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Inputs by 15th Please

The last few months have seen a very different way of life. Social distancing, staying home, the inability to visit family and friends have made this a time which has been hard for many, though interestingly a welcome slowing of the pace of life for others. However you have found it, there is no doubt that life has been turned upside down in our communities and our homes. And that has been equally true for our local church communities; here too life has been totally altered. Though rather than saying it has been turned upside down, I find it more true to say that life for us in church has been turned inside out. Where we used to head for church on a Sunday, and run most of our activities from that centre, in the last months the church which looked from the inside out has had to work from the outside in, providing online activity and posted resources to support not only our own members but the communities we serve. We've loved doing it, and we hope you've enjoyed using it.

August brings us a welcome step forward as we begin to meet again in church. We will have our first service together at 10am on August 2nd, which will be a service of Holy Communion at Wroxham St Mary and we are looking forward to it so very much. We do hope that any of you who have been enjoying our online presence will consider coming and joining us in person. Everything is in place to keep you safe, and we are urged by the Church of England to wear face coverings (we realise some are exempt for medical reasons, so don't worry). But we aren't closing down our online work completely. We've been asked if the Rector's service of compline (night prayer) – to be found on the Wroxham Benefice Facebook page (and you don't need a Facebook account to view it) – can continue, and I will do my best. Our website will also continue to carry some online offerings, and we look forward to seeing how this work develops and changes.

I can't say we are going back to normal – church will be different, as everything is right now; but we move forward together, and the chance to find a new normal and discover new ways of working together with our communities is both challenging and exciting. It's a new start for us all – do come and join us!

Love and prayers, Liz

Services for August

2nd August Holy Communion Wroxham

9th August Holy Communion Wroxham

16th August Holy Communion Hoveton St John

23rd August Holy Communion Wroxham

30th August Morning Worship online by Zoom. Email or ring for the link to join in – you are welcome! rector@wroxhambenefice.org 01603 784150

The Revd Liz Jump

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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 until further notice. 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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As you will know churches are allowed to open again providing all necessary precautions are put in place. Being a small building means we have some issues with social distancing, so at present we are not opening, but plan to do so as soon as possible. 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.

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ST. HELEN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

St Helen's Catholic Church - Procedure for Mass

At long last we can again celebrate Mass at St Helen's and is open only at the following times: Saturday 17.00 - 18.30 with Mass at 17.30 and Wednesday 09.00 - 10.30 with Mass at 09.30 followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for private prayer. We can accommodate up to 40 people and advance booking is no longer required. On arrival hand sanitisation will take place and a mask must be worn whilst in church. If you do not own a mask, one will be provided. Although congregational singing is still prohibited, there is music on Saturday! Further information may be found on the parish website www.sacredheartnorthwalsham.com.

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

BARTON HOUSE RAILWAY

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WROXHAM. NR12 8TL

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We are so sorry that we have not been able to welcome you all to BHR so far this year. If we can find a way to safely open then we will do so.

PLEASE LOOK ON OUR WEBSITE, OR PHONE ENQUIRIES AS ABOVE FOR INFORMATION.

Our nominated charity for **2021** will be "ACCESS"

**PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW OPENING TIMES FOR SUNDAY RUNNINGS
FROM 2021 WILL BE:**

1pm – 4:30pm

WROXHAM BURE VALLEY ROTARY CLUB



Like many organisations, we have been restricted to electronic Zoom meetings as our sole means of communication over recent weeks. However, with the recent relaxations in the hospitality sector, and thanks to the great efforts of our regular meeting hosts at Wroxham Barns, we were able to hold a socially distanced meeting early in July, in the outdoor but covered courtyard cafe area. July marks the start of the new Rotary year and the presidential mantle has now been passed to new president Robin Baines. We were also delighted to welcome our District Governor Jonathan King to his first face to face club meeting of his new year in office. The meeting was well attended and we hope over the next few weeks to continue with a mix of electronic and socially distanced face to face meetings. (pictures on page 38)

While we don't expect much immediate activity we are hoping and planning that our Christmas collections will be taking place as usual. Meantime we have not been idle...a working group spent a recent summer evening varnishing all the picnic benches on Granary Staithe in Hoveton. We were pleased to be able to do this to help the local community as this is becoming a popular area with locals and visitors alike, even more so as the lock down measures are relaxed.

Going forward, the end of the restrictions and return to "normal" is obviously still some way off, so meantime 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, Robin Baines, on 01603782920/07721465647

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.

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.

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Secretary: Jan 01603 712150 Chair: Gary 01603 961066



HOVETON, WROXHAM AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Hello members, I hope you have all kept well over the past four months. At least we have our gardens which give us such pleasure, the flowers in turn bring in Butterflies and Moths making more interest. We have decided to re-commence meetings on October 9th, Mr Bob Coutts is giving us a talk entitled Preparing for Autumn. Mr Coutts has visited us on several occasions over the last few years and his talks are always interesting and informative. Please don't forget to bring monthly bloom, 6 Fuchsias on a plate (provided) and one of the geraniums given out during the lockdown, pick the better of the two, you may even win a prize for the best exhibit. We hope there will be a raffle and refreshments. In November we have an evening with a Wildlife Photographer which should be a very enjoyable evening. More details Pam 01603782041.

GARDENING TIPS FOR AUGUST

Well, where has the first half of the year gone?

The rain we had was very welcome; it took the stress out of the lawns and plants.

Keep on top of the weeds. If the weather is dry, dig out or spot treat any stubborn weeds.

Feed tubs and containers. Always water these in the evening or early morning.

Dead head annuals and roses. Cut back perennials after flowering.

Trim hedges like privet, thuja and beech. Laurels are better cut with secateurs or pruners.

Keep trimming your lawns and edges.

In the veg garden, keep harvesting runners and climbing French beans.

Keep pulling carrots, beetroot, radishes and onions.

Take out the tops of outdoor tomatoes and pick regularly.

If you have any spare space sow carrot, lettuce and baby spinach leaves.

In the fruit area, remove netting from the strawberries, dig them up if they are four years old or more and replant new runners in a different area.

Keep picking raspberries and blackberries.

In the pond area, tidy up plants, thin out oxygenating waterweed and keep the water level topped up. Remove duck or blanket weed.

Plants that should be at their best this month are; most bedding plants, helianthus, spirea, dahlia, hydrangea, potentilla, fuchsia and abelia.

Enjoy the garden this month and if you can get out, visit other gardens that are open.

Also, appreciate what is out there in our countryside too.

Take care and keep safe.

Michael Ottaway, Chairman

HORNING BRIDGE CLUB

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

WROXHAM AND HOVETON LIONS CLUB

With the easing of restrictions and life gradually coming back to some semblance of normality, we are now focusing on bringing our shop back to life and looking how to start our normal fund raising activities.



Our Lions shop is in the process of being revamped, to comply with the Government requirements to provide a safe environment for both staff and public. This is no easy task as the shop is somewhat compact. It is planned to re-open the shop from the week commencing 10th August and our opening hours will be 10am – 4pm. We now have all the protective equipment, sanitising fluid and an automatic hand sanitiser. As with other shops we will be marking out the floor to ensure safe distancing and limiting the number of people allowed entry. In order to keep the staff, volunteers and yourselves safe, we would ask that you kindly help us as follows:

1. Please do not consider coming anywhere near the shop if you are experiencing any of the known Covid-19 symptoms.
2. Wait at the recommended safe distance outside the shop until a member of staff allows you to enter.
3. Due to the small size of the shop, we would ask you to wear a face covering, this is not to protect you, but to help protect staff and other users if you are infected but not feeling any of the symptoms.
4. Please sanitise your hands when entering the shop by placing your hands underneath the automatic hand sanitiser.
5. As our fitting room will be closed, we would ask you to purchase any clothing item/s, retain your receipt and if required return the item/s for a full refund.
6. When possible, please pay by card to minimise cash handling.

We will be delighted to take your surplus items to enable us to continue our work in supporting deserving causes in the local community. Until our shop reopens on 10th Aug, we are accepting donations on Wednesday mornings between the hours of 9:30-12.00

Once the shop fully reopens, we will be able to accept donations as normal. So, if you are getting ready to donate items to us, as mentioned in my last report I would just like to reiterate the following:

1. Please 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.

Once again I would like to thank you in advance for your assistance and together we will be able to safely get through these trying times.

We are always on the lookout for volunteers in our shop or new members to join the worlds largest charitable organisation, If you are looking for new challenges in a friendly and rewarding environment, 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, as always, look forward to hearing from you.

Lion Mick Holden, President .

HOVETON & DISTRICT WI

On Wednesday 8th July we tried our first meeting post-Lockdown. It was wonderful to have the opportunity for a get-together with our W.I. friends. We chatted, drank tea from disposable cups and just relaxed in the company of good friends. (see page 38)

Hoveton is very lucky that our village hall is set in large grounds so that we can have socially distanced outdoor meetings dividing up into 'bubbles' in order to adhere to Corvid.19 government guidelines.

Members enjoyed the experience so much that, with the approval of our committee and the Norfolk W.I. Federation, we are repeating these meetings weekly at 2 p.m. every Wednesday through the summer unless it rains! Outdoor meetings in the rain would not be a great success!

Members are also keeping up our phone-a-friend-for-a-chat scheme which was very successful when we were seriously locked down.

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 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

NORTH NORFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL

Message from County & District Councillor Nigel Dixon

Brook Park, Hoveton – Progress Update. Many of you must be as tired of reading of issues about Brook Park as I am in dealing with and writing about them. However, understandably many residents have contacted me this year asking when will this or that be finished or that various maintenance tasks have been neglected. When Persimmon staff attended Hoveton PC meeting in Dec 19 they gave several assurances that the outstanding work would be completed, initially by the year end and then by June – to be fair they didn't say which year! To some extent Covid 19 will have delayed matters, but much work should have been done before Covid 19 and more recently work could still have been progressed.



Most recently, I have chased Persimmon about a long list of outstanding work as well as complaints about neglected maintenance – as I write I haven't had a reply yet; but this shows Persimmon has little regard for its customers or pride in its development sites. As I have said before, NNDC & NCC will not adopt the site until it's fully completed and up to standard; until then the maintenance responsibility rests with Persimmon and to that extent it's very helpful that several residents have contacted Persimmon direct to complain and sent me copies. Let's keep the pressure on and not let them get away with shoddy standards – ultimately, it will hit financially and in reputation.

I have no news on the outcome of the Brook Park Phase 2 planning application – to some extent no news is good news but I suspect it's in some difficulty; I will advise you as soon as I hear more.

Covid19 Recovery – Reopening North Norfolk. Last month I explained the arrival of various signage and hand sanitation stations in the village to try to reopen the village, businesses and facilities in a Covid secure manner. Given that there's no vaccine in sight these restrictions and precautions will be in place for the long term and we have to accept and adapt in order to maximise safety and prevent local outbreaks. Each person must decide how best to protect themselves accordingly to their risk circumstances. Test and trace systems will help to contain future local outbreaks but prevention is better than cure.

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 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. I am also aware there are other small locality or group arrangements in place that informally do the same valuable support work. In the coming autumn and winter they will be more important in maintaining support in the community.

Change of Waste Collection and Street Cleaning Contractor. Some of you will know NNDC had a change of contractor for these services on 1 April, amidst the lockdown period. No one could have predicted this would be a very difficult time to change contractor but I have to say I have had no complaints which suggests Kier, as the outgoing contractor, and Serco, as the new, did an excellent transfer job. In addition, they quietly maintained these important services during the lockdown without any public recognition – so well done and sincere thanks to all the staff, many of whom transferred direct from Kier to Serco.

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.

HOVETON PARISH COUNCIL



Hoveton Parish Council has a new Councillor

At our meeting on Monday 6th July, HPC was delighted to formally co-opt Gerard Mancini-Boyle onto our Parish Council. Gerard brings with him a wealth of experience, as a former Parish Councillor and a current District Councillor for our ward, as well as a real passion for our community. Welcome Gerard!

If you'd like to join Hoveton Parish Council, we still have several vacancies, so please get in touch!

Coronavirus Recovery Phase

There have been various on-site meetings in recent weeks to discuss how a safe social-distancing environment can be created in Hoveton, and North Norfolk District Council's (NNDC) '*You Are Welcome*' initiative has now been instigated within the village. The project also includes two hand sanitiser stations, one by the post adjacent to Granary Staithe and the other outside the currently closed Deck Side Café. Two parish councillors have volunteered to refill and clean these stations when needed. HPC is grateful to the redeployed officer at NNDC who has co-ordinated the work and consulted closely with all stakeholders, and most local businesses have put practical measures in place.

As the village gets busier it is envisaged that the situation might have to evolve but, at the time of writing, in our area at least, the majority of the community have been responsible. Our beat officer reports that the constabulary has adopted the approach of advise, educate and explain before taking any enforcement action but HPC agrees with his view that as lockdown eases and there is swing towards normality, some people are letting things slip. Therefore, we all need to remain vigilant. If you become aware of any issues arising during this period, please do contact the Parish Clerk (clerk@hoveton-pc.org.uk or 07572 349600) or a parish councillor.

However, events move so quickly in respect of Covid it may be that the above will be out of date at the beginning of August!

Parish Council Meetings

Hoveton Parish Council held its second remote (virtual) meeting on 6th July, using Zoom but only 2 members of the public joined us. Please be assured that these remote meetings remain open to the public and all are welcome. The next parish council meeting is on Monday 3rd August 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.

Parish Plan Consultation

It is time to update the Parish Plan and an initial consultation has been carried out via HPC's website and Facebook page. Unfortunately almost all of the ideas submitted by local residents related to Hoveton Village Hall, but this is not a business plan for the Village Hall, as the Village Hall charity runs separately from the Parish Council and has its own budget. A strong expression of need from the local community is required before the precept can be significantly increased to pay for new projects. However, current restrictions due to COVID-19 mean it is not a good time to be holding public consultations, and HPC currently has financial limitations. It might be the case that just a short-term refresh of the plan would be more appropriate at the current time.

Hoveton and Wroxham Cycle Hub

Hoveton and Wroxham have been selected as a Cycle Hub by Cycling UK, the Broads Authority, and Norfolk County Council, as part of their EXPERIENCE project. This project hopes to offer added value for businesses and to ensure a high-quality experience for cycling visitors/customers. The hub programme is currently in the development stage but it is planned to work with businesses from autumn 2020 onwards. Feedback and suggestions from local stakeholders will be welcome. If anyone would like further details of this project please email Councillor Peter Howe on phowe@hoveton-pc.org.uk but HPC hopes to provide further information by the time of our August meeting.

Parish Partnership Scheme

It is time to consider NCC's Parish Partnership Scheme for 2021-2022. This is an annual process in which NCC invites town and parish councils to submit ideas and bids (on a 50/50 basis) for the delivery of small projects that benefit local communities. The local Highway Engineer can be asked for advice in developing any ideas around practicalities and cost and therefore HPC is asking residents for ideas as part of the Parish Plan consultations. The deadline for submissions is 4th December 2020 so you have a few months to put your thinking caps on but please bear in mind that there is a cap of £25,000 on any bid.

And whilst we are thinking about Highways, any potholes, regular incidences of standing water/flooding, or mud on the roads, can be reported to Highways via Councillor Alex Howe (ahowe@hoveton-pc.org.uk or 01603-783096), directly by telephone on 0344 800 8020 or by email at

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads/report-a-problem>
or at <https://www.fixmystreet.com/>

Our next meeting is on Monday 3rd August, 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

As this is the first print edition of The Bridge for several months we thought we would bring you up to speed on what the Council has been doing during lockdown.

Here's a report from Council Chairman, Barry Fiske:

Since lockdown commenced The Bridge Magazine has only been published on-line, this will be the first paper copy you have received since March.

During this time we have all navigated this pandemic cautiously, and must continue to do so for sometime to come.

Some have caught the virus and made a full recovery, others have had a more severe bout and are still suffering from the long tail of Covid-19. Others have lost loved ones and friends to the virus or to the consequences of it as it wrought its way through our country. Our thoughts are with them and we hope for a brighter future ahead for all.

Throughout the lockdown The Parish Council has remained operational.

It had to close off children's play areas, now open once again.

Our Clerk, Clare Male helped to coordinate The Wroxham & Hoveton Good Neighbour Scheme which was hastily and very professionally set up at the start of lockdown. It's many helpers, volunteers and coordinators including our own Cllr Elaine Allsop deserve our thanks and gratitude as they all set about ensuring no one felt alone and help was given wherever it could be.

Doubtless you will have read in the press how Caen Meadow became overwhelmed with visitors once a partial lifting of lockdown happened and many visitors decided this beauty spot was worth visiting. Many of our visitors acted responsibly and took much of their litter home, others tried to place litter in and around the bins provided which were just not up to the task of "devouring" the litter the Caen Meadow rush caused. Sadly many just left litter all over the meadow and surrounding area. It was left to the volunteer group of Friends of Caen Meadow coordinated by Cllr Angela Ireland to pick up this litter twice daily and to try and ensure visitors acted responsibly.

We have now organised more waste bins, more regular emptying of bins and regular police patrols

The residents of Church Lane, Castle Street and Skinners Lane had to put up with inconsiderate parking and in some cases unwarranted verbal abuse.



We can only thank them for their forbearance and hope the return to work now taking place alongside the council's campaign to try and dissuade other than local residents using the meadow brings some respite.

We have pressed on with projects during the lockdown utilising Zoom to hold our meetings.

The Cemetery extension planning was confirmed, tenders for works issued and a contract is to be awarded soon.

The existing cemetery is going to be upgraded with the provision of more services and remodelled to improve it. Contracts and orders for this work have been researched, confirmed and are ready to be ratified.

Agnes Gardner King Playground as stated is now open and we are almost ready to proceed with the purchase of a new nest swing largely thanks to donations from commercial enterprises, charitable organisations and some very generous Wroxham residents. We still need a sizeable sum of money to complete the purchase and should anyone feel they can make a small, or large donation in support of this historic play area then the clerk's details are listed below and all monies will be gratefully received. The proposed new swing is designed to be easily and safely usable by children with disabilities

The next scheduled WPC full council meeting is on September 3rd, we hope to be able to have councillors together in The Hub for this meeting with all Covid-19 requirements being met. The public will be able to join in using Zoom, the meeting ID will be issued with the agenda four working days prior to the meeting.

In the meantime thank you to all the volunteers who helped wherever they could throughout this terrible period and we urge everybody to stay safe, be vigilant, socially distance wherever possible and keep washing our hands.

Thank you,

Cllr Barry Fiske

Crossing Update

The pedestrian crossing closest to Wroxham Bridge is to be modernised by Norfolk County Council Highways Department. One of the benefits of the new technology to be fitted will be a form of "pedestrian radar" which will be able to detect slower moving pedestrians and allow them more time to cross. The Parish Council had previously raised the timing of the lights with Highways as the crossing is close to a development of housing for older people. We are delighted the new tech will give an easier and safer crossing for our older residents.

Update on New Village Sign From Cllr Elaine Allsop

May 14, 2021 will be a red letter day for Wroxham.

On this date next year the Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk, The Lady Dannett MBE, will unveil Wroxham's new village sign - a sign unlike any other in the county and which will proudly claim back our ancient title of 'Capital of the Norfolk Broads'.

Made from solid granite and designed by Wroxham-based stonemason Nick Hindle the sign will stand 7ft high and will be a stylish art installation as well as a village sign, standing on the corner of The Avenue and Norwich Road.

Make a note in your next year's diaries as it will be a day for Wroxham to remember and a new chapter in our history.

Speeding Check

Now that the Council has two Sam speed measuring devices to replay on our roads we can use them more strategically to deal with problem areas. As there are scheduled roadworks for the Norwich Road we have taken the opportunity to deploy one of the units in The Avenue. Not only does it record the speed of motorists but also gives us important data on road usage. We have to be on our guard about The Avenue being used as a rat run to avoid the roadworks and data collected by the unit, under the watchful eye of Cllr Ian Joynson, can be submitted to both NCC Highways and the Police should any action be necessary.

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

DUNCAN BAKER MP - JULY NEWSLETTER

Dear all

The past few months have been a very challenging time. As well as Covid-19, the devastating fire at Budgens in Holt has created problems for those who live and shop in the town. I've been working closely with local stakeholders to make sure we support the most vulnerable, and local suppliers who depended on Budgens for much of their business.

As a result of campaigning by the Norfolk MPs, Ofgem and National Grid have now been commissioned to look into ways to support the growth of our offshore wind industry without compromising the ecology and beauty of our natural landscape. A report on the available options is expected in October.

The government's financial support package has been a lifeline to many individuals and businesses, but the focus now moves to how we can support the re-opening of our economy. 'Eat Out to Help Out', a VAT reduction for tourism and hospitality businesses, and incentives

for employers to keep their employees on over the next few months are just the start, with more initiatives expected in the autumn. You can find further details at duncanbaker.org.uk.

When elected, one of my pledges was to work on improving mobile coverage and broadband speeds in North Norfolk. I'm pleased that the government has introduced the 'Universal Service Obligation' which enables anyone with an internet connection slower than 10Mbps to request an upgrade at no cost to the customer. We are also working on a Shared Rural Network, a UK equivalent of 'roaming' which will allow mobile phone users to access the strongest signal regardless of which network they are on. There is more to be done, but this is good progress.

Chloe Smith MP and I are working hard on delivering two major upgrades to healthcare: a new Accident & Emergency department at the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital; and an Urgent Treatment Centre for Cromer Hospital. These plans will have several additional benefits – with local people having less distance to travel to access healthcare; and enabling ambulances to remain 'closer to home', thus reducing ambulance response times in North Norfolk. Again, this work is ongoing, but the government is keen to do all it can to see these major projects delivered.

Over the past few months, my office team and I have dealt with thousands of enquiries, both Covid-related and on other issues. If I can help you with any issue, please do contact me on 01692 557140 or at duncan@duncanbaker.org.uk.

During July and August I will be touring the whole constituency, visiting as many of our towns and villages as possible, meeting constituents, and learning more about the issues which matter most to you. Details will be available shortly on my website and via social media and local newspapers. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible over the summer.

ARTICLES & PRESS RELEASES

HOVETON VILLAGE HALL NEWS....

Hello everyone!

As we start to come out of lockdown, I'm sure many will have seen - that we haven't been idle. Doesn't the place look smart!

The Bowls Club area has been totally transformed, having taken out the surrounding hedge. It's really opened the whole playing field... and you can see the hall from the roadside now. The Bowls Club has had a lovely upgrade, we've just got to finish off a few more things and then it'll be open for business! For everyone to enjoy- so if you belong to a book club and want to have lunch, if you're a couple of young mums who want coffee and cake while your children are on the playing field.... stop for a while and enjoy.

Talking of our playing field/ playground . We've have another piece of equipment installed. A see saw. We were hoping to be able to open the facility on the 4th but due to NNDC guidelines- we have to stay closed for a little while long, much to our great disappointment. We'd love to have our children enjoying themselves. Please be assured- as soon as we are able we'll open up!

Slowly, slowly- we're starting to open up. We've installed two permanent hand sanitisers outside - one on the entrance by the front door and another just into the Park. Then 4 more smaller machines within the building.

We ask all our hirers and visitors to use them and social distance.

You will have noticed too that we've been able to start up our very popular car boots. These will be run every Saturday and Sunday morning until the end of October (weather permitting), so if you've had a good clear out during lockdown why not come and have a pitch.

We'll also be holding some outside events on the park in the coming weeks- weather permitting.

We are delighted to announce that we will be holding our very own music festival. On the 1st and 2nd August we will be holding a music weekend. On the 1st , we'll be holding a 'Ibiza Festival', and on the 2nd - A Queen Tribute afternoon. Both days will have live music , food and drink vendors on site. Please your own chairs and come and enjoy a lovely socially distanced afternoon. Tickets to both events are selling fast so book your tickets now to avoid disappointment.

Some of you will hear the music but please don't worry, it'll only be going on until 8pm at the latest.

Our much loved Farmers Market is now back on the 4th Saturday of the month- so Please, please support this wonderful bunch of local businesses. They've worked so hard for us all during such a difficult time, it's now out time to support and help them.

A lot of our hirers (and new ones) are now coming back, again using social distancing guidelines.

Our Men's Shed project will be holding their first meeting in September- so watch this space! If you've got a bored fella at home - this could be just what he needs!

If you'd like to get involved and help in any way (we could certainly do with someone applying for grants for us)! ... we'd love to hear from you. You can contact me on twinklingjilly@gmail.com

You can also follow us on our very own FB page. Hoveton Village Hall

Take care everyone.

Jilly Gourlay

PRESS RELEASE FROM FRIENDS OF HORSEY SEALS CHARITY

Preparing for the 2020 Grey Seal Pupping Season

As the grey seal colony on the east Norfolk coastline keeps on expanding, the Friends of Horsey Seals (FoHS) have launched an urgent appeal for more volunteers to become seal wardens.

Despite a difficult year for everyone with the Covid 19 restrictions, a record number of grey seals are expected to haul out onto Horsey and Winterton Beaches from late October to give birth to their distinctive white furred pups. People come from all over the world to see this amazing natural spectacle. Seals are packed in close proximity, and there is the extra drama of 300-kilo male bull seals fighting each other for the privilege to mate with the cows. Last year more than 2000 pups were born.

With well over a hundred thousand visitors, the wardens play a vital role to protect the seal colony from unnecessary human disturbance. While most visitors are respectful of the seal's vulnerability and keep their distance, a number of young seals die each year after people get too close and scare the mother away leaving her pup to die of starvation.

During the breeding season, between November and January the wardens cordon off the beach at Horsey, not only to protect the seals but also to keep the visitors safe. They are also on hand to answer and questions about these magnificent wild animals and guide people to the best viewing spots.

Friends of Horsey Seals is a charity run and staffed entirely by Volunteers. It is in action all year round. The organisation's trained rescue team are on call round the clock to save seals, many of which turn up injured or entangled in plastic rings, ropes or nets. Almost always they are badly weakened and underweight. They are caught in special net aimed at minimising trauma and taken off the beach in a stretcher designed specifically for seals made of wide webbing. They are transported to the RSPCA Hospital at East Winch. Recently a young seal, nicknamed Galactica, was discovered entangled in netting, which had been there for some time. When a Vet removed it, he discovered a deep wound round her neck. She receiving treatment and now recovering.

Despite the start of the pupping season in November being some months away, the opportunity of seeing the seals and their pups this year is likely to attract many thousands of

visitors, assuming that Government restrictions allow. The charity says they have a responsibility to prepare and be ready.

Jane Bowden, the FoHS Recruitment Coordinator, says ‘that is why it is important to have enough trained seal wardens available to do shifts when required. The wardens do an incredible job in all weathers and there is a constant turnover, which is why we need to recruit more every year. It is an opportunity for individuals to make a real difference’

All FoHS Wardens will receive comprehensive training. This year there are workshops in mid September and early October at Somerton in addition to some practical training on the beach. They will be conducted in accordance with any Government advice on the coronavirus situation at that time.

If anyone is interested in volunteering and becoming a seal warden they can register via email recruitment@friendsofhorseyseals.co.uk

THIS MONTH'S COVER

The 75th Anniversary of VE Day came and went in ‘lockdown’ and now the anniversary of VJ Day on August 15th approaches. Perhaps Victory over Japan is not remembered so well as Victory in Europe, but it has special significance in our county for the 4th, 5th and 6th Battalions of the Royal Norfolk Regiment participated in the ill-fated defence of Singapore and Malaya as part of the 18th Infantry Division: all were captured by the Japanese Army when Singapore fell in February 1942. From then on many of the PoWs languished in Changi Jail, and worked on the Burma to Thailand Railway until liberation came 75 years ago in August 1945: it was not uncommon to find men in this area who had worked on ‘The Railway’ as they called it. None of the ones I knew ever spoke of their experiences, but many survivors supported the close ties which Norwich formed with Japan a decade or so ago. So it is fitting that our cover for “The Bridge” this month shows a bridge in a foreign land that is forever linked to Norfolk, and it stands over the River Kwai at Kanchanburi in Thailand. The Australian writer Russell Braddon was just 21 when he was captured in Singapore: he worked on The Railway, and was the first to describe its horrors in his 1952 book ‘The Naked Island’ (which took its name from the virtually defenceless Singapore). He was befriended by an English artist who sketched him in captivity: this was Ronald Searle, later to become one of our greatest cartoonists and illustrators. The little vignette at the bottom left is a reproduction of one of those sketches which featured in ‘The Naked Island’.

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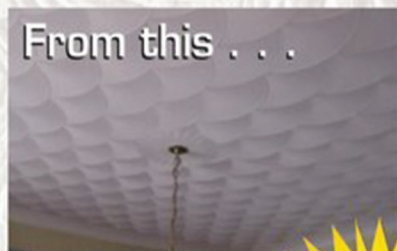


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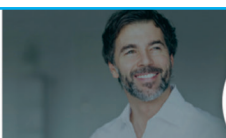
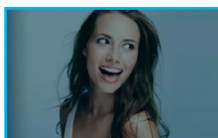


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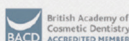
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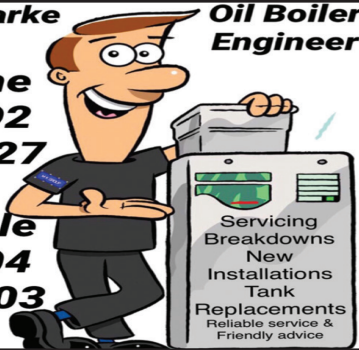



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WYC has been involved in setting up a wherry education project since the start of last year. This was when we heard that a small grant of just under £9,000 had been obtained from the Heritage Lottery Fund. The Broads Trust then added a further £1,000 and the overall project, co-ordinated by the Broads Authority (BA), began. Nick Sanderson from the BA did most of the liaison work and WYC, along with the other two wherry trusts that each look after a trading wherry, joined in to develop the project, alongside an educational consultant employed by the grant.

Wherry Yacht Charter conducts most of its educational work with young people through the teaching staff at How Hill Trust, so it was those staff who mainly contributed to the project on our behalf. The aim of the project was to create a cohesive and comprehensive suite of materials relevant to the curriculum. The resources produced take the form of an integrated education package that introduces the wherries primarily to Key Stage 2 students (aged 7 to 11). However, some of the materials can also be used by pupils in Key Stages 1 and 3.

Everyone involved from WYC was keen to avoid the 'death by worksheet' approach of many modern education projects, so the resources created are far more practical and hands-on than that. The first resource is a series of age-appropriate powerpoint presentations that show the evolution and history of the wherries, the cargoes they carried and the people who crewed them. These are designed to be used as an introduction to the subject before school groups visit the wherries on a field trip or investigate the wherries further in class.

The second resource takes the form of a board game called Wherry Races. The game board is double-sided with trading wherries racing to deliver cargo on one side and pleasure wherries or wherry yachts racing around the Broads to visit a series of attractions on the other. The four featured wherries on the second side are our own Hathor, Ardea, White Moth and Olive.

The final resource is a series of large-scale working wooden models. Hathor, one of our pleasure wherries, is one of them, and a wherry yacht model will follow later. These models can be handled, dismantled and reconstructed by students to provide a tangible demonstration of the features and operation of trading and pleasure wherries.

It was hoped the wherry project resources would be used by education groups throughout the 2020 season, but the arrival of Covid-19 and the subsequent lockdown stopped that from happening. Hopefully the materials can begin to be used next year instead. If you would like to support our ongoing work please become a Friend of WYC by emailing pam.taylor@wherryyachtcharter.org

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One of the unexpected bonuses of lockdown is that people have found the time to clear out their cupboards. We have received some wonderful items, including a leaflet for a train ride to Wroxham with a boat trip and afternoon tea included. This dates from 1934 and was a souvenir from the donor’s grandparents’ honeymoon! A set of photos from another family’s holiday in the 1930s includes several photos outside Roy’s of Wroxham. Slides and more photos and postcards have also been sent which makes our post much more interesting than usual! Some of these fabulous mementoes will find their way into our Wish You Were Here! holiday exhibition – another bonus of opening later in the year!

With many unsure about taking a holiday abroad or further afield right now, enjoying days out locally as part of a ‘staycation’ could be the new way to unwind. We are blessed to live in such a beautiful part of the country. Enjoy it as many others have done for decades. And try to fit in a visit to your local museum too – we Wish You Were Here!

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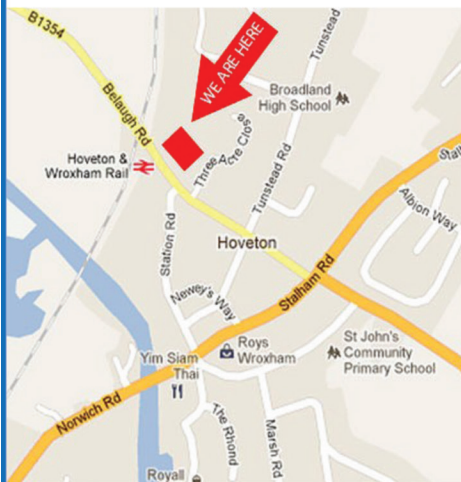
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