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Inputs by 15th Please

Dear All,

Life has changed rather dramatically in these last few weeks, and I wanted to write and assure you all that even though we have had to close our churches we are still church, and still here. We are people of prayer, and nothing changes that. Although we are not able to meet in the church, we remain the Body of Christ. WE are the church and are still very much open. Now more than ever we need to hold each other in prayer, and support each other in whatever ways we can.

Your Ministry Team are ministering in new ways. There are on-line resources on our website wroxhambenefice.org and our Facebook page, search for The Wroxham Benefice. Things to read or listen to. We will mark the events of Lent, Holy Week and Easter on-line.

We will continue to use the Bridge as long as we can for information sharing, and we are supporting many people by phone. If you would like a regular phone call, or can suggest someone who may find this helpful, please let the team know. As this notice is written the Government has initiated the NHS Volunteer Responders scheme which should bring help to those most in need however it will take some time to get up and running and we do not know yet what role local community groups like ours will fulfil, if any.

We will keep our website <https://goodneighbour.wroxhambenefice.org> updated with the latest news and if you are having trouble getting help and have the internet please fill in our form there. If you do not have the internet then please phone Clare on 07341 873375 or Tracy on 01603 784651.

We are here to help, and will do all we can – please just contact us if you need help, or just a friendly phone call!

Do join in with what you can – the journey to the cross continues, and we walk with Christ together.

With love and our continued prayers,

The Ministry Team

A Prayer for Us All

*God of healing and hope, may this time of danger
by your Holy Spirit, bring out the best and not the worst in us.
Show us the ways in which we can share faith and love,
while standing at a distance,
and honour our connection with one another,
and with you,
through Jesus Christ our Saviour,*

Amen

Still Church. Still here.

We are continuing to hold our communities in prayer as we always have done, and there are ways in which we can pray together even while keeping separate. Each day the clergy will be praying at the following times, and you are invited to join with us from your home.

9.00am Morning Prayer

5.00pm Evening Prayer

These services are available online
https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-03/midweek_worship_at_home_0.pdf

We also have them in booklet form so if you need us to drop one off to you just contact us.

Other resources will be added to the website for your use.

Maundy Thursday 9th April

From the safety of our homes we will pray together from 7.30pm, the time of our usual service.

A service will be made available online, or reading the Gospel of the Watch (Luke 22:31-62) would be a good thing to do.

Good Friday 10th April

We will put together a reflection for the hour at the cross, accessed online.

The Gospel of the Passion (John 18:1-19:42) could be read.

Easter Eve 11th April

A service will be available online.

Easter Sunday

A service will be available online.

Read the Gospel of Easter (Matthew 28:1-10) and if you have a candle to hand, do light it!

ST. JOHN'S COFFEE MORNINGS

Hoveton St John Coffee Mornings have been cancelled until further notice. We are sad about this because they are happy friendly occasions but because of the Coronavirus we have to think of people's health & take the Government's advice in this matter.

ST. MARY'S COFFEE MORNINGS

Due to the government guide lines it is regrettable that we will have to cancel our monthly coffee mornings which are held in Wroxham Church Hall for the next 2/3 months. Thank you to everyone who has been supporting these events and you will be kept informed when we can resume.

MOTHERS' UNION – WROXHAM BENEFICE BRANCH

Because of the coronavirus situation, please note there will be no meetings until further notice.

The World Day of Prayer on 6th March was written by the Christian women of Zimbabwe and we were asked to reflect on the difficulties and unrest that have plagued their country over many years and the need for love, peace and reconciliation. At the service people were asked to write down their commitments to support our own communities with actions of love, peace and reconciliation and these will be prayed for when we next meet. If you were at the WDP service, but are not a MU member, you will be welcome to come along. We were able to send £235 to the WDP for their work.

Sue Gibbons, Secretary 01603 738893

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

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In common with other British churches, we will be suspending services until further notice.

The United Reformed Church is also producing a Sunday service each week on line at 10am . Please go to <http://devotions.urc.org.uk> to listen to this.

The community café is also cancelled and our JAM (children's church) will not be held.

We hope that the Foodbank (Thursdays 10.30 to 12.) will continue in its much needed role and that donations will keep coming in.

God bless you all at this difficult time.

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ST. HELEN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Temporary Closure of St Helen's Catholic Church: Covid-19

In accordance with the Covid-19 instructions issued by the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales on March 18, St Helen's Catholic Church will remain closed until further notice, with all public Masses, liturgical and social events cancelled. This includes all Masses, Lenten Bible Study and Stations of the Cross, the Coffee Drop-In and the Fourth Wednesday Club. Fr James will offer a daily Mass at the Church of the Sacred Heart 'in secret' (behind locked doors) each morning at 10am, but please do NOT go there in person as you will not get in - make a spiritual Communion at home at the same time instead. If you do need access to St Helen's - for essential purposes only, please - leave a message or text on 07775 974610. This number is to be used for access to the church only. All other matters should be addressed to the Parish Church of the Sacred Heart, North Walsham: telephone 01692 403258; email: sacredheart@computer-assist.net; website: www.sacredheartnorthwalsham.com. For a more detailed explanation of Catholic church closures and other provisions, please see the website of the Diocese of East Anglia at www.rcdea.org.co.uk.

The temporarily scattered congregation of St Helen's remembers you all in its prayers, especially the sick and all 'front line' workers: following an old Catholic tradition in times of a pandemic we also commend our villages and wider communities to the intercession and protection of St Michael the Archangel.

BROADGRACE CHURCH

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See www.broadgrace.org.uk for more details or give John a call on 01603 737974.

WROXHAM LIBRARY

19 March 2020

Norfolk's libraries are to close from 4pm on Saturday, as part of the county council's ongoing response to coronavirus.

With the Government advising people to avoid group contact, the county council has decided to close library buildings – with the exception of libraries offering registration appointments.

Councillor Margaret Dewsbury, the cabinet member responsible for libraries, said: “We have kept our libraries open for as long as possible, as crucial community hubs – but the fast moving situation and updated Government advice means we now have to close them, from 4pm on Saturday. We will maintain online services and will keep people posted on our website.”

The council has also announced the closure of the Norfolk records office and the Holt and Whitlingham outdoor centres and adult learning centres, for the same reason.

CLUB NEWS

BLUEBELLS

Our meeting in March was at Heron Lodge, where we were wonderfully entertained. Lunch was beautiful with a choice of menu, a real treat. Afterwards the "Owl Man" bought in a selection of his birds. They were absolutely fantastic, well behaved and everyone was allowed to touch them. Such a lovely experience, and bought back memories for many. Thank you Karen and Heron Lodge for organising our day.

Our monthly meetings on the first Thursday in the month will now be postponed until further notice. Please keep yourselves safe and well, and when we are eventually free from this virus, we will have a celebration.

HOVETON, WROXHAM AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

On March 13th Mr Simon Beales gave a splendid talk on beautiful bulbs, with lovely images and interesting information. Congratulations to monthly winners, Michael Ottaway and Mike Clements. As the Village Hall is now closed for the foreseeable future and having no crystal ball we will unfortunately have to cancel April and Mays meetings, possibly June. We are hoping by then normality will have returned but it is impossible to say at this time. Perhaps people could ring in around the middle of June when we can make a decision whether to go ahead or not with the coach trip. Pam 01603782041

Please stay vigilant, it is an awful time but thank goodness we have our gardens to keep us sane. The countryside looks lovely at the moment but do try to keep to the governments directives so we can get rid of this horrid bug.

Pam Culley

GARDENING TIPS FOR APRIL

I suppose all of you have been busy in the garden, especially on the sunny days.

If the weather is suitable lightly feed your roses, climbers and shrubs by forking in fertiliser gently.

Prune your roses if you haven't done so already.

Cut out weak, dead and diseased stems, prune healthy stems to an outward facing bud.

Prune hydrangea down to a live bud and remove all the old heads.

In the veg area, sow salad leaves, lettuce, radish and spring onions in small rows, or containers if you have a small garden.

Plant out onions and shallots in cell trays or in the open ground.

Also sow beetroot, carrot, spinach and early peas.

Sow bedding plants in the greenhouse.

Sort out houseplants by repotting or dividing if necessary.

Once seedlings have two leaves these can be pricked out into cell trays, pots or larger trays.

Lawns have most probably had three cuts by now. They should be growing quite well.

If necessary apply weed, feed and moss killer, then rake out any dead moss and over seed where needed.

Begin feeding your fish, I have already started.

The frogs have been busy producing plenty of frog spawn.

April is a lovely month with seasonal plants to enjoy like; magnolias, daffs, tulips, ribes, rhododendrons, pansies, wallflowers and small perennial pulsatilla.

Have an enjoyable month in your garden.

Michael Ottaway, Chairman

WHB TWINNING ASSOCIATION

In the future, there is **our annual flotilla** to look forward to, planned for 27th June, a week later than originally advertised, a **social and pre-visit buffet evening** at the beginning of August and, of course, the main event, the visit of our French twinned villages of **La Pommeraye and Montjean-sur-Loire** with excursions including the Neatishead Radar Museum, Stalham Broads Museum with boat trip and the St George's Distillery.

Book Club Pat can supply more information for now on 01603 782375 or

pat.barkergreen@btinternet.com

For any more information please contact us, via Peter, on 01603 782733 or peter_c_milsted@talk21.com

WROXHAM BURE VALLEY ROTARY CLUB

We hope everyone has been enjoying the colourful display of purple crocuses around the village signs in Wroxham, Hoveton and Horning. We have been planting these for the last few Autumns to remind everyone of the International Rotary campaign to eradicate polio world-wide, and the blooms this year have been particularly good.

It has been a busy few weeks for Wroxham Bure Valley Rotary Club. We have presented four figure cheques to two great local charities Fresh Start, New Beginnings and Nelson's Journey.

We have also just held another very successful schools Technology Tournament with the help of Broadland Academy in Hoveton, where teams of youngsters from local schools compete to design and build a solution to a set technological problem, with different levels of complexity for different age groups. The children work in teams and as ever it is a delight to see the creativity, teamwork and enjoyment that the event brings out. This year Aylsham just beat Broadland to take the Foundation level task, while Cromer Academy won both the Intermediate and Advanced level tasks.

Going forward, Corona virus has had a major impact on our activities. Our weekly meetings are currently suspended and our next planned appearance at the Horning Boat Show on 2nd May will not be happening. Further ahead events are currently uncertain. We wish everyone a safe passage through these difficult times and in the true Rotary spirit of "Service above Self" we have members ready and willing to help out in the local community wherever the need arises. If you have something you think we can help with, in the first instance please contact our president, Simon Gorton, on 01692 538582.

WROXHAM FLOWER CLUB

For further information please contact Sue Lusted on 07926 059005.

WROXHAM AND HOVETON LIONS CLUB

Statement from the Club.

COVID 19 (Corona Virus)

Following the latest Government guidance and in view of the fact that the majority of our members fall within the “at risk” category, the Club has decided to suspend all Business and Social Meetings with immediate effect.

However we would emphasise we are “still open for business” and will continue to support local deserving causes as before, although all communications will be via email, telephone or letter.

The Club also wishes to advise of the following:-

1. The Presentation Evening planned for the 5th May has been postponed, but it is hoped this can be held later in the year.
2. The May Craft Fair has been cancelled.
3. The Precinct Tombola due to open in May is suspended until further notice.
4. The Charity Shop - While we hope to keep the shop open intermittently up to and including Sunday 22nd April, we regret after this date the shop will close, as all our volunteers are within the ‘at risk group’

At the present time it is hoped that the Village Fete will still go ahead on 2nd August as scheduled, but it will remain under continuous review and be governed by official directives prevailing at the time.

We regret any inconvenience but in these difficult times the health of everyone is paramount.

Rest assured we will continue to do all we can to support the local community, albeit from “behind closed doors”

In these difficult times, please look out for your neighbours, particularly those in the “at risk” groups.

Please take care and be safe.

Terry Vout

President

Wroxham & Hoveton Lions Club

WROXHAM SOCIAL CLUB

Due to the government’s advice, Wroxham Social Club will be closed until further notice.

Let’s hope it is not too long before we can all meet up again. Keep Safe.

Rosemary Burdett chair and the rest of the committee

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linda@stokemill.co.uk

WROXHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

In the last period of February, we were riding on a high, still in two cup competitions and doing well in the league but now we are in virtual lockdown as we all face the threat of Covid-19 (Coronavirus). Sadly as the leap year gave us an extra day we had already been knocked out of the Norfolk Senior Cup semi-final playing Dereham who play their football a level above us and ended on a lower note still as we lost our FA Vase Quarter final tie at home to Bristol based side, Bitton AFC. To be fair, they outplayed us on the day and deserved their 4-0 win. The one consolation was that we had for the second time in the Vase a home crowd of over 1,000 which is pretty good for a club of our size – thank you to everyone who attended including our ultras, The Blue Wave who sang their hearts out throughout the game.

This left us with only the league to play for but form dipped further as we lost at Brantham and then to Stanway with whom we were in battle for a top three finish. Since then the Government has decreed social isolation for all sports and clubs. Although the football authorities are looking to see if the remaining games can be played in the summer, it looks likely we are not going to be playing for some time and league positions/constitution will be decided in some other way ready for next season.

The Reserves who play more locally played on as normal, but The Anglian Combination has also now followed the social isolation instruction. They lost their last games to Bradenham and Long Stratton but should have enough points in the bag to avoid relegation whatever now happens.

Our Women's team also suffered as the virus took hold and their games have also been postponed.

Two of our junior development teams the u16s & U14s, reached Norfolk County FA cup finals in the John Savage & the Stuart Dracup competitions respectively. The finals are scheduled for 24th Apr at The FDC against Mulbarton & the U14's are due to play Fakenham on 1st May. The U16's are also through to their Eastern Junior League Cup final after beating Brentwood. It would be very unfortunate & disappointing for the lads if these games are not now played.

To catch up with all Wroxham games, please follow us via our website www.wroxhamfc.club or via Twitter @the_yachtsmen

PROBUS CLUB OF BROADLANDS

The Probus Club of Broadlands met on the 26th February for the monthly meeting. The meeting was well attended and as usual a tasty meal was consumed. The speaker was Richard Polley from the Norfolk and Norwich Association of the Blind (currently in the process of changing its name to Vision Norfolk).

Richard explained the way in which the Association assists people with sight issues from those who suffer partial sight loss to those with who have lost their sight completely. The association helps with accommodation as well as providing various equipment to enhance the quality of life for persons with sight deterioration and loss. How many reading this know what the meaning of a short white stick with red bands around it denotes. The answer is in

the highway code but to make life easier for those, like me, who were unaware of the meaning it is partially sighted and deaf person. So, beware next time you see someone holding such a stick waiting to cross the road.

The Association has offices in Norwich and the four corners of the County. It provides various equipment to ease the life of partially sighted or blind individuals. Such things which are provided free are white walking sticks provided at the correct length for the person involved, short white sticks and the banded variety. Provided at a cost are cups equipped with a reader which beeps when the water level is appropriate for a hot drink. Add milk then it beeps quicker to confirm the correct amount has been added. Pen Friend which identifies colours enabling a blind person to, for instance, choose their matching clothing for the day. Richard went on to show us special glasses to filter ultra violet light, talking watches and magnifying equipment. The presentation was very enlightening and members commented on how interesting the subject was made through a truly professional presentation.

Our thanks go to the Norfolk and Norwich Association for the blind which receives no government funding for its excellent work. Any donations can be made direct to the Association.

The Probus Club of Broadlands normally meets once a month at the Wroxham Hotel for further details contact the Secretary Clive Lockyer on 01603 737431 or email lockyerhavana@sky.com.

We have cancelled all meetings through to May currently for obvious reasons.

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Junior Club meets 4 times a year in April, June, August, October and is an opportunity for children up to the age of 14 years and accompanied by an adult, to have fun, learn about railways and hopefully join us as a volunteer when old enough and interested. To join you simply sign up as a Joint Friend of BHR & Wroxham Signalbox Trust by completing an application form. If you join at any BHR event you will be entitled to a £5 discount for the first year. Look on our website or e-mail / phone enquiries as above. The date of our first club meeting will be Saturday 25th. April 11am – 1pm.

Dates for your diary

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First Runnings Easter Monday 13th. April and 3rd. Sunday 19th. April both times from 2:30pm – 5:30pm. It is a lovely setting by the river, with tea / cakes etc., seats on the lawn, dogs on leads welcome, toilet facilities suitable also for the disabled and baby changing table.

Volunteer / Taster Day Sunday 31st. May from 11am – 4pm. **Free event** open to all. Just come and see what we have to offer and have a go at anything. If you then think it is something you may like to join, speak to one of the staff. More details later.

Wroxham Signalbox First open day is Good Friday 10th April from 10am – 4pm. This unique attraction could be open more often if we had more volunteers. Interested? Phone 01379 642289 for details.

Are you planning a special party event, or require a meeting place? Why not consider BHR as a venue. Guides can be viewed on line, picked up on running days or sent by post, phone 01603 782008

IMPORTANT NOTICE

ALL ACTIVITIES CANCELLED UNTIL END OF APRIL
PLEASE LOOK ON OUR WEBSITE OR CALL ENQUIRIES
(DETAILS ABOVE) TO CHECK IF WE ARE OPEN

HOVETON & DISTRICT WI

We had a super talk on 4th March. It was entitled 'Recycling with a difference' by Julie Porter which, in my opinion, didn't sound very promising but Julie was a fascinating speaker. She brought along a huge selection of bags, hats and all sorts of things which she had made from recycled old jeans, umbrellas – you name it she seemed to use it! She was very amusing when she told us about her way of recycling old clothes.

We usually meet at 2 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month in Hoveton Village Hall but it seems that, for the time being, the Coronavirus has thwarted even the resilient women of Hoveton W.I. and we will not be meeting for the next few months. But we will be back a.s.a.p. Watch this space!

In the meantime we have started a 'telephone friendship scheme' so that members who feel they want more social interaction whilst self-isolating are encouraged to phone each other for a good chat and 'put the world to rights'.

For more details please phone me on 01692 630367.

Carolyn Williams

HOVETON LADIES KEEP FIT CLUB

Our meetings are cancelled for the time being. Contact Tel. Nos. 01603 528818 and 001603 783490

HOVETON & DISTRICT CONSERVATIVE CLUB

Our meetings are cancelled for the time being.

WROXHAM WI

February can be rather a depressing month so it was decided that the February meeting of Wroxham WI would be an activity session – nothing too physical, just craft activities. Initially some members looked at the different arrangement of the tables etc. With slight suspicion and reluctance but in no time at all they had settled in and were enjoying having a go at one or both of the two different modern craft activities. The fact that they involved the use of hand held hair dryers and heat guns just added to the interest and excitement. There was also a quiz asking the date that certain items e.g. tights were introduced to daily life. They were everyday items but not many knew the answers. Homemade cake at tea time rounded off a busy and most enjoyable afternoon.

Plans to celebrate our 70th Birthday year were well in hand but of course everything is now cancelled or in doubt because of the coronavirus pandemic. All that is important is that people stay safe and well and have at least someone who can give help or be there to talk with. WI members are fortunate in having a good network of friends. If you would like to talk to someone please telephone Jean on 01603 782875.

WROXHAM & DISTRICT U3A

We are very sad to say that our meetings have been suspended temporarily to take into account current health advice in respect of COVID19.

Watch this space for resumption of our meetings and interest groups.

Web Site: u3awroxham.wixsite.com

Secretary: Jan 01603 712150 Chair: Gary 01603 961066

COUNCIL NEWS

NORTH NORFOLK CONSTITUENCY

Dear all

In February, I started my regular surgeries for residents across the constituency. I'm delighted already to have helped so many people with concerns and issues – please do contact me if you would like to see me at a future surgery.

In Parliament, I've been proud to speak up for our farmers, who are so important to our area, providing not only our food but much employment.

I have continued to work on my project to improve ambulance response times by urging the government to look at the Norwich & Norwich A&E unit. It suffers hugely with capacity issues, so we are working on a solution which will benefit everyone and get our ambulances back into North Norfolk faster. In conjunction with multiple partners, I'm in discussions to improve and bring extra facilities to Cromer Hospital. Although at an early stage, this would be a fantastic step forward, if we can treat more people locally and save more residents from having to make the long journey to Norwich.

Locally, I am delighted that – after a campaign and petition I ran last year – North Walsham is finally set to have a new Wetherspoon's in town. This was something many residents wanted

and, alongside the town's existing pubs and restaurants, will provide a real boost to the local economy and create jobs. More generally, I have spoken in Parliament about the importance of supporting our High Streets and market towns across the constituency.

Please contact me on 01692 557140 to make a surgery appointment.

Duncan Baker

MP for North Norfolk

NORTH NORFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL

Hoveton, Brook Park – Phase 2. I hope you found the questions last month helpful. Many of you will have attended the Persimmon exhibition on 4 Mar and the public meeting on 11 Mar and gained more information about the proposal. This month I will focus on giving answers to last months questions, so far as I am able. Questions 1 - 3 focussed on why Persimmon hasn't waited the expected 2 years for the new Local Plan to be agreed. Persimmon has said its agreement with the land owner to make a planning application will expire before the new Local Plan is approved; so, the timing is more about Persimmons needs than that of NNDC and the community. It has also said that it might challenge the 5 year land supply figure to over-rule any planning policy objection, which would be seen as a hostile approach to get its own way. It may also aim to avoid more stringent standards of energy, carbon footprint and water use efficiency in building the homes ahead of the new Local Plan as they may push up costs. This would also deny the eventual occupants access to lower running costs and we all would lose the environments benefits we desperately need - including infrastructure improvements to the foul water network, the A1151 congestion, local schools and medical centre capacity. It also denies the authorities of at least 2 years to prepare and deliver infrastructure capacity improvements. So, this is about Persimmon building homes where and when it wants to standards that offers it the greatest advantage irrespective of the harm caused to infrastructure, the environment and local people. Questions 4 – 7 focussed on claims Persimmon makes in terms of foul water disposal, the development density, community benefits and completing Phase 1. It proposes to dispose of foul water into the current network which frequently floods causing raw sewerage to escape into private properties and cause many more homes to suffer loss of ablution facilities often for a week or more; it offers no solutions to ease the situation. Hoveton doesn't have anything like the housing density in this proposal nor has it ever had a step increase of 225 homes and it's totally incompatible with the adjoining open countryside. Persimmon is obliged to make funding payments proportionate to the development and it offers a range of minor community benefits some of which may not be capable of delivery, but, it offers no relief to infrastructure capacity problems, especially road congestion. Despite numerous promises and deadlines it has failed to complete Brook Park Phase 1 in respect of surface water drainage, landscape planting, path surfacing and markings and agreements to maintain site boundaries and other facilities. Worse still, public trust and confidence in Persimmon has been lost to the extent that few people believe any promises until they actually happen. Few people believe Persimmon will be any better at delivering Phase 2 than it has Phase 1.

I could mention many other concerns but this proposal is seriously unfit for Hoveton. Many think this is a done deal – it isn't, there's all to play for; yes, it's highly likely the site will be allocated for residential use in 2 years time but it may not be this proposal and there could be some important links to infrastructure improvements attached. NNDC hasn't welcomed this proposal and it needs the support of the community to hold it back and get it changed so that it's much more suitable for Hoveton. Please make your views known direct to NNDC Planning Dept and even though the consultation closed on 25 Mar you can still make your views known after then via email to: alastair.curran@north-norfolk.gov.uk or planning.department@north-norfolk.gov.uk or by letter; remember every view will count.

Station Rd, Hoveton. It's been pleasing to see the new Roys car park emerge from the site of the old Broads Hotel annex, that's another significant step on the way to improve Station Rd. The next step is to regenerate the Waterside Rooms site; currently, I am waiting for either a new regeneration proposal to emerge or for enforcement action to be taken against the site owner to maintain and improve the roadside view of the site.

I welcome your views on these and any other issues. My contact details are: Tel 783885 or e mail: nigel.dixon@norfolk.gov.uk or NigelNDD@aol.com.

BELAUGH PARISH MEETING

The meeting due to be held on Thursday 30th April 2020, at 7.30pm, in The Old School, Belaugh has been cancelled.

Chairman, Norman Evans. Tel: 01603-782244. E-mail: belaugh@btinternet.com

HOVETON PARISH COUNCIL

Planning Application PF/19/1659 (Brook Park Phase II)

Thank you to the many local residents who attended last month's community consultation events for Brook Park Phase II, including the developer's public exhibition of planning documents on 4th March and the open meeting hosted by Hoveton Parish Council on 11th March. We hope you found these events to be informative and a good opportunity to find out more about the proposals being made.

Having now had the opportunity to listen to and fully consider the views of the local community regarding this planning application, Hoveton Parish Council will agree its response to the application at its 6th April meeting, and will then submit this response to the local planning authority, North Norfolk District Council (the Parish Council has agreed a consultation extension deadline of 8th April with the District Council).

As previously advised, however, the Parish Council's response to this application will be counted as a single response, and it will likely carry little weight with the local planning authority unless local residents, as individuals, have made direct representations to North

Norfolk District Council too. We therefore hope that all those residents who raised concerns about this application at our community consultation events, and who have shared their views about this application with their Parish Council, remembered to also submit their comments and concerns directly to the local planning authority by the public consultation deadline of 25th March.

Hoveton Needs YOU!

Hoveton Parish Council's March meeting was again well attended, with a number of local residents taking the opportunity to listen to an update from Hoveton and Wroxham Medical Centre's Practice Manager, and to raise issues of local concern with the Parish Council. It was noted, however, that at this meeting, members of the Parish Council were once again significantly outnumbered by members of the public.

Currently (and which has been the case for some time now), only seven of the twelve 'seats' on Hoveton Parish Council are filled, which means the Parish Council is still operating with extremely limited human resources, and seven volunteers are doing the work of twelve people. In recent months, the Parish Council's help has been sought on a wide range of local issues, concerns, and ideas for future community projects, and Hoveton Parish Council has and will continue to do its best to represent the interests of the local community, to maintain and improve quality of life for local residents, and to deliver services to meet local needs. However, there are limits to what seven volunteers and a part-time Parish Clerk can reasonably be expected to achieve.

Hoveton Parish Council would therefore like to ask local residents to once again consider becoming a parish councillor. Would you be willing to give up a little of your time to help make a difference in Hoveton? Do you have ideas for projects that could be undertaken or improvements that could be made? Would you like to help make our village a better place for everyone to live in, work in and visit? With the help of more volunteers, so much could be achieved, so please do give the idea some thought. To find out more about what's involved, please contact a parish councillor or Lisa, the Parish Clerk (email clerk@hoveton-pc.org.uk or call 07572 349600).

Help Shape The Future Of Hoveton

Hoveton Parish Council is keen to consult with local residents in order to gather views on the positive and negative aspects of life in Hoveton, and to determine how and where changes can be made to improve quality of life for all. In the near future, your Parish Council hopes to produce a new five-year Parish Plan, which will outline the Council's vision and key priorities for Hoveton for the next five years.

However, the Parish Plan is also supposed to reflect the thoughts, feelings and ideas of local residents. Therefore, your help is needed if the Parish Plan is to be a true reflection of life in

Hoveton; past, present and future. What would you like to see included in the new Parish Plan? What do you think Hoveton Parish Council's priorities should be in the future? What is your vision for the future of your village?

This is a wonderful opportunity to contribute your suggestions, so please do get in touch with us. The existing Parish Plan can be downloaded from our website (<https://hovetonparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/files/2020/03/FiveYearParishPlan2014.pdf>) or requested from the Parish Clerk. Please contact Cllr Martin Richmond (mrichmond@hoveton-pc.org.uk) with your feedback.

For news and updates throughout the month, please visit our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/hovetonparishcouncil) or website (www.hoveton-pc.org.uk) or please read the minutes of meetings and other local information on the parish noticeboards.

WROXHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Coronavirus

During the current outbreak some older residents of the village or those with underlying health issues may be self isolating at home as a preventative measure. Some may not have immediate family or friends nearby to help them with shopping, dog walking or picking up a prescription. We ask **everyone in Wroxham** to keep an eye out for your neighbour and to help them with these day to day tasks if they are confined to their home.

If you know anyone who needs help and you can't help yourself please contact our Parish Clerk Clare Male on 07341 873375 and she will try to help. Likewise if you would like to volunteer to help others - please contact Clare.

Following government advice Parish Council meetings have been cancelled until further notice.

Keep an eye out on our web site for the latest news and if you haven't already please sign up to our Wroxham Parish Council News group page on Facebook.

Wroxham Parish Council Barry Fiske writes:

We are all being bombarded with information about the Coronavirus and its presence within our communities, nothing is finite about this virus and we are learning more about it every day.

This however does not mean that we should not look out for one another. These are stressful times especially for the elderly and those living alone.

Please keep an eye on those who could be vulnerable in your neighbourhood and see if you can help in anyway at all, just a daily : "Hello, how are you?" goes a long way.

If you encounter a situation where you are unsure what to do then please contact WPC or ring 111 on your neighbours behalf if you feel it more appropriate

We shall get through this awful situation and we pray our society will be better for it. We can all start the process by just knocking on a door or picking up a phone, please help if you can.

Thank you
Barry Fiske

Fireworks

Distress to humans and animals caused by fireworks has been raised by several villagers. It's a fact that in recent years fireworks have got bigger and louder and the season for letting them off, it was stated, seems to run from before Nov 5 until well after New Year's Day. A resident of Charles Close asked if fireworks should be allowed at all in the area considering Charles Close is at the centre of our conservation area with the most stringent rules. The Parish Clerk reported that in order to restrict fireworks in a given area it would be necessary to establish a new by-law. The Clerk told our March meeting that she would investigate further.

Parking Problems

The Parish Council has again received complaints from residents in Nobel Crescent and Church Lane about inconsiderate parking including parking on the pavement. Some of it, it was claimed, was by people attending services at St Mary's Church. The church has publicised the issue and it's hoped this will curtail the problem. But it does highlight the general issue of inconsiderate parking in various parts of the village including people parking at the bottom of Park Road restricting access to the footpath. Can we ask everyone to please be considerate. Don't park across people's driveway entrances and don't park on the pavement so as to restrict access for wheelchair users or parents pushing a pram.

New Swing For Agnes Gardner King Playground

The Parish Council is planning for a new swing which can be safely used by people with disabilities. But it's an expensive item and we heard at our March meeting of the promise of two generous donations towards the cost. One from an individual and another from the Wroxham and Hoveton Lions. We are profoundly grateful for these contributions which will help a great deal. If you would like to contribute to this worthwhile project please contact the Parish Clerk, Clare Male.

20 Is Plenty

The Council is investigating how it can help support a "20 is Plenty" campaign to reduce speeds in The Avenue following a number of complaints of excessive speeding and the danger to pedestrians and dog walkers.

More Homes For Hoveton

Councillors from Wroxham Parish Council attended an open meeting in March about the proposal to build another 225 homes as an extension of the Brook Park development in Hoveton. Hoveton Village Hall was packed for the event attended by representatives of the developer as well as North Norfolk District Council, The Hoveton and Wroxham Medical Centre and the head teachers from both Hoveton Schools. Principal concerns raised, that affect Wroxham, centred on the pressure that such a sizeable development will have on infrastructure that we share with our neighbours in Hoveton such as the doctors, schools and roads. Wroxham Parish Council will be writing to add our weight to the objections to the scheme.

Vandalism

We are sad to report that more than a 100 plastic tree protectors placed around saplings planted by the Trafford Estate either side of a new footpath we are being gifted by Michael Trafford have been removed by mindless vandals. They were replaced only to be removed again. This is such an embarrassment for the village The land has been generously donated to us and then someone has twice vandalised the site. The footpath runs from Salhouse Road alongside the Avenue to the Yacht Club bend. Please keep an eye open and if you see anyone acting suspiciously please call the Trafford Estate office on 01603 783133.

More Homes For Wroxham Rejected

The Parish Council has submitted evidence supporting the Greater Norwich Local Plan's decision to reject plans to build on two sites in Salhouse Road and on the land occupied by the Football Club.

Contact: Clare Male Parish Clerk : clerk@wroxhamparishcouncil.org. Tel: 07341 873375 www.wroxhamparishcouncil.org Facebook: search for Wroxham Parish Council News

ARTICLES & PRESS RELEASES

WHERRY YACHT CHARTER CHARITABLE TRUST UPDATE

Wherry Yacht Charter was delighted recently to announce its summer programme of over forty days' of sailings between May and September. Sadly, in light of recent developments, May and June sailings have already been cancelled. A decision about July onwards will be made no later than the end of May. Please refer to our website (www.wherryyachtcharter.org) or social media pages for future updates and news.

This year's offering, July onwards, still includes a repeat of our Steam and Sail trips in partnership with the Museum of the Broads at Stalham, a range of catered sailings with food from the superb kitchens at How Hill, and a full programme of day sailings taking in Salhouse, Hoveton Great and Ranworth Broads, to name but a few.

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In addition we are also still offering our skippered wherries for charter to parties of up to twelve guests later in the year; an ideal way to celebrate a special occasion or anniversary. If a more land-based wherry is more attractive to you, then we hope to have one of our two pleasure wherries, Hathor, on view at How Hill later in the summer season. None of this can be achieved however, without the essential input of our volunteers.

If you are physically active, we are always on the lookout for new crew members to help sail our fleet of five historic wherries. The main tasks are winching up and letting down the wherry sail, and lowering the mast if the route passes under Ludham Bridge. Helping with mooring and casting off is obviously essential too, or we wouldn't get anywhere! Apart from that, and tasks both before a sailing and after to get the boat ready or 'put it to bed', there's not too much to learn and full training is provided.

If active crewing on our sailings isn't for you, then equally valuable are our team of Viewing Guides. At the present time all our crew or viewing guide training is suspended, but you can still get in touch if you think you would be interested in joining us in the future.

Without our friendly and dedicated team of volunteers, these historic wherries would be lost from our waterways. Our charters, our programme of sailings and our 'on view' days provide vital funds to keep these beautiful vessels in sailing condition. If you are interested in finding out more about any of our volunteering opportunities, please contact pam.taylor@wherryyachtcharter.org or phone 01692 670311 (daytimes only please). We can then keep you up-to-date with developments as the season progresses. In these troubled times, we all need the support of our friends. If you would like to become a Friend of Wherry Yacht Charter, please contact me as above.

THE PRESTON ROOMS – THE VILLAGE HALL

By the time you read this we will have hopefully had our AGM and be set up and running for 2020/2021. We have produced a Calendar of Events for 2020 which is displayed on the noticeboards around the village and in the hall.

Although it is still a relatively 'quiet' time of year we have been very busy at the village hall. We are in the process of installing a brand new kitchen. This has meant internal work to the walls which will hopefully make the kitchen warmer and drier, as well as the difficult job of removing the old kitchen, choosing a new kitchen, new flooring, decorating, etc. We have been lucky enough to receive a grant from the Big Society to replace the kitchen fire door and we are currently waiting for it to be installed. Hopefully by the end of March/early April we will be finished and very pleased with our new kitchen.

Unfortunately our first event of the year, the Poetry Evening, has been cancelled. Whether we will be able to hold any of the events we had planned for 2020 is uncertain at the moment.

Sue Watts, Secretary

NOTICES

DAVID REEDER 20/10/1918 – 01/03/2020

Many people were greatly saddened by the passing of David Reeder on March 1st at the grand age of 101 years old.

Born in Fakenham in 1918, David spent all of his working life employed in the railway goods section of British Rail. Starting at Fakenham then Dereham stations in his early years, he met wife Kathleen and served his country in the second world war. On demob they took up residence at Buxton, where he was station master. Son John was born in 1950 and Alan in 1955. The family eventually moved to Skinner's Lane in Wroxham in 1964. He was station master at Wroxham for a while before taking charge of the goods section at Norwich Thorpe station till he retired in 1982.

Both David and Kathleen enjoyed gardening and dancing, and both attended Wroxham St. Mary's Church when possible. David could be seen as a sides man, and Kathleen worked on the church brass cleaning. Kathleen sadly died in January 2018.

David passed away in a care home at Ingham on 1st March 2020.

HORNING BOAT SHOW

A meeting has been held by the Horning Boat Show organising committee to discuss the implications of the Spread of the Coronavirus.

It was a unanimous decision that this year's Horning Boat Show will be cancelled.

The reasons for this decision have been taken on the grounds that we must take fully into account the health and safety of all who could have attended.

It is regrettable as the Horning Boat Show gives a great day out and provides a show case for many businesses. It is also sad that the recipients of our grants will of course loose out.

We have therefore decided to aim for the next Horning Boat Show to take place on Saturday 1st May 2021.

Roger Tomkins & Colin Boakes
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Please note that due to the coronavirus situation there will be no coffee mornings in Wroxham Church Hall for the next 3 months.



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"Investments Slump In Value – what should I be doing ? "

With very few exceptions, investors around the world will have seen the value of their capital fall in recent weeks. So, what should we all be doing about it? This short article aims to set out *some* options. **It in no way should be read as Advice.** Each person with invested capital who has the "what now?" question in mind should seek advice from an FCA qualified Adviser.

1) **Ignore it** – could be the right strategy if you have no need to call on the capital soon. However, consider this time as an opportunity to review. Are the investments that you hold suited to your risk stance? How have they performed in the past when compared to other investments? What costs are you incurring?

2) **Cash In** – If you need to spend money that is invested and you have no other funds elsewhere, then it would seem you have no other option than to cash in at these lower values. Can the spending wait? Are there other sensible ways to raise the funds? The lesson for all investors – retain a cash reserve at all times.

3) **Buy whilst low** – some see this as a great opportunity to buy investments at far cheaper prices than they have been available for many months or even years. Make sure that you are buying investments that have a long superior track record when compared to their peers or sector average. Be clear in your understanding of risk. Consider the timeframe – do you know when you will need the money back again?

4) **Review – Rethink - Remodel** – establish your current risk stance. 0 = no risk whereas 10 = highly speculative. Next, establish the actual risk level of your existing investments and also their past results. Look at the "Alpha" rating of your holding(s). Get professional advice to compare what you hold now to other options. Before jumping in and making any changes, make sure you consider whether there are tax implications and of course any costs.

5) **Investments offering Capital Guarantees or Protection** – There are a number of these in the market. Find out about them and then decide if they are right for you. If your money is already in an investment that offers protection against market falls, then I guess you are feeling somewhat relieved right now.

6) **Get (free) advice** – Here at my office, we offer free initial consultations to all. If ever there was a time that I expect to be busy it's now. Please feel free to call me.

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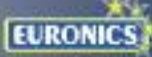
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In the year 590 AD, Rome was visited by a devastating plague. Pope St Gregory I ('the Great') organized Masses and solemn Penitential Processions around the City in atonement. As the final Procession reached Hadrian's Mausoleum a vision of the Archangel Michael, sheathing a bloody sword, was seen above the building. This was taken to be a sign of God's favour, and indeed the plague abated. Pope Gregory had a statue of St Michael erected above the mausoleum, which has been known ever since as Castel Sant'Angelo. The present gigantic bronze statue of the Archangel has been in place there since 1753, but our cover picture shows an interpretation by the famous Maltese artist Emvin Cremona, in a mural to be seen in the Church of St Paul Shipwrecked, in Valletta. There is also a rousing musical depiction of the event in Ottorino Respighi's 1926 set of orchestral tone poems called "Church Windows".

St Michael crosses the borders of all faiths, making him a significant rallying-point today: you will find him not only in the Catholic, Orthodox (East and West), Lutheran and Anglican churches, but in Judaism and Islam as well. His shrines are often in high remote places (St Michael's Mount for example); and as the Patron Saint of Portugal he preceeded the great Marian Apparitions at Fatima in 1917 to prepare the three little seers for their role in those momentous events. Nearer to home in the 1880s, the Trafford family dedicated their chapel at Wroxham Hall to St Michael and St Helena, and although it was St Helen alone who carried on as the titular Patron when the new church was built in Hoveton in 1959 St Michael was not forgotten: his image has always been somewhere in the church, currently inside on the front wall of the transept extension. Since the time of Pope Gregory the Great, the Catholic Church has always sought St Michael's intercession when danger threatens it, either in spiritual or physical form, such as times of plague and pandemic. It seems a most appropriate time for him to make his first appearance on the cover of "The Bridge".

Nick Walmsley

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