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Inputs by 15th Please

I can't say it's all change in our churches right now – you will all know that any change in these current times of pandemic come slowly and take time to implement. But change is beginning and we are moving towards a new normal, as the current saying goes. For the last three months we have been actively working as church in our communities, but the meeting together to share our faith in worship has been very different; online, by Zoom, through Facebook, or by deliveries of service sheets and other resources to those not able to access digital offerings. Two weeks ago, however, we were able to take a significant step forward in opening Wroxham St Mary for private prayer twice a week. A small start, but one we are building on. We hope to open Hoveton St John next for private prayer, and are moving slowly towards beginning to meet for worship once again. The government's announcement that churches may open for worship came suddenly, and sooner than many had expected, and as I write this we are still waiting for the Church of England guidelines to be updated to give us the full information we need, but we hope that before too long we will be able to be together again. Our first priority as always is your safety and this is echoed by our Bishop, Graham, who said The Government's announcement is permissive rather than prescriptive. My clear advice for the Diocese of Norwich remains, as it has at each stage of the unlocking, that we move forward slowly, steadily and safely. He also states his hope that within a few weeks each benefice will be offering a pattern of public worship each week in one or more of their church buildings. We are working to make this possible, and will let you know as soon as we can exactly what our plans are, but we hope to be back for Sunday worship soon.

Of course, even when we meet, worship will look different for quite a while. Social distancing will need to be in place, and hymn singing not allowed for some time. Where we worship is a real question as some of our churches are easier than others to make safe. And we will need to consider what we keep of this time away; some of the online offerings have been well used, and we have already spent some time asking people what they have appreciated and what they would like to keep if possible. There are other things that have been positive; having the time to speak regularly with others, even by phone, has been a real bonus as has the working out of our faith in the action of supporting each other and our communities, and there will be real discussions to be had about how we move forward as churches and as a benefice so we don't lose this outward focus to our faith.

At the start of this lockdown I remember writing about the words of St Paul, that 'All things work together for good for those that love God.' In fact, the sentence can be accurately translated as 'All things intermingle for good...' I think that is what has happened in these last months. The positive and the difficult and the frustrating and the uplifting have indeed intermingled, with each other and with faith and hope and love, and the results have been seen throughout our community as people have reached out and supported each other, and have created so much that is good. My prayer is that as we move into a new phase in this long journey through the pandemic, we keep all that has been good, and take it forward with us. And my thanks and my admiration to all of you for everything that you have done to make all things intermingle for good here in our communities.

Love and prayers Liz

Church On-line

Our buildings may be closed, but there is a lot of 'church' going on still and we are using social media and our website to help people worship at home.



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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. Sue Gibbons, Secretary 01603 738893

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In common with other British churches, we will be suspending services until further notice. However it may soon be possible to open the church for private prayer. Please see our website for up to date details.

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

More local services produced by the Norwich URC team can be found at <https://ipswichroadurc.org.uk>

The community café is also cancelled and our JAM (children's church) will not be held. Children can access Sunday school themed activities via facebook.

The foodbank has moved to a delivery-only service and still needs your donations.

God bless you all at this difficult time.

ST. HELEN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

We are pleased to announce that St Helen's is now open for private prayer, but only at the following times: Saturday 17.00-19.00 and Wednesday 09.00 - 11.00. This is only possible due to the selfless dedication of our volunteer Stewards and cleaners. We still do not know when Mass can be celebrated again, but any details of future changes will be posted on www.sacredheartnorthwalsham.com, at the church and in 'The Bridge'.

WROXHAM LIBRARY

Norfolk's libraries are closed as part of the county council's ongoing response to coronavirus– with the exception of libraries offering registration appointments. They are maintaining online services and will keep people posted on their website. The council has also closed the Norfolk records office and the Holt and Whitlingham outdoor centres and adult learning centres.

CLUB NEWS

WROXHAM FLOWER CLUB

We are very sorry to say that, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, our meetings are cancelled until further notice.

We hope that we will be able to meet again in the near future but, in the meantime, if you would like to contact us please ring Sue Lusted on 07926 059005.



BLUEBELLS

Our monthly meetings on the first Thursday in the month are now 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

I hope everyone is keeping well and obeying instructions by the government, at least things have eased a bit since last month. Although the garden looks as tidy as it has ever been, I do miss not being able to go for a cuppa and scone or meeting with friends, it is not quite the same having to be 2 meters apart but to get rid of this ghastly virus we must obey the rules.

By now you should have received 2 geraniums per member, please look after them and if we do have a meeting later in the year do bring the best of them along for a competition, Jean won it last year with her ginormous plant - she must have had several conversations with it for it to be so splendid!!!

Look after yourselves and we hope to see you in the not too distant future.
Pam

GARDENING TIPS FOR JULY

Looking at my garden this evening whilst the rain is falling, there is plenty of colour. I have perennial geraniums, peonies, irises and roses, to name just a few.

All the tubs and containers are doing nicely, make sure you keep yours fed and watered. Also, make sure that anything new that you have planted during the winter onward doesn't dry out.

Keep your hoe going through the borders.

Dig out any long rooted weeds or spot touch with glyphosate weed killer.

Hedges have grown a fair bit so if the young birds have fledged you can trim privet, beech and *Lonicera nitida*.

Dead heading is very important to keep colour in your garden, especially roses, bedding plants and perennials.

Keep lawns trimmed regularly, if conditions are very warm raise the height of your lawn mower a little.

In the veg area lift potatoes, pick salad crops, peas and broad beans.

Keep sowing salad crops, carrots and turnips.

Your courgettes, squash and marrow, plus runner and French beans should be growing well.

Keep them all watered.

Keep on top of those weeds in the veg area too.

Feed tomatoes weekly and take out side shoots, unless they are bush varieties.

Ponds; feed fish regularly, top up water levels and keep on top of any weeds.

Hopefully, this year you have appreciated your garden and other local gardens even more.

Perhaps you have grown plants you might have never grown before.

Gardening is always a learning experience, never give up.

Experiment, try new ways and grow different plants.

Enjoy your garden.

Take care, stay safe.

Michael Ottaway, Chairman

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WROXHAM AND HOVETON LIONS CLUB

Hi everybody; I hope you're all well and have managed to avoid this awful virus.



I have just taken over as President and I'd like to thank, on behalf of all the club members, our outgoing President Terry for his leadership and support throughout his term of office.

Although this pandemic has long term effects on the way we operate as a charity, we will continue to serve our community to the best of our abilities. Like so many charities, we have adopted and will adopt new ways of working and communicating as the government guidelines are published. Unfortunately, to our great regret, a majority of our planned activities for this year have had to be cancelled. We will, of course, update you regarding any we can salvage through our Facebook page, website and monthly articles as the year progresses.

With regards to our Lions shop. Now that the lockdown is gradually being eased, we are looking into all the necessary steps required to ensure we comply with the Government requirements to provide a safe environment for both staff and public. This will mean ensuring there is space for social distancing, that staff and volunteers have the personal protective equipment they need and that all surfaces, doors and equipment are regularly cleaned. It also means isolating donated items for 72 hours. Once we are happy that we can meet all these requirements, we will announce the reopening date.

We are sure that with all the spare time people have had on their hands during lockdown, a considerable amount of sorting out has been going on and we will be delighted to take your surplus items to enable us to continue our work in supporting deserving causes in the local community.

Typically, we have just one paid staff member working with one of a team of volunteers who we rely on to keep the shop open and their health and well-being is a priority. As many of them are vulnerable we are very aware of our responsibility to keep them safe. Once the shop reopens, we will be able to accept donations from the public.

If you are getting ready to donate items to us, here are a few ways you can help us:-

1. Clean things. Wherever possible, put clothes and textiles through the washing machine and wipe down solid surfaces.
2. Have a think about what items we can sell. Ask yourself, "Would someone I know buy this?" If the answer is "Yes", we'd love to receive it.
3. Call ahead on our shop number 01603 783737 during opening hours when you're ready to donate, to check the best time to drop them off.
4. Stagger your donations, rather than bringing everything at once. We appreciate not everyone has lots of storage space and we would be delighted to help take your surplus items from you whenever the time is right.

While things within the shop will be very different to normal, we are looking forward to seeing our customers both old and new. By following the steps set out above, you will assist us greatly in ensuring a safe and pleasant environment for all.
Thank you all in advance for your assistance.

Would you be willing to offer time and effort to help us raise money for those less fortunate both at home and abroad? If you are that person and enjoy being part of a friendly team, we'll be happy to give you more information. Please ring me on 01603781310, or our Membership Chairman Lion Lydia Spight on 07503221485.

You can follow us on Facebook or our website. We look forward to hearing from you.

Lion Mick Holden, President

HORNING BRIDGE CLUB

The club will not be meeting until further notice due to the current social distancing rules.

HOVETON & DISTRICT WI

I feel very excited because on Monday 22nd June our Hoveton W.I. committee had its first real committee meeting since February. Outdoors, socially distanced, only six of us but it felt like a good step towards the 'new normal'.

I am even more pleased because we've decided to invite our friends who are members of Hoveton & District W.I. to small get-togethers on Wednesday 8th July.

As the Bridge goes to press government rules dictate that only six people are allowed to gather so we will be hosting several meetings on that day.

Individual members will be contacted shortly to discuss which group they wish to join.

Many of our members live on their own and will particularly enjoy the opportunity to sit and chat with their friends, even if socially distanced.

Carolyn Williams, President Hoveton & District W.I.

WROXHAM WI

Members are looking forward to that third Wednesday of the month when they can next meet hopefully August or at least September. It will be a Garden Party to celebrate our being together again even though we may still be socially distancing!

Jean Watson

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

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WROXHAM SOCIAL CLUB

Hello everyone. I hope you are all bearing up.

Unfortunately we are unable to set a date for opening the club for a while. Because of the social distancing and the way the club is set up, it would be impossible for members to be 2 metres apart. Most of our members come under the vulnerable category. The logistics of wiping every surface and toilets behind each member is not viable.

We are doing our best to make the club a safe place and to keep everywhere sterile. I will update you as time goes on. We must be patient a little bit longer.

The green is apparently looking really good. It's a shame that it has not been played on this year.

Bingo will have a new dimension too. Wait and see.

Wishing everyone health and happiness and hope it is not too long before we can all meet up again.

Rosemary Chair

01603 419811 or 07954670021

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.

COUNCIL NEWS

HOVETON PARISH COUNCIL

Coronavirus Recovery Phase

As we begin to move out of lockdown, the likelihood that people may be unable to take foreign holidays for the foreseeable future might mean that large numbers of people will decide to take holidays, short breaks and day visits within the UK. North Norfolk District Council's *You Are Welcome* initiative has therefore been busy developing a plan, in consultation with local businesses, Norfolk County Council's Highways team and Hoveton Parish Council, as to how we can safely accommodate an expected increase in visitors to our village as lockdown eases further in July.



NNDC has been very impressed by the way businesses are already operating, so the changes implemented won't be radical. We don't expect one-way pedestrian flows to be used, as there is broad agreement that a one-way system would cause more problems than it would solve in terms of public safety (especially on the road near Wroxham Bridge) and that it would have a disproportionate impact on those with mental or physical disabilities. However, you should expect to see queuing markers on the village centre's pavements to direct the queues for each business, and some movement of furniture on Granary Staithe to accommodate queuing on the footpath. Social distancing and hand washing reminders will be placed around the village centre, and hand sanitiser stations are being installed by NNDC.

We'll let you know about any other measures to be taken (possibly traffic related measures) as and when these have been agreed with affected businesses. Both HPC and NNDC are realistic that we need to be prepared for the current plans to evolve. None of us know how busy the village is going to be, but it is assumed we will see a substantial increase in visitors to the area in the coming weeks. If you become aware of any issues arising over this period, please do let us know. Contact the Parish Clerk (clerk@hoveton-pc.org.uk or 07572 349600) or a parish councillor.

Parish Council Meetings

Hoveton Parish Council held its first remote (virtual) meeting on 8th June, using Zoom, and the Council was pleased to welcome Steve Blatch (Chief Executive of North Norfolk District Council) to this meeting to discuss options for Hoveton's Coronavirus recovery phase. The meeting was also attended by several members of the public. Members of the public are welcome to attend the Parish Council's meetings and each meeting includes a time slot for public speaking, during which members of the public are given an opportunity to contribute to the meeting, ask questions, and express views. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, it is likely all of the Parish Council's meetings will be held remotely for the foreseeable future, but these remote meetings remain open to the public. Hoveton Parish Council's next meeting will be held on Monday 6th July 2020 at 6.30pm, via Zoom, and details of how to access this meeting (either online or via telephone) will be included within the meeting agenda.

Coronavirus Community Assistance

Norfolk Resilience Forum has offered support to over 40,000 shielding people in Norfolk with support for things like prescription collections, food shopping and emergency food, dog walking, social contact and befriending. As people return to work and the number of local community volunteers reduces, Norfolk Resilience Forum has a range of extra support in place for people who need it. If you need help with anything from access to food, picking up prescriptions or making your property safe, to community alarms or assisted bin collections, call the Norfolk County Council call centre on 0344 800 8020.

Further information can be found at norfolk.gov.uk/coronavirus.

Meanwhile, Operation Good Neighbour Hoveton and Wroxham is continuing to provide assistance to local residents with no other means of support. You can get in touch with the scheme by ringing Clare on 07341 873 375 or Tracy on 01603 784 651, or by completing the form on the Operation Good Neighbour website (<http://goodneighbour.wroxhambenefice.org>).

Bonfires – Think Before You Light

Hoveton Parish Council has recently received complaints about bonfires in the village. While there are no bylaws or smoke control zones for domestic bonfires in North Norfolk and no specific times of the day when bonfires are prohibited, local residents are asked to please be considerate of others if intending to have a bonfire, as bonfires can create excessive smoke and smell that others might not enjoy. On warm, sunny days, for instance, please remember your neighbours may be using their gardens, have their washing on the line, or their windows open.

Try to position your fire where the smoke won't blow directly into neighbouring properties or onto roads, and avoid burning on damp days when the smoke will linger. Ideally, give your neighbours a bit of warning before lighting a bonfire, so they can be prepared. Only burn dry, clean materials (never household rubbish, rubber tyres, or anything containing plastic, foam or paint). And never leave a fire unattended or smouldering.

If you suffer from nuisance bonfires and bonfire smoke regularly, please contact the North Norfolk District Council Environmental Protection team for advice (ep@north-norfolk.gov.uk or 01263 516085), as NNDC may be able to deal with such bonfires under environmental protection law and prevent further problems where someone is persistently causing a nuisance.

Heroes At Home (Young Carers)

A new campaign has recently been launched aimed at Norfolk's young carers. Led by Norfolk Safeguarding Children's Partnership and supported by Carers Matter Norfolk and Caring Together, Heroes at Home recognises the vital role young carers play in supporting their loved ones at home and highlights the range of support available to help them.

It is estimated that more than 11,000 children and young people from as young as five years of age in Norfolk are carers. For support and advice, or for a live chat online, young carers can visit www.youngcarersmatternorfolk.org or call the Carers Matter Norfolk Advice Line on 0800 083 1148.

Highways and Drains Maintenance

Did you know that Hoveton Parish Council has an online account with Norfolk County Council which it uses to report all maintenance requests relating to local highways and drains? The account ensures regular updates from Highways as to the status of the necessary work and is the easiest way to raise problems with the Highways team. Local residents are welcome to alert Hoveton Parish Council to any highways or drains problems in the village (such as potholes, blocked drains or overgrown foliage) so these can be reported to NCC. Please contact Cllr Alex Howe (ahowe@hoveton-pc.org.uk, 01603 783096 or 07702 607130) with further information.

Why Not Join Hoveton Parish Council?

There are still five vacant seats around Hoveton Parish Council's meeting table. Perhaps you'd like to join us? The role of a parish councillor is truly rewarding and fulfilling. It gives you the opportunity to play a key role in the decisions that affect life in our village and to make a positive contribution to the many areas of work the Parish Council is involved in. It is a part-time commitment that many of our existing councillors manage around full or part-time jobs, family and other commitments.

Have you ever thought about becoming a parish councillor for Hoveton? With remote parish council meetings now taking place, it's never been easier for local residents to attend a meeting of Hoveton Parish Council to find out more about what's involved. Why not join us for our next meeting on Monday 6th July, which will be held via Zoom? Or feel free to contact one of our existing councillors for a chat. More information about what's involved can also be found on our website (<http://hovetonparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk>).

WROXHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Caen Meadow

One of the consequences of the Covid-19 lockdown has been the boom in demand for days out now that we have been allowed out from our homes. This has put considerable pressure on beauty spots up and down the country. We all saw the scenes at Bournemouth beach recently with not just hordes of people but tons and tons of litter left behind.

Our own beloved Caen Meadow has not been exempt from these pressures and recently has seemed to be "discovered" by hundreds of people from outside our village who have descended on our precious village resource to swim, paddle their canoes and above all to picnic. After a write up in a well know web site describing Caen Meadow as "Norfolk's best kept secret" as a picnic location, numbers have grown and grown.

This has led to a number of problems. The first of these is car parking along Church Lane, Skinners Lane, Castle Street and even further afield. There have been days when a fire engine or ambulance would have struggled to get down the lane and the inconvenience and irritation



for people who live in the affected areas is entirely understandable.

The Parish Council has been contacted by several residents asking what we are going to do about it. We wish it was that simple. A parish council has no powers at all in this type of case it being an issue for Norfolk County Council Highways Department. All we can do is to make a request - but for what? It's likely that this problem will be with us until the autumn and, now that so many people from outside the village have discovered the location, it may be a perennial summer problem. Should we ask for double yellow lines? Residents only parking permits? You tell us what you would like us to campaign for. Let us have your views. Email: clerk@wroxhamparishcouncil.org.

The second problem is the rubbish left behind. This year we installed extra large waste bins at the entrance to Caen Meadow. These now fill up often in a matter of hours. We have installed a large domestic wheelie bin which is also invariably full. We have added in an extra bin emptying to three times a week - each time it costs you money. As a community we are paying for visitors picnic debris to be cleared because they cannot be bothered to take it home. The Parish Council will be in urgent talks with Broadland District Council to see what help they can give. It may be we need a vast roll top commercial bin there for the summer but all avenues are being explored. All these options come out of your council tax. We have had a range of solutions suggested to us including a partial closure of the Meadow to even charging visitors while villagers would have a free pass. These are fairly drastic solutions but what do you think should be done? Again, please let us know your thoughts.

Memorial Garden and Parish Cemetery

The Parish Council has resubmitted its plans for an extension to the existing cemetery to reduce costs for the village. The Memorial Garden has had new plants added and some much needed rabbit fencing until the plants are established. Parish Councillors have formed a rota to water the memorial garden plants for this summer and autumn. We are also looking at establishing an avenue of memorial trees either side of the path in the existing cemetery. These could be funded by anyone who wishes a memorial to a loved one who doesn't need to have been interred in the cemetery but family or friends would like to mark their life this way. Each tree would have a plaque with an inscription. We also plan to establish a memorial rose garden at the cemetery where people could buy a rose bush with a plaque in remembrance of someone. If you are interested in either of these options please contact the Parish Clerk, Clare Male.

Litter

As we reported last month the organisation carrying out litter picking in the village has ceased to function and the burden has again fallen on parish councillors. It is now more important than ever for people to take their litter home.

Covid-19

North Norfolk District Council has put up signs in Hoveton asking people to remember to socially distance - though judging by recent weekends to not a lot of effect. Please be aware, especially if you are in a vulnerable group, that large numbers of summer visitors seem unable to read or care about such signage so please be careful.

Trees

We have had an offer of free trees for the village from the Woodland Trust. We may well ask for some for the new cemetery extension but if you have any other ideas then please get in touch.

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

NORTH NORFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL

Message from County & District Councillor Nigel Dixon

Covid19 Recovery – Reopening North Norfolk. As I explained last month, imposing the Lockdown was much easier than lifting the restrictions in ways that maintain Covid security and safety while allowing the many strands of life's activities to reopen. North Norfolk and Broadland are very dependent on tourism and UK residents are much more likely to take holidays at home this year so we can expect huge pressure on the holiday and leisure activities as people rush to book and take either day visits or holidays. In addition, the non essential shops and other industries desperately want to resume trading to meet demand and to survive. In recognition of the emerging situation, NNDC has introduced its "You are Welcome" campaign across its major towns and coastal resorts. It aims to provide guidance and infrastructure to open trading and holiday resort centres in a safe and orderly way that minimises the prospect of Covid transmission yet allows access to businesses and leisure facilities to relieve the pent up tensions of more than 3 months of Lockdown. So, in Hoveton village centre you will see various signage and hand sanitation stations installed to guide people safely along the footways, to queue in the most space efficient manner and enjoy the facilities during their visit. While these might seem excessive they have been developed jointly between NNDC, NCC Highways, Hoveton PC and local traders/businesses so they reflect a consensus balance between various conflicting interests. The test will be whether people will be reasonable and socially responsible in complying with the guidance; clearly, behaviours when the village is very quiet may well differ from when it's crowded with people – some of whom will not be familiar with the village layout or the specific guidance, so we hope common sense will be used to keep safe. For many residents there are serious concerns about visitors greatly



increasing the transmission risks, particularly for those vulnerable or extremely vulnerable who have been shielding. Each of us must decide what to do to best protect ourselves; the government guidance is designed to be generic to allow it to be interpreted and adapted to local and personal circumstances. Finally, each of us has responsibility for our own safety and to take whatever measures we need or feel comfortable with and fortunately many support options exist to help make safe choices.

The voluntary and other support groups are still there if needed. If you are aware of anyone who may not be supported or is struggling to cope then please contact the next nearest Local Co-ordination Centre at Stalham via stalham.lcc@north-norfolk.gov.uk or the Wroxham & Hoveton Good Neighbour Scheme on 07501 362793 or Operation Good Neighbour on hovetonwroxham.goodneighbour@gmail.com or 07950 320461.

Financial Implications of Covid 19. These breakdown into 3 generic groups: personal and families; local economy and businesses; and, government (central and local). It's too early to say what the implications for each will look like because we are still working our way through the Covid 19 situation and we don't know whether there may be further outbreaks or the re-imposition of restrictions. My view of the future is that this will require financial prudence, hard work, a degree of self sacrifice and collective responsibility to help one another at all levels. It will also require confidence to embrace new ways of working, some of which we have had to accept in recent months of Lockdown isolation. Add in the other key challenges of implementing 'Brexit' and addressing climate change and we certainly have tough times ahead; but, alongside there are many opportunities for major positive changes. We should see the glass as half full rather than half empty.

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.

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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 few months.



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JUNE NEWS FROM JEROME MAYHEW MP

Dear all

We certainly cannot say that life has returned to normal, or even if it ever will, but thanks to your commitment and sacrifices during the lockdown period we have managed to keep our rate of infection low in comparison with other areas of the UK. We must not drop our guard, and social distancing will continue to be of vital importance for the foreseeable future. As the rules are gradually relaxed they necessarily become less black-and-white and more nuanced. We all need to use our common sense to achieve the goal of social distancing in all the situations in which we find ourselves. When shops and businesses start to re-open please show them the confidence that you feel in their future. Roads will be re-figured and pavements widened to make it safe to visit our local shops with confidence. You can make your stand for our local businesses by giving them your custom.

The easing of the general lockdown is made possible by a Test, Track and Trace scheme that allows local infections to be isolated without the whole community having to do the same. It's great that the government has sited a new Regional Testing Centre at the Postwick Park and Ride. This is on top of the three testing sites at our A&E hospitals, the mobile military testing units and the national postal tests. It provides us with more than enough local testing capacity to deal with Test, Track and Trace.

I have been overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity shown to those in need by communities across the constituency. We have seen the best of each other in the springing up of community support groups, new friendships between neighbours, and particularly in the support being given to the elderly and vulnerable. I also want to pay tribute to the work of our councils. It is often tempting to complain about "the bureaucracy", but as a new MP I have seen that parish, District, and County Councils have worked their socks off, supporting those most in need and getting government grant money out the door and in to local businesses as quickly as possible.

Away from the coronavirus, I have been working with my colleagues George Freeman MP and Duncan Baker MP to persuade the government to look properly at alternative solutions to the connection of offshore wind farms to the National Grid. It's a complex picture, but the current system of individual connection corridors being dug 30 plus miles across Norfolk for each individual wind farm is clearly wrong and needs to be fixed. We have already met with the Minister responsible and are now tracking down Ofgem and National Grid. I am pleased to say that Ofgem has now been tasked with undertaking a review of alternative means of connection and I am meeting them shortly to push this further. There are plans to increase offshore wind generation from the current 8.5MWh to no less than 40MWh by 2030, so this problem is only going to get worse unless we address it. We all want to increase our renewable energy, but let's do it sensibly.

Finally, if you have a problem with which you think I could help, please do get in touch. The best way is initially by email at jerome.mayhew.mp@parliament.uk, or by telephone on **0207 219 4733**. Face to face surgeries will re-start as soon as we are allowed but Zoom works pretty well.

Yours sincerely,

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ARTICLES & PRESS RELEASES

WHERRY YACHT CHARTER CHARITABLE TRUST UPDATE

Happy one hundred and fifteenth birthday to Hathor! It was mentioned at the end of my last article that Claudian was the first purpose-built pleasure wherry in 1887 and that our own Hathor followed just eight years later.



In fact it was in July 1905 that Hathor was first launched. It was a grand occasion with the well known Colman (of Colman's Mustard) and Boardman families travelling to Reedham in their best clothes for the event. It was Ethel and Helen Colman, two spinster sisters, who commissioned Hathor and she was built as a memorial to their brother Alan. Another sister, Florence, from this family of six, was married to Edward Boardman and it was she who photographed the occasion for posterity. If you are interested, the photographs can be seen in the Ludham Archive <http://www.ludhamarchive.org.uk/hathor.htm>

It was Florence and Edward Boardman's three year old daughter Joan who actually launched Hathor (pronounced Har Tor). She released two doves to bring good luck in accordance with Japanese traditions. Hathor was named after the Egyptian vessel that carried Alan Colman on his last voyage. Alan was suffering from a lung disease, now thought to have been TB, and the family were advised to take him on holiday to a hot, dry climate. Egypt was chosen and once there, the family embarked on a Nile cruise.

The family visited lots of historical sites and antiquities along their journey and collected a large number of Egyptian artefacts that now reside in Norwich's Castle Museum. However, five days after reaching Luxor in early February 1897 Alan passed away and the rest of the family soon headed home again.

Not only was Hathor named to commemorate Alan Colman and his final days, the wherry's interior was also designed for that purpose. Egyptian-themed throughout, her sycamore panels are inlaid with lotus flowers, hieroglyphics and symbolic motifs. Each cabin door has a different animal frieze along the top section. These include hares, frogs and cats, while a scarab beetle adorns the lower part of each door. The interior was designed, with no expense spared, by the Colman sister's brother-in-law Edward Boardman, the prominent Norwich architect. He even sent his assistant, Graham Cotman, to the British Museum to research the designs to be used. Such was the attention to detail and quality of the work, that the interior cost £1,464 compared to the mere £575 charged by Daniel Hall of Reedham for completing the rest of the wherry.

Normally Hathor would be based at How Hill between May and September, with viewing guides on board most days to explain even more of her history than I have covered here. If you would like to become a Friend of WYC, please email pam.taylor@wherryyachtcharter.org

THIS MONTH'S COVER

“Jam Roll and Eccles Cake” - Please spare a thought for our 1st Hoveton and Wroxham Sea Scout Group this month. Not only have activities been hit by the lockdown, but their main fundraising event, the Classic Car Show due to take place on July 19th at St John's School, has been cancelled. Organisations still have financial obligations, even though 'no meetings' equates with 'no income'.

Then came the brouhaha in Poole involving The Founder's statue. So here's a cover picture to remind us of happier times when 'B-P' was truly appreciated for undeniably great qualities and humanity: he would have been the first to say that, being a mortal human being, he wasn't perfect. In 1929 Scouting celebrated its 21st birthday with a Jamboree at Arrowe Park on the Wirral. Christian Holm, President of the Danish Boy Scouts Association, contacted all groups who were going to be present at Arrowe Park suggesting that every Scout give a penny (or the equivalent in local currency) to buy the Chief Scout a suitable present. When Mr. Holm contacted Lady Baden-Powell to discover discreetly what he wanted, B-P said he needed a new pair of braces. The Scouts did rather better than that, and presented the Baden-Powells with a magnificent new 20hp Rolls Royce (built and delivered by Rolls Royce and coachmaker Page and Hunt in just 50 days) and a caravan built by the celebrated firm of Eccles, so that they could attend Scouting events in comfort. B-P immediately named the car 'Jam Roll' (a combination of Jamboree and Rolls Royce) and the caravan became "Eccles ... cake", as a popular joke at the Jamboree put it. However, the sought-after braces didn't arrive until two days later, when the Irish Scouts presented B-P with a pair which he promptly donned and performed a jig in their honour.

"Jam Roll" was used until the Baden-Powells retired to Kenya in 1938; Olave, Lady Baden-Powell, sold the car in August 1945 when she returned to England after B-P's death and presented "Eccles" to Scout HQ at Gilwell Park in Surrey. "Jam Roll" had eight private owners before being reunited with the caravan at Gilwell in 2007 as seen on our cover: the following year the car was bought on behalf of the Scout Association for intended display at Gilwell.

Both "Jam Roll" and "Eccles" have been fully restored and are in the care of the Rolls Royce Heritage Trust in Derby - who knows, they may even appear at a future 1st Hoveton and Wroxham Scouts Car Show!

Nick Walmsley 2020

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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