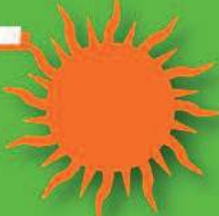


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First word

Welcome to another full magazine for May which I hope you will enjoy.

There is a fair amount of business news with Nicholas Godfrey-Cole celebrating ten years in the town, details of Paul Barnett's new kitchen showroom in what was the old job centre, the Wells Deli opening, a report on progress with the 'Portas Pilot' application and some Royal correspondence for Cafe Blah Blahh!

As she is coming to the end of her year in office Mayor Carol Bower reviews the achievements of the past twelve months and looks towards a busy summer in the town. You can see her report on page 48.

My thanks to all of our advertisers who provide the income to print the magazine, to all of our delivery team and distribution outlets and Margaret for her help with typing.

Thanks also to everyone who has sent their best wishes for Vivien's speedy return to good health; it is much appreciated. We hope that she will be back with us soon.

As the Jubilee weekend approaches, more and more events seem to be filling the calendar. The Family Fun Day starts at 10am on 4th June and culminates in a fireworks display at 10pm, so a busy day for all. I will do my best to get full details of everything that is planned in the next edition.

The Summer Guide will be out soon - it is free and lists all that is on locally. Collect your copy from the TIC, Sainsbury's or local shops.

That's it for now; enjoy your month.

Elaine

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Nicholas Godfrey-Cole florists of Hunstanton celebrates 10 years in business on the 28th May 2012

In 2002 Nicholas started Scent with Love trading in half the space it occupies now, Nicholas says that he always concentrates on producing a quality product which is matched by a quality service and this has meant that he has built a loyal customer base which enabled him to expand the business. With the display room's undergone refurbishment and a new colour scheme ready for the anniversary, the shop is an Aladdin's cave.

Based in Greevegate, the shop is a double fronted original Victorian Property and is stocked with beautiful and exotic flowers from around the world, but also with English favourites also with all sorts of home decorations and flower arrangers accessories. Stockists of Claremont & May Home fragrances, Scentilicious fragrance candles and Ashleigh & Burwood diffusers.

During 2011 Nicholas decided the business needed re-branding and with working with Vivitext of Hunstanton, decided on Nicholas Godfrey-Cole florists whilst still keeping the Scent with love within the new branding as customers around East Anglia recognise this. A new website was introduced www.scentwithlove-hunstanton.co.uk and also we can be found on Our Face book page.

Of course, whenever you think of weddings, you think of flowers, and Nicholas Godfrey-Cole florists is the choice for the discerning bride. Whether he is supplying a complete collection of flowers for the bridal party, guests, church and reception venue for 500 people or a simple bouquet for a small ceremony, Nicholas's skill, artistic flair and attention to detail means he is much in demand. If you are organising a large event or seeking a simple bunch of flowers, call in at Nicholas Godfrey-Cole florists for friendly and efficient service and flowers that are second to none. You will not be disappointed. With our team of experienced florists, we are happy to work with you, from the

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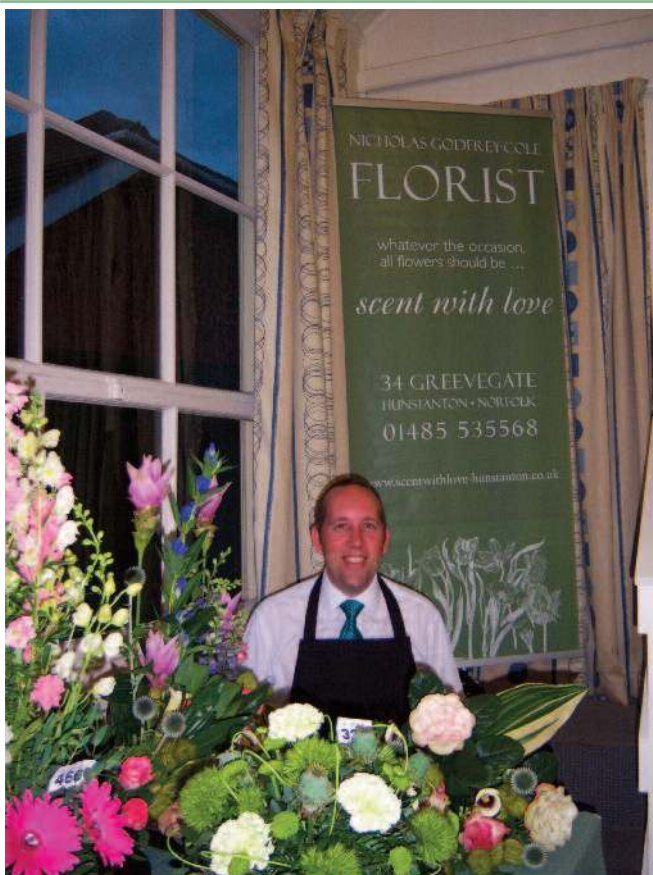
So many people have enjoyed Nicholas's work and he has been commissioned to provide flowers for important events on many occasions. In 2009 he was asked to supply flowers for Her Majesty the Queen at an event for campaign care 94, a charity that Nicholas supports throughout the year, and once again flowers for Her Majesty at the official opening of Palm Papers, Kings Lynn in 2011.

Demonstrating has always been part of Nicholas' work and he gives his time generously to help local causes and Organisations.

On Wednesday 28th July 2010 at the 129th Royal Sandringham flower show. Nicholas completed commissioned pieces of the Royal feathers and a rose arch for his Royal Highness, Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall; He has since demonstrated for three years and will be attending to do flower demonstrations at the 131st Royal Sandringham flower show on Wednesday 25th July 2012.

Nicholas is an integral part of much of what happens in the town; Along with being a Town councillor, he sings in the Hunstanton Community choir and is involved in flower festivals at his local churches, He also finds time to host Charity coffee mornings and Christmas open days in the shop. Nicholas is currently transforming a room at the shop to do floristry courses for beginners.

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1st Hunstanton Scout Group

Hi my name is Mark Larman and I am one of the new leaders at the 1st Hunstanton Scouts. For those who don't know the 1st Hunstanton Scout Group has not had a Scout section for many years. At the end of last year there was a push to get the Scout section restarted. Myself and two other local Dads volunteered to become leaders and we started in the new year.

During January and February we had joint meeting with the Cubs. We had activities including Astronomy, Map reading and local Heritage. From March we took the plunge and started to plan and run our own meetings. For the first meeting we organized a trip to Hunstanton Fire station, we were joined by the Cubs and were given a tour of the station, the crew talked about fire safety and the different equipment they use. The Cubs and Scouts got the opportunity to use the hoses and the finale was watching the crew in action cutting the roof off of a car. The speed and professionalism really was impressive and everybody had a great time.

Our next meeting was at the HQ in York Avenue, the Scouts learned about ropes and knots, at the end of the evening they had to use everything they had learnt to make a tripod with an arm and hook that they then used to lift a bucket containing sweets from one location to another this was also a great hit. We then had a night hike around Castle Rising with the 12th Kings Lynn Scouts and the following week a Bowling evening with the 1st Heacham Scouts. For the last meeting of the term we watched a DVD of the 2007 Scout Jamboree ate Popcorn and drank squash.

Our meetings this half term will include Basic First Aid, Indoor/Outdoor Games, Circus Skills, Tent Pitching, a Trip to Hunstanton lifeboat station and a mini hike in Ringstead Downs. We also hope to have a one night Camp in Wolferton. Scouts is open to Boys and Girls aged 10.5 to 14. We meet most Thursdays during Term time from 7.30 to 9.00 at 1st Hunstanton Scout Hut, York Road, Hunstanton. For further information please call Mark Larman on 07775 620079.

A COLOURFUL ARRIVAL TO HUNSTANTON

JOHN SMITH

When driving through France in the summer it is not uncommon to suddenly come across a small patch or even whole fields of brightly coloured flowers. Some years ago when farmers were paid to take fields out of crop cultivation – set aside – French farmers decided to brighten up the countryside by sowing flower mixes especially on roadside verges or patches of waste land. At the beginning of this scheme the Hunters Associations and the French government subsidized the seed, for what became known as Jachere Fleurie. (Hunters Flowers). Although the subsidies have now been reduced many farmers and civil gardeners have continued with the scheme.

A range of specialist flower mixes is now produced with selected strains of cultivated flowers, which adapt well to poorer soils and can survive without irrigation, use of fertilizers, or sprays. Environmentalists now give their widespread support to this project as they have proved to not only to give protection to game birds – especially partridges, but also to insect life, notably butterflies and struggling bee populations.

In what is believed to be the first use of Jachere Fleurie in this country, Hunstanton is trying out a large area of these cultivated flower mixes on the verges on the entrance to the town. After a successful small-scale trial last year on a plot at the top of Redgate Hill a much

larger strip was sown on the 11th April on the right-hand verge of Redgate Hill and from the roundabout up to the commercial park on the entrance to the town. This has been achieved by the co-operation of the Town Council, the BCKLWN gardening team, headed by Chris Durham, and the In Bloom committee. None of this would have been possible without a lot of hard work carried out by Pat and Lesley Richardson who faced the daunting task of hand sowing this very large strip. (See photo).



The flower mix used is called appropriately “Jour de Fete” - or “Holiday Celebration” and is basically a mix of Cosmos, Corn Flowers, and Zinnias which given reasonable weather should provide a carpet of multi-coloured flowers to welcome both residents and visitors to our town from the end of June through to October.

There is also a very serious environmental reason for this project as the flowers act like a magnet to butterflies and bees, which are really in need of all the help they can get. Any interested beekeepers, school teachers, farmers or allotment holders should please contact John Smith (Jsmithhunstanton@aol.com) for further information. It would be a marketing dream to produce Sunny Hunny Honey!

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Dylan joined the ambulance service in 1986 when it was known as Norfolk Ambulance Service, "The good old days," as he calls it. He served just 3 weeks at Wisbech Ambulance Station when a position became available at Hunstanton. He immediately applied for the post and was accepted. "It's the best decision I've ever made" says Dylan "I then moved from King's Lynn to Heacham and I've been there ever since. The people are great and the lifestyle is fantastic. It took me a little while to get used to the quiet laid back approach to things, but now I love it." Unfortunately Dylan suffered a back injury at work while trying to carry a twenty stone lady down a flight of stairs in a wheelchair, and is no longer able to carry large patients up and down stairs anymore. He was forced to retire on medical grounds and decided to take up Driving Tuition as a career. Whilst training to be a driving instructor Dylan drove the Land Train at Searles Leisure Resort for one season. "That was great fun," says Dylan, "I met some really nice holiday makers and made some lovely friends at Searles. They are all such nice people." The following year Dylan took up taxi driving and soon discovered it was more to his taste, and changed tack. "You really do meet some very interesting people," says Dylan "and they've all got a different story to tell. I've driven some really important people and they are all so very nice when you meet them. I had the honour of driving the Country File team at Wells last year. That was a thrill." Now starting out on his own Dylan has purchased a Volkswagen minibus and is operating under the name Peddars Way Travel. "I wanted something that is synonymous with Norfolk that everyone can relate to and Peddars Way runs right through the heart of Norfolk, so what better name than that." A Roman helmet and a Poppy adorn the side of the vehicle. The Roman Helmet represents Peddars Way the Roman road, and the Poppy represents Norfolk's nickname Poppy Land. "Apart from that I just love poppies," adds Dylan, "I've even got a photo of a Poppy field I took on the rear window of the minibus."

Asked about his driving qualifications, Dylan replied, "I've driven just about everything from a Mini to an articulated Lorry/tanker. The only things I can't legally drive are tracked vehicles, but I don't fancy being a digger driver," he quips. "Apart from VIP driving I've done advanced driving with the ambulance service, defensive driving in the RAF and again recently, I also have 6 years of continental driving experience having done two tours in Germany, off road driving, bus/coach driving, lorry driving, land train driving. I haven't driven the Wash Monster, but it's early days yet!" he says tongue in cheek. "I also like to keep my First Aid qualifications current as well because you never know what's round the corner."

Before joining the Ambulance Service Dylan served 13 years in the Royal Air Force. There he had the opportunity to drive some very high ranking officers and VIP about for 3 years. He also drove ambulances for the Royal Air Force in Germany for 19 months. "It was only supposed to be for 6 months, but the Senior Medical Officer was reluctant to let me go because I was the only driver who could speak a fair bit of German. It's what got me into driving ambulances for the NHS." "I like VIP driving," says Dylan it's more professional than normal driving. "It's something which I think is lacking in certain areas of the taxi industry today. I was shopping in King's Lynn with my wife the other day and we saw a taxi driver turning into Norfolk Street with chip wrappers and other rubbish strewn all over his dashboard. That to me is totally unacceptable. If he worked for me I'd have sacked

him on the spot. I'm glad to say that not all taxi firms are like that. Some are very good indeed. I try to give my passengers that little bit more with some VIP treatment whenever I can. It doesn't take much to hold open a door for someone or keep your vehicle clean and smelling fresh, but its little things like that that make the difference, and people remember that. They certainly remember empty chip wrappers as well" He goes on to add, "What I'm also doing which I notice other taxi firms aren't, is providing free reading material and chilled bottled water for those long trips. If you've just got off a long haul flight, battled with the baggage and Passport Control, by the time you get to the taxi, all you want to do is relax and have a nice drink. Another thing I'm providing which I haven't seen any other taxis in Norfolk doing (yet) is Chip & Pin. I'm not sure, but I think I'm the first to do it."

See Dylan's ad on page 3

News from Ingoldisthorpe Church of England Primary School

By Caitlin, Katie, William, Lucy and Louise, the year 5 News Team.

This term we have many activities planned.

Holt Hall.

Maple Class (years 3 and 4) will be visiting Holt Hall for three days. The whole class are really looking forward to the visit. Some of the activities will include: pond dipping, survival skills, orienteering and a sports evening.

Amazonia.

The reception children along with years one and two will be visiting Amazonia Wildlife Park. They will learn about creatures that live in the rain forest as well as different habitats. Acorn class, (year R) are looking forward to seeing the monkeys.

Our Summer Recipe Book.

This year families are getting together to create their favourite summer recipes. These will appear in a book going on sale as a part of the jubilee celebrations. In fact we will be sending a copy of our recipe book to Her Majesty. We also have a cake designing competition to design the decoration for a cake. The winner will then have their design made into a cake.

Readathon.

Readathon is our year long event to promote reading. Every time the children read this is recorded in their reading diary, the points are added up and prizes awarded. At the end of the year we have a whole school celebration to celebrate our reading. This year we have a pirate theme. We will be dressing as pirates, play pirate games and we might even be having Jack Sparrow visit us!

Sleep Over on the school field.

Soon years 3,4,5 and 6 are going to be sleeping over on the school field. There will be BBQ food, lots of entertainment and games. We always enjoy our school field sleep over!

As you can see there are lots of fun activities planned for this term.

QUILTERS' QUARTERS

We are a small friendly patchwork group meeting alternate Wednesday mornings at The Hunstanton Methodist Church, Austin Street, from 10am to 12.30pm. If you enjoy patchwork, quilting and chatting (not necessarily in that order!), then we look forward to seeing you. Our next meetings will be on the 2 and 16 May.

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Further information call Val Rybak 01485 533673

Old Hunstanton Social Club

Alan Smith

Our Beer Festival, held over the Easter weekend, was an enormous success, with a three day programme of music and activities. Thanks to all who came and enjoyed the fun, and to all those who worked so hard to make everything go so well. The beer lasted until the last few minutes of the final day!

This month on Saturday the 19th we have our Quiz Night. It starts at 7pm, and the £2.50 entrance fee includes supper. This is always a popular event, so do come early; everyone is welcome.

On Friday 25th is our monthly Bingo night. Eyes down at 7.30pm.

The club continues to grow and our refurbishment is well under way. By the time you read this, our renovation of the bar toilets will be complete. Membership is open to all, and families with young children are particularly welcome. We have a full programme of events planned throughout the summer, so do come and join us!

The Creakes Gardeners Club

On Saturday 26th May the Creakes Gardeners Club will be holding a special Raffle at The Creake Abbey Plant Lovers Day event at Creake Abbey, North Creake.

This will be the fourth year running our members have helped organise this raffle and all proceeds will go to Wells Community Hospital as before.

Last year we raised a record £ 750. Lets hope for a warm & sunny day this year.

Please come along and support us. We will have some excellent prizes donated by our members and some local businesses. If you feel you could help us on the day even it's just for an hour or so, please get in touch with our Secretary Doreen Crisp on 01328 738142.

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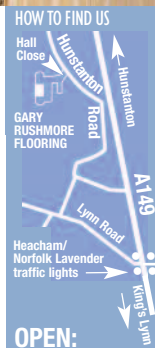
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The Downfall of the Master of the Docking Workhouse and the End of the Poor Law

Jim Welham

John Rigby Layland was born in 1854 and at the age of 21 joined the staff of the Docking Workhouse. In 1877 he married Emma Wolveridge and in June 1886 he became the Workhouse Master at a wage of £75 a year, with his wife as matron. After 13 years employment Mrs Layland applied for a wage increase of £15 a year which the guardians agreed would be fair, but decided at first that a £10 a year increase would be sufficient. However as the master had dismissed a porter and the total expenditure of the staff wages had been reduced to £120 a year, they granted the matron the full increase. All agreed that few Unions had such an efficient master and matron who looked after the inmates as well, while at the same time studying the interests of the ratepayers.

At the beginning of the 20th century Hamon Le Strange had been Chairman of the Board of Guardians for 20 years and John William Beeton the Hunstanton representative since 1868. They suggested that the workhouse should celebrate the coronation of Edward VII with a dinner similar to that served on Christmas Day, but Layland persuaded them that the inmates would regard a tea with both ham and jam as more of a treat.

The guardians ignored the master's excessive drinking, and that in April 1905 he had been declared bankrupt. This changed on 1st September 1905 when they received a bill for 2 guineas for a bed made by Gale and Sons of Birmingham ordered on official paper and signed J. Layland, Master. As this was not an expense they had authorised the master was suspended and banned from the building. Mrs Layland who was considered by all to be beyond reproach, assumed her husband's duties on half his pay, and ran the workhouse efficiently. Layland was denied permission to return

and complete the accounts. In October the auditors reported that the accounts could not be balanced; several invoices were missing, others incorrectly entered, or unpaid. At least 500 lbs of meat and 1,000 ounces of spirits were unaccounted for, and it was impossible to estimate the total loss of coal. Young male tramps who should have stayed for only one night and not return for 30 days, were allowed to stay for weeks, provided they agreed to work on land farmed by Leyland. On many occasions the amount of rations issued was considerably higher than the number of inmates.

On 14th September 1905 Leyland sent a letter of resignation from Hooks Temperance Hotel, Prince of Wales Road, Norwich which the guardians accepted, but their attitude to Mrs Layland altered. She asked to retain her position, but they decided that a married woman should not be separated from her husband. They dismissed her, ordered her from the premises and invoked a rule which said that if a joint occupier of office resigned under circumstances of discredit, they would not be entitled to a pension, neither would the innocent half of the relationship. The guardians were unanimously of the opinion that the Laylands had forfeited all claims to their pensions and the contributions already made. They sold the Layland's own furniture and goods by auction and kept the £33 8s 7p received.

An enquiry on behalf of the Local Government Board was critical of the guardians, saying that it was their duty to ensure records were kept correctly. In 1897 they had been told that there was wastage of 12 to 15 stones of meat a week, and for the last 3 years the auditors had warned them a stock check had not been carried out.

Louisa Layland wrote to the

guardians saying that both her parents were ill and her father could not find permanent employment, so they were greatly in need of money and she begged them to repay her penniless mother's pension contributions. On 7th December 1906 a letter was received from the clerk of the Norwich Union Workhouse, saying that Layland was now an inmate of that workhouse and requiring the Docking Union to pay for his maintenance. Before that could be discussed, a further letter was received saying he had died in the workhouse. The guardians found that they still had £6 left from the auction of Mrs Layland's furniture, which they returned to her. She took the matter to Fakenham County Court, where on 11th December 1907, Judge Mulligan KC ruled that if the master had committed any irregularity, it was before his resignation, and therefore had been condoned by the guardians, and awarded Mrs Layland £88 and costs.

When the Poor Law Act had been passed no thought had been given to the homeless poor and so the workhouses made no provision for them. After several tramps had died of exposure or starvation after being turned away from the doors of workhouses, eventually woefully inadequate overnight accommodation and food was provided for them. The next morning they had to pay for their lodgings with 4 hours of arduous labour, such as breaking up 7 hundredweight of stone until it could all be passed through a 2 ½" sieve. If they were unable to do so, they were frequently brought before the magistrates and sentenced to 2 weeks hard labour. One year 2,026 men and women and children passed through the Docking Workhouse. The guardians wrote to the government suggesting that they should adopt the continental style of 'beggars' colonies,' which were neither prisons nor

workhouses, and where the men were taught self respect and brotherly love before being transported to America. One of the guardians, Reginald Pull was less sympathetic and said, 'There is an increase in the number of tramps because they are not required to work. They come to the house; have a wash and a feed, and away they go, who could ask for a better life than that?' He also complained that a bath provided for the tramps had never been used, but it was pointed out that there was no water supplied to it.

The Reverend Noyle of Titchwell, Chairman of the Finance Committee, insisted the practice of issuing beer to the inmates with their main meal be stopped at once. He said, 'There were too many luxuries in the House. There were thousands of honest men working for bread and cheese that saw nothing of beer, yet people would come into the House and have a diet that was far too good, and in addition the rate payer's money was being wasted on copious amounts of drink.' The guardians agreed to stop the issue of beer so 'ratepayers' money should not run away in a liquid stream down paupers throats.' This would avoid providing more comforts than they were forced to and also make a saving of £100 a year. However Doctor Parry, the Medical Officer, continued to supply 3 pints of beer a day for bedridden inmates, and when this was brought to the guardians' attention they said their resolution to not supply beer was legal and unanimous. They would not allow the doctor to thwart them in their endeavours to economise and they would not sign any cheques for beer. In addition they required that the doctor should provide medical reports in English, not Latin.

The Reverend Noyle also reported that several old men had refused to do any work and that

they could not do as they liked. It was agreed that everyone's leave should be stopped for a fortnight, and 2 men who had been abusive to the matron should also have their tobacco stopped for that same period.

Children from the workhouse were treated harshly at Docking school. One infant had been caned so severely that he had wheals to his hands and arms and another suffered from a bleeding ear having been hit by a slate board thrown at him by a teacher. The school denied any knowledge of the incidents. The guardians agreed there was nothing wrong with a teacher boxing a child's ears, but they should admit when they had done so.

The workhouse was occasionally inspected. On 2nd March 1906 Jane Ingleby of Sedgeford Hall recorded, 'I have visited the woman's sick ward, the old man's sick ward, the nursery and the imbecile ward and found every thing in good order and the inmates satisfied'.

In 1901 a study into poverty found that in a society where those who did not work did not eat, the young, the old, the sick and unemployed were especially vulnerable, and within a few years social legislation required that children were kept out of the workhouse, were educated up to 12 years of age and provided with free school meals. Old Age

Pensions were introduced for those over 70 years, Labour Exchanges were formed to help the unemployed find work and everyone was provided with free health care and sick pay.

On 14th July 1920 the Workhouse, then known as Burntstall, was sold by the guardians to the Docking Rural District Council for £1,500. In 1948 the National Assistance Act finally abolished all Poor Law legislation which was replaced by the National Assistance Board. Local Authorities were required to provide residential accommodation for persons, who for reasons such as age or infirmity were in need of care, and to provide temporary accommodation for those whose need was urgent.

On 1st April 1974, as a result of a local government reorganisation, the ownership of Burntstall passed to the West Norfolk District Council. On 1st March 1988 the building and surrounding 2.4 acres was sold to a private purchaser for £81,255, who on 22nd December that year also purchased a further 1.6 acres to the rear for £6,000. On 1st November 1989 the entire property was resold for £439,000. The rear of the buildings was demolished and the renovation of the main block was completed in 1995 when it was converted into 22 residential units named Norfolk Heights.

Ancient Mariner Inn

Keith Barnes, Operations Manager

How many have seen the New Look Mariners?

Out with the Black, in with the New Blue. Saturday 21st April, saw the launch of the new look Ancient Mariner Inn.

We've had a paint up inside and some of the nic naks have gone, which makes the rooms look bigger, brighter and inviting.

The staff look great in their new uniforms of Teal Blue; well we are by the 'Sea' and we are 'The Mariners' after all.

Also on that day the New Spring/Summer Menu went live; some cracking new items and some good old favourites.

Don't forget the direct line dial number for bookings in the Sunset Room 01485-536389 Come and see Elaine, Anthea and Zoe in the restaurant.

I know that a great many of you look out for our special offers (and why not) well I'm very pleased to say that the members of our 'First 2 Know' club, now known as the 'F2K'. These members enjoyed an extra bonus, they were selected to receive an extra voucher for some great money off deals, that were exclusive to them only, well done to those members for filling out the form and benefiting from this.

Thank you to everyone who came and gave their support and

sponsor money, to the staff and customers on the Sport Relief Day.

Thanks go to the Hunstanton Lions for marshalling the walk from the Green to the Ancient Mariner, with special thanks to Peter Mills, who will be missed by every one of us here.

The Zumba went well and the Rugby was a hoot!!! Again this could not of happened without the lads from West Norfolk Rugby Club and their partners. Pictures appearing on Facebook very soon, check out the Ancient Mariner Inn page.

Preparations are well under way for celebrations for the Queens Diamond Jubilee.

And Beer Festival news will follow shortly.

It's not only the Mariners with the new look, have a look in the New Oak Bar, a great daily and evening menus are now available, Hot Beverages 10am – 10pm, Lite Bite Menu 10am – 5pm,

Traditional Afternoon Tea 3pm – 5pm (pre-booked only) Bar Menu 12noon – 2.30pm and 6.30pm – 9pm come and see Simon.

So come and join us, the staff look forward to seeing you and being of service, down at The Ancient Mariner Inn, where a great welcome awaits you.

Cuthbert Mather

Ken Arnett

That remarkable old gentleman, the Reverend Cuthbert Mather, who died in March, made a major contribution to Hunstanton's 150th Anniversary celebrations by producing – in collaboration with Mr Dyker Thew, a former editor of the 'Lynn News and Advertiser', - a ninety minute video called 'Hunstanton – History on a Postcard'.

Cuthbert was a keen collector of old postcards of Hunstanton and many of them are reproduced in the video, which is well worth watching. As a keen collector myself for many years (not nowadays), I visited Cuthbert several times and discussed with him our respective collections.

One other thing that I remember about Cuthbert, whenever he walked around the town he would stop and pick up litter that he spotted lying around on the pavement – cigarette packets, sweet wrappers, fish and chip trays and so on – and then head for the nearest refuse bin. I was brought up never to drop litter, and don't do so, but, whenever I saw him in action I did have a severe twinge of conscience that I was one of the many people who failed to follow his example.

Hunstanton Beaver Scouts

The Beavers have been busy recently earning their friendship badge. This is a challenge badge and involves accomplishing a number if more ambitious tasks than the usual activity badges. Part of their work towards this involved learning about other countries and cultures. With this in mind we have now set up a pen pal system with two Joey scouts who live in Adelaide, Australia. Joey Scouts are the equivalent of Beaver Scouts in Australia. we are looking forward to learning more about Joey Scouts!

On the 28th April from 10am to 1pm we will be holding a coffee morning and jumble sale at the Scout Hall in York Avenue. We have cakes, refreshments, children's games and crafts, and for sale we have clothes, books, crafts, gifts, decorative items. Come and bag yourself a bargain!

On the 19th May the Beaver Scouts are holding a Quiz Night and Italian Meal at the Scout Hall to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. £5.00 per person including a lovely Italian meal! Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. From 6pm onwards. Confirm attendance to Charlotte.a.wyllie@gmail.co.uk or 07837 698653.



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A BUSY MONTH FOR THE THEATRE CLUB



As you may know, the Princess Theatre is lighting up again, promising a scintillating programme of entertainment this summer season. Hooray!! We of the Princess Theatre Club are delighted and wish the new management team every success. Our November production was the last event staged before the theatre's darkening and our spring production will be the first to throw open the doors as a taster before the official

grand re-opening on 1st June. More about that production later.

First, congratulations and cheers to Sharon Yates, winner of our competition to 'Write a One-Act Play'. Her hilarious hospital comedy, titled 'Infirmary, Infirmary... (they've all got it infirmary)' was judged to be the best of the entries.

Many people in Hunstanton will know Sharon. She has been a member of the Princess Theatre Club for many years and is equally active with the Lavender Hill Mob and the panto company. How she found time also to write a play, amid all her work and family commitments, is a tribute to her indomitable devotion to all things thespian. She will be directing her new play as our entry in this year's Adjudicated Drama Festival, so watch for details of that — the drama festival is great fun to watch, very cheap, and deserves a bigger audience. Do try it.

And if you're interested in taking part (Sharon needs a lot of people!!) please get in touch. Rehearsals begin right after our main production.

Anyway, well done, Sharon. We look forward to more scripts from you.

Thank you, too, to all the budding writers who participated. Get your thinking caps on again because we may hold another competition before long.

NODA AWARDS EVENT — PTC Nominated

Another happy piece of news concerns the NODA East Awards, distributed at a luncheon on Sunday 29th April, at the Radisson Blu Hotel at Stansted Airport. As I write, a small team of PTC members is poised to attend in hope of picking up the award for Best Production. Our version of "'Allo, 'Allo" has been entered in this category. Well done all, especially director Mick Yates.

What's more, our printed programme for 'Night Must Fall' has already been awarded second prize in its section. Congratulations to Elaine Verweymeren, who edited the programme and designed the graphics for the cover.

'POETRY FOR ALL' — Town Hall, 16th May

Join us at the Town Hall on 16th May for a happy hour or two in good company, allied with some rhymes and reminiscences (mostly humorous) plus home-made cakes with tea or coffee. We start at 10.30 a.m. and, with a pause for refreshments and chat, we usually disperse around 12.30. These get-togethers are organized by the Theatre Club and led by local author Mary Mackie, assisted by husband Chris and other friends of the PTC. We are also indebted to the committee of Hunstanton and District Festival of Arts for their continued support.

We meet on the third Wednesday of every other month (that is, six times a year) and read or recite poems and rhymes of all kinds. Refreshments are available at minimal prices and, instead of an entry fee, we invite donations for club funds. A recent innovation, much enjoyed, has been sharing off-the-cuff memories inspired by our suggested theme of the day. In March, for instance, we celebrated

'Memories' and since some expert had announced that 1976 was the happiest year in the UK, we recounted personal memories of that year.

In May our suggested theme is 'Childhood' so we anticipate lots of amusing anecdotes along with readings to suit the mood. All YOU have to do is turn up and enjoy the fun. Just come and listen, if you prefer. Or look out a favourite poem and bring it with you to read aloud. No pressure, no boring 'business', just merry sociability. Come and try it. Everyone is welcome.

And watch for news of a very special 'Jubilee' version of our gatherings, as part of the town's celebrations in June.

'STEEL MAGNOLIAS'

LIVE AT THE PRINCESS THEATRE — 18th and 19th May

This merry month of May, the Princess Theatre Club affirms its determination to 'keep live theatre alive' in West Norfolk by presenting for your delectation a marvellous play which took the USA by storm. Later it became a successful feature film starring six of Hollywood's best actresses and including (among much else) some gunplay, a pool full of stolen magnolias, a mangy dog named Rhett and — oh, yes, let's not forget — a blood-red "'groom's cake" shaped like an armadillo! Now, six of our own local ladies undertake those same roles in 'the funniest play ever to make you cry' — STEEL MAGNOLIAS, by Robert Harling. Its theme is the circle of life and the way people rally round to support each other in bad times and good, passing milestones such as love and marriage, birth and death, all seasoned with a lot of laughter, some gossip and scandal, and a few tears. Bring your tissues if you're 'mu-hearted' (as we say in Norfolk).

Directors are Mick Yates and Jane Bean and the cast comprises Jane Bean, Kate Roberts, Mary Mackie, Elaine Verweymeren, Sharon Yates and Pearl Carpenter. Come and share the fun taking place in and around Truvy's Beauty Shop in Chinquapin parish, Louisiana. 'Y'all will be made real welcome, y'hear?'

There will be three chances to see the play — Friday 18th May at 7.30 p.m., and two performances on Saturday 19th May, at 2.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m.

Tickets cost £10, concessions £9, with an additional 10% discount for PTC members. They are available at the door before each performance or in advance from www.thelittleboxoffice.com/princess

If you have yet to enjoy one of our productions, why not give us a try? And tell all your friends. Live theatre is a precious asset in Hunstanton. Use it, or lose it.

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National Minimum Wage rates

The government has accepted the Low Pay Commission's recommendations for National Minimum Wage rates from 1 October 2012.

From 1 October 2012:

- the adult minimum wage rate will increase from £6.08 to £6.19 an hour
- the youth development rate will remain at £4.98 an hour
- the 16-17 year old rate will remain at £3.68 an hour and
- the apprentice rate will increase from £2.60 to £2.65 an hour.

The Chair of the Low Pay Commission David Norgrove said:

'Our recommendations this year are, as ever, based on extensive economic evidence and take account of the prospects for the UK economy. Although the economy is forecast to grow through 2012 and 2013, the expected pace of growth is uncertain and is likely to be low. We believe our recommendations for October 2012 balance the needs of low-paid workers against the challenges facing businesses, particularly small businesses.'



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Hayes + Storr opened their Hunstanton office at 2 Northgate (above Cruso + Wilkin) at the end of last year. **Margaret Taylor**, Partner at the King's Lynn office explains "We are very pleased to have opened the new office and believe the local community will benefit from the specialist services we provide, particularly for older clients."



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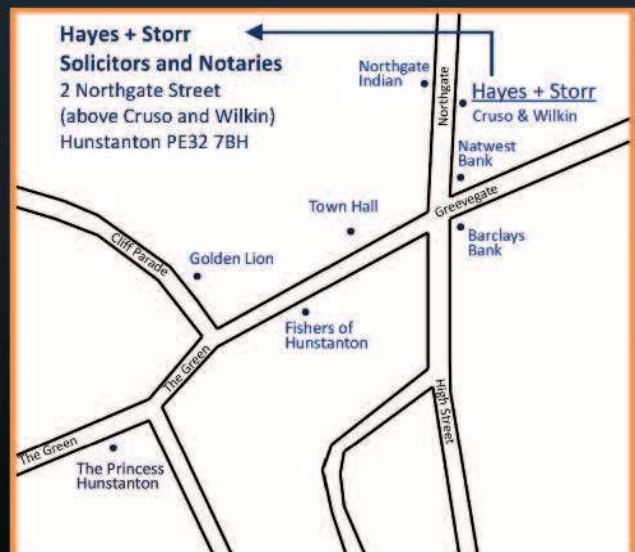
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A Page from the Sage (from the forgotten end of the Town)

Dick Melton



How are you getting on to'gether?

Ha ya father got a dicker bor? Yes he ave and he's looking for a fool like you to ride it so as you can go to Swaffham to do a few day's troshing for no'thing.

As John Smith began his article last month in French, I thought I'd start mine with Norfolk!

In last month's edition, I wrote about the number of grocers shops that there used to be in the Town. I couldn't remember the name of the lady who kept the small shop where Fleming's Garage stands today. Well, someone out there knew! It was Mrs Sommers. I remember this shop well because she had a rack of buckets and spades outside on the pavement, another rack of shrimp nets stood there and just inside the door there was a rack full of pop bottles made in King's Lynn and called 'Bestyet'.

The shop at the bottom end of York Avenue was 'Goddard's. Derek Hastings was an errand boy there and Mr Flicking was the round's man who travelled around the town getting the orders in.

So, the Community Orchard is to be called 'The Henry Le Strange Community Orchard'. Oh, what a mouthful! Sunny Hunny Orchard would sound so much better! There is an argument about making a permanent right of way across this field from Park Road, past the orchard and along to the Community Centre Gates in Avenue Road. There was a right of way across this field from Homefields Road to the Town dump in the bottom corner, near to where the orchard is today. This right of way was closed down in 1948 when the Town dump was closed and Mr Chilvers took the field over and grew lavender on it until the Community Centre was built there in 1964.

At one time there were several rights of way in the Town, many of them behind rows of terraced houses in Hill Street, Crescent Road and the Avenues in order for coal men to have access to the bunkers and to enable the dustmen to empty the bins. Today many of these have been blocked off. However, a few remain from the main road, along Downs road through the woods and the park to Old Hunstanton, or through The Downs to Ringstead. Another footpath, a right of way, starts at the Hump on the Heacham/Hunstanton boundary and goes along the old bank/seawall through Heacham, Snettisham, Wolferton, North Wootton and on to King's Lynn crossing Babingly River on the way.

Somebody asked me why it was that there had never been a small hospital such as the one at Wells-next-the-Sea. Well, in 1895 there was an isolation hospital built on the land at the bottom of Redgate Hill, but that was closed down many years ago and is now a private house. In 1872 a convalescent home was built in the High Street and in 1879 a large convalescent home was built in Valentine Road. During the 1st World war soldiers who survived being gassed were brought home and treated in the convalescent home here in Hunstanton.

Several doctors have set up their practice in private houses in the town. At various times they have been surgeries on The Green, Park Road, Homefields Road and Austin Street. We have never had a hospital although I have been told that there was once a Maternity Unit in Sandringham Road.

In the last issue of Town & Around, I reported that I had counted

over forty food outlets in the Town. Well, since I wrote that another two have opened so I've done a breakdown, 10 fish and Chip shops, 7 take-aways, 16 cafés, and at least 16 restaurants – probably over 50 outlets. How do they all make a living?

The reported porpoise has been seen many times in The Wash, may be it's made its home here for the summer.

It's good to see the Captain Willey's boat, 'The Sea Lion', is back on its moorings ready for the summer sailings to see the coastline and the seals. An excursion that's well worthwhile.

Colin Toule mentions that the sign on the rear sea wall that says 'No swimming in the Boating Lake' is a bit out of date. Actually its 26 years out of date – the Boating Lake was demolished in 1988. It had been built in 1932 – about the same time as the Kit-Kat. That land that it was built on had been just waste land on which the local fishermen kept their boats. The Lake was the last of the major sea front attractions to go, the Blue Lagoon having been demolished in 1967, the pier in 1978 and the Kit-Kat in 1986.

As I have said, many times, that I've eaten wild rabbit all of my life – and still do – I'll tell you about my rabbit catching days next month.

'When a squirrel eats nuts in a tree, weather is warm as warm can be.'

Brancaster Camera Club

We have arranged the following evenings in May. Visitors are always welcome at our club evenings and we look forward to seeing you then. For further details contact Jim Till, Chairman, on 01485 210013 or Wendy Calow on 01553 674725

Wednesday, 2nd May

Annual print & digital battle with North Norfolk Photographic Society (at Holt)

Tuesday, 15th May - NOT TO BE MISSED!

"Two Hands On" with Daphne Hanson CPAGB APAGB & Andy Hanson ARPS MPAGB.

Tuesday, 29th May

"My New Zealand Story" with Adrian Stone

News from Hunstanton Coastguard

Keith Twaites

Now the weather is a little kinder we have more people visiting the coast and we are beginning to get a little busier. So far this spring we have been involved in an incident that occurred on the River Ouse in Kings Lynn concerning a vulnerable person. We have also supported the air ambulance in a medivac from Titchwell Nature Reserve.

Our Easter Sunday patrol was very quiet but Easter Monday saw us assisting the Harbour Master at Brancaster in the rescue of people from a stranded boat offshore.

If you would like to become involved with the Hunstanton Coastguard Team we do have spaces available. Come along to one of our training sessions on a Monday night at 7pm, we are located on the Hunstanton Commercial Park off the Kings Lynn Road, near Smithdon. Or ring Robert Frost our station officer on 07749 737333.

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National Planning Policy Framework

By Richard Hewitt, Partner
at Hayes + Storr Solicitors

Q. What does the much talked about 'National Planning Policy Framework' mean for decision making on development schemes in Norfolk?

A. The answer is – 'it depends'

1. I am regularly asked 'can I build here?' or 'can I stop any building here?' The NPPF does not give any yes/no answer to the questions

2. Further, it does not contain policies specific to waste management, so does not help much with, for example, the fierce debate on the Kings Lynn incinerator project, which is yet to obtain planning permission.

3. The NPPF does not change the statutory basis for making decisions, which is still based on what the 'local plan' for the District or Borough Council says. This is then mixed with an assessment of the impact, good and bad, of a proposal on its locality and of any special status the site area may have – such as next to a listed building or in a protected area.

4. It does not make new funds available for social housing; it is unlikely to influence a bank's decision to lend to developers who are not self funded; it does not by itself create demand from purchasers to buy new homes or premises.

5. It does not affect the many planning consents that exist - for housing development in particular - that have not been progressed in recent years.

What it does do is:-

1. Allow blame to be placed on 'the planners' for the lack of economic growth. Whether that is right or wrong, on several levels, is perhaps a topic in itself!

2. Require proposals which 'fit' the local plan to be approved – unless 'material considerations' require otherwise (which is really 'no change' from the current approach).

3. Reduce the weight to be given to older, possibly out of date 'local plans', which again is not 'new'.

4. Allow weight to be given to 'neighbourhood plans' - which we are all encouraged to get involved in – but which need to fit the 'local plan' anyway and as a cumbersome process may not add much to the debate!

5. Impose a new concept of encouraging planning permission to be granted for 'sustainable development', which is not easily defined and which has to be woven into the decision process.

As with any new approach to planning only time will tell how well the process will work. Perhaps the only certainty at this stage is that every planning application that is now submitted, large or small will be promoted as 'sustainable development' and resisted by those opposing as not being so!

Richard is a recognised specialist planning solicitor and associate of the Royal Town Planning Institute. He represents organisations and clients across the region.

If you, or any organisation you are involved in would like to register for forthcoming seminars on planning and development issues to be led by Richard Hewitt, email richard.hewitt@hayes-storr.com.

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KINGS OAK TO OPEN NEW SHOWROOM IN HUNSTANTON!



Paul Barnett, managing director and owner of the well-known, premier fitted furniture makers Kings Oak, has confirmed the company is to create a fabulous new showroom in the property once used as a Job Centre in Hunstanton. The three unit site will see extensive refurbishment over the coming weeks as a small army of trades specialists transform its 2500 square feet of space, in readiness for the installation of an outstanding gallery of kitchens, bedrooms, bathrooms, home studies and media rooms which will be the key features in Paul's visionary new showroom.

The new Kings Oak Showroom will also be designed so that open events can be held to demonstrate the best use of local produce as the seasons arrive, using state of the art equipment which has been designed into the unique Kings Oak Cookery Demonstration Kitchen. A Kings Oak, in-house chef has already started work on event menus and local chefs will also be invited to conduct cookery demonstrations. Local food producers and specialist suppliers are also supporting the

Kings Oak Hunstanton Showroom events and a very special guest will officially open the Kings Oak Hunstanton Showroom later this year.

As Paul said when he announced the new showroom, "There is a lot to do to transform the existing space, so people will see lots of activity over the coming weeks before the specially designed Kings Oak displays can begin to be installed. My goal is to create a showroom which enhances Kings Oak but also Hunstanton as a preferred destination for anyone who wants to make their home the best it can be, using fitted furniture for any room they want to make the most of. Equally important is making the new Showroom an inclusive, inviting showroom with Kings Oak Cookery events taking place as often as possible for local people and visitors to enjoy. There will be some great local competitions, too, so cookery enthusiasts will be in for a treat too. My new showroom has been meticulously planned and time will be necessary to make the space perfect. As perfection takes time, there will be plenty going on for people to see, as we progress toward the very special opening we have planned."

Over the past four months, Paul has designed what can only be described as inspirational room displays covering every type of individually designed, hand crafted, top quality type of fitted furniture available exclusively from Kings Oak. Every inch of the new Hunstanton Showroom will demonstrate how the smallest of spaces as well as the largest of homes can benefit from the insightful use of design, materials and products, which have always been an integral part of the service experienced by Kings Oak clients.

As time has moved forward, so has Kings Oak – with designers, carpenters and installers working closely together to create beautiful rooms which have long been the hallmark of the Kings Oak brand but also now making media rooms, entertainment systems units and small space installations, so every fitted furniture requirement can be met with style and elegance built in. Needless to say, all supporting services such as electrical, lighting, cabling and sound control are available as single-source Kings Oak projects.

Based in Bergen Way on the North Lynn Industrial Estate for many years, the business was first started by Paul's father David Barnett and David's brothers-in-law Eddie Goodchild.

As the company motto says, "Kings Oak – making the rooms people love to live in." Residents, local businesses and visitors to Hunstanton will see what this means in practice, as the new Hunstanton Showroom for Kings Oak begins to take shape over coming months until its grand, official opening later in the year.

A Tale of Two Cities

John Maiden

"It was the best of times; it was the worst of times." This profound statement was used by Charles Dickens to set the scene for "A Tale of Two Cities" and it seems equally appropriate when describing the mixed fortunes of Norwich City in Easter Week.

On Easter Monday the Canaries beat Tottenham 2-1 at White Hart Lane, despite the fact that referee, Michael Oliver failed to award a penalty when it was clear to everyone in the stadium, or watching on television, that first Grant Holt, then Aaron Wilbraham were on the receiving end of blatant foul play.

This was clearly the best of times for Norwich City, but six days later Manchester City came to Carrow Road and inflicted a 6-1 defeat on the Canaries.

This might have been the worst of times had it not been for the Canary fans applauding their team off the pitch at the final whistle in appreciation of the effort put in by the players, not just in the game they had just witnessed, but throughout the season.

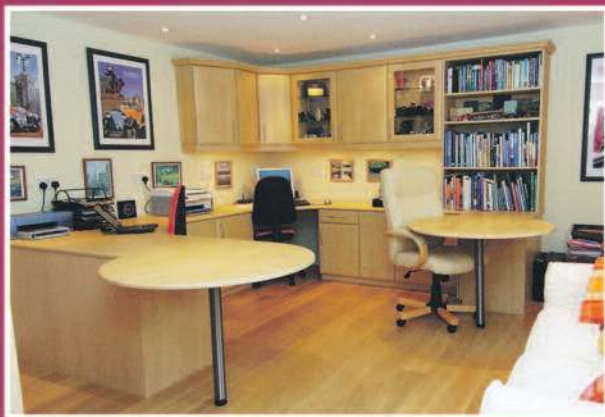
Perhaps they also called to mind the 7-1 defeat inflicted by Colchester United at Carrow Road on the opening day of the 2009/10 season and reflected on just how far the club has progressed since that time.

Within days of that setback – which may be seen as a blessing in disguise – Paul Lambert had left Colchester to become manager of Norwich. The rest, as the saying goes, is history. His achievement in taking Norwich from League One to mid-table in the Premier League is made all the more remarkable when one compares the vast sums of money available to Roberto Mancini for transfers and wages, with the modest budget at the disposal of Paul Lambert.

At the time of compiling these notes there are still four games to play, but while Canary fans enjoy the best of times, by simply surviving in the top flight for another season; it will probably feel like the worst of times for Manchester City fans if they finish second in the title race behind Manchester United!

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Volunteering in West Norfolk

Are you interested in finding out about volunteering opportunities in your local community? If so come along to West Norfolk Voluntary and Community Action Information stand at: Hunstanton Library Friday 8th June 10.30am - 12.30pm Refreshments provided.

For further information contact Hunstanton Library on 01485 532280 or WNVCA on 01553 760568.

Fix it Fridays

Look out for our Fix it Fridays coming soon - offering help using computers and the Internet

For further information about any of these events please contact the library on (01485) 532280

THE BURNHAMS GARDEN CLUB



Holkham Walled Gardens

All Burnhams Garden Club meetings take place in Burnham Market Village Hall on the second Monday of each month excluding August when there is no meeting. The annual membership fee is currently £5 00. The entrance fee for members is £1. 00 per meeting unless otherwise stated. The charge for visitors is £2.00. Meetings start at

7.30 pm. This fee includes refreshments.

The next meeting will be on Monday 14th May when the Head Gardener at Holkham Hall, Tim Marshall will be speaking to us. He has chosen the title "What am I doing with the Walled Gardens"

The Holkham Walled Gardens covers five and a half acres and was originally laid out by Samuel Wyatt during the late 1700's. Complete restoration will take 4/5 years and is now in its 3rd year.

We welcome visitors to all our Meetings and Events.

Go online to the "holkham walled gardens blog" and then come to our meeting to meet the man in charge of the restoration.

Eileen Sibson
Chairman

Peggy Batchelor

Many people locally may either have been taught by her, seen her adjudicate at festivals or may have heard 95 year old Peggy Batchelor speak at a variety of events about her amazing life. Some locals may even have served with her in ENSA, or have been entertained by her during the Second World War in West Africa, the Middle East or India.

Always after hearing of her amazing exploits, someone would ask if Peggy had written a book. She had not, which was a matter of regret to her, but now that has been remedied. Peggy granted Carole Hawkins of Clarence Court, the honour of writing her biography, *Never a Dull Moment*. The book incidentally contains a reference to someone currently living in Hunstanton!!

This is the story of Peggy, whose first performance was as Baby Peggy of the Wembley Tattoo in 1925, who went on to entertain the troops in ENSA during the war, who pursued a varied acting career, involving broadcasting at the 1948 Olympics, working for the BBC and in theatre, and who then had a successful career in education. It is a story of adventure, of shipwrecks and of tigers and colourful characters. It is a love

story but above all, it is the story of a truly remarkable and unique woman.

Copies of the self published book, signed by both Peggy and Carole, can be purchased at Witleys priced £11.95 or ordered from www.authorhouse.co.uk ISBN 978-1-4678-8250-7.

Peggy and Carole do so hope you will enjoy reading *Never a Dull Moment*.

The Creakes Gardeners Club

On Wednesday 23rd May The Creakes Gardeners Club have organised an outing to Hindringham Hall Gardens. 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

St Mary's North Creake Church Fete

This annual event will take place on Sunday May 6th from 2 to 4.30pm. To include: Raffle, Tombola, Plant, Books & Cake Stalls plus Bric a Brac & Linen Sales.

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Cinema in The Creakes

On Thursday 31st May in North Creake Village Hall at 7.30pm, Cinema in The Creakes will be screening the film "The Artist" (Cert 12A)

The Winner of five Oscars this year, the film made in 2011 but set in 1927, just before the advent of the talkies, this rich black and white silent film is an amazing triumph.

Starring Jean Dujardin, Berenice Bejo, Missi Pyle & John Goodman and a brilliant Jack Russell called Uggie.

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.

Thornham Village Cinema

The film for May is 'HUGO' and it will be screened on Wednesday 30th May in the Drill Hall. The bar opens at 7pm and the film starts at 7.30pm. To book your tickets please call 0781 802 8687.

In this 1930s-set adaptation of Brian Selznick's Caldecott-winning novel, 12-year-old Hugo (Asa Butterfield) is an orphan who lives in a Paris train station. His prized possession is an automaton (mechanical man) that his late father rescued from museum archives before his death. Hugo steals from the various shops at the train station to get by, but when he attempts to swipe a wind-up mouse from eccentric toy seller Georges (Ben Kingsley), he embarks on an adventure that leads him to uncover exactly what the automaton is and why it's important. "Papa" Georges' orphaned goddaughter, Isabelle (Chloë Grace Moretz), befriends the mysterious Hugo, and the two explore the train station and Paris at large while evading the station inspector (Sacha Baron Cohen), who's notorious for sending unaccompanied kids to the orphanage.

To view a trailer of Hugo and other films coming soon to Thornham, please visit www.thornhamvillage.co.uk The Artist will be screened on 27th June.

The Village Cinema celebrated its 1st anniversary with The Help on 21st March with a full house in the evening and booking numbers resulted in a matinee show.



Cinema volunteers celebrate 1st anniversary.... Tony Morris, Liz Atkins, Roger Green, Ann Staveley, Sam Staveley, Chris Burland, Sue Burland, David Hiscox.

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Hunstanton “Portas Pilot” Application

Mike Ruston

You have read about it in the Lynn News. What does it mean for us, the residents, the businesses, the visitors, the young and the not so young? I will try to explain it without jargon. Mary Portas suggested to the Government, her ideas for livening up Town Centres. They have mostly been accepted.

To test her ideas, twelve towns across the country will be picked to be pilot schemes and the winners each get £100,000 grant to do it. The competition is fierce and the odds very long. Our Borough Council has piled in, led and guided the application by Hunstanton Chamber of Trade with support from our Town Council, Civic Society and businesses. All have signed up to work together for the good of the town.

Has the town ever shown such a united effort? A team consisting of 4 town businesses, 2 town councillors and 1 Civic Society member have been hard at work with Chris Bamfield and Alistair Cox sorting ideas to improve the town to include in the application. It has been done in just 3 weeks and submitted. Decision Day is sometime in May.

NOW we have the boost from New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership, who have reviewed 17 applications from Norfolk and Suffolk and selected just 4 to endorse with their approval as being most likely to succeed. We, in HUNSTANTON are one of those 4 they have endorsed. Big first step.

SO WHAT IS IN THE DETAIL?

It is all to do with helping the town centre businesses succeed and prosper. Profitable businesses keep it alive and serve the community, where closing businesses lead to a desert of empty shops. We are lucky that most of our shops are independent and few are empty compared with larger towns. Easy and cheap issues to be tackled are:

1. Reviewing parking rules and charges that deter customers.
2. Better signs from car parks and the A149 into the town and better information points.
3. Ways to attract seafront visitors to venture into the town centre.
3. Better publicity and marketing of events in town. No good setting up an event if no one knows.
4. Market stalls, special markets and other attractions in the town centre area.

Then the serious money is needed.

5. We are not a market town; there is no market square that is a gathering place. There are ideas, nothing more, that more use could be made of the Spinney. Could it be part paved, could there be more seating, could it be used for a small market, crafts, music events? We should keep an open mind, and avoid scaremongering that “all the trees are to be felled and it concreted over”

6. Opportunities for our young people to try their hand at business through use of a market kiosk (called a “Pop up pod”). If it works they are encouraged to take on something more permanent, with continuing advice and help.

7. For businesses that want it, access to a “Shop Doctor” consultant to help and advise them on displays, image, marketing, attractiveness and ways to tap into internet selling to supplement their shop sales.

8. Funding to improve and tidy up the scruffy bits of town that are a turn off.

WHAT HAPPENS IF WE ARE NOT PICKED?

The ideas and priorities are drafted and will proceed. A “Town Team” of volunteers is ready to start, supported by the Borough Council and their staff, The Town Council and Civic Society and will be starting work.

THE BOROUGH COUNCIL

There are lots of things that irritate people and always blamed on “The Borough.”

Who is “The Borough?” Who do we criticise? Is it our three Borough Councillors, all who live in the Town? Is it Chris Bamfield who lived here? Is it Alistair Cox our town centre manager or Chris Durham who leads the team that keep our gardens and open spaces so nice and who lives in town with his family? Is it the men and women who are up before most of us cleaning, unlocking, litter picking and watering? They too live in the town. They all do a great job, are nice people and their feelings are hurt by thoughtless criticism of the “Borough.” Would we say it to their faces? Probably not. So let’s think a bit before we hurt our neighbours?

Café Blah Blahh... Gets Royal Approval

Café Blah Blahh... in Hunstanton, Norfolk has received approval from none other than Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II; who particularly praised their efforts to celebrate Her Diamond Jubilee this year.

Andrew Waddison and Jamie Knight, who own the newly opened business in Westgate, Hunstanton, were surprised to receive a letter postmarked ‘Buckingham Palace’ last week. Upon excitably opening the letter, Andrew and Jamie were delighted to see that it came from The Queen herself!

“It was a complete surprise and something we did not expect” said Andrew. “We have always been huge royalists and The Queen is an inspiration to us all. We are organising a Jubilee Tea Party on Sunday 3rd June in honour of Her Majesty, so for her to thank us personally gives us a huge boost.” Jamie added “We go to Sandringham every Christmas morning to see the Royal Family attend church, and have spoken to The Queen a few times, but the personal letter she sent us tops everything. It just goes to show that she appreciates everything people are doing to celebrate her Jubilee.”

In the letter, The Queen conveys her “appreciation for the thought and planning that is going into Café Blah Blahh...’s Jubilee Celebrations” and wishes “that all your customers have a very happy day on June 3rd.” The Queen further goes on to offer best wishes to Andrew and Jamie with their new business, and thanks them for “sentiments of loyalty and good wishes” towards her and her family.

The Queen also mentions The Diamond Jubilee Trust, which is a Charity she has set up for raise funds for Charities and People of all ages throughout The Commonwealth; and Café Blah Blahh... will be raising money for the Trust throughout the festivities.

The letter from The Queen sits proudly in Café Blah Blahh...; but Andrew and Jamie are unable to let anybody open the envelope and read it.....yet !! The letter contains one last surprise, which Andrew and Jamie are thrilled about. “There is something else in the letter but we have been sworn to secrecy” said Andrew. “All will be revealed soon enough, but we are on Cloud Nine at the moment!”

The Café Blah Blahh... Jubilee Tea Party will be held on Sunday 3rd June between 11am and 3 pm at Café Blahh Blahh... – 72 Westgate – Hunstanton – Norfolk – PE36 5EP. Further details can be found at www.cafeblahblahh.com/jubilee





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Norfolk Wildlife Trust

Gemma Walker

Norfolk Wildlife Trust is running the following free wildlife activities in the area this month.

Awake with the Lark Wildlife Walk

Sunday 6 May, 6-8am

Join Nick Acheson on this early morning stroll around The Walks looking and listening for birds.

Start point: By the Café and toilet block in The Walks, King's Lynn (TF 625199)

Details: Free, no need to book. Distance, 1 mile.

Beginner's Guide to Bumblebee Identification Adult Wildlife Workshop

Sunday 6 May, 10am-2pm

This workshop will introduce you to the main bumblebee species found in Norfolk and show you how to identify them.

Location: Green Quay and Harding's Pits

Details: Free. Booking essential – 01603 598333

Beginner's Guide to Surveying Birds Adult Wildlife Workshop

Wednesday 16 May, 10am-1pm

Would you like to know how to make your bird sightings count? This workshop shows you how to carry out a simply bird survey and what to do with your records.

Location: Green Quay and Harding's Pits

Details: Free. Booking essential – 01603 598333

How to Carry out a Plant Survey Adult Wildlife Workshop.

Saturday 19 May, 10am-4pm

Carrying out a simple plant survey can really open your eyes to what is around you. This workshop will hopefully inspire you to explore your garden, parks and wider countryside in search of wild flowers.

Location: Green Quay and Harding's Pits

Details: Free. Booking essential – 01603 598333

Beginner's Guide to the Reptiles of Norfolk Adult Wildlife Workshop

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The residents of Hill Street

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Many thanks to Nicola Wallace who took the initiative and largely organised the event and also to all those who participated and attended during the course of the morning. The sale ran from 8am to about 1:30pm and raised a total of £218 to help pay for a street closure permit and entertainment for the Jubilee celebrations.

Given the success of the event and the genuine community feel created it is likely that it will be repeated next year. Maybe other Hunstanton neighbourhoods might like to get in on the act and have a go themselves over the coming months!



Thursday 24th May– 7.30pm

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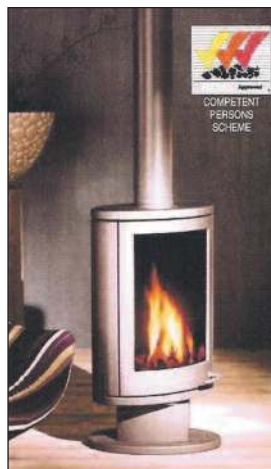
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David Reeve gave a tremendous talk on "Protecting the Royals"; some of the outline of what was involved when he was responsible for the RPS unit at Sandringham and some highly amusing situations he was involved with. I must recommend getting David Reeve to give his presentation to any charity organisation you may be involved with. It gave a very interesting take on the Prevention of Terrorism, which unfortunately is an ever present threat to us all and more so the Royals. Thank God for people such as David, who have a tremendous commitment, carrying such responsibility.

Another feat executed with cool efficiency was the preparation of well over 100 servings of excellent Fish and Chips. Micks Plaice, the mobil "chippy" did a wonderful job and Mick and his colleague Andy also made a donation. Super thanks and well done! I am more than prepared to recommending these two great fish and chip fryers for any function you might feel provides something unusual in the way of Catering.

Going back to commitment, our crews, especially the new recruits have that and we must equal that with our commitment to fund raising. "The Spirit of West Norfolk" our IRB and "Hunstanton Flyer" hovercraft, both need fuelling and maintaining, equipment needs replacing and training the crews is on going. Its wonderful to know that "the charity that saves lives at sea" is there, but it needs constant income and Local people and organizations have always been superb with their givingPlease continue especially as we have no Government Funding. We also need volunteers for collections at Tescos Supermarkets in the area, more on that very soon, details and who to get in touch with will appear in the next issue.

Incidentally, we will be very soon putting photos of people at events on a website, details soon.

The dates for Tesco's box collections are Fri 18th and Sat 19th of May.

We need volunteers for these dates, if you can help please contact a committee member or myself and I will pass on details as we have to work out a rota, please let us know what times you would be available. In anticipation of your help ..Many thanks

Any questions please don't hesitate to contact me, John Marrow on Mob: 07970217225, Email: jm_lboatgpo@hotmail.co.uk

If I cant help I'll be able to point you in the right direction.

News from Hunstanton Lifeboat Station

Geoff Needham

Friday 6th April at 10.40 p.m. Yarmouth Coastguard requested launch of Hunstanton Lifeboat to assist police at Kings Lynn, 25 minutes into launch, as the lifeboat neared the mouth of the river Ouse, Yarmouth CG. stood the lifeboat down to return to station, police had the person

in their care, and no further assistance was needed, boat returned to station, was washed down, refuelled and crew went home at 11.45 p.m.

On Sunday 25th March Nick Skerritt the landlord of The King William at Sedgeford visited the station with his daughter Taylor, and presented to the Hunstanton RNLI a cheque, for the amount of £1430.00 which the pub had raised on a curry night, held to raise funds for the station, this brings to a grand total of £1500.00 raised by Nick and his staff and family member's, in recent years, a big thanks to all at the King William, from all the crew at Hunstanton.

Resulting from our recent appeal, for new volunteers to join the lifeboat as crew, it has been very successful, with four new recruits, being taken on, and two more in the pipeline, if you think you fit the bill, come along and have a chat, we still need you.

Easter Sunday the crew held their annual Easter egg hunt, specially organised by crew and their wives, this is a family event, the youngsters have to collect a number of different items listed, that can be found along the tide line, then they have to find the eggs hidden around the boathouse, the eggs are numbered, and whoever finds the egg, with the number that has been placed in a sealed envelope, wins the big egg, this years winner was Emily Darby,

Easter Monday, the station took part in Radio Norfolk's "Treasure Quest" programme, listeners have to work out cryptic clues, and instruct Becky and her team to find the destination to where the treasure is hidden, Becky Betts, (Norfolk's answer to Anneka Rice) Becky's task, before she could find the next clue, she had to don a dry suit, with the help of Mike Darby, Gavin and Leesa, she was kited up in full gear, and then had to board the hovercraft to find clue No 10.

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Many people now choose to remember a loved one by donating to a favourite cause in their memory. We recognise that this is always a very difficult time for family and friends as they mourn the loss of a loved one. The Norfolk Hospice has created a large seascape mural inside the hospice and we are offering Sea Horses for people to have engraved with their own individual message. The seahorses will provide a beautiful array on the mural within the hospice walls. Jackie Cameron, Fundraising Manager, said "We chose the Seahorse as it is Snettisham's village sign and we felt it linked us to the coastal area. The Seascape Mural was produced by Mick Grady, Tony Downing and Richard Bosly from Magdalen Art Group, and we would like to convey special thanks to them for giving their time in creating this picturesque mural. We would also like to thank Brewers Decorators Merchants of Kings Lynn for supplying the paint which has allowed the artists to create the ideal surrounding for a Sea of Remembrance".

Memory Seahorses can be purchased at £3 per month via the Fundraising Office at the hospice or on our website, 01485 542891/www.norfolkhospice.org.uk. Your gift will go directly toward our vital work, caring for local people, now and in the future.

Father and Daughter Charity Bike Ride

On the 29th March Paul Johnson and his daughter Hayley completed a charity bike ride, cycling the 45 miles from Norwich to Old Hunstanton. They were raising money for the new Red Wellies Charity which has been set up in memory of Lisa Wiles, who sadly died from a rare form of brain cancer called Glioblastoma Multiforme (GBM). This cancer only receives 0.7% of all cancer funding, so her family are busy fund raising. Hayley is a journalism student in Norwich with Lisa's daughter, Shannen.



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News from the Civic Society

The last talk of the 2011 / 2012 series is to be given on Tuesday 15th. May by Tim Thorpe and is entitled "The History of Frederick Savage – Victorian Engineer of King's Lynn". The talks begin at 7.30 in the Town Hall. Entry is free to members but visitors are charged £3 including coffee and biscuits.

New members joining now will have their membership valid until September 2013. The fee is £ 10 for an individual and £ 18 for a couple at the same address. Life membership is also available at ten times the annual fee.

On 20th. March, Tim Clayton gave a detailed account of his life's work as jeweler and showed several exquisite pieces that he had designed and made. A vote of thanks was given by Margaret Robinson as seen on the picture below.



As a follow up to the talk in October 2011, on 28 March, 18 members went to visit the Hall House that was moved from Ware in Hertfordshire by Miss May Savidge and is now run as a bed and breakfast establishment in Wells by her niece by marriage, Christine Adams. The next visit is to be on Wednesday September 26th to Southwold to see the pier and possibly also Adnams brewery.

Some special events are being planned over the summer months. June 23rd is Civic Day when events will be taking place all around the country. John Maiden will be leading a tour of the town's notable buildings starting from the Tourist Information Centre at 2 pm that is the day before the Carnival when the Civic Society will have a stall on The Green. On Wednesday 1st August, Sonia Reveley from English Nature will be leading a fossil hunt along the beach. This has been an extremely popular family event in the past 2 years. The meeting place is on the North Promenade at 10.30. A limited number of goggles and hammers will be available.

Hunstanton St. Edmund owes its origin to the foresight and planning of Henry Styleman le Strange. The Civic Society plans to mark the 150th anniversary of his untimely death on 27 July 1862 with a talk in the Town Hall to be given by Kath Fryer, the author of "A fine Strong Boy". Three framed pictures of a portrait of Henry Styleman le Strange are to be unveiled in the Town Hall, Tourist Information Centre and in the Golden Lion Hotel.

As a result of public pressure, the intention of using the Community Field as an overflow car park has been shelved. Hopefully the new orchard and wild flowers can continue to flourish and expand. The potential loss of car park spaces from the sale of land opposite Tesco to Marston's Brewery is now to be compensated for by marking out the South Beach Road car park. It is expected that planning applications will be submitted soon relating to the Marston's Restaurant and to the expansion of Tesco's store and partial use of the sheep field for parking with the remainder being used for affordable

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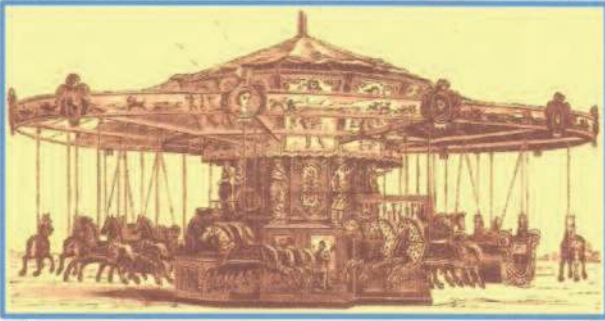
housing.

In addition to awaiting news of our application to the Heritage Lottery Fund to fund a new pier, the Civic Society is actively pursuing the protection of the rail track bed; the preservation and possible re-location of the shelter on Chapel Bank; participating in the plans in conjunction with the Chamber of Trade to revitalize the town centre along the lines of the Mary Portas review.

If you wish to be part of these exciting activities and developments, please come and join us. 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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Sylvia Pratt

The speaker at our May meeting will be Professor Walter Blaney talking about Charles Darwin - His Life and Legacy.

We meet at the Community Centre, Avenue Road on Monday 21st May at the meeting starts at 2pm.

Concert at Docking

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APRIL SHOWERS

Joanna

Yes at last we have had some rain! I must admit it isn't nearly enough but it helps and the birds really appreciated it. During one of the early showers I was watching them in the garden and they behaved a bit as if they had had a beer too many. Very busy, much seemingly useless movement, a spark in their eyes and much feeding, got to get something inside to ward off the effects!! Today 10th April, I went along to NOA and the fields along the marsh were wet and again much feeding activity, several Blacktailed Godwits, Curlews and a Ruff were all finding ground probing much easier.

Spring migration is tantalisingly close; there are some Wheatears about, reports of occasional Swallows and Chiff Chaff singing in the woodlands, there are still odd numbers of winter migrants about with reports of a small flock of Fieldfares seen locally, there is still a flock of some 2 hundred Pinkfeet around, was the view I had of them today the last time until next winter? Only time will tell and noting the last time one sees a migrant is much harder than recording the first of the year.

I have a great watch tower view from my bedroom window and sometimes I spot things without stirring from my bed! Mind you it doesn't compare with the view I had from bed at the farm, which was a view across the Leeds Liverpool Canal, up the hillside to a folly and across country to Pendle Hill, some 4 miles away as the crow flies. Still the other morning there were several Herring Gulls swooping around the roofs, this is unusual as they rarely venture on to the estate area. As I watched more Gulls joined them and I was beginning to wonder what food had been thrown out when a Grey Heron lumbered into the air and flew away dodging the attacks of the assorted gulls. I suspect someone has a pond in their back garden and maybe they are short of some fish! I have also been watching Hares in the field there has been much chasing around and follow the girl games over the last few weeks, now how ever it seems to have calmed down a bit with just 3 or 4 Hares singly feeding or settling in their forms. The other thing that caught my eye this afternoon, was a skirmish. My stiff upper lip Grey Partridge male was not going to put up with an intruder after 'her in doors' he turned from a gentleman into a bruiser in seconds flat, saw off the opposition and quietly made his way back to the Mrs, and became the cool calm collected Partridge I am used to watching. There is also at least one pair of French Partridge sharing the field and they are noisy!

There is still much activity at the feeding stations but there are changes even there. I seem to have lost my group of Tree Sparrows or they have turned into Yellow Hammers. Not true I know but they have probably gone off to build and breed away from the hedge and I now get 3 or 4 Yellow Hammers visiting on a daily basis. The males really are fabulous birds with the yellow heads glowing even in poor light. There is also a visiting flock of bachelor House Sparrows. I get a group of around 8 dropping in and having a good feed, whether they are Bachelors or just absentee husbands whilst the Mrs does the laying and sitting I really don't know. They are great fun to watch.

The back fields have also played host to a huge flock of gulls just after dawn, I suspect they had left their night roost and were having a last chat before heading off to day time feeding. They were too far away to decide on their type and they only stayed for about 5 minutes before taking off and thermaling upwards to split up and go different ways.

On the flowers front I have found my first Ground Ivy to add to the Red-dead Nettle, Dandelions, Daisies, Alexanders and Gorse. Also the hedges are white with blossom and the woods are beginning to show the colour range that says trees are about to bust into leaf. In the bright April sunshine with the fluffy white Cumulus clouds it looks glorious,

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until I put my nose out of doors and I realise it is cold and still only early April.

What is there to look forward to? By the time you get the Magazine through your letterbox the Swallows and House Martins should be here in numbers, as long as there are no weather disasters awaiting them as they cross Europe. If they haven't all been shot out of the sky we should be able to find Turtle Doves soft purring, and Nightingales may be lurking in the undergrowth with their much loved songs.

The bluebell woods should be in full bloom or even passed their best, depending on the weather in the next few weeks. The woods and other trees should also be in full leaf, hopefully still with the subtly different colouring of fresh leaves. The Cowslip fields are beginning to flourish again but will be past their best by the time you read this the May Blossom will replace the white blossoms of the Black and White Thorn.

Finally joy of joys the great love of my bird life will be appearing to cleave the skies with their sickle wings. It will be time for the Swifts to return. Praise the Lord so much to look forward to and so much to look back on as we swing from winter into summer.

A progress report

Tobias Nicholls

For all the planning, it's hard to believe that the first leg of the 'Empty Stage' Tour 2012 is nearly over! There's definitely been a learning curve that's come with it too. I would be lying if I said everything has gone according to plan!

In January, 'Purple Dreams Productions' ceased being a 'local am dram' group and started its first professional tour. So far the group have performed 'Silent Echo', its original thriller, in such places as (locally) Wells-Next-The-Sea and Wisbech, and further afield such as Brentwood, East Grinstead and Nottingham. Our mission statement – spread the word, let theatres know we exist.

The learning curve I mentioned refers to how to do that effectively. As a new company offering original material, it's a big ask getting people to fork out their hard earned cash to spend it on a night out watching you. What IS the best way? Newspaper adverts, articles, radio ads, interviews... We've dealt with a lot of people and many different ways of how venues work. Some have bent over backwards to help a business starting out whilst others sit back, let you do all the work and then try to charge you for it.

If I'm going to be entirely honest with you – have there been enough bums on seats? No. But... Am I disheartened? No. Why? Because those who have sat down and watched have praised the production. Sure, "everyone's a critic" as they say, but when you have complete strangers pay to see your work and then hang back afterwards, to meet the cast and congratulate you on the different aspects of your work, you can't help but smile, and get the impression what you're doing is worth it.

The first 13 week leg of the tour is nearly over, but don't think we're holding back. Because straight away we begin our second leg. And positive word of mouth has proved our ally. We expected to retire 'Silent Eco' at the end of April, but we have had a venue request it! However, May sees us kick off our brand new production – 'Kissing Angels'. If a dark complex thriller wasn't your cup of tea then maybe this comedy will be up your street? I wanted to do something fluffy and light, that would perhaps put a smile on your face. A reviewer for 'Silent Echo' said it was a:

"cross between an Agatha Christie and The Big Bang Theory with a smattering of Hollyoaks thrown in"

In the same vein I'd say 'Kissing Angels' is my Legally Blonde with a touch of Dogma. We kick off the second tour with our first local performance at the King's Lynn Arts Centre on Sunday 13th May and

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will be taking this new offering to a host of new venues, including The Spa, Bridlington, as well as a returning to some old favourites such as Broadbent Theatre in Wickenby, finishing up back at The Granary in Wells in August.

Does it stop there? No way. This is only the beginning, with a third touring production starting in September, as well as many more exciting ventures. A massive thank you to everyone who has helped us and to those who have supported us along the way. The future isn't just bright – it's purple!



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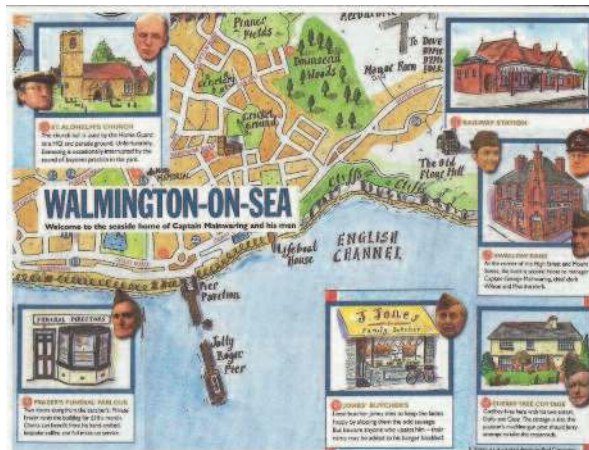
In March, "All the King's men" was shown again on "Yesterday".

It tells the story of the workers from the Sandringham Estate who went to fight in World War I and never returned. On the day before they left, the men and spent a day in Hunstanton, but when it came to filming those scenes in 1999, Cromer, with its Pier, became the setting!

It is a theory of mine that Hunstanton would have benefitted, aesthetically, as well as commercially, had its Victorian Character been better protected. One has only to visit "Last of the Summer Wine" country to see what happens when a town, or an area, is used for filming. Closer to home, "Kingdom" could have been filmed here, rather than in Swaffham and Wells.

However, our biggest loss was not becoming Walmington-on-Sea for "Dad's Army". But perhaps it's not too late, because when showing a picture of the world famous fictional seaside town to someone recently, he thought I was proposing to recreate the "Jolly Roger Pier" here and now, in Hunstanton!

Not such a bad idea, I thought. Thetford might not like it, but Breckland is not on the coast and we are; so if the cash is ever made available - either from the HLF or elsewhere - why not commemorate our heroic efforts during the war years (we had a Home Guard here too) by building a Pier incorporating a World War II museum, or a heritage centre and, of course, a Dad's Army theatre or cinema...



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John Harris is hoping to arrange transport back after the show, leaving King's Lynn at approx 10.30pm for those who would find the journey home difficult or otherwise be deterred from attending. Call 01485 571995 and leave a message with contact details please.

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Reception Duties

Norman Whye

One morning, the Chief Executive walked into my office with a sly grin on his face, and after acknowledging my greeting, informed me that I was to be prepared to go on a course on garage service reception. I understood that the course was to be held in a hotel in a small town about six miles further down the road, and that a newly acquired second hand car was to be used to convey me to and from home to this hotel. I pointed out that my own little car was quite capable of handling the extra journey anyway, but he waved his hand against this offer, and the grin spread all over his face as he announced that the hotel was in a small cathedral city in Somerset, "Just down the road" he grinned, "give you some experience of motorways, and motorway refreshment stops!" He then proceeded to hand me the necessary paperwork with the instructions of the hotel, and the course that I was to attend.

When the date of my course approached, I told the steward of my local club that I would not be in the Club for a few days, as I was going on a course. When he heard where I was planning to go, the steward then proceeded to hand me a couple of empty half gallon bottles, and asked me to bring back some of the "scrumpy" cider, that the local people brewed down there. I was also told not to go and drink too much of the stuff, as that severe after effects would occur if I did so, and not to drop the bottles on the way back.

The appointed day arrived, and I set off on my journey, planning to stop about half way and take a meal break. The weather was fine and dry, and the car soon happily ate up the miles. About half way, I stopped and enjoyed a break at a motorway service station. The reader should appreciate that this episode happened many years before the crowded roads and difficult manoeuvres that are a way of life on our roads today. After finishing my meal, I proceeded, and eventually arrived at my destination, where I asked a passing pedestrian for directions, and finally found myself in the reception area of the plush hotel.

There was no-one at the reception desk, but a door at the back was ajar and while I waited at the desk I heard a voice, in soft rounded country tones murmur, "Cum ere, an let oi luv ee!" and immediately a pretty young lady entered, glancing angrily behind her, and proceeded to smile, and greet me into the hotel, and enquire as to my purpose. I received the key to my room, and was told where to find the venue of the course. I then proceeded to my room to freshen up after the journey.

The course was interesting, and involved several facets of garage reception work. However there was one item which I found to be very useful, and I still remember it to this very day, although many people take it for granted that it is not very necessary, but it involved as to how to answer the telephone, and not necessarily just at a garage reception desk.

"You must first appreciate that the person on the other end of your 'phone cannot see you, and that you cannot see them," the instructor proceeded, "You do not know that they are in the middle of their meal, requiring urgently to go to the lavatory, enjoying sex with their wife, or girlfriend, or both!" He frowned at our sniggers, and proceeded, "and that they do not realise that you have a queue of people urgently awaiting your assistance, wanting to pay their bill, or needing to explain something urgently to you. You have to be friendly, courteous, sympathetic, and knowledgeable, and not to engage in lengthy conversation about the weather, football, and the like, in detail. You have to quickly analyse their situation, the time needed to attend to it, and where, and when to contact them about their requirements later." He concluded, "When you return to your workplace, just see how many of these points you can apply, the moment that the 'phone rings in your office."

Later that day, found a lovely little back-street pub, and entered, to

find that the wall behind the bar had the ends of very large barrels protruding from it. I had the two empty bottles from the club at home, filled with this particularly local cider, which was slightly cloudy and quite potent to consume. I thanked and returned the friendly warm greetings, spoken in rich local dialect, (which I replied to in my broadest Norfolk), and returned to my car, and continued home, making the whole journey without any breaks or problems.

Returning to work, early the next day, before the office staff had arrived, I answered the urgent, general department call of the main telephone and heard a voice angrily state, "Thass broke agin! Yew'ed better cum and fix the bugger proper this time!" the telephone was slammed down before I could answer.

To this day, I never found out who that angry caller was, or where he was from, or what he was talking about.

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Miriam Hodson

The clocks have gone forward and we are now enjoying British Summer Time ! ? !

Incidentally, my husband and I had not remembered to alter our clocks and unless our daughter had not called us we would have arrived an hour late to Church and as we were on coffee duty there would have been no after-service coffee !! After a bit of a rush we made it, albeit a bit later than normal but enough time to get everything ready and compose ourselves!!

As the warmer weather arrives we tend to pack away our "winter wardrobe" and bring our "summer wardrobe" out. I guess with all the various celebrations during the Queens Diamond Jubilee there will be lots of lovely outfits bought for the various garden parties etc. Also the Olympic uniforms will have now been decided. Clothing to suit all shapes and sizes and colours which suit the person and team - expensive or not-so-expensive clothing for all occasions.

Did you know that God uses clothing in the Bible to tell us about ourselves and how we stand before him?

Many believe that doing good works will earn us a way to heaven, but the Bible tells us that "all our righteousness is as filthy rags". and that because of our unrighteousness - sins - we are unable to approach a Holy God.

God still loves us and longs to have a relationship with us, so He made a way for us to get rid of our "filthy rags".

In Isaiah chapter 61 verse 10 we read "He has clothed me with the garments of salvation and has covered me with the clothes of righteousness".

A chorus we sing based on that goes like this,

"I will greatly rejoice in the Lord

My soul shall be joyful and be glad

For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation

He has covered me with the robes of righteousness".

How can we receive this "clothing"?

God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, into our world - who lived a sinless life so that He could bear the punishment we deserve for our sins.

As another old chorus says,

"What can wash our sins away

Nothing but the blood of Jesus"

So because Jesus shed His precious blood on the cross at Calvary, God no longer sees us in our "filthy rags" our "sin", but in Jesus' righteousness.

We are justified by faith "just as if we had never sinned".

To receive these "garments of salvation" we must personally ask for God's forgiveness and receive Jesus into our lives as Saviour and friend.

Nothing to pay - Jesus has paid the highest price - the ultimate price with His life and the "size " fits all.

God warns us in Hebrews chapter 2 verse 3. "How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation" and in 2 Corinthians chapter 6 v 2 "Now is the day of salvation".

We only did not heed the warning to alter our clocks, but our life for now and Eternity relies on us heeding Gods warning - no comparison whatsoever.

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Greetings from the manse,

I never thought I would be mentioning the reality TV programme "Big Brother" in an article. I know a little bit about it but have never watched it myself. The format has been franchised around the world and for whatever reason has proved hugely popular. If you, like me, have been living on a different planet when it comes to any TV Reality show, you will need to know that Big Brother puts hungry fame seeking people into a sealed house in a secret location and hope that sparks will fly in front of the cameras. That's about all there is to know except that the contestants hope to win a lot of money if they survive each "eviction" from the house, this is determined by public phone vote, and they all hope to be turned into instant celebrities. When the show played out in Israel this year there was a surprising twist. The TV producers engineered the guest list to include the almost obligatory off the wall and off beat characters that would fall out and fall in to order. This year they set up a potential confrontation between a former army officer and a pro-Palestinian Israeli, both selected for their extreme views. Amazingly two things happened that departed from what was hoped would boost ratings. The first was that the two men bonded and as the programme ran its course they developed a strong friendship that moderated their extreme views. The harshness of political and other views gave way to the people behind them. The second was that the Israeli public who were following the show took to the young man whose views they ordinarily wouldn't have given house room to, no pun intended! The series has so far received some of the highest viewer ratings Israeli TV has ever had (an average of three in 10 Israelis a night). On public phone ins discussing what was happening comments such as "they just have the most amazing conversations; very calm, very un-Big Brother-like, were typical. Another commented, "I think that's one of the only things I like about this reality show: the dialogues are very representative of the political discourse that goes on in this country. Percentage-wise, it's probably the equivalent to what's going on outside the house as well. It is very symbolic of what is going on in Israel." And someone else said. "I don't agree with everything he says. There are harsh things he has said about soldiers that were really hard to listen to. But he doesn't stoop to bickering - he has a backbone and he never steps down from a well-

mannered discussion. That is why most Israelis love him."

This is I think amazing and extraordinary and gives hope to the world that differences can be settled peacefully, by talking, understanding forgiving, by seeing and accepting the humanity of the other; in a word by the surprising love that can grow in the unlikely places and break down barriers. As we celebrate the festival of Pentecost may the Spirit of God in Jesus be poured out again on all flesh as it was on that day which brought people together. May the Spirit of God help us dream our dreams for a world of peace, justice and love.

With every Pentecostal blessing,
Rev. Kim Nally.

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CHRISTIAN YOUTH GROUP

We are a Christian youth group who meet on the third Saturday each month for music, games and a chat plus the all-important Jaffa Cakes. Then there is the debate on whether a Jaffa Cake is a cake or a biscuit, but they all get eaten before we decide.

We meet at Dersingham Church Hall from 10am till 12 noon and it costs just £1 (to cover the Jaffa Cakes !). If you are aged 10 -14 and fancy coming give me a ring or just turn up. You will get a warm welcome.

Our next dates are as follows: 19th May and 16th June.

For more info call Steve Loft on 07425145887 (Crowns Trust).

The 6 churches of the Saxon Shore from St Mary's Old Hunstanton to St Mary's Burnham Deepdale

"Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,
And Summer's lease hath all too short a date;"

So runs one of Shakespeare's most romantic sonnets. And indeed the weather remains unpredictable. No sooner did we have a local hose-pipe ban imposed than it rained pretty convincingly after Easter. That worked wonders for my allotment but the sun still seemed to contain very little actual warmth.

Most people are familiar with the saying "Ne'er caste a clout till May is out." However I feel sure that very few people know what it means.

In Old English a clout is a blow to the head but it is also a clod of earth, or cream, or it is a layer of clothing. That last definition is where our saying comes from. In other words "Don't take off a layer of clothing until May is out." And I'm afraid the word May is a little ambiguous too. It is probably not the month but the Hawthorn bush, May blossom. We've certainly seen plenty of that this year for weeks now. So really our old English saying amounts to not trusting the weather to warm up until about now. Well even that would seem a little doubtful to me.

In this age it is amazing what odd things and people we are asked to put our trust in, and not just about the weather. I'm sure you know as well as I do that "Trust in the Lord" has been the cry of believers way back to the ancient book of Proverbs and beyond. Even more sensible are the words of Jesus that begin "who can add a single hour to their life by worrying?"

So while my mind is dwelling on Old English I can sing away merrily on my bike that familiar hymn that ends "Oh thou who changest not, abide with me." It keeps me cheerful while I'm dodging

the showers !

Rev'd Christopher Wood. Rector.

A big thank you to my colleagues for helping with Services over Easter. Over 600 people were at Communion in the 6 churches of the Saxon Shore benefice that morning. Well done also to the wardens and the flower arrangers for all their work for the festive weekend.

On April 29th there is a Benefice Service only at Brancaster at 4pm. Do come to the Songs of Praise with refreshments to celebrate the centenary of Brancaster's Organ.

Bible study begins again on Monday April 30th at 7pm at the Rectory, Broad Lane, Brancaster, when we return to St Paul. All are welcome to our informal discussion.

Christian Aid week begins on May 13th when we remember the poorest countries of the world. Gift envelopes are available in all our churches. Return them to church or to me please.

Ascension Day is Thursday 17th May and the Service will be at 9.30am at St Mary's Old Hunstanton.

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'A CHANGE IS 'GONNA' COME'

Daniel Holland Pastor The Way

The last month has been a busy and enjoyable one for us at The Way. In some ways not much has changed; we are all still loving and following Jesus as we always seek to do, but in other ways it feels as if a great deal has changed. I have taken over from my father in law Gordon as pastor after 22 years of his faithful ministry. We have planned for this transition for a long time, there are no sudden shocks; but as Gordon has (figuratively speaking) handed me his baby, the sense of trust and responsibility given to me is awesome. Gordon will

still be here so I can draw on his wisdom and experience.

I have never felt more dependent on God and cast upon his grace which is a very healthy thing. God has encouraged me regularly with some verses from the book of Joshua. Joshua was charged with leading God's people Israel, who had been set free from slavery in Egypt and brought out by Moses, into the Promised Land. As Joshua took the leadership 'baton' from Moses, God commissioned him with these words:

'I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses.....Do not let this book of the law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you will be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.' (Joshua 1v 3-9)

We feel a momentum at the Way, it is hard to articulate and even more difficult to plan for in any human way, but we know that God is on the move in Hunstanton. It is not just a time of new leadership but of us moving forward as a family into all that God has for us. It will probably not be easy, we will have to face our fears and insecurities and we will need God to be with us at every step. We will study his word and seek his strength to obey his command to 'be strong and very courageous'. The rewards, I am certain, will far outweigh any price we might pay. There are exciting adventures that God is inviting us on, and there is no reason we can't begin immediately.

God has not allowed us to get too self-involved, he has pitch forked us into the thick of things. On Easter Sunday it was a privilege to lead the Good Friday march around the town for the first time. To follow this on Easter Sunday we took the good news of Jesus resurrection out on the bandstand. It was a great thrill to pray with someone who gave their life to Jesus, it's always a great time to do this but Easter Sunday is perfect! By the time this article has been published we will have had a concert to thank Gordon for his ministry featuring Godfrey Birtill with as many as a hundred in attendance.

Just small but wonderful signs of what God has in store, please feel welcome to join us on a Sunday morning at 11am (the old magistrates court, Downs Close) or pop into the Mustard Seed (opposite the Princess Theatre) for coffee and a chat and share in our excitement at what God is doing, and will do in the days and months ahead.

West Norfolk Befriending

Pippa May

West Norfolk Befriending works with socially isolated older people living in West Norfolk. Many of our clients are socially isolated due to their role as a carer, or due to a long term physical disability or sensory impairment.

We aim to reduce social isolation and improve life quality by matching isolated older people with a trained CRB checked, and fully inducted volunteer befriender, who will visit them on a regular basis. In addition to offering regular visits such contact helps clients maintain their independence, improves quality of life, identifies risks to health & environment, and where possible facilitates reintegration to community life.

In order to receive the service an assessment is undertaken at your home, and then you will be introduced to a volunteer befriender. All befrienders are reference and police checked, a full induction is undertaken and ongoing support given. As part of the service volunteers will bring to you any relevant current information about other services for example Careline or Fire Risk Assessments.

At least twice a year a social event is held for all clients, volunteers staff and trustees. In January this was held courtesy of Sandringham

Visitors Centre and a summer event is usually held in Dersingham.

If you are interested in receiving the service or becoming a volunteer, (we particularly need more male volunteers) or to support the organization please visit our website or contact the office.

Ringstead Woodland Garden and Walks Group

Ringstead Woodland Garden and Walks Group have voluntarily transformed a disused Chalk pit within the Ringstead Downs, into a now usable community amenity. We completed the first stage of the project, the picnic area, last summer and have now completed the event space and have made good headway on the woodland garden. To celebrate this and the Queens Diamond Jubilee we are holding a Vintage Tea Party in the Chalk pit on Sunday 3rd June 2012 from 1pm til 6pm. There will be a bar, live entertainment, stalls, a hog roast, tea and cake, strawberries and cream and other light refreshments. The children can join in too and bring along a homemade decorated Jubilee Crown and take part in a parade to show off their designs. The competition will be spilt into two age ranges (0-5yrs and 6-11yrs) and the best design from each group will win a prize. We welcome anyone who would be able to volunteer and help us on the day, with setting up the area, helping on stalls and making or donating cakes for our tea and cake stand. Also, if any musicians out there would like to perform on the day please contact Louise Howell on 01485 525606 or Star Brock on 01485 525792. If you are able to help us in any way, it would be very much valued and appreciated. All profits gained from the event will go towards the upkeep and continued transformation of the area. Please come along and support this voluntary community project and have a great family afternoon out in this beautiful little hotspot in Ringstead. We look forward to seeing you there! (Park up at the Downs entrance at the Ringstead end and follow the signs)

Wild about Wildflowers

Hunstanton in Bloom has joined forces with thousands of community gardening groups up and down the country to celebrate the launch of the Royal Horticultural Society's Britain in Bloom campaign for 2012, by going Wild about Wildflowers. The aim of the RHS is to cover 20,000 square metres of land (equivalent to five acres) with wildflowers ensuring Britain is bursting with biodiversity in 2012.

The photo shows the Richardson family, Lesley and Pat (members of the Hunstanton in Bloom team), assisted by grandchildren Oliver, Grace, and Evie, preparing and sowing the plot in Lighthouse lane with wild flowers seed.



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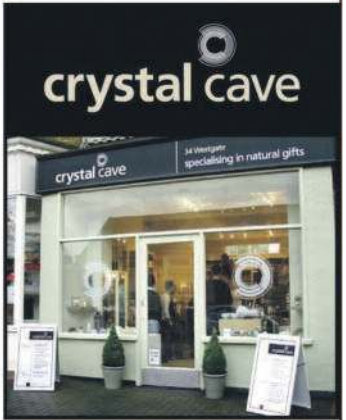
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Hunstanton & District Rotary Club

John Harris

The Rotary Club of Hunstanton and District continues to go from strength to strength, with plans already well advanced for the summer's major events - a weekend at Norton Hill Light Railway on Saturday and Sunday 28th and 29th July, and this year's Kite Festival, due to take place on 19th August on the playing field at Smithdon High School.

Recent speakers at the club's Wednesday lunches have been a representative of the Lions, and David Parish of Blood Bikes (motorcyclists who transport urgent consignments of human blood for transfusion between often far-flung venues). the club has recently gained a number of new members, each of whom has given, or will shortly give, an account of his or her professional and personal life known as a "me talk".

The annual Presidents' Evening, shared with Hunstanton Inner Wheel Club, was held at the Le Strange Arms Hotel on Wednesday 21st March, in honour of Presidents Brian Devlin, who welcomed members and guests, and Linda King, who said grace.

The loyal toast was proposed by Founder Member Michael Thomas, and the toast to both clubs was proposed by Assistant Governor Denis Bishop. Past District Governor Peter Harris responded and proposed a toast to the guests. President Brian Devlin proposed the final toast 'Rotary International and peace throughout the world'.

A raffle for several donated prizes was held, the sum of £150 being raised for the Samaritans. Entertainment was provided by Cliff Allman.

The International and Foundation Committee of the Rotary Club held a dinner at St Edmund's Church Hall on 11th April, with table games and entertainment by Sharon Yates.

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If this is happening to you try a few of these tips or contact me for support:

- Hearing a child read isn't a test. It's a unique time to enjoy sharing books together, an opportunity to praise your child for what they are trying to do and encourage them to try out their newly found skills.

- It has to be FUN or neither of you will want to do it.

- Looking at the pictures first, talking about what is happening, finding out the names of the characters together

BEFORE trying to read a new book is not cheating, it gives the child invaluable information to help them work out what the words might say.

- Sharing reading with the child, taking it in turns to read a sentence or page and reading difficult words for them, all help to keep the sense of what is being read and allows the child to remain engaged and interested in what they are reading.

- Reading is about informed guesswork, using phonic or other clues such as pictures and story line to work out the words. Reading a word wrong doesn't mean the child isn't concentrating but it may mean the child is not using all the clues (just picture) or hasn't yet got the phonic knowledge to be able to make use of the clues given by the letters in the word. Praise the effort (and imagination) shown and draw the child's attention to

the letters in the word. If this doesn't help, tell the child the word and carry on.

- Reading using phonics (the sounds in the word) is complicated especially when vowels are put together. For example ay (day), ai (rain), a-e (same), eigh (eight) all make the same sound. The same combinations of letters can even make different sounds in different words, ow (how) ow (low). Again praise the child's effort and point them in the right direction. Say it could be that- try again. If that doesn't help tell them the sound or read the word, don't make it into an issue. If the child needs help with most words the book is probably too difficult Move on to something he/she can be successful with, and take the hard book back to school.

Reading is a complex skill. It's amazing children master it at all, but most do with example, encouragement and practice. If children see you reading and enjoying it, it's a powerful incentive to master the skill and be able to do it themselves.

If you'd like to find out more about helping your child to read, contact me for details about my Learning Success Workshops. I also offer individual tuition for your child, Programmes that help Dyslexia and Skype/telephone support for the times you want to scream!

Till next month
Happy Reading



Ray Butcher's easy Su Doku for May..

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Wells Deli breathes new life into this High Street corner

The memory of happy family holidays spent in Hunstanton was the reason put forward by Tiffany Turner for opening a branch of the 'Wells Deli' on this corner of the High Street at its junction with Greevegate.

"It all stems from spending summer days at our beach hut, here in Hunstanton," she explained. "Thankfully the town has changed very little and retains the feel of a proper 'seaside town' with genuinely friendly residents, including our landlord and very kind business neighbours."

There is already a well established 'Wells Deli' in 'Wells next the Sea', and plans are well advanced to open a 'Wells Deli' in Fakenham this summer. In the future it is hoped to open branches of this family-run business in Holt and King's Lynn.

Tiffany, who is General Manager at Hunstanton, pointed out that the Deli provides only the best coffee, cakes, sandwiches and pasties; and holds a good stock of locally made produce, including jams; as well as artisan meats and antipasto from around Europe.

She is proud of the fact that the company operates an 80% biodegradable and compostable packaging regime. Further details are available from info@wellsdeli.co.uk or at www.wellsdeli.co.uk



Pictured left to right are: Matt Jarvis, Tabitha Turner and Tiffany Turner.



Always keen to support local businesses, Mayor Carol Bower is the Deli's first customer. Cllr Bower said it was marvellous to see this building, which had been empty for ages, open and vibrant.

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Heacham Digital Camera Club News

Viv Walker, Chairperson

Our Photographer of the Year 2011 is Clive Hollingworth. For the second year running Clive has taken stunning scenes and captured eventful moments which have given him this award.



As a photographic club, we are taking on new ventures throughout 2012, one being our Gooderstone Water Garden project, where we are capturing nature and owners progress during a year in the life of Gooderstone Water Gardens. We are looking to take on other similar local projects in the future. We also have at least one outing each month to take photographs because, as we all know, everything improves with practise! Our May visit is to Elgoods Brewery for a tour of the brewery and gardens and yes, beer tasting too.

We always welcome new members including holiday makers as we do not have annual subscription, we just pay £2 per meeting per person and we meet at 7.30pm every 1st & 3rd Tuesday throughout the year at The Sandringham Club, West Newton.

There are competitions which are externally judged, speakers, tutorials and members evenings where holiday, event and interesting photographs can be shown by all members, via our projector. We aim to include all members both male and female, with the varying events and projects we take on and you can view some of our work on our new web site: www.heachamdigitalcameraclub.co.uk

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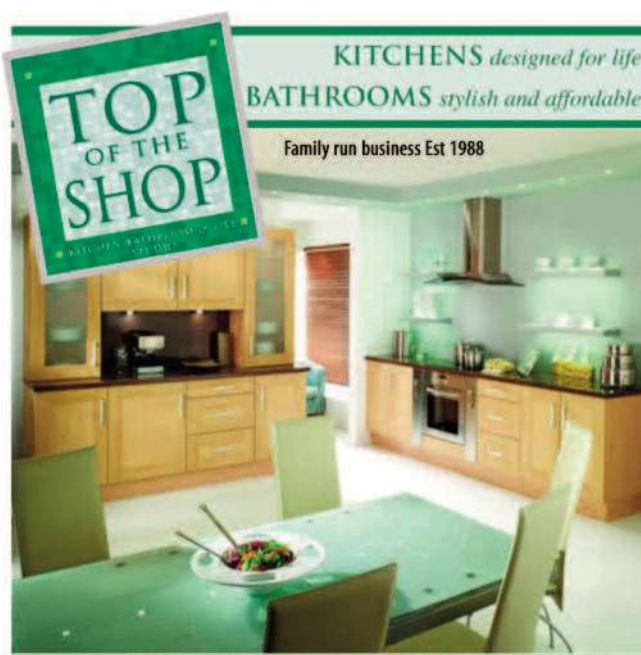
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Flood Warnings and Emergency Response to a Coastal or Tidal Flooding Event

A meeting was held at County Hall, Norwich on 15 March to update Flood Wardens; Parish and Town Councillors about recent developments and policies.

The Environment Agency provides a flood warning service in conjunction with the weather forecasters.

Currently, David Kemp leads a team based in Ipswich that covers the coast from Hunstanton eastwards right down to the Thames Estuary, whilst Rob Bakewell leads a team based in Bampton that covers the west of the county and continues west to include the Great Ouse catchment. They aim to be able to provide 2 hours prior notice of flooding from main rivers or 12 hours notice prior to flooding from the sea. They cannot however warn of flooding from sewers, burst water mains or surface water flooding.

There are 3 levels of flood warning:



Flood Alerts happen often and indicate that flooding is possible - be prepared and stay vigilant.



A Flood Warning indicates that flooding is expected and immediate action is needed to protect life and property.



A Severe Flood Warning indicates that there is a significant threat to life and communities.

The principal method of warning people is by an automatic telephone message,

Floodline Warnings Direct (FWD). Up to 5 numbers including mobiles can be registered and warnings can be made by text, fax and e-mail. The website www.environment-agency.gov.uk was able to manage 100,000 hits per hour in 2007 and can now manage 2.4m hits per hour. The Floodline 0845 9 88 11 88 is now manned by up to 542 trained staff at 4 sites across the UK. It is a one stop shop for interrogating the system; reporting flooding; for advice and literature or for registering for FWD. It is possible for people not actually in a flood risk zone to register for a warning if they have vulnerable relatives or other interests in a floodable area. New mapping techniques allow alerts or warnings to target specific locations and allow the emergency services to target their resources.

The Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies now have a Joint Specialist Operations Department, headed by Chris Eldridge, who works with the Norfolk Resilience Forum (NRF) within the framework of the Civil Contingencies Act 2004. There are 42,000 properties in Norfolk at risk for a 1 in 1000 event.

They would manage evacuations if there is a severe threat of coastal flooding. They maintain a Community Risk Register, use historical data, tide tables, forecasts and local knowledge to make assessments of risk so that a response may be adequate and appropriate. It was impressive that the tidal surge that affected Great Yarmouth in 2007 was anticipated 24 hours in advance and the height of the water was predicted to within a centimetre.

Members of the audience expressed concern that mobile telephone signals were absent or poor in many coastal areas; sandbags were generally not available; the system has not been given a public test run though EA duty staff carry out daily system tests. There is a need to check the

accuracy of the flood maps but these should benefit from updated tidal mapping later in 2012/13. There are no longer any operational flood warning sirens. All parishes should have a contingency plan.

THE TITANIC DISASTER

JOHN SMITH

A hundred years ago on the 10th April 1912 the world's largest vessel of the time – the White Star Line liner, the R.M.S. Titanic, left Southampton on her now famous, fated voyage to New York. After calling in at Cherbourg and Cobh in Ireland she headed westwards across the Atlantic. Five days after on the 15th April, about 375 miles south of Newfoundland, she hit an iceberg with disastrous consequences. In two and half hours the enormous ship filled with water and sank. Of the 2,435 passengers and 892 crew only 710 survivors were rescued. Many recent TV programmes and the 1997 award winning film have told the story of that tragic night. To compliment the well known story, here is a series of Post Cards issued by Dalkeith Publishing in the 1990s which summarize that dreadful voyage.



Mermaid Dialysis unit opens its doors for first local patient

Opened by local MP Norman Lamb in July 2011 the Mermaid Dialysis Centre at Wells Community Hospital was initially used for dialysis for people holidaying on the North Norfolk Coast but it was always the intention to provide local people with dialysis if they needed it and the first local patient, Vincent Shepherd of Cley, is the first to use the facility.

Commenting on the centre Mr. Shepherd said 'It is a very nice and cheerful facility with friendly staff that really look after you well and I enjoyed my tea and snack'

Wells Community Hospital Chief Executive Simon Gray added 'It's great to see our first local patient and we hope that more will follow as they are able to exercise their patient choice to use the facility that best suits their individual needs. This is a major development in our long term plans to provide more and more clinics and facilities for local people. Profits from our holiday dialysis service go towards the upkeep of the hospital and to provide other local services.'

In addition to the holiday dialysis income the hospital receives income from rental by other clinics including and NHS dentist surgery, the Compass Clinic, and from the NHS through Norfolk Community Health and care via a partnership agreement.

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Mayor's Year

As I near the end of my mayoral year I thought I'd pen an overview; not the nuts and bolts of the many issues and challenges we deal with in the council, but my experiences as mayor. I obviously can't list everything I have seen and been involved in this year. The increase in size of Hunstanton Town and Around reflects just how much goes on!

Last June we saw the opening of Seagate – which we saw as the start of the regeneration of Hunstanton. Realistically at this stage, with lack of funding, we despaired of further improvements in the Town.

As we moved into the Summer proper, we had concerts from Smithdon and Redgate, a feast of drama and dance from the Arts Festival, a World Championship in Croquet, tennis week, the Ingleby Bowls tournament, and the first Panto rehearsals, all showing beyond any doubt the amount of talent there is in Hunstanton. This was clearly demonstrated later in the year in the Town's success at the Sports' Awards in Lynn.

The dedication of local people was also evident in the success of In-Bloom, the remodelled wolf trail, the launch of the Hunny Bus scheme and the organisation of the Carnival, the Kite Festival and Bonfire Night. We also saw more events at the Library, with the Summer reading scheme for children and the Town Read proving to be immensely popular and rewarding.

I was thrilled to take part in a series of ceremonial events, and an undoubted personal highlight was being invited to be part of the local presentations to the Queen on the 60th Anniversary of her accession. The Civic Service in October was a wonderful opportunity to bring together my family, friends and colleagues for a reflection on what is important in life.

I have always loved people and the happiest times I have had as Mayor have been when making new friends, whether they were visitors from France when a group from St Laurent Nouan came in the Autumn, or the very chatty family from Coventry I met on Bonfire Night, who were so convinced that Hunstanton was a veritable Heaven on Earth. The sense of fun and belonging I felt in my second Christmas dip in the Wash, planting a tree in our wonderful new Community Orchard, singing with the Community Choir, pretending to be an invading Pirate from Heacham, or rambling with resolve on New Year's Day, as well as at the Town Carol Service will stay with me for a long while, not to mention trying to shout "behind you" louder than Pat Richardson at the Panto.

The effort of so many people in the Town was suitably rewarded with the EDP Norfolk Community Award, and hopefully if we continue to work together, this could become as regular a feature as our awards for In-Bloom.

At the beginning of March we had a town meeting with the Borough and the business community when the Mary Portas report was discussed. (This is about reviving town centres.) Hunstanton quickly formed a town team and applied to become a Portas Pilot with its dedicated funding. This application has been received well, and we are in with a good chance - I get the impression that, even if we were not to get the funding, the present momentum in the Town and the strength of the Town Team would move us along positively.

Recently we've been informed that the Princess Theatre is re-opening on the 1st June; something so many will be looking forward to. A major achievement has been taking over the running of the Tourist



Information Centre, and we look forward to the possibility of doing the same with the Community Centre.

I am so grateful to have worked with such a committed and hardworking council this year and thank everyone, in particular my Deputy, Cllr Clutton; I wish her well next year. We are of course officially a Quality Town Council, and very special thanks go to our town clerk Lisa Powell for making sure we retain that status by keeping us on the straight and narrow - not an easy task I assure you! We also thank her deputy Chris Amos, who has the questionable pleasure of note-taking at our numerous working parties, and Paul Beldom who has made an excellent start as caretaker. We said farewell earlier in the year to Keith Anthony, and I should formally thank him here as well.

A year ago I called for Hunstanton to unite as a way to get things done.

I urge all of us to focus our energy and efforts on developing the Town – remember if you don't keep moving, there is always a danger you may get yarn-bombed!

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We have a busy year for celebrations – the Diamond Jubilee and the 150th anniversary of both Henry Le Strange's death and the coming of the railway to Hunstanton.

The social events working party has been focussed on the Diamond Jubilee celebrations on 4th June using the Lower Green, the High Street and the Spinney. Also our town will be beautified with Yarn-bombing!

More events will commemorate Henry le Strange and celebrate 150 years since the railway came to Hunstanton. A Cake-Fest has been suggested for October!

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Letters to the Editor

Beach finds

Being a dog owner in Hunstanton and so walking many miles beachcombing, I have found 2 bottles which I think might jog some memories of the area in years gone by.

Both were found under the cliffs in the sand,

The first is brown with "Thrower - King's Lynn & Hunstanton" and on the bottom is 1934.

This my mother remembers her Grandmother having the Dairy in Westgate where Sowerbys Estate agents is now and a shop next door had a room out the back and use to bottle Lemonade into these bottles.

The second one is clear glass with "Claxtons - Wells, Norfolk"

The only info I could find is an address, Robert Claxton, Park Road Mineral Water Works, Wells, Norfolk

Found this on the net: Early 1920s Mr. R. W. Thrower started the company from scratch at premises at South Quay, King's Lynn. Mid 1920s he took over Watsons of Hunstanton and ran both factories until his untimely death at the age of 42 in 1938, winning both gold and silver medals for his drinks during that time. His Widow ran the business through the 1939/45 war supplying RAF and Army camps as well as local pubs etc. The Hunstanton factory was closed for security reasons during that time, and the Lynn factory was the only one of five in the town to remain open throughout the war. After WW11 the two sons took over and combined both factories into a new purpose built one on the Lynn Hardwick Estate in 1964 and production continued there until 1971 when the factory was sold and the firm moved to Hunstanton, trading from there as wholesalers finally closing in 1984. At its height it had ten vehicles on the road and employed around 30 staff.

Michael Darby

Sexual apartheid

The refusal of Saudi Arabia to include women athletes in their Olympics team is sexual apartheid and must not be permitted. IOC president, Jaques Rogge, must expel them from the games if they continue this intransigent stance. If Saudia Arabia is permitted to participate without including women in their team it clearly signals that wealth wins over equality. However, our own leadership, formed from former Bullingdon Boy's Club members, has shown what in thinks of equality, with the cuts seeing women bearing the brunt of the suffering. So we already know wealth trumps gender. Our government should lead the way in calling for the expulsion of Saudia Arabia from the games, and failing that call for all the other teams to withdraw. Without opposition we are endorsing the perpetuation of gender discrimination. Women haven't fought for decades to work towards equal rights only to have oil rich nations push them back into the shadows. I urge boycott of the Games if this is not rectified.

Jo Rust, Secretary
King's Lynn and District
Trades Council

The Pier

I would like to add my congratulations to those already expressed to Mr Maiden on his proposal to have bushes planted in front of the pier building (see Town & Around April edition) in order to soften the appearance of the buildings.

What took him so long to reach this solution to the eyesore? After many years of haranguing the Borough Council, boring the readers of this magazine and that of his Turnstone column in the Lynn News about covenants, pier orders etc, he came up with the idea of applying for a multi-million grant from the Heritage Trust towards the cost of reinstating the pier.

I was assured that his meeting with the Heritage Trust would be most unlikely to advance money for this project, knowing that a huge slice of it would be swallowed up in litigation costs in forcing the Pier Company to reinstate the pier, plus the loss of income for that Company during the present lease period. It was considered a possibility, however remote, that a grant might be available for a pier built on land already owned and managed by the Council, but not on the original site.

Hunstanton Civic Society immediately dismissed this as Plan 'B', which is hardly surprising since the Society was formed with the sole intention of demolishing the present pier building!

I wonder if the campaigners for a new pier in Hunstanton are aware of the cost of insurance and maintenance of such a building when considering the fate of the pier Weston-Super-Mare and others. A Heritage Pier means just that, a non-profit making permanent liability for Council Tax payers, including Mr Maiden's neighbours in Heacham and surrounding villages who would have to pay a levy to support it. Increased numbers of visitors to Hunstanton would be of no interest to these worthy residents.

David Newman

PIER MEMORIES

I was looking through some old pictures of Hunstanton. The promenade was crowded with people enjoying a stroll; the Pier had children and adults having a ride on the train; all very happy and relaxed. Amongst those pictures another picture turned up, one taken over a year ago with one of Hunstanton's "trade mark" sunsets.

We were then walking on the beach and stumbled on to some rusty stumps of corroded iron, "the last remains" of the long lost Pier. They had been exposed by rough weather and tides. It felt very sad, as if they were drowning and begging to be

rescued!

At times like this you could let your imagination run riot and hear the bustle and children's cheerful voices, which once you would have heard on the Pier, a bit like a dream! But a "dream" need not be, as there is always a "Phoenix" awaiting in the wings and it could be a reality if the Borough Council "buried the hatchet" and, with a bit of good will, helped our town to rebuild a long overdue new Pier. Yes, we all know that there isn't much cash to spare, but where there's a "will" there's a "way".

I can think of no better time than the present to set the "first stone" towards the planning and reconstruction of the new Pier. What a homage that would be to Henry le Strange, the man who gave birth to this Victorian town, and his son, Hamon, who added a Pier!

2012 marks the 150th Anniversary of the Henry's death, The Queen's diamond jubilee, the Olympics, so why not Hunstanton's new Pier?

We could even call it the Jubilee Pier!
Maria Rix Hunstanton

Grand piano

My father passed away two years ago and whilst going through some of his possessions recently [I know it has taken a long time!] I found a plaque off a grand piano he once owned.

The plaque states that the piano was gifted by the WVS 1939/45 to new Hunstanton UDC. I wondered if your organization has any information about this piano. I remember my father saying that the piano was played by Dame Myra Hess in concert at Hunstanton town hall in the presence of member of the royal family visiting from Sandringham.

Thanking you in advance
Deryck Burton <deryckburton@gmail.com

Discarded litter

I would like to alert residents and town council members to the

deteriorating state of the ex skateboarding hard surfaced enclosed area at the far corner of the recreation ground. My 2 sons and I have increasingly been drawn to this outside resource since a couple of netted football goals were placed in the area some months ago and the existing skateboarding facilities dismantled albeit left on one side.

However, over the past couple of months the area has increasingly attracted litter, mainly discarded empty plastic drinks bottles and crisp and sweet wrappers as well as most worryingly broken glass which some people have most likely deliberately broken given the scattered nature of the small pieces that cover the ground. Interestingly, bottle tops found nearby to the glass are from beer bottles. Hence, the area is fast becoming unsuitable and unsafe for children and their parents to play football on.

In order to start addressing this problem, I wonder if it is possible for a waste bin to be located inside or outside of the area to encourage responsible behaviour as at present the nearest bin is located in the play area at the opposite side of the recreation ground.

Secondly, can I urge all that use this area for whatever purposes to think of others before leaving their litter for others' to deal with.
Mike Shaw Hill Street

Editor's note:

I forwarded this to SNAP and the Clean-up team upon receipt and received the following response from David Morton at the Borough Council:
Thank you for bringing the broken glass problem at the recreation ground to our attention, this area has now been cleaned up.

As you will know we endeavour to have all areas checked and tidied as required, however things can be missed and inevitably glass gets broken from time to time so I could you please advise people to report any instances of broken glass to the

Borough Council's clean up team, this will then be passed to the relevant person to arrange clearance.

The clean up team can be contacted on 0500 2532687 or email cleanup@west-norfolk.gov.uk
David Morton

Finding the past

I have been asked if I know of a William Asker who was married to Henrietta, in the 1881 Census he was a gamekeeper living in Gamekeepers Lodge, Ringstead Gate, Hunstanton with Barrett. Does anyone know any details of this family, and the postal address of Gamekeepers Lodge. There are other members of the family living at West Acre, Castle Acre, Snettisham and Ingoldisthorpe.

If you have any information, could you please let me know dawn.daviesuk@hotmail.co.uk

A message from your local Safer Neighbourhood Team

As we approach the summer months we have historically seen an increase in the theft of garden ornaments of various sizes and values within the area that you live.

Whilst being realistic, our advice is to secure larger, more expensive items through use of chains and padlocks and if displayed in a front garden, consider moving them to a more secure location on your property. Rear gardens are as a standard rule more secure than the front.

Whilst delivering this leaflet, local officers will be knocking on doors and offering to mark suitable items with a UV marker pen. This would allow us, should any items go missing, to positively identify stolen items if located in the future. We appreciate that you may not be in when we call.

To help keep your community safe, please report any incidents of suspicious activity, people or vehicles seen in the area immediately to police by dialling 999, giving as much detail as possible.



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Sponsored Walk for local Care Homes

Roland Worth

On Easter Saturday a sponsored walk was held on behalf of the care homes in Docking, Heacham and Hunstanton.

The walk was organised by Mrs Shelley Ross and £1035 was raised to provide benefits for the residents of these homes at Sommerville, Docking House and Norfolk Lodge.

Many thanks to all those members of the public who generously donated to this worthwhile cause.



Lynn Heart Support Group

Ann Wilson

Lynn Heart Support Group is a social and fund raising group for patients who have heart problems. 1st Wednesday of the month 7.30 to 10pm at the Masonic Rooms North Lynn Kings Lynn. Tel Mona (MS) 01485 541640 or Ann (Sec) 01485 534962 for more info if req.

We have raised a lot of money for the cardiac and ccu wards at the hospital. And want to continue to do so. We are also able to make the patients who have suffered heart attacks aware that there is life after them. Hence the social side of it. If you require any more info please contact me on the above phone number or by e-mail.

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Hunstanton in Bloom

Max Dolby

I am keeping my note short this month in order to concentrate on one single issue: entries to the Front Gardens Competition.

Rather than use the form we used last year, I invite you to write a short letter entering your own front garden or nominating someone else's.

You can send the letter to me (30, York Avenue) or leave it at Witley's in the High Street to arrive not later than Friday 8th June. Good luck to all who enter.

Titchwell Marsh in May

Jasmine Atkinson, Visitor Services Trainee

Titchwell Marsh is all aflutter with newly arrived summer visitors and birds on the way to their arctic breeding grounds this month.

Our annual Wings over Titchwell extravaganza will take place on Sat 12th and Sun 13th May. Lots of volunteers and staff will be around the reserve to point out the fabulous birdlife of Titchwell. It will also be your first chance to look around our brand new trails, prior to the official opening!

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Beginning Birding Fri 11th at 9.30am

History Walk Tue 8th at 1.30pm

Ray's Rambles Tue 22nd at 9.30am

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Events at Sculthorpe Moor this month

Saturday 5th May. 5am. Dawn Chorus walk with bacon butties at Sculthorpe Moor Community Nature Reserve nr. Fakenham. Join us for this annual opportunity to listen to the joyful dawn chorus with a guide who will identify the birds by their song. Followed by bacon butties for breakfast. £12. Please book in advance 01328 856788.

Sunday 6th May. 2-4pm. Young Rangers at Sculthorpe Moor Community Nature Reserve nr. Fakenham. Monthly meeting for young people aged 12 to 18yrs to get involved in habitat management and surveying on the reserve. Please book in advance 01328 856788.

Friday 11th May. 9pm. Evening woodcock walk at Sculthorpe Moor Community Nature Reserve nr. Fakenham. Join us for a guided walk around the reserve to see if we can spot any doing their distinctive display flights. £5. Please book in advance 01328 856788.

Saturday 12th May. 10.30am-4pm. An Introduction to Raptors Identification course at Sculthorpe Moor Community Nature Reserve nr. Fakenham. A beginners' course covering the birds of prey found in Britain, where to look for them and tips on how to identify them 'in the field'. £25. Please book in advance 01328 856788.

Friday 25th May. 8pm. Sunset walk and stargazing at Sculthorpe Moor Community Nature Reserve nr. Fakenham. An opportunity to walk round the reserve as the sun sets and weather permitting, see the moon

and mars through the telescopes of the North Norfolk Astronomy Society. £6. Please book in advance 01328 856788.

HUNSTANTON: THE ANATID EMPIRE

Peter J James

Question. Is there a link between a nineteen-fifties Sunday lunchtime Radio (wireless) programme and an A4 Pacific class steam locomotive?

To find the answer start at St Edmund's Church and follow the line of stationary traffic down Greevegate and along the High Street to the Spinney. Have you spotted the link? No? Well it's ducks! To be precise Mallards. *Anas platyrhynchos platyrhynchos*. Some of you may remember that Mrs Hugget, of 'Meet the Huggets' Sunday lunchtime fame, was proud of the famous 'Flying Ducks' on her wall (these are now available from all good charity shops) and that steam locomotive was, of course, 'The Mallard' which, for many years held the world speed record. Hunstanton's Mallards are seldom seen in flight and, judging from the crawling traffic, neither are they renowned for their speed.

These ducks have been permanent residents of the town for many years but appear to change their 'Des Res' on a regular basis. One address is the disabled parking at Tesco but the green, outside St Edmund's, is currently their headquarters. The anatomy of the avian brain is rather different from that of mammals but that does not mean that 'our feathered friends' are 'bird-brained', far from it. Indeed if we are to believe the 'opinion of Pythagoras...concerning wildfowl..' as quoted by Malvolio in Shakespeare's 'Twelfth Night', (IV.2 49-52) '...the soul of our grandam might haply inhabit a bird'. Malvolio didn't approve of Pythagoras' opinion and neither, it seems, did the old fenlanders who, with their complex decoy traps and murderous 'Duck Guns', caught some 2-3,000 birds a week to ship to the London Markets! We tend now to be a little more sentimental and go to great pains to avoid the ducks in the high street; hence the stationery traffic. We will, however, without a qualm, pop into the butchers and buy a delicious, oven ready, Gressingham duck for Sunday lunch. double standards all round.

These double standards also extend to the juvenile forms which, in the avian world, come in two varieties. the first are the altricial chicks, characterised by their lack of plumage, helplessness and gaping mouths, features that render them unsuitable for the tops of cakes and Easter cards. Our Mallards, however, in common with most water fowl and gallinaceous birds, produce chicks of the second type, namely precocial. these are the 'adorable' downy chicks which trot in single file behind their mother and illicit the 'Oh's and 'Aahs' of passers by. They are active and capable of feeding themselves almost immediately after hatching. The gulls and terns are somewhat intermediate with active chicks but dependent on parental feeding. Of course, seabirds nesting on precipitous cliffs, such as kittiwakes, are, by necessity, altricial. Just think about it!

So, what is this avian host which has taken over our town, what is their history? Avian taxonomy is currently undergoing seismic and controversial change but, mercifully, the group, anseriformes, to which our Mallard belongs, has come through pretty much unscathed. this order includes two families, the first containing only the South american screamers and the second, the Anatidae, comprising all the rest; ducks, geese and swans. Their distribution is world wide and free hybridisation results in a somewhat confused species-level taxonomy. Indeed, in Australia, where the Mallard has been introduced, it readily breeds with the Pacific Black. This apparently, reduces the latter's ability to survive drought, so despite Pythagoras, the decoys and duck guns are back, "Down Under".

Mallards are members of a sub-group known as 'dabbling ducks'.

As distinct from divers, they are surface feeders and, although they do 'up end' from time to time, they never submerge. All in all Mallards don't seem to have changes very much since Linnaeus described them in 1758.

'A. macula alari purpurea utrinque nigra albaque, pectore rufescente' (Blue wing spot (speculum) bordered by black and white, re-brown breast)



What Linnaeus does not, however, mention is that wonderful, blue-green, iridescent head of the drake. Poor 'Jemima' has to make do with 'cryptic' plumage, but all the better to protect the eggs; an activity in which the male plays no part. The reasons for this neglect are to be found in the drake's, shall we say, catholic sexual activities which are, perhaps, best not discussed in detail. Suffice it to say that those lovable, Beatrix Potter creatures, basking peacefully in the shadow of Holy Church are no strangers to rape and pillage!

Enough of scandal. Let's return briefly to that blue-green of the drake's head. most people think of colour in terms of pigments whose chemistry dictates that they absorb some wavelengths and transmit others and, certainly, Nature uses an enormous variety of pigments to produce the colours of animals and plants. There is, however, another method of producing colours of a more intense and metallic lustre. They are structural colours seen at their most dramatic in insects and in the plumage of birds. The microscopic structure of our Mallard drake's head feathers is such as to produce a combination of constructive and destructive interference which concentrates light of some wavelengths and destroys that of others. this mechanism is responsible for that metallic sheen, which no pigment is capable of producing. the mechanism was first worked out by Thomas Young (1773-1829) who, also, bye the bye, improved on Newton and deciphered the Rosetta Stone, among many other things.

Whilst Young dabbled successfully in many things, the other personality associated with ducks focused on one thing. He was the American artist Abbott Handerson Thayer who claimed and attempted to prove that all animal colouration was intended for concealment and even when faced with the brilliant colours we have been discussing, he maintained his position and demonstrated the truth of it using his famous 'counter-shaded' duck model. His ideas brought him into conflict with no less an adversary than Theodore Roosevelt.

So, what is the future of our 'Empire of the Anatids'? Unlike our neighbours; Heacham, Docking and co. Hunstanton has no natural duck pond, the geomorphology does not permit. However, I understand that plans are afoot to convert the 'Bombsite' and car park back to their former glory as Westgate Gardens. a perfect site for a duck pond. The alpha drake is already drawing up plans.

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The Bubble

Ken Arnott

The proposed West Norfolk incinerator may well be described as a major controversy that arouses strong feelings on both sides of the argument, but I doubt very much if it will ever match Hunstanton's 'Bubble' as a source of high drama.

It was back in 1970 when Hunstanton Council approved in principle a revised scheme for an all-weather and recreational complex on the seafront. The original scheme costing around £2 million would have involved one large building. The revised scheme, simpler in design and construction, would have cost just over £1 million and involve three buildings - a solarium, a flexi-hall and a dolphinarium. The solarium would have been the biggest structure of its kind in Europe.

Some opposition was expected. What actually happened was that the 'Bubble', as it came to be called, provoked the biggest controversy in the town's history. Opposition was swift. Several Councillors feared that the scheme would prove far too expensive and publically aired their views. Those fears spread round the town like wildfire. A new Ratepayers and Residents Association spearheaded the opposition.

It all came to a head on Monday, 8th February 1971, when a vote at a special Council meeting rejected the scheme by eight votes to seven. It was after a show of hands showing seven in favour, seven against, that Mr Gordon Cracknell, the Council's Chairman, cast his vote against even though he was strongly in favour of the scheme. His action was backed by Mr Tom Legge, also a supporter, who said that it was impossible to go ahead with the scheme as there was not enough enthusiasm for it among Council members.

The story I phoned to the Eastern Daily Press that night concluded: "And so Hunstanton's dream of pioneering what has been a new concept in seaside holidaymaking - a dream that opponents have described as a 1970's version of the South Sea Bubble - has finally and irrevocably burst". What drama!

Three months later the 'Bubble' took its toll. In what was headlined "Heads tumble in sensational local election" the Council's chairman, the vice-chairman, the chairman of the Finance committee and the chairman of the General Purposes committee all lost their seats. Sensational indeed!

Footnote: I was pro-Bubble. It was claimed that if every holidaymaker visiting Hunstanton paid two shillings and sixpence to enter the complex just once during their stay the cost would be covered. I expressed my views in my "Beachcomber" column in the Lynn News. To say I was unpopular in some quarters would be an understatement. But I have never altered my views. Nor do I suppose have those who were strongly opposed to the scheme and visualised a hefty rate rise to pay for it!

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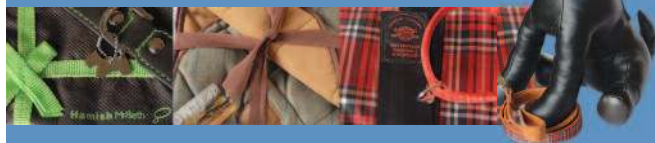
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HSG = Hunstanton Scout & Guide HQ, York Ave	SHS = Smithdon High School
HTH = Hunstanton Town Hall	SMC = St Mary's Church, Old Hunstanton
HIS = Hunstanton Infants School	TC = The Convent, Sandringham Road
LSAH = Le Strange Arms Hotel	TWCC = The Way Christian Centre, Downs Close
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HUNSTANTON COASTGUARD, Unit 2c, Hunstanton Commercial Park - 7pm - 9pm - Tel: Robert Frost on 077 0279 5794

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

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

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

PAWS OBEDIENCE DOG TRAINING 7.30pm Tel Donna Garrity 01328 838770 (MCH)

RONIN COMBAT ACADEMY - Kids (6-13 years) 7pm - 8pm - Adults 8pm - 9pm - Tel: 01366 386597 or 07813 590104 (OLC)

SCOUTS at Heacham Scout HQ Monday 7.30 – 9.30pm 10-14 years
Tel: Jill Ratcliffe & Richard Gowen 01485 535130 or 07799138014

UNITED SERVICES CLUB, Homefields Road - Bingo – Monday & Thursday, Disco – Friday, Live music – Friday & Saturday Family Karaoke - Sunday Tel: 01485 533360 (USC)

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

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

TUESDAYS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HUNSTANTON SEA EAGLES See MONDAY for details.

HUNSTANTON STROKE SUPPORT GROUP 10.30-12.30

Nina Allenbury 07976 807826 £1 (MCH)

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

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

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

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

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

ST JOHN AMBULANCE at St John Hall, Tuesday 7.30 – 9pm

UNION CHURCH HUNSTANTON BAPTIST/URC – Bible Study 7.30pm 01485 532471

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

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

(UCH)

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

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

GOLDSTAR BOXING CLUB - see MONDAY FOR DETAILS

HUNSTANTON ART CLUB - 9am - noon (SECH)

HUNSTANTON BRIDGE CLUB - see MONDAYS

HUNSTANTON CROQUET CLUB - see MONDAYS

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

HUNSTANTON LADIES CLUB - 3rd Wednesday 2pm USC

HUNSTANTON SEA EAGLES See MONDAY for details.

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

KERRY'S SCHOOL OF TAE KWON-DO - 6-7.30 mixed ability class age 5+ First lesson free. Contact: Kerry Sandle 2nd Degree Black Belt 0782556472/01485 532386 (GHS)

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

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

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

For any more details, please phone Chris 01485 535287.

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

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

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

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

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

THURSDAYS

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

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

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

HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT CAMERA CLUB, Church Hall, Dersingham - 7.30pm - Tel: Chris Holt 01485 541534

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

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

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

HUNSTANTON FOOTBALL CLUB - 7.00pm - Tel: Dave Baxter 01485 534213 or 077750628255

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

KING'S LYNN SEA CADETS - see MONDAYS FOR DETAILS

NORFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST TALKS subjects as advertised in the Newsletter, 4th Thursday each month 7.30pm Tel Mike Batchelor

01485 534116 mickbatch@btinternet.com (MCH)

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

TAI CHI CLASSES at OLC - SEE TUESDAYS FOR DETAILS

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

UNITED SERVICES CLUB - see MONDAYS FOR DETAILS

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

WI HUNSTANTON - 4th Thurs of month - 2.15pm - Tel: Pat Sharman Tel: 01485 534164 (MCH)

YOGA - see TUESDAYS FOR DETAILS

FRIDAYS

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

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

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

GOLDSTAR BOXING CLUB - SEE MONDAY FOR DETAILS

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

HUNSTANTON CROQUET CLUB - see MONDAYS for details

HUNSTANTON TANG SOO DO CLUB - see TUESDAYS FOR DETAILS

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

TAI CHI CLASSES at OLC - SEE TUESDAYS FOR DETAILS

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

UNITED SERVICES CLUB - see MONDAY ENTRY FOR DETAILS
WEST NORFOLK TAI CHI CHUAN & nice and gentle Tai Chi- see TUESDAY FOR DETAILS

SATURDAYS

GOLDSTAR BOXING CLUB - see MONDAY FOR DETAILS

HUNSTANTON CROQUET CLUB - see MONDAYS FOR DETAILS

IDENTITY - Christian Youth Group meets the third Saturday of each month. Children aged 10-14, cost £1 at Dersingham Church Hall. More info from Steve -- on 07425145887

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

UNITED SERVICES CLUB - see MONDAYS FOR DETAILS

SUNDAYS

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

METHODIST CHURCH - MORNING WORSHIP All Welcome 10.30am AFTERNOON WORSHIP 2nd and 4th Sundays All Welcome 4pm Tel Rev Kim Nally 01485 570232 knally@supanet.com (MC)

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

ST EDMUND'S CHURCH - 8am Eucharist, 10.30am Parish Eucharist & Sunday School, 5pm Evening Prayer - Weekday Eucharist Tuesday 7pm, Wednesday 10.30am, Saturday 9am

ST MARY'S CHURCH - 11.15am. Morning worship - 1st. Sunday in the month. Sung Eucharist at 11.15am on the 2nd. 3rd. and 4th. Sundays. On the fifth Sunday there is a Benifice service so for more information please see the notice in the Church Porch. There is a service of Holy Communion at 9.30am on each Thursday. The Church is always open and we extend a very warm welcome to you at any of our services.

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

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

UNITED SERVICES CLUB - see MONDAYS FOR DETAILS

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

OTHER ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

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

Craft Fairs Town Hall Tel: Lorraine Cannell 01553 671191

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

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

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

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

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

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

Independent Age (formerly RUKBA) Tel: 020 7605 4200

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

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

Princess Theatre Club - Tel: Rae Steward 01485 533420

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

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

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

West Norfolk Organic Gardeners - Tel: Membership Secretary 01485 570447

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