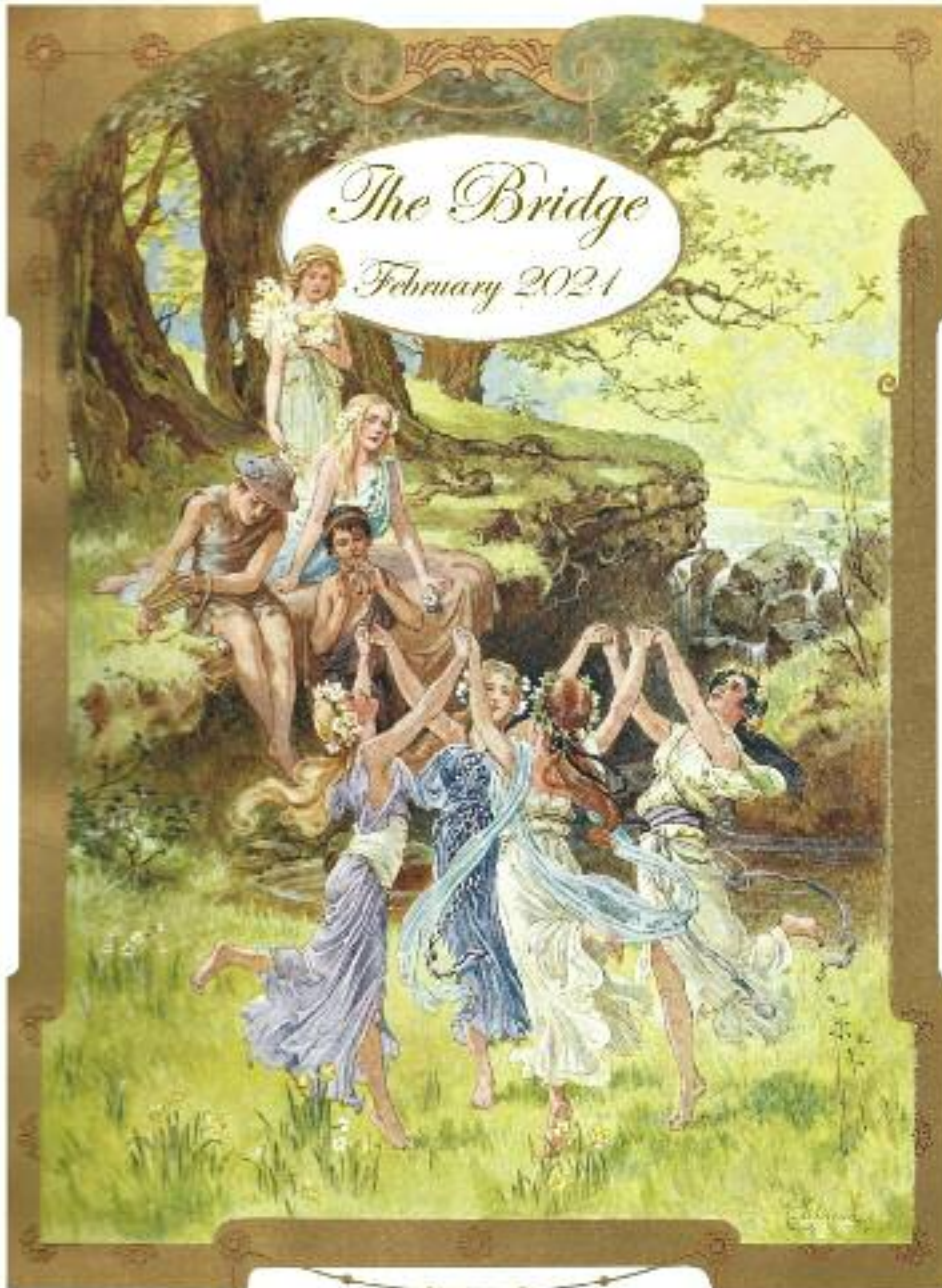




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**Inputs by 15th Please**

## From the Rector the Revd. Liz Jump

This time last year, we had no idea of what was before us. Even at the height of the first lockdown I think most of us were fairly sure that, come the summer, we would be looking at a slow and careful return to normality. Even in the autumn, the talk was of seeing the back of 2020 and looking forward to a new start in 2021. But here we are in the first weeks of the new year and back in lockdown once more. I know from the calls I make, and the few people I see (for reasons that are allowed and following social distancing guidelines!) that this time around the isolation seems harder, the hours longer, and missing of family and friends cuts deeper. There is also more fear this time around, it seems to me. That seems a gloomy start to a letter in a new year, but it is the way life is right now.

But it isn't the way that life will always be. This lockdown, for me, echoes the way of nature at this time. We hibernate and hide away like the land around us, but new life will fight its way through. In my garden there are snowdrops and daffodils, in the trees I see new buds and small leaves, and the days are getting longer as spring fights its way into being. And it is same for us. Vaccines are being given, treatments are beginning to be found, and people support and care for each other while we wait for our way of life to re-emerge once more.

In the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, C S Lewis describes a land with a curse on it, a land where it is always winter but never Christmas; where the snow cannot melt, and spring cannot arrive. We may be still in a bit of a winter right now, but Christmas did come, if differently, and spring cannot be stopped. And so it is for us. Life will be full again, and friends will meet, and we will appreciate it all so much more.

Do look out on our website and our facebook page for information about our Lent activities. We continue to meet on Zoom for our services and you are welcome to join us, just contact me for details – see the churches page for my details. And at the end of Lent? Well that brings Easter, with its eternal promise of resurrection, new life and new starts for all. What more could we ask for at this time.

Please, please be in touch if you need anything. We can listen, share and even help!

Love and prayers. Liz

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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 had 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



## ST. HELEN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Mass:** St Helen's is open for Mass 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 now accommodate up to 45 people; booking is required from week to week, and your details will be taken for 'track and trace'. Face coverings must be worn whilst in church and hand sanitiser is provided throughout. Although congregational singing is prohibited, there is music on Saturday under the provisions issued by HM Government and the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales. Please adhere to the latest lockdown regulations; if you think you might have symptoms of Covid-19 or have had a positive test recently please do NOT attend the church. Further information may be found on the parish website [www.sacredheartnorthwalsham.com](http://www.sacredheartnorthwalsham.com).

**St Helen's Arboretum** - Ground Maintenance: Target Trees have recently completed the latest phase of the ongoing restoration of the 1920s Arboretum in St Helen's Church Grounds. Much of the large debris will be removed or 'chipped' but notice is hereby given that there will be continued clearing of debris and a probable bonfire on site during the winter months. Although this will be carried out under strict supervision in calm conditions and with regard for neighbouring properties where possible, any change in wind strength or direction is beyond our control. A replanting with both native species and those that reflect the original planting 100 years ago will then be undertaken. We hope to feature the interesting history and survival of this last remaining 'green space' SSSI in Hoveton's village centre in a future issue of 'The Bridge'.

## BROADGRACE CHURCH

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Due to the Covid virus pandemic, the church is currently closed for worship. However, please see our website, [wroxham.urc.org.uk](http://wroxham.urc.org.uk), as we have online worship available every Sunday.

JAM (our Children's Church) is still not running due the covid pandemic but we do provide online talks, stories and activities through our facebook page JAMWROXHAM. Please contact Chris Billing ([chris.billing@ukbis.com](mailto:chris.billing@ukbis.com)) or phone 01603 783992 for more details.

## WROXHAM LIBRARY

Due to the current Coronavirus - COVID-19 situation the libraries in Norfolk are completely closed to the public until further notice. Customers can still access a wide range of library services from the Norfolk County Council website [www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries)

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## CLUB NEWS

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If conditions allow we will do all we can to open for the New Season and we look forward to seeing visitors again. Please look on our website, phone enquiries or check in "The Bridge" for information from early March.



## WROXHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

Local Football has been put on hold again following the Government's announcement of new Covid-19 restrictions just before Christmas. The whole of the Eastern region covered by The Eastern Counties League, Anglian Combination, Women's Eastern Football League & Eastern Junior Alliance suffered a new blow. Football for all participants across "non-elite" football in Tier 4 is



not permitted including all training and fixtures. This means the very existence of some clubs and lower leagues is being put in doubt. No income coming and no fans allowed either. After 10 straight wins in the League for our 1st team, we now don't know if we will be able to complete the season. The FA and leagues at all levels are conducting surveys to see what can be done. Once The FA has received the results, The Leagues Committee and The FA Council will meet to make a decision. If we can start playing again by the end of February we could play through to the end of May but it would require a huge effort.

We have also lost two people from our volunteer force. Club Secretary Ray Bayles died during the Christmas period after a short illness and our ambassador Chris Hall has also passed away. Our condolences to both families. They will be difficult to replace but we hope that other people will come forward to replace them.

All quite depressing but it is not all bad news. We are still working to improve our facilities for when we can start again. With some foresight, we have been working on a number of projects. We have almost completed a new irrigation system and some new training lights have been installed. Shortly once planning consent has been received, we will be adding a new catering extension to help with serving needs resulting from Covid requirements. New goals have also been purchased for the junior section based at Rackheath. This has also meant dipping into reserves and in total involved expenditure of nearly £50k. We have been fortunate to obtain grants towards these projects and would like to thank in particular, The Football Foundation. Clarion Futures and the Broadland Council Autumn & Winter adaption Fund. We are however starting a CrowdFunder scheme to help "soften" these costs; details will appear soon on our website [www.wroxhamfc.club](http://www.wroxhamfc.club) & Twitter @the\_yachtsmen. Anyone able to make a donation in the meantime, please contact Chris Green Acting Secretary/Trustee on 07508219072.

For the New Year, we are extending our social media coverage and now have a TV Channel Wroxham FC TV – YouTube which will include interviews as well as match videos from our new videographer @bev\_asher. Bev has already started to develop an Instagram account to add to our Twitter & Facebook accounts. We also have new merchandise ie badges and beanies for @blue\_wave\_band our Wroxham FC family friendly Ultras. Please give them a follow.

We have a group of volunteers who have worked hard on keeping the ground tidy and the pitch is looking its best ever at this time of year – one benefit of not playing!

Let's hope it is not too long before the vaccine "kicks in" and we can get back to some form of normality.

To all Bridge readers – stay safe.

## NEWS FROM WROXHAM BURE VALLEY ROTARY CLUB

We continue to meet regularly every Monday evening...on Zoom, and we are enjoying some well attended meetings as everyone is keen to stay in touch. One of the advantages of Zoom meetings is that we can access a much wider range of speakers, and over the past few weeks we have had speakers join us from as far afield as Mexico and Australia. It also makes it much easier for guests to drop in and join us, and we are always pleased to welcome visitors to our meetings as it helps people to understand better who we are and what we try and do. If you are interested in dropping in just contact our President, Robin Baines on the numbers below.



As promised last month, the final total raised from our Christmas "Santa drive pasts" where we asked for donations through our Total Giving page was a healthy £1800. Grateful thanks also go to Barclays bank who kindly made a matched funding donation of £750 which is included in the total. As a result we have arranged two immediate donations of £500 each to our two main beneficiary charities, the East Anglia Air Ambulance and the Motor Neurone Disease Association. We have also managed further donations to both the Norwich Foodbank and Leeway.

Hopefully we will be able to start fund raising activities again in earnest in Spring or early summer, but we are busy planning events for later in the year including a Classic car show in September and an enhanced Santa programme for December.

Meantime, we hope everyone stays safe and remember, 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, or if you are interested in joining us, 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.

## **HOVETON, WROXHAM AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB**

Dear Members, In view of the problems experiencing at the moment we do not envisage being able to re-commence meetings until Easter. Please stay safe, a notice will be put in the magazines to advise you of forthcoming meetings in the March issue.

Many thanks Pam

## **GARDENING TIPS FOR FEBRUARY**

Happy New Year to you all!

Well, this winter so far has been quite wet.

This month is a good time to finish off those winter jobs in the garden.

Rake up the last of the leaves that are lying about and any twigs that may have come down in the wind. If your ground isn't too wet finish your digging.

If you are planning on planting any bare root stock like trees, shrubs, hedging and roses, this is really the last month to get them in. It then gives the plants time to settle down and gives their roots a chance to anchor the plants in place.

Finish any major pruning of shrubs and deciduous hedges.

If you've thought of making a new bed or border, this is the time to clear the area, dig it over and incorporate some organic matter.

If you are doing away with a bed, get it cleared and then fork it over ready for turfing or seeding.

With your perennials, cut down any remaining old stems and divide any plants that are too large, and then replant them.

Regarding your lawns, I would avoid walking on them as they are most probably very wet. In the fruit area, prune autumn raspberries and/or plant new ones.

It's the time to go and get your seed potatoes. Stand them up in a tray in a cool, frost free environment. If you don't fancy going in the garden, there is always some pottering to do in the shed or greenhouse.

If not, sit down and decide which seeds or plug plants you wish to buy this year.

Plants to look out for this month: snowdrops, crocus, primulas, hellebores, heathers and some early daffodils.

Take Care. Keep Safe.

Michael Ottaway, Chairman

## **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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## WROXHAM AND HOVETON LIONS CLUB

Welcome to our first exciting instalment of Lions news for 2021. I hope you all managed to meet family over the Christmas period and are looking forward to a better year now vaccines have been released.



You'll be aware that we didn't undertake our usual trips with Santa and his sleigh at Christmas, due to the risks involved with the Covid Pandemic. Our normal fundraising activities were restricted to monies generated solely by our charity shop in Hoveton. However, through sales from generous public donations of Bric a Brac and clothing, we were able to allocate funds for worthwhile local causes and club members decided to continue to support their local communities.

With the kind assistance of the Sainsbury and Lidl supermarkets in North Walsham, packages of food were purchased and 564 bags containing a selection of food to help during the Christmas period were bagged and delivered to Schools to help 282 disadvantaged families within the area we cover. This included Wroxham, Hoveton, Horning, Neatishead, Stalham, Coltishall, Horstead, Tunstead and Rackheath. We had purchased enough food to cover up to 360 families and the extra food was donated to the Salvation Army to help the homeless during the festive period. Our thanks go to those members of the public who very kindly donated money to help us with this project.

As you know we raise funds and provide service to our local, national and international community. After a disastrous 2020 we hope, once vaccinated, to be holding Craft Fares, opening the precinct tombola and our Lions Charity shop will be in full swing. Our mobile tombola, football game and Luv a Lion peg board will, I'm sure, be visiting fetes. The highlight of the year will be the Hoveton Charity Village Fete (Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August). In December Santa will be out and about once again on his Sleigh runs.

Unfortunately, due to the lock down, we are unable to accept any good quality Bric a Brac or clothing for our shop in the Hoveton precinct at this time. Please consult our Facebook page or our website for details of when our shop will be open to accept goods. Would you like to volunteer to help in the shop? If so, when we're open, drop in and talk to a member of staff or ring Lion Terry on 01603 784093.

Our small happy band of Lions are always on the lookout for new members. If you would like to take those first steps into joining a marvellous, forward thinking, Internationally renowned organisation, we'll be happy to hear from you. You can join in on one of our Zoom meetings. Just let us know your email address and we'll send you an invite to join us online. Our meetings are on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm. For more information please ring me on **01603781310**, or our Membership Chairperson, **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.*

## NEWS FROM THE PROBUS CLUB OF BROADLANDS

Well, here we are in the New Year 2021 and still in a situation where we cannot confirm when the club will be able to return to the Wroxham Hotel, for its popular monthly lunch and presentation.



In March last year we were about to hold our second Coffee morning at the Hotel to attract new members when the initial lockdown was announced. We now find ourselves in limbo but the committee continue to look forward to resurrecting the meetings as soon as it is safe to do so. In the meantime, we are keen to ensure the Club survives these unprecedented times and our Secretary would be pleased to hear from anyone who would like more information regarding the Proboscis Club and its activities. Proboscis is a Club for retired businessmen or those approaching retirement, meeting on the last Wednesday of the month. There are no commitments for attendance or money raising. It is purely an opportunity to meet with others for friendly banter, a great lunch and an interesting speaker to finish. There is a small yearly subscription and of course the cost of the lunch. During the year have a limited number of special events including Ladies Lunches. If you would like more information please contact Clive Lockyer Secretary on 01603 737431 or email [lockyerhavana@sky.com](mailto:lockyerhavana@sky.com) we would love to hear from you.

Trevor Eady

President

Proboscis Club of Broadlands.

January 2021

## WHB TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Our first ever **Christmas Zoom quiz** on 17<sup>th</sup> December, suggested by Kim at our AGM, was a great success and great fun and we think everyone enjoyed themselves. There were points for best Christmas decorations, fetching items from around the house, various quiz question rounds, some more serious than others and general fun and bonhomie in these strange times. Many thanks to our Quiz hosts, Kim and Peter and we still have bottles of best Loire wine for the winning team members-when we can mix again.



**Social events** are, of course, cancelled, apart from on Zoom, but let's hope, with this new year, with the start of vaccinations, it will allow us to meet again and, particularly, allow our French fellow Twinners from **La Pommeraye and Montjean-sur-Loire** to come over **12-17<sup>th</sup> August** and enjoy our re-scheduled programme of excursions etc.

**French Conversation** is suspended for now but, hopefully, our members are trying to keep up their language skills in other ways and many do keep in close touch with their French friends, who have suffered, just like us, this past year.

**Book Club** members have had ten successful Zoom meetings so far, the latest in January to discuss "The Distant Echo" by Val McDermid, Maggie's choice. It will be so lovely when we can meet in each others' houses once more and catch up with a few members, who have not been able to zoom for one reason or another: we miss them. Pat can supply more information for now on 01603 782375 or [pat.barkergreen@btinternet.com](mailto:pat.barkergreen@btinternet.com)

For more information please contact us via Peter on 01603 782733 or [peter\\_c\\_milsted@talk21.com](mailto:peter_c_milsted@talk21.com)

## **HORNING BRIDGE CLUB**

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

## **HOVETON & DISTRICT WI**

For the time being we've taken a rain check on our Christmas and New Year celebrations but we're not going to miss an opportunity to have a party so it will happen as soon as practically possible.

Members are keeping in touch with newsletters, telephone calls and emails. The committee has already organised, printed and distributed a full programme for 2021. Our first scheduled meeting was to be a quiz so that was printed in our January Newsletter for completing at home. For our February meeting we've invited our president, Rita Massingham, to share some information from her extensive local history archive. That should be interesting in a Newsletter!

Carolyn Williams (Secretary, Hoveton & District W.I.)

## **WROXHAM WI**

We hope all The Bridge readers were able to enjoy the festive period under the circumstances and are looking forward to a more positive year ahead. Unfortunately, due to the high numbers of positive COVID tests and the new lockdown, Wroxham WI, like many other groups will not be able to meet until the spring. A full programme of interesting speakers and activities have been planned for when we restart our meetings. If you would like to hear more about Wroxham WI and our future plans, please contact Val Sharpe 01603 784756

## **WROXHAM SOCIAL CLUB**

Hello, it has been a while. As you are aware due to current conditions, we are unable to open the Club, and indeed it looks like it may be the case for the foreseeable future. This does not mean that we have been idle. The Committee have been meeting (virtually) every month to keep the Club ticking over, and regular visits are made. We did open for the month of September, and it was good that we saw old friends again, albeit at a distance.

During the last year we have not been able to play Bowls on the green, but we have maintained it throughout and are hoping that we may begin playing in early summer. If this is allowed, we will begin by holding Roll ups, i.e., practice sessions, so if you think you would like to give it a try then please contact us either by phone or email. (Contact details at end)

The Snooker tables are waiting for some action too, as is the Table Tennis room.

We will continue with our open Saturday evening events as soon as restrictions are lifted. Some events will not happen, but who does not like a game of Bingo or a Quiz, both of which will be permissible with Social Distancing.

We have plans in place to give the outside of the Club a facelift when the weather allows, and we very much hope to welcome you to see what we have to offer as a Social venue. Indeed, we are all in need of some company and different four walls to which we have become accustomed.

We have TRACK AND TRACE, HAND SANITISERS AND TEMPERATURE CONTROL in place, so we are as safe as is possible.

If you would like more information about the Club, then please go to our Facebook page. WROXHAM SOCIAL CLUB or our Website WROXHAM SOCIAL CLUB.ORG

To speak to someone please contact Secretary Linda on 01603 435284 or 07818 817505 or email [linda@stokemill.co.uk](mailto:linda@stokemill.co.uk)

### **HOVETON LADIES KEEP FIT CLUB**

Our meetings are cancelled for the time being. Contact nos. 01603 528818/783490

### **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**

#### **A1151 Traffic Congestion/Safety & NCC Network**

**Improvement Strategy (NIS)** Some of you may recall my progress report in Sep 20 when I had to loudly complain at the highest level in NCC that the project had been botched with no local stakeholder involvement and a list of proposals which wouldn't get local support, didn't include local suggestions and failed to follow agreed process. The project was effectively halted and has now restarted with local Parish Councils and County Cllr participation via Zoom meetings. These meetings have reviewed the NCC proposals and questioned the logic and supporting evidence of many of them and each Parish Council has put forward their own ideas. In Hoveton, the ideas list includes a trial of a no turn right for vehicles in the village centre into Church Rd (perhaps from 08.00 to 18.00 daily); changing the pedestrian crossing lights timings at Roys to make it safer and allow more traffic through and to install railings both sides of the road leading up to the river bridge to improve pedestrian safety and stop obstructive parking. There are other wider ideas like creating a part time 'red route' through Hoveton and Wroxham to stop obstructive parking during the busiest commuting periods. Another was rescheduling of the waste collections so that they don't obstruct traffic during the busiest commute periods. There's also support to explore a 'green route' through Wroxham, and possibly Hoveton, which would create an alternative quieter route with better air quality for pedestrians and cyclists; this would involve a new pedestrian river bridge upstream of the road bridge. There's also a need to do much more to explore ways in which through traffic could be diverted onto other routes and incentivise greater use of rail and bus travel. The next stage involves a Highways Engineer viability assessment of the ideas. Some would require very modest funding and, subject to finding the funds, they could be delivered relatively quickly. We know the recent changes to remote working at home have reduced commuter traffic but we don't know what the post Covid travel habits will be, especially tourist staycation traffic.



**Update on Foul Water Flooding in Lower and Upper Hoveton Networks.** Since Aug 20 there's been 4 Zoom meetings (set up via North Norfolk MP, Duncan Baker) with Anglian Water (AW) and some have included the Local Lead Food Authority team at NCC, Highways and most recently Persimmon in respect of drainage of Brook Park. We still haven't had the Environment Agency attend which have particular relevance to the high river levels and tidal locking effect on the lower Hoveton network. I am aware the AW regional director has had direct involvement over the Christmas New Year period with at least one resident suffering prolonged loss of ablutions facilities and that technicians have been involved making sure pumps have been kept working. We know some of the causes of flooding but further investigation is needed to fully understand what's going on. Some of the remedial or mitigating solutions will be long term and costly. So, the priority must be to ensure there's no further major development approved until we can be sure it won't make current problems worse. The next priority is to carry out as much mitigation as possible to minimise impact on homes and effluent escapes in public areas. Some of this work will require individual property owners to ensure surface water isn't draining into foul water drains. We also need Persimmon to prove the Brook Park systems are working as designed, including completing the telemetry system linking its foul water transfer pump to the controls of the Grange Close transfer pump; this would minimise the risk of foul water flooding in Grange Close. This is work in progress but some solutions will take years and we are competing for AW attention and other organisations funding, so we need to keep the pressure on.

**Covid19 - Update.** I won't repeat all the scary warnings and latest precautions but it's really good to see the local vaccination centre up and running in Hoveton Village Hall. However, the most virulent form of Covid coincides with the most challenging time of the year for most people. Please take extra steps to ensure neighbours, friends and relations are being looked after. If you are aware of anyone who may not be supported or is struggling to cope then please contact one of the following sources of help:

Wroxham & Hoveton Good Neighbour Scheme on: 07501 362793 or email: [wandh.gns@gmail.com](mailto:wandh.gns@gmail.com)

North Norfolk District Council on: 01263 516000 or email: [nndccovid19@north-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:nndccovid19@north-norfolk.gov.uk)

There's also a Norfolk Assistance Scheme, run by Norfolk County Council, which can award funding for essentials – contact on 01603 223392 and select option 5.

For families with emotional wellbeing and mental health support needs there's: [www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk](http://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk) or 0300 300 0123.

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



## Resignations

At the start of the January meeting it was the Council's sad duty to note the resignation of our chairman, Councillor Martin Richmond, and our clerk, Lisa Weller. Both resignations were work related. Councillor Richmond had found his current work commitments prevented him from focusing as much time as he would have liked on parish council work, whilst the clerk's workload had increased substantially since she started in the role 5 years ago, and she now wished to review other options.

Councillor Peter Howe was elected as the new chairman and he commenced by recording the Council's gratitude, first of all to Lisa for her very professional approach to her role as clerk. She had made significant progress in updating the Council's operating procedures and policies, and as the Responsible Finance Officer, she had helped to get the Council's finance and budgeting on a firm basis. She had been meticulous in all she did and has left the Council with a firm foundation for moving forward, all during some very difficult times.

Martin Richmond, the outgoing chairman, had been with the Council for nearly ten years and had been required to guide it through some tricky business, not least the negotiations connected with the purchase of Granary Staithe, dealing with external criticisms and conflict, and the recent challenges with taking on the responsibility for the Village Hall. Throughout, he has maintained a steady hand in guiding the Council through its various challenges and his calm and intelligent approach to all the Council's business will be missed.

Councillor Howe felt that the council is now in a much stronger position than it was ten years ago and it falls upon those who remain to serve the community to the best of their abilities. However, despite welcoming Councillor Gerard Mancini-Boyle's co-option back onto the council, it remains difficult for 7 councillors (2 of whom are focused on the regeneration of the Village Hall) to carry out the work of what should be 12! Communities thrive when people get involved in a positive and collegiate way. Please give a thought to possibly joining your parish council, and increasing its ability to care for our village.

## Granary Staithe's Christmas Tree

On a brighter note, thank you once again to the precinct traders for the purchase of, and to Wroxham Bure Valley Rotary Club for erecting, the rather huge tree on the Granary Staithe flower bed. It was 20' tall with over 3,000 lights! The Rotary plan to help HPC again with the tree for 2021.

## **Covid-19**

Our wish in the last issue was for a fresh start to the New Year but, whilst a large number of us still have our vaccinations to look forward to, the situation with the pandemic is still dire and according to the Chair of NHS Norfolk and Waveney Clinical Commissioning Group we have a marathon ahead of us, not a sprint! By the time you read this the vaccination clinics will have started at the Village Hall and Hoveton is very lucky to have this facility on its doorstep. We are grateful to the team at the Medical Centre for all their hard work and to the Village Hall's Management Committee for facilitating the use of the Hall.

HPC would like to urge all our residents to continue in their care for themselves and each other. It is a challenging time for us all and our lives have been changed in so many ways since last March. All the information in respect of Covid can be found on [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://gov.uk/coronavirus) but the main thing to remember at the moment is not to leave home except where necessary and if it is necessary – and possible -then stay local in the village. Our mental wellbeing is especially important and tips and advice can be found at [www.everymindmatters.co.uk](https://www.everymindmatters.co.uk).

## **Community Tree Planting**

The government launched another tree planting project at the end of last year and in 2019 North Norfolk District Council (NNDC) announced its ambition to plant 110,000 trees – one for every resident of North Norfolk – in a four-year period. The scheme was launched at its annual Greenbuild event in September 2019 with an appeal to get members of the public and community groups involved with the tree planting initiative. The project was kick-started with 1,000 saplings being given away at the event by the Woodland Trust for residents to plant. HPC is keen to join this initiative and Councillor Mancini-Boyle will be providing details of the scheme at our February meeting. In the meantime HPC will be on the look-out for appropriate sites within the village, and determining the best trees to plant. If anyone has any suggestions then please do contact HPC but bear in mind we are not allowed to plant on private land.

## **New Clerk**

HPC formally welcomes its new clerk on 1<sup>st</sup> February. Her name is Laura (Lolly) Dawson and she and Lisa will be working together on Lolly's induction through January. Unfortunately our meetings remain virtual for the time being and so councillors and Lolly have not had the opportunity to meet face to face but she comes highly recommended and councillors look forward to establishing this new working relationship.

**HPC's next meeting is on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February to be held via Zoom. Details of how to access the meeting will be provided within the meeting agenda.**



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# Allotment Survey

Hoveton Parish Council (HPC) has been approached by Horning Parish Council (Horning PC) with a proposal to create a possible allotment partnership between the two councils. Horning PC has about an acre of allotment land that has recently become available and would like to formalise the ability of Hoveton parishioners to become tenants.

Hoveton doesn't have any allotments and in the past few years HPC has only received a few enquiries on this subject from residents, so the provision of allotments hasn't been pursued. However, following Horning PC's proposal, HPC has agreed to survey the residents of Hoveton to establish whether or not there is sufficient interest within the village to pursue the idea of a partnership with Horning PC.

Horning PC intends to ring-fence 15 plots for Hoveton parishioners, who will be given priority for these plots. Each of these plots is a minimum of 125m<sup>2</sup>, which is half of a standard 10 pole allotment. Allotment tenants will pay an annual charge of £20 per half plot to Horning PC, who will oversee the management and administration of the allotments. The allotments are located in Upper Street, Horning. On-site parking is allowed for, and the allotments are north of two bus stops.

If you live in Hoveton and would be interested in taking on an allotment in Horning, please contact Hoveton Parish Council via Cllr Alex Howe (ahowe@hoveton-pc.org.uk, 01603 783096 or 07702 607130) by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Please provide your name, address and a contact telephone number/email address.

**Hoveton Parish Council thanks you for taking part. Please be assured that your personal details will not be used for anything other than this survey.**

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## WROXHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### Village Trees

Trees are the crowning glory of our village. They are an important part of our heritage and as such are protected in law. As you probably know most of Wroxham is in a conservation area and that applies to the trees as much as anything else. Any work on trees in the conservation zone MUST have planning permission. We have had a number of people voice their concern lately that this requirement may not always be followed in its entirety. So if you have a tree on your property that requires work please ensure that you consult a properly accredited tree surgeon who will be familiar with the regulations and will help you with seeking any permissions that may be necessary. If you are in any doubt please contact Clare Male, the Parish Clerk, who can provide the appropriate contact details for the planning authority - Broadland District Council or The Broads Authority, depending in which part of the village you live. Similarly if you see work being carried out on trees within the conservation zone which you believe may not have planning permission the please inform the Clerk: clerk@wroxhamparishcouncil.org



## **Wroxham Bridge**

The Parish Council continues to pursue Norfolk County Council Highways department about the perpetual flooding Of the pavement and roadway outside Norfolk Broads Direct at the approach to the bridge. They told us that the necessary work would be done at the same time that further bridge repairs were being carried out. However we have just learned that the funding pot for the replacement of the steel structure that sits atop the medieval bridge has disappeared. So we are left with the prospect of short term repairs to the existing steel deck on the bridge sometime next year. NCC says this will require one or two short bridge closures which they hope to manage outside of the peak holiday season and at night to minimise inconvenience.

## **In Memoriam Chris Hall**

It is with great sadness that we have to record the passing of a former Parish Councillor Chris Hall, affectionately known to all WPC members as “Albert”, Chris served the council from 2016 to 2018, he remained very supportive of WPC and other community initiatives, including our railway station and Wroxham Football Club, readily volunteering to help wherever he could. A cheerful, friendly man full of energy and enthusiasm, he will be much missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Wendy and their family.

Wroxham Parish Council dedicated the Christmas Tree display in Wroxham to Chris' memory. He was part of the tree installation squad most years, enjoying hot coffee, bacon butties and banter with us.....gone but not forgotten.

## **A New Year Message From Council Chairman Barry Fiske**

We all pray 2021 is going to see us being able to reconnect with family and friends most of us having been in some form of lockdown or isolation trying our best to avoid Covid-19. Many did not and families throughout the land are grieving, very many have lost jobs and many more have lost hope.

We must all play our part in 2021 in reassuring, encouraging and really helping those around us who have suffered in one way or another, whilst being ever cautious as we strive to leave the pandemic behind in this and future years.

Should you feel you need help of any kind do not be too fearful to contact WPC at the the address at the end of this section. Or contact any of the numbers displayed throughout this magazine where help is offered.

As in previous years WPC has plans for 2021 which include the following:

Wroxham in Bloom if supported by parishioners will provide for floral displays throughout the year at various locations. You can help to develop this initiative, just contact our Clerk Clare Male : [clerk@wroxhamparishcouncil.org](mailto:clerk@wroxhamparishcouncil.org)

The new village sign will be installed and dedicated in the spring, it is quite an amazing piece of work and one which is truly representative of Wroxham. The 1937 signs presented by Mr Stevenson will remain in place representing an artisan of the day, the new sign representing an artisan of today.

Trafford Memorial Ground will be enhanced with some sympathetic tree planting, a new seat and a new fence around The Dell to make the area safer but harmonious with its surroundings.

Caen Meadow remains a priority in terms of keeping the area tidy and inviting. 2021 is likely to see the visitors again it had in 2020 we hope to be more prepared especially in regards to waste management and we continue to be grateful to local residents for their good humour and fortitude in what, for a few weeks, may be a little testing at times. We'll strive to do whatever we can to make things more palatable.

Speeding. We shall continue to pursue any means we can to reduce speeding on our roads but to help in this endeavour we desperately need speed watch teams to work independently from the Parish Councillors, reporting to the police and using data supplied from the SAM and SAM2 recorders to determine where and how the team will set up its speed watches. Please contact our Clerk if you feel you wish to be a member of a Speed Watch Team. Complimentary to this initiative we are attempting to have the 30 mph zone moved further south on Salhouse Road beyond Wherry Gardens.

We shall also be rolling out initiatives to promote 20 mph is plenty, along The Avenues, Staitheway Road, Skinners Lane and Church Lane.

Green Loop. We shall continue to work with NCC Highways in seeking ways of making it safer for people to move about the village especially on and around the Norwich Road. Norfolk Broads Direct has already assisted in this endeavour by removing an old hedge bordering its car park, the hedge had encroached some 50 cms onto the the footpath, being a little wider now helps make it a little more safe.

We are appealing for a crossing to be installed adjacent to the library/Bridge Broad Close to enable easier access to the now wider footpath on the opposite side of Norwich Road.

If you feel you would like to join our merry band of councillors and you have a skill or experience which the community would appreciate or you just want to help then please contact our clerk.

With very best wishes

Barry

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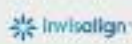
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### **HOVETON VILLAGE HALL NEWS!**

Some of you will already be aware that Hoveton Village Hall is stepping up to help not only its residents but many other people in its surrounding parishes - we are to become a Covid19 vaccination clinic !

The Management Committee and Hoveton Parish Council are delighted to be helping our NHS and once again it proves how vital our fantastic facility is.

All appointments will be Pre booked- so please don't just turn up until it's your turn and don't ring your GP surgery - they'll ring you when it's your time.

Be a good patient... and just be patient!

We will welcome all our hirers back as soon as the hall is no longer required.

Our Winter Resilience Food Bank is going well- we have so far managed to help at least 10 local families regularly ( 13 adults and 21 children). Your donations make all the difference so please keep them coming. We have unlocked the shed again but because it's not weatherproof- food can be left in the 2 bins. If you or anyone you know needs a food delivery, please ring 07547313281. We are able to deliver within a 5 mile radius.

We would like to turn our old playground into a Community Allotment. Produce will be donated to the community cafe and food pantry and also sold for further community projects so if you don't fancy the responsibility of an allotment but still want to potter and natter- come along and give us a hand! Everyone is welcome.

We're looking forward to Easter weekend when we plan to open our Community Cafe, restart our car boots and the Men's Shed are planning on having an open day too.

Hopefully, we'll have a cycle club to promote as well and even be further forward in our plans for having a cycle repair shop on site.

So - it may seem all very quiet but as you can see- there's plenty going on behind the scenes. If you'd like to volunteer in the Cafe or join The Men's Shed /Community Allotment projects - we'd love to hear from you!

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### **CORONAVIRUS AND PETS**

There is evidence that some animals can contract Covid-19, however cases in pet animals are rare. The evidence suggests that although coronavirus may pass from infected humans to pets following close contact, it does not easily pass between most pets, (although this cannot be ruled out 100%). Dogs and cats tend to only show very mild (if any)

symptoms and rabbits do not show any. Although it is possible for cats to pass the infection to other cats, there is no evidence that they can pass it back to people. Ferrets however can sometimes develop similar symptoms and there is the possibility that Covid-19 may pass between ferrets and humans based on the evidence from mink infections in Denmark.



However, it is extremely important to reiterate that the current pandemic is being sustained through human-to-human transmission, and there is no evidence that animals are playing a significant role in the spread of Covid-19. It is the true that all animals may act as fomites - the virus could be on their fur for a short period of time in the same way it is on other surfaces, such as tables and doorknobs, so in line with public health guidance, you should:

- wash your hands before and after any contact with your pet, its food and bedding
- not share food with your pet
- avoid contact such as kissing or cuddling if you are self-isolating

There is no evidence that you need to wash your pets to control the spread of coronavirus.

#### Advice if you have Covid-19 or are self-isolating.

Our advice for pet owners diagnosed with Covid-19 or self-isolating with symptoms is:

- Restrict contact with pets as a precautionary measure.
- If your pet requires care, wash your hands before and after any interaction with them and wear a face mask if possible.
- Keep cats indoors if possible. Try to arrange for someone else to exercise dogs, taking care to restrict any contact with the person walking your dog and making sure they practice good hand hygiene. This is to reduce the likelihood of your pet spreading the disease through environmental contamination on their fur – there is no evidence that pet animals can pass Covid-19 to humans.
- Isolate ferrets for 21 days (owners do not need to isolate for 21 days and should complete the regular 10 days isolation period; however, your ferret must stay indoors until their specific three-week (21 day) isolation period is complete). Isolation means avoiding contact with either ferrets or people from other households (e.g. taking your ferret for walks).
- If your pet shows clinical signs, call us for advice first and alert us to your Covid status.
- If your pet requires essential treatment, do not bring your pet to the surgery unless we instruct you to. You may need to arrange for someone else to transport your pet for treatment.

At Bridge Vets, we like all vets have had to change the way we work to help fight the spread of Covid-19, such as offering telemedicine consultations and delaying non-urgent treatments, in order to prioritize - and maintain - urgent healthcare.

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We thank you all for your patience and understanding during these difficult times.

David Martin BVM&S MRCVS

## THIS MONTH'S COVER

Something cheerful required at the moment methinks, so imagine yourself transported back to Edwardian England where fun and fantasy is all the thing, and there's a smash hit musical running in London - the first ever of its kind - the popularity of which would eclipse 'Les Mis', 'Phantom' and 'Mamma Mia' to name but a few.

If you couldn't afford the souvenir brochure issued by the Shaftesbury Theatre in 1911 to mark the third year of a sell-out run for what has been called the first musical comedy at least enjoy one of its specially commissioned colour plates reproduced on our cover this month. The show is 'The Arcadians' written in 1909 by Lionel Monckton, Howard Talbot and Arthur Wimperis. Commentators on musicals are all agreed it is a masterpiece, and although very popular until about 30 years ago it doesn't get much of an airing now, which is a great pity. Every operatic company produced it, so it would doubtless have been seen at Wroxham Church Hall. The music is superb, all the tunes are memorable – notably 'The Pipes of Pan (are calling)', 'Charming Weather', 'Arcady is ever young', 'Truth is so beautiful' and the immortal 'My Motter' ("I've gotta motter / Always merry and bright ...") - and it is sheer escapism:

Monckton referred to it as a 'musical fantasy'. Some of the lyrics look quaint now (of which "All round Piccadilly / Round by the Park / You'll see ladies chasing after little Willy / 'til it gets dark" is a classic) but the plot is relevant still: the simple and happy folk in pastoral Arcadia (which has remained in the Golden Age because Father Time forgot it) have heard that an evil place exists where people are ruled by money and deceit, and spend their lives captive in palaces of brick and stone: Edwardian London of course! When one of these unpleasant beings crash-lands his new-fangled flying machine in Arcadia, the Arcadians decide these unfortunates need saving and reintroduced to a simpler (greener) way of life. When their elderly visitor tries seduction by way of a lie, the Arcadians immerse him in the Well of Truth, where he is transformed into a youthful Arcadian, and will remain thus unless he goes back to his old ways!

There are lots of high jinks and romance along the way when the new convert and two Arcadian ambassadors are transported to England to see things for themselves. The plot is much too involved to go into here, but you can find plenty about it online, together with clips from the show. One notable part is Cup Day at 'Askwood Races', to which the Ascot scene in 'My Fair Lady' is very heavily indebted.

Do give "The Arcadians" a try in these dark days – you won't be disappointed!

*Nick Walmsley*

## NOTICES

### **WROXHAM CHURCH HALL**

Very many thanks for donations received so far from Trafford's Estate & The Lions Club, with just a few members of the Parish. We are still open for donations to keep the hall in good repair, as we have not reached our target yet for the repair on the Apex of the roof and the painting of the facade .

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### **CHRISTMAS REFLECTION**

As I put my lights away this new year I reflected on how lovely Wroxham looked over Christmas. It made such a difference to have the streets illuminated and such a variety of decorations this year. My congratulations to all of those who made an effort with their decorations, it did the trick, and gave us a brief patch of cheer.

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