECH – EA for their support of EAAA.

Where you'll find KLFG this June

1 June: Supporting the Morris Minors Owners Club at Baytree Garden Centre Hilgay near Downham Market, all day.

7 June: Picnic in the Park, North Wootton, all day.

8 June: Lions Family Fun Day, The Walks, King's Lynn, all day.

17 June: Hunstanton Town Hall indoor market, 10am to 4pm.

22 June: Hunstanton Carnival on The Green, all day.

KLFG can be contacted by emailing either myself or my colleague

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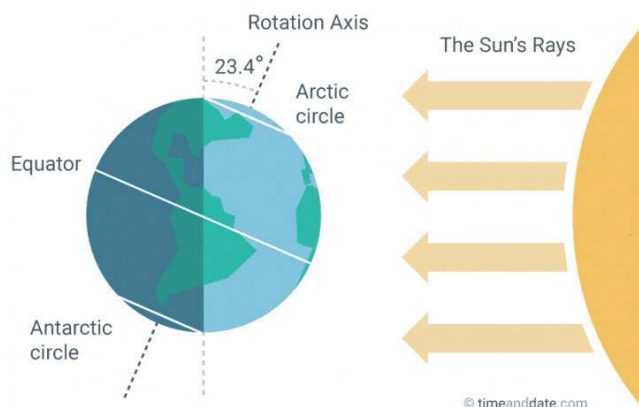
Dark skies of West Norfolk

Terry Parish



Winter is coming. Well, the longest day, shortest night occurs on the 21st. After that it is getting darker, not that matters much if clouds blot out the stars and planets. Mind you, clouds might mean rain and on this day of writing, 10th May, we need some.

The Summer Solstice is an important event in the ancient calendar but perhaps not so much as the Winter Solstice 6 months later when the days of increasing darkness end and the world is renewed.



The northern hemisphere receives its maximum exposure to the Sun's light at the Summer Solstice. Internet

The Summer Solstice occurs at around 3.42am if you want to celebrate it. The Sun will be at its most northerly point in the sky before the orbital path and inclination of the Earth starts bringing it lower. Astronomical summer begins on this date and ends on 22nd September. If you want to get your summer shorts out earlier, then meteorological summer begins on the 1st June and ends on the 31st August.

In the antipodes, Australia and New Zealand, they will be dancing around their Coolabah /Matal trees to see off winter as the 21st will be their Winter Solstice.

What to see at night? Not a lot as the sky doesn't get very dark. Mars is still there and, on the 1st at about 10.30pm, find it to the right of the fat crescent Moon. On the left, the bright star is Regulus whilst the star above this trio is Algieba.

On the 16th at around 11pm, Mars appears to almost touch Regulus – they are in conjunction. Use binoculars to contrast the red of Mars and the blue-white of the 21st brightest star in the night sky. On the 29th, Mars is to the left of the crescent Moon and Regulus to its right.



I mentioned Antares last month. Ares was the Greek God of War which the Romans named Mars. Ant is anti, and Antares is translated as 'rival of Mars'. A long way around to say it is reddish and can be confused with Mars when the latter is dim. Anyway, on the 9th or 10th, look to the Moon and find this rival to the left and then to the right of it.

You have another chance to spot Mercury from the middle of the month but you need a good NW horizon as it will be very low in the sky. With a magnitude of minus 0.5 it will appear as a bright spark and doesn't set until around 11pm. Once seen never forgotten but finding it, that is the rub. On the 27th, the thin crescent Moon will help as Mercury will be just below and to the right of it. Use binoculars to view it but make sure the Sun has set first.

If you want to catch the sky at its darkest than be up and around from 2am. Saturn and Neptune rise then and will be in conjunction, close together, at the end of the month. However, though Saturn with magnitude of +1 will be visible to the naked eye and an easy sight in binoculars, Neptune much dimmer at +7.8, will need a good telescope. Look ESE and further east as time and date advances. They will be low down and a good horizon is needed. On the 19th, the Moon is close to the pair.

If you are up for these two planets then stay awake to see Venus rise at 3am. It will be a beacon of light with a magnitude of minus 4.1. We saw it lighting up the western sky on February evenings, now it will do the same to the eastern sky in the morning. Beware that the Sun will rise quickly after it so binoculars or other optical instruments should not be used to observe Venus this time.



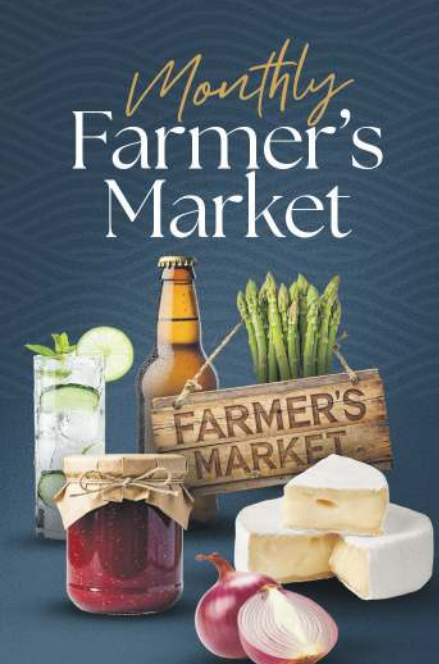
Noctilucent clouds. Not over Heacham but at Uppsala. Internet

Noctilucent – luminous at night – clouds. This is a phenomenon to look out for either side of the solstice. After the Sun has set, as far as Earth bound mortals are concerned, it's light still shines on objects at high altitudes. There aren't any mountains in Norfolk so high-altitude objects means clouds. Thin, wispy, ones that glow in an otherwise 'dark' sky. Look out for them.



Other noctilucent clouds elsewhere. Internet

The Full Moon in June is always very low in the sky because it is opposite the Sun and the Sun is at its highest point. If you are up before sunrise for Venus then, on the 11th you can see the Full Moon rise in the east at about 2am. Easier is to watch it set in the west around 4.45pm just before teatime. Hunstanton will likely be a good site. Remember to start summer on the 21st if want it to finish later. Look for high clouds after sunset and enjoy the Moon in June.



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Easter Egg Giveaway

On the 18th April Hunstanton Charity Shop gave away free Easter Eggs to children aged 4 to 12 in exchange for an Easter picture to decorate their shop.

Angela Green shop owner said: "We had some beautiful hand-drawn pictures and it was lovely to see them hanging in our shop; all our customers loved the mixture of pictures and colours.

"The children's pictures made a fantastic display, they put so much work into them, they deserved their Easter Egg, and we hope they enjoyed eating them."



National Coastwatch Institution (NCI) Brancaster

As the extremely busy summer period approaches, the Coastwatch station at Brancaster needs to be on special alert, as the beach is often crowded. Recent incidents show the necessity for continued vigilance, as this month, two members of the public were caught by the tide and trapped on a sandbank. The Coastguard were alerted, but fortunately the couple were able to wade ashore, although the water was waist deep. Regrettably, people continue to ignore warnings of the strong tidal flows just offshore: they often go out on what they think is the beach, but is in reality a sandbank, not realising that the tide will come in behind them and that the flows are very powerful. Hazardous substances also continue to be washed up on the beach, needing to be dealt with by the authorities when alerted by the Watchkeepers.

April 15th saw the third anniversary of the Brancaster station, and the team met on that day at The Jolly Sailors to mark the occasion: pictured here at the celebrations are John A

and Richard B, Station Manager and Deputy. The day before this event, the writer of these reports walked continuously along the last twenty miles of the Peddars Way (Castle Acre to Holme-Next-The-Sea) to raise money for the station. I can confirm that the walk was successful, although it failed to match the time set for Roman legionnaires to march the distance (five hours) by 30-40 minutes: I was pleased to be cheered on with grunts by hundreds of pigs on farms on each side or large stretches of the track. May I offer my thanks to all those who supported my efforts which, on latest estimates, raised £1500.

The Nelson's Shantymen, who are also strong supporters of the station, are holding a fundraising event at The Jolly Sailors in Brancaster Staithe on 31st May from 12.00pm to 9.45pm. Come along and enjoy!

If you would like more information on NCI Brancaster, or to find out more about becoming a volunteer, please contact Richard Burrows, Deputy Station Manager and Watchkeeper on 07535 612777.



You can also find us on Facebook, if you search NCI Brancaster.

Donation to Tapping House

Recently the Rotary Club of King's Lynn has made donations to seven local charities, totalling some £3600. One of the charities to benefit is Tapping House and the photograph shows a cheque for £300 being presented to Lindsey Atkin, the Community & Corporate Fundraising Manager, by Rotary Past President, Michael Walker. Michael was at Tapping House for the announcement of the money raised by the Tulips for Tapping event which this year raised a fantastic half a million pounds in support of the hospice.



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Hunstanton Lifeboat Station



We were joined by our search and rescue colleagues from HM Coastguard for some testing exercises in early May.

One scenario was an injured jet skier who'd fallen from their craft who was drifting out to sea.



On a choppy day, the coastguards headed for a high vantage point from where they could scan the waves using high-powered binoculars and guide the lifeboat to the casualty.

Meanwhile, the hovercraft crew teamed up with their search and rescue colleagues for some simulated mud rescues.



Lifeboat operations manager Mike Gould said afterwards it was a great exercise in communication and collaboration with our colleagues.

Like us, the coastguard teams from Hunstanton and Sutton Bridge are all volunteers who sign up to make a difference and help keep people safe around our shores.

Our crew joined the parade through town to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day, which saw a moving service at the Cenotaph conducted by Fr James Monro, which hundreds attended.

Lifeboat operations manager Mike said: "Our crew are all from the local community and many had relatives who were either involved in

the war or affected by it.

"Today was a celebration 80 years on and it means a lot to the crew that they can support their local community and also remember all those it touched."



Crew parade through town led by standard bearer Roger Smith



Some were tasked on an exercise involving lifeboat Sprit of West Norfolk beforehand, before washing down and refuelling the craft, grabbing a shower and change of clothes and rushing to the take part in the ceremony.



From left Jon Butler, Dave Cleland, Niamh Walter and Charles le Strange Meakin after taking part in the Sunny Hunny Triathlon

Others took part in the Sunny Hunny Triathlon in aid of the RNLI that morning, joining the 120 who swam 200m at the Oasis and cycled 18km around town, before getting on their toes to finish off with a 3.5k run.

Race director Chris Playford, from King's Lynn Triathlon Club, said: "We're all triathletes, we all swim at Hunstanton, so it's a worthwhile cause. It connects triathletes to what the RNLI do."



Recent weeks have also seen a special tea party raise £750 to help save lives at sea.

The sell-out event at Hunstanton Sailing Club was organised by friends Lesley Parfitt, Pru Fox and Julie Oughton, who are all members.

Pru, who also volunteers in the souvenir shop at Hunstanton RNLI, said around 50 enjoyed scones and cakes made by families and friends, as well as tea, Prosecco and sandwiches, with a raffle and a quiz.



And they do like Tai Chi beside the seaside. Practitioners Allan Howlings and Maggi Marciniak, who organise sessions around the were joined by more than 20 to perform moves on The Green for the RNLI on World Tai Chi Day. The couple raised more than £1,000 last year, so thanks to Allan and Maggi and all who supported them.

Earlier, our future crew were paged for a special search and rescue mission.



Easter eggs kindly donated by Hunstanton Tesco had mysteriously gone missing around the boathouse.

But crew members' kids were soon on the scent. Dentists look away now.

Children and families are some of the unsung heroes at our station. For without their support, we would not be able to do what we do.

If you'd like to find out more about our work and how you could join us, either pop down to the station on a Sunday morning when we train or e-mail hunstanton@rnli.org.uk.

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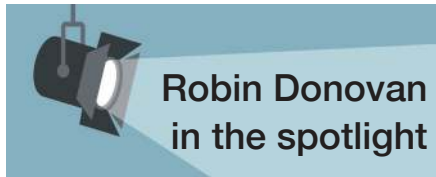
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Robin Donovan in the spotlight

Robin Donovan has raced Le Mans a total of 14 times. The 24 hour Le Mans race is an endurance race which tests drivers and vehicles to an extreme level. Considered one of the world's most prestigious and testing races, Robin - who raced as part of a team of three drivers which included Derek Bell MBE who won it five times - was a regular participant between the late 1980's and early Millenium.



His best ever position was 1st in class and 6th overall from 60 starters. At one point he actually led. With cars reaching speeds in the region of 240mph, the race was a lot more dangerous in Robin's day, particularly as the fuel tanks were larger, meaning crashes were more fatal. Robin drove behind such a crash, which he still remembers to this day. He now looks after hospitality for Le Mans and lives in Holme with wife, Anne, and their two dogs.

Full Name: Robin Donovan

Age: 69 going on 29

Star Sign: Sagittarius

Where born: In hospital, in bed with my Mum back in Sussex.

Where live: Holme-Next-The-Sea. Haven't been here long but LOVE IT!



They were married at St Michael's Church, in St Michael's village, St Albans

Occupation: Now, Director of Auto-Events company www.dettaglio.co.uk. Formerly race driver.

Family: My wonderful wife, Anne. I also have a brother and a Mum back on the South Coast in Sussex.

A Cats or dogs person: We have two beloved Golden Retrievers.

Sports Team Support: McLaren in F1 and United Autosports in World Sportscar / Le Mans racing. In my racing days, Gulf Oil Racing and Kremer Porsche Racing were a couple of the big names that used to support me.

Worst injury: I managed to get away with some terrifying accidents. Just a slipped epiphysis karting & badly broken hand racing. Biggest Break: Scraping into my first Le Mans 24 Hours race without any real funds (oh and my hand in my last Le Mans!). Starting out in kart racing as a youngster, I also feel I ended up fulfilling my dreams.

Funniest memory: My empty, airborne MGB heading for the roof of my girlfriend's house when I was a teenager.

Hero: Five x Le Mans winner Derek Bell MBE (who I ended up driving with at Le Mans back in 1994).

Hobbies/interests: Running my dogs off lead on the many beautiful North Norfolk beaches.

Best memory: Racing down the Mulsanne Straight on a clear night at 235mph.

Favourite international meal/cuisine: Just a rilette baguette would do, a tradition at Le Mans.

Favourite drink: Anything when the other person is paying for the round!

Favourite band/singer: I'm severely musically restricted to the 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's, 10's & 20's, tho' Glenn Millers 'Moonlight Serenade' is pretty cool too.

Favourite film: All Richard Curtis written movies.

Favourite holiday destination: The Far East.

Three items for a desert island: My wife and my two dogs. Anne will cook the fish we catch....

An interesting fact about yourself nobody knows: That's a secret. I don't want to get arrested at my age.

Worst habit: I gave up sucking my thumb but never stopped biting my nails.

Pet hate in others: Folks who lead walk their dogs on pavements. Dogs are born to enjoy so much more fun.

Biggest achievement in life: In the past: Participating in 14 x Le Mans 24 Hours races. More recently: Publishing my autobiography without a ghost writer.

Best advice ever given: I forgot as I never took it.

Like to live forever: No, but I would prefer more than three score years and ten.

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The answer to last month's question: Which of the four teams in this year's FA Cup Semi Finals have never won the trophy was Crystal Palace. James Defty from South Wootton was the lucky winner from many correct entries.

The Pits and the Mulsanne at 24 Hours of Le Mans

The 24 Hours of Le Mans in France is one of the most famous races on the motor sports calendar. The first Le Mans race took place way back in 1923 with the next one taking place on the 14th & 15th of June. Many Formula One drivers have used it to launch their careers, such as Michael Schumacher who raced the course in 1991 before winning his first F1 race the following year. You only have to look at the entries in the Hypercar class category this year to appreciate how seriously the top car brands take the race, with Aston Martin, Alpine, BMW, Cadillac, Ferrari, Peugeot, Porsche and Toyota all with entries.

In fact, many race drivers aspire to compete in one of the world's most celebrated sports car race, viewing it as a true test of their driving ability as well as a feather in their cap in their illustrious racing careers. Few actually achieve it. In the 80's and 90's, when Le Mans was still a very dangerous place, local man, Robin Donovan, was one of only a handful of drivers to participate in the race an amazing 14 times.

Robin has just released a book - The Pits and the Mulsanne - where he describes the many misadventures and adventures he experienced en route. Robin describes his unconventional journey to achieve his personal goal, to participate at what many consider is the holy grail of sports car racing, competing against the likes of Michael Schumacher and Mario Andretti, documenting many of the challenges

he encountered once there and racing with Derek Bell, a five time winner, who he is still in touch with.



Gulf Kremer Porsche K8 Team drivers waving to the crowds before the start of the 1994 Le Mans 24 Hours. From left: Jürgen Lässig, Derek Bell and Robin Donovan

The book looks at Robin's journey both on and off the track. It is certainly a 'strap in and hold onto your hat' affair with an epic, breathtaking and at times, frightening, 200mph plus ride of a lifetime as he takes you into the cockpit and behind the wheel. You fully experience the ultra-high-speed world of racing through not only the daylight hours but the darkest of nights, sometimes in unforgiving, torrential rain. There is fun as well as heartache as he regales tales and stories of his journey along the way. His book can be purchased on Amazon.

Robin has also very kindly donated a signed copy of his book, which he is happy to handover in person over a pint. For your chance of winning, simply email tim@townandaround.net with your telephone number before the end of June. The lucky winner will be drawn at random on July 1st.



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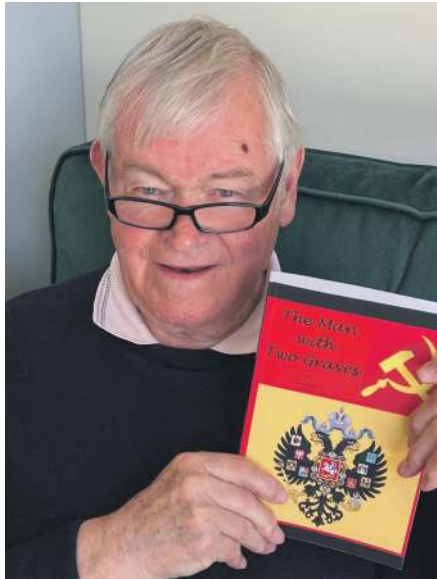
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Sporting corner with Tim Keogh

Ian Smith

Eighty-year-old retired Snettisham dentist and former Scotland rugby internationalist, Ian Smith, has been writing for Town & Around for the past two years. He has just written and published a novel 'The Man With Two Graves.'



Ian says, "it is a fictional account, which takes place around 100 years after the death of the Romanovs, the Russian Royal Family. They were all murdered in a cellar by the Bolsheviks in 1918, and for several years afterwards imposters tried to convince the world they had survived. Suppose there was a member of the Romanov family who did not die in the cellar, because he was already dead, as was everyone who knew he existed, but not before he had fathered a son, and this

remained a secret for over 90 years".

Ian's best selling autobiography 'A Full back Slower Than Your Average Prop' was published in 2019 by Arena Sport but this is his first novel, started in 2014. Ian was encouraged and inspired by Christopher Little the famous literary agent who launched JK Rowling on an unsuspecting world who told Ian he had writing ability shortly before he died.

The Man with Two Graves is available through Amazon either as a paperback or as an eBook, where it has received over 100 five star reviews, so comes highly recommended.

Below further insight into Ian's fascinating life.

Sea Snakes

In 1972 I was sent from Hong Kong down to Seria in Brunei to treat the Gurkha Battalion and all their families. I had been in Hong Kong for over a year and that was exciting enough for a young man who had never been further than Munster in Westphalia and Paris.

To then be sent to Brunei seemed really exotic and very exciting. If anyone had tried to tell me as a new dental graduate that I would live and work in Hong Kong never mind work in Brunei there is no way I would have believed them. To be honest I didn't even know where Brunei was!

Life in Seria, which is where I was working, was also my first experience of being amongst the Gurkhas and their families, and although memories have dimmed with time, I do recollect that we began our morning at 7am with what was known as 'sick parade' where anyone with an emergency turned up. This contrasted with an 8.30am start, or perhaps 9am in Hong Kong. Uniform was also different, being in light weight dark green because of the heat so it was a different experience altogether.

Sick parade over I would return to the Officer's Mess for breakfast, and was staggered to discover that there was always a curry. It was then back to work and the day would end at around lunchtime, and I understood these were known as Gurkha hours.

The most notable thing insofar as dentistry was concerned, was the state of the teeth of the Gurkha soldiers. You might think that coming from the hills of Nepal where there were even fewer dentists than we seem to have today in the UK that their teeth would be awful. In fact the opposite was true, because the diet of the Nepalese in the hills was very much no sugar. Their diet was often rough so the wear on their teeth was astonishing and I saw almost no decay, and certainly very few fillings.

However, because many of the younger soldiers were the children of Gurkhas, and as a consequence had lived in Hong Kong. This meant being exposed to a western style diet and most of them had fillings, and quite poor teeth so I was kept busy.

The afternoons seemed to pass quickly even if occasionally that was because lunch could be very leisurely and quite liquid. More often than not I went to the nearby Panaga Club which was and is the British Shell Petroleum Club in Seria. They had a squash court, and I used to play with a Gurkha by the name of Bryan O'Bree who was an officer in 6th Gurkha Rifles. As you can imagine it was hot work in the tropical heat and I used to run back along the beach afterwards to the Officer's Mess.

On this particular occasion I was so hot I thought I'd have a swim to cool off, but having waded out up to my waist I wasn't comfortable because I felt things kind of swimming around my ankles. When I got back to the Mess, they asked me why I was wet and, when I said I had been swimming, they were horrified. The sea was full of poisonous snakes, and I was quite lucky not to have had a fatal bite!

Apparently there are over 19 different species of poisonous sea snakes. I then realised why no-one was swimming in the sea apart from me!

The other afternoon and evening occupation was playing darts. Not traditional darts but darts using a blow pipe and the poison arrows used by tribespeople in the jungle for killing small creatures and birds for food.

A traditional dartboard was used, and we sat lounging on chairs outside the tropical huts, which had a long veranda, and the dartboard was at the end against a wall probably 35 feet or so away. The dart was inserted in the tube and a quick blow almost like a dry spit to propel the dart. Great fun but dangerous for anyone leaving their room during a match!

The other astonishing thing was the Winston Churchill Memorial Building, essentially a museum in the capital Bandar Seri Begawan. I believe it no longer exists but it was quite something to come across this huge statue of the great man, and then to walk through the door, obviously break some kind of an electronic beam. At which point is heard the great man's voice booming out, 'We shall fight them on the beaches'. This was exactly as it was heard in his momentous broadcast to the nation, and somehow or other very moving to find this museum in the tropics.

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Sporting corner with Tim Keogh

End of Season Football Update

King's Lynn Town managed to make it to the play offs in the Conference League North after a topsy turvy season saw them flirting with the play off places. Their season was ultimately ended with a 1-0 defeat at Chorley FC, whilst Brackley Town won the division. However, the relatively young side can take heart from their performance this year and will be looking to challenge for the top places in the 2025/26 campaign. Singaporean investor Joseph Phua's Turn Sports Investments and the Blue & Gold Supporters' Trust are bidding to take over financial affairs from next season.



Manager, Paul Hunt (left) with Player of the Season Colby Wood

Heacham FC were bottom of the Thurlow Nunn Premier Division back in August but rallied well under the guidance of manager, Paul Hunt, who used a blend of youth and experience well to steer the Magpies well clear of the relegation zone as they finished in 15th place. Youngster, Colby Wood, received the Player of the Season award at their end of season presentation at Heacham Manor Golf Club. The club are also pleased to announce that Paul Hunt will be staying with the club next season.

The Reserves had a fantastic campaign as they finished 2nd in Division Four of the Anglian Combination League, whilst the Development side achieved a well deserved top three finish in Division Two of the North West Norfolk League (NWNL). Heacham U18's were an excellent 4th in their debut season in the Thurlow Nunn Youth League.

Dersingham Rovers Football Club had a great season, with the first team finishing 3rd in their debut season in Division One of the Anglian Combination League, as well as reaching the final of the Mummery Cup. The reserves performed well in Division Four to finish in a creditable 6th place, whilst the 'A' team capped a fine season, finishing 2nd in Division One of the NWNL and a cup final appearance at Fakenham Town FC.



Dersingham team photo. Credit Rich Voutt

Ingoldisthorpe first team and reserves both had tough campaigns, with the first team finishing second from bottom in Division Three of the Anglian Combination League whilst the reserves finished bottom in Division One of the NWNL.

FC St. Edmunds Hunstanton responded well to a slow start, finishing 7th in Division Two of the NENL under the shrewd guidance of manager, Nigel Clarke.

In recent years, Hunstanton possessed the unenviable accolade of being one of the largest towns in the country not to have a senior football team. Nigel King and his cohorts have put an end to that. Nigel said, "I'm really very proud of what the boys have done this season. After losing our first eight games and to end up winning ten of our last thirteen matches just shows a great attitude to work hard and follow a game plan. We will, hopefully, take this form into next season".

Local Referee, James Durham, (pictured below) has received the Referee of the Season award from Fakenham Referees Association. He is also waiting to hear if he has been promoted to Level Four.



A rear-view mirror take on the local bowls scene

A monthly insight with inputs from Kevin Johnson
It's a Long Way to Tickle Mary...

Once upon a time, the outdoor bowls season was almost certain to begin in a warm Spring sun and greens covered in, well, green grass. Recent climate changes usually mean that the surface may be somewhere between grass and straw, and the weather is almost invariably guaranteed to be wet and windy. Waterproofs are the order of the day, with as many layers underneath as possible.

So, what happened this year? Well, the surface may have been similar and various creatures may have played there during the Winter, but the SUN WAS SHINING as the first stiff bodies were coaxed into action - for once there was more risk of heat stroke than hypothermia.

Early season form tends to be sketchy, with the results taking a while to fall into a pattern, so any highs or lows or comments from bowls-playing crisp sellers are meaningless and for another day.

The title? A distant memory from many moons ago, of another sunny day, a player, after bowling short, sang, 'It's a long way to tickle Mary', only to be reminded she was playing on the rink next door and probably wouldn't like it!

See, the sun can do funny things to bowlers...

Hunstanton Oasis Indoor Bowls Club Presentation Evening

Hunstanton Oasis Indoor Bowls Club held their end of season presentation and awards night on Thursday, 24th April at Searles Golf Club, with an excellent hot buffet.



Graham Keeley



Margaret Dark

Graham Keeley won the Men's Singles title whilst Margaret Dark won the Ladies title. Graham Keeley teamed up with Faith Harman to also win the Mixed Pairs title.

The most improved player award went to a delighted Cliff Perrin whilst David Ilsley, Graham Keeley, Frazier Clement and David Sawyer won the Men's Fours and Mo Stokes, Faith Harman, Wendy Hubbert and Sarah Pugh won the Ladies' Fours.



Cliff Perrin



*Graham Keeley
& Faith Harman*

Graham Keeley is playing for Wootton Park Bowls Club in the Norfolk Premier Division this Summer and is also hoping to defend his coveted Cliff Parade Tournament Men's Singles title in July.



Men's Fours



Ladies' Fours



The club also presented a cheque to the Norfolk Hospice Tapping House for over £2,200 raised from fundraising events throughout the season.

New Cricket Season Starts with a Bang

The first league games of the season started in earnest in May, with all local senior teams participating in the Norfolk Cricket Alliance. Several centuries have already been recorded, in what looks like is going to be a pulsating season with all clubs having realistic chances of promotion.

Last season Bircham were unfairly denied a deserved promotion to Division One due to, in my opinion, somewhat unjustified disciplinary reasons. They have, however, started this year's campaign slowly, losing their first two matches albeit by close margins. They are joined by Sandringham & Dersingham CC in Division Two who have already recorded their first win.

Snettisham CC just missed out on

promotion from Division Four last season so will be looking to go one step further in this campaign and have also already notched an early win. They will be relying on talisman Ryan Twiddy to keep smashing runs, having already notched a half century in his first game.

New debutants, Thornham CC, will be performing in Division Five and have already made their intentions known, winning their first two matches convincingly and topping the table.

In the Shell UK Norfolk Ladies Division, Snettisham have set the pace, winning their first two matches under the guidance of new coach Julie Fielder.

Town & Around will be doing the rounds

of the grounds throughout the season, with match reports and weekly updates of results online.



Sporting corner with Tim Keogh

Festival Atmosphere of Ladies & Girls Sport over at Snettisham

Calling all girls and ladies, it is all go over at Snettisham as the females prepare for a busy Summer of sport.

On Tuesday and Thursday evenings, netball sessions take place from 6pm on the netball court at Snettisham Playing Field. Organiser, Ho-Yun Simpson, invites anyone down for the fun sessions which take place with a festive atmosphere with music in the background. Ho-Yun said, "these sessions are open to everyone regardless of ability, with ages ranging from teenagers to fifty somethings. Come down and give it a try, it is really good fun and a great form of fitness".



Netball players (Ho-Yun Simpson bottom right)

Over on the cricket field, Snettisham Ladies hope to go one further this season in the softball and hardball leagues, having been the bridesmaids so often last year. They have recruited Julie Fielder for this year's campaign who has experience of Ladies cricket at the top level with Ickenham Cricket Club as well as junior coaching with Middlesex CCC. She said, "I have recently moved to the area and loved what I saw them doing here at Snettisham so have offered to coach the hard ball side this year. Whilst I want to very much instill and retain the fun element, I feel we can also challenge for silverware

this season". In fact, the season has already started well as Snettisham have won their opening two games beating Sprowston Women by 7 wickets and Aylsham Women by 45 runs to top the Shell UK Norfolk



Snettisham Ladies, Julie Fielder top left, Michelle Knott far right



Women's Outdoor Cricket League.

On Wednesday evenings, the club host cricket and softball sessions for the juniors from 6pm. This is open to both boys and girls from 6 up to 17. The junior coaching sessions have gone from strength-to-strength in recent years and, with the addition of All Stars, which is softball cricket aimed at five to eight-year-olds, membership numbers have risen well into their 60s. Ladies Club Captain, Michelle Knott, said, "we include each and every individual from any background and we strongly believe in everyone's ability to play the game and encourage each member to take part no matter how experienced they are. The high number of youth players is down to our fantastic coaches making sessions fun and enjoyable. If the children are having fun, they will learn more and return each week". The junior set up also has teams competing in the U9's up to the U13's categories.

For more information, you can contact Michelle by email at michelleknott1973@gmail.com or by phone on 07837 778119.

Hunstanton Snooker League hold end of season presentation

The Hunstanton Snooker League reached a season conclusion this week as they held their Presentation and Awards evening at the United Services Club on Tuesday, 22nd April.

The season started in September and reached a pulsating conclusion when Conservative Club 'B' won the title with last year's runner's up, US Old Town, agonisingly the bridesmaids again. Nearly 100 players are registered and participate in the league of ten teams throughout the season, with the league believed to have started as far back as 1968.

Over 50 players attended the evening, which



John Pesci IV

also included a team doubles knock out tournament. Organiser, Geoff Hitchcock and Chairman, Steve Jackson, awarded all the cup and league trophies. Geoff said, "thank you to all the players and teams, it is they who keep the league going and as strong today as it was when it first started".

Roll of honour

League Champions - Conservative Club 'B'
Singles Winner - Gary Hawkins
Witley Cup - Conservative Club 'A'
Billard & Woodhouse Memorial Shield - Bircham
Eddie Pendal Cup - Massingham 'A'



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Gary Hawkins

Speed Snooker & Highest Break - John Pesci IV
Highest Handicap Break - Dave Jeffries
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Cafe Legge Pairs - Daniel Fleming & John Pesci IV



Conservative Club 'B' - League Champions - Back L-R : Phil Moore, Jordan Cribb, Jamie Cook, Callum Smith and Lou Wells, Front L-R : Darren Cook, Paul Cribb and Keith Price

Time for A Yarn at Hunstanton Methodist Church

Time for A Yarn knits for charities local and abroad. Recently, Andy and Tom on behalf of Martin Fields Lodge of Freemasons presented a cheque for £150 to us to buy knitting wool. Also pictured is the VE Day display; the Ship was been made by Carl Clayton. Hope you like it.

Pauline Scotney



FOOTBALL FESTIVAL FILLS DERSINGHAM SPORTS FIELD

Much is talked of getting kids away from their screens and out into the fresh air for exercise and the skills learned through playing team sports. SCI (scievents.co.uk) have put these words into action with their programme of team sport competitions across the country and on the first Saturday in May their circus came to Dersingham. The organization, with due respect for local sensibilities and with the support of the Trustees of the Dersingham Sports Ground Association (DSGA), occupied the playing fields on

Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 May.

Sam Broadbent SCI organizer reported. "We had children ranging from under 8's through to under 12's coming from all over the country to play and we were pleased to invite Dersingham youth and Clenchwarton from the local area to take part. 34 teams attended from as far away as Leicester, Hertfordshire and the Midlands.

"There was some amazing football played and lovely team spirit shown by all.

"We held a celebrity presentation at Searles Leisure Resort, with former Wales international striker Robert Earnshaw presenting the children their medals or trophies. All children that attended have been given a medal, if they made the finals they received a trophy for the winner or runner up achievement.

"All teams in their age group also played for a fair trophy. This was voted for by the tournament referees for the most sporting behaviour, from children and their parents over the weekend."

This latter award lines up with the FA's declared policy of zero tolerance toward aggressive behaviour by teams or their supporters.

Thanks go to Emma Daniels, former Trustee of the DSGA, for her enthusiasm and hard work in getting this tournament to Dersingham.

DSGA now needs the funds to do up the old pavilion and then in future this event will deliver, not only benefit to our football teams and their supporters, but also allow us to offer hospitality to our visitors. Please visit our website at www.dersinghamsportsground.org.uk to find out how you can help or just keep track of how we are doing. It was a good weekend for Dersingham Football, our community and all those taking part. Let's see more of this kind of event and give our children every chance to grow in body and mind.



*Photo by David Collingham, Chair of Trustees of the DSGA Cllr
Judy Collingham, Trustee, DSGA with Paul Broadbent, SCI*

Hunstanton Croquet Club

Zena Penty



Unlike last season the start of 2025's croquet season has provided lots of dry and some gloriously sunny days to mark out the lawns, learn or get back into playing croquet and socialise with other club members.

Once again a 20 place 4 x half day 'Introduction to Croquet' training course was arranged which filled immediately leading to some additional beginner's sessions being run to ensure potential new members would attain the basic skills and feel confident to attend the club afternoons.

The Committee have introduced a number of new initiatives this season which focus around player development (group and 1-1 coaching) and a new internal league designed to encourage more friendly but competitive play within the club and ultimately prepare motivated players for external tournaments going forward.

A huge thank you to everyone in the club who has given their time

and expertise to help and support potential new members, existing ones wishing to improve and to teach other members how to measure and set out the hoops – a skill indeed!



Arts Society North West Norfolk

FLAWED PERFECTION IN ART

Lesley Nadel

Since the beginning of time, cultures have been expressing themselves through art. All the human emotions are found in art, from cave paintings to modern abstract pieces. The great masterpieces like the Venus de Milo or the Sistine Chapel exemplify our worship of their excellence, but polished 'perfection' is not the only key to creating great art. Perfection is an illusion and one that artists often become obsessed with, the goal. A belief that any flaws would render the work less beautiful, less meaningful. Artists are imperfect flawed human beings, as we all are, who create work from nothing, with their emotions, their experiences, their vulnerabilities, none of which are perfect, most of which are chaotic. The 'mistake' that an artist will see in their work can often be the very thing that makes it relatable, gives it meaning, reveals its heart and soul. Imperfection is what makes art meaningful and beautiful.

The truth in a work lies in its authenticity, not so much its technicality. Of course, the tools and techniques used to bring the work to life are important; how the paint is mixed, the mastery of language, knowing the shutter speed for a photograph. But it is intention and emotion that are the real power in an artist's work, and they tell the story about the subject created and the artist. The Scream by Edvard Munch and The Mona Lisa by Leonardo da Vinci are both considered among the greatest artworks in the world, but neither are considered perfect by conventional standards. The amputated arms or blunted noses of Greek and Roman sculpture are the

imperfections that make them so moving to study and reveal to us that what is absent is as powerful as what is present. Art is telling stories, and the most interesting works are often where the story twists and turns, where we are challenged and surprised, where everything does not flow perfectly. The colours may not have blended in a perfect way, the image does not have a crisp line, the grammar is not quite right. The flaws can often encourage the viewer to be more active in their scrutiny of the work, to think why the artist made the composition look different. The imperfections make the art powerful and unforgettable.

Imperfections are a crucial part of the creation of art. On the one hand an artist wants the work to be accepted, validated, but the constant pressure for perfection to be accepted by the artworld can stifle creativity, emotions and result in the artist, who is often his own worst critic, becoming discouraged. The artist ends up producing pieces for a society that is conditioned to believe that perfection is the only way to be successful. Perfect beauty everywhere with flawless models and airbrushed celebrities. Many cultures embrace breaks and imperfections in art. They believe it gives the work beauty and meaning in damage. 'Consider the Japanese philosophy of wabi-sabi, which honours the ruined, transient and incomplete. Cracked ceramics weathered surfaces, and the marks and lines of time are valued as reminders to accept flaws and the individuality of change.'

If you would like to know more about this subject and the arts generally, come and join



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us, The Arts Society North West Norfolk at the Sedgeford Village Hall, PE36 5NG. Our next monthly talk will be on Monday 9th June 2025 at 2:00 pm: 'Precious Imperfections: Ceramics with rivets and gold'. Our lecturer will be Anne Haworth, formerly senior ceramics specialist at Christie's, and scholar and historian. Details on our website www.theartsocietynwnorfolk.org.uk Annual membership £45. Large free car park. Our aim is more art for more people, with enjoyment and friendship.



June sees the second film in the King's Lynn Community Cinema Club 2025 summer season and the first of the season's social events.

On Wednesday 4th June at 6pm there will be a special screening of the film *Six Inches of Soil* in Screen 2 at the Majestic Cinema. This documentary feature film has been shown around the country to huge support. Telling stories of British farmers taking a stand against industrial food production by transforming the way food is produced to heal the soil and benefit health and local communities. Tickets to be bought directly from The Majestic Cinema which, club members can purchase at a discount rate of £4.95.

The screening will be followed at 8pm with a free discussion and simple supper plus Q & A with James Murray White a film-maker and story adviser involved in the making of the film. This will be held at the GroundWork Gallery. To book a place email mail@groundworkgallery.com.

On Thursday 12th June at 7.30pm the club will be showing the film *Small Things Like These* in screen 2 at the Majestic Cinema. Set in 1985, the film stars Cillian Murphy as Bill Furlong, a devoted father who discovers disturbing secrets kept by the local convent and uncovers shocking truths of his own, with the school's cook, who has

lost a son in the Vietnam War. The Irish Independent stated 'Without Murphy, *Small Things Like These* would still be a powerful film; with him, it's a near-perfect one. Essential viewing. Five stars.' For club members there will be a pre-screening meal details will be emailed directly to them.



Cillian Murphy as Bill Furlong

The film is free to members; non-members can attend for £6 cash on the door. Anyone over 18 is welcome to join. More information can be obtained by emailing communitycinemaclub@googlemail.com or on the club's website www.klccc.uk and Facebook page.



On May 10th we had our first joint concert with Norwich School. A comment from a member of the audience rather summed up what Music in the Burnhams is all about. Bringing together in community venues, people of all ages to enjoy great music. The Victoria String Quartet played with young students from Norwich School. The audience comment read.....

"The Mendelssohn played by people with ages from 16 to 60 being one of the most moving pieces of music I have ever heard. Predictably it brought cheers, and more cheers, from the audience, such cheers possibly being a first for Music in the Burnhams. It proved that music conjures up emotions which cannot be expressed in words and that its ability to stir emotions is the most effective of all the arts."

So, we enter June on a high and looking forward to more great music from Adrian Bradbury, who is the cellist The Victoria String Quartet with Leo Popplewell who has been coming to Music in the Burnhams since we started.

When we asked them to do a joint recital, they discovered that Adrian had been Leo's teacher in the National Youth Orchestra.

Their first recital together is on June 7th at All Saints Church Burnham Sutton cum Ulpha at 3pm and will include music by Bach Mozart Boccherini Bartok and Albeniz and will also include the world premiere of Suite for Two cellos by Leo Popplewell. We are naturally very excited to be hosting this "first".

We return to Brancaster church on June 14th for a recital by Leon Bosch (double Bass) and Rebecca Omordia. The world class double Bass player is no stranger to Music in the Burnhams but Rebecca makes her first visit to Norfolk.

Julian Lloyd Weber said of her; "Rebecca Omordia is half Romanian, half Nigerian – and it's a powerful combination! Rebecca's technique knows no bounds but, more importantly, she plays with a depth of insight and understanding which is all too rare today."

The duo will play Beethoven's sonata No 17 and a collection of Plural Spirituals. The concert is at 7.30pm

We are also pleased to announce that on May 10th in collaboration with the charity Norfolk and Waveney Mind, we launched our new mental health project to help young people between 14 and 25 in West Norfolk.

Full details on www.musicintheburnhams.com where you may book tickets for both performances and read about the new mental health programme.



Sandringham Federation news Flitcham and Sandringham & West Newton Schools

Through a very kind contact at Lynx Buses, we were able to have a visit from a bus! We wanted to provide an opportunity for those children who may be catching a bus for the first time as independent high schoolers in September and experience how that may go.



Kieran from Lynx arrived at Flitcham Primary Academy first and was able to provide time for the year 5s and 6s to role-play and ask questions and then there was even time for EYFS and year 2 to pop out and have a look, which will help with their topic of 'People who help us'.



Kieran then drove over to Sandringham and West Newton for the children there to practise and get more familiar with 'bus etiquette'. They were even able to get answers to such burning questions as:

-Do we have to press the buttons?

-What happens if we miss the bus?

-Where will we catch the bus from?

Kieran was so patient, kind and informative with all the children and everyone reported how much more secure they felt about having to catch a bus on their own in the future.



Brancaster School news

We are celebrating here at Brancaster having received a GOOD inspection from Ofsted. The inspectors were very kind, supportive and respectful. We had a very positive day; the children were fantastic and just shone through - we were so proud of them. The new inspection report can be found on our school website.

Thrift Class theme this term is, very appropriately, Sun, Sea and Sand and we are planning some lovely seaside related activities in a variety of subjects culminating in a whole school lovely educational trip to the seaside after half term.

Samphire class this half term have begun taking swimming lessons at Alderman Peel High school. We have the lesson first thing on a Monday morning and we really enjoy them - it has made the start of each week very exciting and we are learning a lifelong skill, especially important as we live by the sea.



Samphire also thoroughly enjoyed the visit to Crucial crew, a brilliant event attended and led by members of our emergency services, the police, fire service, the air ambulance service, St John's Ambulance and the coastguard to learn about staying safe through games and hands-on experience. All of our children were excellent and all reported that they had had a great day.

Meanwhile, back at school, Thrift class have been busy planting up new vegetable plants, we love to watch, water and check on the plants and they are all thriving.



We are also looking forward to welcoming our new brood of eggs that we will carefully watch over. Mrs Bocking will teach us all about how the eggs will hatch out into beautiful healthy chicks; the last time we looked after some we managed to bring 11 healthy chicks into the world to the appreciation of the farmer.

It is fast approaching exam season here at school. Our Year 6 class have been working so hard (all year) to prepare for their SATs exams which will take place this week. As have our Year 2 class who will also sit their exams before half term. This can be a nerve-racking experience for our children but they are so well supported by all of our teachers and teaching assistants here at Brancaster School.

Finally, we are all very excited for the last half term, we have lots of things to look forward to, starting with going once a week to Forest school at our sister school, Docking. The brilliant Miss Cooper designs the best activities and outdoor experiences and skills which can be explored outside the classroom.



There is always something brand new to make, to taste, to create...

We also have plans for our Thrift class to visit a local farm and plenty of other activities.

As always, we will be at the Jolly Beer Festival, which takes place 13th – 15th June. Raffle tickets will be sold in advance and on the day – and we have some amazing prizes including a holiday cottage, meals at some of the local hotels etc

The decision about our future has been referred to the Ministers and we should hear the final result after June 4th.

We are planning a "Big Tea Party" on Friday July 18th from 2pm. Please share with all past, present and future children, staff, parents and friends. We will be there to celebrate all we have achieved over the years. Bring your memories to share and make more. The classic afternoon tea party to rival any royal garden party!

We will begin the party with the children giving a music performance, there will be a bouncy castle for those that can still bounce! Games, photo board, food and drink - and more.

Please do let us know if you're coming by the 11th July, (to help with catering numbers!): call or text 07765488872, email, arobinson1812@gmail.com. or Sarah Bocking at sbocking@stmaryfed.org.uk or Clare Dixon at Claredixon@gmail.com

Half term finishes on Friday 23rd May, Children return for our final half term on Monday 2nd June. Our last day of summer term is Tuesday 22nd July when we will finish with our Leavers' Service.

Smithdon student's family link to VE Day

The anniversary of VE Day was particularly poignant for a student at Smithdon High School who helped create a special display in the school library.

The teenager has grown-up with stories of his great-grandfather who flew a bomber in World War II.

"I have heard all his amazing stories from my grandad, including one about how he got frostbite in both legs. I'd already been really interested in the world wars since primary school when I first found some books about them. But hearing those family stories made it feel more real to me. That's what really sparked my interest for World War II history, especially the planes," said Charles Werner-Smith.

Set-up with help from Marie Taylor, memorabilia on show at the school, a member of the West Norfolk Academies Trust, included

items borrowed from the Norfolk County Council Library Service which ranged from wartime propaganda posters to celebration pictures taken 80 years ago.

"Charles has a keen interest in World War II, especially the planes. He wanted to commemorate VE Day and approached me with the idea of creating a small display in the library," she said.

There was also a mini street party with sausage rolls, cake, lemonade and music from Dame Vera Lynn which gave students the chance to step back in time and reflect on the day, and what had happened during the war years.

A group of students also joined the town's official event held at the war memorial, when the commemorative flag was raised.



Hunstanton Primary Bursting with Pride: Sports, Celebration & 50 Years of Brilliance!

Hunstanton Primary School is bursting with energy as we head towards summer. From our budding athletes and flag-raisers to dazzling performances our school is buzzing with activity and excitement. We have lots more to look forward to as the term progresses.

Mini GEAR runners make their mark

On Sunday, May 4th, our enthusiastic young athletes participated in the Bespak Mini GEAR run in King's Lynn. This 1.9km event, part of the larger GEAR 10K, saw children and families from across the region come together. Our students trained diligently and proudly donned their medals and finisher's t-shirts, embodying the school's commitment to health and perseverance.

VE Day 80th Anniversary: Honouring the Past

On Thursday, May 8th, Hunstanton joined the nation in commemorating the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day. Our Head Boy and Head Girl led a poignant flag-raising ceremony at the Cenotaph, marking the beginning of a weekend filled with remembrance and celebration.

Football League: Teamwork and Triumph

The school's football teams have demonstrated skill and sportsmanship in recent matches. The league has not only been a platform for athletic excellence but also a testament to the school's emphasis on character development through sports.

SAVE THE DATE

Hunstanton Primary School's 50th Anniversary Celebration is on Friday 18th July from 3:00pm in the School grounds

We are thrilled to be marking 50 fantastic years of learning, laughter, and community with an unforgettable event—whether you are a past student, family or staff member we invite you to join us.

Here is what to look forward to:

Raffle – with exciting prizes to be won!

School Choir – filling the air with joyful music
Year Group Dance Performances – each year group will be performing a special dance in style

Face Painting & Glitter Tattoos – sparkle and



shine like never before!

Craft Tent – get creative with colourful activities for all ages

BBQ – delicious bites to fuel the fun

Inflatables Galore – including an obstacle course, a pirate ship, and a possible inflatable dartboard for some bouncy fun!

Norfolk Jar Kitchen Stall – a fantastic local treat joining us for the day!

Dress in your brightest school colours, bring the whole family, and help us make this golden celebration one to remember!

Summer Still to Come: More Magic on the Way

The summer term is packed with even more unforgettable moments:

Sports Day

We are getting ready for a fun-filled Sports Day full of races, games and smiles! Families are warmly invited to join us for a special picnic lunch on the school field – bring your blankets and baskets and enjoy the sunshine

with us on Wednesday 25th June.

Leavers' Picnic – Saying Goodbye For Pastures New

On the last day of term, we will celebrate our wonderful Year 6 pupils with a special Leavers' Picnic. It is a time for reflection, laughter and looking ahead to bright futures – with plenty of treats too, of course!

School Trips Galore

Each class has exciting adventures planned – from local excursions to hands-on workshops and nature experiences. Our trips are designed to spark curiosity and create lasting memories, rounding off the term with enrichment and exploration.

As you can see, we have a very special term ahead—one filled with celebration, reflection, and excitement. As we continue to honour achievements, cherish past memories, and create new ones together, this truly is a moment in time that will go down in the Hunstanton Primary history books!

MID-SUMMER AUCTION
Saturday, 21st June
at Wereham Village Hall

CLEAR OUT YOUR CUPBOARDS, SORT OUT YOUR SHED, MAYBE ADD TO YOUR FUNDS FOR A TRIP TO THE MED!

Items can be donated, with 100% going to the upkeep of the Village Hall, or can be sold for you with a 20% commission which will be contributed to the funds.
(PLEASE NOTE THAT ANY UNSOLD ITEMS MUST BE COLLECTED BY VENDOR)

SALE STARTS AT 1PM
Entries between 8:30am and 10:30am
-Viewing from 12 noon -

CAFE & 50/50 RAFFLE

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL
CWEN on 07919 665730 or 01366 348101 or
ROSEMARY on 01366 501330 or 07749 240606

Wereham Village Hall Ctd - Registered Charity No: 1166872

SUNDAY FUN BOWLS AFTERNOON
organised by
WEREHAM SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

Sunday, 8th June, 2pm-5pm
at Wereham Village Hall

You don't need to know how to play, they will help you along the way ... just £2.50 per adult, £1.50 per child.

Refreshments available to buy + 50/50 Raffle

Table Tennis will be accessible too!

A Musical Afternoon with Rick Hallam
60's & Country Music
In aid of
East Anglian Air Ambulance

Thursday 26th June

Hunstanton Town Hall
1-3pm
Sponsored By

£4 Entry Cash Only
Tea & Coffee £1
Dinky David 07787 966000

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West Winch Village Hall
Present

BINGO

SATURDAY 28TH JUNE, 2025

Doors Open at 6:30pm and Eyes Down at 7:30pm
Books £10 and Flyer £1
FANTASTIC PRIZES - RAFFLE
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE
To Raise funds towards a New Roof.

More info
www.westwinchvillagehall.co.uk

June events - see also <https://townandaround.net/whats-on/june>

Sunday 1st

Glebe House School Car Boot
Sale Hunstanton PE36 6HW
7am-1pm. Info: Chris on 07774
650606 or
chrishdms7@gmail.com

RAF Bircham Newton Open
Day PE31 6RH 10am-4pm. Info
07807 098348

Barton Bendish Open Gardens.
See page 23.

Monday 2nd

Anmer Social Club PE31 6RN
BINGO NIGHT - Club opens at
7pm. "Eyes Down" at 7.30pm
Fully licensed bar and Raffle.

For information email:
anmer.club@outlook.com or
telephone; text or WhatsApp
07899872351

Tuesday 3rd

Anmer Social Club PE31 6RN
Norfolk and Waveney MIND
Group meeting 11am-6.30pm. T:
0300 330 5488 or email:
nikki.nourse@norfolkandwaveney
eymind.org.uk

Thursday 5th

Stanhoe and Barwick Women's
Institute 2pm at Stanhoe
Reading Rooms, PE31 8PS
Speaker: Liz Scott - Life as a
Monastery Maid. Asked for
phone number 29/4

Friday 6th

Carpet bowls start-up session at
Sedgeford Village Hall 2pm to
4pm. Tuition available. £2. 50
per person come along and give
it a try, mature friendly group
further details from John Ward
on 07545 377507.

Fincham Memorial Hall Quiz
night - £2 per person, max 6
persons per team. 50/50 cash
raffle. Bring your own
refreshments and nibbles. Starts
at 7.30pm. Contact Anne/Peter-
finchamhallbookings@gmail.co
m or telephone 07782 335165

United Services Social Club,
Homefields Road, Hunstanton
PE36 5HL. 01485 533360
Friday Night Special. Abba
Tribute Duo, Head Over Heels.
Come on you dancing Queens
8pm. Non-members £5

Saturday 7th

Sandringham parkrun
Sandringham Royal Park at 8:40
for a 9:00 am start. First Timers
Briefing 8:45 am. Start and
finish on the vista near
children's play area. Car parking
for parkrun is free until 11:00
am. To volunteer or for further

information contact:
sandringham@parkrun.com
07913 439222

Hunstanton Promenade parkrun
9am. starting outside the Salad
Bowl Cafe running towards the
lighthouse. Volunteers 8.30am.
Info: 07804 927764

Music in the Burnhams: Adrian
Bradbury & Leo Popplewell.
World Premier of The suite for
Two Cellos by Leo Popplewell.
All Saints Sutton cum Ulph,
Burnham Market PE31 8UR.
3pm Adults £20, under 18s free.
07989 177079
www.musicintheburnhams.com

Fincham Memorial Hall
National Theatre Live 'A
Streetcar Named Desire'. Doors
open 6.45pm, screening starts
7.15pm. Admission £5, licensed
bar available. Contact
Anne/Peter-
finchamhallbookings@gmail.co
m or telephone 07782 335165

Dersingham Social Club PE31
6LX. Live Music with Mr Pink
8pm-11.30pm. 01485 543380

United Services Social Club,
Homefields Road, Hunstanton
PE36 5HL. 01485 533360 Cecil
Farryi Motown Man. 8.30pm.
Non-members £5

Sat 7th - Sun 15th

Harpley Church PE31 6UQ Art
installation 'A Thousand Birds
of Hope' 07821 622381

Sunday 8th

Glebe House School Car Boot
Sale Hunstanton PE36 6HW
7am-1pm. Info: Chris on 07774
650606 or
chrishdms7@gmail.com

Beat the Tide fun beach run. 5k
and 10k events. Starts in front of
Oasis with a mass warm up just
before 9am. Info 01585 534227

Ringstead Garden Sunday
11-5pm £6 for all locations

Sunset Soul at The Pavilion,
Heacham Manor Info: 01485
536030

Monday 9th

Anmer Social Club PE31 6RN
Coffee morning 10:00 a.m. to
Midday Coffee; tea; cakes &
biscuits available to purchase.
For information please email:
farmboy24@sky.com or
telephone, text or WhatsApp
07899 872351

Arts Society NW Norfolk talk at
Sedgeford Village Hall 2pm.
Precious Imperfections:
Ceramics with rivets and gold.

Lecturer Anne Haworth. Info:
07768 821737

Tuesday 10th

Anmer Social Club PE31 6RN
Norfolk and Waveney MIND
Group meeting 11am-6.30pm. T:
0300 330 5488 or email:
nikki.nourse@norfolkandwaveney
eymind.org.uk

Thursday 12th

Talk by Ed Peppitt at 'Write
around the corner' Hunstanton
7.30pm. Ed will speak about
travelling by bike for 100 days,
over 3,500 miles and visiting
327 Lighthouses. Places limited
so book your free place: 01485
522349 email
adrian@buyanotherbook.com

Friday 13th

Carpet bowls start-up session at
Sedgeford Village Hall 2pm to
4pm. Tuition available. £2. 50
per person come along and give
it a try, mature friendly group
further details from John Ward
on 07545 377507.

United Services Social Club,
Homefields Road, Hunstanton
PE36 5HL. 01485 533360
Diamond Pauls Mixed Bag
Disco. Come and dance to all
your favourite requests 8pm

Saturday 14th

Hunstanton Promenade parkrun
9am. See details on Sat 7th
listing. Info: 07804 927764

Sandringham parkrun
Sandringham Royal Park at 8:40
for a 9:00 am start. See details
on Sat 7th listing information
sandringham@parkrun.com
07913 439222

Kings Lynn Flower Club. Coffee
Morning 10am - 1pm. West
Newton Village Hall, PE31 6AT
With stalls including Jigsaws,
books, bric a brac, tombola and
plants. Irene Laws 01553
671312

Wereham Village Hall craft Faie
10am-4pm Info: 01366 501330

Strawberry Fayre 2.30-4pm at St
Cecilia's RC Church, 81
Mountbatten Road Dersingham
PE31 6YE. £5 on the door
(under 12s free) 07799 557146

Sherlock Holmes Murder
Mystery at Heacham Manor
PE31 7JX 6.30pm £49.95 incl. 3
course dinner. Info: 01485
536030

Music in the Burnhams: Leon
Bosch (Double Bass) Rebecca
Omordia (Piano) playing
Beethoven and Plural spiritual.



Events are
added to our
website during
the month.
Scan here for
up to date info



7.30pm St Mary's Church
Brancaster PE31 8AU. Adults
£20, under 18s free. 07989
177079

www.musicintheburnhams.com

Dersingham Social Club PE31
6LX. Live Music with Cecil
Farayi 8pm-11.30pm. 01485
543380

United Services Social Club,
Homefields Road, Hunstanton
PE36 5HL. 01485 533360 The
Laurie Hayley Duo. 60s & more
8.30pm. Non-members £5

Sunday 15th

Glebe House School Car Boot
Sale Hunstanton PE36 6HW
7am-1pm. Info: Chris on 07774
650606 or
chrishdms7@gmail.com

RAF Bircham Newton Open
Day PE31 6RH 10am-4pm
Entry and parking are free, and
access to disabled toilets is
available. Info 07807 098348

Fincham Memorial Hall Murder
Mystery Evening. Doors open
7pm, starts at 7.30pm.
Admission £5, licensed bar
available. Prizes for the best
detectives! Contact Anne/Peter-
finchamhallbookings@gmail.co
m or telephone 07782 335165

Monday 16th

King's Lynn Town Walks in the
Civil War 10.30am - 1pm.
Follow the historic town wall
defences while learning of the
part they played during the siege
of King's Lynn in the English
Civil War. Warning rough
ground, walking shoes or
trainers recommended. Info:
01553 774297

Hunstanton u3a at the
Community Centre, Avenue
Road, Hunstanton at 2pm when
Beekeeping and the life cycle of
bees will be explained by Judith

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Evans MBE. For further information please see our website hunstantonu3a.org.uk
Telephone 07443 763679

Tuesday 17th

Old Hunstanton Village Hall
Knit and natter. Tuesdays 10am-12noon. Come and join our friendly group. No need to book, just bring your knitting/croqueting. £3 includes cake and coffee. Enquiries: 07763466325

Anmer Social Club PE31 6RN
Norfolk and Waveney MIND
Group meeting 11am-6.30pm. T: 0300 330 5488 or email: nikki.nourse@norfolkandwaveneymind.org.uk

Friday 20th

Carpet bowls start-up session at Sedgeford Village Hall 2pm to 4pm. Tuition available. £2. 50 per person come along and give it a try, mature friendly group further details from John Ward on 07545 377507.

Quiz/Raffle at Gaywood Church Rooms. PE30 4DZ. Maximum 6 per team £5 per person.

Bring your own snacks and drinks. Bookings/enquiries: Pat Gray on 07902900618
Doors open 7pm, starts 7.30pm. Proceeds to King's Lynn Samaritans. (1173636)

Anmer Social Club PE31 6RN
FILM NIGHT - BRIDGET JONES: MAD ABOUT THE BOY – 15. Club opens 7.00 p.m. – Film starts 7.30 p.m.

Admission £5 at the door. For further information email enquiries@anmerclub.co.uk or telephone 01485 579465

Massingham Historical Society talk 'Growing up in Massingham during the last century plus a photographic display 7.30pm at the Village Hall. Guests £3 Info 01485 520455

Fincham Memorial Hall Cash Bingo & Games Evening Doors open 7.30pm, Eyes Down 8pm. Bring your own refreshments and nibbles. Contact Anne/Peter-finchamhallbookings@gmail.com or telephone 07782 335165

Ingoldisthorpe Sports & Social Club Open Mic night. Please contact Diane on 07901924223 for enquiries re the club events or membership enquiry.

United Services Social Club, Homefields Road, Hunstanton PE36 5HL. 01485 533360 Quiz Night. First prize £50. Teams up to 4 persons. £4pp. 8pm

Fri 20th – Mon 23rd

Hunstanton 'Mardi Gras' Carnival Weekend. Info 01485 532402

Saturday 21st

Hunstanton Promenade parkrun 9am. See details on Sat 7th listing. Info: 07804 927764

Sandringham parkrun
Sandringham Royal Park at 8:40 for a 9:00 am start. See details on Sat 7th listing information sandringham@parkrun.com 07913 439222

Deepdale Camping and Rooms
Live folk music in the Brick Barn (fully seated gig). Iona Lane 7pm. 01485 210256

United Services Social Club, Homefields Road, Hunstanton PE36 5HL. 01485 533360 The 59ers. New Act . 8.30pm. Non-members £5

Sat 21st – Sun 22nd

Hanseatic Festival of Water Sports, South Quay, King's Lynn PE30 5DT

Sunday 22nd

Glebe House School Car Boot Sale Hunstanton PE36 6HW 7am-1pm. Info: Chris on 07774 650606 or chrishdms7@gmail.com

Old Hunstanton Open Gardens Show 10am-4pm Tickets £5 available from the Village Hall and St Mary's Church see p21. Enquiries: 07763466325

Monday 23rd

Anmer Social Club PE31 6RN
Coffee morning 10:00 a.m. to Midday Coffee; tea; cakes & biscuits available to purchase. For information please email: farmboy24@sky.com or telephone, text or WhatsApp 07899 872351

Tuesday 24th

Anmer Social Club PE31 6RN
Norfolk and Waveney MIND
Group meeting 11am-6.30pm. T: 0300 330 5488 or email: nikki.nourse@norfolkandwaveneymind.org.uk

Dersingham Village Cinema presents A Complete Unknown (15) starring Timothee Chamalet as Bob Dylan. Dersingham Village Centre 7.30pm. Entry £6, under 16s £3. 07790 349896

Wednesday 25th

Snettisham Gardening Club 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall, Church Road, Snettisham. Janette Merillion, talking about how to Brighten up Shady Areas and will be bringing along some

plants. Enquiries: Gail on 01485 541279 or Addie on 01485 544754

Thursday 26th

A musical afternoon with Rick Hallam. 60s and Country Music. 1-3pm at Hunstanton Town Hall. £4 entry Cash only in aid of East Anglian Air Ambulance. Dinky David 07787 966000

New Hunstanton WI talk by Jilly Hall on Air Hostesses in the 1960s. £5 incl. refreshments. Info 07789 687893

Friday 27th

Carpet bowls start-up session at Sedgeford Village Hall 2pm to 4pm. Tuition available. £2. 50 per person come along and give it a try, mature friendly group further details from John Ward on 07545 377507.

Fincham Memorial Hall Film Night - 'Juror #2'. Doors open 6.45pm, Film starts 7.15pm. Admission £3, licensed bar available. Contact Anne/Peter-finchamhallbookings@gmail.com or telephone 07782 335165

Anmer Social Club PE31 6RN
QUIZ NIGHT – Club opens 7.00 p.m. Quiz starts 7.30 p.m. Entry £3 per person. Fully Licensed Bar Raffle. For information email: anmer.club@outlook.com or telephone; text or WhatsApp 07899872351

United Services Social Club, Homefields Road, Hunstanton PE36 5HL. 01485 533360
Diamond Pauls Mixed Bag Disco 8pm

Saturday 28th

Hunstanton Promenade parkrun 9am. See details on Sat 7th listing. Info: 07804 927764

5K Your Wy – Move Charity. Last Saturday of every month. Sandringham Royal Park 8:40 for a 9:00 am start. For anyone affected by cancer, friends and healthcare professionals to come and walk, talk, run or simply have coffee and cake and be part of the lovely parkrun community. For further information email: sandringhamgroup@skyourway.org 07913 439222

Hunstanton Craft Fair, Hunstanton Town Hall 10am-4pm Info 07729952297

West Winch Village Hall Bingo. Doors 6.30pm. Eyes Down 7.30pm. Books £10 and Flyer £1. Raising funds for a new roof for the Village Hall. 07301 000605.

Syderstone Cinema presents Juror #2 at Amy Robsart Village Hall . £4 on the door 7pm Film 7.30pm Hearing loop and ice creams available. Bookings can be made by email to: syderstonecinema_arvh@outlook.com Enquiries 07817 803221

United Services Social Club, Homefields Road, Hunstanton PE36 5HL. 01485 533360 The Tonics Duo. Great entertainment 8.30pm. Non-members £5

Sunday 29th

Glebe House School Car Boot Sale Hunstanton PE36 6HW 7am-1pm. Info: Chris on 07774 650606 or chrishdms7@gmail.com

RAF Bircham Newton Open Day PE31 6RH 10am-4pm Entry and parking are free, and access to disabled toilets is available. Info 07807 098348

Ingoldisthorpe Sports & Social Club Music Quiz family fun Sunday 'Name that tune with Barry!' 2-6pm Members free & only £5.00 to join for non member. Please contact Diane on 07901924223 for enquiries re the club events or membership enquiry.

United Services Social Club, Homefields Road, Hunstanton PE36 5HL. 01485 533360 Carolann . Accomplished Vocalist 3-6pm.

Looking forward to July

3rd July-3rd Aug

Cohen's Creatures. New temporary exhibition at the Alfred Cohen Museum of the artist's powerful images of animals throughout his career. Includes oils, watercolours, drawings, collages, prints and sculpture. The School House, Wighton NR23 1AL. Info: max.saunders1873@gmail.com 07956 278662

4th-6th July

One Act Drama Festival at the Princess Theatre 01485 532252

5th July

Wild West Norfolk Festival at Glebe House School Hunstanton PE36 6HW Noon - 10pm with Live Country Bands, Line Dancing Marquee, Trading Post: Wild West Food and Drink, Rodeo Bull, Fun Fair, American Cars. Artists include: Ays Connolly, Lee Ann Kelly, Henry Smith, The Fargo Railroad Co, Peddars Way, Rusti Steel, The Star Tones, Country Chicks

In the Limelight

Welcome to June! As we step into the summer months, we have got a packed calendar full of exciting events and performances, to look forward too!

Join us for “Soul at Sunset” with DJ Zola, returning on Wed 6th June and every Wednesday until September (weather permitting).



Enjoy Fishers of Hunstanton's new menu on the Sunset Wine Bar terrace—simply order via the QR code and savour delicious food with a stunning view!

Looking back on May we welcomed back some iconic shows such as The Manfreds. We were entertained by Aled Jones and Paul Martin, who surprised locals with some insight, history, and valuations on treasures from the past. Our Box Office & Tech Team took part in the RNLI Mayday Mile Challenge, supporting the lifesaving heroes who keep our coasts safe. Meanwhile, Jess completed the Distinguished Gentleman's Ride, raising funds and awareness for Prostate Cancer research and men's mental health. Huge congratulations to all for their amazing fundraising efforts!

Join us for music through to the comedy on Sunday 1st June with “Irish Annie”. A musical play by Asa Murphy, celebrating the best of Irish culture, featuring the live 5-piece band “Shenanigans”, starring TV legend Ricky Tomlinson (The Royle Family), also starring Samantha Alton, Asa Murphy, Richard Barry, Lynne Fitzgerald and Nathan Murphy.



Irish Annie Cast on stage 1st June

June's Film Club lineup kicks off with The Last Showgirl (3rd June), starring Pamela Anderson & Jamie Lee Curtis. On 10th June, catch the action-comedy Love Hurts, followed by A Complete Unknown on 17th June—a biographical drama about Bob Dylan's early years. Finally, on 24th June, enjoy Anora, a comedy-drama about a Brooklyn stripper who marries an oligarch's son, only for their fairytale to be threatened by his parents. Film Club will continue into July and take a break in August.

June has a whole lotta – going on. We are “Sold Out” with Katie Hopkins “Batsh*t Bonkers Britain”! The Shakin Stevens Story on Sat 7th June, this show is fully endorsed by members of Shaky's own

family. The Award-Winning tribute to the UK's biggest selling singles artist of the 1980's – Whole Lotta Shakin' – The Shakin' Stevens story is a nostalgic celebration, jam packed with feel-good Rock 'n' Roll!

Calling all “Queen Fans,” The Bohemians – Queen's Greatest Hits are back on Friday 13th June. Billed as “The World's most exciting Queen Tribute”!

We all love a good hit of nostalgia, and this show certainly will have you up dancing. On Saturday 14th June, we welcome “Twist & Shout” – an all-star cast from the West End deliver a musical powerhouse of a show that starts with the explosion of Brit Pop in 1962 through to the era of Flower Power and Free Love of the late Sixties. Music lovers are invited to return to a time when skirts got shorter and hair got longer as an incredible cast revive the hits of The Beatles, Herman's Hermits, Gerry and the Pacemakers, The Rolling Stones, Cilla Black, Manfred Mann, Dusty Springfield, Lulu, Sandy Shaw and many more.



Sunday 15th June make sure you book to see “Coldplace – a Tribute to Coldplay.” The only tribute band to have worked with Coldplay, this world-class show brings over 20 years of hits—from Yellow and Paradise to Higher Power and My Universe. Experience the magic of Coldplay's iconic tours, with lasers, confetti, video screens, and Xyloband LED wristbands that make you part of the performance.

G4 Live – Wednesday 18th June. Experience a thrilling ride through musical theatre's greatest hits—from soaring anthems to heart-wrenching ballads. Expect classics like Les Misérables, Phantom of the Opera, Jersey Boys, Dear Evan Hansen, Jesus Christ Superstar, The Lion King, Miss Saigon, We Will Rock You and more.



Music legend Marty Wilde returns on Sat 21st June. Marty is one of the only performing original Rock'n'roll pioneers in the world today.

Fisher Stevens tribute to Neil Diamond will take you on a journey through more than five decades of Neil Diamond's sparkling musical gems on Sunday 22nd June.

Genesis Connected is a thrilling live tribute to Genesis, Peter Gabriel, Phil Collins, and Mike & the Mechanics. Enjoy classics like In The Air Tonight, Sledgehammer, and The Living Years, plus the iconic “double drums” with frontman and drummer Pete Dinklage. Catch them live on Friday 27th June!

Love Pink Floyd? Pure Floyd celebrates 25 years with a spectacular 9-piece show, taking you on an immersive journey from 1965 to 1994.

On Saturday 28th June, relive the iconic eras—from Syd Barrett to Dark Side, Animals, The Wall and more—complete with stunning lights, lasers, and video projections.

Finally, in June, we have The Chris Stapleton Experience – Sunday 29th June.

The ultimate tribute to the Grammy-winning country star, delivering powerful, heartfelt performances of hits like Tennessee Whiskey, Traveller, and Broken Halos. Led by Gareth Peebles—whose vocals echo Stapleton’s signature grit—the band brings soul, authenticity, and top-tier musicianship to every show.

Back by popular demand for 2025 – it’s the return of Hunstanton’s One-Act Drama Festival! A beloved summer tradition, showcasing the very best of local amateur theatre. Four Sessions, Ten One-Act Plays make one unforgettable weekend from Friday 4th July to Sunday 6th July. Get ready for a whirlwind of drama, comedy, and creativity as theatre groups from across the region bring the stage to life with a fresh lineup of one-act gems. Whether you are a seasoned theatre buff or just looking for something fun and different, this is the event of the summer you won’t want to miss! Just £7.50 per session or grab a Weekend Season Ticket for only £20 – includes ALL performances plus the glamorous Sunday night awards!

Tickets are now on sale for this summer’s must-see variety show!

“The Great British Seaside Summer Special”! Join us every Wednesday in August for an unforgettable, family-friendly lineup. Enjoy Bobby Dazzler’s unstoppable comedy, Guinness World Record daredevil Chris Marley’s jaw-dropping stunts, mind-blowing illusions by Michael Diamond, a one-of-a-kind UV puppet experience with Ultra-Vibrancy, and future stars from Rollason Dance School. Shows will be held on August 6, 13, and 20 at 3pm, with an additional show on August 27 at 3pm & 7pm. Don’t miss the fun!

There is something here for everyone, bring your friends, take advantage of the group bookings offers or simply save 10% by becoming a Patron or Friend of the Princess Theatre.

Best wishes and have a joyous June.

Anna



The One Act Drama Festival returns to the Princess Theatre

Thanks to the support of the management at Hunstanton’s Princess Theatre, local theatre groups and you, the public, the One Act Drama Festival returns to Hunstanton for 2025.

Staged over three days from Friday 4th - Sunday 6th July 2025, the Festival sees upcoming playwrights and actors presenting and performing in a 40-minute play live on stage to a paying audience at Hunstanton’s iconic Princess Theatre and awards will be presented at the Gala Awards Ceremony on the Sunday evening.

The competition is open to any amateur theatre groups, with a separate category for Under 18s in the Youth entry group and performances can be of a short play (with or without musical numbers) or an excerpt from a longer play.

Festival Director for 2025 Verity Mitchell said: “This wonderful Festival has gone from strength to strength under the guidance and directorship of Stephen Hayter since Covid days and I’m thrilled to be given the privilege of bringing the event back to our audiences in 2025. Sadly, the Borough Council of Kings Lynn & West Norfolk have withdrawn funding for this year, but with the continued support from the Princess Theatre, local theatre groups and an enthusiastic audience, we are able to stage the event once more.

Verity added: “We’re also delighted to confirm that ticket prices remain at £7.50 per session, or just £20 for a weekend season tickets (all four sessions and attendance at the Gala Awards Ceremony) so please come and join us!”

For more information about the event and who is participating this year and for ticket release dates please go to our website www.oneactdramafestival.com

THE HUNSTANTON ONE-ACT DRAMA FESTIVAL 2025

4TH, 5TH & 6TH JULY

10 plays...

3 days...

a feast of amateur entertainment!!

£7.50 per matinee/evening session - £20 for all performances
including the Sunday evening
Gala Award Ceremony.



For all the latest details
www.oneactdramafestival.com



Box Office 01485 532252
www.princesstheatre.co.uk



Saturday July 5th from Midday

Glebe House School, Cromer Rd Hunstanton PE36 6HW

**Live Country Bands : Line Dancing Marquee
Trading Post : Wild West Food & Drink
Rodeo Bull : Fun Fair : American Cars**



Tickets now on sale
at www.wildwestnorfolkfestival.co.uk

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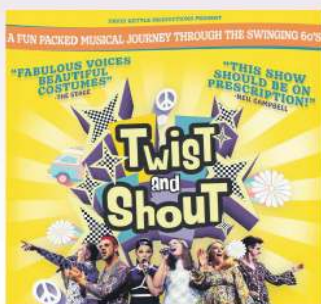
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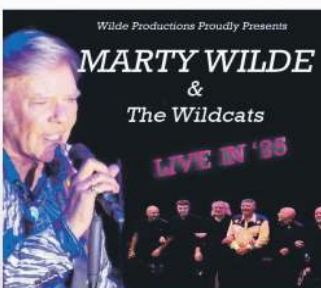
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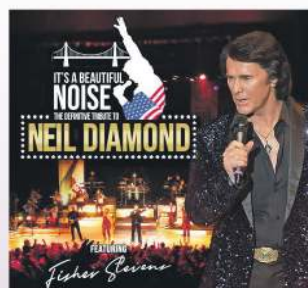
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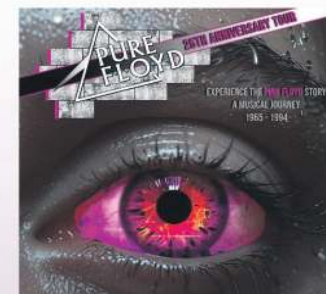
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FRI 27TH JUNE



SAT 28TH JUNE

Princess theatre **THE GREAT BRITISH SEASIDE SPECIAL Variety Show**

Wednesday 6th /13th /20th August 2025 - 15:00 Wednesday 27th August 2025 - 15:00 & 19:00

The Princess Theatre, Hunstanton Norfolk PE36 5AH Box Office: 01485 532252 www.princesshunstanton.co.uk

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