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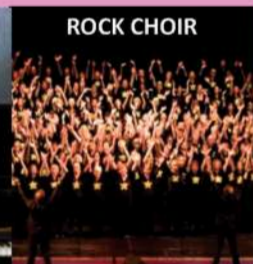


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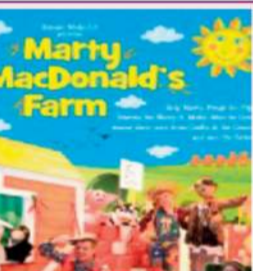
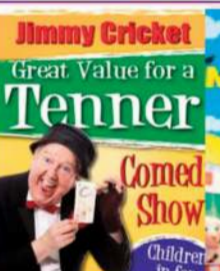
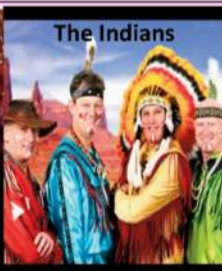
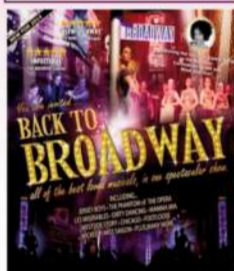
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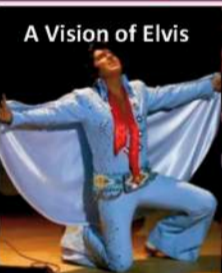
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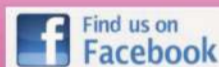
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FIRST WORD

I'd like to start this month with a 'heads-up' to photographers. Driving out of Hunstanton down Redgate Hill the other day I noticed the first blooms in the strip of flowers - 'Jour de Fete' - were just beginning to show. Thanks to Pat Richardson and the gardening team they should be in full bloom and perfect for photographing during the first two weeks of August, which happily coincides with the visit from the In Bloom judges.

For Hunstanton residents there is a 16 page supplement this month that includes the Town Council's Annual Report plus extra information, I hope you find it useful.

My thanks as always to everyone who has sent items for inclusion, our fantastic team of deliverers (still looking for someone to distribute to Valentine Road area) and our advertisers who provide the revenue to produce the magazine. There are new ones again this month, please see if you can support them.

The July diary can be found on pages 56 and 57. If you have an event you want to be included in the August edition, please get in touch.

I post news stories to the Town and Around website throughout the month and the web address is below.

Enjoy July!
Best wishes

Elaine

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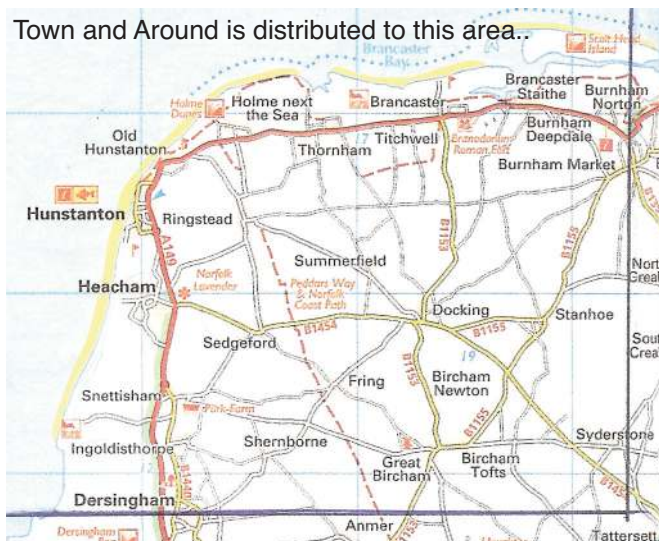
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The Yorke Trust Summer Opera

This summer marks the 30th Anniversary of The Yorke Trust, the 300th Anniversary of the birth of one of opera's great reformers, Christoph Willibald Gluck, and the 70th Birthday of the Yorke Trust's founder, Rodney Slatford, OBE. The aim of the summer opera course is to give aspiring musicians, national and international, a period of intensive training at the highest possible level in repertoire they might not otherwise encounter. *Armide* is one of Gluck's last operas and whilst not one of his best known works, contains some of his most enduring music. This production is performed in French with an orchestra of period instrumentalists drawn from conservatoires and universities from around the world. The students are coached by a team of distinguished tutors who largely give their time and professional expertise free of charge in order that students can be offered the course on merit and potential rather than on their ability to pay. The Opera is performed over 4 nights in July starting with the Preview Performance on Tuesday 22nd July, performances on Thursday 24th and Saturday 26th and a Special Gala Evening on Friday 25th July which will include a Champagne Reception before the Opera, interval refreshments and a chance to meet the company at the end of the performance.

Faces of the Sorceress at The Balcony, Burnham Overy Staithe – Saturday 19th July 19:30

An informal concert offering an array of operatic sorcery where you will encounter such femmes fatales and devious divas as Handel's Alcina and Mozart's The Queen of the Night and others! As part of the summer opera course this informal concert, which is being most generously hosted by Tom and Henrietta Faire, encourages students to perform in public other works they have been studying.

For further details or to book these concerts please go to www.theyorke-trust.org or telephone 01328 823501

WNJYO rock in Hunstanton!

St Edmund's Church Hunstanton was the venue on Saturday (31st May) evening for one of the most exciting, and free, concerts in the Hunstanton and District Festival of Arts 2014 calendar.

Young musicians aged eleven upwards from the West Norfolk Jubilee Youth Orchestra delighted the audience with a wide range of music spanning more than two centuries that certainly lived up to its billing of 'Classics to Queen'.

The first half featured the orchestra conducted by Rob Galliard playing a traditional repertoire of works by Mendelssohn, William Boyce, Alan Rawsthorne and, from the applause, the audience's favourite: Suite for Strings by John Rutter.

Conducting the WNJYO Big Band after the interval the witty Eddie Seales had the audience first chuckling, then gasping with amazement and pleasure at the sound and quality of the music. Each piece from the opening 'Every Time I Feel The Spirit' to 'Queen in Concert' was played with a precision and excellence that was very much appreciated by the audience.

The Band was re-joined by the Orchestra for two final pieces; a Paul Simon Medley and 'Thriller'.

Festival Chairman Richard Bird said; "These aren't children playing instruments, they are young musicians playing at a standard that belies their ages. We will be asking them back again next year for what is bound to be a hot-ticket event."

Hunstanton's Mayor Cllr Carol Bower said there were so many of her favourite pieces of music played during the evening to such a high standard that she felt the whole concert had been a complete success. She thanked the two conductors and the musicians for the splendid entertainment.

The retiring collection was split equally between St Edmund's Church and WNJYO with each of them receiving £111.78.



The Orchestra and Band with from left: Hunstanton & District Festival of Arts Chairman Richard Bird, Orchestra Conductor Rob Galliard, Band Conductor Eddie Seales and Hunstanton Mayor Cllr Carol Bower.



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Community Choir raises £220 for Neurofibramotosis

At the last rehearsal of Hunstanton Community Choir, a raffle took place in aid of Neurofibramotosis (NF) Awareness Month. Chris Dale, a long term member of the Choir, said as he wished everyone success in the draw: "NF is a genetic disorder which has a wide variety of symptoms. These include lesions, curvature of the spine, vision and learning problems and even epilepsy. In common with many conditions, public awareness is an issue, and to help with this, May has been chosen as NF awareness month. As I have suffered with this for over 25 years – I was diagnosed at 14 – I decided to help with this by organizing a raffle. I would like to thank everyone who has donated prizes and bought tickets, especially my friends in the Choir".



The draw raised over £220. Pictured are Carol Bower – Mayor of Hunstanton – who drew the winning tickets, with Chris Dale and his partner Angie Hubbard.

Back for the start of their summer term, the Hunstanton Community Choir is raring to go. It's a great time to join, if you're considering something new or simply enjoy singing. Indeed if you want to join the fun, then this is the place to be on Tuesday evenings. More new people come along every week and with the support of the more 'seasoned' members it makes learning the songs a little easier, with the harmonies being particularly pleasing!

This lively choir, led by their creative choirmaster, Simon Bower, are on course to begin learning new songs for up and coming summertime events. For this commemorative year of WW1 centenary and WW2 D Day Landings they are getting into the spirit of remembrance by adding to their repertoire such songs as; "It's a long way to Tipperary", "Pack up your troubles" and a wonderful arrangement of "Keep the home fires burning." – don't feel deterred if this isn't your cup of tea, there are a variety of songs both old and modern that can satisfy all tastes.

The first event you will find them at will be The Hunstanton Carnival on Sunday 29th June. They will be performing on the Green during the afternoon – the choir always enjoy a little audience participation so come along and join in.

On Monday 7th July the choir will also be performing at the Snettisham War Memorial for its re-dedication. This will take place during the evening and the time is to be confirmed closer to the date.

Sunday 27th July will find the choir in concert at The Chalk Pit, Ringstead. Come along to what is likely to be an interesting acoustic event.

The choir are gaining confidence when it comes to blasting out a tune, and although Simon's songsters have lots of fun, they also enjoy making the best possible sound they can. Along with the two hours a week they spend rehearsing, the group keep in contact through their Facebook page; Friends of Hunstanton Community Choir. Details of choir events can be found there too.

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Meeting each Tuesday from 7.00 till 9.00 p.m. the choir session costs £3 (though the first week is free, so nothing to lose!) There is also a weekly raffle of £1 should you wish to join in, where there is a cash prize for one lucky winner. During a hot drink and biscuit break, there's time for introductions and finding out a little more about your fellow singers.

HDFA ONE-ACT DRAMA FESTIVAL

The popular Hunstanton One-Act Drama Festival will take place once again this year from Friday, 11th – Sunday, 13th July at the Princess Theatre.

Performances will take place at 7.30pm each evening and there will also be matinees on Saturday, 12th and Sunday 13th July at 2.30pm. Each performance will consist of different adult and youth Drama Groups from throughout the District performing one-act plays of their choice. Each session will usually include three different plays while the last evening will include special entertainment and the presentation of awards.

After each session, the adjudicators will talk briefly about each play and how well each team achieved their objectives. Full written adjudications will be issued to each Group after the event.

The event is also a competition and trophies will be awarded within ten different categories including Best Original Script, Best Play and Best Actor/Actress at the end of the last Sunday performance. These will be presented by the Mayor of Hunstanton, Cllr Carol Bower.

Tickets cost £8.50 per performance (Festival Ticket £25 which includes access to all performances) and are available now from the Princess Theatre Box Office on 01485 53 22 52 or on line at www.princesstickets.co.uk

Come along and support your favourite local Drama Group. See page 14 for the full list of plays with times & dates.

HUNSTANTON SAILING CLUB

Mick Ford, Commodore

We have a number of events planned for the summer months here at the Sailing Club.

JULY 26th and Sunday 27th. The club will once again host the first weekend of the North West Norfolk Sailing Association. We expect 60 boats to attend as usual when the club will be buzzing. This is an annual event and we have been privileged to host the start of their week for many years now.

AUGUST 4th to 8th sees the second year of our YOUTH FUN WEEK. This was a massive success last year when over eighty sessions were booked. Any youngster from 8yrs to 80yrs of age can come down and take part in all sorts of waterborne activity. We try to arrange a different activity each day and if the weather does not permit us onto the water, we have dry land activities to keep you amused. We expect that children between 8yrs and 16 years of age are accompanied by their parent/guardian/or responsible adult at all times. There is a charge for each day. More details nearer the time. In the meantime if you want to sign up or ask more questions contact our Bosun Tim Starling: timstarling21@gmail.com

AUGUST 16th to 22nd. We are Hosting the Mirror Miracles 40th Anniversary National event. Again we have in excess of 60 boats entered so far and there will be racing every day of the week, plus evening events such as BBQs, and quizzes finishing with a celebratory meal at the Community Centre on the Friday evening.

Firefighters kayak across the Wash

Six intrepid firefighters from Cambridge Airport paddled across the Wash on Sunday 25th May in aid of the RNLI, The Children's Hospice and East Anglian Air Ambulance.



With a head wind of force five to six for most of the crossing it was a challenging trip that called for a massive amount of resilience and fortitude.



Tony Garner, Liam Wood, Matthew Lee, Rebecca White, David Birks and Richard Baker paddled with Gary Morgan and Andy Coleman providing jet ski support.

Training prior to the event was given by their sponsors Hunstanton Kayaks and included technique, safety and navigation.

On the day Willie Searle allowed a photographer on one of his amphibious vehicles and he took some great shots of the crew as they came ashore at the sailing club.

The promenade was packed with onlookers as the team arrived and they were welcomed with loud cheering.

Afterwards Hunstanton Sailing Club hosted a barbecue for the team.



News from RESCUE WOODEN BOATS

Wendy Pritchard

We have now opened new displays (thanks to a grant from the Norfolk Coastal Partnership) at the Stiffkey Visitor Centre (off Greenway, Stiffkey NR23 1QF) showing stories of how wooden boats were used locally in whelk fishing, crab fishing, describing fishing life and communities, wooden boatbuilding and some history of the Stiffkey Military Camp.

We are recruiting even more volunteers to join our friendly team, helping welcome people to the Visitor Centre. Can you spare 3 hours a month or more? No experience needed, training given.

Work has progressed well during the winter on Dunkirk veteran lifeboat Lucy Lavers so we are now making plans to take her back to Dunkirk by sea in May 2015 to mark the 75th anniversary of the evacuation of troops in 1940, calling in on the way so schools and members of the public can visit her. There will be a land team tracking her round the coast with publicity and displays. Do let us know if you would be interested in helping with this great event.

We are now developing and testing the new education and event room (thanks to an equipment grant from FLAG - Fishing Local Action Group) and preparing for school visits from the autumn term. If anyone would like to help with visits from schools, let us know.

Summer events - some exciting dates for your diary:

July 26 – August 2 Jack Cox exhibition at Stiffkey – the life and work of the Wells fisherman and artist who would have been 100 this year
August 6 4 -8pm Event at Bayfield Hall – displays of boats, models, art and a nautical auction! More details to come

August 9 evening "The Banned" gig at Blakeney Harbour Rooms: Jazz and '60s music

August 16 Come and see us at Burnham Market Craft Fair

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100 YRS ON – TAKE A LOOK AT THAT SOLDIER WHO ‘GAVE HIS LIFE’ - FOR US!

Research by Tony Armstrong

On the Hunstanton Cenotaph are 52 names of Soldiers who fought in WW1 and who sadly, paid the ultimate price and would never return to their loved ones, or Hunstanton.

To most visitors, and I dare say residents now after 100yrs, they are just a name, that is very sad, we should remember them more – Lest we forget !. There are still some residents who are related to those names living here, many of those have helped me research the soldiers behind the name, for which I am very grateful. I am not going to name them, they know who they are and all have agreed to having their relative written about and ‘remembered’ especially this year being the ‘Centenary of the start of WW1’.

This month’s article is about yet another 2 brothers, those being:

**Pte Basil Victor Palmer
S/n 71402
and Cpl Percy Harold
Palmer S/n G/53075**

Both Basil and Percy were the sons of Hunstanton’s Police

Inspector, Mr William Palmer, together brother Horace and mother Mrs Gertrude Palmer they all lived at ‘Rocksands’, Hunstanton.

Pte Basil Palmer was the youngest son and after leaving school became a shop assistant working for Messrs Lambert and Sons at their shop here in Hunstanton. But duty called and he joined up and was posted to the 15th Bn. Sherwood Forresters (Notts and Derby Regt). He embarked for France in February 1916, and fought in the area of the forthcoming Battle of the Somme. Despite 80% casualties in his battalion, he managed to get through this horrendous battle, but on the 24th February 1917 he was severely wounded by shrapnel in one leg and foot. He underwent five operations at a Hospital in Epsom, after being brought back to England. A while later it was found necessary to amputate his foot, and later still, to take away part of his leg. Septic poisoning prevented his recovery and he died 7th May 1917 aged just 19 yrs. It is reported that

he had borne his sufferings with wonderful fortitude. He is buried in Hunstanton (St Mary’s) Churchyard, South East of the church and had a full military funeral.

Cpl Percy Harold Palmer before the war, was an Assistant at East Dereham to Mr Roy, a Grocer. He joined up just after Christmas 1915 and was posted to the 2nd Bn. Royal Fusiliers where after training, was sent to Egypt. From there he embarked to Gallipoli but only stayed a short time as the evacuation of allied troops was decided, he was sent to France. During 1916 little is known of his battle areas, but early in 1917 he is in the Arras area preparing and fighting in what is known as the Arras Offensive in April/May 1917.

On the 24th April he is reported as missing, every effort was made to get information about him but to no avail. Then in October a Pte A. S. Mowton also of the Royal Fusiliers, who was a PoW in Germany (taken prisoner on the

date on which Cpl Palmer was reported missing) writes to his mother Mrs Arnold, of Holme-next-the-Sea, that Corporal Palmer was killed on that date. A truly sad loss for Mr and Mrs Palmer.

Cpl Percy Harold Palmer’s body was never found, he is Remembered with Honour on Panel 3 of the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

Both brother’s were awarded The Victory and British War Medals, posthumously.

And just imagine, Mr and Mrs Palmer had still got 2 other sons in the Army – Horace who was in the Royal Horse Artillery, and one other so far not traced, but happily they both came back alive. R.I.P.

I HAVE COPIES OF ARTICLES FROM THE LOCAL PAPER ABOUT THE ABOVE SOLDIERS, THEY CAN BE SEEN (BY REQUEST) IN THE SOLDIER BOOK IN THE HUNSTANTON HERITAGE CENTRE.

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Bridges

Ken Arnott

Much has been written over many years about the loss of the railway, the pier, the Sandringham Hotel, the boating lake, the Blue Lagoon swimming pool and other attractions. The reasons for their disappearance vary – decline in popularity, changing fashions, increasing maintenance costs, natural disasters, Government and local/district council decisions, take your pick.

Looking through a book of old Hunstanton photographs the other day reminded me of that most attractive bridge which led from the Promenade to the island in the centre of the old boating lake. It really did enhance the whole area and it does seem a pity that no effort was made to retain it when the decision was taken to close down the boating lake.

An added thought. Remember that little bridge that led from the Lower Green to the Esplanade Gardens? What an attractive feature that was. It all adds up to a bridge too far. Twice!

Maybe thrice. I just remembered that we also once had a railway bridge.

Fires

Ken Arnott

Quite a number of Hunstanton’s major seaside attractions have been destroyed by fire over the years. In 1924 the combined Mikado Concert Hall, Cinema, fish and chip shop and the Oriental Bazaar located to the rear of the Sandringham Hotel was reduced to ashes. The St Edmund’s Café, a major attraction along the North Promenade, went up in flames in 1937, to be followed two years later by a fire that destroyed the Pier Pavilion. In 1998 the Kit-Kat’s long career as a restaurant and ballroom burned to destruction while the pier-head amusement centre was destroyed by a spectacular blaze in 2002.

It is quite remarkable that there were no fatalities at any of these fires, though the one that destroyed the Pier Pavilion made the national news – including a photograph on the front page – when two women trapped by the fire escaped by jumping off the end of the pier into the sea.

And just a reminder that in 1951 a major fire at Hunstanton Hall caused severe damage but not nearly as bad as the one in 1853 when twenty rooms were destroyed, while further

back in history, Hunstanton’s first lighthouse, made of wood, was destroyed by fire in 1776.

And a bit more about fires

Jim Welham

There were often serious fires in the days of overcrowding, old wooden buildings, open fires, candles and gas lamps. There were frequent large scale fires in Norwich.

Next time you go to Norwich stand with your back to the Forum and look at the Police Station. Over what used to be the main entrance are the helmets of a policeman and a fireman as both jobs were combined in 1836 for cheapness.

The Police-firemen were summoned by a rocket fired from a pipe in the pavement outside the Guildhall. This practice was stopped after one rocket went through the roof of a shop and set it alight, after which exploding mortars were used.

It was not until 1941 that the fire brigade was created and everyone was given the choice of which service to join. Most chose the Police.

Even more scary was that some forces had police ambulance drivers.

BUSY SUMMER PROGRAMME AT THE KING WILLIAM IV, SEDGEFORD

'The King's Morris' dancers make a welcome return to The King William on Friday, 1st August at 8pm. Bring the family along and enjoy this merry, traditional entertainment whilst dining al fresco in the garden pergola freshly adorned with new table lanterns, greenery and flowers. Booking is always recommended by contacting Reception on 01485 571765.

There's more local interest with the commencement of the Sedgeford Archaeological Dig in early July. Make sure you pay a visit and absorb the project's fascinating background and history – and pop in for a refreshing drink or snack afterwards at The King William just around the corner.

Owners, Nick and Lili Skerritt, have given the Inn's bar area a bright, new look this summer with newly upholstered chairs and bar stools alongside the recently installed soft seating area. Do call in for a drink, morning coffee, lunch or supper and enjoy the relaxing ambience. Menus are varied, celebrating the finest local and seasonal produce and offer great value across the A La Carte Menu, Daily Specials board and new Monthly Set Menu – not forgetting the wide choice of tasty children's dishes. There's even a new Doggy Bar in the garden offering a refreshing drink for thirsty pets in summer months.

Piano evenings in the Garden Restaurant continue throughout July, alongside the regular Monday Quiz Night and Tuesday Curry Night. Nick and Lili welcome enquiries about events and parties, and would be only too happy to accommodate these and any possible room requirements. For further details check out www.thekingwilliamsedgeford.co.uk or visit The King William on Facebook and Twitter.

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The Building of the Chapels

Jim Welham

The Reformation in the 16th century caused the Church of England (C of E) to break away from the authority of the Pope and the Roman Catholic Church. Non-Conformists or Dissenters were Christians who did not 'conform' to the doctrines and customs of the C of E.

On the last Sunday in March 1851, the government conducted the only religious census ever held, in order to establish the number of people attending church or chapel in England and Wales.

To the horror of the Victorian hierarchy the results showed that less than half the population attended any place of worship. Of those who did 52.3% visited an Anglican church, 31.3% a Methodist, 5.2% an Independent/Congregationalist and 8.2% a Baptist service, giving the non-conformists a total of 44.7%. The proportion of Roman Catholics was 0.7%.

Hunstanton was shown as having a population of 490 with the attendance at the Church of St Mary the Virgin as 62 at the morning and 134 in the afternoon. The Reverend William Fearon added a note that no great dependence could be placed on the figures as they were only a guess. Miles Hamerton, the Manager of (Old) Hunstanton Post Office gave the attendance of the Wesleyan Chapel opposite as 27 in the morning and 60 in the evening.

Henry Le Strange supported the elaborate ceremonies of the High Anglican Church which appeared similar to those of the Roman Catholics. He believed they relieved the drabness of the lives of the poor, and as the Lord of the Manor, his wishes were supported by the clergy. Many members of St Mary's congregation privately thought that the services 'Sailed close to the winds of Popery,' but they were almost all employed on his Estate and were obliged to remain silent or risk losing both job and house.

St Mary's Church had been long-neglected and was extensively renovated by Henry who also

replaced the old high-backed pews with benches which were no longer closed by doors. However an old functionary ensured there was no mingling of the classes by separating 'the ducks from the drakes, the silks from the cottons and corduroy from black cloth.'

The building of Hunstanton St Edmunds commenced and Henry inserted a clause into the agreements for holding property in the town, which prohibited the conduct of divine service in private houses, or any ground above the high water mark, other than that prescribed in the Anglican prayer book.

The non-conformists were obliged to plan their services by the tides and worship God on the sands as the sea ebbed. Fortunately they generally believed in the stark simplicity of their places of worship and objected to any form of elaboration such as crosses, candlesticks and flowers. In 1863 one such person using the pen name 'Broad Church' described how he and his wife attended a service at St Mary's. He found the church to be clean and restored in good taste, but there his praise ended as he considered the interior to be disfigured with frippery. A 'pew opener' directed him to an open seating area on one side and informed his wife that she must sit on the ladies' side of the church. He was also disturbed to see a large square crimson cloth on the communion table, with a narrow yellow border surmounted by a deep strip of white cloth edged with green flowers. On the cloth in large capital letters was the word ALLELUIA with the first letter in red and the rest in green. A large cross about 3 feet tall stood in the centre of the table, and on either side, a brazen candlestick held long candles. On either side of the table inside the communion rails stood two wooden crosses. Six other crosses 6 or 7 feet in height stood in other parts of the chancel. The vicar and curate in charge, in full collegiate costume, carrying their college caps, looking 'as inconspicuous as a barrister in his

wig walking along the beach,' passed up the nave into a vestry on the north side. Presently they reappeared in their surplices and each proceeded to separate reading desks. The curate 'intoned unintelligibly throughout the entire the service accompanied only by a harmonium and a choir by no means above the average.' 'Broad Church' concluded that adornments such as flowers, crosses and upholstery all served to distract the mind. He believed the services of both the High Anglican Church and the Roman Catholic churches relied on diverting the attention of the masses with glorious ceremonials to prevent them from enquiring into the doctrines they so blindly followed.

An entry in the religious newspaper The Christian World on 4 July 1868 said that the Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli claimed that religious equality existed throughout the country, which made it clear he had never been to Hunstanton. The benches on the cliffs had been taken away the previous summer because they had been used by members of the public listening to the preaching of a dissenting minister. Any really religious man would welcome God's truth in his part of Norfolk, but the proprietor of Hunstanton would not allow any dissent under any consideration whatever. However, following several meetings with non-conformists prominent in the town, in 1869 Hamon Le Strange agreed to remove his father's clause and to allow a chapel to be built. His conditions were that only one chapel would be built for the use of all denominations of non-conformists and it must blend in with its surroundings.

On 6 August 1870 the foundation stone of the Union Chapel was laid by Jeremiah James Colman MP of Norwich, a mustard manufacturer, philanthropist and devout non-conformist. John William Beeton constructed the Gothic-style chapel, 76 feet long and 30 feet wide, from Snettisham carrstone at a cost of £800. The building was intended for a congregation of 357, with school rooms in the basement capable of

holding 200 pupils. The opening ceremony on 15 June 1871 was attended by most dissenting ministers from Lynn, Wisbech and the surrounding neighbourhood, together with a large crowd from those areas. The service commenced with the Lord's Prayer by the Reverend Newman Hall, LL.B., of London, known as the Dissenters' Bishop, who also preached the sermon. At the close of the service a public tea was served in a marquee near the Golden Lion attended by about 250 people. The Reverend Hall held a further service in the chapel that evening and the congregation was so large that many people were unable to gain entrance. As a result at the conclusion of the service Reverend Hall again preached to a vast crowd of people assembled on the Green.

The building of St Edmund's Church began in 1865 and the chancel was the first part to be completed. JW Beeton became one of many critics of its High Anglican services. Indeed for a time he believed that the Union was also too ritualistic, and on 16 June 1878 he allowed the first service of the Reformed Episcopal Church to be held at his Reading Rooms next to the beach. He was determined to provide simple evangelical gatherings to people who felt unable to attend extravagant ritualistic church services. He also disliked the protestant Salvation Army. When their band played in Hunstanton he said that they should not yell so much and 'they should get out of the blood and superstition business.'

At this time letters were constantly being exchanged between men of deep learning and conviction regarding local religious disputes. The supporters of St Edmund's believed that although everyone worshipped the same Lord, only they held the true faith. The non-conformists said that it was 'deplorable that in the only church in Hunstanton St Edmunds ritualism was rampant and Romish doctrines were promulgated.' However they accepted that although the pomp and ornate ceremonies of St Edmund's were painful and objectionable, they

were legal though meaningless, and must be endured.

The non-conformists in North-West Norfolk were almost entirely Wesleyan Methodist, Primitive Methodist, Wesleyan Reform or Independent, as new groups were formed having broken from their main bodies, often as a result of quarrels within the congregation or the arrival of a new minister.

By 1887 despite the Wesleyan chapel in Old Hunstanton having become dilapidated and then closed for many years, the Methodists created a new circuit of 6 chapels within an eight mile radius of Hunstanton St Edmunds. They had become discontented with their arrangements at the Union, where they were allowed to hold their own service once a month and had started to meet at the minister's house. Within a year this became too crowded and in December they began to hold services at the Club House behind the Neptune Inn. This met with such success that in February 1889 they asked Hamon Le Strange for permission to build a new chapel in Old Hunstanton. To their surprise he offered them 'an isolated site, large enough to build a chapel and a school room, in a cornfield beside a cart track,' (now Austin Street.) Initially they declined the land believing it was too close to the Union Chapel. However within a few weeks the Union authorities, who for the first 18 years had had no resident minister, appointed the Reverend Richard Cliff to that full time position. The Methodists then decided they must accept Hamon's offer and build their own chapel, although they would maintain their friendship with the members of the Union to oppose the 'priestism and

ritualism' in St Edmund's Church.

The new chapel was built of iron and able to accommodate a congregation of 250 and also had a small school room. Two memorial stones were laid, one by Mrs Alfred Jermyn of Lynn and the second by Miss Pattie Wilson of Beaupre Hall, Outwell, after which both ladies were presented with a books of Wesley's hymns. Each placed £5 upon the stones and various others made contributions. The hymn 'These stones to Thee in faith we lay' was then sung. The chapel was erected in 6 weeks by Alfred William Pocock, Iron Building Works Chelsea, at a cost of £300. On 26 June 1889, on a glorious summer day, a large crowd gathered to witness the opening ceremony. Although some had travelled a considerable distance, the chapel was unable to accommodate them all.

Alfred Jermyn handed the Reverend David Barr a silver plated key with which to unlock the door. The service was 'enlivened by the hearty singing of the congregation and the choir of the Tower Street Chapel, Lynn.' Tea was later served in the school house and in a nearby marquee which accommodated a further 300.

Within a few years however, the 'tin hut' was unable to accommodate the ever-increasing congregation, who also found difficulty coping with the heat in the summer and draughts in the winter. A rebuilt Wesleyan Chapel was opened on the same site on 15 June 1896 on what was to become the junction of the High Road and Austin Street. This carrstone building had been constructed by William Jarvis, Market Square, Kings Lynn, for £1,540.

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Old Hunstanton Social Club

Greetings from Old Town Club. Unfortunately I missed last month's newsletter so didn't get the chance to tell you all about the RNLI racenight in the hall. It all went fantastically with over £600 being raised for the crew here in Old Town. These race nights



can be easily arranged so if any local groups fancy doing something similar or using the hall for any other event then get in touch either by coming into the club or through the website info@oldtownclub.org or <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Old-Hunstanton-Social-Club>

This coming month we have bingo and quiz nights to come.

The garden is looking nice with flowers blooming and a new little house for the youngsters to play in so why not call in for what is still the cheapest priced real ale in town, a well kept pint and room for the little ones to run about. There is of course a great selection of beers, wines, spirits and soft drinks available, all, we believe, at the cheapest price around for many miles.

We have some fabulous musicians lined up to play here over the next few months but I think we should make you aware now of next months return of the fantastic Tony Brook. A native of Alabama, Tony has played here a couple of times before and is one of the most unique artists we've had here, and we've had some unique acts. Check out his website <http://tonybrook.reverbNation.com/> and then come and see him here on the 12th Sept. There will be a small charge to non members but of course you could join the club and be part of what we are.

Have a great summer and we look forwards to seeing you for a pint and a chat.

Hunstanton Medical Practice

Named GP for all patients aged 75 and over

In line with the recent Government initiative, Hunstanton Medical Practice will now assign a named GP for all patients 75 and over to oversee their care.

As patients may be aware Dr Bakka will no longer be with us on a permanent basis and we are still in the course of recruiting his replacement and, hopefully an additional GP also. For this reason the assignment of the named GP may well change over the next few months. We will also discuss this with you when we meet, as initially the assignment will be done on a simple alphabetical basis between our two remaining permanent doctors.

We apologise that this cannot be more considered and specific at the moment.

We will put slips in with next prescriptions to let you know who your named GP is or alternatively please just ask when you next phone or visit the surgery.

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- Ensure you have access to a health check if requested.
- These responsibilities will be carried out within the opening hours of the surgery and do not change the way patients currently access care outside of these hours.

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You are unlikely to see any notable change in the way care is delivered to you by the practice, just a formalisation of our current process.

You should continue to book appointments with the practice in the same way. If you require an appointment with a GP and are unable to book with your named GP (This may well be the case until we complete our recruitment and allocate patients across more doctors) please book in with any available doctor at the practice; in essence carry on as you do currently.

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Please do note

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Hall Farm, Norton Hill, Snettisham is once again providing the thrill of riding on the Light Railway on three weekends, by courtesy of Mr. M. Schumann. Our Rotary Club members will be there on Saturday and Sunday, July 26th and 27th 1.0 to 5.0 pm. As well as the stunning 1 km ride through tunnel and viaducts, meadow and woodland, there are side stalls and pony rides. There are various games, competitions, a tombola, bric-a-brac and a kiddies' roundabout. On the Saturday the Hunstanton Concert Band will be playing and on the Sunday there will be a Folk Fiddle player. Inner Wheel will again be providing their excellent refreshments. All money collected is going to the 'Norfolk Hospice', 'Riding for the Disabled' and 'Keeping abreast' charities.



Travelling on the light railway at Norton Hill Farm

We are pleased to announce that Associate Membership is now available in the Club. It is likely to appeal to persons who want to do something for Rotary but may be very busy and limited in the amount of time they can spare. Associate members can attend any of our activities and events including Club committee meetings. These are where we discuss the running of the Club, the charities and people we will support, Community events, Vocational Services (such as the awards we give to school pupils for showing 'Service above Self' and mock interviews given to 15 yr old pupils) and International Services with Foundation (eg. disaster fund support and Rotary grants for deserving causes). Associate Membership could appeal to a person who would have great difficulty attending weekly lunchtime meetings but could occasionally come to one of the other meetings or events that we arrange. For those with more time to spare, then full membership, of course, is encouraged. More details of associate membership, which is a new category of membership, can be obtained from one of the Rotarians listed below. Already we have several people interested in this type of membership.

As in previous years the Club was pleased to support King's Lynn Trinity Rotary Club at the Crucial Crew event. At this event hundreds of schoolchildren were given important safety lessons in potentially hazardous or difficult situations. Over the years thousands of children have gained from these talks.

Our club gives financial support to Downham Market Rotary Club to help children in Chernobyl who are still suffering from the effects of the nuclear disaster. Recently, seven lorries carrying 60 tonnes of goods arrived in Minsk. One can imagine the children's delight when these arrived!

We have now given help to twelve business entrepreneurs abroad

(eg. in Malawi, Cambodia, Ecuador) enabling them to set up small businesses within, for example farming and shop keeping (eg. fishmonger, market stall, food shop). This is within the Rotary 'Lend with Care' scheme and we have had 100% return on all money lent over the past year.

At one of our meetings, Steve Pope gave us a talk on life in the workhouse, illustrated with pictures of Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse, Dereham. His talk made us realise how fortunate we are to live at a time when the Workhouse for poor or destitute people has been abolished. Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse, Dereham, is now a museum and well worth a visit.

We are always happy to answer questions about Rotary from members of the public. If you are interested in either full or associate membership then a 'phone call to one of the following will explain more: Club President (2014-15) Peter Atterbury, tel 534820 or Past President Phil Newell, tel 533864.

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We would like to thank everyone who supported our pamper evening back in May, it was a lovely relaxed evening and we raised a total of £250 for Macmillan Cancer Support Norfolk. Huge congratulations to Jess, Jules and Orla on completing their triathlon on Saturday 7th June (the torrential rain and thunder storm didn't stop them) and they managed to raise an amazing £620.

Our next Macmillan event will be the quiz night on Thursday 31st July at 8pm, after the quiz we will be releasing helium filled balloons into the sky - for a donation of £2 per balloon you will have the chance to win a stay at Caley Hall Hotel. Come along and join us in supporting this great cause, to reserve a table call us on 01485 533486.



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Sue Burge told Carol that as soon as she saw the Heritage Centre in Hunstanton she just knew it would be the perfect venue for teaching creative writing. "I am really delighted to have such a keen group for this first venture," she said, "and I hope to run more courses here in the future, as well as day schools on specific themes. I so enjoy teaching creative writing. Whenever I run a course I see the participants develop, improve and often surprise themselves!"

Details available from Sue Burge on 01553 692798 or suekburge@hotmail.co.uk



Photo by John Maiden, from left to right, seated: Bridget Lewis, Janice Milner, Pauline Phillips and Rita Calvert. Standing: Sue Burge, Carol Bower, Averil Seymour, Sylvia Steele and Heather Shepperd. The eighth student (not in the picture) is Heritage Centre Trustee, Ivy Scales.

There are no limits

Sandie Payne, You in Mind Counselling

Hello again. As you learn more about the operation of the mind, you will find that our lives and future, whether successful or otherwise, are shaped in our subconscious minds, and mostly when we sleep.

There are hundreds of self help books out there, but I doubt if many of them have conveyed an understandable picture of the vital part of our subconscious minds play in our lives.

The average concept of "mind over matter" is that if you think in terms of success, you will manifest success. This is true; but what does it mean? Do you really understand it? Someone once said to me that she didn't disagree with my statement that we first think in terms of success before we manifest success. "But" she explained, "It takes more stamina than I have to follow through with the effort necessary to back up my success thoughts and make them a reality" Her concept of developing mental power and then making use of it is wrong, and I fear this is the case for most people who are exposed to the theories of mental self-development.

Did you know that most people, after leaving school and college, realize that their education, instead of being complete, is just the beginning. They realize that they should take steps to add to their knowledge and many of

them do. They get books and home study courses and make a brave attempt at adding to their present knowledge. It is questionable how much good they get from this additional study, because they are doing it feeling they should do it, but if they can create the urge to want to study, they will, and get a thrill every time they learn something new.

If you are trying to think a pattern along success lines and have to discipline yourself to act contrary to your natural tendencies, it then becomes drudgery and extremely boring. Not many will continue with their studies coming to the conclusion that "this is not for me."

Using my own experiences as an example, when I was very young I was listening to my father asking my brothers what they would like to do when they grew up. My brothers told my father and my father nodded and said that they will have to work hard at school if that is what they wanted to do.

Then my father turned to me and asked me what I would like to be. I told him that I didn't want to say, as they would all just laugh at me. Bearing in mind that I was never thought of as being clever and that a girls place was to get married and have children, so it was not so important for me to get a good education as I will only be a shop assistant or hairdresser and then leave to bring up my family.

I did however tell him and my brothers that I would like to be a psychiatrist or an artist. My father's response to this was laughingly saying, "Well my love, you will have to pray that you grow up to have a pretty face, as you are going to need it" You cannot imagine how I felt. I know that he did not mean to cause me harm, but from that moment on I never tried at school and I always thought that I was stupid. So I dismissed any dreams I had for being an artist or a psychiatrist and wasted my life doing something that I was not really happy doing.

It wasn't until much later and when my children were all grown that I had a change of thought. That was to start to study for counselling and hypnotherapy and which I found at first difficult for me to make that commitment, but with the encouragement that my husband and son gave me I found I was doing it, but it was still a drudgery. Then later in my studies I gave myself self counselling as I could not afford to see a counsellor. I found it was helping me but also it dug up some pretty negative stuff and I could see how I had become trapped in my own self negatives and realized I was frightened of failure and when I started my hypnotherapy studies I gave myself self hypnosis this was remarkable and it has got me where I am today, enjoying helping others and putting to bed any self doubts and bad feelings I once had about myself.

I heard a story about a sixteen year old who said "I'm failing everything. I don't know why - I guess I'm just stupid. Maybe I'd better drop out of school before they throw me out"

When I looked at this I discovered that the only thing wrong with this boy was his attitude. He felt indifferent towards his studies and resentful towards some of his teachers and students.

I would have taught him how to use his subconscious mind to succeed in his studies. He would begin to affirm certain truths several times a day, particularly at night just prior to sleep and first thing in the morning after awakening. As we have seen, at night before sleep is the best time to impregnate the subconscious mind. We all know the term "sleep on it."

He would affirm as follows: I realizes that my subconscious mind is a storehouse of memory. It retains everything I read, hear from my teachers. I have a perfect memory at my disposal and I choose to use it. My subconscious mind has the infinite intelligence and reveals to me everything I need to know for all my exams.

The boy is now enjoying a greater freedom than he has ever known. He is now receiving all A's and he constantly imagines the teachers and his parents congratulating him on his success in his studies.

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What are we feeding our cats (and dogs)?

Clare Clarke

It all started with an article that a friend shared with me on Facebook. This article was about dog food, and the additives that are in there. We are now all aware of how additives in our own food can affect us, especially in children, and this information is widely available.

But what about our pets? I never gave it much thought before, it's easy to believe that the major manufacturers are producing food that meets our pets needs? But are they?

I decided to ask Mr Google to help me look into this, and I started my own research into what our pets are eating!

Well, for a start, most of us feed pouches, or tins, of major brand wet food. Take a look at the contents! Most of them have around 80% moisture content! Really?! We pay an awful lot of money for this water, and how much do we throw away when puss has licked off the jelly and won't eat the rest? Makes you think eh?

So what about dried food? Good idea, but all those green biscuits (which we think are veggie ones) and the pink (to make us think they are meaty) must all be coloured with something, and can cats see these colours? It's doubtful. It's designed to make it more appealing to US, and yet we don't eat it!

Added colourings can make children hyperactive, studies have shown this, are they doing the same to our pets?

Now, I must stress here that I am not a vet, nor a scientist, I don't have all the answers, and each cat is different, with different dietary requirements, so one food will not suit all, and I am not advocating that you change your pet's diet, just that you give it some consideration, and read the labels as you would for your own food purchases. If you do decide to change foods, always introduce this gradually, so that you don't get any upset tums! One more thing, the dog food we were feeding our own dogs turned out to be fine, but the treats were not, so we swapped to a more natural variety and already our Cairn Terrier, Billy, is much less hyper!

June has been a busy month here at Clare's Cattery, and Summer bookings are healthy, still have a few spaces left if you are planning a holiday, give me a call to see what is available.

DON'T GIVE A DOG A BAD NAME!

From the Barking Bugle reporters

James and Gemma were beautiful dachshunds and many people would stop to talk with them, which was great because it meant they got lots of extra fuss and kindly pats. However, one day when out walking with their Mum, they heard the sound of small feet running quickly toward them. They turned round and saw it was a little girl rushing to catch them up and calling excitedly, "Doggy, doggy, doggy.". The child's Mum didn't try to stop her however close she was getting.



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Both dogs liked meeting people, but Gemma was terrified of children and James was excited because he thought the child wanted to play so they turned round and barked at the approaching little figure. Immediately, the little girl started screaming very loudly, and ran back towards her Mum, who was not happy that the dogs had frightened her now distressed child!

Sadly, this story is all too familiar, and it is unfair because James and Gemma were nowhere near the child, yet got the blame for the incident. In fact, it took their Mum a long time to reassure the terrified little Gemma.

We dogs get a lot of bad press these days, sometimes rightly so. But not always, as in this case. Now that summer is here, children are out and about a lot more, and we are appealing to parents to teach them how to safely meet us dogs. Always approach quietly and ask the owner if you may pat or talk to their dogs, because they will know whether or not their pooches will welcome such attention. And children, pat us gently, but never ever try to kiss us because not all of us like that. Have a great summer. Woof, Josef Teckel.

PACT update

Terry McCarthy, West Norfolk Co-ordinator

The previous edition of The Hunstanton Newsletter was oversubscribed so the following thanks is a month overdue, but nevertheless still well deserved!

PACT had a very successful afternoon at last month's Blossom Day event at the Hunstanton Community Centre when we held a Tombola stall which raised £102.76. It was very well supported both with donations of prizes and support on the day and I would like to thank Kate Dunbar and her committee for organising the event so well and to our trusted band of supporters who again came up trumps. Special thanks to Gizzie, Molly and Cash (ably assisted by Amanda & Maureen, Lala & Gustaf and Kim & Steve!) for looking so appealing and working so hard during the afternoon. Our supply of Tombola prizes is always dwindling and never meets the needs of our many stalls so if anyone has any unwanted items that would be suitable Mitzi has kindly offered to collect them at Top Cat and Tails, her pet shop along Westgate, Hunstanton. Thank you Mitzi for your ongoing support, always so freely and cheerfully given!

PACT's second and third Open Days, at River Farm, Woodrising, NR9 4PJ are being held on Sunday 20th July and Sunday 17th August between 12.30-4. This is a chance to meet the animals being cared for by PACT and also the inspirational people who make the sanctuary "tick". There are stalls and games for everyone and refreshments where you can enjoy snacks and drinks in the courtyard. Dogs on leads are welcome. If you have any enquiries please telephone 01362-820775.

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Councillor's notes

Richard Bird

Well where to start?

Last month I told you that there was to be a decision about the last £1m of the Incinerator compensation package, now totaling £34m that had to be raised and that there was a choice of whether the money should come from Highway maintenance (potholes etc.) and Libraries or from a fund that was in the hands of the Boro' council, a fund that was created from second homes

Well the decision was made to take the money from the first option the Highways and libraries, leaving the second homes fund intact. I said I would expand upon this at the next opportunity, so here goes.

A couple of years ago the discount on these dwellings was 50% now that discount is reduced to 5%, a huge uplift in income for the Boro' Council, their share being some £785,000 this year alone. The reasons and excuses given for the uplift was to help LOCAL economy, infrastructure and communities. Bearing in mind that nearly all second homes are based around the coastline, you would have thought that those funds would have gone to coastal projects including: flood defences, community needs, rural transport, church and village hall renovation and much more. But no, there is no specific allocation for the coastal areas. The Conservative Boro' Council considers 'local' to mean the whole Boro'. In fairness some £600,000 I am told is being spent on school and dementia programs that cuts across the whole Boro' but apart from a one off £50,000 beach re-charge contribution in Heacham there is nothing I can find for specific coastal use.

I would argue that this is unfair and at least a substantial percentage of this 'windfall' should go towards the area most affected by the second homes challenges, the money comes from the coast and should be spent there, of course winning this argument will be difficult. As the only independent I can and do put people before party, all the other ward coastal councillors are Conservatives and would probably



put their party before their local population, otherwise I would have thought they would oppose this policy as well.

This month is seeing the start of the electoral campaigns for May 2015 National, Boro' and Town/Parish council general elections. You will start to see what appear to be good news stories appearing in the general press, T.V. and radio.

Locally I have been amazed at the 'good news' from the Conservative controlled Boro' Council. I am hearing about the need for young people to stay in their parishes and towns by creating a new form of social housing; the Conservative Boro' Council wants to buy new homes and rent them out just like old fashioned council houses; a system effectively killed-off years ago by Mrs. T, financed it appears from something called a 106 agreement bank of money! I am told that they have already accrued about £750,000 to finance the start of this project. There are no details of where it came from.

It all sounds great. Of course young people should be allowed to live near their parents and families, that's a given, but lets analyse this opportunity a bit more through the eyes of someone living in the coastal region.

Now most of us in local politics know that this is nothing new here, 106 money has been around for a very long time and basically its money that builders and developers have to give the Boro' to ensure that issues like infrastructure are dealt with properly, however there is another side to it.

If a developer decides that he doesn't want the 20% affordable allocation of houses rented to local

people, an amount he has to agree to in law nationally, the developer may opt for paying an extra amount of 106 money rather than 'sully' his prestigious housing project. This happens all along the coastal region; after all you don't want to pay loads of money for your luxury getaway and have somebody living in rented accommodation next door do you? Or do you? So dear friends this amazing breakthrough may be useful to some Towns and Villages but, as always, I think that Hunstanton and district may be getting the worst of it. I can see all one-way traffic with monies coming from the coast and going into some black hole in mid Boro'. I have seen no plans for any development anywhere along the coastal region that would have any homes at a low enough cost for the Boro' to buy them to let as 'Affordable,' leaving our local 'next generation' bereft of this so-called revolutionary breakthrough.

The last item I should like to bring to your attention is the new charitable based company being established by the Conservative Boro' Council. Getting information about it is very difficult and although the principle is correct, to save the ratepayers money, I for one have grave concerns. The Conservative Boro' Council does appear to be shedding all its assets to the new charitable company, so the leaseholds of all the sports centres, the Corn Exchange and other assets in the Boro' including the Oasis in Hunstanton are to be transferred. An amount of £200,000 is being paid over to the new company as an initial payment from the ratepayers to 'get it going'. It's not been disclosed how much more will be needed. Directorships of the company are not known to me and although we are told the directors are not receiving salaries I am not sure about any dividends or other expenses, I am unsure of who the directors are, what their duties and responsibilities cover, and why there is a contingency for the company 'To Fail' within five years. How many staff will be transferred and if they don't want to transfer what other options are there? I will leave you to ponder on what's going on. I certainly don't know and I am

supposed to represent the interests of this ward within the Boro'.

The County Council is by comparison relatively quiet, but just like a swan there is a lot going on under the surface. Recently I attended a financial guidance training session; at this meeting the areas of growth were highlighted, no big surprises they were basically the areas to the south of K.L. and Norwich, in fact around where there were roads under improvement, so A/M11 and A10 were prominent. I went to great lengths to remind all that our area the North Western corner of the county was producing £m's from leisure & tourism, retirement & care. I know I am going to have my hands full, but it will have been the first time for over 20 years that the committee system would have had someone promoting this area from a position of being on the environment transport and development finance sub-committee.

The management of grants from the E.U. is now part of the NCC job; learning what can or cannot be applied for seems at this

Stage to be an absolute maze, however I am getting along very well with the salaried officers who at least seem to be extremely helpful. I will keep you posted.

Last Month I referred to a development and apparently I appeared to be partisan in my support, to clarify I am in favor of development in Hunstanton, at least the amount outlined by the Boro' council of 220 homes, I am also in favor of bringing new jobs to the area so that all the homes don't just go to the retired and second home owners. However I have No say as a Boro' councillor as I am not on planning and never have been. my only involvement in my capacity as a Norfolk C.C. councillor is if there are any road issues, to date none have been sought for any sites.

Lastly after 10 years of fighting I am told there will be a pedestrian crossing with lights to the recreation ground started this financial year; alleluia.

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A page from The Sage

Dick Melton

Well it is nice to see that once again we have a roller skating rink in the town, even though it is hidden away a bit in Seagate on the area that used to be the ice skating rink. Roller skating is not so popular as it was but there are still many people who take it up. At one time there were three roller rinks in the town, the first one was built rust after the Second World War on the end of the pier by Mr. Horace Brooks, this was followed by the one down the fair; this rink had a beginners rink to one end of it, it got washed away in the 1953 floods but it was soon rebuilt but as one large rink, it stayed there until the late seventies when the slippery dip was built in it's place, it was very popular as people could stand on the promenade and watch the skaters. There was also one for a short time at the back of the Vegas and the Oasis put down a rink in their bowling area in the summer time. There were rinks in many of the towns around Norfolk including Kings Lynn, Cromer, Norwich, Yarmouth and further afield at Boston and Wisbech. I think there is still one at Walpole Highway; lets hope that the one at Hunstanton takes off.

The fair ground down Seagate Road where the skating rink was for about 25 years has always been very popular; there has been fairground rides in and around Hunstanton since 1880. The first ones were called coconut stands and the rent for these was £1 a year, the next year a gentleman from Seagate had some swings and a roundabout on the sand between Beach Terrace and the sea, and in 1889 a gentleman from Chatteris asked to put a steam switchback also on the beach near to Beach Terrace but this was turned down.

Travelling fairs and circuses came to the town for many years before and after the First World War, most of them would set up in a field at the top of Hill Street



behind where the Post Office depot is today; the first permanent fairground in the town was set up in 1930 on a small area of land down the bottom of Seagate road known as Leache's Field, on it was crazy golf, a tea stall, rock stall, a set of gallopers and a children's roundabout.

In 1936 the first layers of concrete were put down for the new fairground where it still is today and even before the Second World War there was a speedway ride and a toy set on this ground. During the war years this area was used as a storage depot for army vehicles and on May 3rd 1941 a bomb was aimed at it by a German plane, but the bomb missed and made a large crater on the beach near to the Kit-Kat doing some damage to some houses in Seagate Road.

After World War Two the present fairground really began to grow with a lot more rides and joints on it including a speedway, up and over swings, helter-skelter, 22 shooter, Kelly's wedding, hoopla, and a set of gallopers. In the late 50's the back road was closed and turned into a car park so the fairground was then expanded to take in Leache's Field and the new brick and steel buildings were built to house the amusement arcades, joints and a prize bingo. It was then that a lot of new rides came to the fair ground like a big wheel, waltzer, ark, chair-o-planes and a grass cutter skid, nowadays there are many new high tech rides on the fair but

some of the old ones are still there like the waltzer and mini roller coaster. One ride that I think has always been missed is a big wheel but maybe the operators think that it is to windy in Sunny Hunny for this type of attraction; even without a big wheel the Rainbow Amusement Park is still a smart well run fairground that is a major tourist attraction for Hunstanton.

Just down the promenade to the north of the fairground near the old Kit-Kat site there is a small area of amusements mainly for children that has been established there for over 60 years; at one time there was a crazy golf and a train ride to the south of the fairground where the caravan site has been since 1960. When the Sunday Market started up in 1973 there was an amusement arcade and a children's play area on this site called 'Fort Mohawk', also many years ago there was an amusement arcade and children's rides on a area of land next to Tamworth House. Hunstanton has for many years been well known for its fair ground and amusement arcades and long may it remain that way.

On the second of June in the Eastern Daily Press was a very good write up about Hunstanton which I did not see until a friend of mine pointed it out to me; this was about the correct pronunciation of our town, and according to Wikipedia and the Oxford Dictionary of English place names it should be pronounced 'Hun'ston' which I know many of us locals call it;

many years ago it was called 'Hunstans-tun' and then it was changed to Hunstanton. Now me when I pronounce it I usually say

Hun'ston, when I write it I put Hunstanton or Sunny Hunny; call it what you like Hunstanton, Hun'ston or Hunston it will always be Sunny Hunny for me.

About three years ago the caravan park on the old sewer field down the bottom of Seagate Road was turned around and altered a bit so that the roadway down the middle (right of way) was done away with and a new footpath (right of way) was laid down where there used to be one 60 years ago at the northern edge of the field; many people were not satisfied with it as when it rained it got muddy and held the water, so in time another footpath was laid with a rubber underlay and plainings (road chippings) on top, but this was not satisfactory either, so again after some time we now have a proper tarmac pathway from the Southend Road car park to Seagate Road, these three footpaths must have cost the Borough Council thousands of pounds, why did they not put tarmac down in the first place? Let's hope that it is satisfactory now and the hundreds of people that use it every day do not get there feet muddy and wet.

Well I have just written 1,142 words so I think that's about enough for this month; all the best to all of you that read my page each month and to those that don't rust keep on a trosh'in.



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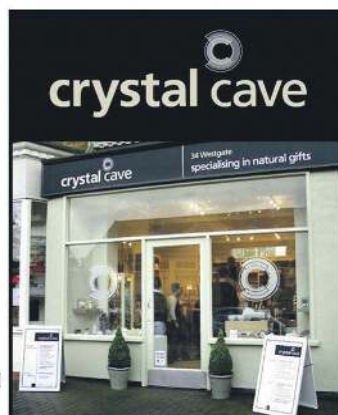
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Mercedes 300SL

Richard Bird

This month test drive, the Mercedes 300 sl, is like a blast from the past.



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More on Gifts

Miranda Marshall
Partner at Hayes + Storr

In my last article, I explained some of the fundamental legal aspects about making gifts. This article continues the subject.

Full instructions are needed together with certainty that the client fully understands the implications of their proposed transaction.

There may be more effective ways of achieving the same aim. For example, if someone wants to make sure a particular person inherits an asset, this may be better achieved by making a (new) Will.

If the intention of making the gift is to try to avoid tax, then all the tax implications need to be investigated and explained. There are several relevant taxes here: Capital Gains Tax ("CGT"), Inheritance Tax ("IHT") and the Pre-Owned Assets Tax charge to Income Tax.

There are complications if the donor retains a benefit in the asset after giving it away because of the Gifts with Reservation of Benefits rules for IHT. These can mean that there is both CGT to pay on the gifting of the assets and then IHT on their eventual death, even after more than 7 years from the date of the gift.

If someone is seeking relief from the worry or responsibility of owning an asset, granting a Lasting Power of Attorney to a family member may be a better way of dealing with that worry.

If someone wants to avoid the value of the asset being taken into account for means-testing, such as for long-term care, then advice is needed as to the consequences of such a gift, including tax implications and the risk of Social Security in relation to 'intentional deprivation of assets'. By this the person making the gift is treated as still owning the asset for the purposes of assessing their eligibility for State or Local Authority financial help towards the cost of care (whether at home or residential).

There are any number of other



complicating factors, these include the following examples: where the client is infirm or disabled and an adult child has given up a paid job or chance of career advancement to provide full-time, live-in care in the expectation of inheriting the home on their death; where the client is unable to afford the upkeep or pay for necessary improvements on their home and a child has been funding these in expectation of inheriting the property; where the home is a farmhouse without which the farm might not be able to function without; where the asset is in the client's name but originally funded by their child.

A proper assessment of the implications of making a gift is best achieved by listing the pros and cons and thinking carefully about tax and future care costs. A later request to return a gift may fall on deaf ears.

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DO YOU HAVE INCOME FROM PROPERTY?.....

PART III: FOREIGN MATTERS

By Kathryn Gigg Chartered Accountants, Hunstanton

In our previous articles we have covered the basics of tax on property income, whether from a Furnished Holiday Let (FHL) or a residential "buy to let" (often on six month Assured Shorthold Tenancies (ASTs). However, with the opening up of Europe and the proliferation of cheap flights, many people now own properties outside of the UK which they let when not being used for personal holidays, or hold a portfolio of houses in a popular overseas tourist area.

There is a common misconception that, provided that no monies are brought back to the UK, that foreign income or gains are not the concern of HM Revenue & Customs and do not therefore need to be declared. However, unless you are not domiciled in the UK (a legal status which defines your tax "home" and is outside of the scope of this article) then you are required to disclose your worldwide income and gains to the UK Tax authorities.

In practice this means that if you have income from a property that you let out which is situated outside of the UK then the income, less running expenses, needs to be declared on your UK Self Assessment Tax Return. If the property is in the European Economic Area (EEA) which comprises of the 28 member states of the European Union plus Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway (but does NOT include Switzerland) then, provided it would qualify as a Furnished Holiday Let (available for holiday let for a minimum of 210 days and actually let for at least 105 days) then the more generous Income Tax treatment, capital allowances and favourable Capital Gains Tax (CGT) treatment available to UK FHLs are also available for the foreign equivalent. If situated outside of the EEA then the income is simply treated as Property Income and disclosed on the Foreign pages of the Return.

Any net income generated will be added to your other income of the tax year and UK tax applied in the normal way. Depending on the

Country in question and any Double Taxation Treaty in place between their Government and the UK it is usually possible to offset any foreign tax paid on the income in the host country against the equivalent UK tax so that the income is only taxed once over all.

If you are in the position of having moved abroad to live yourself, and are now letting out your UK property(ies) as a Non Resident Landlord, you may find that you are having Basic Rate Tax (at 20%) deducted at source from your rents receivable, either by your letting agent or in certain circumstances by the tenant. This can cause a significant cash flow problem and is therefore an incentive to ensure that your tax affairs are kept under review. If you take the correct advice this can be avoided.

In 2010 it was estimated that there were in the region of 55,000 FHLs owned by UK Taxpayers in the EEA but the income from a number of these was not being declared and taxed, under the Self Assessment regime. This is clearly a significant leakage of tax from the Treasury and HM Revenue and Customs are currently using a "carrot and stick" approach to encourage tax payers to put their tax affairs in order. The main thrust of this approach are the various "Campaigns" targeting, most recently, rental income, second incomes and overseas income.

The Campaigns share much in common, and ask the Taxpayer to make full disclosure of the various income that has not been previously declared going back up to 20 years and, in return for this, the Taxpayer pays a significantly reduced level of penalties than would otherwise be the case if HM Revenue & Customs were to become aware of the errors as a result of receiving third party information for example or enquiry. HM Revenue & Customs may also be open to accepting a payment plan for any tax outstanding as, if the mis-declaration has gone on for a number of years, it is quite possible that funds are not available

to pay the outstanding amount in a single payment. In addition, if a full declaration is made, then the acceptance by HM Revenue & Customs of the Taxpayer's offer gives both sides certainty of their position and income can be correctly declared and tax paid into the future. It is worth noting that, typically, if there has been a history of undeclared income and this is NOT declared via a Campaign but instead discovered by HM Revenue & Customs, then the resulting tax, penalties and interest often amount to all, or even more, than the funds accumulated as a result of the non-declaration. A strong encouragement to "come clean" and bring ones affairs bang up to date rather than storing up problems for yourself later, or even for your beneficiaries upon your demise.

HM Revenue & Customs have also been successful, especially in the EU, in persuading foreign tax authorities to disclose details of income that they hold from returns of Banks and letting agents in their own territories that could identify non-declaration in the UK. Behind the scenes they are undertaking a programme of matching intelligence from all over the world with the tax records held by HM Revenue & Customs with the resulting list of potential non-declaration being a valuable starting point for launching enquiries into UK Taxpayers' affairs. It is very much a case of making a disclosure to HM Revenue & Customs before they come calling themselves and

seeking the assistance of an experienced professional is the most sensible option.

Kate Gigg and her team at Kathryn Gigg Chartered Accountants specialise in all aspects of property tax and would be pleased to advise you whether you already have a property, whether a single property or a portfolio, or you are thinking of making such an investment and would value some professional input. As set out above advice can also be provided if you think that you may have under-declared your income, or need to declare a capital gain on the sale of the property or wish to make a voluntary disclosure and take advantage of an HM Revenue & Customs "Campaign".

If any of these issues affect you and you are in need of further advice, please contact either Kate or her assistant Nicola Tarry FCA, who will be pleased to talk matters through with you.

Please contact Kathryn Gigg Chartered Accountants, Hunstanton on 01485 534800/email kate@kathryngigg.co.uk if we can assist in any way.

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In the Flower garden:

Cut back faded perennial plants to keep borders tidy and to encourage a second flush of growth. Penstemon, hardy geraniums and delphiniums are some good examples. Cut back hanging basket growth, which will revive the display. Long side shoots of Wisteria should be cut back to 20cm from their base.

Don't forget to continue to tie in climbing plant growth and deadhead roses. Keep picking sweet peas to ensure they do not go to seed.

Vegetable/Fruit garden:

Feed crops with a general purpose fertiliser, pinch out side shoots of tomatoes and use fertiliser once a week, to boost crops. You can plant second cropping potatoes now for new potatoes at Christmas. Train cucumber stems upwards so that they don't trail on the ground.

Strawberries should be cropping well, keep picking them and protect them from the birds with taught netting. Water all crops when there is a dry period. Keep sowing cut and come again crops too.

Check both flowers and vegetables for bugs and weeds, otherwise all your hard work could be in vain.

Prune plum, apricot, peach and cherry trees, including cordons and espaliers.

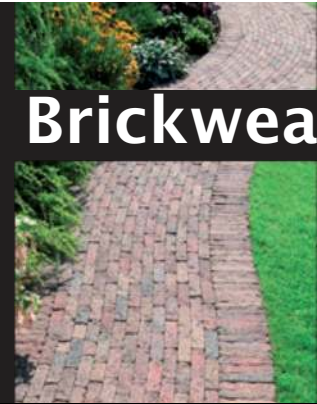
Other jobs around the garden: Now is the last chance to feed the lawn with lawn fertiliser. Water during hot weather, especially newly seeded or turfed lawns.

Keep bird baths topped up and use water butts instead of tap water where possible for watering plants.

If I can be of assistance to you, with a new planting scheme or simply a summer blitz, please do not hesitate to contact me, on 07812099123 louise@balanis.co.uk

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Peter James



Northfields Allotments Club, Hunstanton, Norfolk, was saddened by the passing of Peter James. Peter was a plot-holder in November 2002 when the Club was formed to manage the allotments on behalf of Hunstanton Town Council. He became Secretary in 2006 and later Chairman just before other commitments forced him to give up his plot in 2011. Peter gave unstintingly of his time in pursuance of the Club's administration and activities. After retiring from Northfields Peter continued to support the Club in other ways, including deployment of his artistic talents in the Club's annual entry for the Hunstanton Christmas Tree Festival!

Peter had a keen interest in the National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners. He went on to be a founder member of the NSALG Norfolk Group, becoming Chairman in 2006. He was one of the judges for Northfields annual allotments competition. Peter was made an Honorary Member of Northfields.

Peter was a micro biologist and lectured in the subject. It was through lecturing that he met Judith, a languages lecturer and they had a happy marriage. Peter was a man of letters and prolific writer. Inevitably most of Peter's written output included at least one word or phrase in Latin! He will be greatly missed by his many friends.

David Elvidge

Secretary, Northfields Allotments Club

Poppies bloom for heroes

Pat Richardson Vice Chairman Hunstanton in Bloom.



This photo taken by Pat Richardson shows the Poppies growing alongside Oasis Way in Hunstanton. This is part of Hunstanton in Bloom theme this year to commemorate the beginning of World War 1 one hundred years ago this year and to remember all the brave men women and children who lost their lives in the Great War.

There have been more Flanders Poppy seeds sown down Oasis Way

that hopefully will be in full bloom when the Anglia in Bloom judges visit Hunstanton on the 9th July.

The Creakes Gardeners Club

On 31st May, The Creake Gardeners Club for the seventh consecutive year, ran a Grand Raffle in aid of Wells Community Hospital at The Plant Lovers Day held at Creake Abbey, North Creake.

On a fine day and due to the generosity of the public we were able to donate the sum of £532 to the hospital in respect of the raffle tickets purchased. A cheque was presented to Wells Community Hospital this week.

We would like to thank all the club members and the local community of North Creake who kindly donated prizes and a special thank you to all the local business's who generously donated additional prizes.

Further information on the Creakes Gardening Club activities can be obtained by contacting Doreen Crisp Secretary on 01328 -738142 or via our Website www.northcreake.org.uk

Bishop's open gardens

The Norfolk Hospice, Tapping House are one of the fortunate charities to benefit from the Bishop of Norwich's Open Gardens. Come and join us on Sunday 13th July 2014 between 1pm and 5pm (last entrance is 4.30pm). Entrance is just £3.00 (children and wheelchair user's free entrance). All visitors will be entered into a free prize draw to win a plant kindly donated by the Bishop's Gardener. Enjoy a traditional English afternoon with cream teas, lawn games, Punch and Judy, storytelling by the Yarnsmith of Norwich and live music with The Old Wild Rovers shanty singers and Grace Carter singing opera. Our two friendly bears, Hugh and Harmony will also be attending and will be organising a treasure hunt for the children. We look forward to seeing you there! NR3 1SB

Hunstanton Brownies planting for birthday celebrations

The Brownies are 100 years old and to celebrate, and to work towards a special new badge, Hunstanton Brownies are taking part in 'The Big Brownies Birthday Challenge'. On the evening of 21st May they planted wildflowers around their cherry tree in Hunstanton's Community Orchard. Cornflowers and corn marigolds had been carefully grown at home before being brought along.

Pat and Lesley Richardson were on hand to help while the girls put them in, followed by sunflowers along the orchard fence.

In a very short time they will look fabulous!



3rd Hunstanton Brownies

Sue Richardson



During Half term 14 girls from Hunstanton were joined by 5 from Heacham for our annual Brownie Holiday. We stayed at Patteson lodge, in Coltishall for 4 nights and 5 days of fun! This year our theme was gingerbread men as we worked towards the Gingerbread man challenge badge. Amongst other things we made wooden gingerbread men, painted magnetic gingerbread men, made biscuits, went for a riverside walk, tried rafting, had a silly sports afternoon, decorated cakes, went on a night walk in our pyjamas and sang campfire songs around our decorated lanterns. It really was a busy time! The girls also took turns to be cooks, waitresses, housekeepers and help with the health & hygiene. The Brownies were a pleasure to look after and a credit to their parents.

We have now planted our Brownie flower bed in the Lower Spinney, please take the time to have a look at it. This year it was designed by the Moles Six and shows a big cake, balloons & 100, to celebrate The Big Brownie Birthday.

The Raiders!

Joanna

The garden is full of families, the front garden is at the moment under attack from several families of House Sparrows, they are all over the plants and footpath as they search for seeds and maybe some insects, youngsters are feeding themselves and then queuing up for extra bits from near by adults and meanwhile the Goldfinch families are all over the Rosemary plants again, I think pecking for the seeds in the spent flowers. Something has just scared the Sparrows and at least 15 have flown up and then as quickly come back down.

I wrote that first paragraph at the beginning of June, I could actually have written it today the 8th of June. After the thunder and heavy rain exactly the same thing happened but Starlings joined in and there were at least 6 young Blue Tits and lots of Chaffinches in my mini wood, they were very busy inspecting the leaves top and undersides, Goldfinches were into the seed heads and leaves of the Rosemary shrubs. It was like Piccadilly Circus!

I had a fabulous evening on top of the world over the end of the last Bank Holiday, I slipped the traffic and took to the back roads, I didn't meet another car and once I reached my spot I switched off, windows down and enjoyed the late afternoon sun, I listened to Skylarks, a Chaffinch and then the 'jangly keys' song of a Corn Bunting, as I scanned the hedges there it was sitting up high. It really is a brown bird!! Well brown and beige with a small dark patch on its pale breast but I really enjoy them, probably because they aren't that common and are not that easy to see most of the time. We never saw them where I used to live on the York's/Lancs borders, very little grain there, mainly pasture land for cows but I used to see them sometimes when my parents lived at Scruton near Leeming Airfield, they could be

found down a track by the corn fields.

Along the hedge was a foraging party of Blue and Great Tits, youngsters making their own way in the world. The banks of scarlet Poppies, with Moon Daises and wild oat type grass mixed with Mignonette and Weld were a sight to behold and all in all I felt it was so beautiful I wanted to roll in it! Obviously it would have ruined it and in my state of health I'd never have been able to get up again. However I hope it gives you some pointer as to how fabulous the hour was.

I know that as I talk to people that a lot of you don't like Starlings in your garden!

Actually I welcome them, especially at this time of the year. I usually get several excited, noisy families for a couple of weeks and then they disappear into the countryside. The youngsters are great value for money; in their drab brown coats they are into everything, every leaf every corner has to be investigated and every passing adult whether Starling or Blackbird is pounced on for food. Once the food supply stops and parents move on the youngsters form big parties that need more space than I can provide so off they go to range the fields.

Keep your eyes open and you will see birds in oddly contorted poses, they are 'sun bathing' exposing as much of their body in an attempt to get rid of the parasites that they carry, some birds even encourage ants to squirt their formic acid over the feathers to cleanse themselves.

Have you seen any of Spring Watch this year? I learn something new every year and like Chris Packham the Bitterns have 'done it for me' normally a brief foray over the reeds is all I see and the nest sightings are incredible. I have probably told you before that a little boy at Leighton Moss called them 'toasted herons' and I think that is a great way of describing them.

It has also been a trip down memory lane with Iolo being up in Scotland on the Malcolm's lands at Duntrune, I did two years as governess to a family that spent a lot of time with the Malcolms and I have always loved that corner, it is near the Crinan Canal and a superb bird watching area, with mammals, wild flowers and the clear air is close to the ideal area! Of course that is until one comes up against 'the defenders of the Highlands' the midges!! It was strange though because in those days they didn't bite me and I have had much more trouble with The Titchwell midges than I ever have with the Scottish breed. It used to be said that the Loch Awe ones were the worst and that they had huge jaws and wore 'tackerty boots' what ever they were.

What will be happening by the time you read this, sorry I really don't know. I hope and pray that we will be and will have been experiencing some good summer weather, we will also be finding the days growing slightly shorter, as July sets in the weather will hopefully get warmer and that will mean the sea will start to warm up, anyone for a swim? On the bird front the failed and not ready to breed waders will start to appear and I do hope we will have those incredible screeching parties of Swifts along the Town streets. The crops should be ripening and the wild flowers going into their summer stages, some seeding and some just appearing, each to its season.

I just know that I have enjoyed the last few days of clear night skies, the last light fading about 10.30pm and then the clear quiet mornings as the first light appeared around 3.45am with sun up nearer 5.30. The long twilight evenings and early mornings are a boon unlike the abrupt change from light to dark found nearer the Equator. Keep your eyes open and enjoy all that the season has to offer because as we know 'summers lease has all too short a date' as Shakespeare would have us believe.

Coast Path

Natural England has started work on the England Coast Path – a new long-distance trail that will eventually allow people to walk around the whole English coast. We are now working from Weybourne to Hunstanton. We expect to use the existing route of the Norfolk Coast Path National Trail where this meets everyone's needs, but can vary; come along to see: 21st July - Hunstanton Library – 10am to 12noon.



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Lifeboat news

Geoff Needham

Humber Coastguard requested launch of Hunstanton RNLI lifeboat "Spirit of West Norfolk" at 11.05. a.m. on Thursday 12th June to Medivac an injured crewmember from motor fishing vessel.

Humber Coastguard received radio call from MFV four miles SW of Hunstanton that one of crew had received serious injuries to his arm and needed medical treatment,

Hunstanton volunteer crew launched on service at 11.15 a.m. and made good speed to the vessel, on arrival alongside vessel the injured crewman was transferred to the lifeboat and first aid treatment was applied, he was brought back to the boathouse at 11.40 a.m. and handed over to the waiting paramedics, and transferred to QE Hospital Kings Lynn.

High Water 6.25 a.m. Wind NW 2 Sea state slight

On Saturday 14th June, Humber Coastguard requested launch of Hunstanton RNLI lifeboat "Spirit of West Norfolk" at 5.45 p.m.

Humber Coastguard received radio call from motor vessel that he had broken down on the inner sands on the entrance to Boston. Four persons on board three adults and one child, HCG asked if he had lifejackets, to which he replied we have two lifejackets.



Hunstanton volunteer crew launched on service at 5.55 p.m. and made good speed to the area; vessel was located and taken in tow to Sutton Bridge Pilots Pontoon, where they left the CAS. Whilst this was ongoing Sutton Bridge Swing Bridge operator reported that another vessel Osca 1 went out with the Sasha and had reported to him by radio that he was lost, and had gone aground several times, and was near a big red buoy. Bridge operator was trying to talk Osca 1 in by radio on channel 9. HCG asked that Osca 1 go to Ch 16 and was told to drop anchor and stay in their current position, the Hunstanton lifeboat would come them on returning down river and set them in the right direction. The lifeboat escorted the Osca 1 up the river towards Sutton Bridge. Osca 1 reported that his power steering belt had broken and had to slow down ILB slowed to suit and directed Osca 1 up the river towards Sutton Bridge. This vessel had no lifejackets or Navigation aids of any kind. No echo sounder only a VHF radio.

L/B returned at 9.15 p.m. H.W. 8.21 p.m. Wind NE 4. Sea state moderate. Vis. Good.

Life at the station carries on as usual, crew training plays an important part in the role of a crewmember, knowing how to use the equipment, where it is stowed on the boat or hovercraft, and familiarising oneself in its maintenance, photo shows hover crew on exercise, using the mud rescue kit, in how to get a person out of the mud/sand, if the situation arises, as you can see it is important that the team can work together in a professional way, as we never know when an incident will occur. The RNLI provide our crews with the necessary equipment, this is all thanks to the generosity of the public. The RNLI is a Charity that is supported by voluntary

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donations and volunteer crews.

Saturday 7th June the crew held a race night at Old Hunstanton social Club, a good night was had by all, and a total £635.00 pounds was raised, thanks to all who helped run the night, and a big thanks to all the local people and Traders who donated raffle prizes.

Sunday 8th June. Adrian Needham (Charlie) presented the monies raised from the Phil Bird memorial fishing match plus other money raised, the grand total was £585.00. photo shows Charlie handing over the cash to Robin Rafferty Operations manager, also Rod Hicks and Michael Darby, a report of this match was in last months issue.

Video footage of some recent rescues can be seen on the RNLI website www.rnli.org.uk

For information on the RNLI the Charity that saves lives at sea visit www.rnli.org.uk

Local fire-fighters support FBU action



Adam Hussey (left) & Peter York at Hunstanton Fire Station

Retained fire-fighters from Hunstanton and Heacham Fire Stations supported the Fire Brigades Union 24-hour strike action and mounted an official picket on Thursday 12th June. But this was a picket with a difference because the retained fire-fighters all have day jobs too, and to participate in the strike most used a day's holiday from their paid employment.

Mother of three Nikita Coffill a Retained Fire-fighter based at Heacham also works at the Heacham Social Club, and her colleague Guy Tavener works in retail. Guy said: "We should get a decent pension for giving a lifetime of public service."

At the Hunstanton station Peter York was joined by Adam Hussey who felt it was worth sacrificing a day's holiday from his retail job to support the protest about Fire-fighters' pensions. Peter said: "I took on the job with the promise of a pension and now the government is changing the rules."

During the 24 hours of action the Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service, that is not in dispute with the Fire Brigades Union, was called to a total of seventeen incidents.



Guy Tavener & Nikita Coffill at Heacham Fire Station

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- The vampire facelift – PRGF/PRP – Use your own blood to rejuvenate your face



£12,000 raised for local charities

The Hunstanton Charity Shop celebrated its first full year as an independent organisation by giving three local charities £4000 each at a presentation evening held at Hunstanton Community Centre on Friday 13th June. Representatives from the charities Scotties Little Soldiers, Help for Heroes and the RNLI attended to collect their cheques.



Front row from left Terry Morris, Victoria Bradley, David Wigglesworth, Nikki Scott and Shop Manager Angela Green.

With some of the shop's volunteers.

Shop Chairman David Wigglesworth praised the team of fourteen volunteers who work in the shop that is open six and a half days a week. He said: "Following our re-vamp in the shop, our sales are up and without our volunteers we couldn't be so successful. No one in the organisation is paid and the volunteers choose the charities we support. I am pleased to announce that we have voted to continue supporting Scotties Little Soldiers, Help for Heroes and the RNLI in the coming year."

Representing the RNLI Terry Morris thanked the shop and said: "Donations like this make a huge difference to the service the Lifeboat can

provide; I am so very pleased that you have chosen to support us again next year." Nikki Scott, the founder of Scotties Little Soldiers echoed his thoughts and Victoria Bradley from Help for Heroes told the gathering about her husband's post-Afghanistan experience of illness and just how much the work of Help for Heroes helps service people.

Letters

Flying Circus

I always enjoy Dick Melton's articles on Hunstanton past and present and was particularly interested to see his reference to the Flying Circus in the June issue of Town & Around.

This was SIR ALAN COBHAM'S FLYING CIRCUS which toured the UK., called NATIONAL AVIATION DAYS. and it visited Hunstanton in September 1934 using Searles fields (now the holiday centre) as its base

Although it is eighty years ago and I was only six I remember the thrilling displays and in particular, a flight in, to me, a huge aircraft at a massive cost of five shillings!

My father was a pilot in WW1 and he followed these shows whenever possible and that day in Hunstanton was a special treat for me and my brother(9).

Derek Thrower, Heacham

Cinema

I do miss the cinema where the Princess Theatre used to show films on a regular basis. I wondered if it were possible to show them in say the Town Hall or similar or smaller buildings to keep the cost down, I'm sure there are plenty of people who would be interested to pay and have this service, as the nearest one is now the Majestic in King's Lynn which isn't always convenient. Have you had any other queries regarding this?

Eileen Bagnall

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The 'eyes' have it

The new look at Hunstanton Eye Care practice is modern and inviting following a complete re-design and redecoration of both the interior and the exterior of the building in Church Street.

The investment in the practice led by Ian Leach who joined the company then called McCaghrey and Associates in 1974, later to be re-named Parker and Leach and then finally Hunstanton Eye Care, now makes the business one of the most up to date optical services businesses that makes eye health the 'focal point' of the practice.



Diabetic, cataract and glaucoma screening and management services are available and now some of the services that previously meant a trip to the hospital will be available at the practice in the future which will be far more convenient for many.

There is a disabled access plus a chair lift for those who can't manage the stairs to one of the consulting rooms on the first floor.

For those interested in eye health and the services available, the business has also invested in its website: <http://www.eyecarenorfolk.co.uk/> that has lots of information and in the 'about us' section, fully animated eye-care resource videos.



In store there is a fabulous range of frames to choose from, both traditional and up-to-the-minute designs plus of course contact lenses.

The practice supports the charity Vision Aid Overseas and sends old spectacles off weekly that can be re-used in other parts of the world, so if you have any glasses that you don't need anymore they can be left at the reception desk.

North Creak Post Office

The North Creak Post Office re-located to North Creak Village Hall on Wednesday 25th June. It will open on Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 12.30 to 4pm each week. Full Post Office facilities will be available there on those days.

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From sunrise to after eight

Just a short stroll from Old Hunstanton beach and recently recognised by TripAdvisor with an Excellence award for its accommodation and restaurant, The Lodge Old Hunstanton is preparing for a busy summer season with new additions to its family-friendly menu and an all-day service from late July to early September.

Head chef Mark Tomeo is excited with the latest tweaks to the seasonal menu, which brings visitors far and near back on a regular basis. "Over the summer we see more families eating out with their children, perhaps on holiday or after a day out at the beach, and that's very much what The Lodge is all about – enjoying the coast and making great family memories," says Mark.

"Our menu is very much geared towards family dining, but everything is authentically sourced and freshly prepared to order. We installed our pizza oven last year, and they've been phenomenally popular, so we've added some new flavours such as jerk chicken, smoked cheese and roasted red onions, which work so well.

"For those looking for light bites, I'd also recommend the new chef's salad caprese which uses locally sourced heritage tomatoes and peach, packed full of fresh flavours." Mark's Italian roots have also inspired a series of new dishes to the summer menu, including lobster linguine and goat's cheese, pea, baby spinach, shallot and fire roasted pepper risotto.

For those with a sweet tooth, The Lodge's sensational sundaes are the perfect way to finish a family meal – try After Eight, an amazing combination of the eponymously-named ice cream, chocolate sauce, crème de menthe, After Eight and whipped cream.

"We very much tailor our menu to our customers' tastes, and this is complemented by a wide-ranging and authentic drinks list," adds general manager Gavin Wyeth. "Every wine that we sell is available by the glass, and that makes it super easy to relax whether you're enjoying a

delicious lunch, meeting friends or eating out with the whole family." Whatever the hour and appetite, The Lodge is the place to be this summer.

Thornhamvillage Kids' Club

Summer 2014 - 6 weeks Kid's Club

Thornham Village Hall are going to put on a summer holiday programme of weekly arts and crafts sessions, throughout the summer holidays, kindly organised and volunteered by a Thornham resident. We are keen to offer this to both locals from all surrounding villages, as well as holidaymakers alike.

This is the first time this sort of thing has been organised in Thornham, and we would desperately like it to take off, to make it a viable option to do throughout the other school holidays in the year, linking in with the holiday festivals ie: Easter, Halloween, Christmas.

Where? Thornham Village Hall, Main Road, Thornham

Who? Children 0 – 8 years and parents

(one adult must stay with child/children from one family)

What? Arts & crafts, painting, play dough, games, books and cricket as well as access to fabulous playground

Tea / coffee and cake for the adults. Snacks and drinks for the children

When? 15th July * 22nd July * 29th July * 5th August *

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A service with dog biscuits

Hunstanton's St Edmund's Church hosted the town's first Pet Service on Sunday (25th May) when pets of all shapes and sizes plus their owners enjoyed a short service followed by refreshments for all.



Fr John Bloomfield, who was accompanied by his own rescue dog, Flash, said: "we did expect the majority of people to bring dogs and that was the case today. I am pleased to say that they were all very well behaved."

Aptly the service concluded with organist Barbara Wingrove's rendition of the theme tune from All creatures great and small, much enjoyed by everyone with additional barking from Charlie and an almost in-tune howl from Sox.



Nesta Dolby gives Merlin a treat. Other people in the picture Max Dolby and Merlin's owners John and Bridget Crafts from Glebe School.

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The Friends of St Mary's Snettisham - From The Diocese of Norwich to the Caribbean

Until the end of last year, Caspar James worked as an assistant to the Lay Development Coordinator of The Diocese of Norwich. But no more!

Caspar has always loved music but graduated from Edinburgh University with a MA degree in Religious Studies, which obviously helped him during his time with The Church of England.

During his days at university he was a founding member of the popular Edinburgh based group Orkestra del Sol, highlights of his time with this group include performances to large crowds at The Glastonbury Festival on a number of occasions.

Caspar these days is pursuing his interest in West Indian music with trips to the Caribbean and performing with his band The Mighty Phantom and his Tropical Troubadours. They are all professional musicians who work in other well known groups throughout the county and UK. We think a good and lively night is in store.

Where are they performing?? At St Mary's Church in Snettisham on Saturday July 19 that 7pm as part of the fund raising activities of The Friends of St Mary's. Recently The Lynn News wrote about the need to raise £250,000 to cope with the ever-demanding maintenance on this magnificent historic building and The Nelson Shantymen gave a very enjoyable concert in the church and this latest event promises to be equally enjoyable.

Tickets are £7.50 and are available from The Grapes Gallery in Snettisham or on the door on the evening of the concert. Children are free. Come and enjoy the sunshine and rhythm of The Caribbean!

A CITY OF REFUGE

Daniel Holland Pastor The Way

When I talk with my friend Cllr Richard Bird he often remarks that Hunstanton is a Christian town. I find this equally encouraging and fascinating; I ask myself, is it possible to have a 'christian town' or 'christian country'? Does that presuppose that every inhabitant is Christian (which I know is not the case) or that the overarching values and atmosphere is Christian?

Several times I have found myself praying that Hunstanton would be a town/city of refuge. This is a old testament concept which I have been researching. When the Hebrews escaped Egypt and finally made it to the promised land of Canaan (which became Israel) God gave them many instructions. One of these was to allocate six cities of refuge throughout the country.

The purpose of these cities was to provide sanctuary to people who had accidentally killed somebody. In the case of accidental manslaughter the accused was to 'leg-it' to the nearest city of refuge. Could this be where the word refugee comes from? Now it is a politically loaded description; but that is not my discussion here. The roads to these cities were to be twice as wide as normal and smooth to facilitate speed.

I have a curious mental image, a man or woman belting along these roads closely followed by wild eyed families and friends wielding pitchforks and axes. If the refugee outran them to the city the pursuers could not touch a hair of his head; or they would be culpable for murder. What became of those who couldn't run fast, I shudder to think? What an incentive to keep fit!

God has such wisdom, in the heat of a moment all sorts of terrible things could be said and done. Once in the protection of the city of refuge, both the accused and the accusers could all take stock and begin to be more objective. It's the equivalent of counting to a hundred slowly. The case would be brought to the assembly, and if the verdict was accidental manslaughter, the man or woman could stay in the city of refuge. By now the family and/or friends may have calmed down enough to realise that accidents do happen, and that their grief would not be appeased by adding murder to it. They would return to their homes sad, but thankful for God's wisdom in the law. They had been saved from themselves. The refugee meanwhile would rejoice in God's protection.

I can't resist including another peculiarity of the law. When the high priest died, there was amnesty for those in cities of refuge and they could return home. The death of the high priest was considered a national tragedy and there was no more room for vengeance. Refugees therefore had more than a little vested interest in the high priest dying! He must have been scrutinised for any signs of illness or decrepitude. To ameliorate this, the Jewish oral tradition held that the mother of the high priest would send food and clothes to the refugees so that they would not wish for her son's death. How perfect! What, I wonder, happened to him if he didn't have a generous mother, or one who was still alive?

As a Christian Jesus is my city of refuge, my amnesty from sin and protection from evil. But what would it mean for Hunstanton to be a modern day city/town of refuge? Our roads are ok but certainly not twice as wide as and smooth than others; anyone trying to get in or out on a bank holiday weekend could testify to that. I think it means the church and community holding out love and help to those who need it. It's being a place of solace, justice and true friendship where second chances are given and received. I pray that we will....

..... *'loose the chains of injustice, and untie the cords of the yoke,*

..... *set the oppressed free and break every yoke(?)*

..... *share (your) food with the hungry*

And (to) provide the poor wanderer with shelter-

When you see the naked, (to) clothe him,

And not to turn away from your own flesh and blood (?) Isaiah 58v 6-7

Bright the Vision

James Monro (Curate, Saxon Shore Benefice)

I had thought that my collection of theology books was large enough, but some one at the Brancaster fete pointed out a book for sale about Julian of Norwich that I had not seen before. Now I am re-visiting her.

Mother Julian received a series of visions centred around the passion of Christ on 13th May 1373, while she lay sick and near to death. She recovered, and then spent the next twenty or so years in prayer as a recluse pondering their meaning. The result was the first book in English to be written by a woman, and containing a number of profound insights into the mind and goodness of God.

Her visions of the dying Christ are vivid and colourful in a typically medieval manner, and could be considered what we today term a "near death experience".

For me, the most striking of Julian's descriptions is that of the face of Christ, drying in the wind and thirsting as he hangs on the cross. Others are more insights into spiritual truths, such as the great pleasure that God experiences when we put him at the centre of our lives.

Many of us experience "mountain summit" times when we experience something of God in greater than usual clarity. These may never be as vivid or profound as Julian's sixteen "shewings", but like Julian we need to hang on to them over the years, and particularly when life takes us down from the hill tops into much darker valleys. They help us to go back, for Julian says this of God: "He wants us quickly to attend to him, for he stands all alone, and he waits for us continually, moaning and mourning until we come. And he hastens to bring us to him, for we are his joy and his delight, and he is the remedy of our life".

Maybe you will be encouraged to seek out a book of Julian's writings to discover her for yourself.

Hunstanton Catholic Parish

(Church of Our Lady and St Edmund, Sandringham Road, Hunstanton with St Cecilia's, Mountbatten Road, Dersingham)

The ladies shared lunch at the end of May was a great success. There was a happy atmosphere and the talk from Revd. Julie Boyd was enjoyed by all. The raffle raised £40 for Christian Aid and £43 for CAFOD. The autumn ladies shared lunch will be on 8th November.

Other social events this month have been the very popular Strawberry Fayre at Dersingham and the Corpus Christi procession in the grounds of Oxburgh Hall led by Bishop Alan Hopes.

Our usual annual barbecue in the grounds of the parish church will be at lunch time this year. It is hoped that the earlier time will be more convenient and the weather kinder. Why not come along on Saturday 9th August, and join in the feast. Tickets will be on sale shortly.

Watch for our parish social events during the year which will be advertised on the website and in the weekly bulletins. 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 10.15am 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. Our daily Masses are usually held at St Theresa's Convent, 27 Sandringham Road, Hunstanton, but will be in the church during the summer months instead, except on Wednesday when it is usually at 10.15am at St Cecilia's, Dersingham. These are subject to change so please check for dates and times on Church notice boards, website or phone. Sunday Masses are 9am at Dersingham and 11am at Hunstanton. The Parish office telephone number is 01485 534675. You can contact the Parish Priest, Fr Peter Rollings on 01553 772220.

Website: www.hunstantoncatholicparish.org Email: parish@hunstantoncatholicparish.org

Sea Service at Burnham Deepdale

St. Mary's Church will be holding its Annual Sea Service at 6pm on July 20th. We hope to welcome many of you to this celebration of the sea when the church will again be beautifully decorated specially for it. Come and join in the singing of the strong seamen's hymns, listen to some interesting readings and give thanks for all the good things we enjoy from the sea. A collection will be taken for the RNLI and the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen. We look forward to welcoming you.

MUSIC IN COUNTRY CHURCHES

29th and 30th July

A reminder that this prestigious event, featuring artistes of international renown, is back in Old Hunstanton this month!

There are three concerts in total, spread over two days, and featuring a wide range of classical pieces by Mozart, Strauss, Debussy, Tchaikovsky, Bach, Schubert and Beethoven.

The performances are being given by The English Chamber Orchestra, the Skampa Quartet and Carole Cerasi in the beautiful setting of St Mary's Church, Old Hunstanton. Light refreshments including wine and soft drinks will be on sale in the marquee, and it is possible to book a buffet supper when you get your tickets.

There are still some tickets available at a good range of prices.

Full details of the event are available at musicincountrychurches.com, and at the box office on 01603 628319.



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With Christians the world over, we have just celebrated Pentecost, remembering that time when a motley group of ordinary men and women were given the gift of the Holy Spirit and suddenly found they could do the most extraordinary things.

Soon we shall be holding our Annual Church Meeting where we review what has happened in the last year and plan for the year ahead. Reading the Annual Report Booklet it is striking just how many members of our congregation have had a part to play, a contribution to make to the life of our church, whether in Sunday worship or in our outreach through the week. This might mean doing odd jobs around the building, serving refreshments, leading prayers or reading a lesson. It could be using musical or artistic talents or visiting members and friends in care homes. Or a welcoming smile for a newcomer to carpet bowls or Time 4 A Yarn, a gift of money to the good causes the church supports, or those little touches which make the monthly church lunch such a popular and special occasion.

It's very obvious that all of us, no matter how old, fit, wealthy or well-educated, have been given some sort of gift. Belonging to a church means using those gifts, just like those earliest Christians did; you can't just sit back and soak up the Good News! And we need to remember these qualities, aptitudes, talents are not of our own making but given by God.

After the 1966 World Cup, when the victorious England team disbanded, Geoff Hurst (who I believe had done rather well) said to the manager "See you next time, Alf." Apparently Alf Ramsey replied: "If selected, Geoffrey,

if selected."

We are all special, everybody matters, but no one is indispensable!

Our Pentecost service ended with this prayer:

God of power,

may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,

may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,

and may the gifts of your Spirit equip us

to serve and worship you now and always.

Joy Webb.



The Methodist Church, St Edmund's and the Union Church gave out Christian Aid Week envelopes to their congregations. The total raised was £288.75 (including Gift Aid). Thank you to all who contributed.

Union Church

Miriam Hodson

July is here – how time flies!! Schools will be closed down from mid July and people will be taking their holidays. I remember when I was at school – where I lived; our holidays were taken during "Factory Fortnight Shutdown". Everything in manufacturing closed for two weeks for an unpaid break. My older brothers and sisters worked in Barton-upon-Humber where the then well known Hoppers bicycles were made. Mom and Dad could never afford for us to have family holidays, as there were 15 of us! but those who were working used to go for a few days to the nearest seaside resort. I well remember how excited I was when I was about 12 years old; two of my sisters took me with them to Bridlington!!

How times have changed – now holidays are not only taken at home but to many places abroad – even Australia and many other far away places; but for these we all need passports – even children now need their own.

Watching a documentary by David Suchet, who played Poirot in "Murder on the Orient Express", giving a "rundown" of the history of the train, he remarked that the experience actually became "a passport to a new life", and that's what prompted this letter.

We all need a "passport" to a new life, for John Chapter 3 v.3 tells us "Except a man be born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God" and in verse 6 He explains that we need a spiritual birth "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit".

So how can we be born again? Well John 3 v.16 tells us that "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life". So at the end of our journey through life we will go to heaven to be with God. Jesus said in John 14 v.6 "I am the way, the truth and the life: no-one comes unto the Father but by me". So Jesus is our "passport" to heaven where "there will be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain" (Revelation 21 v.4). All we need to do is to accept the sacrifice that Jesus made on the cross for the punishment we deserve for our sins, to receive our "passport" to heaven – not just for a holiday, but forever.

Times may have changed, but the way of salvation hasn't. Have you received your "passport"? Nothing to pay; Jesus has paid the ultimate price!

Christian Science Society, Hunstanton

In the April edition of this magazine, I wrote an article which describes the Pastor of the Christian Science Church as being two books: The Holy Bible and Science & Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy. The latter book corroborates the Bible texts and explains their spiritual meaning.

Each week, at our Sunday services the Pastor gives a sermon based on a topic which members have studied during the week. Throughout the year

there are 26 of these topics each of which occurs twice a year.

The spiritual ideas upon which these topics are based are infinite. Each reading of one of these sermons can move the reader and the listener forward to a higher, more spiritual understanding of God and His relationship with His child.....namely you. If the listener is seeking this higher understanding he will feel able to leave any "mental baggage" of worry, sickness or depression at the door and can leave feeling healed

The Bible lesson topic on the first Sunday in July will be "God", and the following weeks will deepen the understanding of God with a study of the seven synonyms which Christian Scientists are taught constitute God: (divine) Mind, Spirit, Soul, Life, Truth and Love. Divine Principle is the divine underlying, governing cause of the universe.

Our Services are held at 11.00 a.m. every Sunday and we hold a meeting at 7.00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month, where you can hear more from the Pastor followed by testimonies of healing and insights people have gained through their study of Christian Science.

Join us at our Church building, Christian Science Society, Hunstanton. 10 Queens Drive, PE36 6EZ

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OLD HUNSTANTON FLOWER FESTIVAL

The Flower Festival will be upon us shortly, so please have a look through your cupboards for any unwanted gifts to go on the Craft and Gift stall. Everything will be gratefully received.

Call me on 01485 533511, or leave anything in the Church porch with a note saying Craft Stall. Thanks for your help, Jennie Guest

NELSON'S SHANTYMEN AND HOG ROAST AT OLD HUNSTANTON FLOWER FESTIVAL!

Nelson's Shantymen will be performing on Saturday 16th August in the Church, hog roast from 6.00pm, music from 7.00pm

As well as great music a ticket gets you the hog roast and glass of wine, all for £10! (Under 16's £5, food and music and soft drink)

The event is strictly ticket only, and they are already selling like hot cakes! Ticket hotline 01485 533873. Call now, DONT MISS OUT!

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

There will be a Bridge Drive at The Lodge on Tuesday 28th October. Proceeds in aid of Old Hunstanton Flower Festival funds.

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Day Centre celebrates 35th birthday

Hunstanton's Mayor and Rotary President joined members and volunteers to celebrate the 35th birthday of the Day Centre on Tuesday 27th May.

Cutting the cake made for the occasion by Gill Brown, the guests were accompanied by Mary Parsons who was there on the first day of the club's existence and Muriel Neeve who joined a couple of weeks later.

Meeting every Tuesday at Hunstanton's Community Centre, the club has about 45 members who enjoy activities, speakers, raffles, bingo, sing-alongs and lunch each week with friends from Hunstanton and the surrounding area.



From left: Volunteers Peter Atterbury and Gill Brown, Club Chairman Pam Reynolds, Club President Brian Devlin, Volunteers Jenny Merritt and Val Atterbury.

Run entirely by volunteers who organize events, fundraise and serve the lunches, the club welcomes new members and anyone wishing to join can phone Peter Atterbury on 01485 534820.

Day trips and outings are a feature of the club's activities and members will be having a day out at Pensthorpe this summer.

The Rotary Club's involvement includes the sponsorship of Christmas lunch for a hundred people much enjoyed by all.

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Open Gardens Day at Holme-next-the-Sea

Tony Foster

On Sunday July 13th from 12 noon until 5:30 p.m. Holme-next-the-Sea will be presenting its annual Open Gardens Day. You can wander around at leisure visiting eleven different gardens in this pretty coastal village - and there is a new garden to see this year! Once again a special "Open Gardens Bus" will be on hand to help you travel around the village and see all the gardens. Use this service as many times as you want - all journeys are free! The bus has very kindly been provided for the day by the Glebe House School, Hunstanton.

The Village Hall will be serving refreshments, including a variety of salads, and a wonderful selection of homemade cakes. Food and drink will be available all day and we find lots of our visitors enjoy our lunches but still return later for afternoon tea.

In between looking at the gardens you can relax and take a peaceful break with a visit to the village church of St. Mary's where the theme for the beautiful flower displays will be "Inventions".

Many of the gardens will be hosting additional attractions including the very popular plant stall - if you call in early any plants purchased can be held until you leave. Other regular features include a display of tools and ideas to make gardening easier and a demonstration and talk about birds and moths. There will be Tombola, Whisky and Wine Galore and Book stalls and also Homemade chutney and jams to buy with lots of prizes to be won in the raffle.

The event is organised by the village's Help Holme Church Group, a major fundraiser for St. Mary's Church. The most recent project funded by the Group is the renewal of the limewash finish to the internal walls of the church.

Entrance for the whole day, from 12 till 5.30, to all the gardens is covered by one admission of £3.50 with free entrance for accompanied children - and parking is also free! We are always pleased to see so many of our regulars returning every year and there is a very warm welcome awaiting new visitors too! See our advert on page 40.

HUNSTANTON ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Colin Toule

The committee would like to thank all those that donated to the raffle prizes and the buffet to make the D-Day talk on the 13th June a success. A thank you too to all those that attended.

Armed Services Day is on the 28th of this month and we are in the planning stage for this event.

Please note all Branch Members that the meetings are at 7pm on the first Wednesday of the month with the 2nd July in the function room of the United Services Club being the next.

The next Committee will be at 7pm on the 25th June in the function room of the United Services Club.



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Hunstanton and District Civic Society

Martin Chown

It's not often that the Hunstanton and District Civic Society make the earth move. But somehow we might just have done as the recent heavy cliff fall near the middle shelter demonstrates. Perhaps we got it moved just in time.

In fact, you might say it woke us up. Who? Who's in the Civic Society to be woken up? Rather like the old slogan, our members are our branches. We carry on during the summer, when there are no talks to puncture the autumn and winter months. Last week we had to go and remove grass clippings from the Pier Garden, and last month, we had to go and pick up white tickets from the Pier Garden that had blown out of the bins. And this month and the next we will be doing duty standing by the Pier Garden, the Signpost Garden and the Wolf Garden for Anglia in Bloom and Britain in Bloom. No doubt we will have gloves on and black sacks at the ready in between. Anyone fancy joining us? I'd like to think the answers might fill a postcard...

There's always something to do. The Heritage Centre goes from strength to strength, manned mainly by our members to celebrate Hunstanton's heritage every Friday to Sunday. The challenge set on 'Civic Day' ('What?' I hear you ask...) was to put up a table, chairs and umbrella on a 20 degree slope outside the Heritage Centre. No matter, a splendid day was had by all, and there were lots of visitors.

Rumbling under the cliff, are a plethora of plans that will affect the future development of Hunstanton. Perhaps some of them get mentioned too often. But it was precisely rumbling plans that delivered the Pier Entertainments building on The Green, and deprived Hunstanton of the physical buildings that now have to be recalled in the Heritage Centre. That's why we hope that new members will be attracted to join us in the autumn. We'd like to think that the Civic Society is a friend to Hunstanton - in many ways. Not only through the companionship and interest generated by the Talks evenings, but in the joint fun and endeavour of taking part in what Hunstanton does. Helping Hunstanton win In Bloom with our gardens, with Heritage in the Heritage Centre, with the conservation of our environment and the continuing promotion of Hunstanton to the wider world.

The Talks evenings for the autumn and winter are now being finalised. Seas, stars, and fossils are on offer, along with a (closer) look at Boston Stump, Alice Le Strange and something more sinister, the Workhouse. We might also be getting some extra talks, so keep a look out on our notice board, or if we have your email we might contact you that way! You can contact me by email yourself if you have any ideas for future talks martin.chown@btinternet.com

If you'd like to join the Civic or you have any further suggestions for our talks, please call Martin Chown (01485 532223) or our secretary Andrew Murray (01485 532376).

A day in the life of Glebe

Parents and teachers alike are frequently heard to exclaim how quickly the academic year has flown by, at this time of year, and 2013/14 has done just that.

It has been heartening to have had a growing number of children join Glebe since last September, and to hear their parents' delight at their rapid progress academically, in the performing arts and on the sports field. It delights me how readily children find their feet in our school, welcomed warmly by staff and children so that it feels as if they have always belonged.

With this in mind, we are extending an invitation to enjoy a free taster day at Glebe this term. If you are undecided on your child's school for September, have concerns about your child's progress or see a talent to be nurtured, please do contact me to arrange a visit – we are confident you and your child will enjoy the experience. We also have a number of scholarships and bursaries available and would love to offer these to help more children in our community join Glebe.

The weather has been kind to us in recent weeks, enabling us to enjoy art lessons on Old Hunstanton beach, science lessons on the school field and

plenty of relaxed nature walks along the coastline and in nearby woodland. The ability to take full advantage of our idyllic location to bring lessons alive is one of Glebe's greatest strengths.

With sports day, house competitions in rounders, cricket and the performing arts and the Glebe revue upcoming, we will be busy until the last day of term, which concludes with the Glebe ball. With a return to the grandeur of a formal ball for this year's event, we have been delighted in strong interest among parents, Old Aquilians and friends of the school. However, the event is open to everyone in our community and beyond, so if you fancy treating yourself or bringing together a group of friends for a great night out, please do get in touch.

Looking ahead to the summer holiday, we have a number of exciting courses planned for children of all ages. In addition to our regular Eagle Sports Academy activities and days out, we have a new Art Camp, cycling, singing and swimming sessions taking place. So, whatever your child's interests, please do get in touch to ensure they enjoy a fantastic summer of fun and adventure at Glebe.

Picture credit Bill Robinson



Snettisham's Conor Blake (11) wins

Junior Ventriloquist of Great Britain

Christine Blake



The ventriloquist convention was held on Thursday the 29th May at Davenports Magic Kingdom, North Walsham, Norfolk. The main part of the event was a competition for Junior Ventriloquist of Great Britain; the first ever competition for under 16's. This was organised and hosted by ventriloquist Steve Hewlett, a finalist in Britain's Got Talent (BGT) 2013. The award was a very prestigious award called The Dennis Spicer award in honour of the famous ventriloquist Dennis Spicer and this was designed and made by Peter Pullen, the UK's leading puppet model maker. Peter has made puppets such as Orville the Duck, and Emu, and Steve Hewlett's puppets from Britain's Got Talent, Simon and Sinita.

Conor has always been intrigued by children's entertainment and from an early age has had a love of animation films and cartoons. About three years ago he started to become interested in puppets. After watching Steve Hewlett on BGT he became inspired to take up ventriloquism and got a new puppet Reggie the dog in February of this year and this began a very special friendship. Since then Conor has spent hours practicing in the mirror in his room. His first performance was only two weeks ago when he won his school talent competition Snettisham's Got Talent. His teachers and school friends were all thoroughly entertained especially as Conor was brave enough to have a puppet named "little Preston" named after one of his teachers; this really brought the house down!

After winning the school talent competition this gave Conor the confidence to apply for the ventriloquist competition. He spent several hours in his room putting a new sketch together with all his own original material. He was very brave to get up on stage in front of a room full of professional ventriloquists and two of his ventriloquist heroes, Steve Hewlett and Jimmy Tamley. Although he felt nervous he completed a very confident performance and the audience really seemed to enjoy it. Conor's mum Christine had never seen Conor perform in front of an audience and was blown away! When Steve announced the winner Conor and his mum were gobsmacked! Conor said to Steve "I did not expect this" and was thrilled to have won. He was presented the award by ventriloquist Steve Hewlett, and Jimmy Tamley, model maker Peter Pullen and Rose Mason, sister of Dennis Spicer.

This was a very proud moment for Conor, and he is so proud of his achievement. He left this convention inspired and so motivated to continue as a ventriloquist and hopes to become a professional ventriloquist in the future.



With small schools so much in the paper recently, I'm sure that you will all be pleased to know that we are still working with County on a sustainable future. Long before we heard about the County proposals that have just been published, we had decided for ourselves that some form of joint venture would be beneficial – bigger numbers do help make a school more secure, but also staff and children benefit from sharing ideas and resources etc. Our plan was (and is!) to make our corner of West Norfolk a Centre of Excellence by sharing the best practice across all schools. County are helping us put proposals together – a lengthy business, but we hope that we are now beginning to refine our ideas. An exciting time!

We are also pleased to announce that we have a much larger than usual intake of Reception children for September. They are beginning their transition and we look forward to welcoming them full time next term.

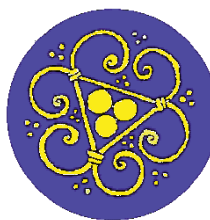
Recently, we joined Sedgeford for a presentation by "TOTKO" – a group of people with disabilities who worked with us on what makes us all special and "the positivity promise" – how we can help ourselves and each other get on in life and overcome any difficulties any of us might face. The children enjoyed the workshop but particularly enjoyed meeting up (especially the spontaneous football match they got up at playtime!) and look forward to further events. We already have a sports event planned.

Our children have all had road safety training again and their on-road cycling is coming up. This all helps prepare the older ones for their transition to secondary school and greater independence.

We have an Activity Week planned for the week of 30th June. There are a range of exciting activities planned to enhance our curriculum and meet the outdoor/adventurous parts of the PE syllabus. These include cycling, orienteering, Egyptian art and craft, maths on the beach, cookery and sports day. Let's hope for good weather!

Our Y6 leavers' assembly is on 7th July, when we will say goodbye to Chloe and Harvey who are moving on to Smithdon and Wells respectively. We have a special afternoon planned, starting from 1.15. We will be holding a small concert to show off our wonderful singing skills, we will be offering strawberries and ice creams as refreshments – and we will also have a large selection of books available which we hope people will come and sponsor for our new library which is finally underway. We hope many of you will come and generously buy us a book – we have a whole room to fill! Assembly will then start at 2.30pm/ All welcome

Term finishes on Wednesday 23rd July with our final Assembly at 12.15 (all welcome) and restarts for KS1 children on Thursday 4th September. KS2 will be on their residential trip at Kingswood from Wed 3rd.



SEDFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are also pleased that we have a larger than usual intake of Reception children for September.

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Sedgeford and Brancaster schools are also working (together with Docking and King George VI children) on a World War 1 project, preparing for a big display and performance in the autumn. We were lucky to meet with Gary Rossin from "SHARP" who is helping us with this – and also led a wonderful session all about the dig. The skull was particularly popular!

Another exciting scheme at the moment is that our anniversary clock



project is finally underway. The Holkham blacksmith is visiting this week to help us with our designs and then he will start making the clock. We hope that the children can visit to see (and maybe help with) the actual work. Once the clock is up, it will be a nice object for posterity, and it will be delightful for children to be able to look up at it and find their own contribution. Thank you to NADFAS for their help with this.

Finally – some dates for your diary: Sedgeford fete will be held 12th July 2- 4pm. Half the proceeds go to the school. All are welcome.

Our School performance is 16th July – "Snow White and the 7 Jockeys". If you would like to attend, please contact the school for details.

We are also holding a Quiz Night/fish and Chip supper on 21st July 6 – 8pm. Again, please contact the school for details.

Sadly, we say goodbye to Mrs Sayers (Miss Burgess as was!) on July 11th as she is immigrating to Australia. We thank her for all her help and wish her the best in her new life.

Term finishes at 1.15 on Wednesday 23rd July and restarts for children on Thursday 4th September.

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Snettisham School

Nikki Taylor

Snettisham School has been through a period of change and is now part of the West Norfolk Academy Trust and is working closely with all the Governors and the Board of Trustees to continue all the hard work recently established. It is an exciting time for us and we thank parents and the wider community for your continued support.

This last half term some of the children have benefited from P.E. adviser Tracy Bower in refining their skills in Kwik cricket and tri-golf activities. The children of Snettisham Primary were enthused and motivated to enter local cluster tournaments. They all supported each other and performed with competence and demonstrated sportsmanship.

The year 6 children have studied hard and have taken their final S.A.Ts before they continue on their learning journey to high school. We are very proud of them and wish them all the best.

The junior children are getting excited about their residential visit to Whitwell. This is the first time some of the children have slept away from home and is a great chance for them to develop more independence.

They will have opportunities to try Pioneering, Geocaching, Pond Dipping and Shelter Building so lets hope for good weather.

It's a very exciting time for the new nursery children that are joining us in September and they have started to join the current reception children for transition sessions and to familiarise themselves with their new surroundings and teachers.

Reception and year 1 have a new all weather canopy that they have put to good use with the showers we have had recently, enabling them to plant a variety of seeds in the dry and studying in more depth how plants grow.

We finished the half term by celebrating the children's talents and held our very own Snettisham 's Got Talent Show. It comprised of three acts from each class and our very own school council as the panel of judges whom gave helpful and constructive feedback at the end of each act. It surprises us all that every year the children become more confident and professional when preparing and performing. The winners this year were Jess W who demonstrated her agility and creativity with her Hoola Hoop routine. Also, Snettisham has it's very own ventriloquist Conor Blake who had us in stitches with his impressions of teachers and jokes.

He has gone on to win the he has gone on to win Junior Ventriloquist of Great Britain. We are very proud of all our children. Look out Britain 's Got Talent!

Redgate School News



Redgate cyclists back row from left: Kaylee Burton, Jack Drage, Aaron Jezeph and TA Wendy Wright. Front row: Leah Summers, Jarred Link, Poppy Herring and Rebecca Wallace

The final group of young cyclists from Redgate School have earned their Cycling Proficiency Level 2 under the leadership of Teaching Assistant Wendy Wright.

This is the third group that Wendy has coached this academic year and under her tutelage every student has passed the test. She said: "I'm really pleased we have achieved a 100% passes this year and now it is time to start preparing for October and the next set of pupils!"

Level 2 takes place on local streets, giving youngsters a real cycling experience. They are taught how to deal with traffic on short journeys such as cycling to school or the local shops.

When asked which was the most challenge skill to learn on this course, Jarrod Link Said: "Definitely turning right at a junction."

Redgate Summer Fayre

Organised by the PTA the Summer Fayre was blessed with good weather so full use was made of the playing field with lots of attractions and games for the children and their families to enjoy on thursday 19th June.

Once again John Henry Roper installed his teacups ride that proved really popular outside (see front cover picture taken by Valentina Scatamaccia) and stalls filled the hall with lots to buy and entertain. A total of £608:93 was raised in the afternoon and this will be added to the funds.



The PTA is currently collecting for a multi purpose activity wall; they are aiming to raise about £12,000 and will be getting a totaliser to monitor progress. So far they have £6600 plus £608:93 from fayre plus £356.56 from the recent sponsored walk, so currently the fund stands at £7565:49.

It is planned to order the first part of activity wall now and then to continue to raise money and purchase further parts over next year.

The school council have written to local organisations and charitable groups requesting donations and so far they have received donations from Rotary of £500, Hunstanton Town Council of £100 and a box of toys from Hasbro which were raffled at school fayre.

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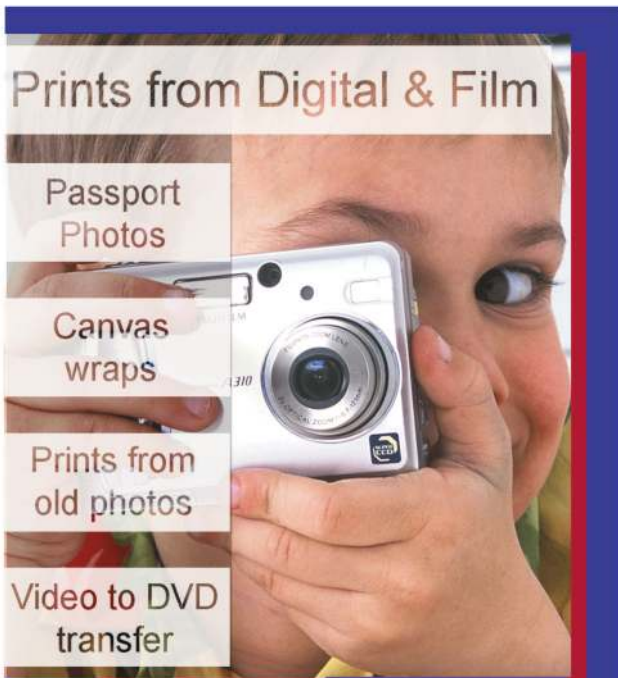
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Hunstanton Lions Annual Funday

Hunstanton Lions hosted their Annual Funday for the pupils of Churchill Park School, Kings Lynn and Woodfields School, Sheringham on Friday 20th June. 390 youngsters and carers were entertained at Hunstanton Fairground on a fine, warm sunny morning and the joy on the young faces was lovely to see.

The Deputy Mayor and Mayoress of Kings Lynn, Colin and Julie Manning and the Mayor of Hunstanton, Carol Bower were present, meeting the carers, pupils and the staff at the fairground and Vegas Fish Bar.

None of this would be possible without the generosity of the Pooley and Roper families, David How and all the other fairground ride operators for providing the rides.

Jose and Danielle Rodrigues, the owners of Vegas Fish Bar generously gave lunch to all those attending the day.

Lion President, Angie Keightley presented "Certificates of Appreciation" and acknowledged the great help from David Morton, Resort Manager and his staff with car parking and access provision.



Children with the Deputy Borough Mayor Collin Manning and Julie Manning, along with the Hunstanton Town Mayor Carol Bower and Lion President Angie Keightley

Photo credit: Chris Holt

Bible Reading Competition

A record number of entrants competed in the 2014 Bible Reading Competition organised by the Hunstanton and District Festival of Arts. Ninety-three pupils from five schools with their teachers and some parents filled Union Church Hunstanton on 12th June and for many of them this was the first time they had read aloud to such a large audience.

Readers from Hunstanton Infant, Redgate Junior, Glebe House, Brancaster and Dersingham Schools had their performances adjudicated by Christine Earnshaw who said there were three elements she was listening for; volume, pitch and pace, and she would also be looking for good eye contact with the audience.

The youngest readers from Years 1 and 2 read the story of the Creation from Genesis and Asia Boswell from Hunstanton Infant School won the best in the group.

Year 3 pupils tackled readings from Luke or Exodus and Oliver Shaw from Redgate Junior School was awarded the best in group with a comment about his good eye contact with the audience.

Bigger voices with better projection were evident in the Year 4 category in readings from Matthew and Isaiah, and Alex Caldicott from Redgate Junior School was the winner here.



Years 1&2 Winner Asia Boswell is holding two certificates just behind the two girls wearing hats.



Year 3 Oliver Shaw is at the front holding two certificates



Year 4 Alex Caldicott is at the front holding two certificates



Year 5 Madison Boldero is at the front holding two certificates

The readings for the Year 5 entrants were much more difficult and required an understanding of phrasing. In particular the story of Samuel in the Temple challenged their reading skills. The Year 5 winner was Glebe House School's Madison Boldero.

Tricky readings with a lot of speech and difficult place names from Isaiah and Mark were the test for the Year 6 pupils and Alex Wall was the best in year from Glebe House School.



Year 6 Alex Wall is at the front holding two certificates

Glebe House School were the only entrants in the competition for Years 7 and 8 (the twelve and thirteen year old students) and here the readings were longer with more opportunity for slip ups. In the Year 6 category reading from Matthew Emily Ringwood was victorious and in Year 8 with readings from Exodus and John, Rosie Gillett took the top spot.



Year 8 Rosie Gillett is holding two certificates

Event organiser Roisin Wellard said that the popularity of the Bible Reading Competition increases year on year and she would have to consider splitting it over two days in 2015.

Chairman of the Festival Richard Bird said: "It was wonderful to hear pupils reading with such confidence and understanding to a large audience. I think that this sort of experience is really valuable to give youngsters the confidence in later life. I should like to thank Roisin for organising such a wonderful event, the Union Church for the venue, Christine for adjudicating and all the students and staff for their participation."



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Mythical Maze Summer Reading Challenge

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www.mythical-maze.org.uk



Look out too for the Munglers Quest Top Trumps cards to collect and swap with family and friends.

Children can choose any books they like: fact books, stories, joke books or picture books. Audio books and e-books count as well, so long as they borrow them from a library.

Summer holiday events for children and families

For further information about any of these events, or to book your place where necessary, please contact the library on 01485 532280

Start the Mythical Maze Adventure

Saturday 26th July 10.30am -12pm Come along and join in this year's reading challenge! Lots of stories and activities!

All children must be accompanied by an adult

Holiday storytime

Thursday 31st July and Thursday 14th August 10.30 -11.30am

Come along for some stories and activities with staff from the Hunstanton Children's Centre. All children must be accompanied by an adult

Mad Monstrous Myths activities

Thursday 21st August 1.30 - 2.30pm Come along and join us for lots of quizzes and activities for this year's reading challenge!

The activities will be suitable for children aged 8+ (but younger family members can come along) Children must be accompanied by an adult

Mythical Maze Celebration!

Saturday 6th September 11am - 11.30am

Come along and collect your medal for completing this year's reading challenge from our special guests! **BOOKING ESSENTIAL.**

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Summer holiday events for adults

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Scrabble Club 10:00 - 12:00 Every Wednesday from 10 - 12 noon. Come along and enjoy a game of scrabble. Refreshments provided for a small donation.

Hunstanton Library Family History Group First Tuesday of the month 2 - 4pm: 1st July, 5th August, 2nd September

Would you like help tracing your family tree or, alternatively, would you like to help others find out about their ancestors? Why not come along and share your experiences, ideas and tips for searching for your ancestors. The library provides free access to the Ancestry database.

Knit and Natter at Hunstanton Library with the Norfolk Knitters Meets on the second Thursday of the month 10:30 - 12:30

10th July, 14th August and 11th September.

Come along and knit for charity or if you're a beginner we'll help get you started. All welcome, if you're just visiting Hunstanton come along too! Refreshments provided for a small donation.

Learn to Love Your Sewing Machine Thursday 10th July 1.30 - 3pm Dressmaker Imogen Crowson will be demonstrating how to maintain your sewing machine, how to take accurate measurements of your body and how to choose correct pattern sizes and fabrics.

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- 2 Dementia Friends 7-8pm Hunstanton Library sign up at: <http://alzheimers.dementiafriends.org.uk/WEBSessionDetails?id=a052000000GbR2SAAV>
- 4 United Services Club entertainment: tribute to Elvis Presley with Mike Shelby 8 30 pm start, members free, guests £1
- 5 Union Church Summer Fair 10am-1.30pm opposite Hunstanton Library
- 5 United Services Club entertainment: dancing to 'Mel Stevens and the Classics' (live band) 8.30pm start, members free, guests £1
- 5-6 Lavender Festival, Norfolk Lavender, Craft stalls, falconry displays, dog show, food tasting and much more! There will also be The Norfolk Hospice stall and tombola. Proceeds to The Norfolk Hospice, Tapping House
- 6 30 Mazda MX5 cars on The Green for a meeting of the Mazda MX5 Owners Club 9.30-4.30. Breckland Brass Band playing on the Bandstand 2-4pm
- 6 Docking Walking Group 11am Flitcham, meet at Abbey Farm. Phone to confirm walk Helena Aldis 07769850965
- 6 Annual Sea Service at 6pm St. Mary's Church Burnham Deepdale see page 42
- 8 St Mary's Church North Creake Church Coffee Morning North Creake Village Hall 10.30am till Midday £2.00 Bric a Brac, Homemade Cakes, Books, Jams etc all for sale
- 8 Brancaster Camera Club see details page 62
- 9 In Bloom judging day, Hunstanton
- 11 Docking Walking Group 11am Thornham Village Walk meet outside Orange Tree pub. Phone to confirm walk Helena Aldis 07769850965
- 11 United Services Club entertainment: dancing to 'Hi Definition' (duo) 8.30pm start, members free, guests £1
- 11-13 HDFA One-Act Drama Festival at the Princess Theatre see page 7
- 12 Sponsored walk and Fun Day 10-4pm on the Green, Hunstanton in aid of Vulnerable Women and Children Awareness.
- 12 United Services Club entertainment: dancing to 'Tiger Bay Too' (duo) 8.30pm start, members free, guests £1
- 13 Fun Dog show at National Construction College 30 classes entries from 9am 01485 578380 or sheila-hill@hotmail.co.uk
- 13 Holme-next-the-Sea Open Gardens Day 12noon to 5.30pm see page 40
- 13 Bishop of Norwich's Open Gardens in aid of Norfolk Hospice 1-5pm The Bishop's House, Bishopsgate, Norwich NR3 1SB
- 13 Waterbeach Brass Band perform at The Bandstand
- 15 Docking Walking Group 6pm Coxford Abbey, meet at caravan park entrance. Phone to confirm walk Helena Aldis 07769850965
- 16 Nelson's Shantymen will be performing in the Church, hog roast from 6.00pm, music from 7.00pm
- 16 Thornham Village Cinema 7.30pm (doors open 7.0pm) Film '12 Years a Slave' Cinema Box Office 0781 802 8687
- 17 Gt Massingham Film Club presents The Book Thief (12) Based on the best selling book. Set in WWII Germany with a respectful tone and strong performances from Sophie Nelisse, Emily Watson and Geoffrey Rush. Village Hall on 7.00pm for 7.30 £3.50 film@massingham.co.uk

- 18 United Services Club entertainment: Quiz Night 8pm start £2 per person including food, members free guests £1
- 19 Summer Fair on St Edmund's Church Green 10-12:30 Cakes, Books, Raffle, Bric-a-brac, Refreshments, Plants
- 19 The Yorke Trust Summer Opera Faces of the Sorceress at The Balcony, Burnham Overy Staithe 19:30
- 19 Cinema in Syderstone presents "The Book Thief" (12A) Amy Robsart Village Hall, Syderstone PE31 8RX 7.30pm £3.50 Tel. 01485 578588 and 578171 Email cinema@syderstone.com
- 19 United Services Club entertainment: dancing to 'Cloud 9' 8.30pm start, members free, guests £1
- 19-20 Hunstanton Foodbank collection at Sainsbury's
- 20 Docking Walking Group 11am Burnham Thorpe circuit, meet at Nelson pub. Phone to confirm walk Helena Aldis 07769850965
- 20 PACT Open Day at River Farm, Woodrising, NR9 4PJ 12.30-4pm
- 20 Littleport Brass perform at The Bandstand 1.30-3.30pm
- 21 U3A 2pm Hunstanton Community Centre
- 21 Natural England at the Library re coast Path 10am-12noon
- 22 The Yorke Trust Summer Opera Celebrates its 30th Anniversary with performances of Armide by Gluck at St. Mary's Church, South Creake 19:30
- 22 Brancaster Camera Club print competition see details p 62
- 24 The Yorke Trust Summer Opera Armide by Gluck at St. Mary's Church, South Creake 19:30
- 25 Docking Walking Group 11am Snettisham circuit, meet at church. Phone to confirm walk Helena Aldis 07769850965
- 25 The Yorke Trust Summer Opera Armide by Gluck at St. Mary's Church, South Creake 19:30
- 25 United Services Club entertainment: comedy with 'Nigel Boy Syres and Giovani' 8.30pm, members free, guests £1
- 26 Rescue Wooden Boats Jack Cox exhibition at Stiffkey 07920760238 Wendy Pritchard
- 26 The Yorke Trust Summer Opera Armide by Gluck at St. Mary's Church, South Creake 19:30
- 26 United Services Club entertainment: dancing to 'Ryka' Howard (solo) start 8 30pm members free, guests £1
- 26-27 Hunstanton Sailing Club. 60 boats competing in first weekend of NWN SA racing. North Promenade.
- 26-27 Norton Hill Light Railway open 1-5pm Hall Farm, Old Church Road, Snettisham in aid of Norfolk Hospice, RDA and Keeping Abreast.
- 27 RAF Bircham Newton Heritage Centre Open Day 11am-5pm National Construction College off the A148 and B1454 Postcode:- PE31 6RB
- 27 Dereham Band Band perform at The Bandstand 2-4pm
- 27 Hunstanton Community Choir open air concert Ringstead Chalk Pit 6.30pm
- 29 Docking Walking Group 6pm Grimston, meet at church. Phone to confirm walk Helena Aldis 07769850965
- 29 Cinema in the Creakes, North Creake Village Hall 7 for 7.30pm The Monuments Men Cert (12A). Tickets 07905 805388 & at the door cost £5.00 www.northcreake.org.uk
- 29 Music in Country Churches, St Mary's Church Old Hunstanton 7.30pm see page 42
- 30 Sandringham Flower Show
- 30 Music in Country Churches, St Mary's Church Old Hunstanton 11am and 7.30pm see page
- 31 Quiz night at Caley Hall for Macmillan with balloon release. Starts 8pm to reserve a table: 01485 533486

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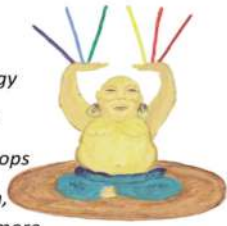
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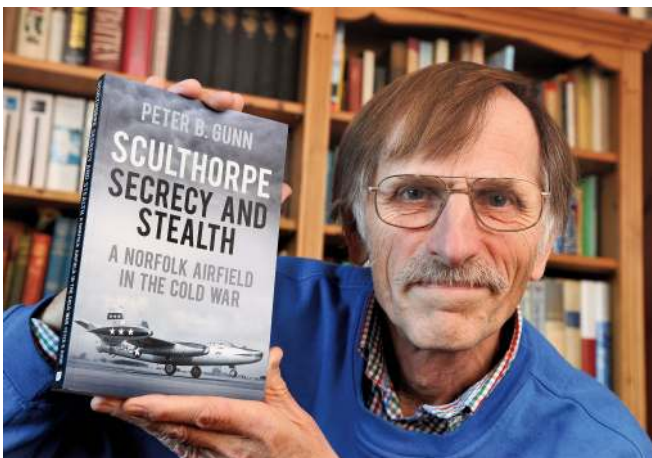
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Book reviewed by 'Turnstone'

'Sculthorpe Secrecy and Stealth - a Norfolk Airfield in the Cold War' by Peter B Gunn



Peter B Gunn is a history graduate from Durham University and was a history lecturer in further education. He has had a lifelong interest in aviation history and gives presentations to local societies. Since 1990 he has produced five books on aviation history and is a professional indexer of books and journals dealing with this subject.

These attributes are apparent in his latest book, taking the reader on a journey back in time to an era when, to paraphrase one of Peter's chapter headings, the intention was to subdue the enemy without having to fight another war.

For those old enough to remember going to Sculthorpe as guests of

the Americans, or simply having them as neighbours when so many families had to live off base, the book explains much more than we knew at the time about the role of the airfield as a front-line nuclear bomber base and a centre for intelligence gathering.

The book presents the facts in the form of a carefully constructed narrative, taking us from WWII right up to the sixtieth anniversaries of the 67th Special Operations Squadron in November 2012 and 'The Floods' in January 2013. The excellent illustrations should be of interest to local inhabitants and aviation enthusiasts alike.

The chapter on the 1953 Floods provides an account of the role played by the USAF personnel involved and, in addition to acknowledging the George Medal awarded to Reis Leming and Freeman A Kilpatrick, also names other airmen who were commended for their brave conduct, but are sometimes overlooked by other historians.

The book is published by The History Press and is available from all good bookshops priced at £14.99.



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Editor's note: A very full magazine means that there wasn't space for a second book review by Turnstone this month, but it will follow in another edition.



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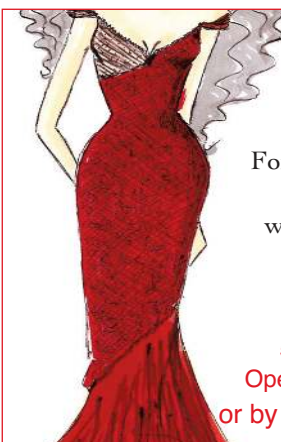
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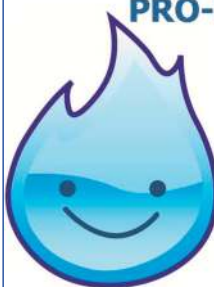
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In early July we will also be providing Foreign Currency exchange and Travel accessories.

We have signed agreements with a number of new suppliers including Ryanair (every bodies favourite airline!) but very useful from Stansted and also Expedia giving us yet more access to 'online' prices.

We have 3 new exclusive magazines in for July - Holidays, Cruise Club and Discovery which have deals with major suppliers exclusive to us, including All inclusive holidays for £299 including baggage and transfers and 14 night cruises for £879 from Southampton with Celebrity.

For an emailed copy of our magazines or to join our cruise club email ktatum@hunstantontravelshop.co.uk

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Coffee shop: New in this month is our range of smoothies, 6 different delicious but healthy flavours to choose from.

Every day before 12 Midday we have a senior citizens (60) coffee and cake deal- £4 for any tea/ coffee and any cake from our range.

We have also added 3 new flavours to our milkshake range, we now have Strawberry, Vanilla, Banana, Chocolate, White Chocolate, Toffee, and Banoffee. For those hot sunny days we also have Iced Coffee, iced latte and iced tea. New this month we also have a range of Waffles and Crepes flavours to try!

Dont forget our spacious, comfortable, Air conditioned coffee shop is open to all and you do not have to be looking for a holiday, and you will not be approached by us trying to sell you holidays!

*minimum spend applies of £1000 booking value. prices correct at time of writing.

Seatours news

Searles Wizzy, the Wash Monster 2, has had a makeover to be the future Wife of Wiley (Wash Monster1)

Searles is now offering the (approx.) one hour Seal Safari in Wizzy and this makes it a World's first Amphibious Seal Tour. Tickets are selling really well and Captain Willy is now looking for Local R Y A. Registered Crew: Ring 01485 53 44 44



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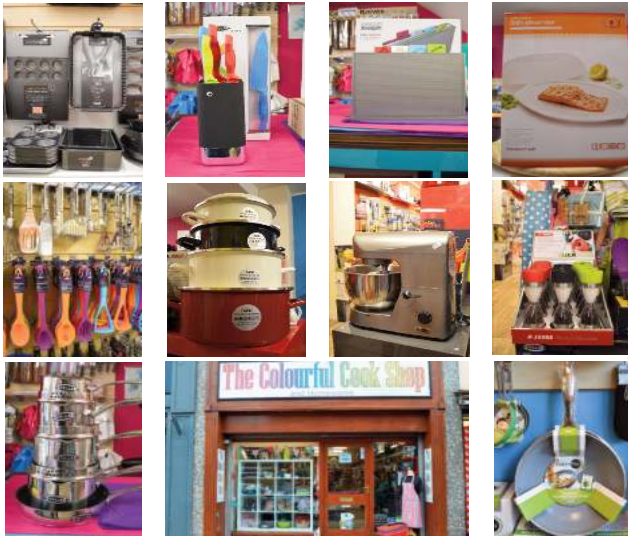


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Coastguard Update

By Chris Guy

The team received 2 callouts during May;

17th May 13:14pm - The team was paged by Humber to a casualty who had fallen over one of the breakwaters off the powerboat ramp at Hunstanton and badly cut their leg, team provided first aid to the casualty.
18th May 17:27pm - Team paged by Humber to a group of people walking out to the wreck at Brancaster with an incoming tide. On arrival the group had walked back ashore before the water had got to deep. We provided advice on the dangers of walking out to the wreck and on how quickly the tide flows in and can cut you off on this beach.

We are now in the second week of June and we have already had 2 callouts this month;

10th June 13:00pm - Team requested to assist Norfolk Police locating missing person, team was stood down as assembling due to missing person being located.

12th June 11:27am - Team requested to meet with paramedics and provide assistance to Hunstanton lifeboat carrying an injured casualty from a fishing vessel.

We are now heading in to our busiest time of year with large numbers of people visiting our coastline and beaches. We want everyone to enjoy the time they spend on the beach and to go home safely. If you have children make sure they know your contact details or if they are too young, take advantage of locally available wrist bands that you can write your number on. When you arrive at the beach decide on an easily visible landmark to meet at incase you become separated. It is also a good idea to take a picture of your group as you arrive at the beach, that way if the worst happens and someone gets lost we will have a photo of what they look like and what they are wearing, both of which are invaluable information to us.

Always check the local tide times and weather conditions abide by warning signs and stay safe, if you do get into trouble ring 999 and ask for the Coastguard.

Brancaster Camera Club

Tuesday, 8th July

We have a real treat planned for this evening when we welcome back Ann Miles to show us her images 'Weather & What?'. Ann is a very well-known & talented photographer & this should be an excellent evening.

Tuesday, 22nd July

Club set print competition 'Along the coast' Judged by Sam Bean LRPS. Sam is a wonderful photographer with an interest in marine life & the coast. We are looking forward to her comments on our work.

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So why do even high end local kitchen companies roll their eyes or tut if you ask for units to flow around corners or have a lovely rounded shape?

Most often it is because their door stocks are 'bought in' rather than actually hand-made. Also, 'hand-made' or 'bespoke' can be a little mis-leading; unless you are a Tenacity Interiors customer.

Buying in doors that are then added to cabinets – even ones that are made in an on-site workshop –

does NOT make a kitchen hand-made in the true sense of the phrase. To be genuinely hand-made and deserve the name 'bespoke', a kitchen should be made the Tenacity way – completely from scratch.



Wood for cabinets, drawers and doors arrive at the Great Massingham workshops as sheets and planks. Individual drawings are made by the designers so every cut of a saw and every angle of a join is precision placed. In fact, only recently, a new customer visited Tenacity Interiors to see the beautiful wood selected for her kitchen shortly after the wood merchants delivered it. Having seen the raw materials for herself and loving the sheer quality of every piece of high quality wood, she is planning to visit again as the cabinets are made. What's more, there are now plans for Tenacity to make fitted bedroom furniture for her London apartment.

Clients are always welcome and often do come over to see, in advance, how their kitchen, bedroom,

study, dressing room or media room will look once it has been installed in their home.

To make sure everything is perfect, the Tenacity team do a pre-delivery check by arranging each piece of fitted furniture in the configuration of the original design, just to be doubly sure that every part of the finished project is centimetre perfect. This is what makes Tenacity Interiors so outstanding – they are personally committed to customer satisfaction and making beautiful furniture whether it is a table, a bookcase, a bed frame, fitted furniture for rooms of any size – or even a curvy kitchen.

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