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First word

Preparing the magazine this month has been a real joy because there are so many interesting articles and events details submitted for publication.

The Queen's Jubilee right at the beginning of the month sees Hunstanton putting on a party, the details of which can be found on page 4. The committee organising the celebrations are pictured with one of the banners you've probably seen around the area on this month's cover.

The same weekend is also the date for this year's Lifestyles Festival, the 1948 Olympic Torch Relay, and numerous other events.

A very different Queen will make her debut on Sunday 24th June when Trudy Cooper commences her year as Hunstanton's Carnival Queen. you can read about Carnival Day on page 18

And now appeal for delivery volunteers for two areas: Northgate 100 copies and Clarence Road/Belgrave Avenue area 130 copies. Please contact Richard or me on the number below if you can help.

My thanks as always to the delivery team who bring the magazine out each month and to everyone who writes, sends photos or otherwise assists in the compilation each month, and not forgetting the advertisers who provide the income to make it all possible.

With best wishes for a lovely June

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CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE MONDAY 4TH JUNE in HUNSTANTON

A full day of entertainment is planned with fun for all the family finishing with 'lighting of the beacon' and fireworks. There will be stalls and street entertainment in the High Street area and more stalls and all day entertainment on the Green.

On the Green starting at 10 am there will be a full programme of entertainment which will continue until the beacon is lit, one of 4000 registered beacons round the country. The entertainment programme is shown below.

10.00	Music
11.00	Brighton 65
12 noon	Rollason Dancers
12.45	Lauren Parkin
1.30	Music TBA
2.30	Genuine Fake
3.45	Tang Soo Do Demonstration
5.00	Hayley Dennis
6.00	Brighton 65
7.00	Lauren Parkin
8.00	Brighton 65
9.00	Cliff Allman

Also on the Lower Green will be the following attractions bouncy castle and slide, Tots play area, Dog Agility and flyball demonstrations, Punch and Judy (11am and 2pm), Balloon Race, Hunstanton Motorcycle Training, BBQ, Hog Roast etc. There will also be stalls which include Rainbows craft and face painting, In Bloom, The Allotment Society, Norfolk Hospice Tapping House. There will also be a chance to paint a tile which will become part of a permanent feature on North Promenade.

In the High Street will be a craft market with street entertainment throughout the day including a clarinettist, Snettisham Salvation Army Band, Steel Drum Player and John Giller Drama and Theatre Academy. In the Spinney, which has been yarnbombed, there will be storytelling from 12noon until 3pm.

This exciting day will cumulate with the lighting on the beacon on the Lower Green synchronised country wide at 10.15pm. This will be followed by a firework display on the beach.

Diamond Jubilee Tile Project

Children from all four Hunstanton Schools are invited to design a tile in celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee this June as a permanent reminder of this very special event.

Hunstanton and District Festival of Arts will judge the competition entries, which I am sure will be a very difficult task, if last year's Royal Wedding plate designs are anything to go by; the standard was so high! 10 winners from each school will turn their creative ideas from paper into a colourful tile using special glaze colours.

The Borough Council has kindly allocated the site (see photo) on the sea front where tiles can be placed as a permanent reminder of this very special occasion.

Francis Ikin of Paint Me Ceramics in Westgate, Hunstanton is supporting this project and will welcome the winners into her shop to paint their unique designs onto 20cm squared tiles before firing them.



You will also have the chance to be part of this exciting community project!

Don't worry if your artistic skills are a little rusty, everyone, Hunstanton residents and visitors alike will have the chance to design and to complete a tile for the sea front for the special price of £11. Simply turn up to our marque on the Green on the 4th June to design and paint your own tile as part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations, and have your artwork displayed on the prom.

This project will continue throughout the summer as Paint Me Ceramics are kindly letting us continue to decorate tiles for the promenade with additional themes of 'Seaside', and 'Memories of Hunstanton'.

For any more information, please contact Kate Dunbar tel: 01485 534041

You will be able to download a tile template from these websites:
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CANARY NOTES

John Maiden

Even though I attend nearly every match played at Carrow Road, it is my custom to listen to Radio Norfolk while watching games because the commentators have the access to 'action replays', which I used to see when reporting on matches for various press agencies and websites.

During the last Premier League game of the season against Aston Villa the radio served another useful function by providing regular updates on the changing fortunes of the two Manchester clubs and the relegation battle involving QPR and Bolton. It was pleasing that the Premier League title was not decided as a result of any controversial refereeing decisions, but the same could not be said of the game in which Bolton were relegated after only managing a draw at Stoke.

Sorry to mention it yet again, but I am certain that had the fourth official been able to convey the findings of an 'action replay' to the referee, he would not have allowed Stoke's opening goal to stand, because the Bolton keeper was clearly fouled prior to the ball ending up in the net.

Based on the fact that Manchester City's superior goal difference was notched up in two games against Norwich, I have to say that on balance they deserved to pip United for the title. In fact, City and United were the only teams to get the double over the Canaries in their first season back in the top flight, with the Reds extremely lucky to leave Carrow Road with three points, thanks to a last-minute goal, after Norwich had been the better side on the day.

The big question now is can Norwich do even better next season and will Paul Lambert still be there to make it happen? His name has been linked to other clubs, including Aston Villa. Bearing in mind that he was manager of Colchester United when they beat Norwich 7-1 shortly before switching clubs, perhaps Canary fans should be glad the scoreline against Villa was only 2-0...

Searles Resort Golf Course Celebrates First Captains Day

Despite being established for 12 years the Golf Course at Searles Leisure Resort in Hunstanton has never had Men's or Ladies Captains until this year. At the AGM in February seasoned golfer Barry Smith was elected Men's Captain and relative newcomer to the game Rachel Hodgkinson was elected Ladies Captain.

To mark their appointment as Captains, Searles held its first ever Captains Day on Saturday 14th April. The main competition was 9 hole Texas Scramble with teams consisting of a male member, lady member, senior and Junior. Twelve teams competed in all, with Barry Smith, Rachel Hodgkinson, Junior captain Jordan Cribb and Seniors Captain Representative Gerry Rees nervously teeing off first, after other competitors having guessed where they would drive to.

In spite of a wet start to the day, the sun came out and shone for the competitors all day and a superb day was had by all. The eventual winners were the final team out, consisting of John Ruggles, Ali Fleming, Kevin Lewis and James Agate.

Other events on the day consisted of a target putting competition and nearest the pin competition.

Barry Smith the Mens Captain was delighted with the day and the money raised towards putting a much needed golf shelter on the

course. Barry Smith said "it was great to see so many people turn out enjoying themselves in the event and I am looking forward to a successful Gala day later in the year".

Searles Captains Day raised a total of £406 towards the cost of the rain shelter, in addition the HOGGS (Hunstanton Old Gits Golf Society) consisting of members of Searles Golf Course had managed to raise £135 the week before giving a total of £541.

Searles Resort Golf Course is now looking forward to a Gala day planned for Sunday 5th August, the Gala day will be open to golfers and non golfers and will include stalls, kids entertainment, a BBQ as well as golf competitions, events and much more.

Golf membership is now available to Searles Golf Club with annual membership costing £360 and Summer membership just £230, for more information contact Searles Golf Club on 01485 536 010.



Photo: Left to Right

Barry Smith (Men's Captain), Luke Harris (Assistant Professional), James Agate (Wining team), Jordan Cribb (Junior Captain), Kevin Lewis (Wining team), John Ruggles (Wining team), Ali Fleming (Wining team), Rachel Hodgkinson (Ladies Captain), Ray Stocker (Professional)

Albion Adventure

John Pomeroy and John Poole are driving a restored 1937 Albion lorry "All around the Coast" starting from Poole Quay on 26th May 2012. They are raising funds to be split equally between the Royal British Legion in England and Scotland.

They are expected to arrive in Hunstanton on 30th May and stay overnight in Glebe Avenue. There will be a photo shoot in the area of Fat Birds Don't Fly between 9 am and 9.30 am on 31st May when it is hoped that Cpl Jones from Dad's Army will be in attendance. They will then depart via Hunstanton High Street on the way to Grimsby.



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DON'T EAT ALL YOUR GREENS!

Peter James

'A blot on the landscape!' 'Should be banned!' 'Money spinner' reply the farmers. Early flowering, self-pollinating, what could be better? For me, however, those fields of vibrant cadmium yellow setting off the spring greens and the darker, more sombre hues of the conifers, is a scene which lifts the spirit. How lucky we are in Hunstanton in that, a five-minute walk, brings us to a patchwork of fields brilliant with the flowers of oilseed rape or canola, Brassica napus oleifera. Grown in the nineteenth century for lamp oil and cattle forage, it is a surprise that the Impressionists seem never have to depicted it. Then, artists generally seem to have neglected the poor old Brassicaceae.

We grow brassicaceae vegetables mainly for their roots, stems, leaves or flowers and seeds to a much lesser extent. In fact, hybridisation and selective breeding has capitalised on the remarkable morphological plasticity of the family to give us everything from radishes to sprouting broccoli. However, this plasticity also applies to the phytochemistry of oilseed rape and its genetic manipulation has led to the increasing popularity of this crop.

Plant breeders have successfully tailored the chemistry of rape seed to produce a palatable and non-toxic oil by reducing the erucic acid content, implicated in heart disease and also the glucosinlates; no! don't switch off! It is the chemistry of the glucosinlates on which the whole biology and sociology of the brassicas depend.

You probably thought it was your mother who originated that dreaded imperative 'Eat your greens!' it wasn't, it was Cato, in his De re Rustica of the 2nd century AD. Cooked or pickled cabbage, he says, is good for you. Generations have followed his advice and institutions throughout Europe have reeked of boiled cabbage for two millennia as a result. That smell, is, of course, due to the breakdown products of those glucosinlates. These are the mustard oils or isothiocyanates , one of the few compounds in which sulphur is incorporated. Not only do these volatiles contribute the peppery aroma associated with fields of oilseed rape but also account for the tang of Coleman's mustard and the 'bite back' of radishes. Nature has not, of course, endowed brassicas with this chemical wizardry to punish children but as a defense against the myriads of insects which, given the chance, gorge themselves on brassica leaves. Any gardener will tell you, through clenched teeth, that the strategy doesn't always work!

The final sting in the brassica tale concerns the humble Brussels sprout. Recent work has shown that fragments of genetic material from the sprout and other brassicas can survive the mammalian digestive tract and actually exert control over some essential genes. The work is in its early stages but it opens all manner of possibilities. So, you can carry on admiring those wonderful yellow fields but 'Don't eat all your greens'.

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Gardening Galore

Red, white and blue, as well as all the hues of the rainbow will be the colours of the bedding plants on sale in the High Street during Hunstanton's Jubilee celebrations on Monday 4th June. This will be the Hunstanton Gardeners' Association's contribution to the event, and gardeners will be able to purchase very high quality plants at knock-down prices from the Association's plant stall at the Westgate end of the High Street. Over 2000 plants have been grown by the club's members and include Geraniums, Dahlias, Cornflowers, Cosmos, Lobelia, Antirrhinums and Petunias. Special packs of red, white, and blue petunias are expected to be of particular interest to gardeners keen to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Alongside the Plant Stall will be a Gazebo where visitors will be able to obtain information about the Association and its activities, and receive details of a special offer of reduced membership fees from the Royal Horticultural Society.

At the time of writing, members of the Hunstanton Gardeners' Association will be travelling to Holland, together with a number of members from the Dersingham Horticultural Society, for a four-day visit to the Floriade Show which takes place only once every ten years. The enormous Show grounds attract over 2 million visitors throughout the summer and acts as the showcase for the World's horticultural industries. Members of the local gardening clubs will be staying in a hotel in Valkenburg, near Maastricht and will also visit the National Botanical Gardens of Belgium on their journey home.

Following their success in winning the inter-club gardening quiz last year, a team from the Hunstanton club will be defending their title at the this year's competition being held at the end of May in Whissonsett, and we hope for another successful result.

Old Hunstanton Social Club



The Club continues to grow, so a warm welcome to all our new members. It's good to see so many new faces. With luck, we'll all be enjoying fine weather in the garden in the coming months.

On Friday 8th June we have a Karaoke night starting at 8pm, and on the following evening, Saturday 9th we are holding another Poker night. Play starts at 8pm, and the £4 entry fee includes supper.

On Friday 22nd June is our monthly Bingo. Eyes down 7.30pm. As usual, there is an enormous number of prizes to be won.

Saturday 23rd is Quiz night starting at 7pm. Entry costs £2.50 and includes supper. New teams very welcome. This is a very popular night, so do come early.

Membership of the club is open to all at £10 per year (£5 for seniors) and everyone is welcome. We particularly welcome families with children. Our beers are served in perfect condition and are always varied. Come and see us! Bring your friends!

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A Page from The Sage

Dick Melton, at the forgotten end of town



People often stop me and ask me why The Wash and Tope is so called. Well, I will explain.

It started off life as the Railway Hotel; a good name as it was right opposite the Railway Station. It was built around 1880 by the brewery firm of Bullards whose head office was at the Anchor Brewery in St Miles Street, Norwich. When it was built the hotel had eight letting bedrooms, three bars and stables for ten horses.

One of the first people to keep the hotel in 1883 was Mrs Sarah Ann Wales, then after several years it was taken on by a Mr Harry Williams who stayed there until around 1935 when Sid Ward was the landlord. Sid moved out in 1947 and Victor Coombes took it over with his wife Beryl. Beryl was a right good looker; she had been a dancer in the West End. Victor stayed there until the early 60's and then there was a succession of landlords, one of them being Albert Scarrow. Albert had four pretty teenage daughters so all the young lads drank there.

From the 1920's the stables were used by local fishermen and bait diggers to store their gear in, then in 1960 the stables were pulled down to make more parking space in the yard. In May 1969, the Hunstanton to King's Lynn Railway was closed down so the Watney Mann Brewery that owned the hotel decided to change the name to The Wash and Tope.

How did they decide on this name? Well, if you look out of the front window of the hotel, you look across a stretch of water called the Wash and the biggest fish that can be caught in The Wash is a Tope, so they put the two names together and it became the new name for the hotel.

The Hunstanton Tope Fishing Club used the hotel as their headquarters; one of their members, dick Reynolds, caught a nice tope which he had stuffed and put in a glass case which was on display in the front bar for may years.

In the 50's and 60's, the then King of Belgium would come to Hunstanton to fish for tope, staying at the hotel. He would present the prizes for the competitions on the club's prize giving day.

In 1970 Tom Howarth was the landlord; this was the gentleman that started the Sunday market and put some amusements and the children's fort on the old railway site. In 1973 Roy Baldwin and his wife Pat and son Philip took over. They stayed there for seven years until they moved to Sedgeford to take on The King William IV.

Then there were three landlords in six years, Alan Makie, John Sullivan and John French. In 1986 the Wallis family took over, Terry, Kath and their son Ian. They stayed there until 2004.

Over the years a lot of alterations have taken place at The Wash and Tope including new toilets, a fifty seat restaurant and one of the front bars was made into a dining room.

The Wash and Tope has been on this site now for around 136 years. Hunstanton has lost a lot of nice hotels over the years; The Glebe, The Sandringham; The Garden House and the greatest loss of all, The Kit-Kat public house, so let's hope that The Wash and Tope stays in its permanent position in Le-Strange Terrace for many more years to come.

When I was a young lad sixty years ago and living in Dersingham, one of the best times of the year was July and August – harvest time. If you did not have a job as a ho-ge-boy or any other job, you would spend the school holidays going around the harvest fields catching the rabbits to take home to eat. In those days the wild rabbit was part of the staple diet of most country folk, especially in Norfolk where there was plenty of them. Also they were a cheap meal as they still are today, even if you have to buy them, you can get a nice rabbit for about £2 and they are just as nice cold as hot.

We would have a ride round on our bikes in the mornings to see which fields were to be cut; you could always tell as they would open them up with a scythe first, there were not many combines in those days, it was all binders towed by tractors, though I remember Mr Smith at Hill Farm Dersingham still having one drawn by horses.

Most farmers would let you go on their fields to catch the rabbits and if we caught plenty we'd share them out amongst the farm workers. Sometimes the gamekeepers would come along and ask you to hand them over, but we got wise to this and would hide them in the hedgerows, going back for them later.

I well remember one day we had not broken up for the holidays, we could see from the classroom window that they had started to cut a field of barley between the woodyard and the woods. We knew there would be a lot of rabbits in it so we skipped off school at lunchtime and it paid off as six of us got over 200 rabbits! They were good times and we learned more in those fields catching rabbits than ever we did at school.

Around Thetford and Brandon there were more rabbits than anywhere else in England. In 1908 on the Elveden Estate near Brandon 77,022 rabbits were caught in that one year.

In the May Town and Around, there is a mention of Throwers Mineral Water factory in Chapel Lane (back of Westgate), also a Mr Thomas Guy had a soda water factory in Homefields Road, Throwers had their King's Lynn factory on the South Quay. My grandmother worked there for a while just after the Second World War and I remember her telling me that whenever there was a high tide and the wind was right, the factory would get flooded.

Mr Peter James asks why there are so many ducks around the town; there has always been many ducks down the marshes in the drains and dykes as there still is, but with a lot of the marsh being taken up by the golf course and caravan sites, the ducks have moved elsewhere. He also says we have no natural duck ponds in the town like Heacham, but we do have three in the close vicinity; one being near the church down Old Town and the other two being down Down's Road. One near the Gamekeepers Lodge and the other next to Downs Farm.

I will just leave you now with a saying about the weather as we have had some rain I thought this one would be appropriate. 'When the stars begin to huddle, the earth will soon be a puddle.'

Keep a tros'in all together, back in July.

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Saturday 9th	Rock & Soul
Friday 15th	Quiz Night plus Ploughman's Supper
Saturday 16th	Music TBA
Friday 22nd	Garry Leonard
Saturday 23rd	Dream Street
Friday 29th	Tom Baxter
Saturday 30th	Mervyn & The Starbeats

Coming soon – Nigel'Boy' Sayer
Mick's Karaoke every Sunday
Cash Bingo every Monday and Thursday
Steak night every Wednesday £8 each or 2 for £15

Hunstanton Town Teamwork

Michael Ruston

Hunstanton Chamber of Trade is raring to go, with the other members of the town team, in driving forward the revitalisation of the town.

Chairman, William Searle, points to the solid achievements from working as a team. "We have protected the Oasis Way roundabout area from caravan occupancy, the Spinney area improvements are up for discussion and consultation, the events board on Redgate Hill is being updated with Chamber members helping resort staff, a new Christmas Cracker committee will be formed at a meeting on 12th June to plan this year's event which is on Sunday 2nd December, a new sign to the town will soon appear on the A149/Westgate junction along with lots of information/direction boards in the car parks.

Local bands and groups are encouraged to use the Bandstand on Saturdays and can book through Dave Morton on 01485-534227. It is free.

We are working to improve publicity for events in town and are eagerly waiting for the result of our Portas application, expected at the end of the month.

None of this could have happened without the support of the Borough Councillors and their Officers with whom we have a great relationship.

We have new businesses in the High Street with Wells Deli and Past and Presents opening, Kings Oak Kitchens preparing their large Northgate shops and Angels and Demons sign already up in Lestrange Terrace. Good luck to them all.

The Princess Theatre reopens on 1st June under local management and the Tourist Information Centre is now managed by the Town Council.

All in all, a pretty lively first 4 months of 2012 followed in June by the Lifestyles Water Sports Festival on 1st-3rd June, the Diamond Jubilee event on 4th June and the Carnival on 24th June."

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Many of the people who live, work or visit Hunstanton will have noticed a lot of activity behind the usually uninteresting triple shop front opposite Barclays Bank. This huge retail area has been empty for years but recently that has changed with the arrival of Kings Oak and the company's owner, Paul Barnett.

Kings Oak is a long established business, with a manufacturing workshop and showroom in Bergen Way on the North Lynn Industrial Estate, where outstanding fitted furniture has been made for nearly 30 years. During that time 3000 homes of all shapes, sizes and types have been installed with a beautiful Kings Oak kitchen, bedroom, study or bathroom and more recently, with outstanding media rooms.

To find out why Paul has chosen Hunstanton for his additional, larger showroom, a Hunstanton Town and Around reporter went to see him. Here is what he had to say.

Q: Why did you choose Hunstanton to expand your business in?

A: Hunstanton is fantastic – it's where everyone wants to live, retire or just take a break. Over the years, scores of my customers have said they would like an out-of-Lynn Kings Oak showroom to visit. I honestly feel that Hunstanton has a lot to offer new investors; not only the location but also the chance to learn from those who have been in the business community for many years.

Q: Has the activity at the old Job Centre site attracted interest?

A: Yes, absolutely. There's a lot going on because everything from wiring to flooring, air conditioning to lighting has to be removed, replaced or revamped before we can start to bring in about a quarter of a million pounds worth of our hand-crafted, specially designed display rooms. People are already looking in to see how we're doing. For eighteen months I looked for the perfect site in Hunstanton and, since locating it, have spent many months designing every detail of what I intend will be the most exciting, interesting and inviting showroom possible. The new showroom has been designed so anyone with an eye for style or the wish to transform a space into a perfect room, can come in, talk to experts and work with them to create the ideal solution. This will be a showroom where people who want to

convert a small space under the stairs will be as welcome as those with large spaces and bigger budgets. At Kings Oak, we like challenges and that includes working to sometimes very frugal budgets.

Q: In practice, how will Kings Oak directly benefit Hunstanton?

A: I believe that if more specialist companies like mine opened up in this lovely seaside town alongside the established shops and businesses, the local economy would be even richer with plenty to offer Norfolk residents. I was always determined the new showroom would also serve the community, as well as welcome old and new customers. In fact, at the same time I was planning the displays of our traditional, classic, contemporary and ultra modern product ranges, I was also planning a demonstration kitchen right at the front of the showroom area. The plan is to have regular, open events which show off the skills of local chefs and the fabulous range of produce that Norfolk is famous for. I am also creating job opportunities and would like to hear from people who are willing to learn, or perhaps have fitted furniture experience already but, most importantly, can be flexible as well as committed to great customer service. In fact, anyone interested in becoming a member of the Kings Oak team can get in touch now by putting their CV through the door when they are next in town.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please keep your diaries clear for the major fundraising event in our village – you won't want to miss it!!

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Friday 20th July – Sunday 22nd July
Monday 23rd July a very Special Day for people with mobility needs

Come and see the lovely floral displays – this year illustrating the theme "A Year to Remember". Enjoy a cup of coffee with gorgeous home-made cakes, take a light lunch or afternoon tea in the lovely surroundings of Park House (directly opposite the Church). Enjoy the old-fashioned English garden fete that you might have thought had long disappeared except in our memories!

A series of musical events are planned for inside the Church while it is beautifully decorated. On Friday at 6.30pm will be an evening of Reflection and Meditation to appreciate the flowers in Words and Music and on Saturday 7 – 9pm we have "Sat'day Jazz Fav'rites". A feature of the weekend is the Songs of Praise Concert on Sunday at 7pm with the Hunstanton Concert Band.

CAN YOU HELP?

We are also starting to collect Bric-a-Brac, CDs, Clothes and Books for the stalls including items suitable for our popular Tombola. If you have any items which are surplus to requirements, please contact either the Churchwarden Neville Mackinder (534010) or Mike Tuffs (535951) and we will arrange either collection or delivery.

Thank you for your support.

FUND RAISING SUCCESS

Sheena Tuffs

I am sure that many of you read that we had a Craft and Cappuccino morning last month, raising funds for the flowers for our wonderful Flower Festival. On the morning of the event, the heavens opened and our hearts sank! But, to our amazement and delight, the crowds poured in. What a wonderful success. We raised £765 and then had another donation from a person, who would have liked to have joined us but could not, so taking the takings up to £825!!!

Jenny Guest who is now in charge of the Craft Stall at the Flower Festival, and with the help of Sheena Tuffs, and the most amazing crowd of volunteers, we wish to thank anyone who helped in any shape or form, wholeheartedly for all their efforts. The Cappuccino's in our café area were replenished time after time. The villagers came together and people sat for hours, chatting and enjoying this new type of village get-together. The atmosphere was terrific and the buzz could be heard all up the street!

Thank you to anyone who also contributed bottles for our bottle stall, cakes, books,

Crafts, hand painted furniture, raffle prizes and donations.

The Marie Hamer Pottery corner, caused much interest and a great time was had by all. It was a WOW!!

Sheena Tuffs also ran a Bridge Drive at The Lodge Hotel in Old Hunstanton for 15 tables. Many thanks to Dot Lloyd for her hospitality and scrumptious afternoon tea. Thank you to Christine Savage for being our Director, Christine Earnshaw and Rena Carter for doing the raffle and also to Susie Prendergast for being my right hand help. Also thank you for the great raffle prises donated and we raised another £350.

The Quiz night organised by Neville and Julia Mackinder, Master of Ceremonies was Christine Earnshaw, raised £630! Again, thank you to everyone for their help and support, from cooking, raffle, serving, setting up etc.

We have now almost paid for the flowers and the community spirit in Old Hunstanton has risen beyond all expectations.

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Hunstanton Beaver Scouts

On the 21st April the Beavers leaders Charlotte and Michaela, along with Anne Wyllie, Sandra Colver, Amanda Feary, Daniel Andrews, Evan Andrews and Stephen Andrews took part in a sponsored walk along the Norfolk Coastal Path to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Starting in Burnham Deepdale, we enjoyed the 12 mile scenic, if sometimes rainy, walk along the coast finishing at the Ancient Mariner Inn, where they had kindly laid on drinks and refreshments for us. A big thank you to everyone who raised sponsorship money for this and a special thank you to Amy Reynolds. I am pleased to say this walk raised over £380.00.

The Beavers are now starting to make their costumes and decorations for the Carnival parade in June. We are very excited to be taking part once again in this event. If anyone fancies helping us paint or sew decorations/costumes please let us know!

Hunstanton Scout Group

We have a number of events coming up over the next few months.

On the 24th June we will be having a stall on the Green for the Hunstanton Carnival, where we will be running a raffle, selling homemade items and gifts.

On the 30th June we will be having a jumble sale and coffee morning from 10am – 1pm where we will be selling clothes, accessories, jewellery, books, lovely cakes & tea and coffee. Come along for a chat and join in, or just pop in and pick up a cake for afternoon tea! Free entry, all welcome.

On the 28th July we will be holding a Bingo night at the Scout Hall from 7pm onwards. Come along for a night of bingo, prizes and fun! Refreshments served. 50/50 raffle with cash prize! £5.00 per person.

If you are interested in any of these events please contact us on 07837 698653, on our Facebook page Hunstanton Scout Group, or by email hunstantonscouthall@yahoo.co.uk

Hunstanton Methodist Church

Pauline & David Scotney

Thank you to every one who came to and was involved with our Coffee morning and live steam display held in our Church Hall on Saturday 28th April.

The North West Norfolk 16mm Narrow Gauge Modellers Group put on an excellent display, running a variety of gas fired and battery operated locomotives, the group had a busy time talking to people about the locomotives and rolling stock on display.

Every one seemed to enjoy themselves and with the Coffee morning and bric-a brac stall we managed to raise over £300 for the Teenage Cancer Trust, currently the total amount raised by the Church during March and April for the trust stands at £1,158.

Once again we would like to thank you for your very generous support for this event.

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A day at Auschwitz, a thousand memories

Jamie Read and Katie Shanks

On March 15th Mrs Nally, Katie Shanks and I went to the infamous death camp, Auschwitz - Birkenau. Situated in Poland this German killing machine murdered 1.1 million individuals, 90% of whom were Jewish. Auschwitz has since become a symbol for the Holocaust, the train track entrance of Birkenau instantly recognisable.



Our day started very early in the morning, a 7 o'clock flight out to Krakow, the nearest city to the town of Oświęcim where Auschwitz death camp is situated. The flight lasted approximately 2 hours and once we touched down in Poland we were on the move once more, this time to visit a local Jewish cemetery.

The cemetery was in the middle of the busy town, its graves surrounded by high fences in order to keep out Neo-Nazis that target these graves. There weren't many graves there; the amount of people buried there was very small in comparison to the number that died in Auschwitz. With Neo-Nazis having destroyed 23 graves in 2005, it's a shame that these people are still not allowed to be at peace.

We were soon back on the road, this time it was to visit Auschwitz I, the first concentration camp at Auschwitz. When we first arrived and our guide told us to look out the window Auschwitz's barracks were immediately recognisable. Seeing a picture of this place in books in haunting, but looking at it first hand was something else. The realisation that we were at the most well known concentration camp had finally hit home. There was an awkward silence for a few seconds as we all took in the true size of the day and of the camp itself.

Once inside our guide showed us around, we saw the iconic 'Arbeit macht frei' sign – 'Work makes free'. We also went around the barracks that now house the history of Auschwitz. Inside the barracks were horrid things such as; piles of shoes, pictures of the tortured and a pile of female hair that lay in one giant clump. Seeing all the possessions and belongings there just reiterates how the Nazis disregarded the lives of the Jews.

It was much the same for us when we visited Auschwitz II - Birkenau. The images that we had all seen from textbooks were there in front of us; the dedication that was put into this industrial killing machine was obvious. Looking round the site it seemed more like a farm than a place people were expected to stay. The atmosphere was harrowing; the bleakness of the area and the chilling silence compounded the evilness of the area. Walking around Auschwitz II and III took 3 hours and once we had finished, seeing the ruins of the gas chambers and crematoriums, we were mentally and physically exhausted.

Flying back to England gave us time to reflect on a perplexing day that challenged our outlook on life. Since we've come back we have described our time there as traumatising, there is no other word that we see fit. It is fair to say neither of us will ever go there again, this was a once in a lifetime experience.

Upon coming back from Poland we completed a final seminar making us ambassadors for the Holocaust Educational Trust. Being an ambassador is an important thing for both of us; we see it as our responsibility to put into action our follow up ideas. At present we have already begun a 'fight on prejudice' campaign within our school and hope to branch this out into the local community. Our wish is to educate people on the contemporary relevance of the Holocaust today and how racism and hatred can easily turn into genocide. We aim to invite Holocaust survivors to speak at our school and involve local MPs to support our work. Though we both have different paths for the future, we intend to carry on our work here within the community.

Visiting Auschwitz is a life changing experience that we both firmly believe you should all see. It's a complex and challenging day, but if you ever get the opportunity to go, then do so.

Hunstanton in Bloom

Max Dolby

I'm sure you all read the items in last month's magazine about the wild flowers (which can survive without irrigation!) that have been sown: John Smith's information about what the seeds were and the exploits of Lesley and Pat Richardson (and their helpers!) in sowing them. Watch out for the results and when the display is in full flower, remember gratefully that our Hunstanton Town Council gave the money to buy the seeds. When we have these following on from the spring bulb displays, we shall have so much In Bloom to enjoy.

Let's not forget the contribution made by our private gardens: they add their own colour and variety to our town. Do get your entry in for the front garden competition and/or nominate someone else's garden which gives you pleasure. There are entry/nomination cards around the town or you can enter by letter – some already have. Thank you.

After the wettest April for umpteen years, I hesitate to mention the hosepipe ban but it is still in force and seems likely to remain so. Perhaps Mother Nature will continue to empty her clouds over us for weeks and months to come (it's being so cheerful that keeps me going!), but if, as we all hope, the sun sets about shining on a regular basis, we shall need to keep using watering cans to keep our displays going – especially any hanging baskets which will need very frequent attention. After all, we don't want a town full of dead hanging baskets, do we?

Some changes are taking place: the 'Wash of Dreams' planting has been moved from the Coal Shed bed to behind the Surf Shop. You might like to keep an eye open for what will arrive to take its place at the Coal Shed. Could another whiff of the lovely old Railway Days pull into the station?

I love bluebells and I hear that the Brownies have been busy planting some at the Pitch and Putt course. I know that I shall enjoy them. What puzzles me is why some Brownies went home with hands smelling of garlic! It's always good to hear of the involvement of our younger townsfolk. They have also made their mark at the Community Orchard. What fun they have had in planting and sowing there and what satisfaction they will have from watching the area develop and mature.

News from Redgate Junior School

Jill Bellamy

Redgate Junior School, Hunstanton came third in a Food and Farming Challenge on Thursday 3rd May.



Eight pupils represented year 5 at Easton College along with class teacher Mrs Johnson. The pupils made a presentation titled Food From The Sea linked to a project the class has been working on with the Norfolk Wildlife Trust. The class has been involved in beach surveys, looking at what food comes from the sea such as cockles, mussels and samphire.

The children are now linking this into a national competition to design a menu for the Queen's Jubilee.

The next step for Year 5 is to take their Food From The Sea presentation to the Royal Norfolk Show for two days on 27th and 28th June.



The eight pupils taking part were Evie Armstrong, Leena-Marie Pesci, Joshua Webb, Owen Strawson, Alfie Melton, Jessica Smith, Elysia Wakeling, Billy Taylor.

News from Ingoldisthorpe C of E Primary School

Keith Twaites

Breakfast and Tea Time Club

We have always been very proud of our wide range of clubs at Ingoldisthorpe. We have a long list at present we have the following clubs: Art, French, Sports, nature and gardening, Book club, drama, cookery club football, cricket and chess club. The picture shows children enjoying themselves making cheese straws in cookery club.



We have recently extended our provision to provide a Tea Time club. Here the children enjoy a snack, take part in art and enjoy playing games on the field. This now means we are able to look after children until 6 pm. This compliments our Breakfast Club which welcomes children every day from 7:30 am.

Getting outside

Despite the wet conditions our children have been enjoying outside learning. Our covered areas in all our Early Years classes enable the children to go outside what ever the weather. Here you can see Acorn class, our Reception children getting to grips with cycling.



Gold Artsmark

At Ingoldisthorpe we are very proud that we have just been awarded the Gold Artsmark by the Arts Council. Art in all its forms (music, art and drama) plays a very important role in our curriculum. The children really enjoy getting ready for the Sandringham Flower Show and their Christmas and summer productions.

Early year's provision

Our toddler group continues to thrive, with the youngsters having good fun when they meet on a Monday morning and our pre school dance group run by Music and Movement seem to be going from strength to strength.

Little Owls our pre school group meet in school every morning.

THE 2012 CARNIVAL KIDS

The Carnival Committee are proud to announce the new 2012 Carnival Kids. This year we have 3 princesses and 2 princes;
Charlie Melton and Lewis Cleland both from Redgate School, Sophie Horner, Eleanor Wood and Rebecca Wallace also from Redgate School and our lovely new Queen Trudy Cooper from Wells High School.



The princesses and princes with Zoe, Manger of the Golden Lion who are supporting the Carnival again this year!



and our Carnival Queen

All children live in Hunstanton and are keen to represent the Town at Carnival on Sunday 24th June and throughout the year at Civic Events.

The theme this year is...'All that glitters...' and the kids are keeping tight lipped about their outfits, although we suspect

there will be some glitter involved. At last night's Carnival meeting at the Golden Lion, excitement from the 'kids' was plain to see.

The Lynn News and EDP were on hand to take official photos.... look out in the local press for these soon!

Carnival Day starts at 10am with stalls and activities on the Green all day. The official opening by the Queen, Princes and Princesses

and Mayor and special guests will be at 11am and the Carnival Parade will leave the recreation ground at 1pm heading down to the Green.

There are performances and appearances all day on the stage by local groups and a special guest spot by a childrens' choir from London!!

Look out for full programme guide in shop windows, Tourist Information Centre and on the day, on notice boards.

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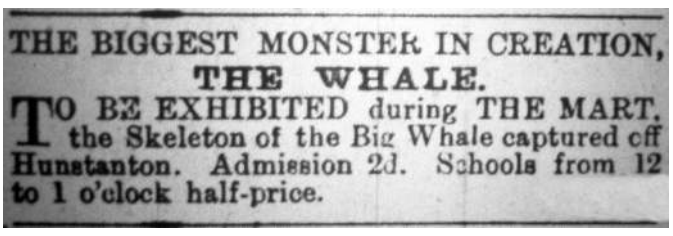
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Letters to the Editor

Bottles

It was most interesting to read of Michael Darby's find of bottles in the sand dating back to pre war days when local factories produced and supplied quality drinks to the town and surrounding area, I think Wells had two, Claxtons and Bullens.

The Thrower history reminded me of the time, just after the war ended, when I was given the job of reopening the Hunstanton factory, which had been closed during the war years. The first job was to get rid of the hundreds of Cod bottles (the ones with marbles in the neck) which were no longer used. The cellar was filled, the rest taken to the dump which I think was close to where Tesco is now. (The Sage will know!). If only I had known that they would become quite collectable now!

Derek Thrower
Heacham

Bubbles and Piers

The May edition of Town & Around contained a couple of very interesting stories. On page 56 Ken Arnott wrote about the 'Bubble', reminding me of a day 41 years ago when local public opinion was strong enough to make a council change course. During the 15 years leading up to the fateful meeting on February 8th 1971 - when the bubble finally burst - Hunstanton Urban District Council (HUDC) had made a number of catastrophic mistakes.

The first one came in February 1957 when planning permission was granted for the width of the pier to be extended from 16 feet to 76 feet - where it overflew the promenade - to permit the construction of a single story building with a curved asbestos roof!

In 1963 this mistake was compounded when a box shaped, two storey building was allowed to replace the original single storey entrance to our splendid Victorian pier. In the same year, gardens to the rear of Minna Lodge and the Westgate Gardens were bulldozed to make way for a library, bus station, car park and filling station. This happened as part of a £300,000 facelift for the town centre and seafront, but four years later the open air swimming pool was demolished, because HUDC claimed it could not raise the £25,000 needed for repairs!

In 1969 HUDC failed to put up a fight when the Hunstanton to Lynn Railway was closed. The real reason for this became apparent when HUDC announced its plans for a bubble-shaped building covering land once occupied by the swimming pool and the railway station!

Had these facilities been retained, the swimming pool might actually have benefitted from being enclosed within the bubble complex, then public opinion might not have been so readily mobilised against the proposal.

As it turned out, Hunstanton lost two of its most valuable assets to make way for a bubble, which never got off the ground, but it could have been much worse, because within a short time a similar structure on the Isle of Man was gutted by fire with considerable loss of life...

The other item to catch my attention was the letter on page 50 from Maria Rix concerning the Pier. Quite rightly she paid tribute to Henry le Strange for planning our town so well, with The Green providing unrivalled views both into and out of the town centre.

Her acknowledgement of the part played by his son, Hamon, was equally justified and comes as a timely reminder that he had the foresight to include a condition in the 999-year Pier Lease that the pier site on The Green must be used for a pier and nothing else whatsoever!

When the freehold of the Lower Green and the pier were acquired by HUDC in 1955 its officers should have been fully aware of this condition in the Pier Lease, as well as a legally binding covenant imposed by the le Strange Estate - for the benefit of the inhabitants and visitors of Hunstanton - intended to protect the whole of The Green from development.

By the time most of the pier was washed away in January 1978 ownership of The Green and pier had been transferred to West Norfolk Council (WNC). Once again it would appear that its officers and members were ignorant of the conditions imposed on the pier tenants, because for the next 24 years only £1 per annum was collected in rent for the pier site, while no attempt was made to enforce a repairing covenant in the pier lease.

Needless to say, the pier tenants were more than happy with this arrangement, so when the last vestige of the pier and its entrance building were totally demolished following a fire in May 2002, they submitted plans for an even larger building on the pier site, but expected the rent to remain the same.

At that time it was pointed out to me by Timothy Leader - Head of Legal and Property Services for WNC - that since The Green had become part of a Conservation Area in 1984, WNC had the right to advise the pier tenants that unless they intended to build a pier - with an entrance building in keeping with the character of buildings such as the Town Hall and Golden Lion - they would not obtain planning permission.

Sadly, Mr Leader's words of wisdom were not heard by his colleagues in the planning department, because they are on record as having supported the type of building erected in 2003 - in spite of overwhelming opposition to the plans from the inhabitants and visitors of Hunstanton. Scrutiny of the application - approved in September 2003 - reveals that the pier tenants belatedly added a pier to their original 'pier-less' plans, but no attempt has been made by WNC to evict the pier tenants for failing to provide the pier specified in the pier lease.

In fact, as recently as 2009 - at the request of the pier tenants - WNC attempted to vary the terms of the pier lease in order to make the provision of a pier 'optional'!

Anyone with an ounce of commonsense will conclude that it is really no possible to remove the pier from the pier lease without a surrender of that lease, because the lease clearly states that the only land included in the lease is that which is covered and occupied by a pier! Calling the hangar-shaped building on The Green a pier - in advertisements - does not make it a pier!

It should not involve WNC in excessive legal costs to resolve this anomaly, but I suspect it might take a local version of the 'Leveson' Inquiry to get that message across to those WNC members and officers who appear to be more concerned with concealing past mistakes than with rectifying them...

John Maiden

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Occasionally work can be seen at the Art Shed 67 Westgate, all information can be found at www.paulbarrywhite.com





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Viv Walker. Chairperson

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Our club are also having a day out on June 19th in Holkham Hall grounds and beach, if you are thinking of joining a club, you are welcome to come along for the day. For further information, please contact us via our web site: www.heachamdigitalcameraclub.co.uk or call Viv on 07906056019.

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Hunstanton Lions Club

Jane Scott

Friday 18th May our Lions International Golf Day at Heacham Manor Golf Club would have tee'd off by the time you are reading this, all results will be published in the July newsletter. A big thank you to all our sponsors.

Monday June 4th Queens Diamond Jubilee Celebrations - Lions Balloon Race, please come along and buy one of our balloons 10 am-5pm on the lower green, not only will you be supporting our charity but there will be a prize for the balloon that has travelled the furthest. We will also be supporting the Hunstanton Carnival on June 24th

Wednesday July 4th "Private Lives" by Heartbreak Productions we are organising an outdoor production of “Private Lives” by Noel Coward. This we are doing in conjunction with Glebe School in their lovely grounds. Performed by “Heartbreak Productions”, the foremost outdoor touring company in the U.K. it will be a super evening. It’s on Wednesday July 4th. The grounds will be open from 5.30pm for you to bring along your picnic, with the performance starting at 7.30pm. There will be a bar but you can bring along your own refreshments if you like, Bring low seats or a picnic rug if you like, and don’t forget that even in July it can get cold when the sun sets. Tickets are priced at :- Adults - £12.50, Concessions - £10.00, Under 16’s - £5.00 and a family ticket for two adults and two children - £30.00. These will be available from either Glebe House School Office, “Café Blah Blahh” (next door to Sainsbury’s), on line at www.heartbreakproductions.co.uk. Or please call Amanda on 07585 387959, Peter Sutton @ Suttons Estate Agents Heacham on 01485 570030. Parking is free. Book early to avoid disappointment as after the success of last year’s production it will sell out quickly.

Car Boot Dates- June 20th, July 1st, August 5 & 12th, September 9th & 23rd. October 7 & 21st.

Sunday 29th July Open Bowls Tournament - Further details as follows

Hunstanton Lions support many local good causes from kind donations received.

One such cause we are supporting is the SERV Charity (Service by Emergency Rider Volunteers). This charity was set up in 1981 and is manned by volunteer riders who transport blood products, vaccines, donor breast milk and emergency medical items to hospitals. Hunstanton Lions are hoping to raise enough money to purchase a motorcycle which will be customised in the Lions colours and Logo.

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Hunstanton Community Orchard

Community Project for Wildlife
Kate Blincoe

Dark clouds gathered overhead, and the large group assembled joked about how it had been raining ever since the drought was announced. "But look what a brilliant start it has given these trees," said Kate Dunbar, town councillor and driver behind the creation of Hunstanton Community Orchard, where we were all gathered.

Kate was right. The 63 young trees around the orchard have burst into blossom and look very content in their new home. Green buds starting to show and giving hope of fruit later in the season and for years to come.

The trees range from apples and pears to figs, quince, apricots, medlars and mulberry. Many varieties are local and without concerted efforts like this, heritage species could die away. Each tree has a story behind it, as they have been sponsored by local individuals, organisations and businesses.

The orchard is a true community effort. It has involved children from age two to those in their nineties, with the planning and planting. Young Lily, age three, stood proudly next to an apple tree exactly the same height as her. Volunteers mused how wonderful it is to be involved in a project that means in, say, thirty years time, Lily will be able to return here with her children and they could taste the fruit from trees she planted.

Projects are so often labelled 'community' because they have happened in a residential area. However, this is an absolute exemplar of what community means. Local people have been involved at every level, giving their time, passion and knowledge. The orchard has become a hub in the local area for social activities; not only is it a lovely peaceful place for a picnic or wander, a real sense of friendship has grown amongst those involved. The area is also a fantastic resource for local schools, Redgate Junior and Hunstanton Infants; acting as their nature garden, outside classroom and extended green space.

The orchard has also become a focal point for an incredible amount of expertise and knowledge, all achieved through admirable partnership working including; Norfolk Wildlife Trust, the RSPB, the Woodland Trust, Anglia In Bloom, Norfolk Ornithologists Association, Norfolk County Council, King's Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council and Hunstanton Town Council. Even the community police officer David Spencer joined us; a reassuring presence that indicates this special place will be looked after at every level. It shows what can be achieved when different organisations all work together to the same goal.

Hunstanton Mayor Carol Bower captured the mood perfectly, saying, "The orchard has really brought the community together and we've been delighted at the level of involvement. Looking after it takes a lot of ongoing commitment and care. We are delighted to see it developing and we can't wait to eat the fruit when it is ready!"

The orchard has been nominated for the RSPB's Stepping up for Nature Awards in the Best Community Project for Wildlife category. The awards are designed to celebrate all of nature's heroes out there; normal people taking amazing action for wildlife.

Caring for wildlife has been at the heart of this project. This area was previously a section of playing field, a rather blank, featureless expanse of mown grass providing little habitat or food for wildlife. Now, bat and bird boxes have been put in place on the mature sycamores that surround the orchard and wildflowers have been planted to attract insects. Furthermore, the orchard will be totally organic and 10% of fruit will be left for wildlife every year, providing excellent food for declining bird species such as thrushes. The orchard has also provided a way of connecting local people with the nature on their doorstep and shown that it is possible to make real changes to improve your local patch for wildlife as well as people.

Today, however there was serious business to attend to. The professional expertise of Redgate Junior School's Council was required to vote in the steering committee of the Friends of the Orchard group. Then it was on to matters of a more practical nature – planting the last few plugs of wildflowers and checking the trees were growing well. Everyone, young and old alike, got stuck in with muddy hands and a smile on their faces.

This represents a true collaborative, community effort bringing benefits for wildlife and local people. The RSPB knows there is so much wonderful work like this going on and they want to hear about it!

What are the Stepping Up for Nature Awards?

The RSPB know that there are lots of people out there doing all they can to save nature and we want to celebrate those people. We want to showcase their endeavours, their talents and their sheer love of all things wild and quite simply say 'thank you.'

That's why we are launching the Stepping Up for Nature Awards.

There are six categories that you can either enter yourself or nominate someone for. These are:

Best Garden for Wildlife
Best Community project for Wildlife
Best Business Working for Wildlife
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Some of the sponsors and volunteers

A special day for our Orchard!

The sun always shines on our orchard, or so it seems because so far we have been incredibly lucky with the weather when most needed.

Thursday 26th April was the perfect morning to welcome our visitors Kate Blincoe from the RSPB Regional Office, and Jason Kidman from the Environment Department at Norfolk County Council.

We have been entered for the "Stepping Up For Nature Award" run by the RSPB in conjunction with the EDP. Kate came to find out all about our Hunstanton Orchard Project and meet some of the people here who have been involved in setting it up, and who will continue to manage it through the initial stages as it grows and develops.

It is a real honour to be recognised by the RSPB who do fantastic work to protect wildlife both in the UK and abroad. They are also experts in habitat creation as seen at Titchwell Marsh just along the coast from us. From the beginning, Dave Hawkins from Titchwell Reserve (and a Hunstanton Resident) has been very supportive of our town's new habitat development albeit on a slightly smaller scale than he is used to!

Orchards are a Number One Priority Habitat and so over the years our Community Orchard has the potential to become incredibly bio diverse; rich in a huge variety of bugs, birds, mammals and wildflowers.

Not only that, but we will get bounties of fruit and so already we are winners, and our orchard will just get more beautiful every year.

Jason Kidman from County Hall came to see how our project has progressed from the rather uninspiring short mown grassy area that it started off as. He has been instrumental in getting our project going by providing advice and practical help and also grant money. He was clearly delighted with what he saw and said:

"This is such a great project to be part of it's exactly what I wanted to happen with our community grant and I think the outcome is excellent."

It is wonderful to see the culmination of all our efforts; the trees beginning to sprout, some even putting out blossom so it is not too hard to imagine what it will be like in a few years time.

Council members from Redgate Middle School came to help plant some more wildflowers which had been saved especially for the occasion, and to pose for EDP photographers alongside a fantastic basket of apples brought along by Kate Blancoe from her father's own fruit trees. Even in April, after being kept in a cool shed, the apples were crisp and delicious. It just goes to show that with careful storage, some English apple varieties are good keepers, and don't need to be imported from half way round the world!

On the day, we voted on a Steering Group for the Henry le Strange Community Orchard with a view to holding an AGM later in the year. If you would like to be more closely involved with the project, or just want find out what's planned, look out for a notice for the first Orchard Friends AGM; you will be very welcome.

Over the summer, we will need to water the trees in dry spells (if we get any!) and to mow the grass. If you are interested in helping out, please contact me on the phone number below.

And last but not least I would like to thank everyone who has made this Community project so special; our experts from the RSPB, Norfolk Wildlife Trust, Norfolk Ornithologists Association, all whom have offered advice and practical help; In Bloom, West Norfolk and King's Lynn Borough Council, Norfolk County Council, Hunstanton Town Council, Smithdon students, children and teachers from Hunstanton First School and Redgate School, and all the fantastic people, groups and businesses who have sponsored the trees. Thank you too, to those people who live close by and visit often, who are making sure the orchard thrives. Please visit and enjoy it!

Kate Dunbar 01485 534041.



Kate Blincoe with Jason Kidman



Two of the Friends' Steering Group, Joy Webb and Adrian Winnington, with Fiona Joyce and a student from Redgate School





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Local photographer, Mick Bye, has just launched an exhibition of his work in the Gallery Restaurant – depicting many local scenes. There's a blend of colour and black and white images which all illustrate Mick's passion for the countryside, wildlife and our stunning coastline. The exhibition runs until 16th July and all pictures are available for purchase.

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Bluebell Planting

Dawn Davies



On a wild, wet and windy evening in April with the co-operation of Hunstanton in Bloom, 3rd Hunstanton Brownies went to the Pitch and Putt in Old Hunstanton to Plant Bluebells in the woodland, this also went towards our Diamond Jubilee Challenge.



In 1994 Hunstanton Brownies planted 80 Trees to celebrate the Brownies 80th Birthday, at the Pitch and Put, tonight we planted 900 bluebells in this woodland.

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Rescue attempts at Hunstanton

Dealer W.
E.W vulnerable.

N
S. J6
H. 10
D. AQ108432
C. KJ2

W
S. KQ2
H. Q82
D. K76
C. A1065

E
S. 743
H. J743
D. J95
C. 984

S
S. A10985
H. AK965
D. ---------
C. Q73

West bid 1NT . North overcalled 2D thinking that might well be the contract. E passed and S bid 2S probably thinking he must rescue his partner having no diamonds. Were S's spades better than N's diamonds? Probably not, so after West's pass, N bid 3D. S then bid S 3H, another rescue attempt? North with 2 Club honours went to 3NT.

E led a H, the 4th of their longest suit. Some would have opted for Clubs, the unbid suit. Declarer played low from dummy and West won with the Queen, then led a small S won by North's J. A Club was played to the Q, won by W's A.

Once this had gone and the Diamonds splitting evenly the tally was 10 tricks, most likely, 2 Spade tricks, 2 Heart tricks 2 Club tricks and 4 Diamonds for 430.

Elsewhere 4D made 130. 5D, a trifle optimistic, went 1 off.

Points were W 14, N 11 (+3 for length), S 13 (+ 2) which didn't leave many for E! This recognition of distribution of points is of considerable value in playing the hand.

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On Tuesday 19th June in North Creake Village Hall at 7.30pm, Cinema in The Creakes will be screening the film " Midnight in Paris " (Cert 12A)

Woody Allen's latest film, set in the magical city of Paris, is a contemplation on art, pretentiousness and of course the battle of the sexes. A strong cast of Owen Wilson, Rachel McAdams, Kathy Bates and a cameo appearance of France's first lady Carla Bruni. A lovely film that is sure to please art lovers and others alike.

Tickets (in advance only) are available by phoning 01328 738959 and cost £ 5.00 each. The price includes a complimentary drink from the licensed bar which opens at 7.00pm.

You can now watch trailers of this and our other forthcoming films on our Website www.northcreake.org.uk by clicking onto our Forthcoming Screening page.

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

The Creakes Gardeners Club

On Thursday 21st June, The Creakes Gardeners Club have organised an outing to The Eco Centre & Gardens at Swaffham. Members will meet there at 2.00pm.

If anybody requires transport please get in touch with our secretary before the event.

For further information on the Creakes Gardeners Club please see their page on the North Creake Website www.northcreake.org.uk or call our secretary Doreen Crisp on 01328 738142.

Ray Butcher's Su Doku challenges for June

First the easy puzzle

		2	5		4			7
5		3		7			4	
		7			6		8	
			1			4		
3	5	8	9	4			6	
	1			5	7			
				6		2	5	8
	8	4	7	9				
				8			7	

....then the harder one

			7	3		2		
	8		5					
2	6						1	
8	2				1		4	
	4							
					4	6		2
		6					8	7
		2	9	7		4		
			6					

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Democracy?

Mark Harriman

Is Nelson's Norfolk like the ship in the film "!Damn Defiant!" that portrayed a mutiny brewing on the Defiant in Napoleonic times ? If not it certainly should be. Alec Guinness and Anthony Quayle couldn't have dreamt of a more fantastic storyline than "Norfolk County Council - Tutor to The Turks and Cacios concerning democracy"!

What a tragedy that NCC could agree to such a contentious "jolly" whilst it still seeks to defy West Norfolk's almost unanimous "NO" to the incinerator proposals at Kings Lynn! "Imaginative" means "tending indulge in the fanciful or make believe". NCC has no more basis for claiming to be democratic than Kings Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council has whilst it is still in denial over the true relevance of The Hunstanton Pier Orders and its lack of right to alter the obligations of a Parliamentary Instrument. The sad thing is that we can't dole out "lashes" to those who act so at our expense, when we are expected to be frugal ! Are reports abroad that the NCC leader is to "jump ship" and hopes others will support him true?

It's a family affair at Angels & Demons

John Maiden

When she was 15 Louise Sanders played the leading role in 'Aladdin' staged by the Lavender Hill Mob Theatre Company at the Princess Theatre.

In fact, it would be no exaggeration to say that she has been stage-struck since the age of 5. Now, aged 17, with a BTEC Diploma in Drama and financial backing from her mother, Julie Sanders, Louise has opened her own business in Le Strange Terrace, selling the latest fashionable clothing for all ages and sizes. Hunstanton Town Mayor, Elaine Clutton and Deputy Mayor, Kate Dunbar attended the official opening on May 12.

The shop, called 'Angels & Demons', offers something for both sexes, including personalized pyjamas and body jewellery. Customers are also able to order all kinds of dance wear and later this year Louise and her friend Billy Oglesby (19) will be offering evening classes in dance, drama and singing.

Another venture under consideration is providing a social setting for single parents, where they can meet others in a similar situation and compare notes over coffee and cake - also available to customers - along with waffles, once the waffle machine is installed.

The sales team also includes Louise's brother Patrick Sanders (18).



Hunstanton's new Mayor Cllr Elaine Clutton and her Deputy Cllr Kate Dunbar pictured with the team at Angels & Demons on their opening day.

Town Council elects new Mayoral team



Seated from left Deputy Mayor Cllr Kate Dunbar, Mayor Cllr Elaine Clutton, Town Clerk Lisa Powell, Deputy Town Clerk Chris Amos Standing from left: Cllr Carol Bower, Cllr John Smith, Cllr James Johnson, Cllr Lynda Brister, Cllr Geoffrey Smith, Cllr Richard Bird, Cllr Christine Earnshaw, Cllr Bob Davies, Cllr Andrew Murray, Cllr John Maiden, Cllr Richard Webb.
Note; Cllrs Devlin, Allman, Jones and Godfrey-Cole were not available when the photo was taken.

Hunstanton's Mayor for 2012/13 is Elaine Clutton and her deputy is Kate Dunbar. Both were elected unopposed and unanimously by Town Councillors at their meeting in May. The Mayor's theme for the year is 'working together'.
The contact details of your representatives is as follows:

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The Norfolk Yeomanry

Jim Welham

The French Revolution of 1789 was followed by a reign of terror in that country during which the members of the French monarchy and about 40,000 others were summarily executed. Great Britain soon found itself at war with France in a conflict which engulfed most of the world. With the majority of the regular army serving overseas, and with a half a million of Napoleon's soldiers only a few miles away from England's shores, a form of home guard was needed to repulse any attempt at invasion. The Volunteer Battalions already formed a trained and willing infantry. In addition, each county was required to provide a Militia; the members of which were determined by a ballot of the able bodied from every parish. The Norfolk Militia at that time was described as well trained, loyal and disciplined, although anyone could avoid the call up if they could find and pay a willing replacement. A volunteer cavalry was provided by the wealthy, and as all ranks were usually land-owners, large or small, they could be relied upon only to represent the views of the upper echelons of the social establishment. Anyone accepted into its ranks was not liable for service in the Militia, nor were they expected to pay tax on their horses or hair powder.

The Viscount Townshend of Raynham Hall had formed the earliest volunteer cavalry, known as the Norfolk Rangers, in 1782. The Yeomanry Cavalry was formed by Prime Minister, William Pitt the Younger, on 5th March 1794, not only to defend the country against invasion, but also to subdue any civil disorder.

Henry Styleman, of Snettisham Old Hall, whose son, also called Henry, was to change his surname to Le Strange with the consent of Queen Victoria and found the town of Hunstanton St Edmunds, was captain of the Freebridge and Smithdon troop.

The Yeomanry decided the terms and conditions of service of their own individual units, and the troop made the following declaration at Docking on 9 June1794.

We whose names are herewith subscribed do enrol ourselves to serve during the war under the following conditions. The Corps is to consist of Gentlemen and Yeomanry.

The horses are to be found by ourselves the arms and accoutrements by the Government. To be exercised once in a week during the first month afterwards once in a fortnight except in time of harvest during which time only to be called out into service in times of Invasion or Insurrections. Not to be liable to be sent out of our own county unless with the consent of two thirds of the Corps. When in service we are to receive the same pay as cavalry. No substitutes to be admitted. Every person acting as a private is to be allowed 2 shillings a day for the use of his horse. We hereby pledge ourselves to attend every day of exercise unless sufficient reason is given to the contrary, and immediately in the case of invasion, riots or tumults.

The yeomanry were invariably good horsemen, used to the outdoor life and with a natural eye for the countryside. Further training was provided by a drill sergeant who had retired, or been invalided out of the army, seconded to each troop. In the days before a police force, they were often responsible for ensuring the lower classes, with whom they had little sympathy, obeyed the law. In 1803 with invasion being ever more likely, the previously independent troops were brought under unified control and The Norfolk Yeomanry was formed into regiments. The 1st Regiment was made up of the troops of The Norfolk Rangers, The Lynn and Freebridge, Holkham, Smithdon and Brothercross, and Marshland.

As time passed, whenever a threat emerged, the Yeomanry were reformed and when it passed, they were disbanded, until on 23rd October 1843, Prince Albert conferred upon the Norfolk Yeomanry Cavalry the honour of renaming it Prince Albert's Own and the helmets which previously displayed the Maltese Cross were changed to exhibit the royal arms

By 1899 the Yeomanry officers mostly treated their duties as a hobby, but early disasters during the Boer War showed that the British required large numbers of horse-borne troops to counter an enemy moving quickly over the vast distances of the Veldt, and the 'Imperial Yeomanry' was raised. Potential Norfolk recruits were required to be good riders and marksmen and between the ages of 20 and 35. They gathered at the Maids Head, Norwich, and in its 'quaint courtyard' were medically examined, swore the oath of allegiance before a magistrate, and allowed a Veterinary Surgeon to examine their horses. The 120 successful recruits then became the 43rd Squadron of the Loyal Suffolk Hussars. They were issued with a khaki jacket and breeches, putties and a slouch hat with one side looped up. They drilled on foot at the Britannia barracks, Norwich and when mounted, on Mousehold Heath.

At the Squadron's request, the West Norfolk Hunt soon raised enough money to purchase them a machine gun. On 21st January 1900 they attended a farewell service at Norwich Cathedral, and on 31st January they boarded the Union Liner 'Goth' and arrived at Cape Town on 25th February, where they spent over a year involved in frequent skirmishes with the Boers.

In May 1901, at the express wish of King Edward VII, the King's Own Royal Regiment (Norfolk Imperial Yeomanry) was formed with the royal cipher as their badge. He personally selected the uniform which was blue with yellow facings. They were armed with Martini Lee Enfield Carbines and swords.

A notice circulated in West Norfolk which said, 'Any gentleman wishing to join the King's Own to make personal application to Major Charles Seymour of Barwick House or Captain Arthur Elwes of Congham Hall.'

On Thursday 25th June 1901 Lieutenant Hugh Rose invited several residents of the neighbourhood to dine at the Railway Hotel Hunstanton, after which he discussed the desirability of enlisting into the local troop of Yeomanry cavalry. Several of those present put their names forward including Neville Winlove of Hunstanton. The King's Own carried out ceremonial duties whenever the King was in Norfolk, and when he arrived at Wolferton Station, he could expect an escort to Sandringham House of about 200 troopers.

On 30th May 1906, in glorious weather, the officers and men of the King's Own commenced their annual 16-day training in the park of Hunstanton Hall. A few of the men from Lynn, Grimston and other places nearby, made their way to the camp on horseback, but the majority arrived at Hunstanton by train soon after 10 o'clock in the morning to be greeted by cheering crowds, and found that most houses and shops were decorated with flags in their honour. On arrival at the training ground, they found a 'picturesque scene' with the regiments' tents pitched on a slope near the Hall amongst the trees. The orderly tent, with the regimental clock and a large gong outside, was nearest to the entrance. It was supplied with everything necessary for a for a soldier's life in the field, even a typewriter. From there, the men were directed to their stables, which were formed by five long structures, one for each squadron and one for the officers. As the horses were owned by the yeomen, they took every precaution to ensure they were well cared for, and each horse was enclosed in its own canvas box. This was contrary to the practice of the regular army who picketed their horses on long lines in the open, believing it reduced the dangers of disease or fires.

The officers' quarters to the

north formed three sides of a square, and their mess and lounge was on the most elevated ground, with two double rows of bell-shaped tents erected either side providing sleeping accommodation. The floors of the tents were boarded and nearly everyone had availed themselves of the opportunity to supply their own beds, looking-glasses and other furniture. The mess tent was neatly furnished, while the lounge was fitted with chairs, tables and everything necessary to make things comfortable for the officers after their duties. The blue and yellow regimental flag flew in the centre of the square.

The carriage drive formed the dividing line between the officers' and men's quarters, where another regimental flag had a letter box located at the base of the pole. Nine rows of 14 bell-shaped tents were pitched nearer the Hall and provided the sleeping quarters for the non-commissioned officers and men. The centre poles of the tents served as stands for the Lee Enfield rifles and swords. The mess and lounge for the non-commissioned officers was further down the hill, the latter being fitted with armchairs, tables and a piano. A short distance away was the troopers' mess, canteen and refreshment room. The cyclists had a shed with a thatched roof in which to store their machines. The Royds Catering Syndicate from Manchester, with a staff of 80 assistants, provided the catering. One tent close to the men's quarters was occupied by a barber, from another was sold newspapers, and several photographers were kept busy recording the scene.

The bandsmen had quarters of their own some distance from the main site, and even further away, a hospital tent provided accommodation for 12 patients and 3 attendants. Two large water tanks were placed at one end of the men's quarters, and there were drinking troughs for the horses of each squadron. The police presence was provided by sergeants Collier and Allen with 8 constables who were also provided with tents.

Each squadron was made up of about 100 men, all of whom were fit, apart from three who reported themselves as being on the sick list having met with minor accidents on their way to the camp. Unfortunately, a large quantity of the men's kit was late in arriving, and a number had to go on first parade not in full uniform. At 4 o'clock the regiment paraded, the various squadrons being drawn up in an open space to the west of the stables. As the regimental band played, an inspection was carried out by the commanding officer, Lieutenant Colonel Barclay, and his staff officer, Major Prince Frederick Duleep Singh, of Old Buckenham Hall, the second son of the Maharaja of the Punjab, who gave the timber-framed Ancient House in Thetford to the town to be used as a museum. The officers of D Troop, (West Norfolk and Wisbech) were Major Elwes, and Major the Honourable Dawnay, DSO.

After the inspection the men formed three sides of a square and Colonel Barclay reminded them that several honours had recently been bestowed on the regiment. His Majesty the King had become the Colonel in Chief, and His Majesty King Haakon VII of Norway was the Honourable Colonel. This was a world record as there had never before been a regiment that could boast of having two ruling sovereigns in it at the same time. Of course this would put greater responsibility upon each officer, non-commissioned officer and man. Their motto was 'Second to None,' but they had to be first of all. His Majesty had also bestowed upon the regiment the title of Royal, which was a great honour to them. If any man did anything that was derogatory to the regiment he would not only have disgraced himself, but also the regiment. There was a great deal that had to be done before their inspection on Saturday week by General Lord Methuen. The horses were then inspected by a board of officers and all certified as fit. That over, tea was served and with the exception of the guards, the men had concluded their duty for the day.

The next two days were taken up by regimental drills on the beaches between Hunstanton and Brancaster. On Sunday morning the regiment paraded in full dress at 9am, and preceeded by their band, marched to the church at Old Hunstanton, where the service was conducted by the regimental chaplain, the Reverend Ffolkes of Hillington Hall. The early part of the next week was occupied by more drill, and a series of exercises. On one occasion it was supposed that a red force consisting of 200 men from A and C Squadrons had landed overnight at Hunstanton and bivouacked in Hunstanton Park. The blue force of B and D squadrons was based at Sedgeford with orders to drive back the invaders. They advanced with the right of the line extended as far as the Ringstead Downs and succeeded in outmanoeuvring the enemy. Then the next day it was supposed that another raiding party consisting of 5,000 men had landed at Hunstanton from 4 transport ships and were intent on attacking Docking. The Norfolk Yeomanry formed an advance guard and bivouacked overnight at Summerfield, from where they threw out a line of outposts covering all the invaders possible approaches.

On several nights in camp there were concerts. On the Sunday there was another church parade and the sermon was preached by the Bishop of Thetford, after which the regiment marched back to their camp with 'swords glittering in the warm sunshine.'

On the day of the inspection, reveille was sounded at 5am, the men turned out in drill order at 8am, and for 3 hours, were put though a series of drills in sections, troops, squadrons and as a regiment, in a manner described as 'admirable.' The rest of the day was taken up with regimental sports.

During the First World War the horses were taken away from the regiment and bicycles issued instead, although the troopers were still required to wear their spurs.

In 1915 the Yeomanry still considered themselves to be cavalry, and the officers' mess of the Norfolk and Suffolk Yeomanry contained 22 present and past masters of fox hounds. However every subsequent amalgamation, or change of role, took them ever further away from the world of horses. They fought as an infantry battalion during disastrous Gallipoli landings and took part in campaigns in Egypt, Palestine and the Western Front as the 12th (Yeomanry) battalion of the Norfolk Regiment. During the Second World War they were an anti-tank unit, and in 1947, became part of the Royal Artillery as a light anti-aircraft unit. In 1967 they were further amalgamated into the 100 Medium Regiment, Royal Artillery, and on 2nd July 2006, they became the 677 (The Suffolk and Norfolk Yeomanry) Squadron Army Air Corps (Volunteers) of the Territorial Army with the Head Quarters at Bury St Edmunds and detachments in Norfolk at Norwich and Swaffham.

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Geoff Fletcher

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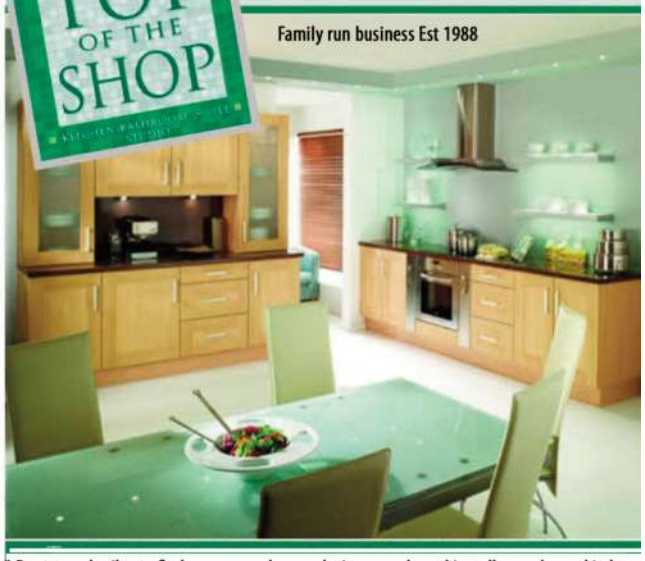
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Docking's Local Produce Market - which is held in the Ripper Hall every Wednesday from 10.00am to 3.00pm - provides the people of northwest Norfolk with an opportunity to purchase fresh local produce.

Docking does have a community store, unlike many other Norfolk Villages, which is convenient for residents of Docking and surrounding villages. However, customers may still want to buy other fresh produce, therefore, the village could benefit greatly from this imaginative alternative to shopping in big supermarkets, where every effort is made to ensure none of the produce on offer comes from more than within a 100-mile radius of the market.

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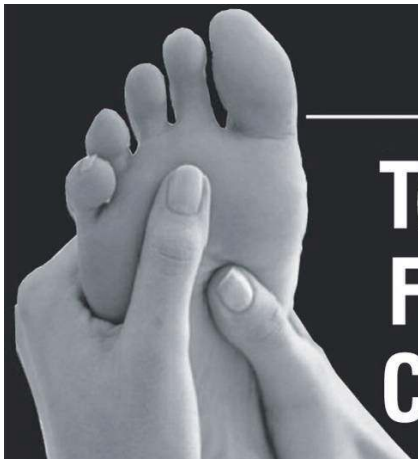
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News from the Civic Society

Andrew Murray

Once again, Mr Brian Holmes has arranged an outstanding series of talks ably assisted by sound engineer, David Jones. On 24th April, Jim Bacon, the 'Weather Man' gave a very humorous and lucid talk about many aspects of the weather and then conducted an extensive question and answer session. The picture shows him receiving a cheque from our Treasurer, Anthony Gooch made payable to EACH, East Anglian Children's Hospice.



The last talk on 15th May was presented by Tim Thorpe, Collections Officer at Lynn Museum. His main interest is in 20th century history, so he spoke authoritatively about the life and times of Frederick Savage of Lynn who is renowned for the manufacture traction engines, agricultural machinery and fairground rides.

It was on Saturday, 18th. May 2002 that a mysterious fire swept through the former entrance to the Hunstanton Pier. Quite extraordinarily, the owners met with planning officials on that very afternoon in the Town Council Chamber to discuss rebuilding. It was these events that led to the formation of our Civic Society. In the belief that a new pier would be the best way of regenerating Hunstanton, a bid was submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and six senior personnel came to visit the town in January. There are three main criteria for assessment of bids; community involvement, educational potential and conservation. Unfortunately, our bid has failed because we no longer have a pier structure that can be conserved and HLF did not consider that heritage funds could be used for creation of a new pier even on the footprint of the lost pier.

Several members of the Society will be assisting in stewarding of the town's Jubilee Celebrations on Monday 4 June that begin at 10.00 am and end with a firework display on the beach at 10.30 pm. Saturday, June 23rd. is Civic Day when activities will be taking place nationally to celebrate the individuality of local areas. John Maiden is to lead a walk around the town's interesting buildings starting from the Tourist Information Centre at 2.00 pm. On the following day, the Civic Society is to have a stall on The Green during the Carnival and will be conducting a survey regarding people's opinion of the town.

A special evening talk is being arranged for 27 July, the 150th anniversary of the premature death of the founder of our town, Henry Styleman le Strange. Kath Fryer, author of "A fine Strong Boy" will be giving a talk about his life and times in the Town Hall commencing at 7.30 pm.

Any new membership fees (£ 10 for and individual and £ 18 for a couple at the same address) will be valid until September 2013. Life membership is also available at ten times the annual fee.

For any further information, please visit our regularly up-dated web-site www.hunstanton-civic-society.org or www.civicvoice.org.uk or telephone Andrew Murray on 01485 532376



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The speaker for our June meeting will be Helen worth who will talk about 'Private Faces in Public Places'.

We meet in the Community Centre, Avenue Road on Monday 18th June and the meeting starts at 2pm. Visitors are always welcome.

HUNSTANTON CIVIC SOCIETY

A Visit to Southwold , Suffolk
Wednesday 26th September 2012



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I Didn't See it Coming

Ken Arnott

I was quite pleased when I was told that I had been selected to play in the school chess team against another school, but somewhat surprised to learn that our opponents came from a school for the blind. How could the blind play chess? We were soon to find out.

The six in our team each sat at tables on which was placed a conventional chess board with all the black and white pieces on their proper squares. Opposite sat our opponents, each with their own special boards, which has squares with holes in them, the white squares being raised slightly to distinguish them from the black ones. Each piece, of course, had a peg shape on the bottom, which fitted into the holes on the board.

He started, "Pawn to queen three." (This was seventy odd years ago so the method of recording moves was different to nowadays.) He moved the piece on his board, and I moved his pawn on my board. Then I called out my move and so it went on.

I could watch his hands moving sensitively over his pieces but it didn't do me any good. Indeed it wasn't long before I found myself defending furiously and becoming very much aware that I was up against a very skilled opponent. I never stood a chance and eventually resigned, hoping that my team mates wouldn't be too hard on me. I should have guessed. We lost five of the six matches, our only winner playing against a boy who could partially see out of one eye!

I later discovered that our opponent, The Worcester College for The Blind, was one of the country's top chess schools.

However, it was a memorable, if chastening experience.

I believe a former manager of the Golden Lion Hotel used to run a chess club locally and there was a time when a few members of our community, including Michael Thomas, John Witley, John Shorten and myself met for a chess evening, but I don't know if there is any chess activity in the town nowadays. It's a great game.

GLEBE HOUSE SCHOOL FUN DOG SHOW - 13TH MAY 2012

After all the rain we had been experiencing recently, it was a pleasure not only to see so many wonderful looking dogs but to also enjoy the gloriously sunny weather. Dogs of all shapes, sizes and breeds from Great Danes to Pugs turned up all pampered and preened ready for an afternoon of fun.

The show started with Louise from Canine Massage who gave a very informative talk on how to care for your canine. This was followed by a talk from Radio Norfolk`s Pet Behaviourist, Rex, who runs his own dog training business called Paws Obedience. He gave a safety demonstration on children and dogs.

We had twelve novelty classes with rosettes to 10th place. Judges Amanda Knight and Angela Keigthly had the extremely tough challenge of choosing the winners as all the dogs were worthy of a 1st place. In particular, it is always difficult to judge the Rescue class. It is really wonderful that all those owners were kind enough to offer a home to those dogs in need!

With so many entries this year we are proud to say that every dog that attended went home with a rosette. Best in Show this year went to Eleanor Wood with her tri-colour Cavalier King Charles Spaniel called Bindi. Reserve went to Ruby, a lovely Chow owned by Patricia Wright.

Well done to both the main judges and also to Daan Verheij and Jennifer Dahl who were selected to judge the Dog With No Rosettes category. They both did an excellent job along with all the other helpers from the school. A special mention must go to our very enthusiastic steward, Jo Bostrom, who did a terrific job organising the dogs and their owners!

It has been a special week for dogs and our congratulations go to Ashley and Pudsey for winning Britain`s Got Talent this year. Anyone interested in having a go at doggy dancing can contact Rex at Paws Obedience. He runs local classes.

Thank you to everyone who attended and to all the show sponsors, in particular Coastal Vets for providing the Best in Show and Reserve trophies.



Best in Show



The fancy dress class

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Christina Attridge and Christine Levy with Margaret Taylor

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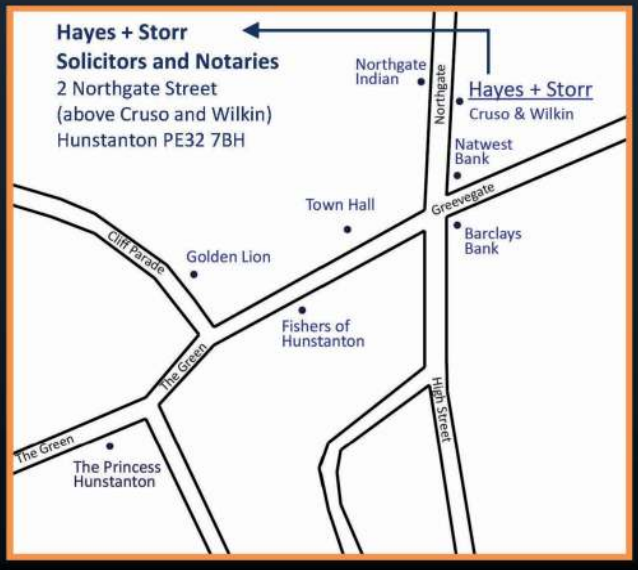
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We are going great guns at the moment our opening times have changed to

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We had a great training session with former European Light Heavyweight Champ Danny McIntosh (photo below).



Welcome to The Princess Theatre!

Brian Hallard

As the theatre comes back to life again, we are taking this opportunity to launch our 'Take A Seat' scheme to promote its future success. Local theatre lovers are invited to join and thereby show their support for The Princess Theatre while reaping the benefits that this special membership offers. (see details on the back page).

We have lots of great shows coming to the theatre throughout the year, beginning on Sunday, 1st July when we open with a superb west-end theatre show 'Beyond The Barricade' featuring past principal performers from 'Les Mis', including songs from Miss Saigon, Phantom, Jersey Boys, Blood Brothers, Chess, Love Never Dies and The Lion King.

Local boy, Jimmy Jemain with the legendary sixties band The Rapiers, will take to the stage on Saturday 14th July performing A Tribute To Cliff And The Shadows – The Golden Years. This show is a must for Cliff and The Shads fans - it took Holland by storm during their recent European tour.

We are pleased to announce that 'Magic – A Kind Of Queen' is coming back to the theatre on Saturday 28th July. Then on Sunday 29th July we have The Swinging Blue Jeans & The Telstars – fantastic performers from the iconic sixties.

For August we have booked a variety of shows including Voulez Vous – Mamma Mia Concert Tour, the spectacular One Night In Vegas complete with beautiful dancing girls, The World's Best Michael Jackson Tribute Show, the ever popular Roger Dean Sings The Johnny Cash Story, followed by Irish band The Indians.

Beginning on the 3rd August, Friday night will be our regular Comedy Club spot with London stand up comedians. Search For A Star is making a welcome return and our very own Great British Seaside Special will be performing throughout the summer.

Joe Pasquale is with us on Wednesday 15th August so a night of fun and laughter is guaranteed and early booking is advised.

This is just the beginning, with your support we have so much more to bring you.

Thanks to everyone for their good wishes and we look forward to seeing you at The Princess soon.

Please book your seats at www.thelittleboxoffice.com/princess

July & first days of August shows at a glance

Sunday 1st July	Beyond The Barricades	7.30
Saturday 14th July	A Tribute To Cliff And The Shadows – The Golden Years	7.30
Saturday 28th July	Magic - A Kind of Queen	7.30
Sunday 29th July	The Swinging Blue Jeans & The Telstars	7.30
Wednesday 1st August	The Great British Seaside Special	2.00 & 7.30
Thursday 2nd August	The Great British Seaside Special	2.00 & 7.30
Friday 3rd August	The Great British Seaside Special	2.00
Friday 3rd August	The Comedy Club	8.00
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The basic position is that Inheritance Tax is charged on death on the value of what someone owns plus the value of the gifts (which are not otherwise exempt) made within the previous 7 years. The first £325,000 is taxed at 0% and is therefore known as the Nil Rate Band. If someone is widowed and their late spouse did not use any or their entire Nil Rate Band then it may be transferable and able to be used upon the surviving spouse's death. In this fashion, one may be able to leave £650,000 to one's heirs before the Government takes its cut.

There are also a number of other useful exemptions which are often overlooked. Although not large individually, if used regularly or in combination, they can soon add up and prove a very effective tax planning tool. Everyone can give £3,000 in any one tax year (which runs from 6th April one year to 5th April the following year) without that gift being brought into account if they die within 7 years. If one year's allowance is unused it can be carried forward, but only for a single year.

Any number of individuals can be given small gifts of up to £250, but not if they have benefited from (part of) the £3,000 gift exemption in the same year.

Gifts on marriage (or civil partnership) are also exempt. Parents can give £5,000 each, grandparents and great-grandparents £2,000, and anyone else £1,000. With couples it is worth remembering that they both have these exemptions available to them. Gifts can be made in cash or in kind.

Regular gifts out of net surplus income are also exempt if the funds are truly spare after maintaining one's normal lifestyle and after income tax. The intention to make the gifts both now and in the future must be established, perhaps by a letter to the recipient, backed up by the appropriate action or, more simply, by setting up the payment by a standing order. Careful record-keeping is vital with all gifts but particularly if this exemption is to be claimed.

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We shout more at the cat than the kids now

Judy

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If your child is not learning or behaving in line with their peers it is a very worrying and potentially isolating situation. Comparing your child's abilities with siblings, other children in the wider family or friend's kids, consolidates fears and leads to more stress. This is only increased by other parents singing the praises of their child's achievements at toddler groups and school gates.

What can you do to get support and practical help if you are in this situation?

• Discuss your concerns with your doctor or health visitor. They may be able to put your mind at rest or help you understand your child's needs and what to do next.

• Raise your concerns with your child's school or pre-school. Speak to the pre-school leader, class teacher, subject teacher, Special Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) or head-teacher to discuss ways to support your child in school.

• Contact Parent Partnership www.norfolkparentpartnership.org.uk if you are struggling to get the help you feel your child needs. They can provide someone to go with you to argue your case at meetings and help you compile the evidence that is needed to make a case for special educational needs provision in school.

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News from Hunstanton Lifeboat Station

Geoff Needham

Saturday 5th May at 3.35 p.m. Hunstanton RNLI volunteer crew were paged to go to the aid of a kitesurfer, reported to be in trouble off Hunstanton. Yarmouth Coastguard had received several treble nine calls reporting the surfer's plight, Hunstanton lifeboat Spirit of West Norfolk launched at 3.43 p.m. and the crew located the kitesurfer at 3.49 p.m. and hauled him and his kite aboard the lifeboat, he was then brought back to the boathouse. He was checked over by the crew, and though he was cold, exhausted and a bit shaken up by his ordeal, he assured the crew that he was OK and declined medical attention. After a warm up in the boathouse, he stated that he was having trouble getting his kite up, and as he tried to swim towards it, the wind was blowing it away from him, and dragging him with it, he tried winding the lines in, but had become entangled, and the kite had control of him, he had been in that predicament for about 25 minutes, and was most grateful and full of praise for the crew in coming to his rescue. He was a 27 yr old from the Peterborough area.

This was a quick response by the crew to the pager's, and thanks must also go to those who rang the coastguard, it is important, that if you spot something at sea, and you are concerned, a treble nine call to the coastguard, stating what you can see, and the location. We would rather be paged to a false alarm with good intent, than called to late. Sea state was moderate, wind force NE 5.

This year we held a combined meeting at the Hunstanton Town Hall, of the Lifeboat Station with the Lifeboat Guild, this was the first time that this has been tried out, and it proved to be a most successful event, credit must go to our treasurer David, who set up the electronic wizardry, which gave an insight into saving lives at sea. The Guild report contains full details of the meeting.

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

Hunstanton and West Norfolk Lifeboat Guild

John Marrow

Earlier this year it was decided to run the RNLI Hunstanton Boathouse and Lifeboat Guild AGMs as a joint venture. This was held in Hunstanton Town Hall on Wednesday 19th April.

The Management Committee Chairman, Michael Meakin, opened the meeting welcoming everybody. The meeting got off to a good start with a short film entitled 'RNLI Rescues 2011' which included some remarkable footage from actual rescues.

Robin Raffety, the Lifeboat Operations Manager, presented the annual report from the Boathouse which covered a busy 2011 with three major events: the adaptation of the boathouse in preparation for the new Atlantic 85 lifeboat, the arrival of the new lifeboat the "Spirit of West Norfolk" and the Naming Ceremony later in the year.

Geoff Needham, the Lifeboat Press Officer, gave a talk on some "memorable shouts" that have been carried out by Hunstanton crews and have saved a number of lives over the years. Geoff has a lifetime of experience with the sea and his descriptions put one almost actually on the missions. He then talked us through a video from the lifeboat onboard camera.

The Guild Chairman, Terry Morris, delivered the Guild's annual report and mentioned the many successful events of the year and introduced new members of the committee and also gave the names of members who had received special awards for service to the RNLI. He emphasised the magnificent contribution made by Gilly Gutteridge who manages the RNLI Shop by the Boathouse.

David Jones, who is Treasurer of both the Boathouse and the Guild, gave the financial report and very encouraging figures were shown. £65,061 was raised during the year. The RNLI had received legacies, specifically for Hunstanton, totalling £353,720 during the financial year. Expenditure (running costs) were £92,894 and this was well down on the average of £122,384 over the past five years.

The re-election of the Guild Officers and Committee was swifty carried out by Andrew Ashton, who is the RNLI Eastern Divisional Inspector. He then gave us a very enlightening, and highly amusing, presentation of "The View from Head Office" covering the work of the RNLI, the changes that are being made, and cost savings that have been identified. He brought home that for a multi-million pound organisation with no Government funding, the RNLI is the best rescue service of its type in the world costing over £125 million a year to run ……all raised from voluntary contributions. Over 150 life guarded beaches and 235 lifeboat stations with 330 operational lifeboats in the UK and Ireland all for £125 million is superb value for money.

The evening ended with another film. "RNLI now and in the Future" which contained some dramatic and superb footage of the work of the RNLI.

Michael Meakin finally closed the meeting thanking everyone who attended.



News from Hunstanton Coastguard.

Keith Twaites

If you would like to learn more about the Coastguard or would like to get involved then do come and pay us a visit on Monday evenings from 7 to 9 pm at 2c The Commercial Park, Hunstanton (between the water tower and Smithdon). We do have some space in our team and welcome new members. We are keen to recruit people with a full driving licence between the ages of 18 and 60.

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VISIT OF AN EARLY PLANE TO HUNSTANTON

John Smith

The early years of aviation at the beginning of the 20th Century were exciting times and the early aviators were really "Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines." Louis Blériot had made the first cross Channel flight in July 1909, and great improvements in plane design were taking place, but flying was still a high risk occupation and spectacular crashes were still relatively common. The Hunstanton Advancement Association was determined that Hunstanton should not miss out on these great developments, and in 1914 the Association arranged a visit from one of the great pioneer aviators – Freddie Raynham – and the Daily Mail sponsored Avro Water-plane.



In 1910 the Royal Aero Club began issuing pilots' permits and in 1911 Freddie was the 85th pilot to gain a certificate at the young age of 17. In the same year he had the dubious honour of becoming the first British pilot to survive a spin whilst flying an Avro biplane that had stalled whilst climbing through fog. In February 1914, again flying an Avro biplane he had set an altitude record of 15,000 feet.

On Monday evening, the 5th July 1914 the plane arrived at Hunstanton Railway Station from the Isle of Man on two goods-wagons. After unloading it was taken to a specially prepared temporary hangar erected on the field in front of Beach Terrace. The next day, the mechanics, under the watchful eye of the pilot, began to reassemble the plane. Unfortunately the plane had been damaged in Douglas prior to shipping and the mechanics had problems with the preparations. In order to help them, Mr. W. Johnson the Hunstanton Garage owner, who was the chairman of the local Aviation Committee, placed his garage workshops and mechanics at their disposal. He was later to be rewarded by the chance for a trip in the plane.

By Wednesday afternoon the plane was ready, the weather was perfect, the sun was shining and a gentle breeze was leaving hardly a





ripple on the sea, and at 3.40 the plane was taken down to the sea. Mr. Raynhan climbed into the pilot's seat and after some coughs the Gnome engine roared into life. The plane, on its floats taxied slowly across the calm sea before accelerating and smoothly taking off. The awaiting crowds were rewarded with a short display of aerial manoeuvres and 10 minutes later the pilot cut the engine and glided in for a perfect sea landing. At 4.35 a second flight was made carrying a lucky London visitor, staying at Cambridge House in Park Road who had won a lottery for the honour of the first passenger flight. The next passenger was another visitor who was staying at Burnham Deepdale, who described his experience as rather like being on a mild version of a roller-coaster railway. These two passenger flights were followed by a flying exhibition with the plane flying backwards and forwards between Heacham and Old Hunstanton, before finally climbing to 1,500 feet, when the pilot cut the engine and glided down in a spiral before another smooth landing, and the plane taxied in to the shore when the pilot was presented with a bouquet in the shape of a good luck horseshoe by Kitty Gray, the daughter of the local hotelier, Mr. C. E. Gray, before the plane was safely stowed away in the temporary hangar.

The evening was celebrated by a dinner at the Sandringham Hotel, hosted by the Advancement Association, when the guests of honour were the pilot, his mechanics, and representatives from the Daily Mail.

The flights recommenced the next day at noon and during the afternoon several Hunstanton residents were treated to flights including Mrs. Gray, Mr. H. Durrant and Mr. W. Johnson. (Almost certainly the person gaily waving his hat in a May Bone photograph.)

At around 5.20 the plane took off for the final time carrying one of the mechanics and after circling the promenade three times the plane left for Cromer and another series of demonstration flights.Thus ended an amazing two days with crowds estimated of between 7 – 8,000 people attending each day.

During WW1 Mr. Raynham was a test pilot for the Martinsyde Company and competed unsuccessfully in the 1919 Daily Mail competition for the first non-stop crossing of the Atlantic, when his over-laden Marinsyde Raymor biplane crashed twice on the take off from St. John's Newfoundland. He took part in many competitions and survived several near crashes, including one in a Handley Page Ship's Fighter on 1924. Flying at 2000 feet he lost his elevator control; feeling around the bottom of the control column, he found the linkage had become disconnected, but that he could by leaning down, just grasp the end of the control rod. With his head down in the cockpit, his other hand on the magneto switch for engine control and the occasional glance outside, he managed to successfully land the aircraft.

After a successful business career in India with the Indian Air Survey he was awarded an OBE in 1935, and during WW2 he worked at the Air Ministry as a member of the Air Accident Board, a position for which he was supremely qualified with his many near misses in a spectacular flying career.

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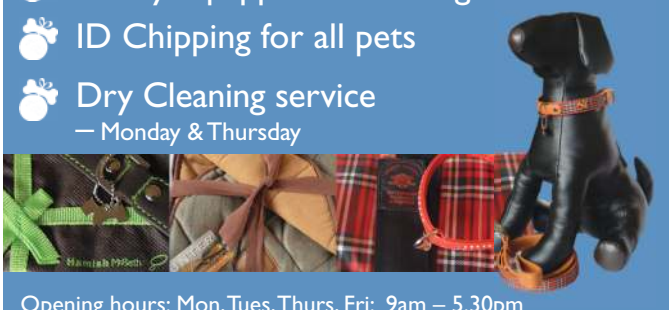
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One morning, looking out of the window, my husband remarked "What a shame, the sun is up there but the black clouds are stopping it from coming through".

I immediately thought there is a message in that for us.

There is in heaven a far greater SON- the Son of God, who longs to "shine" into our lives but the "dark clouds" of our sin prevents Him from doing so.

Unlike the dark clouds in the sky which we are not in control of, there is a way we can let Jesus "shine" into our lives.

Because the Bible tells us "that all have sinned and come short of the Glory of God" Romans Chapter 3 verse 23 we are unable to have any relationship with God who is Holy.

God doesn't want it to be like that, because He loves each one of us so much; so He made the way possible to restore that relationship with Him.

So, He sent Jesus, His Son, down to Earth as a baby, who grew up to live a Sinless life, even though He had the same temptations, and experience of life as we do, yet He never did anything wrong.

Because of His sinless life He was able to take the punishment we deserved when He died on the cross for us.

But we must do our part by asking God to forgive us, accepting the sacrifice Jesus made for us and inviting Him into our lives.

It is a very personal thing to do, not only are the "dark clouds" of our Sin lifted allowing Jesus to "shine" into our lives now, but we shall have Eternal life with Him in Heaven, instead of having a life of darkness forever. The choice is ours! Yet we know what a difference a sunny day makes one feel, but far, far, greater is to know THE SON in our lives.

He does not promise that everything will be "rosy", but we know that He will be with us whatever our situation may be, helping and guiding us as our Saviour and Friend.

What a choice!

VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Daniel Holland
Pastor, The Way

In these unsettled times of foreign wars, political corruption, moral failure, rapid change and recession the nation is searching for men and women of vision. We want to follow leaders of integrity who can reach beyond the tyranny of the urgent and the pettiness of selfish ambition to give us a better organisation, country or world. One of the definitions of vision is 'a pleasing imaginative plan of future events.' Seeing a different future is not enough however, a leader must also be able to communicate or 'sell' their vision to the masses, and then have the wisdom and patience to make it a living reality. This requires a huge amount of self sacrifice; visionaries often come under violent assault from 'small' men and women who are scared of aiming for anything better. All this is asking an awful lot of a human being, but history teaches us that it happens; in fact our world is shaped by such trailblazers.

In the 1960s there was a poor black Baptist minister in the American South called Martin Luther King. His soul was oppressed by the institutionalised persecution and segregation of his people by a racist regime. God gave him a vision (or dream), in his heart he saw a different America, one where blacks were free to vote, free to be educated, free to eat at the same restaurants and use the same toilets as the whites. In short, blacks could at last share in the American dream; the pursuit of happiness. His dream was preposterous at the time; impossible even, but an idea is a dangerous thing. Enough people caught the vision and it started to look possible. Through peaceful protest and untold sacrifice his dream became reality. Black Americans are now protected rather than disempowered by the law. I often wonder if in his wildest imaginations (before being assassinated) Martin Luther King could have conceived that in forty years a black man would be president of the United States of America!

As a pastor I continually seek God for vision, I can only be as good a leader as I am hearing God. The bible teaches that 'without guidance from God law and order disappear,' but also promises that 'In the last days… .I will pour out my spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.' (Acts 2 v17).

Sometimes in my minds eye I see a different Hunstanton, it is a glorious place. There are smiles everywhere, young, middle aged and old people are all relating together. There are great jobs for school leavers, they want to stay in Hunstanton. Crime is virtually non-existent, people have got far better things to do. Neighbours look out for each other, old ladies get helped across the road whether they want to go or not!! There is honesty in every business transaction, property is safe. There is no binge drinking, glue sniffing or drug taking. Tourists who come to Hunstanton never want to leave. Yes the churches are full to overflowing, teenagers are leading the worship, there is joy on every face. God's presence is felt by all, and all are right with him.

Improbable? Unlikely? Impossible even? But with God all things are possible, and because only He could do it He will get all the glory. With lots of prayer, faith and wisdom I believe there could be different Hunstanton. Already it is a good place to live but having a God given vision could lead us to a future that is better then we had dreamed possible. What if anything is your vision for the future? If it is bigger than you are, you will need God's help to realise it!

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Rector's Letter

"I know well
That the June rains
Just fall."

That is one of those Japanese poems with special rules called a Haiku, and it was written about 300 years ago from one of the originators of the art, Onitsura. He said that such short poems were capable of something profound through simplicity. All I know is that I want the rain to have a rest while we enjoy June and all the festivities that are planned, especially of course for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. There is something happening in each of my six parishes, but I do recommend that you visit the display of flowers and vestments on in Brancaster church on the Sunday and Monday of Bank holiday weekend. I've even got a set of vestments made of the hangings in Westminster Abbey for the coronation of George vi. So, lots to see.

Queen Elizabeth I was no mean poet. She scratched a number of Haiku-like short verses onto windows with a diamond. Here is a poem she wrote into her prayer book:

"No crooked leg
No bleared eye
Nor yet so ugly half can be
As the inward suspicious mind."

Probably quite a thoughtful reflection on the intrigue of Court that surrounded her. Thankfully our Queen Elizabeth lives in different times. It is genuinely humbling to think that she has dedicated her life to service of the Nation for all these years, having to live out every joy and sorrow in public, constantly adapting while remaining the same. This month there will be great spectacle and pageant, yet when it is all over Her Majesty the Queen will go on with her life of service because she sees it as her destiny and the will of God. There is much of faith underlying these current festivities. May the God who has strengthened our Queen for a life of service, protect her for many years to come and inspire us all to seek to serve Him by serving others. And if he could hold back the rain for a while, I for one, would be thankful.

Rev'd Christopher Wood.
Rector.
The 6 churches of the Saxon Shore from St Mary's Old Hunstanton to St Mary's Burnham Deepdale

Greetings from the manse,

The Queen was once asked to what she attributed her popularity to? "Turning up" was the reply from Her Majesty. While this is in a sense very true it says nothing about the Queen's service and dedication to the nation that is fed and nurtured by a strong personal Christian faith and sense of duty and care. The Diamond Jubilee in June 2012 gives us pause to consider sixty years of loyalty and commitment to her calling before God and her people and her many personal qualities and graces. If the Queen has ever put a foot wrong in her public duties you and I both are hardly aware of it. Just imagine in the endless round of being in the public eye and on the international stage the innumerable opportunities to make the odd faux pas! I cringe at the odd brick I have dropped in the course of my ministry!

I have a little book called "Faux Pas" where those in the public spotlight bravely recount moments when they wished the earth had opened up and swallowed them! The wonderful Julie Walters confides that she once said to a woman at a party what an old bore a certain playwright was, only to discover she was speaking to his wife! Sylvia Sims wrote about the end of a performance of a play she thanked the audience for their wonderful reception, saying, "The audiences in Bath are always so warm and it's a joy to play to them." Unfortunately that week she was playing in Bournemouth she remembered to her horror. Jilly Cooper after a marathon book signing session in a London Bookstore recorded that she went upstairs for a drink with the man¬ager. There was a huge bunch of flowers in cellophane on the table. "Oh, how lovely," she screamed. "Thank you so much." "They're for my wife," said the manager as he hastily snatched them away.

One of my favourites is the little episode retold by the irrepressible Pam Ayres "I had gone into a fish and chip shop in Bude, Cornwall. While I was standing in the queue the man behind the counter kept looking at me. When I came to the front he said, you don't half look like Pam Ayres and I said, I am Pam Ayres. That's why it is. He looked at me in amazement, picked up a piece of fish and chip paper and asked me if I would sign it for his brother. I did. When I gave it back to him he kept on looking at it and saying things like, He'll never believe it! Not Pam Ayres! Not Pam Ayres! So in the end I said, Why not? Why won't he believe it? And the man said, well, of all people, he can't stand you!"

Just turning up. I think there's more to it than that.

With every blessing,
Rev. Kim Nally
Hunstanton Methodist Church

St Edmund's

There is a saying about (over) familiarity breeding contempt. We can all get used to things, and on the whole most of us like life to be fairly settled, or at least we like to know which direction we are going in. We are about to celebrate our Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Some of us have never known any other monarch on the throne. My mind goes back to 1977 when we celebrated Her Majesty's Silver Jubilee. May be my memory isn't as clear as I would like it to be, but I do seem to remember that the country were more excited at that particular occasion than the current one. Have we got so familiar with our Queen being on the throne that we've got complacent?

Not only has our Queen been on the throne for 60 years we have lived a fairly comfortable life. My generation and those born after me have not known any thing like the 2 world wars which some of our population lived through. I am quite sure we would not want to be thrown into anything like those conflicts, and yet have we got so settled that we take things for granted?

There is a saying about the Christian Church: 'The Church was built on the blood of the martyrs.' Times of hardship and persecution are times of testing, we have to make decisions and be prepared to stand by them, and sometimes suffer for them. I am currently reading a book about Dietrich Bonhoeffer. He was an ordained pastor in the Lutheran Church in Germany, and with his influence there was formed 'The Confessing Church' A Church within a Church, and beyond denominational boundaries who stood out against the official Churches. They felt that the official Church had compromised its faith in support of Hitler's political regime. He was eventually arrested, imprisoned for 2 years and then executed. He fought against his Christian conscience and felt that Hitler had to be removed.

What a difference between 2 heads of state: Our Queen and Hitler. Because he was defeated we have lived peacefully, but can become complacent. We have seen other evil people gain influence in other parts of the world, all through the 60 years reign of Her Majesty.

Christians have just finished celebrating the 'Great 50 days', ie Eastertide. Jesus lived in a period of history where his country was occupied by a foreign power, Rome. In Jesus we see that God's ways of dealing with situations are not our ways. Jesus took a different path from that which was expected of him. His people wanted a political leader who would sweep the power of Rome away. Instead of meeting force with force, he went to the cross and trusted God the Father to bring about something totally new.

Christians today are not

persecuted in the same way as earlier followers of Jesus. We have to cope with indifference and apathy from our secular age which has forgotten the power of faith and God's providence.

As we celebrate the Queen's 60 years we also remember, as no doubt she herself remembers, that even 60 years are as nothing in God's eternity. She was crowned in a place of Christian worship where many other kings and queen of our land worshipped. Reminding them and us that ultimately our power and authority is limited, it will all pass away. Christians always look to God who has the ultimate power and authority over all his creation.

Your priest and pastor,
Father John, Tel 532531

St Edmund's regular worship: Sundays at 8am, 10.30am and 5pm. Looking ahead, on the 8th of July there will be only one service in church, at 10am.
Jubilee Concert Saturday 2nd at 7pm, a return visit from the Poringland Singers. Those who came last time will know what a good concert they gave us.

Who needs Soaps?

Joanna

East Enders seems very tame when I watch my East End from the bedroom window. Don't worry I am not talking about surrounding houses; I am talking about the Hedge and field that lie to the east of my house. What do I mean? Well there is war between neighbours, the Redleg Partridge and the Grey Partridge seem to be in permanent strife as they defend their own patch of field, and there are also family fights among the Redlegs, get off my woman!!

The Hares are still having arguments with each other about which male can approach the Doe. There are regular boxing matches even as late as today, the 7th May. Along the edges of the field the Rabbits make merry and remembering the expression 'breeding like rabbits' will show just how many there are and of mixed ages, some look too young to be away from mother but are probably very nearly fertile! The Garden hedge brings it own episodes to add to the opera, Dunnocks fluttering their wings in a chase me attitude, a bit like the short skirts and cropped tops of flirty young females. You have probably picked up that their sex lives are different and usually involve the female keeping two males on the string. The other day I caught House sparrows fighting over a female. She didn't look too impressed especially as she kept getting dusted up in the flurry of pecking and wing flashing, she escaped and the two males looking rather deflated pretended they hadn't been involved and started feeding! Then there are the Wood Pigeons and Collared Doves in their constant attempts to cosy up and mate with the nearest female! Life is certainly not dull in the animal world!

What else is there to relate? I was re-reading Mark Cocker's book 'Crow Country' and realised I had fed you some incorrect information, in the article 'Memories are made of this' I wrote about the flash of light on a birds iridescent wing and ascribed it to the Carrion Crow, apparently, according to Mark Cocker that is found only in the Rooks, it is one sure way of distinguishing between the Rook and the Carrion Crow. I keep telling you I learn something new every day! Talking of Rooks with some trepidation I headed of to view the Docking Rookery last week to see how it had faired in the gales, I was afraid I'd see signs of battered nests and dead young along the roadside, however all seemed well, there was constant activity in and out of the tree tops and scores of Rooks foraging in the fields. I managed to stop alongside one group and through the binoculars I could see the area of wing that would flash in strong light, they really are attractive birds seen close up, not just black blobs, but showing dark greens and purples in their plumage and their black feather trousers really make them look appealing.

One thing I am finding really worrying, is that with this cold weather there are very few Moths, NOA is catching approximately 1 a night, and apparently Titchwell lit their trap for the first time at the weekend and achieved the grand total of 3 moths. I am usually running my trap by now but it isn't worth it. Why am I worried? For several reasons, moths are pollinators of wild and cultivated flowers; non-pollination means no fruits or seeds for harvest. They are also food for Bats, as both fly at night, and their caterpillars feed young birds like Blue Tits, so starving nestlings. Their absence coupled with the great decline in Bees speaks of trouble for us; much of our food supply relies on Bees pollinating the crops. We are doing a great job of killing our countryside and hence our selves. Do you remember, like me, the days of night driving when the car would get many moths strikes and if you left your bedroom window open and the light on you would get moths flying round the light shade and your head? Just watch next time you drive in the dark how few insects there are!

One thing that seems to be flourishing this year is the Alexanders. They seem to be taller and more vigorous than previous years. The wild flowers don't seem to be suffering too much now they have had some rain, the Cowslips have been fantastic and I am hoping to get out this week to catch up on the Bluebells.

It seems on this cold Bank Holiday as if Summer will never come and the rain isn't really adding to the aquifers, pretty depressing really but there are things to look forward to if only the Jet stream would put itself where it should be at this time of the year. The Swifts are back and so are the House Martins and Swallows so maybe we are moving towards some better weather, keep watching and we should begin to see and hear more migrants and there will be Moon Daisies and other wild flowers to look for and if you believe try thanking our God for the joy we can get from the world He designed and created, it tends to put things into perspective.

"Smile Please"

Ken Arnott

When Ernie Swain - father of Chris - had his photographic shop and studio in Westgate he would attend most of the major social events in the town, taking numerous photographs, and have them on display in his shop window the following day so people could buy them.

I well remember one such event - a dance at the Kit Kat Ballroom. It was a warm, very warm summer evening, and the dance was well underway when my wife and I arrived. we bought drinks at the bar at sat at one of the side tables. Then we joined in the dancing. I can't remember exactly what dance it was - probably a quickstep or old fashioned waltz - but I do know that I was glad to sit down at the end. I picked up my glass - probably a light ale - and was about to drink when Ernie Swain stopped at our table and took a picture.

The next day I passed his shop and there in his window were photos of the previous night's dance. and there was one showing a man who looked as though he was about to slide under the table. It was clear to any onlooker that the glass he held was probably his sixth...or seventh! (It was my first! Honestly)

I went in the shop, asked to speak to Mr Swain and requested that in view of the fact I was a local schoolteacher the photograph wouldn't do my reputation a lot of good. (This may sound a bit pompous but the photo was terrible!). Anyway, he kindly removed the photo from the display. "Thank you", I said. "Someone might have bought a copy". Ernie replied: "Someone already has. Your wife!"

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More letters to the editor

Thank you Hunstanton Surgery

Just thought I'd drop a line too say of thanks to the Hunstanton Surgery. My elderly Aunt from Watford has been staying here for a couple of weeks and developed an ear complaint,but I wasn't sure if she could be seen here as my own surgery is in Fakenham.

Nevertheless I went along to inquire ,and not only did they say yes but she was seen immediately by Doctor Thorpe and was treated by the nurse not 2 hours later.

My Aunt was treated exceptionally well by everybody concerned and would like to say thank you to them all.

John Pickering

A dog tag

I lost my dog's name tag and searched high and low for it, then amazingly it arrived in the post.

I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to the gentleman who recovered it from Holme beach and then returned it to me.

Unfortunately, Mr Alistair Rose I don't know where you live to write to you personally, but I hope that you read the newsletter and accept my thanks.

Pat Smith

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Hunstanton gains Blue Flag and Quality Coast Award

Hunstanton has once again been successful in gaining both a Blue Flag and Quality Coast Award.

24 beaches across the East Coast of England were awarded Blue Flags and Quality Coast Awards by Keep Britain Tidy today*. In total 142 beaches across England gained awards this year and Hunstanton was one of just 36 beaches to have gained both a Blue Flag and Quality Coast Award.

The awards recognise high standards in beach management.

Beaches are awarded the Blue Flag based on compliance with 32 criteria covering the following: environmental education and information, water quality, environmental management, safety and services.

The news comes ahead of the extended bank holiday weekend in June when thousands of

water sports enthusiasts are set to flock to Hunstanton to enjoy Lifestyles Festival (1-3 June).

Once again the event will include the British Kitesurfing Association's National Kitesurfing competition as well as workshops and demonstrations of a variety of extreme sports.

For full details visit: www.lifestylesfestival.co.uk.

The Quality Coast Award and Blue Flag scheme are administered in England by Keep Britain Tidy.

For more information visit www.keepbritaintidy.org.uk

Zumbathon!



Elaine Clutton, our Mayor, attended the "Zumathon!" organised by Michelle Rollason, in the Town Hall on 20th May .

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The form is intended for the present occupiers of an address. The name of anyone aged 16 or over who is expected to be resident at the address on 15th October needs to be on the form and the names of anyone no longer at the address crossed out. The date of birth of anyone aged 16 or 17 will also be required. If any changes to your household occur after the form has been completed but on or before 15th October please contact the Helpline immediately. The number is 01553 616773.

Forms received by owners of properties which are either already empty or are expected to be so on 15th October simply need the "Property empty on 15th October" box ticking and returning. This will avoid the issue of reminders.

A REPLY IS STILL NEEDED IF THE ADDRESS ON THE FORM IS A SECOND HOME OR HOLIDAY LET

Second home owners may register if at least 3 months of the year in total is spent at the second home. This would give a right to vote in local elections (possibly by a postal vote), although at national elections only one vote would be available and a choice of areas to cast it would need to be made. If residence is for less than 3 months, if a person does not wish to register in West Norfolk as a second home owner, or if a property is used solely for holiday letting, the "Second home – Registered elsewhere" box should be ticked it and the form returned.

In the event of any queries when the form arrives, householders can telephone 01553 616773 and any of the electoral staff will be glad to help.

Due to the much earlier Register publication date, prompt return of the form or, better still, confirmation by freephone, internet or SMS (details on the form) would be very helpful. It will also of course avoid the need for reminders and help to keep costs down.

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