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FIRST WORD

Because of the Christmas holidays this edition comes out a little earlier than usual, so I make no apology for reminding you about the panto (Pinocchio) at the Town Hall that has six performances between 28th and 31st December 2012 - call 01485 532610 for tickets.

Traditionally the time to make resolutions and start new projects, what T&A can offer for January is a magazine full of interesting articles and information, and yes, a few ideas for different things to try. You might like to start with the Resolution Ramble on January 1st; a five mile walk, or jog, or run to Heacham and back. Free to enter and a great way to work off those mince pies! Page 51 has the details.

As always my thanks to everyone who helps me with the magazine including our fabulous team of deliverers and everyone who has written articles and submitted photos and other items for inclusion.

Thanks also to the advertisers who provide the revenue to produce the magazine each month. I urge readers to choose these businesses when selecting goods and services.

This month's beautiful cover photo is by local wildlife photographer Martin Wase and you can see more of his work at The Attic on Cromer Road Hunstanton or www.mjwasphotography.co.uk

Happy New Year

Elaine

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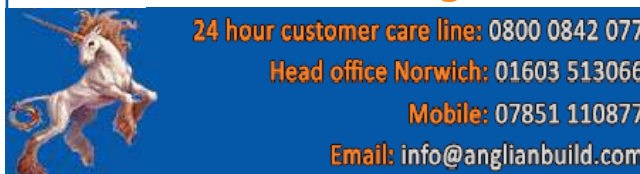
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Booking direct online especially for cruises it can be difficult to see exactly what you are getting for your money and what about all the different cabin grades? You could find yourself with a lifeboat in front of your ocean view stateroom if you're not careful!

2012 despite several challenges in the industry was yet another year of growth in the UK Cruise market, this is reflected in the fact that there are more cruises than ever from the UK next year, I will be displaying timetables in store in the new year to make it easier for customers to find the best cruise from the long list of cruise lines. The biggest growth area of cruising is river cruises, at the river cruise expo

last month figures of 48% increase year on year were quoted, this is due to the large increase in river cruise ships and also the opening up of new rivers for river cruising, I had the pleasure of experiencing a Rhine Cruise last month with Titan Uniworld so can confirm that river cruising is a lovely way to explore parts of the world you could not visit on an ocean cruise ship.

I have the pleasure in confirming that our second Cruise evening will take place at 7pm on Wednesday January 30th at the Golden Lion hotel, Hunstanton This time we have presentations from not one but two fantastic luxury cruise lines: Titan Uniworld Boutique River Cruises and upper premium ocean cruise line Oceania Cruises, we already have close to 20 spaces reserved so if you would like to attend please email me as soon as possible to avoid disappointment, like last time there is no pressure to buy a cruise, special offers and free tea, coffee and sandwiches so come and join us its free.

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Tony Foster



It was in Union Church on April 10th, 2010 that Hand Aid came to life with the first Hand Aid Concert. Yes, that's just 2-1/2 years ago.

The idea was to raise enough money to enable Becky Palmer, our lead trombone player, to purchase outright a new, state-of-the-art i-Limb prosthesis for her lower right arm to replace the NHS models she has had to use so far.

The i-Limb devices are superior in every way - they really are bionic - and life-changing.



So much has happened since we started the fund-raising.

Firstly, I must publicly record the grateful thanks of everyone involved with Hand Aid for the numerous - too numerous to mention individually - personal donations received from well-wishers just like yourselves. Money sent in from a retired trombone player, cheques sent in the post, money generously thrown into our collecting buckets and also money raised from the fundraising concerts.

There have been magnificent individual physical efforts too - a sponsored open water swim in harsh conditions during the Great East Swim at Alton Water comes to mind and terrific support from local organisations including The

Rotary Clubs at Hunstanton and Fakenham, Hunstanton and District Lions, The Sandringham Flower Show and the organisers of the annual Carol Concert in Hunstanton Town Hall.

There has also been a fantastic response from the world of local tennis. As many of you will know Becky has been known to play a game or two of tennis - even her email address refers to TENNIS MAD BEX!

Becky is the Ladies Team Captain at Fakenham Tennis Club and they ran a tournament last year which raised a lot of money for Hand Aid. The ladies at West Norfolk Tennis Club have also given large donations and further support has come from Aldiss Park and Stebbing Tennis Clubs.

On top of all this Becky's friends - and opponents! - from the West Norfolk, Castle Acre and City leagues have all been very generous, particularly in their sponsorship of the Peddars Way Walk! Ah, yes - the Peddars Way Walk.

This sponsored walk of the Peddars Way is a separate story in its own right - you can read a detailed account, with lots of photos, on the band's web site at www.hunstantonconcertband.co.uk in the Hand Aid section.

To cut a long story short - in fact to cut a very long story short, Becky, Becky's mother Mary, Susie who plays clarinet in the band and friend Neville walked a total of 133 miles between them and even the support team managed a creditable 35 miles or so! The return for a bunch of very weary walkers, and a very fair collection of blisters, was about £2,396 and I am told that some of the pledges are still coming in. A super effort I am sure you will agree.

Shortly after all the publicity given to "The Walk" in three of the main local newspapers a wonderful donation of £1,000 was received which gave a big boost to the fund. I also have to tell you about the entirely unexpected, and completely anonymous donation, which Hand Aid received, also following on from the publicity

given in the newspapers. A very brief note accompanied a cheque for £10,000. No more details can be given but, needless to say it has also made a huge difference to what happens next.

...and still we receive support!

On Sunday 14th October Anne Holt, organised one of the Charity Horse Rides she often arranges at Sandringham. These events are supported by Peter Taylor (the other half of Trina Barrow playing trumpet and flugelhorn in the band). Peter was the Duty Officer for the St. John's Ambulance support and Kevin Kent provided radio communications facilities with his RAYNET colleagues - that's the Radio Amateurs' Emergency Network.

In the past Anne has donated all the proceeds from one of these Charity Rides each year to a different charity. Following on from a suggestion from Peter, Anne very kindly donated all the money paid by the 210 or so riders last Sunday to Hand Aid - all £2,632 of it. So, a very big thank you to Anne, her husband Andrew and their helpers and to Peter, Kevin and every single rider who participated. - oh, and many thanks also to Her Majesty The Queen for allowing the event to take place on the Royal Estate!

So, where are we now? I am told by the fund's Treasurer, Rachael Davies, that the current total stands at £29,299 - and there will be more to add resulting from the concert we held on 20th October.

I know that this amount will surprise many, but some of the pledges for The Peddars Way Walk have just been received and the total also includes the donation from the Charity Horse Ride at Sandringham. This is a good time to give a enormous vote of thanks to Rachael for so ably looking after Hand Aid's financial affairs.

This magnificent total raised has already been transformed into action!

Becky has been able to finalise the order with Touch Bionics, the i-Limb manufacturers, and she travelled to Scotland on the 19th November 2012 to be fitted with her new bionic arm and to receive a week's familiarisation and training. Wonderful news!

Once again, thank you and it really is a case of "Congratulations" to Becky as she uses her new i-Limb and also "Congratulations" to all of you for being part of the story and helping us get there.

STOP PRESS!

Following the concert on 20th, the £30,000 has been achieved!! This will pay for the i-Limb and also cover a few year's maintenance.



i-Limb maintenance kit



This photo was taken at the corner of Northgate and Greevegate whilst the band was playing during the Christmas Cracker day.

Becky is on the left sporting her new i-Limb.

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WASHED UP ON THE TIDE

June Penny

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The familiar scenes always offer something new to catch my interest. I've seen seals bobbing on the tide, had close encounters with egrets wading in the shadows, watched gulls working the mussel beds, chuckled at the comic scooting of the turnstones, and even observed a 'mermaid' draped in seaweed reclining on a rock amid the breakers.

I've looked for interesting shells to add to my collection, chatted with bird-spotters, dog-walkers and day-trippers, listened to the excited laughter of children exploring the rock pools with their little green nets, and taken photos of foreign visitors on their mobile phones. And from time to time on my way back I've met an old chap on the prom claiming to be my husband and we've walked home together.

For me, no two days are ever the same. But the fourth of May this year was particularly memorable because I found a clear plastic water bottle. It is all too common to see the discarded detritus of the human world scarring the beauty of the natural world. But this bottle was different. It had been washed up on some earlier tide and lay abandoned among the fallen rocks close to the cliffs. And visible inside was a piece of printed paper with a banner headline I couldn't ignore: MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE!

How long the bottle had lain among the rocks undiscovered is anyone's guess, though later information confirmed that it had been thrown into the sea several months earlier. But it was the letter inside that proved even more interesting than the discovery of the bottle.

No, the letter wasn't a distress call from a modern-day Robinson Crusoe shipwrecked on a desert island or a twenty-first century Jim Hawkins held captive by pirates. Nor was it part of a scam that offered substantial reward if I sent a few euros to an eastern European mailing address.

The author of the letter was Stefanie, a twenty-year-old Belgian girl studying graphic design at Ghent. And the bottle hadn't been cast into the sea on a whim as she walked along some Belgian shore. My letter was the ninety-third of one hundred messages-in-a-bottle.

Stefanie explained that the messages together with the responses she received would be used as part of a project for her final year of studies. The message-in-a-bottle theme had been inspired by the fact that her father is a fisherman who spends many days isolated on his boat. 'The sea has always captivated me,' she wrote, 'not only because it is one of the most beautiful natural phenomena but it also forms the livelihood for many people'.

She went on to describe how, in times gone by, people living in isolation on their boats for long periods of time used messages-in-a-bottle as a means of communication, albeit random, with the outside world. 'To me, the fact that you don't know who will receive your message or where it will arrive is fascinating,' she concluded.

Stefanie's project involved logging all the data about the journeys of her one hundred bottles. And the first crucial element depended on her fisherman father. After noting on each letter the exact geographical location where the bottle was launched, he cast them into the sea from his fishing boat. The second crucial element depended on the finder returning the location detail slip from the letter, saying where the bottle had been found and providing some information about the locality and environment of the discovery.

Fascinated by the whole enterprise and admiring her enthusiasm, I wrote back with the information she had asked for, added some photos of the Hunstanton beach location, and even sent her a town brochure.

Apart from knowing I was part of her project, my only reward came in Stefanie's words at the end of the letter, 'Thank you very very much in advance. I'll definitely answer you'

All that happened in early May. So you may wonder why I've decided to write about it after so long. The answer is simple. On the tenth of October, I received a message in the post from Belgium.

After a busy period producing her message-in-a-bottle project and the book of responses which accompanied it, as well as answering all her respondents, Stefanie had written to me just as she promised. 'I finally took my time to give you a dignified answer', as she put it. She explained that my response was the fifty-eighth she had received and my bottle had travelled 183.2 kms as the crow flies, though the actual distance would have been greater. She had responses from France, Ireland, Germany and the Netherlands as well as England. The longest distance travelled, by a bottle washed up in Karmoy, an island off Norway, was 894.2 kms.

Stefanie concluded her letter by saying that she found the message-in-a-bottle theme 'fascinating, even extraordinary. In our world of technology, it's really nice to receive actual letters, something to hold, something tangible'. Holding her letter in my hand, I agreed wholeheartedly. And it was some other news she gave me which touched the memorable message-in-a-bottle episode with gold.

Because the bottle had lain on the beach undiscovered for so long, my response to her message-in-a-bottle had arrived a month after Stefanie completed her project work. But despite the fact that she couldn't include any of my information, true to her promise to 'definitely answer', she had taken the time to write a personal letter to thank me for replying and to bring me up-to-date with the results of her project.

I want to applaud Stefanie's superb command of English language, her infectious enthusiasm for the message-in-a-bottle project, and her perseverance to the end. Priceless is the only word for it. And I will keep her messages as a tangible reminder of a brief encounter with an unknown Belgian student now taking her first steps into a future which I hope will be bright and rewarding of her efforts.

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A PAGE FROM THE SAGE

Dick Melton

On 31st January it will be sixty years since the great flood of 1953, so in this month's Town and Around I thought I would do a page of what happened that weekend.

The first big casualty of the storm was at 7.45am when the car ferry Princess Victoria on route from Stranraer in Scotland to Larne in northern Ireland sank in the Irish Sea with the loss of 133 lives. the wind in that area was gusting at 113mph.

In the mid-afternoon the surge came around the top of Scotland, the shingle spit at Spurn Head in Yorkshire was breached and the storm made its way down the east coast of England. 1,000 people were rendered homeless at Grimsby, four were drowned at Saltfleet and the sea wall was breached at Mablethorpe with the whole town having to be evacuated. By 6.30pm the storm had reached Sutton Bridge where 80 homes were flooded.

At 7pm the storm hit King's Lynn; the predicted tide for that evening at King's Lynn Dock was 22ft 9 inches but by 5.30pm the height was already 24ft but on-one took too much notice. 15 people were drowned in King's Lynn, 1,500 people were evacuated and 3,000 homes were flooded with the whole of South Lynn under 8 feet of water.

Then the storm hit Snettisham where 25 people were drowned and at Dersingham the water came inland as far as the railway line which was two miles from the sea.

This was only eight years after the end of the war so there was still a big housing shortage and that is why a lot of people lived in beach huts at Snettisham, Heacham and Hunstanton all year round. At Heacham nine people were drowned and just to the north of the village the railway line was washed away.

Then the storm hit Hunstanton. 31 people were drowned here, 15 of them English people and 16 Americans. Amongst the Americans was a whole family of six. The water came up as far as the railway crossing in South Beach Road; the water smashed through the wall of the Blue Lagoon and it completely demolished the funfair, but it did not affect the Kit-Kat where the bar stayed open until 10pm.

All together at Snettisham, Heacham and Hunstanton 65 people were drowned.

The storm then went on to Wells where a 200 ton ship was washed up on the Quay. It also hit a lot of small villages on the north Norfolk coast and Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft before moving on to Felixstowe, Canvey Island and Jaywick. After that it made its way across the North Sea to Belgium and Holland flooding 495,00 acres of land, bursting fifty dykes and claiming 2000 lives.

In Hunstanton Staff Sergeant Freeman A Kilpatrick of the USAAF lived in a bungalow down South Beach (called Happy Days) with his wife and small child. He rescued many people and was awarded the George Medal. Airman 3rd Class Reis Leming came to Hunstanton from Sculthorpe to help in the rescue and he was awarded the George Medal as was Leading Fireman Fred Sadd from Gorleston who rescued many people in the Great Yarmouth area.

During the days after the flood hundreds of people came to the town to help in the clean-up. At Wells 1,000 servicemen were brought in to fill sandbags to stop a gap in the sea wall. Fire engines and pumps were brought in from as far away as Lancashire to help pump the water away. Hunstanton had no drinking water for over a week so it was brought in by bowser from Cambridge. Queen Elizabeth and the Duke



of Edinburgh who were at Sandringham at the time went around the area including Hunstanton to see the damage and talk to a lot of the people who had been rescued.

At Snettisham Peter Beckerton, who was only 19 at the time, lived on the beach with his family. He went out in the storm to try and rescue some of his neighbours but he was drowned. He was awarded the Albert Medal posthumously.

Many people from this area risked their lives that night, some of them getting medals for their bravery including the late Geoffrey Searle who was awarded the Queen's Commendation Medal for brave conduct.

In this great storm 307 people in the eastern counties were drowned and 24,000 homes damaged. 47,000 homes were without electricity and over 150,000 acres of farmland was rendered sterile for a year or more and hundreds of farm animals were drowned.

By the night of Sunday 1st February, 40,000 people from the east coast were sheltering in improvised rest centres such as church and village halls, holiday camps, hotel ballrooms, military camps and social clubs.

Later on in the year people in Hunstanton thought it would be a good idea to erect a memorial to the flood victims in Hunstanton. The Town Council would not erect one but they gave a piece of land in the Esplanade Gardens for the purpose so several workmen under the supervision of Frank Stourbridge and Billy Raines got some materials and in their spare time erected the memorial you see today. Frank Stourbridge etched the names of the victims, on a piece of reclaimed slate, in his garden shed.

After his heroism in the floods, Reis Leming returned home to the United States, but the people of Hunstanton never forgot him and when he announced his engagement to his childhood sweetheart, Mary Joan Ramsey, the town insisted on hosing his wedding. the ceremony was held in June 1953 at the Roman Catholic Church in Sandringham Road. The town gave the newly-weds a set of Doulton china and local ladies pooled their rations to bake a huge three-tiered wedding cake.

I would just like to thank Neil Storey for giving me permission to use some extracts from his book 'Flood Alert'.

When we had the Carnival in June the day started bad with a lot of rough weather but it got out and in the end it was a good day. On 25th November we had a Christmas Lights switch on and again the day started with gale force winds and rain then after lunch the wind dropped and the sun shone and in the end it turned out not a bad day at all. We don't half get some funny old weather in Sunny Hunny.

Well, that's it for this month, keep smiling Easter will soon be here!

HUNSTANTON CROQUET CLUB

The AGM was held on Saturday 27th October 2012 at the Club house, when the Officers and Committee were voted to serve for the 2013 season.

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A Social Evening was held at the Club House on Friday 30th November and it proved to be a happy and successful event.

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Mayor's report

Cllr Elaine Clutton, Hunstanton Mayor

I hope you have all had a thoroughly enjoyable and relaxing Christmas.

Last month I was very proud, on behalf of Hunstanton, to be invited to Norwich to accept the EDP Pride in Norfolk Award for the Community of Year 2012. This was especially gratifying as it was being awarded to the Town for the second year running.

The community spirit which has led to this coveted award was once again demonstrated at the Carol Concert held in the Town Hall; led by the Town Concert Band and Community Choir, with a variety of readings and musical/dramatic performances, this showed us all why Hunstanton was again a worthy winner. To make it a hat trick next year we are going to have to do something really special!



This Christmas we have been lucky to have two shows in Town - not only our own excellent locally produced pantomime 'Pinocchio' but also 'The Elf that saved Christmas' production at the Princess Theatre. How fortunate we are to have the Theatre open again. I must say that I am looking forward both shows and thank those involved for their hard work over several months.

Thursday 31st January brings the 60th Anniversary of the 1953 Floods, and to mark the occasion the Town Council have organised a short commemoration at 2pm at the Flood Memorial in The Esplanade Gardens, followed by a service in St Edmund's Church at 2.30pm. In the afternoon and evening at the Princess Theatre there will be slide show, photographs and an opportunity to talk with other interested people. We are reminded at such events of the sacrifices that have been made on our behalf, and I would urge you all to spend a few moments as you pass the memorial to reflect on how fortunate we are. Full details will be posted on the Town Notice board in early January.

Finally on behalf of the Town Council I would like to wish everyone a prosperous and Happy New Year.



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The HDFA also sponsors the Community Choir and Festival Players who have both been particularly busy of late. Details of all our activities are now available on the ever-expanding HDFA website – www.hdfa.org.uk - including advance notice of plays and musical and other events taking place during 2013.

In addition to our monthly poetry mornings we are also introducing a series of Lunchtime Concerts. These will take place on the last Friday of each month at 1pm in the Town Hall and will last 25-30 minutes. Tea and Coffee will be available but bring your own (preferably non-crackly!) lunch. Entrance is free, but a small donation would be appreciated to cover costs. (There are still some spaces to be filled, so if you, or a group in which you are involved, would like perform, please contact me asap.)

The Community Choir is always looking to recruit new members. We currently have around 75 people attending regularly, so it is a good opportunity to make new friends, as well as making music! We have recently been busy with Christmas music in the Community, but are now focusing on our own concert at the end of March. It could be an ideal New Year's Resolution if you feel you want to get more involved. Either contact me directly or simply come along to our first rehearsal of the year on Tuesday 8th January at 7pm in the Town Hall.

Town to Commemorate Floods

To commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the 1953 floods, Hunstanton Town Council are organising a short Remembrance Service at the Flood Memorial in the Esplanade Gardens. This will take place on Thursday 31st January at 2pm followed by a service in St. Edmund's Church at 2.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

After the service and in the evening there will be an event in the Princess Theatre. There will be a slide show, pictures and a short talk. Please come along and share your memories or come and learn more about a vital part of Hunstanton's history.

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Roses in December

Joanna

There is a fair chance that one or two of you will have an odd very fragile rose hanging on one of your bushes over the Christmas season. I chose the title from a quote on a desk calendar. 'God gave us memories so we may have roses in December' and as I have mentioned before this January article is a good one to use as a retrospective of the year gone by. The title also appealed to me because in the old farm deeds of the house I used to live in, there was mention of an unusual rent. Instead of the traditional Peppercorn rent it was stated as 'A rose in the time of blooming'. It could have been a difficult rent if it had stated 'a rose in winter'!

Back to my 'roses in December' what are they? Well as I am writing this I spotted from the window the sky full of Pinkfeet, there must have been 5 thousand of them flying in land from the Wash. It is always a tremendous lift to my soul to see and hear them as they seek their feeding fields.

The biggest bunch of roses must be the 100s of birds that the fog brought down on the coast at the end of October. It wasn't that they were rare birds, they weren't, just Robins and Blackbirds in the main, it was the sheer numbers. Every bush and branch held a Blackbird or two; the Scandinavian ones can be bigger than our native ones and are a handful when they are being ringed. As for the Robins driving along the track to NOA they were all over the road and the verges, they handled some 800, and that was just a fraction of those around the area. Most of that fall has dispersed across country although I think I am feeding more Blackbirds than last winter.

It really is thrilling watching migration in action and it doesn't need to be the huge numbers, it's a case of keeping your eyes open, and for the young your ears. Over flying birds and insects can show you so much. Watching for the first Swifts of the year and then arriving at Titchwell to find them buzzing the track to the sea as they hawk for the low flying insects. It can feel as if they will fly in one ear and out the other!! Hearing the first Cuckoo is getting much harder, and not because of old age deafness, but because of the decline in numbers. So watching one or two flying over the Marsh at Holme makes for another rose memory.

Watching the young Blackbirds in the garden as they spread themselves to catch what little sun we had this year. It is to help them get rid of pests in their feathers but it still raises a smile at the weird shapes they twist their bodies to get maximum sun. Also in the garden I count the House Sparrows that come to feed as roses. They are such chatty, busy little bundles and come in gangs of up to 20+. They are a bird that I never saw in the garden at the farm, we were too high and the Sparrows stayed at the lower farms on the hillside.

The autumn colours were especially good this year and if I shut my eyes I can picture the Beeches that form the 'Cathedral' in all their gold's and oranges. I caught them in brilliant sunshine before they dropped their leaves it was a fantastically beautiful sight, definitely one for the vase.

It is always a blessing to look back to the beautiful and good things of the past year; it helps to out weigh the horrors. What good things can we look forward to in this New Year?

We could have a bitter cold winter but as sure as there is any certainty in this world we will find Spring round the corner, it will mean saying goodbye to the Geese, but hello to the Summer visitors. In the mean time can I suggest some things you must do this winter?

1) Catch the Pinkfeet going to roost on the Wash or leaving in the



mornings.

2) Watch for the gangs of Starlings there are around, they are such feisty birds and are always up to something.

3) Keep your eye on the Gorse on the roadsides and see if you can spot the yellow flowers all through the winter.

4) Really look at the naked trees and appreciate their shapes and colours, all trees are not brown!

5) Try and get over to Docking area at dusk to see the Rooks flying in to roost.

6) In a walk along the beaches keep your eyes open for Snow Buntings feeding on the tide line.

7) Finally, if you are in town and can see the sea watch for the flocks of winter waders that use the water as a highway and the stiff winged Fulmars, which are back on the cliffs after their moult.

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Also, there will be local retailers/designers displaying Chocolates, Jewellery, Art and Crafts and more. Make up artists and hair stylists will be available for makeovers and we also have a Photographer to take portraits of you all dressed up! A fun evening to be had by all, so come along and support this great cause.

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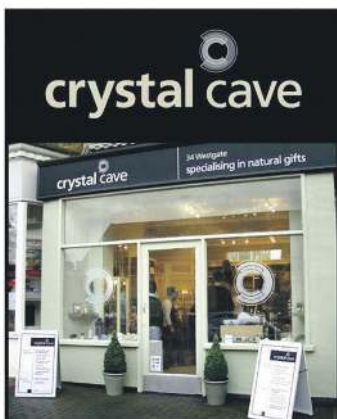
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Coming next: Wednesday, February 20th, "Ginger & Rosa".

Gardening Galore

Peter Davidson

Local gardeners haven't gone into hibernation this winter, instead they have come out in force to enjoy the Hunstanton Gardeners' Association's winter programme, which started at the end of October with an illustrated talk from the Head Gardener at Sandringham, Martin Woods. Members of the Association greatly enjoyed Martin's talk about the Royal Estate and were most impressed to see photographs of the Queen helping out with the digging on occasions!

The Annual General Meeting held in November was well attended and was the occasion to say farewell to Chairman Max Dolby, who was standing down after holding office for many years and guiding the Association to its present very satisfactory state of affairs. Other changes to the committee included the retirement of long-serving committee member David Stephen, and David Elvidge. Canny Jones, who was unanimously elected to the position of Chairman, spoke of the increasing popularity of the Association and stated her aim to further develop and increase the well-being of the club. Business over, all those present enjoyed a most convivial hour or two taking full advantage of the excellent wine and cheese party organised by the committee.

In January, members of the HGA will get together to enjoy fun and games at their annual Tea Party, and it is here that the more knowledgeable gardeners will be able to show off their horticultural knowledge (or not!) by entering a picture quiz. Those members of the Association who enjoy gardens but don't have so much horticultural know-how will enjoy another quiz based on people and event in the news during 2012. If last year's party is anything to go by, members will go home replete with fond memories of good food, good company, and possibly one or two raffle prizes.

Before the talk in February by Sheila Ashe, who is an expert on Gertrude Jekyll's influence on garden design, members will this year gather at Briarfields Hotel in Titchwell for their annual lunch which promises to be a most enjoyable occasion. In the next HGA Newsletter we shall be giving details of the gardens to be visited in the summer, and anyone interested in joining us can get all the details from the Membership Secretary, Mrs June Hammond, telephone 01485 535763.

Sacher torte

Gerarde Ellis



This world famous chocolate torte was first created in 1832 in Vienna when Prince Wenzel von Metternich ordered a palatable dessert for some high-ranking guests, however at the time his head chef was unavailable having taken ill. The task then fell to a 16 year old apprentice chef by the name of Franz Sacher who was only two years into his training, the torte was an immediate success to the delight Prince Metternich and his guests, and as they say the rest is history. You can purchase the original torte with its official chocolate logo online for about £30.00. My interpretation will cost you about ten pounds for good quality ingredients and takes about 90 minutes to make.

Some basic tips before you start.

Ensure all the ingredients are at room temperature and you have three mixing bowls ready, your oven is set to 160 c for a fan oven and bake for about one hour. You can test if the cake is ready by inserting a skewer into the center of the cake and when immediately removed it should be dry.

100g dark chocolate with 70% cocoa solids

250 ml of water

250g caster sugar

3 eggs separated

150g self-raising flour

25g cocoa powder

60g ground almonds

110 apricot jam

200g dark chocolate with 70% cocoa solids

160ml double cream

Preheat oven to 160 and grease a 23cm round cake tin, I use a tin that can be unclipped and has a removable base. Line the base of the tin with greaseproof paper. In your first bowl mix 100g of chocolate and 250ml of water together and melt slowly over a pan of barely simmering water until combined and melted then remove from heat.

Beat the butter and sugar together in your second bowl until creamy and smooth then beat in egg yolks one at a time beating thoroughly between additions, then add sifted flour, almonds, and cocoa powder and mix well, finally adding the melted chocolate mixture.

In your third bowl beat your egg whites to a stiff peak and fold in to the chocolate mixture. Pour the mixture into your prepared tin and bake for about one hour. Remove from oven and check that the center of the cake is cooked then cool on a rack for about 20 minutes, whilst the cake is cooling you need to make the ganache coating by adding 200g of chocolate and double crème in a bowl over some simmering water and melting but do not over heat the mixture. Once the cake is cool cut it in half and spread the jam over it, place the second sponge on top and cover with the ganache chocolate mixture this can be poured over and spread with a warm moist pallet knife then leave to cool and set for about two hours, personally I have never had a torte last that long in my house, this torte tastes fantastic and has a lovely texture.

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The Hunstanton Story, The first fifty years 1861-1911
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"Out of nothing, in the middle of nowhere" is the popular phrase used to describe Hunstanton's beginning, for the place began in an empty landscape on virgin soil.

With the help of old records and documents, the author traces the progress of the town through the first fifty years from the start of construction of the railway in 1861 and the first phase of building, to the making up of the roads and completion of the seafront in 1911. "The Hunstanton Story" covers the trials and tribulations suffered by the Lord of the Manor, Henry Le Strange, in his efforts to get the vital railway connection and some aspects of his life are included. Not only was this small branch line the lifeblood for

Hunstanton it was also used extensively by the newly-arrived Royal neighbours and they too made impact on the developing town. Although it was Henry Le Strange, the artist and architect who planned Hunstanton St Edmund, it was his son, Hamon, who succeeded him after his sudden and untimely death and ensured that the town was built in the way his father had intended. Hamon's dedication, together with that of the early builders and councillors, created a town of character and charm.

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When can the Government take

my assets?

Christina Attridge
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It is still a commonly held belief in certain quarters that if you die without a Will that either your spouse is solely entitled or the Government takes all. Such happenings are rare.

If you die without a Will, you are described as 'intestate'. Who gets what is dependent on which relatives survive you. Under the intestacy rules a 'common law' wife or husband gets nothing, although they are entitled to bring a claim for "reasonable financial provision" (which is a whole subject on its own).



The following is a quick canter through the provisions. You will need to look at the 'small print' for the detail.

If you are married, if your widow(er) survives you by 28 days, everything goes to her/him if your estate is no more than £250,000, if you have children or grandchildren, or £450,000 or less, if you have no children. If your estate is more than £250,000 and you have children, £250,000 together with effects goes to the widow(er) and the rest is halved. 50% goes into a life interest trust for the widow(er) and the children of the deceased (or their child/children), if they have died) take the other half at 18 plus the other half, in which the widow(er) has a life interest, on her/his death. If there is a widow(er) but no children (or grandchildren) then the widow(er) takes the effects and £450,000. The rest is halved, with 50% for the widow(er) and 50% between the parents of the deceased, or if none, brothers and sisters, with the nephews and nieces taking their share if their parent has died. If there are no children, grandchildren, parents, siblings, nieces or nephews, the widow(er) takes everything.

If the deceased was unmarried, but left one or more children, those the children share equally, with any deceased child's children taking their share. Next in order of priority, are parents, brothers and sisters (nieces and nephews taking a deceased sibling's entitlement). Thereafter, half-brothers and half-sisters are entitled (with deceased half-siblings' children taking instead), followed by grandparents, then uncles and aunts (or their children, as substitutes) and finally half-uncles and half-aunts (or their children).

In all cases a civil partner is treated the same as a spouse.

You therefore have to be bereft of relatives in order for the Crown to take under the Bona Vacantia rules!

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Shellfish and the Scum of the Coast

Jim Welham

In 1875 Hamon Le Strange advertised the lease of his sea beach for 2 years for the purpose of farming mussels, cockles, clams, winkles and oysters. The only applicant was Charles William Harding of 11 St James Street, Kings Lynn, a civil engineer, also an international authority in the cultivation of shellfish. Harding examined the foreshore and found that there was less than a ton of mussels within the whole eleven miles. He signed the lease as there were two important scalps, one opposite the lighthouse, the other south of Shepherd's Point, and eight other locations where mussels might be cultivated. The first two years were difficult as mussels require 18 months to grow and have many natural enemies, such as sea urchins, sea birds, crows and occasionally, rats. Star fish however are the worst, and one summer he carted 300 tons away from his beds. He cleaned the ground and dug large reservoirs between the tide marks. He appointed watchers in an endeavour to keep off poachers, but with very limited success. In 1877 he extended the lease for another 7 years, and by the autumn of 1878, he thought there should be 2,000 tons of mussels on the Hunstanton beds, but raids by local people had reduced them to 250 tons. During the night the occupants of scores of boats took the mussels and people on the shore forked them into carts for sale as manure. He was not able to guard all the beds and 3 of his bailiffs left because the fishermen were 'such a rough lot.' He summonsed 25 people in November 1878, but failed to get many convictions at the local courts, as the fishermen claimed that until recently, they had always been allowed to take mussels freely.

Harding said 'The greatest trouble I have in protecting my mussel beds is from a class of men who call themselves fisherman but who are half farm labourers and half fish hawkers, and are the scum of the villages

bordering the coast. I have lost from two to three thousand tons of mussels in one year to these men. Their forefathers a hundred years ago were the wreckers and smugglers of that age.'

In 1879 due to the growth of mussels of extraordinary value in the Wash, he had to employ more bailiffs to watch the scalps. That same year Hamon Le Strange, although having proved his ancient rights of ownership of the foreshore at the Norfolk Assizes in the case of *Le Strange v Rowe*, was again obliged to return to the court. He had summonsed 28 fishermen for trespassing on the foreshore of Snettisham and removing cockles, and one of them, Richard Auker, had the misfortune to be selected to be prosecuted in a test case to establish whether an offence had been committed. After the evidence was heard Auker's barrister said that it was a sweeping demand to claim not only the foreshore, but all the shellfish washed up by the ocean onto his shore to the exclusion of all other people who had previously taken cockles without interference. That the *Le Strange* estate had the right to the fishery was not disputed, but there were two types of fishery; one was exclusively owned by one person, and the other free for all the public to use, and that it was unclear which one was claimed by *Le Strange*. At the conclusion of the evidence, the jury immediately found for *Le Strange* and granted a perpetual injunction which required Auker never again to trespass on the foreshore.

To remove any doubt about the nature of his fishery Hamon Le Strange applied for an Order to allow him to establish an exclusive Oyster and Mussel Fishery between Thornham Harbour and Wolferton Creek. This required the consent of the Board of Trade, who held an enquiry under the Fisheries Act to decide whether the Order should be granted on Wednesday 29 October 1879 at the Sandringham Hotel, Hunstanton. The evidence

was heard by Commissioner E Thornton Holland. JH Jones presented the application and Edward Loynes, a Wells solicitor, appeared on behalf of the fishermen. The Eau Brink and Norfolk Estuary companies and the Corporation of Lynn all had separate legal representation.

The Commissioner opened the proceedings by saying that it was a peculiar case as it was not often that one man claimed to own such a long length of coast, but that they would proceed as in an ordinary case of law. The applicant must state his case then the objectors would have their turn.

J H Jones said the application was many-sided, and that at both a local and national level, it was of vital importance. The Hunstanton Scalps were the largest on the east coast and the mussels were exceedingly valuable, not only for food, but the Northumberland and southern Scottish fishermen were almost entirely dependent on them for bait. However local fishermen had carted away the mussels for manure until the beds had almost been destroyed.

Witnesses gave evidence on oath first for, and then against the application. Harding spoke first and was followed by Peter Wilson of Eyemouth Berwick, Inspector of Fisheries for Scotland. He said that he had known the east coast for 15 years. The mussels from the Firth of Forth had been exhausted many years before and the boats of Scots fishermen were half idle for want of bait. There was no substitute for mussels nor better place than the Wash to raise them. Scots fishermen caught many more fish with Hunstanton mussels than with any others. There were 100 boats relying on the supply of mussels, each taking 10,000 stone of fish on the average, valued at £25,000 to the fishermen. From one port alone, 47 boats went out, laid 215 miles of line and required bait for 300,000 hooks. Unless the mussels were protected the fishing trade would collapse and it was essential that the order was

granted to maintain the supply.

Jacob Skoyles said that when Mr Harding took on the lease there were very few mussels, but when the beds were improved, he had been employed as a bailiff. It was his duty to warn people off the mussel beds and he had seen 30 carts at one time taking the mussels at night, and fishing smacks doing the same.

Edward Loynes opposed the granting of the Order on behalf of all the fishermen and said that he would call many witnesses who would say that for 40 years they had fished the mussels without any restriction, and in the winter time, scores of local families relied on them for their living. It was not until the last 8 years they had been asked to get licences.

Mullen Plain said that for 40 years he had taken mussels from the scalps without paying. Sometimes they were 4 feet thick and the more they were cleared and worked, the better they were, as they could clean themselves and grow again. The mussels were taken from Hunstanton and put into lays along the coast for 2 years, then sent to Norwich to be sold for food. That was how he made his living as did many other families in Blakeney, Wells, Stiffkey and other such places.

Daniel Green said that he had fished for mussels for 25 years and that Harding had refused him a licence. If the fishermen could have had the mussels that were wasted at Hunstanton, the money would have made them all half gentlemen. They could sell 20 times as many as they did at that time.

Jas Ward, of Snettisham who was described as a comical old chap, said that he had made a living by taking mussels for 50 years and brought up a large family by it. He had known 70 people at a time picking them. He had never paid. He had received several lawyers' letters, but burnt them all. As long as he had a mouth he would have a mussel.

Tom Siddle, said that he was a Hunstanton fisherman and had always got a few mussels to eat, but that he had been caught once and served with a bit of blue

paper and locked up for 4 months in Norwich Castle. So many other fishermen gave similar evidence that it was agreed not to call the final 14.

Sir Edward Birbeck MP for North Norfolk, and President of the National Sea Fisheries Protection Organisation spoke on behalf of the fishermen. He said he had fished all his life on the Norfolk Coast from Wells to Yarmouth; he knew Blakeney, Stiffkey, Sheringham and other places, and realised that the fishermen depended on mussel fishing for their livelihood, and that they were in fear of the supply being cut off. The brood of young mussels were taken from Hunstanton and put into their lays where they were tended and grown to maturity. They fished with mussels all the way along the coast. He had presented a petition to the Board of Trade signed by many hundreds of fishermen and others, and intended also to petition the House of Commons. If the Order was granted, the fishermen should be granted a cheap licence. However, when cross-examined he admitted that if a licence was granted to one fisherman, it should be granted to all, which would leave the

situation as bad as it had been before.

JH Jones concluded by saying the fishermen had already destroyed the beds at Lynn and Boston. If the Order was granted, it would allow the Hunstanton beds to be improved, extended and preserved. Although the owner had more sympathy for the local Hunstanton and Snettisham fishermen, men from as far away as Blakeney should not be allowed to ruin his beds.

The Commissioner then closed the enquiry and said that he would visit the scalps and beds the next day. He submitted a report, but a further conflict arose regarding the change of course of Wolferton creek which affected the southern boundary. After another 3 years, the Board of Trade had still not reached a decision.

In an attempt to resolve the matter, the Le Strange Fishery Order was presented to a select committee of the House of Commons on Thursday 9 April 1885. They heard the evidence, but decided that boundary disputes came only within the jurisdiction of the Board of Trade, and that the matter must be referred back to them.

(to be continued)

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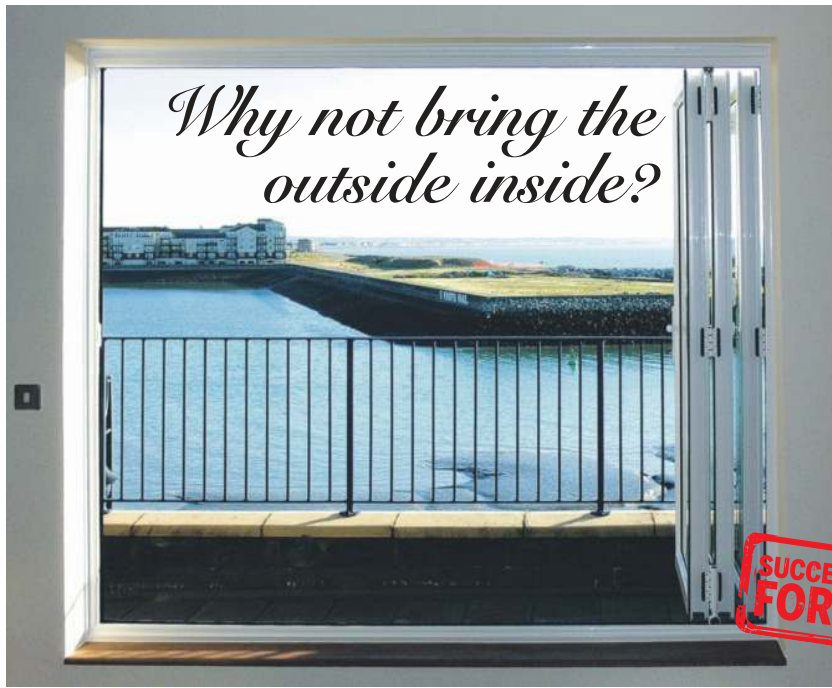
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The Vintage Bones charity event held on the 19th October was a real success, and thanks to Barclays Hunstanton branch matching the funds, a massive £1734 was raised and a brilliant night was had by many people.

Samantha Bromfield and Jordan Bone held the event that they had spent months planning at Smithdon High School to raise money for the charity Spinal Research. The charity is a very personal one to Jordan who herself has a spinal injury and is a wheelchair user, so knowing that the money raised really will go towards changing thousands of people lives has been a heart-warming experience for the both of them. Every year there are approximately 1200 people who suffer from a spinal injury, and with the help of all the hard work that goes into events and fundraising for the Spinal Research charity there really can be some life changing progresses made.

Jordan and Sam were joined by Kelly Rix photography, Samantha Gillings II Captain Jewellery and many more, to put together a night consisting of a fashion show, live music and various stalls to help raise money.

The show was a sell out, and with some amazing raffle prizes being won, everybody left with a smile on their face and looking forward to the next one. A massive thank you goes out to everyone that made that night happen. The clothes for the fashion show were from Jordan's personal online business, Vintage Bones.

Movember

Gary Pearce completed Movember again by popular request of customer at Barclays Hunstanton he raised £500 which will be matched by Barclays so £1000 for a great charity. Thank you for everyone who donated especially Tim Richardson who also helped and took part in the challenge



Hunstanton Brownies

Sue Richardson, 3rd Hunstanton Brownie Leader.

The Brownies had a very busy lead up to Christmas with Carol singing, Decorating trees & Helping Santa at his grotto in the Town Hall. 2013 plans to be an exciting year for the Brownies with lots of badges & challenges to do.

We are looking forward to our annual Pack holiday with Heacham Brownies at Coltishall in May.

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Town and Boro' Councillors notes

Richard Bird

In this great country, county and town of ours, we have a problem; the Knockers. Recently one of my fellow Town Councillors forwarded to me an article published by a local paper concerning the alleged plight of our wonderful town. The short comings of the planners, the demise of the railways, the loss of the pier, the changing High Street all appear to cast doom and gloom,



Well all you Knockers, could you please, please stop, if you think there is something wrong, do something, stop whingeing. There is so much we can all do, we can join a council, Town/Parish, Boro' or County, join the Civic Society, the Chamber of Trade, one of our churches, form a pressure group, the options are endless. Do please keep writing to this magazine and the papers but offer some alternatives or put forward your ideas for improvement. It's called democracy, and yes it can be long winded, frustrating, incredibly annoying, but it works and until somebody invents something better, that's what we have.

This article I found offensive, because the inference was, and is, that those of us that are 'doing the job' are stupid, inept, have selfish motives or possibly worse, and are generally a waste of space. Well knockers, what's the alternative? Perhaps a good dictatorship or maybe the chaos of multi party coalition. I think history can teach us all a lesson about those options.

A few facts, our town has fewer empty shops than just about anywhere in the county, Now they may be charity pre-owned recycled goods, they may be pound shops even estate agents, but we have full shop premises, it doesn't look like a ghost town with tumbleweed rolling up the High Street like so many towns do.

Planning issues are a complex cocktail, with controls and advice from all levels of government, the emphasis today from national government is that development is a right and only if substantial argument can be levelled against development will a project not go forward. Sometimes local thoughts and passions will be put to one side in favour of national policy. Frustrating but true.

There is a working campaign to resurrect the old rail route, initially to be saved by using it as a cycle and walkway. In the future, if the route is saved, to be used as some form of motorised transportation. This could be a multitude of options; a lot depends on the attitude and assistance of the landowners along the approximately 15 miles of route.

Hunstanton has recently won outright the E.D.P. 'Pride in Norfolk' award for best Town under 5000 population for the second year running. Hunstanton is 2012 Women's Institute 'Forward to the Future' runner up.

Hunstanton was mentioned in the N.R.C.C. Best Community Building award, the only building that was re-furnished without the aid of substantial grants, and mostly by public subscription.

Hunstanton has won the C.P.R.E. award for its new Community Orchard, so brilliantly executed by volunteers from all walks of life, roll on phase 2.

This magazine was recently put forward by our Town Clerk into a national competition that had 890 entries; it came first in the best print section and sixth overall, bearing in mind all the contents are supplied by you the general public in one way or another, please give yourselves a round of applause.

The amount of events put on in and around the area is amazing, hundreds of celebrations, thought up by, worked up by and through by an army of volunteers from all over the area.

The amazing work conducted by our local Churches these unsung heroes are always there and especially when we need them. The organisations like Lions, Rotary, Round Table, Masons, Scouts, Guides, The Hunstanton Concert Band, the Community Choir, W.I. the retained Fire Service, The lifeboat crews and so many others all giving, all serving. This is community; this is where we live.

I am no Kennedy, but I remember those 'immortal words': "Ask not what your country can do for you but what you can do for your country",

A happy and prosperous new year to all (even the Knockers!)

An extraordinary Recreation Ground

Ken Arnott

I sometimes wonder how many local people appreciate just what an extraordinary Recreation Ground we have, one that must surely be the envy of many other communities in West Norfolk.

It hosts the biggest tennis tournament in the country and the courts have frequently been the venue for inter-county matches. The croquet club once staged an international test match and played host to a former world champion. The cricket ground was used pre-war by Norfolk County Cricket Club and both the Hunstanton and West Norfolk clubs used it regularly. The football ground has featured great derby matches over the years – I well remember crowds two or three deep round the touch-line for matches against the old rivals, Heacham, Dersingham and Snettisham – and been selected by the North-West Norfolk League for major cup matches. The E.B.A. Bowls Club in the corner has entertained visiting teams from near and far.

Visiting players and officials, no matter what sport, have commented favourably on the quality of the pitches and courts and the amenities.

But times change. No longer do we have a cricket club. Nor a tennis club. One wonders if the big tennis tournament in August would survive without Chris Holt at the helm. It wasn't so long ago that the football club disbanded but fortunately it has been re-formed.

Raising local sports teams has always been a bit of a struggle for Hunstanton, unlike Heacham, Dersingham and other village sides in the area. During my 30 or so years with Hunstanton Cricket Club I remember many times when it was not until the Friday evening or Saturday morning that the team sheet could be completed. Selection committee meetings were a rare luxury. Mind you, I recall a time – in the mid-fifties – when we had four cricket-playing teachers who lived and worked in the town, but I think the days when local schools were staffed by teachers who lived locally have long since gone.

I remember too, when anyone who wanted to play for a team in the local football league had to have been born in, worked in, or lived in the community. Then suddenly the rules were changed and players were allowed to play for whom they liked. Within a couple of years I recognised no one in our local team. Not good for community loyalty I would have thought. (But perhaps the rule has been changed back since then).

Anyway, we now have a situation where questions are being asked regarding the future of Hunstanton Recreation Ground. Will we soon be hearing the dreaded threat that was applied to the railway and the Princess Theatre – use it or lose it!

I sincerely hope that something can be done to assure the future of this magnificent site for the benefit of those young people in our community who may one day decide to play a more active role in the world of sport.

All I will add is that if I ever see a bulldozer digging up the cricket square I'll let its tyres down!

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News from Hunstanton Lifeboat Station

Geoff Needham

As another year draws to a close, with no callouts in the last few weeks to report, life at the station still goes on, training and maintenance of equipment has to be carried out. We can look back and reflect on what our volunteer crews have been engaged in, for us at Hunstanton, August and September were our busy period. In fact Hunstanton saw the third highest rise in call-outs for the whole of the UK and Republic of Ireland. The fact that we were able to carry out these tasks is down to the support given to the RNLI. On behalf of Robin and the crew at Hunstanton we hope you all have a good Christmas, and we wish you all a Happy New Year, and a big Thank-you to all those who have worked so hard in organising events to raise funds, the local businesses and individuals who support us throughout. I would also like to say a big Thank-you to Elaine for allowing us the space in the Hunstanton newsletter to keep the town informed of the incidents our crews and craft are involved in, and help to get the sea safety message to the vast number of tourists that the area depends on. Hunstanton newsletter, now named "Hunstanton Town and Around" is a success story that the town and surrounding villages can raise their glasses to, well done Elaine.

The RNLI is independent of Coastguard and government and depends on voluntary donations and legacies to maintain its rescue service, since the RNLI was founded in 1824 its lifeboat crews and lifeguards have saved 140,000 lives. This figure was reached in June 2012; a kite surfer was rescued off the Scottish coast, to become the 140,000th life to be saved. We should also pause and remember all those whom have lost their lives in the service of saving life, 600 RNLI crew have lost their lives since 1824.

So far this year we have had 29 shouts. Our most serious incident this year was to a kite surfer on the 8th June 2012, the good news from his family, he is making progress, a long way to go but improving.

The first Lifeboat at Hunstanton was provided by the Norfolk Association for Saving the Lives of Shipwrecked Mariners. The first county life saving association, established by Lord Suffield in 1823.

The Hunstanton station was closed before 1849, as to the service record of that period, we have none.

In 1867 the RNLI took over and built a boathouse, built by Mr. J. Wales at a cost of £135. The present boathouse replaced this in 1900 at a cost £647. The original boathouse is now The Boathouse Cafe. Since the re-opening in 1979 the boathouse has undergone several changes. And with the placing of a hovercraft at Hunstanton, a new purpose built hover house was built next to the boathouse, all made possible by the generosity of local benefactors.

The year we held a combined meeting in the Town Hall Hunstanton, of the Lifeboat Station with the Lifeboat Guild, this was the first time

that this has been tried out, and it proved to be a most successful event. The next combined meeting will be held in the Town Hall, Thursday 16th May 2013 at 7.p.m. come along admission is free.

Date for your calendars 2013

Friday 25th January, SOS day @ The Lifeboat Inn Thornham, Wednesday 20th February Curry night at the King William, Sedgeford, also the Nelson Shantymen.

Other events taking place in 2013 will be announced in the New Year

We are still looking to recruit members to be part of a dedicated team to crew the lifeboat and hovercraft,

If you think that you would like to become part of that team, between 18yrs and 40yrs male or female and would like to find out more about the RNLI come along to the station any Sunday morning, we'd be pleased to show you around.

The RNLI is a Charity that is supported by voluntary donations and volunteer crews For information on the RNLI the Charity that saves lives at sea visit www.rnli.org.uk



This picture was taken from the boat video on the Spirit of West Norfolk; Vic Dade at helm in heavy seas 12.08.12 on shout to Brancaster

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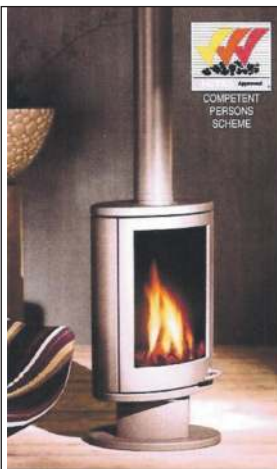
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Jane Scott

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**Christmas cracker**

Hunstanton Lions couldn't use our gazebo as the weather was dreadful. Our thanks to The Princess

Theatre who gave us space in the theatre to sell our cup cakes.

Turkey & Tinsel Lunches

On December the 3rd we had the first sitting of many Turkey & Tinsel lunches at the United Services Club, 570 in total. We have to say a massive thank you to the staff at the United Services Club, first for letting us use their venue and secondly for the excellent food they served. Our thanks to the Glebe House School Choir who sang for us, Lion volunteers and friends, Mars of King's Lynn for allowing their staff to help. All these people gave up their time so freely to help with this very successful event. Caroline Odd of Cherry Tree Chocolates provided us with a Giant Chocolate Santa for our raffle. Thank you so much. Lastly we have to thank all those who booked their meals with us, and the positive feedback received.

Santa's Grotto

Father Christmas was very pleased to see all the children who visited him in the Town Hall basement. Thanks to all.

2013 sets a New Year for our fundraising team, thank you all for your continued support.



Trees on the Green

Patrick Richardson



Members of Hunstanton in Bloom committee planted 7 trees on the Green on Saturday 1st December.

The trees, which were Silver Birch and Holm Oak, were planted along the south side of the green. The tree species are both native to the coast and were chosen as they are well placed to cope with wind and salt air.



One of the trees has been kindly donated by Hunstanton Civic Society. The society is keen to see trees on the Green as historic documents dating from 1850 show that this was Henry Le Strange's vision for the Green.

Three more Tamarix trees will be planted within the same area in the near future.

Cllr Elizabeth Watson, Chairman of the Hunstanton in Bloom committee, said, "the Green is a really popular space for people to sit and enjoy the views of the sea. The trees will provide welcome shelter from the wind on gusty days and sun in warmer weather. They will also be an attractive addition to the space, helping to enclose the far end of the green and soften the appearance of nearby buildings."

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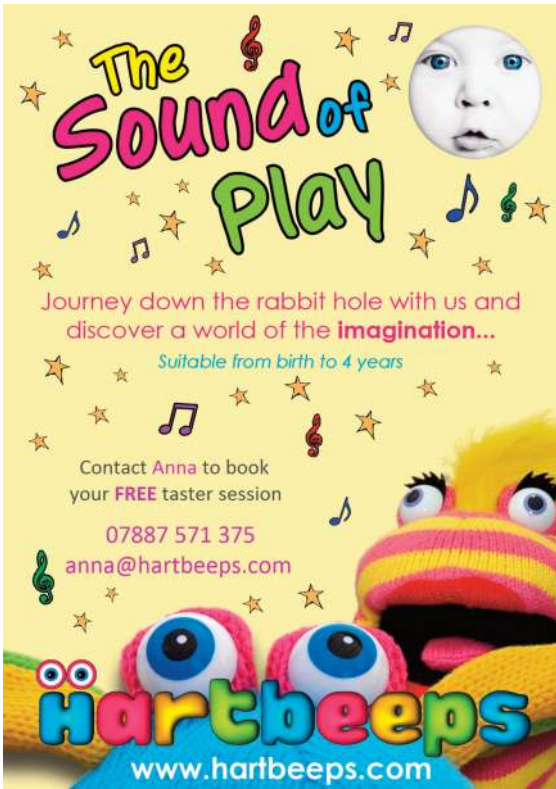
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I was rather a late starter in this running lark, at the age of 48, with some trepidation I ventured out in my trainers to become a runner (didn't want to be a jogger needed to be a runner!) Slightly embarrassed and self-conscious, I would announce at home "just popping out for a run", where by I would drive to the beach and run up and down the prom, where not many people could see me.

6 years later I don't care who sees me, have had some great experiences, (and some not so great), made great friends, ran in fab places, in all weather.

Had never intended to be a Marathon Runner (think it deserves capital letters), but it quietly creeps up on you, the desire to test yourself, can I push myself that extra mile or twenty? Have I got the grit and determination to endure 4 months of vigorous training, will I push myself out of the door to meet the next session on my training plan regardless? Yes I will cos I said I would and I won't let my training partner down! (and I'm scared of her - she says it's the other way round, but don't believe any of it)

I did it in London 2012 (no not the Olympic one, but it was nice to do it in Olympic year), and I am going again in 2013.



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News from the Civic Society

Andrew Murray

There is no better time than the New Year to take stock of what has occurred in the previous year and to lay out plans for the next. 2012 marked the tenth anniversary of the formation of the Hunstanton Civic Society. It is thus appropriate to consider what has happened over those ten years and what benefits the Civic Society has brought to the town and its surrounding area. Perhaps, what is more important is what the Society is currently doing and what its plans may be for the future.



The granting of planning permission, under controversial circumstances, for the so-called 'Pier Entertainment Centre' brought the Society into existence. Despite various Freedom of Information requests, there is still some mystery about how that planning permission came to be granted and why the owners seem to be given favoured status by the Borough Council.

Despite heavy downpours of rain members of the Society recently had a thoroughly enjoyable day trip to Southwold pier. An application to the Heritage Lottery Fund for Hunstanton to have a replacement pier was not successful but a new application is to be submitted for a heritage and educational centre.

The Society has built up a proud track record of informing and educating both local people and visitors about the heritage of the area. This includes many of the monthly talks; the displays in the Little Pavilion and Oasis; the 8 information boards; the 25 green plaques on notable buildings; the 3 heritage trails and the railway exhibitions.

The motto of the society is 'Looking to the Future whilst Preserving the best of the Past' and to that end it was closely involved with the extension of the Conservation Area in 2009. It contributes to the Local Development Framework and its Site Specific Allocations. It intends to be an active participant with the Town Council in the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan for Hunstanton St. Edmund's parish.

After 10 years of service on the committee, John Maiden stood aside at the AGM that was held on 12 December. Andrew Murray continues in his role as chairman and Anthony Gooch as treasurer. The committee has been strengthened by the election of three new members. Following the AGM, Dr Richard Hoggett, community archaeologist, described how aerial photography done at various dates, combined with on the ground research is building up a rich record of how Norfolk was defended during the Second World War. The evening finished with a light buffet prepared by Anthony Gooch, Norma Ham, Margi Blunden and Martin Chown.

There has been a change to the original programme of talks. On Wednesday 16th. January, Cllr. John Smith will now be giving a talk entitled '60 years since the Floods of 1953'. On the anniversary, Thursday 31st. January, plans are being made for a remembrance service at 2.00 pm at the Flood Memorial, for those that lost their lives on that frightful evening. This is to be followed by a service at St Edmund's at 2.30. An exhibition of photographs and a talk may follow but details have not been finalized.

The regularly updated web-site: www.hunstanton-civic-society.org includes the programme for the talks in the Spring of 2013 and other useful information.

Ray Butcher's Su Doku

First the easy challenge...

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... then the more tricky

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FAB

Julie Briggs is our newest recruit to the newly opened Charity shop would like to welcome new and old customers from her previous employment at the YMCA.

Julie has been in the charity shop business for over 5 years and is well known within the local community.

She is now fronting our flag ship superstore for Families against Neuroblastoma, Families against Neuroblastoma are a local children's cancer charity based opposite the waterside in Hunstanton.

Families against Neuroblastoma is a parent led charity raising money for research, potentially lifesaving treatments.

The charity also provide invaluable services like treats and wishes, days out, and holidays right here in Hunstanton. Our Families have grown to love the town and visit again and again, with many of the children saying when they grow up they want to come and live in Hunstanton, The aim at FAN is just to see them grow up.

Raising money for children suffering from this aggressive form of childhood cancer Julie now understands the importance of the charity shop and the funds needed to make a difference to the lives of these children.

Julie would like to make an appeal to the local community for urgently required donations, she needs any unwanted items of furniture, clothing, Bric a Brac and electrical items, Please call Julie on 01485 532986 or pop in for a chat, and we will collect.

Speaking with Julie she said "It's great to be part of the team at FAN, as it is such a worthwhile cause. I feel like I can make a real difference as the charity is so important to the lives of these children. We urgently need donations, and all funds raised go directly to the charity. We welcome old and new customers, so please come and see us"

Talking with Julie further we found out that she is also doing her bit by getting involved in community fundraising for the charities fundraising team by taking part in "The Grand Challenge"



Julie said "I can't wait to take part in the grand challenge to raise money for FAN, I know the money I raise will make such a difference"

The Grand Challenge is an event open to everyone, individuals will pledge to raise £1000 for FAN over the course of 2013 in whichever way they choose. You can enter as an individual or a business and there will be monthly competitions to keep you focused. The biggest fundraiser at the end of the year will be crowned Families against Neuroblastoma's Grand Challenge Fundraiser of the year 2013.

Anyone wishing to take part in The Grand Challenge can get details of the event from FAN's Fundraising and Events Manager Charlotte Rham on 01485 534472 or visit www.familiesagainstoneuroblastoma.org

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Letters to the Editor

Rail Link Kings Lynn to Hunstanton

There have been many comments and suggestions over the past years about renewing the link between Kings Lynn and Hunstanton. Although everybody would agree this to be a great idea really it is not feasible. Much of the land has gone and what stations are left are now in private hands and I am sure they would not want to them give up. The cost would be something far out of our reach.

So what are the alternatives. Do nothing and see all our sea side holidays stagnate as they cannot grow because we cannot bring in more holiday makers and tourists.

Turn the A149 into a dual carriage way or perhaps continue the M11 right up to Hunstanton.

What about a monorail? It would hug the coast of the Wash. No problem with the land you would only need a pylon every 100mt. Only one rail line, with two at Snettisham for trains to pass.

No problem with flooding as it is high above the ground. No view spoilt as you look under it and still see the sunsets.

For a rail line 15 miles and more to reach Hunstanton a monorail only about 10 miles Cost being a fraction of a rail link.

Sheringham has always been a bustling town and why, because of the steam trains. It draws in sightseers from all around, and so would a monorail. Imagine how many bird watchers would love to see the migration of birds that the wash attracts. The time to get from Hunstanton to Lynn would be minutes opening up many possibilities for all who live here or just for Holidays.

What do you think???

Rob

Turkey and Tinsel with the Lions

On 4th December my wife and I, along with four friends, went to a Turkey and Tinsel lunch at the United Services Club in Hunstanton. This lunch was organised and sponsored by the Hunstanton and District Lions Club.

We would like to thank all the members of the Lions, ladies and gentlemen, and the staff of the United Services Club for putting on such a wonderful lunch for all of us elderly folk from the Hunstanton area. Thanks a million.

Dick Melton

Cinema in The Creakes

On Tuesday 29th January at North Creake Village Hall Cinema in The Creakes will be screening the film "Hope Springs" Cert (12A) commencing at 7.30pm.

Meryl Streep and Tommy Lee Jones star as a married couple who embark on a week-long therapy course in an attempt to re-energise their relationship. Steve Carrell is the tweedy analyst who wheedles them into talking about their problematic sex life. Often very funny, but very humane and occasionally heartbreaking. Not to be missed !!

Tickets (in advance only) are available by phoning 01328 738959 and cost £ 5.00 each. The price includes a complimentary drink from the licensed bar which opens at 7.00pm. You can now watch trailers of this and our other forthcoming films on our Website www.northcreake.org.uk by clicking onto our Forthcoming Screening page.

We look forward to welcoming you at our Cinema in The Creakes.

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NEW WESLEYAN CHAPEL

LYNN NEWS - 15 JUNE 1889

J. SMITH

On 12th June two memorial stones of a new Wesleyan chapel on the Lynn road, were laid in the presence of a large number of people. The service commenced with the hymn, "Thou who hast in Zion laid." Scripture was then read by the Rev. E. Kirby White, of Norwich, and a dedicatory prayer offered by the Rev. J. T. Ecob, Primitive Methodist minister of Lynn. The Rev. D. W. Barr gave an outline of the movement. He said that 98 years ago the Walsingham circuit was created by dividing what was till then the Lynn circuit. It remained so for 96 years, during the latter part of which Methodism declined in several villages. Some enterprising Methodists thereupon set themselves to work out a scheme. Part of it provided for the excision of six rural Methodist chapels within a radius of some eight miles of Hunstanton. These were grouped together and made a circuit of themselves, and two years ago a minister was appointed by the Conference and located at Hunstanton. No Methodist chapel had ever existed in the place, and there were difficulties in the way of building one. A few weeks ago the Union chapel authorities engaged a minister (the Rev. R. A. Cliff, of the Independent chapel, Lynn), and the Methodists, who had once a month had the use of that building, were now practically excluded. They accordingly went to Mr. Le Strange and obtained a piece of land large enough for a chapel and school-room. Mr. Barr further stated that they were about to erect an iron chapel to accommodate 250 persons with a small school-room in the rear. This is being carried out by Mr. A. W. Pocock, Chelsea, at the estimated cost, with all incidental expenses, of about £300. The first stone was laid in front of the chapel by Mrs. A. Jermyn, of Lynn, and the second by Miss Wilson, of Beaupré Hall, after which both ladies were presented with copies of Wesley's hymns. Each then placed £5 upon the stone, and various other sums, or promises, were contributed. A collection was made, and the Rev. J. H. Pawlyn complimented the movers in their enterprise. Another hymn, "These stones to Thee in faith we lay," was then sung, after which Mr. Chas. Smith, secretary, read a list of donors. Votes of thanks were passed, and the proceedings terminated with the doxology and benediction.

What's in a name?

Ken Arnott

For many years we have had an attractive painting of a countryside scene hanging on a wall of our home. The name of the artist – Rowland Hilder. I mentioned this to someone and they immediately replied: "He used to be the organist at St Edmund's Church".

I checked it up. There was indeed a man who played the organ at St Edmund's. In fact he was organist there from 1899 to 1946 – a remarkable spell of 47 years. But his name was Roden Hilder – or Bertram Roden Hilder to give him his full name. Roden Hilder, Rowland Hilder. Not a lot of difference. I don't know anything about the artist though I understand he has a painting of Snettisham Church to his credit, so who knows, he may have a local connection. They may even be related.

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CHRISTMAS CRACKER GOES OFF WITH A BANG!

Stella Gooch
Amanda Knight

As I laid in bed on Sunday morning and heard the sound of the wind sending my roof tiles cascading down, I thought OMG this is the kind of weather that has been so typical of Hunstanton this year! However, Carol Bower and her team of Crackettes were not going to let a bit of adverse weather ruin the day. Somehow, we managed to cram the town hall to the rafters with many of the stalls that should have been outside. It was certainly cosy in there but made for a great atmosphere. Everyone really pulled together and our performers and stall holders were very patient whilst we re-organised.

Following the official opening by Henry LeStrange, the various live music acts went ahead and did their bit to entertain throughout the day, including the wonderful Hunstanton Town Band and the Hunstanton Community Choir, whilst Santa cheered the younger children in the Princess Theatre Grotto where he presented his gifts. Entertainment throughout the day provided something for everyone including belly dancing, line dancing, children's drama, poetry, Morris dancing, doggy heelwork to music display and even bell ringing.

The Sci-Fi display of a Dr Who Dalek, K9 and Thunderbirds was an exciting addition for the youngsters and adults alike as they enjoyed having their photo taken alongside the Dalek. Watch out as they plan to invade Hunstanton this summer!

The Tug 'O' War between the Lifeboat Crew and The Firemen went ahead with the Firemen winning the cup. We look forward to next year's re-match.

The children's Christmas party at the Community Centre was full to bursting and the children enjoyed the company of local entertainer 'Rollo' before they sat down to a traditional tea party with a great range of festive finger food followed by ice-cream and jelly. Once they were refreshed the children had a disco, a fancy dress competition and prizes were awarded.

Luckily, due to the afternoon tea in the Golden Lion Hotel, our senior citizens were able to enjoy the day's events and see all the action in comfort.

By the end of the day everyone was descending onto the High Street to find their viewing positions to see celebrity soap star Cliff Parisi, best known for his 8 year role as 'Minty' in BBC's Eastenders, as he switched on the Christmas lights once it was dark. The minis were present, followed by the parade of lanterns led by Redgate Junior School Choir and Santa. The weather, however, meant the Honda bikers were unable to attend but the good news is they will be visiting us in March.

There are so many people to thank we hardly know where to begin. So it's thanks to all those who came along to entertain us on the day. Thanks to the stall holders who climbed out of their duvets on such a windy day, the Carnival Committee, the kiddies' rides which resolutely carried on throughout the day, the Norwich Time Travellers, the police who gave us flashing blue lights, the tank for its appearance on the High Street, the stewards who keep us safe, our town council and Kings Lynn Borough Council and the town traders and businesses that generally assisted and supplied food for all when we were unable to erect the BQ. And a very special thank you to the residents and visitors to Hunstanton who came out and supported the event!

The day was a great success.....everyone wants to come back next year and we have already taken dozens of bookings!

The Christmas Cracker Committee hope you all enjoyed your day... next year we plan for the event to be even bigger and better!

THE CHRISTMAS CRACKER IN PICTURES



Old Hunstanton Social Club

Alan Smith



As many of you will now know, the Club premises were burgled in the early hours of Sunday 9th of December. A large amount of money was stolen from the safe. The loss to the Club is so serious that closure is a distinct possibility. However, the Committee and Trustees decided at an emergency meeting to carry on until the New Year. This has only been made possible by the generosity of our volunteers. Our December events were confirmed and by the time everyone receives their copy of Town and Around in January the prospect of the Club continuing to exist should have become clearer. It is now up to every member to support the Club as never before. If all membership fees are paid promptly in the New Year, this will help enormously.

We will continue to serve beers and wines in perfect condition at very reasonable prices, so it is up to everyone to step up and keep our club going.

The refurbishment of the hall facilities will continue. If the Club survives, this will generate increased income from hire charges. New members are needed now as never before, and all are welcome. Let us all work together to get through this crisis and to continue to provide a place where the community can get together.

ROTARY MATTERS

Hunstanton & District Rotary Club members have had an interesting and varied programme since the Club's last report in the November issue of 'Hunstanton Town and Around'. With the major role of Rotarians being to help others we have run three sessions of mock interviews for Smithdon High School GCSE students. These have been well appreciated by the students as they have been put into a situation where they have been interviewed for potential jobs. The Rotarians too appreciated getting to know the students and they realised that there is a rich pool of talent at the school for a number of potential jobs and careers.

At the annual Charter evening when Rotarians celebrated their Club's inauguration (1976 for Hunstanton), Dr. Tim Gibbs from Cambridge University came to speak to members and guests. Tim is a former Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar. Scholars are sent from all over the country by Rotary to study abroad and similarly a number come from abroad to this country. They study for one year, typically on humanitarian subjects. In Tim's case, he spoke on the peace process in South Africa since apartheid formally finished. At the end of the scholars' course they return to their own country and give talks on the subject studied. Tim's work at Cambridge enables him to highlight the problems that can still occur in the peace process and how these might be tackled. He is doing a first rate job in illustrating

one of the Rotary toasts, which is to 'Rotary and Peace the world over.'

Other talks have been interesting and varied; two have been on subjects which have led to the Club giving donations to help the charities involved, namely, the 'East Anglia Children's Hospice and the 'Firefighters'. Several meetings have been held on some fascinating topics. These include a talk on 'Family History, laughter and tears' by Mrs Christine Humphries and 'Summer Love Photography' by Jo Garlike of Long Sutton. Jo's talk was illustrated by superb photos showing portraits and also the integration of people into the landscape. She also advised us on ways in which we could improve our own photographs.

On December 5th at Le Strange Hotel, certificates and cheques were issued to deserving people. After an enjoyable Christmas lunch, Mrs Linda King, the Inner Wheel President, presented certificates to Lorraine Cannell, Samantha Rose and Duncan Rix for their tremendous work at the Kite Festival which helped to make it the best one yet and raised much money for the local charities. We also celebrated our other major event, the Norton Hill Light Railway weekend and cheques were presented to representatives from the charities by Mrs Linda King for the One-to-One-project (mental health), St. Mary's Church, Snettisham (for a resource centre) and the National Autistic Association, West Norfolk branch. President of Rotary Phil Newell thanked the owners of the Light Railway and its circuit, Mr & Mrs Schumann for, without their generous hospitality, there would not be the opportunity to earn money from the event which has been used to help people less fortunate than ourselves.

The Club again supported Christmas events in the town, including the Christmas tree festival with the colourful lights and decorations which encourage us to celebrate the true nature of Christmas.

If you are interested in Rotary and would like to find out more about the organisation, contact either Rotarian Phil Newell, 01485 533864 or Rotarian Mike Warnes 01485 534392.

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Miriam Hodson

Whilst watching the television one night, one of the adverts caught my eye for my message this month! Some financial company was encouraging us to save and one caption was "Saving for peace of mind". Does it really bring peace of mind? Stocks and shares can "crumble" - banks close, interest fluctuates - no! For real peace of mind you don't need to SAVE you need a SAVIOUR. At Christmas we celebrated the birth of THE PRINCE OF PEACE as was prophesied in Isaiah 9 v 6and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor The Everlasting Father, THE PRINCE OF PEACE. In John 14 v 27 Jesus, speaking to His disciples told them that after His death on the cross He was going back to God His Father saying "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world gives, I give unto you".

If we accept Jesus sacrifice He paid on the cross for us, and invite Him into our lives we can "rest assured" (as another company selling beds used to use as their slogan), that the wrong things we do which are called sins that have separated us from God, are now all forgiven and we can know "the peace of God which passes all understanding". Phillipians 4 v 7. No saving - just accepting!

The Letter of the Rector of the Saxon Shore. Six Parishes from Old Hunstanton to Burnham Deepdale.

It's over! The year is over; the Jubilee; the Olympics; Big Stuff..... all feels a long time ago now. And all the Christmas related preparation, with buying and singing and wrapping and eating and all the rest. Over.

Taking down the decorations and the Christmas cards makes everywhere look so empty. I notice year by year that cards look less and less "religious." Some really committed church people still find the ones with "The Peace of the Christ Child be with you...etc" Now, those are certainly getting rare. As I look back on the year passing and all those big events I am moved to give thanks that they all went off safely and peacefully. We are so fortunate to be able to say that, when you look around the world.

Perhaps the Peace that those cards spoke about isn't quite the same as the safety we are so lucky to live with. Peace, is perhaps, a bigger idea that needs more thought.

Peace is not a blessing already enjoyed, but rather a goal to which each and all of us must aspire. As a New Year lies ahead let's look with greater hope to the future; let us encourage one another on our journey; let us work together to give our world, the one we move in around here in our bit of Norfolk, a more humane and friendly face; and let us feel a common responsibility towards present and future generations, especially when it comes to encouraging them to be people of peace, valuers of peace and builders of peace.

Peace doesn't come about by accident. Like everything you value, you must work at it and nourish it because somewhere in the world there is always some misguided person who wants to take it away.

So, start the coming year in thankfulness and with a sense of purpose, even joy! Remember some of those familiar words of the poet Lord Tennyson:

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light;
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.
Ring out the old, ring in the new,

Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.....
Ring in the thousand years of peace.
Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

And may the year ahead bring that blessing of peace to you and those you love.

Rev'd Christopher Wood.

Rector of the Saxon Shore

HOBBITS AND ADVENTURES

Daniel Holland Pastor The Way

By the time this article is published my wife and I will hopefully have seen Peter Jackson's new film version of 'The Hobbit'. It may well be one of the highlights of the Christmas season for us. The bible is my favourite book ever, although perhaps it is an unfair comparison, as it inspired by God! After the scriptures Tolkien and Dickens are a tied second. Tolkien's writings were informed by his Catholic faith, and for those with eyes to see his books are crammed with christian allegory. Bec and I are (sad?) anoraks when it comes to Tolkien; I gather there is going to be a trilogy of The Hobbit so we can spread our pleasures out.

Both of Tolkien's masterpieces; The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit have main protagonists who are small, bumbling and greedy creatures called Hobbits. These innocent and parochial beings have amazing adventures in the dangerous realm of middle earth. The hobbits are by turns endearing, selfish, fearful, brave, stubborn and guileless and two in particular; Frodo and Bilbo are called to breath-taking adventures.

In The Hobbit Bilbo, with his simple heart and furry feet, is called away from all he knows that is safe and comfortable into a world of dragons, goblins, trolls, mountains and battles. He goes resentfully, kicking and screaming all the way, vulnerable as a child traversing the M25 alone. However as the story progresses he slowly transforms, he stops complaining and starts to have glimpses of a bigger picture, one in which he has a small but vital part to play. He senses a greater benevolent hand, not a human one, steering him. Greatness emerges in his heart, and Bilbo becomes capable of sacrifice, courage and daring. His physical stature doesn't change (unless perhaps he stands a little straighter) but there is a new stoutness of heart that has nothing to do with bodily strength or size. He finally returns from all his travels a different person/hobbit.

In a sense we are all like hobbits starting a new journey in 2013; there are so many things we can't change or control, much as want to think we can. In our humanity we are terribly vulnerable and frail; we can't even manage the weather. We want to stay with what is comfortable and familiar but sometimes we are swept up into events that we would never want to have to deal with. Figuratively speaking there are giants, dragons and trolls that we will all have to encounter; maybe redundancy, divorce, bereavement, a confrontation that we must have to stay true to ourselves. As a christian I increasingly realise I am totally dependant on God for everything. The prophet Daniel wrote,

‘...the people who know God shall prove themselves strong and shall stand firm and do exploits.’ (Daniel 11v32)

If ever the world needed heroes and champions it is now. Shakespeare put it this way, ‘cometh the hour, cometh the man.’ Not all will be well known and celebrated, some will be hidden from sight, but at the beginning of 2013 I sense God is holding out an invitation to us all, ‘will you come on an adventure with me?’ It might require

more courage and sacrifice than we could realise at the outset but God will be with us every step of the way, and we might just change the world.

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I hope you all had a very good Christmas and New Year. Our Parish annual Christmas lunch was at the Lifeboat Inn, Thornham. It was a wonderful occasion with great ambience and delicious festive fare. Thanks go to all the staff involved for making it a very special day.



The annual Christmas Lunch at the Lifeboat Inn

We have several regular groups in the parish. The Rosary prayer group meet every Monday afternoon at 2pm in Dersingham. A Mothers' prayers group meet every second Monday afternoon at 2.30pm in Hunstanton and there is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday afternoon between 4pm and 5pm at the Convent.

The Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI announced that the Catholic Church will celebrate a Year of Faith from 11 October 2012 - 24 November 2013. He is encouraging people to read the Catechism and the documents from Vatican II and to read about the Saints. There are lots of talks and lectures, retreats and pilgrimages and other things planned around the Diocese. You can find more information at www.yearoffaith.org.uk.

Our daily Masses are usually held at 9am at St Theresa's Convent, 27 Sandringham Road, Hunstanton on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday and at 10.15am at St Cecilia's, Dersingham on Wednesday. These are subject to change, so please check Church notice boards, website or phone. Sunday Masses are 9am at Dersingham and 11am at Hunstanton.

Everyone, whether Catholic or not, is welcome to all of our services and social occasions. We have refreshments after the 11am Mass every Sunday and after 10.15 Mass every Wednesday. There are also refreshments after the 9am Mass on the first Sunday of the month at Dersingham. Please come along, you will be most welcome.

Greetings from the manse,

During World War II a young sailor struck up a pen pal relationship with a woman he had never met. The way it happened was that one day he was in the library getting a book, when he noticed that there were pencil notations in the margin. And they were so profound and loving that he decided then and there that he would have to meet the person who wrote such beautiful thoughts. He went to the librarian and got the name and address of the woman who had written those lovely words. The day after his introductory letter to her as a pen pal, he was shipped overseas. But for the next year the two corresponded regularly back and forth, exchanging great deal of pleasure in revealing their deepest thoughts. At different times the sailor asked for a picture of his correspondent but he never received one. Still, their feelings for each other grew.

It was finally time for him to return home. He and his pen pal decided they would meet at seven o'clock, and a rendezvous was arranged for a London Railway Station. How would he know her? She wrote back that he would know her by the red rose she would wear in her lapel. Well, shortly after the young man entered the station, a tall, beautiful blonde in a pale green suit sauntered by. Almost magnetically, the lonely young man was drawn toward this woman and her alluring vitality and sensuality. She smiled at him and even murmured, "Going my way, sailor?" as she passed by.

But her spell over him was broken when he suddenly saw behind her a woman wearing a red rose in her lapel. His heart sank because she was as plain as the blonde had been stunning. She was fortyish, roundish, greyish, but with two sparkling eyes in a gentle face. As the blonde walked away, the young sailor hesitated for a moment, but then turned his back on her beauty and strode over to the simple woman who was wearing the red rose in her lapel.

Looking at her, he faced the disappointed realization that their relationship could never really be a romantic one. And yet, on the other hand, he was buoyed by the memory of their letters and of the prospect of having at least a lifelong friend, one whose wit and spirituality and intelligence he already knew from their correspondence.

The young sailor introduced himself and suggested that they go out to dinner. But the woman just smiled at him with amusement and told him, "I don't know what this is all about, son, but the young woman in the green suit who just went by begged me to wear this rose on my coat. And she said that if you were to ask me out to dinner, she's waiting for you in the restaurant across the road. She said it was some kind of a test."

Some of the tests we face in life are not so pleasant. We worry and face problems with family, friends and neighbours; with health and illness and looking after folks; with jobs and security, houses and finance. In truth we can feel tested in some many ways and doubtless you and I will have been in the past year even as we may be right in thinking new issues will surface alongside the ones we will carry over into the New Year. There is a little prayer that you might find a helpful encouragement as we move into 2013. Sometimes it is called the 'prayer of serenity.'

God grant me the courage to change the things that I can change;
the serenity to accept those things I cannot change;
and the wisdom to know the difference. Amen.

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St. Edmund's Christmas Singalong

Barbara Wingrove,
Musical director

The Christmas Singalong at St. Edmund's Parish Church, Hunstanton, in December was a rousing success, with around 70 performers, ranging in age from seven to nearly ninety, taking part.

The Singalongers' chorus led a large and enthusiastic audience in a mixture of lively carols and seasonal chart-toppers, raising the roof with the final items – Wizzard's "I wish it could be Christmas every day" and Slade's "Merry Christmas Everybody".



The Singalongers' chorus

Other contrasting highlights of the evening included "Gabriel's Message" performed by musicians from Redgate Junior School



Redgate Junior School

(with sensitive solos from flautist Elysia Wakeling and singer Ursula France), the evocative interpretation of "In the bleak midwinter" by singers from Glebe House School, with Jemima Bostrum's subtle flute accompaniment, and the bouncy a capella rendering of "Shepherds in the field by night" from St. Edmund's own Church Choir.



Glebe House School

Hunstanton Concert Brass supported us most ably throughout the programme, setting toes tapping in their featured item "Stop the Cavalry"; the group's trumpet player Katrina Barrow coquettishly reprised Eartha Kitt's vocal role in "Santa Baby".

A big "thank you" must go to all who helped behind the scenes to make this event so successful – in publicity and printing, shifting of equipment and refreshments; particular thanks here are due to Alyson and Paul of Moss Bakery, Hunstanton, for their generous donation of mince pies, sausage rolls and cheese savouries. Proceeds of the event were shared between the Norfolk Hospice Tapping House and St. Edmund's Church.

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Spinney Development

On Friday the 14th of December, the first public meeting was held at the community centre. Although the weather was appalling with high winds and torrential rain the turnout was amazing with the now customary high turnout of interested people from Hunstanton and around.

In attendance were the consultants Wynne-Williams Associates, Jemma Curtis, the Regeneration Officer for the Borough Council of

King's Lynn and West Norfolk, Cllr. Liz Watson, Chair of the Regeneration Project Team and many other Town and Boro' councillors.

The Chamber of Trade and other businesses in the area also had their chance to put forward their point of view.

The Team had already had consultations with the junior and senior schools in the Town earlier that day.

Much constructive discussion was entered into and consensus appeared to be being achieved.



HUNSTANTON'S CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

From small beginnings three years ago when just twelve trees were displayed, the Christmas Tree Festival, organised by Hunstanton and District Festival of Arts has grown to fill the Town Hall with no fewer than twenty eight trees on show from a wide variety of local organisations and community groups.

The ingenuity and ideas for decoration are truly awe inspiring. I found it difficult to choose my favourite, and there isn't space to describe them all so here are a few highlights:

Methodist Church: A tree and all its decorations made from knitted squares - after the festival this will be taken apart and all the squares used to make a blanket.

Northfields Allotments: Little buckets, carrots for baubles and a trowel on top, complete with model garden, greenhouse and vegetables.

Hunstanton Infants: A tree covered in baubles made by the pupils and featuring a photo of each child.

Royal British Legion: A white tree covered in poppies - very striking
Norfolk Wildlife Trust: A tree made from pieces of wood, twigs and dried seedheads.

Hunstanton Town Council: Spot your Councillor - each snowman on the tree depicting a Town Councillor or officer.

And lastly, who couldn't smile and the blue flashing lights on the Police tree!



HENRY'S TOWN

Mary Rhodes

I was delighted to be invited back to Hunstanton to unveil one of the portraits of Henry L'Estrange on 150th anniversary of his untimely death.

My visit made me think about this kind and sensitive man and the embryo of a town he left behind. At the time of his fatal heart attack there was no town to speak of, just a few essential buildings were up and running - a bank, an estate agents, a grocer, a Railway Hotel, the New Inn (later renamed the Golden Lion), and a row of workers cottages and that was about it. It is probably the saddest thing ever to befall Hunstanton - this sudden and completely unexpected death in his mid-forties, of a seemingly healthy and crucially important man. It was particularly poignant as it came just as the culmination of his dreams was about to be realised.

Apart from being a devastating blow to his family, there must have been a feeling of despair and concern for the future of the new town but, fortunately, Henry's eldest son, Hamon, was fully aware of his father's plans and was able to step into the breach, throwing to the wind all hope of his own career in the Diplomatic Service.

The new town of Hunstanton St Edmund could not begin until the railway arrived. Henry had battled hard for a number of years to achieve a line from King's Lynn and it was nearing completion at the time of his death. From the beginning of the construction, the plans for the layout of the town were finalised and housing plots were marked out ready for would-be purchasers. The first road where the few early buildings were took the name of L'Estrange Terrace. Alongside this, a row of workers houses, the Charlebury Buildings, were built to the south, bordering the railway line.

Gradually private houses were constructed and people moved in. Some of these folk were businessmen from King's Lynn, such as Winlove the baker, and the entrepreneur John William Beeton, who were quick to realise the potential for trade and others, who were prominent figures, such as Dyker Thew, the Lynn Newspaper proprietor and an ex-mayor and William Patrick, a timber merchant and also an ex-mayor. Both these experienced men became members of the newly formed Parochial Council and were influential in giving valuable and helpful advice. A few people moved in from the surrounding villages, among them my grandfather, Samuel Bond, who came from Ringstead to open a butcher's shop. A road of larger houses was built running up the hill from Charlebury Buildings to accommodate the first wave of holidaymakers. This road became Westgate and the holiday trade made a tentative start.

Among the early arrivals was a smattering of the Norfolk gentry. The Bagge family from Mintlyn near Gaywood built a house in a prime position bordering the Green and facing the sea and named it "Mintlyn Lodge". A little further along the Lee Warners lived in a house named "Cliff End" which changed to "Pierpoint" after the construction of the pier. Some years later the Cresswells built the imposing "Garden House", but being a new town with no indigenous population, people from outside had to be encouraged to move in. To this end, widespread advertisements were put in local papers in many areas and were also displayed at the main railway stations along the route. (Actually, advertising the town had been going on from as early as 1843). The idea of moving to a prospective seaside resort was an attractive proposition and people came from all over the country. Gradually more houses were built and the holiday trade got underway, largely run by strangers who were unfamiliar, both to the area and to each other. It seems to have been the custom to name your house with the name of the place from which you came. When my sister and I were small children it was something of a geography lesson to walk up and down the Avenues reading out the names in the glass panels above the front

doors, and then looking them up in the atlas when we got home.

In White's Directory for 1891 house names are recorded along with the names of the people living there. The following list is taken from the directory:

Dorset House - Adcock
Woburn House - Almond/Green
Wisbech House - Archer
Salisbury Cottage - Begley
Marlborough House - Blow
Cowley House - Blundel
Peterborough House - Bowling
Cambridge House - Buck
Sheldon House - Dabbs
Hatfield House - Cawston
St Owen's Lodge - Wicks
Leicester House - Day
Charmouth House - Leach
Luton Cottage - Kendrick
Mordaunt Lodge - Neep
Scarborough House - Nelson
Norwich House - Parsons
Brighton House - Porter
Mansfield House - Robinson
Eton Lodge - Smythe
St Heliers - Spencer
Burleigh House - Baker
Windsor House - Southgate
Rothsay Lodge - Weeks
Surbiton Lodge - Whales
Chester House - Sutton

This is by no means a complete list but it gives a flavour of early Hunstanton. I have often wondered if there are any descendants of these pioneering first residents still living in the town.

Editor's note: If anyone reading Mary's article is a descendant and would like to be put in touch with her, please write in the first instance to: The Editor, Hunstanton Newsletter PO Box 9 Hunstanton PE36 9AE. I will forward your details to her.

Another letter to the editor...

Hunstanton recreation ground

I am writing to complain about the Hunstanton Playground.

The facilities like the swings and the slides are covered in bird poo!! and also the little roundabout is rusty and old. There is no new things in the playground, me and my little sister are also complaining to the Council. We think that it's unfair for us kids not to have more fun in the play ground.

I also think that there is lots of rubbish all over the play ground. I am an eco councillor and I think the playground is not eco friendly. A playground should be a place where people can hang out and I think that should be some clean benches for us to sit on.

There is a park that we go in North Wootton. There are also fitness things for adults to go on as well also Dersingham.

Our Playground is old, boring and unclean, do the many children of Hunstanton not deserve something better?

Shirley and Asia Boswell



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Gerarde Ellis



Of all the slow cooked lamb stew dishes this has to be my favorite. I understand that it is normally cooked in two stages, initially adding a few vegetables with the meat to make the stock, then after 90 minutes adding the rest of the vegetables and the potatoes. This is my version that saves a little time and seems to work rather well. Instead of using the traditional rolled bacon collar I managed to purchase a 500g bag of bacon offcuts from my butcher in Dersingham, which only costs about £1.50. I would not salt this dish as you will find that you get enough salt out of the bacon.

Time to make two hours. Costs approximately £13.00 and feeds 6.

To a large pot add;

500g bacon offcuts

500g middle neck of lamb

4 celery sticks (chopped)

4 small turnips (chopped)

250g of carrots (chopped)

250g of leeks (chopped)

250g of onions (chopped)

450g of potatoes cut to about the size of a golf ball

a good sprig of fresh parsley, thyme and a bay leaf

15 black pepper corns

Add enough cold water just to cover the stew and bring to a simmer for about 90 minutes remembering to skim the froth off the top of the stew regularly so as to give you a nice clear broth.

After 90 minutes add

200g of green cabbage, a savoy will do the job.

200g of fresh broad beans or tinned butter beans

And cook for a further 15 minutes and serve.

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or

A LIGHT FANTASTIC

Peter J James

The next night I knew that it couldn't have been a dream. I really *did* see that rainbow-coloured van, emblazoned with the words 'Woolsthorpe Electrical' on the side, parked outside Hunstanton's Princess Theatre. Its quaintly dressed driver was gazing up at the prism-shaped vestibule roof, taking measurements and muttering something that sounded like '*hypothesis non fingo*', but I could have been mistaken.

As night fell it all began to make sense as I watched, transfixed, as the glazing bars of the vestibule roof were gently and sequentially bathed with the seven colours of the spectrum. This adagio through the rainbow was soothing, compelling and highly appropriate.

Appropriate because this 'Light Fantastic' was being staged in the vestibule of an auditorium. A vestibule is an entrance and the scali vestibuli is where sound waves enter the inner ear which, in turn, is part of the auditory apparatus. This comes into its own in the 'auditorium' where sounds are produced and registered and, of course it is where auditions are held. However, that prismatic roof is the focus of our attention and, in order to understand its significance, we must travel sixty miles south-west to Cambridge and to the Fitzwilliam Museum in which hangs a painting by the Venetian artist, Giovanni Battista Pittoni (1687-1767).

The painting is called '*An Allegorical Monument to Sir Isaac Newton*' and it depicts his famous *experimentum crucis* of splitting white light into a coloured spectrum using a glass prism. Newton himself described it as '...a very pleasing divertisement..' and now that ...pleasing divertisement..' has been allegorically recreated in the prismatic roof of the theatre vestibule by courtesy, I understand, of a new technology from Phillips, thus providing Hunstanton with its very own living '*Allegorical Monument to Sir Isaac Newton*'.

What connection does Newton's '...pleasing divertisement..' have with my earlier point about sounds? The clue lies in the 'Chromatic Scale' and the way musicians talk of the 'colour' of a piece of music. The seventeenth century French friar, Marin Mersenne derived a mathematical expression for the pitch of a vibrating string based on its tension, thickness and length. Furthermore, he noted that pleasing harmonies, or consonances, were the result of two strings vibrating in a certain fixed ratio. The idea of harmony and proportion stretched back to antiquity and the use of musical intervals of the octave, the fourth and fifth are usually attributed to Pythagoras and his interpreters. Indeed, the whole cosmos had been created and could therefore be understood in terms of harmony and proportion - 'the Music of the Spheres'. Mathematics lay at the base of all things and the concept of the octave, St Augustine believed, had been implanted in the mind of man to enable him to better understand Divine Creation and, consequently, was also the instrument of Redemption. There were, however, problems which arose due to the Pythagorean division of the octave being unsuitable for playing the polyphonic music which developed from the fifteenth century onwards. Whilst 'the Music of the Spheres' might have been based on simple ratios of integers, in the imperfect sublunar world of the human voice and man-made instruments, some compromise had to be reached in the matching of consonances.

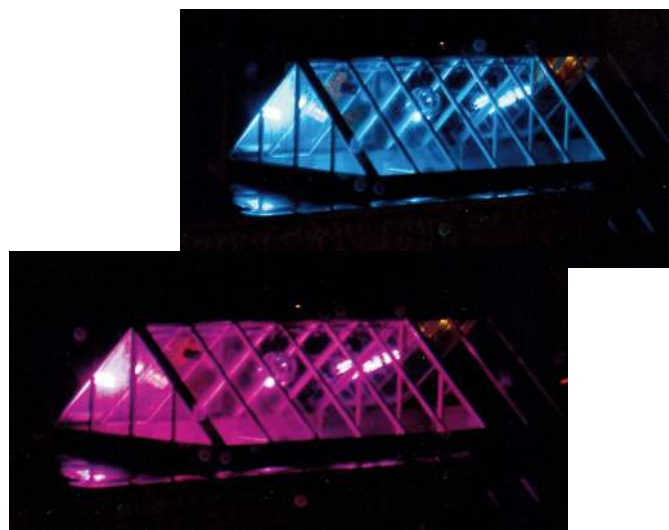
Many attempts were made to produce what musicians call a 'just intonation scale'. Galileo's father being responsible for one of them. All the solutions were, however, *ad hoc* compromises with no philosophical/mathematical justification. The problem still 'lay on the table' when Isaac Newton began to take an interest. Newton, unlike

the Galileos, father and son, was no musician and his interest was purely theoretical but he was convinced that, by using the correct sort of mathematics, the problem could be solved. For Newton, not surprisingly, the answer lay in the use of continuous quantities and he worked out all the combinations of the seven diatonic notes and the twelve chromatic ones. The sequence of ratios between one of these sets formed a palindrome, in other words, they were symmetrical and this, for Newton, was the key. In his own words:

'...as harmony and discord of sounds proceed from the proportion of the aereal vibrations, so may the harmony of some colours...and the discord of others..proceed from the proportions of the aethereal. And possibly colour may be distinguished into its principal degrees, Red, Orange, Green, Blew, Indigo and Deep Violet on the same ground that sound within an eighth (octave) is graduated into tones.' (1675).

If, he argued, the chromatic scale was the natural division of the octave which generated the harmonies and the discords, and that both light and sound depended on vibrations excited in the ether, then the spectrum and the chromatic scale *must* match.

Consequently, the seven intervals of the chromatic scale *had* to correspond with the colours of the spectrum. Up to that time, however, only four or five colours were recognised and Newton was forced to add orange and indigo to the traditional red, yellow, green, blue and, arguably, violet, in order to achieve the required correspondence. Orange neatly adds the semitone. E/F and indigo that between B/C. As a result, we can enjoy Newton's '...pleasing divertisement...' of seven colours at the Princess but take his '*hypothesis non fingo*' at slightly less than face value.



Codetta

The story goes that, as he was passing a smithy, Pythagoras was intrigued by the sound of hammers of different weights striking the anvil. Subsequent experiments convinced him that certain weight ratios produced more harmonious tones than others and, from this, he built up the first musical scale.

Perhaps the Princess theatre might consider staging the third act of Verdi's '*Il Trovatore*' with its famous 'Anvil Chorus'. As the hammers strike, an octave apart, the colours of Newton's eighth, the octave, could be made to dance round the auditorium neatly completing his 'Natural Analogy' between sound and light.



From left Town Clerk Lisa Powell, Cllr Richard Bird, Cllr Elaine Clutton (Mayor of Hunstanton) and Judge Sally Paramour

SIMPLY THE BEST

The 2012 EDP Pride in Norfolk awards were presented at County Hall in an event opened by Cllr. Ian Monson, the County Council Chairman.

The competition is organised by Norfolk County Council, sponsored by the EDP and supported by the Norfolk branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England, the Norfolk Federation of Women's Institutes, the Norfolk Rural Community Council and the Norfolk Association of Local Councils. There are five categories, based on the size of the population, plus three special awards presented by the sponsors.

For the second year running, in the under-5,000 category Hunstanton was victorious. The prize was collected by Hunstanton Mayor Cllr. Elaine Clutton and Hunstanton Town Clerk Lisa Powell, who said: "We have a really good community spirit and when it is recognised with an award like this, it gives you that extra buzz. As soon as we found out we had won, it spread like wildfire around the town. Everyone was excited about it and talking about what we'll need to do to win it again next year."

Editor's note: Two photographs were supplied and one of them wasn't great of our Town Clerk Lisa. Ever the gentleman, Richard agreed to let me publish this one!

Redgate Junior & Hunstanton Infant School

Christmas Fair

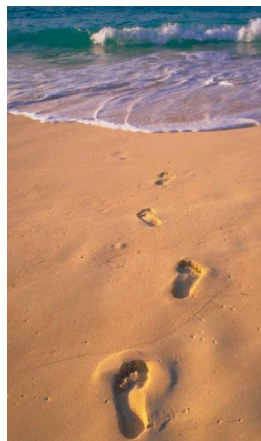
The PTA/Friends of the School organised the annual Christmas Fair at Redgate School that took place on 6th December.

Braving a bitterly cold afternoon John Henry Roper manned the Teacup Ride outside whilst stalls, games, face painting, pottery painting and of course Father Christmas in his grotto stayed warm inside. £1007 was raised at the fair so thank you to everyone involved and everyone to come along and spent their money.

Choir

The choir, who have been meeting at Redgate on Mondays recently took part in the Christmas Cracker and are about to go out and about to supermarkets, residential care homes and the Singalong at St Edmund's Church before Christmas.





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Paul Barnett and members of the Kings Oak teams in the Hunstanton Showroom opposite the High Street and the Kings Lynn Showroom in Bergen Way – are the perfect design partners, whatever your ideal room needs to be. Thirty years of providing top quality, bespoke and individually designed fitted furniture ensures that, whatever you can imagine for the perfect bedroom, bathroom, dressing room, study, media room or kitchen – you CAN have.

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All you need to do is visit a Kings Oak Showroom and see the stunning displays of kitchens, bathrooms, studies, media rooms and children's rooms, to fire your imagination. You will be made instantly welcome and the helpful showroom teams are always happy to give you as much insight and information as you need even if you are ‘only looking’.

Thanks to the wide variety of styles, colours, finishes, options and accessories, ‘only looking’ usually turns into booking a design meeting with Paul or one of his team. In no time, you will be looking at drawings of bespoke, fitted furniture designed exclusively around your ideas and life-style requirements. Then, you can visit the factory on the North Lynn Industrial Estate if you would like to, to see your units being made by craftsmen who have worked with Kings Oak for years. Finally, you can see those unique units installed in your home by fitters who take pride in their work and who always clear up at the end of the day.

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As Paul says, “My teams and I are proud of our skills as designers and crafts-people, so everyone is welcome to visit and see for themselves what makes Kings Oak unique. On behalf of Kings Oak – Happy New Year to all!”

WHAT'S ON REGULAR EVENTS

CC = Conservative Club	OLSE = Our Lady & St Edmund's Catholic Church
GHS = Glebe House School	RJS = Redgate Junior School
HCC = Hunstanton Community Centre, Avenue Rd	SEC = St Edmund's Church
HPH = Heacham Public Hall	SECH = St Edmund's Church Hall
HSG = Hunstanton Scout & Guide HQ, York Ave	SHS = Smithdon High School
HTH = Hunstanton Town Hall	SMC = St Mary's Church, Old Hunstanton
HIS = Hunstanton Infants School	TC = The Convent, Sandringham Road
LSAH = Le Strange Arms Hotel	TWCC = The Way Christian Centre, Downs Close
MC = Methodist Church, Austin St	UC-C = Union Church - Crypt
MCH = Methodist Church Hall, Austin St	UC-H = Union Church - Hall
OHSC = Old Hunstanton Social Club	USC = United Services Club, Homefields Road
OLC = Oasis Leisure Centre	

MONDAYS

1st HUNSTANTON CUB SCOUTS - Monday 6.45 – 8 pm Age 8-10
Tel: Lesley Doherty 01553 679211 (HSG)

1st HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT SENIOR SECTION Girls 14+
Contact Dawn Davies 07729 952297

AL-ANON Family Group - Support meetings for relatives and friends of problem drinkers at Union Church 10.30am - Confidential Helpline
Tel: 0207 403 0888 www.al-anonuk.org.uk (UCH)

CARPET BOWLS 2pm All Welcome Tel Wallace Ward 01485 570138 (MCH)

CHILD HEALTH BABY CLINIC (BABY CLINIC) Pathways, Children's Centre, Avenue Road, Hunstanton. Tel: 01485 534228 - 2-3.30pm 1st Monday of each month

FOLK DANCING – Brancaster Staithe Village Hall 7.30pm 2nd/3rd Monday in month. Tel: Janet Bowles 01485 210587

GOLDSTAR BOXING CLUB - (Boys and Men only) Mondays Tuesday Wednesdays & Friday 6pm to 7.30 pm Unit 11 Heacham Hall Ind Units Tel: Baz 07989390868

HUNSTANTON BRIDGE CLUB - Mon & Wed - 7.00pm - Tel: John Savidge 01485 572121 (CC)

HUNSTANTON CHILDREN'S CENTRE - CHILDMINDER GROUP - (term time only) from 9.30 - 11.30 a.m. at Hunstanton Children's Centre. Cost £1.50 per session. Tel: Linda 01485 534228
HUNSTANTON CROQUET CLUB Recreation Ground, Playing season: March – October Tel: Derek Cole 01553 630217

HUNSTANTON COASTGUARD, Unit 2c, Hunstanton Commercial Park - 7pm - 9pm - Tel: Robert Frost on 077 0279 5794

HUNSTANTON SEA EAGLES Swimming Club ASA affiliated. Coach Jennifer Savage 07796501337. Pool training 6pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. (GHS)

KING'S LYNN SEA CADETS - Mon & Thurs, St Margaret's Lane, King's Lynn - 7.00pm - 9.30pm - Tel: 01553 771441

MUSTARD SEED HEALING ROOM St Edmund's Terrace
10am-4pm

PAWS OBEDIENCE DOG TRAINING 7-9pm Tel Rex Makemson 01485 543017 (MCH)

RONIN COMBAT ACADEMY - Kids (6-13 years) 7pm - 8pm - Adults 8pm - 9pm - Tel: 01366 386597 or 07813 590104 (OLC)
SCOUTS at Heacham Scout HQ Monday 7.30 – 9.30pm 10-14 years Tel: Jill Ratcliffe & Richard Gowen 01485 535130 or 07799138014
UNITED SERVICES CLUB, Homefields Road - Bingo – Monday & Thursday, Disco – Friday, Live music – Friday & Saturday Family Karaoke - Sunday Tel: 01485 533360 (USC)

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE - 3rd Mon in month - 2pm - Tel: 01485 533579 Norma Ham (HCC)

YOGA FOR HEALTH 7pm Tel: Val Rybak 01485 533673 (RJS)

TUESDAYS

1st HUNSTANTON GUIDES - 5.30pm - 7.00pm - Girls aged 10-14 - Tel: Jan Wiegand 01485 532743 (UCH)

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE POKER, No Limit Texas Holdem 7.30pm
£5 07795201964 New members welcome (CC)

COMMUNITY CHOIR 7.00pm - 8.30pm No experience necessary/no auditions £3. Tel: Claire 07817 768552. (GHS)

GOLDSTAR BOXING CLUB - SEE MONDAY FOR DETAILS
HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT LADIES LUNCHEON CLUB - Various Venues - 1st Tues of month - 12.30pm for 1pm - Tel: Bridget Hyde 01485 544354

HUNSTANTON ART CLASS - 8-10pm Tel: Jacky Hutson 01485 512317 to book. £7.50 per class (HSG)

HUNSTANTON CIVIC SOCIETY - 3rd Tuesday in month 7.30pm
Tel: Martin Chown 01485 532223 (HTH)

HUNSTANTON DAY CENTRE - 9.30am - 4pm - Tel: Mrs Pam Reynolds 01485 533859 (HCC)

HUNSTANTON SEA EAGLES See MONDAY for details.

HUNSTANTON STROKE SUPPORT GROUP 10.30-12.30

Nina Allenbury 07976 807826 £1 (MCH)

HUNSTANTON TANG SOO DO CLUB - Tues 6-8pm - Fri 6.30-8.30pm - 5yrs + £3 a session Tel: Ian 0780 6622154 (SHS)

LIP READING CLASSES 1.30 – 3.30pm Tel Doris Peck 0844 800 8002 mini-com 0844 800 8011

www.adulteducationcatalogue.norfolk.gov.uk (MCH)

ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION - Hunstanton Branch - 4th Tuesday in month 7.30pm Tel: John Welford (Sec) 01485 533988 (OHSC)

ST EDMUND'S CHURCH - Weekday Eucharist SEE SUNDAYS FOR DETAILS

ST JOHN AMBULANCE at St John Hall, Tuesday 7.30 – 9pm
UNION CHURCH HUNSTANTON BAPTIST/URC – Bible Study 7.30pm 01485 532471

SLIMMING WORLD - 6.30pm St Mary's Church Hall, Heacham
Tel: 01485 528796 Julie Goddard

TAI CHI CLASSES at OLC - Beginners and improvers. Tuesdays (7pm to 8pm), Thursdays (2pm to 3pm), Fridays (10am to 11am AND 11am-noon) - Email: westnorfolktaichi@hotmail.co.uk

TWO LEGS FOUR LEGS canine behaviour and training 7.30pm Tel Samantha Grove 07754 520633 sam@twolegsfourlegs.co.uk (MCH)

YOGA - 10am - 11.30am Tues & Thurs - £2 per session all proceeds to St Edmunds Church - Tel: Pam 01485 534782 (SECH)

WEIGHT WATCHERS - Dersingham at St Cecilia's Church Hall, Mountbatten Road Tuesday 10am to noon Heacham at the Old Friends Hall, Sunnyside Close Tuesday evenings 6pm to 8pm - Tel Leader: 01328 821366

WEST NORFOLK TAI CHI CHUAN - Tues 7pm - 8pm - Nice and Gentle Tai Chi - Friday 10am - 11am - Tel: Oasis 01485 534227/542888 or email Glenn Belton westnorfolktaichi@hotmail.co.uk (OLC)

WEDNESDAYS

1st HUNSTANTON RAINBOWS - 4.20pm - 5.30pm - Girls aged 5-7 - Tel: 01485 534107 (UCH)

3rd HUNSTANTON BROWNIES - 6.00pm - 7.30pm - Girls aged 7-10 - Tel: Dawn Davies 07729 952297

(UCH)

FIRE CADETS - Hunstanton Fire Station 7-9pm. Boys & girls 13+. Call 07919 492294 for information.

GOLDEN TORC EXPLORER SCOUTS, Ridleys Hall, Snettisham - 1st and 3rd Wed - 7.30pm - 9pm - Tel: Vanessa Gollaglee 01485 533278

GOLDSTAR BOXING CLUB - see MONDAY FOR DETAILS

HUNSTANTON ART CLUB - 9am - noon (SECH)

HUNSTANTON BRIDGE CLUB - see MONDAYS

HUNSTANTON CROQUET CLUB - see MONDAYS

HUNSTANTON JUDO CLUB - 6pm - 7.30pm - Tel: 01485 542888/534307 (SHS)

HUNSTANTON LADIES CLUB - 3rd Wednesday 2pm USC

HUNSTANTON SEA EAGLES See MONDAY for details.

NNER WHEEL CLUB, HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT - 1st Wed in Month excl August—7pm Linda King Tel: 01485 542975 (LSAH)

KERRY'S SCHOOL OF TAE KWON-DO - 6-7.30 mixed ability class age 5+ First lesson free. Contact: Kerry Sandle 2nd Degree Black Belt 07825556472/01485 532386 (GHS)

LYNN ADULT SWIMMING CLUB - 9 p.m. at St James Swimming Pool, Kings Lynn. (First lesson free) Contact: Sonia 01553 675548/Pat 01553 674370

LYNN HEART SUPPORT GROUP - affiliated to the British Heart Foundation 1st Weds Masonic Rooms, Kings Lynn at 7.30 p.m Ann Wilson <bobann@hunny16.wanadoo.co.uk

LYNN HUMANISTS For thoughtful discussion meetings and the alternatives to the faiths please telephone 07818870215

PAWS OBEDIENCE DOG TRAINING 1-3pm Tel Rex Makemson 01485 543017 (MCH)

QUILTERS' QUARTERS patchwork group alternate Wednesday mornings from 10am to 12.30pm. (MCH)

For any more details, please phone Chris 01485 535287.

ROTARY CLUB HUNSTANTON - 12.30pm for 1pm (except 5th Wed in month then 7pm for 7.30pm). Contact: John Hornsby-Bates 01485 535333

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - 1st Wed in month (excl August) - 7.30pm - Tel: 01485 544397 (USC)

ST EDMUND'S CHURCH - Weekday Eucharist SEE SUNDAYS FOR DETAILS

TIME 4 A YARN Knitting & crocheting group 2-4pm contact Pauline Scotney 01485 535001 (MCH)

UNION CHURCH HUNSTANTON BAPTIST/URC - Coffee Morning & Sale 9.15-11.45am

THURSDAYS

1st HUNSTANTON BEAVERS - 6.00pm - 7.15pm - Age 5 ¾ - 8 ½ - Tel: Charlotte 07837698653 Michaela: 07788888921 (HSG)

1st HUNSTANTON SCOUTS - 7.30pm - Tel: Mark Larman 07775620079 (HSG)

CATHOLIC CHURCH - Weekday Mass 9am (TC) see SUNDAYS

HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT CAMERA CLUB -

Community Building, Freebridge Housing, Sunnyside Close, Heacham 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month - contact: Chris Holt 01485 541534

HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB - 2nd Thurs of month - Tel: Ken Lawson 01485 532163 (LSAH)

HUNSTANTON CHILDREN'S CENTRE - PARENT & TODDLER GROUP - (term time only) from 9.30am - 11.30am at Hunstanton Children's Centre. Cost £1.50 per session. Tel: Keelie Howe 532441

HUNSTANTON CHILDREN'S CENTRE - PARENT & BABY GROUP - (term time only) from 12.45pm - 2.45pm at Hunstanton Children's Centre. Cost £1 per session. Tel: Linda 01485 534228

HUNSTANTON FOOTBALL CLUB - 7.00pm - Tel: Dave Baxter

01485 534213 or 077750628255

HUNSTANTON GARDENER'S ASSOCIATION - 3rd Thurs in winter months - Tel: June Hammond 01485 535763 (HCC)

KING'S LYNN SEA CADETS - see MONDAYS FOR DETAILS

NORFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST TALKS subjects as advertised in the Newsletter, 4th Thursday each month 7.30pm Tel Mike Batchelor 01485 534116 mickbatch@btinternet.com (MCH)

ST EDMUND'S MOTHERS UNION - 3rd Thurs in the month - at 2pm (2nd Thurs from Jan 2011) Tel: Sandra Robinson 01485 532012 (SECH)

TAI CHI CLASSES at OLC - SEE TUESDAYS FOR DETAILS

TREFOIL GUILD - 1st Thurs of the month - 2-4pm at the Methodist Church Hall, Heacham - Tel: Sec: Christine Crisp 01485 579440

UNITED SERVICES CLUB - see MONDAYS FOR DETAILS

WEIGHT WATCHERS - from 6.30pm Tel: Emma Todd-Ward 01553 660819 (MCH)

WI HUNSTANTON - 4th Thurs of month - 2.15pm - Tel: Mrs. Mavis Windibank 01485 572254 (MCH)

YOGA - see TUESDAYS FOR DETAILS

FRIDAYS

BURNHAMS BRIDGE CLUB: Burnham Market & Norton Village Hall. Friday afternoon, Winter 1330 - 1630, rest of year 1400 -1700. Relaxed Chicago Bridge. Contact Jerry Clark 01328 730525 or Glenn Green 01328 730023

CARPET BOWLS 2pm All Welcome Tel Wallace Ward 01485 570138 (MCH)

CATHOLIC CHURCH - Weekday Mass 9am (TC) see SUNDAYS FOR DETAILS

GOLDSTAR BOXING CLUB - SEE MONDAY FOR DETAILS

HUNSTANTON CONCERT BAND (UC-C) 7.30pm Tel: Alf Ball 01485 535916

HUNSTANTON CROQUET CLUB - see MONDAYS for details

HUNSTANTON TANG SOO DO CLUB - see TUESDAYS FOR DETAILS

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION - 3rd Fri in month (excl January) - 7.30pm - Tel: L Witton 01485 572211 (USC)

TAI CHI CLASSES at OLC - SEE TUESDAYS FOR DETAILS

UNION CHURCH - Friday Morning Fellowship 10am (UC-H)

UNITED SERVICES CLUB - see MONDAY ENTRY FOR DETAILS

WEST NORFOLK TAI CHI CHUAN & nice and gentle Tai Chi- see TUESDAY FOR DETAILS

SATURDAYS

GOLDSTAR BOXING CLUB - see MONDAY FOR DETAILS

HUNSTANTON CROQUET CLUB - see MONDAYS FOR DETAILS

IDENTITY - Christian Youth Group meets the third Saturday of each month. Children aged 10-14, cost £1 at Dersingham Church Hall.

More info from Steve -- on 07425145887

ST EDMUND'S CHURCH - Weekday Eucharist SEE SUNDAYS FOR DETAILS

UNITED SERVICES CLUB - see MONDAYS FOR DETAILS SUNDAYS

CATHOLIC CHURCH - Mass 11am (OLSE) Tel: Parish Priest Fr Michael Ryan, 81 Mountbatten Road, Dersingham 01485 543818

METHODIST CHURCH - MORNING WORSHIP All Welcome 10.30am AFTERNOON WORSHIP 2nd and 4th Sundays All Welcome

4pm Tel Rev Kim Nally 01485 570232 knally@supanet.com (MC)

RNLI, Boathouse, Sea Lane, Old Hunstanton - 9am - 12 noon - Tel: Robin Rafferty 01485 532145 OR 07771 662978

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Tuesday 7pm, Wednesday 10.30am, Saturday 9am

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Sundays. On the fifth Sunday there is a Benifice service so for more information please see the notice in the Church Porch. There is a service of Holy Communion at 9.30am on each Thursday. The Church is always open and we extend a very warm welcome to you at any of our services.

THE WAY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP - 11am - Tel: Gordon & Gill Tanner 01485 534226 or www.thewaycf.org.uk (TWCC)

UNION CHURCH HUNSTANTON BAPTIST/URC - Sunday Morning Family Service: 10.30am - Tuesday Eve Bible Study: 7.30pm - Wednesday Coffee Morning & Sale: 9.15am - 11.45am - Friday Morning Fellowship: 10am - Tel: Rev David Hulse 01485 532471 or Mrs Joanna Fort (Sec) 01485 534129 Email: joannaunionchurch@yahoo.com

UNITED SERVICES CLUB - see MONDAYS FOR DETAILS

WEST NORFOLK CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS - outdoor practical wildlife conservation work in West Norfolk. Meets fortnightly on sites for tasks throughout the year. Tel: John Loveless 01553 765434

OTHER ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

Cliff Parade Bowls Club, The Bowling Green Cliff Parade - 19 April to Sept Tel: Neville Saville (President) 01485 532760 - Basil Johnson (Sec) 01485 533096

Craft Fairs Town Hall Tel: Lorraine Cannell 01553 671191

Hunstanton Bowls Club Cromer Road, - End of April - 1st week September Tel: P.J Earnshaw (Hon Sec) 01485 571980

Hunstanton Conservative Club High Street, Hunstanton -Snooker, Live music, Bingo, Whist Drives, Lunches daily - Tel: Sheila Moss 01485 532462

Hunstanton Golf Club Golf Course Road, Hunstanton - Tel: Bob Carrick 01485 532811 - visitors welcome -Email: bob.carrick@hunstantongolfclub.com

Hunstanton Promenaders Sea Angling Club - Tel: Hunstanton Tackle 01485 535141

Hunstanton Sailing Club North Promenade Clubhouse - Tel: 01485 534705 or Julia Paul 01485 541031

Hunstanton Ski Club South Beach Road, adjacent to the slipway - Tel: Mandy Rix, Sec 07774 550728 or 01638 577320

Independent Age (formerly RUKBA) Tel: 020 7605 4200

Northfields Allotment Club Tel: David Elvidge 01485 532646 (sec)

Old Hunstanton Social Club - new members welcome, Family Club, Bingo, Snooker, Darts, Crib, Quiz Nights & lots more - Tel: 01485 532700

Princess Theatre Club - Tel: Rae Steward 01485 533420

Save the Children Monthly events in various locations - Tel: Carole Best 01485 525141

SSAFA the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association Forces Help - Tel: Divisional Secretary Keith May 01485 534272

The Beacon, Hunstanton & District Talking Newspaper Tel: John Cole to volunteer or receive the tapes on 01485 542412

West Norfolk Organic Gardeners - Tel: Membership Secretary 01485 570447

Please advise the Editor of any changes for this listing.

LITTLE MEMORIES OF A SEASIDE CHILDHOOD

The Motor Bicycle

Norman Whye

One day, when I was employed in a small garage in a nearby village, we were having a coffee break, and during this small sojourn, the conversation turned to motor propelled bicycles-not the powerful machines that you often see on the roads today, but motor propelled, 50cc models, capable of gently conveying folks around the area. Most of these machines were fitted with little engines, usually amidships, but earlier models had the engine fitted in the front wheel, or at the back, and I thought that with the short journeys I used to do, one of these would be economical, and fun to drive around.

However, during the conversation, the subject changed and the motor bicycle topic was forgotten, but some time later, the subject of the bicycles arose again, and one of the lads told me that he had one, and would I like to try it out, with prospects of buying it? I asked him to bring it to the works and I would look at it, which he duly did, and I then became the proud owner of a forty-nine cc, two-stroke engine, belt driven, pedal started, motor bicycle.

The small fuel tank was not fitted with a gauge, but the machine was reputed to go for long distances, using very little fuel, and it was started by pedalling faster and faster, gently decompressing the engine, until it fired, and then the handlebar throttle took over, and the machine cruised happily along. I stored it in my shed, and used it occasionally, on fine calm days.

Father had had a similar one many years ago. After his sad demise, Mother and I sorted his belongings, but I kept the peaked crash helmet. I dug this out, and used it when driving the "new" bike. I used it for fun, and journeyed around town and nearby villages, and inadvertently drove down the wrong way down a one way street, in a nearby village, but realised it, stopped the machine, turned it round, and pedalled it back to the turning, started it, and we carried on the right way, just as a police car had gone down the street. I got away with that one, but was more careful in the future.

I eventually left the garage where I had worked for a number of years, and sold my little car, as I found employment in my home town. The little bicycle was parked in the shed, and had been forgotten about for some time, until one day I hauled it out, brushed the dust off it, put some fuel with some two-stroke oil in the tank, stood it on its stand, and pedalled it furiously until the engine fired. I then rode the little machine along the coastal road, finally stopping at Burnham Thorpe. It was a lovely day, and everything went well until, on the return journey, at Titchwell, the little machine stopped.

With a few choice words, I pedalled the machine furiously, until, out of breath, I sat on the grass verge to recover. I then prepared myself to walk the journey back, pushing the unfortunate machine.

It was while I was walking along the road, that I remembered a story of an elderly retired gentleman, whose elderly, should have been retired, motor car, had broken down, and when discovering that his machine needed expensive repairs, uttered loudly, to anyone in earshot, that "trouble was like a boy scout being chased by a dog-one damn thing after another!"

Grinning at the thought of the elderly, retired, gentleman, I was proceeding, when the skies darkened, and it started to rain, at first lightly, then more heavily, and I hadn't got a waterproof coat with me!

Eventually, I came to a small roadside garage, where I consulted the mechanic in charge, who agreed to look at my machine, but as it was dinner time, later in the afternoon. During the ensuing period, I walked to a telephone kiosk, and told Mother, at home, that I would be a little late for dinner, and walked back to the garage.

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I then decided to give the little machine another try, but first I lifted off the fuel tank pipe, found that no fuel came out, removed the tank cap, and discovered that I had used all the fuel that was in the tank. You may recollect, that the tank was not fitted with a gauge to it.

When the mechanic returned from his lunch break, I purchased, with all the money I had, a small quantity of petrol, and a little can of two-stroke oil, poured some into the fuel tank, shook the little machine to mix it, and prepared to attempt to start pedalling, when the mechanic informed me that with this machine, there was a small wing nut, in the belt wheel, which disengaged the belt, so that I would be able to pedal the machine without the engine running, so I could have, eventually, pedalled it back home, like an ordinary bicycle.

I am sure that the mechanic laughed as I left the garage, but I proceeded on my way, along the road to Old Hunstanton, where I discovered that I had to help the little machine up the hill on the main road, by further pedalling. I eventually reached home, broke, thoroughly wet through, having missed lunch, and, if I had known, could have easily pedalled the machine, without the engine engaged, home.

I restored the motor bicycle to the shed, where it remained for some further years, until I eventually sold it. I resolved never to purchase, or ride on any other motor propelled bicycles again.

ALWAYS SOMETHING NEW GOING ON

The HM Revenue & Customs are always changing things. Changing form design, form numbering, telephone help-lines and moving things from one part of the country to another. All very confusing.

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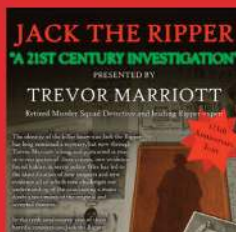
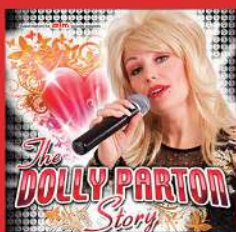
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