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FIRST WORD

This month's cover shot was taken at the Ingleby Bowls Cup Final at the Cliff Parade Bowls Club and the details of the match between Docking and Ingoldisthorpe can be found on page 40.

Sport is also featured on page 20 with news and pictures taken at the Boxing Club's 100 mile relay.

This month sees new advertisers in the magazine and I hope that you will take the time to have a look at their offerings and support them if you can. I know I always ask you to choose our advertisers over others, and it is important to do so if you can, because it is they who provide the finance to produce your magazine. I know that many readers do choose to do just this as I receive regular feedback from our advertisers. So thank you readers!

Thanks also to everyone who writes, supplies photos or sends items for inclusion. This month I was particularly touched by the piece from Clive Dellino which you can find on page 26. It is great to have such a wide variety of items to publish - please do keep them coming.

Between them our wonderful volunteer distribution team delivers thousands of copies of the magazine every month. We have two vacant areas (123 copies Waveney Road area and 140 copies Hill Street area). Please contact us if you feel you could help. It is truly appreciated.

Don't forget, the clocks go back on Sunday 28th October.

With best wishes

Elaine

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Debbie Harrington

2012 has been a busy year for us so far, starting with our Driftwood Mirrors and Lamps being featured on ITV's 60 Minute Makeover in the Spring.

It was our second Summer in Hunstanton's High Street and we now have several regular customers and are finding that some customers are travelling into Hunstanton from as far away as Norwich and Peterborough to shop with us because we have something a bit different which is really encouraging.

We are trying to increase our 'Made In Norfolk' range and have just started stocking the Hunny Pots range of ceramics, all hand made in Hunstanton by local artist Kate Dunbar.

Our Autumn and Christmas stock is starting to arrive which is really exciting. We are introducing some new lines such as quality table linen in Autumnal reds as well as more contemporary greys, some cosy blankets, throws and cushions, a range of lamps, some new furniture and basketware, and ready for Christmas shoppers a selection of leather wallets, gifts for gentlemen, and a lovely range of gifts for babies.

We are finding that more and more of our customers are saying that one of the reasons they are visiting Hunstanton is that we now have some lovely and interesting shops, which is great news for the town.

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Johann Sebastian Bach
"I'm playing all the right notes, but not necessarily in the right order"
Eric Morecambe

I had never realised that Bach and Eric M were so in sympathy on the subject of playing a musical instrument!

Over the years I've often been asked what is the most satisfying part of being a musician. Obviously there's the simple pleasure that one can get from playing for its own sake, but I would have to say that the best part is the social element. Whether it's being in a small group - pop, classical or jazz - or taking part in a large choir or orchestra, there is something very uplifting in sharing an activity with others. There is always someone better than you from whom you can learn, and always someone who is less able or experienced who you can encourage. At the end you feel that you have achieved something which you would have been unable to on your own.

There are other benefits. Some of you may have seen a recent programme on how the mind works, by James May. In this he looked at ways to "train the brain". The conclusion was that the only two proven ways were becoming a London "cabbie" (and doing "The Knowledge"), or learning a musical instrument. Given the geographical problems with the former for most of us, perhaps it might be worth considering taking up music lessons!

Here are some answers to common questions garnered from thirty years of playing and teaching:

What age is best to start? As with anything, it is easier to learn when young. A good guide is when a child is able to concentrate independently for ten minutes or so without adult help; it can help greatly if reading does not pose a problem. It is also a real advantage if a child is able to appreciate that it will take time – there is no shortcut – and there will be times when they inevitably find things difficult. As for older beginners, adults tend to be very determined to succeed and know what they want to achieve, though they do have to overcome the sense of frustration that they don't always manage this immediately!

How much practice? The golden rule is "little and often". A few minutes every day is far more productive than setting aside one long session a week.

What instrument should I choose? I am a firm believer that there is at least one instrument on which a learner will succeed. Very often it will be obvious, as children particularly are drawn to a sound, or even a shape, though one may need to experiment. One thing of which I am certain is that anyone who has had some experience on the piano makes much faster progress on other instruments; I think this is due to having worked with two hands, and the reading involved, and from seeing the notes laid out in front of you.

What costs are there? This is best discussed directly with a teacher. A half hour lesson is standard, but youngsters often do better with less, and more advanced pupils need longer, simply to get through the extra work involved. Some may charge a little more to visit your home, but this can be a big saving in time and petrol for you. Second hand instruments can also easily be found – though beware of choosing an instrument simply because you have been given one – it is very easy to be put off. Many music shops will do hire schemes for new instruments, sometimes offset against a future purchase. Music, and later exams, may also need to be factored in.

Is an electronic keyboard an alternative to a piano? It depends! There are some excellent keyboards which feel the same as a piano, with full size keys – this is important. They can also help with recording practice, and making the experience richer. There is a danger with some that the fascination of all the buttons can distract from actually learning to play – avoid any "demo" buttons at all costs!

How do I choose a teacher? The best way, as with any service, is word of mouth recommendation. Many teachers will give a free trial lesson – remember that the relationship between teacher and pupil may continue for several years, so it is important to get along!

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(Simon is Director of the Hunstanton and District Festival of Arts, and now directs the Hunstanton Community Choir. He has taught in six schools, four of them as Head of Music, and is now freelancing as a teacher and performer.)

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Naughty Dog or Naughty Owner?

Rex Makemson, Consultant Canine Behaviourist

I have been asked this month about what can happen in the event of someone not looking after his or her dog properly. Well in 2007 the following act came onto force:

Cruelty / Duty of Care : Animal Welfare Act 2006

This Act has been widely anticipated and came into force in England on 6th April 2007 and in Wales on 28th March 2007. It is very wide in scope and replaces the Protection of Animals Act 1911. In summary:-

Cruelty (s4)

Unnecessary suffering is defined in Section 4(3) as including when suffering could have reasonably been avoided or reduced, and whether the conduct was that of a reasonably competent and humane person. You can commit an offence if you cause unnecessary suffering by an act (or failure to act) or if you permit someone else to.

Duty of Care (s9)

You commit an offence if you don't take 'such steps as are reasonable in all the circumstances to ensure that the needs of an animal' for which you are responsible' are met to the extent required by good practice. You are responsible for an animal if you are the owner, in charge of it, a parent or guardian of someone under 16 who is responsible for it. You may be responsible on a temporary basis (e.g. looking after a friend's animal) An animal's needs include:-

Suitable environment

Suitable diet

Need to exhibit normal behaviour patterns

To be housed with, or apart from, other animals

Protected from pain, suffering, injury and disease

As an alternative to prosecution, if it is believed you have failed this duty you may be served an Improvement Notice (s10) to require you to steps that you must take within a specified period.

Dog fighting (s8)

There's a range of offences (which apply to any animal fighting), which include:-

Causing a fight

Receiving money for admission to a fight

Publicising a fight

Makes or accepts a bet on a fight

Supply, publish or show a recording of a fight

Tail Docking (s6)

Under the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 ONLY a vet can dock a dog's tail. It is now an offence to remove a dog's tail (or cause or permit it to be removed) other than for medical treatment. This ban doesn't apply if:-

The dog is less than 5 days old

It is certified by a vet to be of a certain type (hunt point retrieve breeds, spaniels or terriers or any type or combination of types)

It is certified by a vet that he has seen evidence that the dog will be used for specified work (law enforcement, armed forces, emergency rescue, lawful pest control or lawful shooting of animals) (see the Docking of Working Dogs' Tails England Regulations 2007, regulation 3(2)(c).

The owner has 3 months to get a lawfully docked dog micro chipped or an offence is committed.

It is an offence to show a dog at an event (in England or Wales) where members of the public are admitted on payment of a fee where the dog's tail has been removed after the cut-off date. (Regardless of where the tail has been docked). This doesn't apply if the dog is 'demonstrating its working ability'

Sale of Dogs (s11)

It is an offence to sell a dog to someone you have 'reasonable cause to believe' is under 16

Promoting welfare (s12)

The government has the power (after consultation) to make regulations for the purpose of promoting the welfare of animals, breach of which is an offence

Code of Practice (s14)

The government published the Code of Practice for the Welfare of Dogs in December 2009. Breach is not an offence, but it can be taken into account in deciding if there's a breach of Section 12.

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THANK YOU!

Stephanie Smeaton

The Chairman and the Trustees of Queen's Cottages Alms houses would like to thank everyone who took part in and visited the cottages on our recent Open Day. A total of £360 was raised by donations. The name the dolls competition, William and Catherine, was ably manned by Miss Maisie English, thank you Maisie. Our little helpers on the bric-a-brac stall were Alex and Caitlin McGinn. Thank you Alex and Caitlin. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and did not want to go home! Future volunteers perhaps?. William, Maureen Sandra and Charlie kept us filled up with teas coffees and cup cakes! The cakes, which were delicious, were donated by various villagers, many thanks everyone. We also received several Gift Aid Scheme donations.

Our Open Day could never have gone ahead without the support of our residents, nos. 6, 8, 10 and 12 were open for viewing and Charlie in no 12 allowed us to use his cottage as the Café! We would like to make this an annual event of Teas, Coffees and Cakes at the Cottages! We look forward to seeing friends old and new next year.

Behind the scenes were Mrs. Rita Gunther, Martin Goodson and our gardeners, William Maureen and family. Your continued help and support is an inspiration to all of us, thank you.

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Eric Snaith, Head Chef at Titchwell Manor Wins Norfolk Chef of the Year Award 2012

Eric Snaith, Head Chef at Titchwell Manor Hotel, near Brancaster has won the EDP Norfolk Food and Drink Chef of the Year Award 2012, which was presented at a recent (10 September) dinner and awards ceremony in the Norfolk Showground.

He wowed judges with his dishes during a closely fought cook-off with runners-up Chris Busby from Brasted's and Phil Milner of the Orange Tree at the Debut Restaurant kitchens in City College Norwich, which sponsored the award.

The judges, EDP feature writer Stacia Briggs and Steve Thorpe, head of the hotel, hair and beauty school at the college said; "We were really impressed with Eric's menu which aimed to show off the best of our local ingredients and celebrate what is really great about Britain". They described his dessert as "A Norfolk summer on a plate, blending strawberries and lavender, showcasing impressive techniques and marriage of flavours that perfectly complimented each other."

Eric began his career in the pot-wash of Titchwell Manor at the age of 15 but his real passion for food started when he travelled around Australia in 1999/2000 working as a chef in various kitchens. On returning to England he was employed as Sous Chef at the Rose & Crown in Snettisham before returning to Titchwell Manor as Head Chef in 2003, which his family have owned for 25 years. Eric swiftly gained the hotel two AA Rosettes and is also a Master Chef of Great Britain.

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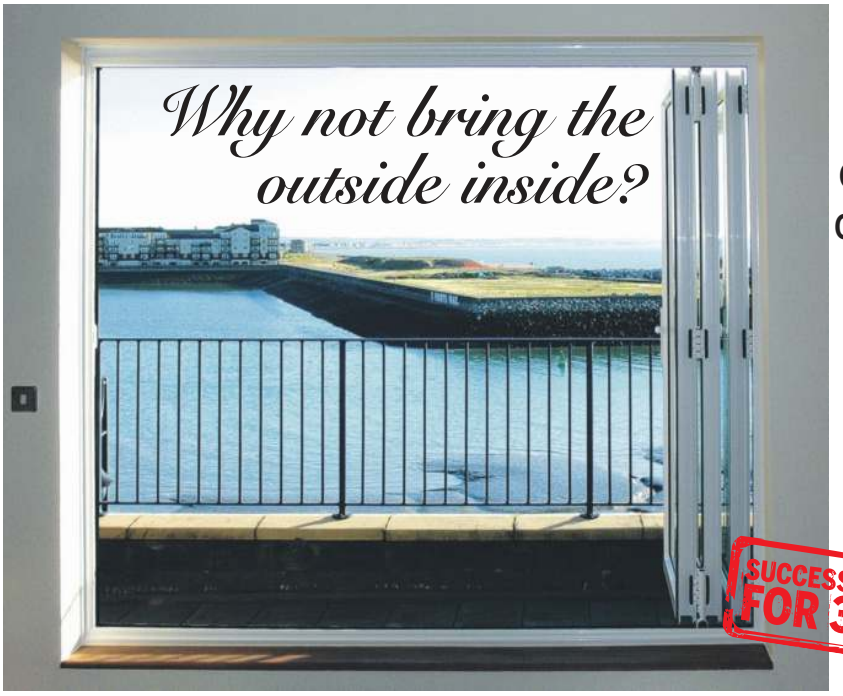

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Bec Williamson

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Old Hunstanton Social Club

Thanks to all who came to the Club and supported our last Beer Festival. This month's events start with our ever-popular Bingo night on Friday 12th October; eyes down 730 pm. Be early to make sure of a seat. Friday 19th sees the Countryside League bowls presentation night at 730pm, and on Saturday 20th the Royal Naval Association are celebrating Trafalgar Night. On Saturday 27th October we are having another of our great music nights with top live band Rasta4Eyes supported by the amazing Barney. Admission is free to members, £3 for non-members. Old Hunstanton Club puts on the best live music in the area, and this will be no exception. Come early!

As we move towards the autumn, we will be resuming our programme of refurbishment to the bar and the village hall. We aim to have this completed by spring next year. All volunteers very welcome!

We are always happy to welcome new members. Membership costs only £10 per year, or £5 for seniors. We are particularly eager to welcome young people and families, who are the future of our Club and our community.

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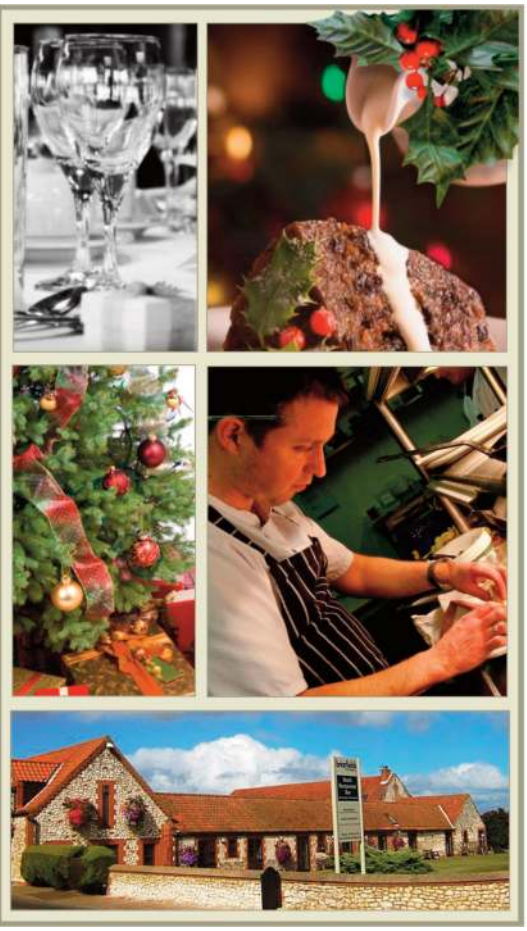

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The 'REAL' Carnival Queen

Last edition we wrote about the members of the Carnival Committee - but this edition we want to tell you about the one person who make all the difference to Carnival each year. And that person is the lovely Jean Chamberlain.

Each year she designs and makes the outfits for the Carnival Queen, Princesses and Princes.... she does this all in her own time and without payment and I'm sure you'll all agree, she does an amazing job and we are very lucky to have her as part of the Committee.

She also volunteers her time and helps with the costumes at the Hunstanton Pantomime... a very talented lady all round!!

The costumes for the Carnival kids are bespoke and made to measure each year for the lucky chosen children - obviously these outfits cost money and if you think you'd like to help out with the costs or 'sponsor' the Carnival Costumes (usually about £200 per year) we would love to hear from you.

If you are an individual or company and would like to discuss this further please contact hunstantoncarnival@hotmail.co.uk Carnival 2012 - Sunday 30th June..... Take a look, we're from a book!!!



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Families Against Neuroblastoma

A new charity shop is to be opened in Hunstanton on Saturday the 29th September by the childrens cancer charity Families Against Neuroblastoma, also known as FAN. Neuroblastoma is an extremely aggressive form of Cancer that mainly attacks infants and young children. It is one of the most common types of childhood Cancer, with around 100 new diagnoses a year in the UK alone. It is very difficult to treat and accounts for more deaths than any other type of Cancer. Neuroblastoma is, after domestic accident, the second most frequent cause of mortality in children. The UK has good but limited treatments, a stark comparison to the many options available abroad. Around 80% of children who make it through treatment will relapse, usually within the first two years, at which point there are no curative treatment options here and many families are faced with a terminal diagnosis.

There are other options available abroad however, usually in America or Germany. These treatments have proved successful in treating relapses and in preventing relapse from occurring. They are expensive, some more than £500,000 although costs are on par with the those paid by the NHS and in some cases a curative treatment in Germany can cost less than palliative care here. Whatever the price tag, FAN believes that every child deserves the right to access any treatment that might be of benefit to them.

FAN came into being in June 2009 after it's founder, Linza Corp, lost her 17 month old son Max to Neuroblastoma. "Back then there was no support network or anywhere you could turn to for real advice on how to beat the disease. Throughout Max's treatment I was constantly researching Neuroblastoma and trying to figure out the best course of action to take at every step. Max made it through the UK treatment but just 6 weeks after being given the all clear he relapsed in the brain and we were once again ambulanced from The Queen Elizabeth to Great Ormond Street Hospital, but this time with little hope. Our fears were confirmed when we were introduced to the Palliative care team and asked to choose a hospice. Nothing more could be done".

Once at the hospice whenever Max slept Corp searched online for treatments. "It was a very difficult process". After contacting leading consultants around the world, Max was accepted onto a treatment protocol in America. "The consultant called me and reassured me that this kind of relapse can be cured, I was overwhelmed with relief but the fight was only just beginning".

The price tag was £320,000, and the clock was ticking. A public appeal was launched to raise the funds and a private fight began with the hospital. "We were told it wouldn't work, that we were subjecting our child to a painful, undignified death. They delayed everything we needed to have in place in order to move Max's care to America, but while we were slowly winning our fight Max was rapidly loosing his. We secured the funds but Max fell into a coma and was declared unfit to fly, it was over". Max died just 8 hours later.

The whole experience left Corp angry and determined to prevent other children and families suffering the same fate. Two days after Max's funeral FAN was born.

Since then FAN has helped many UK children access treatment abroad. FAN also provides support in all aspects of dealing with the disease from online support networks to monthly days out away from hospital, free holidays to it's caravans in Hunstanton and financial and practical assistance for the families. FAN also campaigns tirelessly for greater awareness of Neuroblastoma, it's signs and symptoms and for change in the way Neuroblastoma is treated in the UK. FAN has had some successes along the way but Corp says it's not enough and until every child has access to the treatments they need FAN will continue to pick up the shortfall.

"Starting FAN was like opening the flood gates", Corp explained, as more and more people turned to the charity for help. "I couldnt keep running it alone from my dining room, I needed help and the charity needed more money". FAN has now moved into offices and a shop in Hunstanton, located opposite the Waterside on Beach Terrace Road (near the Bandstand) and has began to recruit a team of equally determined and passionate individuals including fellow mum, Lena Court, who also lost her son Jack to Neuroblastoma in 2002. "FAN was like a life line to me and my family, the bereavement support was invaluable. When the opportunity arose for me to come and work for FAN I jumped at the chance and our family relocated from Leicestershire to Hunstanton". The charity has so far recruited a shop manager, Hunstanton based Angela Mavis and one of two part time shop assistants, but is still looking to fill several further vacancies from a skilled fundraising manager and events coordinator, to unskilled enthusiastic people of all ages in paid and volunteer roles. "We are also desperate for donations of unwanted items to sell in our shop" Lena added, "We can take most things and we can collect".

To donate goods or apply for position in the charity please call 01485534472 or email info@familiesagainstneuroblastoma.org. For further information on FAN please visit their website at www.familiesagainstneuroblastoma.org or find them on facebook.

Hunstanton Lions Club

Jane Scott

September has been a quiet time for the Hunstanton Lions Club, one event that did take place at Smithdon School was the indoor bowls competition. 25 teams took part and the day was very successful. The winning team, Eye Bowls Club were presented with a cut glass bowl. Thanks to all the teams for taking part and to Angela and David (Sedgeford Bowls Club) for their help and support in organising the competition.

Hunstanton Lions are planning the following programme of winter events, dates to appear in Novembers Newsletter.

- Children in Need
- Christmas Cracker
- Turkey & Tinsel Lunches
- Santa's Grotto & Christmas Tree Festival

200 Club Winners for July 2012
Kevin Fleming, Mrs Lambert, Chris May, Jean Young

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Quilters' Quarters

We are a small friendly group who enjoy quilting and chatting and swapping ideas.

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Our next meetings will be 3, 17,and 31 October.

Please come along, or phone Chris on 01485 535287 for any further details.

Original Soundplay Classes for Babies and Toddlers and Preschoolers to Launch in Hunstanton

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Anna Hallard, award winning owner of Hartbeeps South Bucks franchise, moved from Buckinghamshire to Hunstanton with her family over the summer. Having built up sessions in children's centres, nurseries and opened numerous sessions in Buckinghamshire towns, Anna and her team now run 37 classes a week. Anna is delighted to bring Hartbeeps to Norfolk this autumn with the new Hartbeeps programmes and parties.

Since 2003, Hartbeeps has been delivering its unique blend of original music classes and mini productions to 1000's of babies and children. Challenging accepted definitions of 'baby and toddler' music classes.

Hartbeeps delivers a range of programmes suitable from birth to 4 years. Babybells - Birth to Sitting - Creating a calm, musical, multi-sensory space for you and your baby.

Babybeeps - Sitting to Walking - Innovative & rich in development, is a sound journey through 'Babyland'.

Happy House - Walking to 4 years - Magical themed classes to explore everyday activities and innovative play.

The sessions are a completely different experience to traditional music and movement classes. Hartbeeps offers contemporary classes for babies and young children using state of the art music technology, over 200 original songs (including great re-works of classic nursery rhymes), sound effects and naturescapes as a platform for theatrical and sensory mini productions. Bespoke programmes led by specialist teachers are suitable from birth and include; baby massage, baby calming, parentese, baby yoga, baby signing, puppetry, dress-up, dramatic play, musical storytelling, sensory and unusual props and lighting effects, happy claps, rhymes, raps and body percussion along with our very own soundplay™ systems supporting early developing speech and language. A whole body and mind experience to enjoy together.

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Classes Start on Friday 19th October
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Angie Raines

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As we have just counted the donations again I would like to thank everyone who purchased a book or just donated and helped to raise £514. This means that in the last ten and a half months you have helped raise £1035.41. Of course this couldn't have happened without your donations of paperback novels and we are always glad to receive more.

A few pounds of this was raised through raffles or quizzes raised on the evenings we held a monthly event so grateful thanks to those who attended these. We have a few more events coming up so do pop in to see what is the latest or e mail me for details; granary.snett@yahoo.co.uk
Information is also on the website:www.thegranarysnettisham.com

We have our anniversary the first week of October so call in and see what offers are available.

Once again, thank you and don't forget - keep those books coming.





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Shadows In The Snow

Tobias Nicholls



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The synopsis for the drama: After a year hiding away from humanity, Saskia, determined not to spend Christmas on her own, sends off three letters to those she once considered her closest friends. But the forgotten face that turns up at her door instead forces her to question, not only the choices she has made, but those she has yet to come. 'Shadows in the Snow', written by Tobias Nicholls for the Empty Stage Tour 2012, is a thought provoking drama leading to an unexpected climax.

October is filled with 'local' dates

Fri 5th & Sat 6th October - The Angles Theatre (Wisbech) at 7.30pm

Fri 26th & 27th October - The Granary Theatre (Wells-Next-The-Sea) at 7.30pm

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Brancaster Camera Club

Tuesday, 9th October
Digital Image Competition 'Three of a kind'
Tuesday, 23rd October
Black and White Print Competition
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Local talent shines on the Mic



Open Mic UK 2012 is the exciting national talent competition that searches for the UK's best singers, singer/songwriters, rappers and vocalists of all genres who perform either covers or original material. It is the biggest music competition in the UK for singers and solo artists.

Lauren Parkin from Hunstanton has been given the big thumbs up by judges at the Open Lauren has made it through to the Regional Finals and will now be performing at the live stages of Open Mic UK 2012.

This means she is now in the running to compete for a place in the National Final within The O2 in London. Lauren will be performing in front of hundreds of audience members and a professional judging panel on October 21st at Bedford to win a place at the National Grand Final.

Chris Grayston, Events Coordinator for Open Mic UK comments "We are looking to find an act that has something unique to offer, another Birdy that can go all the way, with both the ability to deliver a strong live performance but also potential to become a professional recording artist. There is so much talent out there I'm sure we can find that star again!

The latter stages of the competition will also provide acts with the opportunity to impress many guests from record labels, agencies and the entertainment industry as well as judges from BBC Introducing, national radio and regional press with judges being more prestigious in the later rounds. Past judges include Radio 1 DJs Ras Kwame and Annie Nightingale MBE with Ivor Novello award winner Mark Hill and KISS FM's Charlie Hedges already confirmed to join this year's Grand Final panel for 2012.

For more information go to the website www.openmicuk.co.uk or better still support Lauren performing on 21st! You can purchase tickets from the website www.openmicuk.co.uk or on the door subject to availability or from Lauren Parkin.

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A Workshop especially designed for teenagers is coming to Hunstanton.
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It will feature "BeatBoxing", D.J. "Scratching & mixing" and "Street Dance".
This event is expected to be very popular so book your places as soon as possible.

The sessions are all reasonably priced at just £2.00 per hour.

Mixing and Scratching sessions with Damien Bennett will be:
10.00 a.m. – 12.00. noon (11 – 14 yrs.)
1.30. p.m. – 3.30. p.m. (15 – 18 yrs.)

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4.00.p.m. – 5.00.p.m. (11-14 yrs)
5.00.p.m. – 6.00p.m. (15-18 yrs)

Street dance will run 12.15.p.m. – 1.15.p.m. (11-18 yrs)

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Grading Glory

On the 1st September 2012 Hunstanton Tang Soo Do held their 3rd grading of the year at Smithdon high school, and would like to congratulate all students who tested for their next belt, their dedication and hard work paid off as all 13 students passed with high standards achieved.
The students that tested are:

Angel Cole 8th Gup
Nathaniel Simmons - 8th Gup
Honey Brown - 8th Gup
Boston Brown - 8th Gup
Amber Clarke - 7th Gup
Oliver Gathercole - 7th Gup
Callum Howard - 7th Gup
Chayney Pepper - 7th Gup
Kelvin Baldwin - 6th Gup
Courtney Pepper - 6th Gup
Holly Watts - 6th Gup
Kayleigh Bennifer - 4th Gup
Kathryn Marshall - 2nd Gup

We are a family run martial arts club and have recently celebrated our 5th birthday with a tang soo do birthday party, this would not have been possible without the dedication and support of our students and parents.

Anyone interested in joining our Tang Soo Do family can come and see us at Smithdon High School every Tuesday (age +) and Friday (age 5+) 6.30pm - 8.30pm,

or our little dragon's club (age 5 - 10) in Heacham on Wednesday 4.30pm - 5.30pm

visit our website http://www.hunstantontangsoodo.com/

On the 29th September we will be taking a team of 14 students to a open champs in the midlands and all instructor would like to wish them the best of luck.

Tang soo!



GOLDSTAR BOXING CLUB'S 100 MILE RELAY

Leon Bolmeer

Thank you very much for all your support on Sunday 2nd September when we raised £978.10 in total. £126 in the buckets, and the rest from sponsorship that the boxers raised for our 100 mile relay on Hunstanton's seafront.

The runners were:

George Loughlin (runner of the day)
Justin Barrett
Leon Bolmeer
Shaun O'Quigley
Bradley Farrowshaw
Nathan Lee
Harry Nash
Nathan Mitchell
Peter White
Ben Duncan
Matt Crossberry
Micheal Glenn Young
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As well as the relay we demonstrated boxing training skills and sparring in our ring which was set up near the Pier building.

This money, along with what the club has saved from subs, and what the Hunstanton and District Rotary have pledged, will allow us to revamp the gym and get the new boxing ring. It was a great team effort and we look to do something similar next year. As always our mantra is anti drugs and anti bullying.

We are changing the opening hours of the gym:

Monday - 6 - 7.30 pm / club boxing
Tuesday - 6 - 7.30 pm / registered boxers only
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Gold for Hunstanton!

After a difficult year weather-wise, Hunstanton has been awarded Gold, and category winner for Coastal Resorts, in the Anglia in Bloom competition.

Cllr Elizabeth Watson, Chairman of the Hunstanton in Bloom Committee said, "It's great to be named the coastal category winner for the second year in a row and a fantastic reward for everyone's hard work, in what has been a challenging year. We began the season with a hosepipe ban and then soon found that the challenge of keeping the plants watered was replaced with the problems presented by saturated ground, which made it difficult to plant and maintain the gardens. In the end the displays in the Esplanade Gardens, with the fantastic new rose beds, were the best they've ever been, so it's really satisfying to also be awarded the Best Local Authority Floral Display Award.

The wild flowers, along the A149, were a magnificent welcome to the town and attracted favourable comments from residents and visitors, as well as from the judges.

The community really pulled together and their hard work was greatly appreciated. Our volunteers turned up whatever the weather and did a terrific job in preparing to show Hunstanton at its very best – I'm so proud of them all. The turn-out on judging day was amazing; there were residents, who greatly impressed the judges with their knowledge and enthusiasm, at every point on the route."

Operations Manager for the Borough Council Chris Durham said

"I am very, very pleased to announce our results from the In Bloom awards ceremony.

We have been awarded Gold, and category winner for Coastal resorts, thus gaining higher points than Gt Yarmouth, Lowestoft and Sheringham .

The Esplanade Gardens also was a winner for the Best Local Authority Floral Display. This is not just judged within our Coastal Category, but within every entrant within the whole region. This is great achievement and shows the hard work and dedication from the adopt a bedders and borough Council staff.

Searles was also nominated for the Best Conservation Project, another great recognition.

May I take this opportunity to personally thank you all for your time, hard work and dedication; this is a truly great result for us as a committee and for town as a whole.

Thank you and congratulations for making Hunstanton the best coastal resort in East Anglia."

Editor's note: In July I published a 'Town and Around In Bloom Special Edition' and you can view this in the 'previous issues' section on the website: www.townandaround.net

There are articles about all the elements of 'In Bloom' and lots of photos too. Here is one of the work on the new rose beds...



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For art enthusiasts this autumn, there's an exciting new exhibition featuring pictures by local artist, Sarah Bowett, running from 21st September to end November in the Gallery Restaurant. Sarah's work captures the beauty of big Norfolk skies, flowers and local landscapes.

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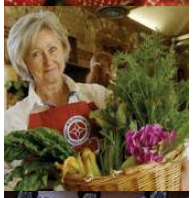




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A Page from the Sage

Dick Melton



There has been a lot of talk of late about the ways to find funding for the sea defences along the east side of the Wash; Hunstanton and Old Hunstanton, Heacham, Snettisham and Dersingham.

We have had two bad floods in 1953 and 1978 with the loss of life and also some minor ones over the last hundred years, and I have no doubt that sooner or later we will get more bad floods in the area.

At the present time, in my opinion, the hard and soft sea defences in the area are well up to standard. The groynes along Hunstanton beach do need some urgent repairs. We were told five years ago that these repairs would take place and the money is available, but each year these repairs are put on hold. We have now been told that these repairs will take place this winter: 2012/13. We can only hold our breath and hope this is true, it would be good to see this work done and ready for next summer.

After the 1953 floods the Promenade was extended from the Fairground to the Power Boat Club to connect up the sea wall that had been built in 1947 from the Power Boat Club as far as Kala Juga Ramp, the in 1984, the steps were built along the same stretch and steel reinforcements put in. In 1990 the yearly recharge of sand, shingle and silt started and has gone on each year ever since.

Starting in 2002 until 2006, over £15m has been spent on new defences from the Fairground to the Hump (Heacham Boundary) and the Promenade was extended from Kala Juga to Jubilee Bridge. Work was also done along Heacham South Beach and Snettisham Beach. In addition to this an extra £200,000 was spent on improving the power boat ramp, so over the last 50 years, our sea defences have been much improved. There are not too may of us left who can remember what they were like before 1953.

What many of us would like to see is the ramp re-instated at the seaward end of Seagate and another ramp put in between the Oasis and the Waterside. If funding is available, it is always a good idea to keep them updated but at the present time the defences look good; that is, except for the groynes.

Staying on the beach; over the school holidays there has been a lot of lost children on the beach, with the rescue services being called out many times. Several years ago when the poles with the lobster pots were erected numbers were painted on them and children were given an arm band with a number on that related to the number on the pole nearest to where their parents were sitting. If we had RNLI Lifeguards on the beach, this scheme could be brought back or maybe even the beach patrol could carry it out.

Last month I wrote some facts and trivia about Old Hunstanton, and here is a bit more. In the years 1347/48 the village was nearly wiped out when a total of 172 tenants in the village died from the Black Death during an eight month period. the village of Ringstead Parva was wiped out with only one farmhouse left like there is today. The Gatehouse at Old Hunstanton Hall was built in 1490 and if you look on the south gable end of the old Caley Farmhouse, now the Caley Hall Motel, you will see the date 1648. In fact Old Hunstanton was mentioned in the Doomsday Book in 1086, so Old Hunstanton has been there a very long time. I found in an old book I was reading about Old Hunstanton that in 1925 a Miss M Fish looked after the Refreshment Rooms in Old Hunstanton and Harry Newstead was Hon Sec of the Reading Rooms, also in Old Hunstanton. I wondered if this is what the Social Club used to be called as the two buildings were on the same site.

Now, as some people no doubt know, there used to be a lot of old by-laws concerning what you could and could not do on the Le Strange Estate. One of these was that you could only go through Old Hunstanton Park and Home Fields Road on a Thursday. Also people from Old Town could gather as much firewood as they wanted from the park on Thursdays.Going back to my mention about the sea defences, on Thursday 30th August we had one of the biggest seas (tides) that we have had for many years. The predicted height was 23 feet 8 inches; it is estimated that the actual height was at least 27 feet. In 1953 the predicted height was just over 22 feet but it made 29 feet. On 30th August two small boats were washed off their moorings but there was no flooding so that goes to show that the sea defences we have at the present time are as good as any and can stand up to rough weather.

In the September issue of Town and Around I wrote a poem about the toilets in the town being shut early. I was amazed at the response to this and was asked by many people if I could write another poem for the October issue so here goes:

The Railway went in 69
Now there's a car park on the line
The Blue Lagoon was buried deep
The winding steps they were too steep

An empty spot marks the Kit-Kat spot
The wooden groynes just left to rot
A beam of light from the tower no more
No crabs, just cockles along the shore

Pirates have taken over the Boating Lake
A new pub on the car park some will hate
There's not much left in Sunny Hunny
Just sun, sand, sea and not much money

But we are all happy and really don't care
For this is Sunny Hunny, and we all love being here

This poem is dedicated to all the old boys (and girls) who gather in the evenings near the old Kit-Kat and try their best to put the world to rights.

P.S. Also on Thursday 30th August, when we had the big seas and high winds we had two unusual visitors in the Wash: a windfarm accommodation ship and also a North Sea Ferry. Both ships came in for a few hours to shelter from the storm.

P.P.S. I would just like to congratulate all of the Council workers and the volunteers who helped get Hunstanton a Gold Award and the other awards in the Anglia in Bloom Competition.

I would especially like to thank Mr & Mrs Pat richardson, as if we didn't have people like this living in our community we would not have achieved this high standard.

Now it is all over, and we've won, maybe the Borough will be able to get their workers to set about making the Cemetery and the southern end of town as neat and tidy as the northern end. also, now the birds have finished nesting, maybe the hedges and bushes in the Cemetery will be cut.

High Tides in October (in metres)

16/10/2012	07:17	4.1
17/10/2012	08:00	4.3
17/10/2012	20:27	4.0
18/10/2012	08:45	4.2

MEMORIES

On the 14th of September, Clive Dellino sent this:-

Seventy-three years ago this week I was evacuated from London to Yaxley, near Peterborough.

"About ten years ago I was asked to write a 'script' to be read, as part of their project, to the 7/8 year olds at one of my grandchildren's school.

A few years later, I sent a copy to the B.B.C. when they were asking for contributions to their "Peoples War" archive and you can read it at the link below. (But bear in mind that it was written for young children)"

http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/ww2peopleswar/stories/53/a2032453.shtml

However, for those readers who do not have internet access, this is what he wrote:-

EVACUATION

Some Notes by an Ex-evacuee

About a month before my tenth birthday Britain declared war on Germany. Although I did not know anything about it at the time, our Government had known that this might happen for some time and had put together some plans to protect the civilian population in the cities from attack by enemy aircraft.

These plans were based on two main fears; firstly they expected that German aircraft would bomb our cities (as they had dropped bombs on cities in Spain during the Spanish civil war) and, secondly, that the Germans might drop poisonous gas on us (as they had used poison gas against our soldiers during the first World War in 1916). So, among the preparations the Government were able to make, in the short time they had, there were two that affected me. I was issued with a gas mask and I was given the chance to be 'evacuated'.

At ten years old the gas mask was a bit of a laugh, it made you look like a pig with a black snout and (if you knew how to do it!) would make rude noises when your breath escaped between the rubber face piece and your cheeks. However, 'evacuation' was something more complicated.

All I understood was that I might be "sent away to be safe".

I was living in London with my parents and they were told that London would, almost certainly, be bombed by the Germans and that anyone who could go away to the countryside should do so. My father was in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, and expected to be called-up at any time, and my mother was a qualified nurse who would be needed in London if it was bombed, I didn't have any brothers or sisters so it was just me that could be "sent away to be safe", or "evacuated".

I don't remember this worrying me then; it was all a bit of excitement, most of the others in my class at school were going to do the same and it hadn't really sunk in that I was going to be separated from my Mum and Dad for an unknown period of time.

Looking back on those days, now, I realise what an incredible job was done by the authorities that organised the evacuation of children from the dangerous city areas. Somehow they managed to match groups of children who wanted to go to the countryside with those families who were willing to take them in. In my case (which I assume was typical) it was done on a 'school' basis. That is to say, my school told someone how many of their children and teachers (and sometimes parents) were looking for a safe place to go.

Complimenting this, organizations in the countryside such as local authorities, the Women's Institute, church groups, the Women's Voluntary Service etc. must have gone around knocking on doors to find out who would be prepared to take total strangers into their homes for an unknown period of time. Not only if they would take some, but also how many, boys, girls, children, adults —or any combination.

At the time war was declared, this matching of evacuees with suitable destinations was not finally completed because, among other things, transport had to be organised. What this meant to me, and all the other children in my class, was that we went to school every day for about two weeks not knowing if this was the day we would not be going home. Each day we went to school with a luggage label (with our name, school and other details written on it) tied to our coat buttons in case we got lost, a small suitcase with our essentials, a packed lunch, our gas mask and a pre-addressed, stamped, postcard to send to our parents telling them where we had finally arrived.

For a week or so we just came home every day as normal but, one day, our parents didn't hear the doorbell after school; because that morning after we had started lessons there had been a great commotion; some coaches had arrived in the playground ! Our teachers said "here we go! close your books, pick up your cases and line up outside". -My big adventure had started.

Some mothers who lived near the school (mine was not one of them) had seen the coaches arrive, or had been told by other mothers, and they came rushing into the playground to say a last goodbye to their children as we were being counted, checked against lists and loaded onto the coaches. Of course it was a very sad time for them and there were many tears, inside the coaches and on the pavement outside, when we finally set off. We were taken to Kings Cross station where special trains had been organized to take us to our new homes and the "foster parents" who had so kindly agreed to take us in.

I don't think anyone knew, yet, exactly where we were being taken; I know that nobody could tell the mothers in the playground when we got into the coaches. By the time we all piled onto the train (and this was the first time some of the children had been on a real, big, steam powered, train) most of the tears had been wiped away and a kind of holiday feeling developed, with much running along the corridors, laughter and shouting. We ate our packed lunches on the train and stared out of the windows as it stopped and started for no apparent reason(1) every few miles until we got to a station called "Yaxley and Farcet", which turned out to be the names of two villages, way out in the Fens near Peterborough. Here all the children and teachers from my school were taken off the train. (Other groups, from other schools, were also put on the train at Kings Cross but I have no idea whether they got off before or after us).

Buses were waiting for us at the station and we were quickly taken to the Yaxley Village Hall, where lemonade, milk and cakes had been laid out on tables for us by the local Mothers Union (or some such organisation) and then came the sorting out. This, for me, was the worst part of it all. All us children stood in a big group at one end of the hall and the potential "foster mothers" stood at the other, then a scary lady in a big hat read from a list and call out things like "Mrs. Smith, -a brother and sister"; Mrs. Smith would then step forward and all the brothers and sisters who wanted to stay together would come to the front of the group. Mrs. Smith then looked them over, as if she was choosing a coat for herself, and say "Those two there" and, taking their hands, lead them out of the hall to their new home.

I hated this part of the proceedings and can remember to this day, more than 60 years later, the feeling of unfairness and the shame of not being chosen! As it happened, there were a few more children than had been expected and the local organizers had to go out again to get some extra foster mothers who had said, when first asked, "Well, if there any children left over, I suppose I could take one". I was one of about three left over, and was collected by one of these 'reserve' foster mothers.

However, in the end, I could not have chosen a better foster family myself; and the system I hated so much, being lined up like cattle and picked out on the basis of what we looked like, worked in my favour in one respect because among the first foster mothers to choose were the farmers wives who were looking for some help on the farm, or around the house, and so they chose the biggest, strongest looking children. My skinny appearance meant that they did not choose me, so I was not placed with someone who thought of me as an extra farmhand or domestic helper.

My foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. Amps, were two of the kindest people I have ever known. They had just one son, who was older than me, and he joined the Royal Navy after a couple of years so I suppose, in a way, I filled his place and benefited from his parent's love and kindness. I stayed with the Amps for four years until the bombing of London had, more or less, stopped and I could go back and return to school there.

It can probably be imagined what it was like not to come home each day to your real parents, and not know how they were; particularly if you knew that the bombers had been back over London again. I knew that my father was now in the RAF, and I got regular letters from him until he was sent overseas, when the letters came less regularly- and often two or three at a time. My mother wrote regularly too, she was now working as a nurse in a 'First Aid Post' in London where people who had been hurt in the bombing were taken to be treated before being sent to a hospital. I knew that the First Aid Post was deep underground in a nearby park, and my mother had said it was the safest place to be in an air raid —so I wasn't too worried about her safety, and she did survive throughout the war, and so did my father,

Other children were not so lucky.

Of course, as soon as they had received our postcards (which our teachers made sure we filled in and sent off the very next day after we arrived in Yaxley) parents came to the village as soon as they could to see us, and the people who were going to look after us until we could go back home. After a while, and where it was possible, some mothers arranged to stay in the village too. My parents came to see me quite soon, and that was the first time I saw my father in his RAF uniform, -I was very proud of that.

Schooling in the village had to be completely reorganized because there were now twice as many children and teachers but still only the same number of schools. What they did was to put all the evacuees and their teachers into the school buildings from 8.00 in the morning until 1.00 in the afternoon and the village children and their teachers got their schools back from 1.30 until 6.30 in the evening. It was done this way so that the village children could continue to help their parents on the farms in the morning (bringing in the cows for milking, and so on) as before. The big bonus for us evacuees was that we had every afternoon off school!! These afternoons were absolutely magical for me.

60 years ago, life in the country villages and on the farms was very different from what it is now, and the difference between city life and village life seemed much greater to me then than it does now. Nowadays, children will be wearing the same fashions, listening to the same music, taking the same lessons, playing the same games, eating the same food, going on holiday to the same places, and so on, as the boys and girls everywhere else in these islands. It was not so then.

Also, in those days, travel was not so easy, only the better-off families had cars and there was no television. This meant that we children, who lived in the cities, had very little idea of the way in which similar children to us lived in the countryside. After all (for example) now when we see the television news about a celebrity or politician visiting a village school, we see the village, the school and, probably, hear one or two children talking about the event.

That's why I said that the 'free afternoons' in the village were so magical for me, I was in a new and unknown world to be explored.

In London I had lived with my family in a typical suburban house, which had been built only a few years previously, as did at least half of the other children in my school. When we were taken to our 'new' homes in the village there were some surprises in store for us, and I was one who was among the most surprised. The reason why Mrs. Amps (or "Auntie Eva" as I soon called her) had not said that she could take an evacuee when she was first asked was that their little house was so small and very old. As it happened, they were planning to move and, within a short time, we all moved to a bigger and more modern one. But let me tell you about the one I was taken to, on that first day.

It was just one room wide and on the end of a row of three, half-timbered (Tudor?) cottages. The front door opened straight into the "best" room, a sort of lounge called "the parlour", and behind it was the kitchen, which was a bigger room with a scrubbed pine table in the middle. This was where we had our meals and washed ourselves in a bowl on the table. The room had a big black kitchen stove with an oven on one side of a coal fire and a hot water boiler on the other. The boiler had a shiny brass tap from which we filled a jug for the washing bowl. We also took our baths in this room, in front of the fire, in a big galvanised steel tub that was taken outside and hung in the back yard when not in use.

Stairs went up from the parlour, just inside the door from the kitchen, straight into the main bedroom, at the back, from which a door led into the front bedroom. All the rooms were tiny by today's standards, but the biggest shock of all was that the toilet was out in the back yard, past a barn and a tool shed!! The toilet was what was called an "earth closet" and consisted of a wooden seat set over a huge hole in the ground. But we did have electric lighting in the house!

Many of the evacuees had similar surprises but others, who came from little crowded houses in London where they shared a bedroom (and sometimes a bed) with brothers and sisters, found themselves in much more comfortable homes where they had a room to themselves —and sometimes didn't like it, and couldn't get to sleep!

Mr. Amps ("Uncle Alf" as he became) was a farmer with a smallholding right out in the flat, black, fenlands behind the village which he worked with horse drawn equipment such as a plough, harrow, and so on. He had a beautiful horse and an orange coloured, two wheeled, cart which I loved to ride in when he collected his crops from his fields. After we moved to the bigger house, which had many outbuildings, we also kept pigs and chickens and I was a willing helper when it came to feeding all the animals.

Of course, the war was in progress and it wasn't all fun.

Although we had been moved out of London to get us away from the war's dangers, the flat open landscape of East Anglia was ideal for airfields and, as time went on, more and more airfields were built around us and they became targets for the German bombers. It was not unusual for bombs to miss the airfields and fall around us -although only one fell on the village, but it didn't harm anyone as it (fortunately) fell on the recreation ground! A bigger danger was from the allied bombers, British and American, which were limping home, badly damaged, after being shot up while over their targets. These planes fell out of the sky quite often, and one crashed near the village and burst into flames.

If they were too damaged to land, the pilots would try to get near to their home airfield so that the crew could use their parachutes, set the aircraft to fly by itself and jump out at the last minute before it crashed to the ground(2). Sometimes a very brave pilot would choose to fly his plane until it hit the ground, to steer it clear of houses and people. This was what happened when the one fell near us, in open fields. It is quite possible that I am still alive because that pilot died avoiding our school.

Apart from the weekends, when all the children were off school, much of my time in those free afternoons were spent with other

evacuees, as we wandered round the farms and fields, swapping stories, experiences with our foster parents, and passing on the tricks and tips we had learned which made our strange situation bearable. For example, we soon learned not to start a sentence with "At home we always…." or "My Dad says…" These phrases were met with responses that started with "Well, you are not at home now!" —or "Never mind your Dad, just you listen to me!"

Those of us who were lucky enough to find foster parents like mine (and there were many) owe them a tremendous debt, something that my parents always acknowledged. Even after I went back home to go to school, I stayed in touch with "Auntie Eva", "Uncle Alf" and their son Jack. Many years later when I got married, one of my first priorities was to take my new wife to meet them, we were invited to Jack's Ruby Wedding celebration and our contacts carried on after Auntie Eva and Uncle Alf died. Jack and his wife have visited us at our present home and they tell me that other ex-evacuees are still in touch with their old foster families in the village —one even married a village girl!

Later Notes.
(1) A railway worker at the time told me, much later, that a system of priorities was already in place when war broke out which gave essential traffic (such as troop trains) first choice of lines. So our mysterious stopping and starting was probably due to being placed in sidings to clear the main line.
(2) The location of our village, and the many airfields around it, in East Anglia placed us within a short flight of the coastline around The Wash. When returning aircraft were unable to land, due to damaged undercarriages etc., it was not uncommon for the pilots to set the aircraft to fly out to sea after all the crew had bailed out.

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Le Strange v Rowe, Norfolk Assizes 1866

Jim Welham

The Lords of the Manors of Hunstanton and Snettisham claimed ownership of the fishery, gravel, shellfish, seaweed, anchorage and groundage and anything washed onto the beach between the high and the low water marks, including shipwrecks and whales, between Wolferton creek and Thornham harbour.

The riches of the foreshore are shown by Hunstanton's entry in White's Gazetteer and Directory in 1854 which said, '*persons may walk two miles down the sands to a place called the Oyster Sea where are caught turbots, skait, oysters, lobsters, plaice and a variety of other fish.'*

Mussels were considered of little value except as bait for longline fishing and for binding together shingle and sand which strengthened the low lying shores, but in 1841 they were found to be useful for fertilising fields. Thousands of tons were illegally harvested and sold to farmers for manure for 3 half pence a bushel. The Le Strange Estate imposed a payment of 10 shillings per annum for a licence to remove mussels, but the majority of people refused to pay. They believed that free and unrestricted use of the part of the beach over which the tide ebbed and flowed was the unalienable right of the poor. They pointed out that they were allowed to fish when the tide was in, but not to take shellfish from the same place when it had receded. They even suggested that digging shellfish was an agricultural act and not fishing, as mussels were vegetables, for although endowed with animal life, they grew firmly fixed to the soil. Another question was where did the Le Strange Estate end and the high seas begin? Was it at the average or the extreme low tide?

Hamon Le Strange inherited both the Le Strange and Styleman Estates in 1862 and found the mussel scalps to be in poor condition due to over-fishing. He had large notices printed by Thew & Son and displayed in the Manors of Hunstanton, Barrett Ringstead, and Heacham with the following instruction:

In order for the better preservation of the sea banks and jetties no persons whether holding a licence or not, will from this date be permitted on any pretence to remove any stone, sand, mud, shingle, earth, sea-wrack, sea weed, mussels, shell fish or any other article whatever from any part of the foreshore or sea beach between Heacham Fishing Lodge and Hunstanton Lighthouse and all licences are hereby withdrawn in respect of such foreshore and sea beach. Any person found removing any article contrary to this notice will be treated as a malicious trespasser and prosecuted according to law.
Hamon Styleman Le Strange
Lord of the Manor and owner of the said foreshore and sea beach.
Hunstanton June 1863

This was disregarded, so to set an example, on 13th August 1866 at the Norwich Assizes before Lord Chief Justice Erie, the case of Le Strange v Rowe was heard. The alleged offences concerned trespassing on the sea shore in the Hundred of Smithdon and taking shingle, mussels and shellfish, and a similar offence at Snettisham. The defendant pleaded not guilty saying that the locations in question were in an area of the open sea where every subject had the right to fish.

The prosecutor said that the foreshore along all that line of coast was of immense importance in protecting the land from the sea, and that for a great many years, nature had created an effective sea defence by the growth of mussels which bound the sands together. In order to maintain his rightful claim to the foreshore, the lord of the manor had to bear a heavy financial burden, as he could not allow trespassers on his land with impunity. However, when offenders were taken before a court they were found to be penniless and therefore unable to pay any fine or costs awarded against them. The defendant Rowe did not live within the boundaries of the estate, but had been carting away loads of mussels, shingle, and sand, which had protected the shore.

Ancient deeds were produced from the time of the Normans. The earliest from the time of Henry 1 and witnessed by William, Archbishop of Rouen said, *"Henry, King of England, to the Archbishops and Bishops, greetings, know ye that we have given and granted William D'Albini, and his heirs hereditary, the manor of Snettisham with two hundreds and a half namely Freebridge and Smithdon, with wreck and all other appurtenances (rights) and mysteries (trades) of Lynn, with moiety (a half share) of the market guild."*

Another deed by Edward III passed the manor of Snettisham to his mother Queen Isabella, the 'She-Wolf of France,' then to Walter de Cheshunt, after whose death it reverted back to Edward III. This was followed by an exchange of land between the King and John O'Gaunt and much of the land in the east of England was transferred to the Duchy of Lancaster. During the rule of James I the Crown retook possession of that land, and all rights to the manor of Snettisham were passed to Sir Henry Carey as a reward for his valour. The land then passed through private hands to the Styleman family in 1710 until their change of name to Le Strange in 1839.

Witnesses for Le Strange produced records showing that the Hunstanton coastline had been entirely under the control of the Le Strange Estate and possession had been taken of shipwrecks and beached whales. The Estate had erected several jetties that extended into the sea at least 100 yards beyond the high water mark, built sea banks and granted licences which allowed the removal of mussels and shingle. Receipts were produced for anchorage and groundage, and in 1864, an application to hold horse races on the sands had been refused.

The defence disputed the claim of Le Strange to the foreshore claiming that people such as William D'Albini and Queen Isabella were irrelevant. They in turn produced documents from the time of King James I when according to common law the foreshore belonged to the king. In 1606 he had granted to *the Corporation of Lynn 'All of the lands formerly covered by the waters of the sea and which having been abandoned by the sea became dry land, and the lands now covered by the waters of the sea which shall hereafter be abandoned by it.*' He had also apparently promised the title of High Admiral, which was currently held by the Earl of Nottingham, to the Mayor of Lynn when it next became vacant. This, if granted, would have given the Corporation of Lynn the rights to *'royal fish, grampuses and all fish of a fatness*,' as far as St Edmunds Ness at Hunstanton.' Although the Le Strange Estate had built sea banks and erected jetties that was no proof of a right to the 'soil of the sea,' but merely a landlord's duty to protect his land. The evidence given by prosecution witnesses was criticised as some were able to only make their mark and it could be expected that they would regard the wishes of a Le Strange as second only to the commands of their Bible.

The Lord Chief Justice summed up saying that when the defendant took the mussels he clearly trespassed on the land, whoever owned it. According to the law of England the land between the high and low water mark was presumed to be owned by the Crown unless ownership had passed to the Lord of the Manor. If the jury concluded the owner was Le Strange, Rowe was guilty. If they found the defendant not guilty, they would allow any person in England, without any claim of right, to go onto the shore with carts and

boats and break up and carry away the mussels which were protecting the land. At the conclusion of the summing up the jury deliberated for moment or two and found in favour of Le Strange and awarded him damages of one shilling.

(This is the first of a series of articles on the rights of access to the foreshore and the effects of the draining of the marshes.)

News from the Civic Society



Mr John Maiden describing the Arts & Crafts features of the former Vicarage in Northgate that was designed by Architect, Herbert George Ibberson (photo credit Andrew Murray)

Some twenty people participated in a guided walk around the town on Sunday 9th. September. The walk concentrated on features of the Arts & Crafts movement and buildings designed by architect, Herbert George Ibberson mainly in Boston and Lincoln Squares, Austin Street and Northgate. Based on this success, plans are being made to produce a pamphlet or trail guide that will be available later this year from the Tourist Information Centre.

A special 'Battle of Britain' event was held on 13th. September when Mr. Ivor Warne from the Imperial War Museum at Duxford gave a detailed description of the site and the part its buildings, aircraft and personnel played during the war.

A full coach of people will be going for a day-out to Southwold on 26th September. Coffee is to be served in the Beach Café followed by a talk about the history of the pier by its owner Mr Stephen Bournes. The original pier, built in 1900, was 810 ft. long and was used as a landing stage for the Belle steamships that travelled to London Bridge. Southwold became a favoured holiday destination. The effects of the World War II and various storms reduced the length to only 60 ft. In 1987 the Pier came into private hands and work started to rebuild it in 1999. It reached its current length of 623 ft. in 2001. In 2005, the Pier was bought by Stephen and Antonia Bournes and remains a family run business. They have made many imaginative, radical and quirky improvements so that it is now the best-loved and truly 21st century pier in the country.

The 150th anniversary of the opening of the line from King's Lynn to Hunstanton is to be marked with a major exhibition of memorabilia in the Town Hall from 1 pm to 7 pm. on Tuesday 2nd Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th October.

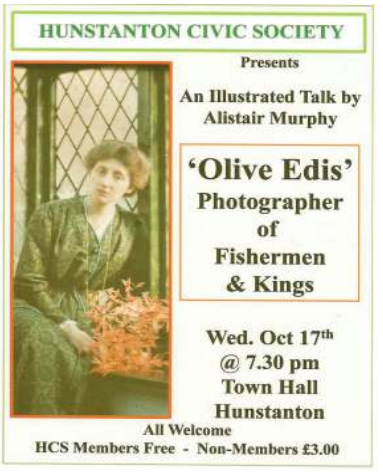
The two Wednesday evening talks in October and November have been swapped around. Mr Alistair Murphy will now be talking on 17th October about "Olive Edis – Photographer to Fisherman & Kings. Professor Fred Cooke will talk about "Castle Rising & The Wash" on 14th. November. The talks start at 7.30 in the Town Hall. Entry to the talks is free to members of the Civic Society, visitors are charged £ 3.00 including refreshments.

The AGM of the national organization to whom we are affiliated, Civic Voice is to be held in Coventry on October 19th and 20th.

The owners of the so called 'Pier Entertainment Centre' on The Green failed to obtain permission for the attachment of 9 panels depicting ice cream products and 4 simulated ice cream cones to their building. As the panels seriously degrade the appearance of the Conservation Area, the Civic Society will oppose the retrospective planning application.

The public meeting in Old Hunstanton to discuss the future of the Chapel Bank shelter resulted in the Parish Council agreeing to co-operate with the Town Council and other interested parties to seek to re-site the shelter to a position near to the Lighthouse Lane bus stop.

The regularly updated web-site: www.hunstanton-civic-society.org includes the programme for the talks in the Autumn of 2012 and Spring of 2013 and much other information. Hard copies of the program together with invitations to renew membership at the same rates as last year (£ 10 for an individual or £ 18 for a couple at the same address) were sent out September.



Thornham wins Big Lottery bid

Thornham, the picturesque but go-ahead coastal community four miles from Hunstanton, has hit the jackpot — a near £500,000 successful bid for a new village hall and sports pavilion from the Big Lottery Fund.

The official announcement came from the Big Lottery Fund on September 11 and confirmed that Thornham, after a five-year campaign, has been awarded a £475,910 grant towards the project, which will start construction in February next year and should be completed in time for a celebratory Christmas 2013 opening.

This comes on top of a £20,820 development grant, also from the Big Lottery Fund, to help complete the final stages of the bid process, and local support in the shape of £15,000 from the Norfolk Rural Community Council and a further £10,000 from King's Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council.

The Big Lottery Fund grant will provide 69 per cent of the projected overall cost with the remaining 31 per cent coming from the sale of the old village Drill Hall, expected to be in the region of £200,000, additional regional grants and the proceeds of considerable and dedicated fund-raising activities by the villagers themselves — such as the Bag Ladies of Thornham, who have so far raised an amazing £20,000-plus by their own efforts, the ever-popular Music on the Field and various other annuals such as fun days, fetes, craft fairs, attic sales and numerous other activities.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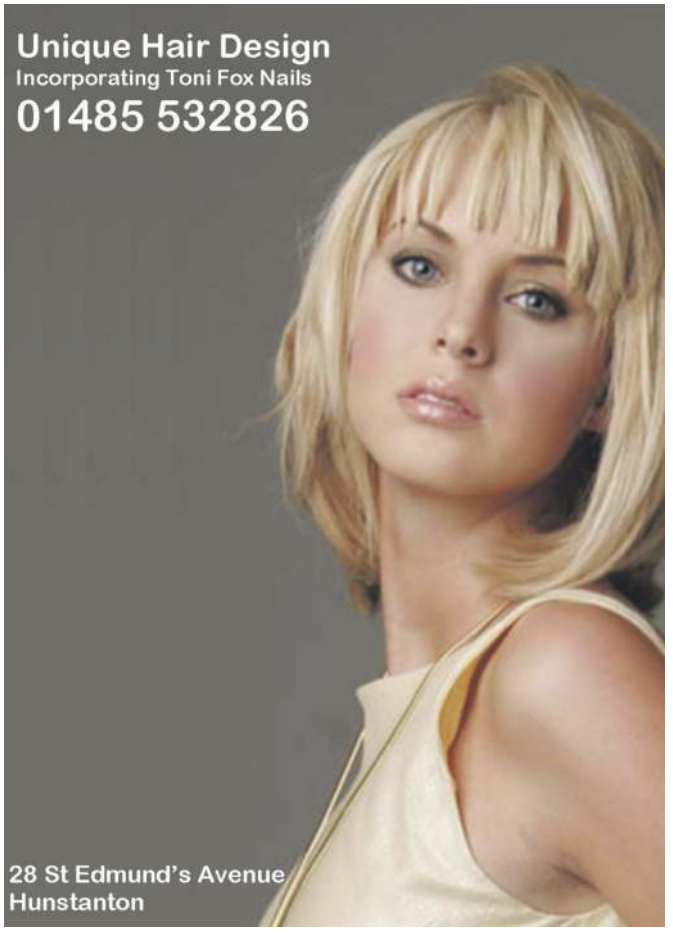

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The Brownies contacted Sam Bromfield, Community Organiser at Barclays Hunstanton as they needed £250 for a new storage unit for pack holiday equipment.

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So far this year Barclays Hunstanton, led by Sam Bromfield, have raised £7780 for local and National causes.

Future events: National Macmillan coffee morning 9.30-12 Friday 28 September, and a fashion show for Spinal Research at Smithdon High School on October 19th.

Anyone For Tennis?

What a wonderful year for British tennis with Olympic gold and mixed doubles silver medals and now a Grand Slam winner. Hopefully this will help to launch further enthusiasm for tennis across the country.

In Hunstanton we have our own major tennis events: the tournament in August organised by Chris Holt and prior to that the County players visit as part of the Aegon sponsored events held around the Country.

I am interested in helping to regenerate the tennis scene throughout the rest of the year, particularly during the Summer of course. Is anyone keen to play? I think we may at least be able to set up an adult (from 18 years old) tennis ladder, enabling people to make arrangements to play one another at their convenience. I would be more than happy to be administrator for the ladder.

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This competition to find our logo is being held well in advance of the first Hunstanton Cake Festival, which will involve all of us in the town over the weekend of the 16th and 17th November, 2013.

A Magnificent Concert!

Tony Foster

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So, please do come along to the Union Church in Hunstanton on Saturday October 20th at 7 p.m. and listen to the Band as we play lots of good music including tunes made famous by The Beatles, Queen, Cliff and Elvis. Full details on the poster.

Hope to see you there!



What a load of rubbish!

John Maiden

On Sunday September 16th Hunstanton Sea Life Sanctuary organised a clean-up of Old Hunstanton beach as part of an annual survey of beaches around the British coastline, which is co-ordinated by the Marine Conservation Society (MCS).

Volunteers of all ages assembled outside the lifeboat station and combed the beach and sand dunes for litter from there to the start of the cliffs. All those taking part were equipped with bin-bags and gloves.

"We did not expect to find as much rubbish as we did," said Jana Sirova from the Sea Life Sanctuary. "Now details of each item of litter collected will be submitted to the MCS for inclusion in an annual report on the state of Britain's beaches."

Jana's colleague, Hollie Stallworthy from the Sea Life Animal Care Team, was responsible for carrying back any items of glass. She ended up with a very large container full of bottles, which could have caused serious injuries had they been broken.



All the volunteers were rewarded for their hard work with a ticket granting free admission to the Sea Life Sanctuary on the south promenade.

More than 1,000 items were identified and removed, including 258 wrappers, 107 metal objects, 81 wet wipes, 63 drink cans, 38 plastic bottles and 33 glass bottles; in spite of a notice asking visitors to "take their rubbish home" and the litter bins provided by the le Strange Estate!



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Every day we see men and women of all ages, some younger suffering with adolescent acne and the aftermath of scarring that it leaves, and of course the more mature of us who often arrive with a list of things that they would like to have gone, from fine lines and wrinkles to dark pigmented lesions that not only fail to be aesthetically pleasing but actually add years to the face and hands.

The demolishing of unwanted skin problems is referred to in our industry as ablative laser therapy. This is something we at SLCC are successfully able to offer with ease, we do not rely on just one laser to do the work; we have a choice to suit each skin type and individual issue. We have years of experience in the field, permitting us the luxury in knowledge of just how to tackle all kinds of skin problems.

There are various options open to discussion, but before we embark on them. It is important to remember that most of our very productive laser therapy does not happen overnight. It will often take a course of recommended treatment and sometimes months to get the aimed for and desired result. So, should you just so happen to be a Spring Bride or indeed the Mother of the Bride or Groom in spring 2013, now is the time to get started on improvement in order of looking really good for that special day.

Let us begin with youthful skin that can sometimes be troubled with a break out, acne, unwanted hair of even psoriasis. Yes we are able to deal with all of these issues, but time and dedication is required in order to do so. The laser is not a magic wand; it is a very effective and efficient source of repair to all skin damage, not at all harmful in correctly trained and experienced hands. Sometimes work may take three or up to six months, always more effective in the winter months, away from exposure to UV light. It is true that one can have any treatment at any time of the year, but for serious ablative work I would recommend throughout the winter season, leaving one to look fresh skinned for the summer months to come .In some cases we may even recommend a non- flexible prescriptive DMK skin care programme.

The important message is, please do not wait to contact us until March for a May wedding. This is something that happens every year with problems such as fine red spider/thread veins, yes they can mostly be dealt with by laser, however feeder vessels are not going to budge and one must be seen in order for us to assess whether or not they can be treated at all? Where there is any kind of blue vein content, there is no hope of removal. In all cases, this particular treatment, though very effective, require a great deal of time and patience and may take as long as 12 months, depending on the severity of the condition. It goes without saying that the younger the veins the easier they will be to treat, they did not arrive overnight, nor will they vanish overnight.

Look younger with skin rejuvenation. Here is a truly rewarding area of work, we at SLCC have devised or very own very special skin rejuvenation course, the secret of which, I am not prepared to share, however the result is a guaranteed Wow! We have devised a course of ablative, reduce, repair, improve laser therapy combined with two other major influences. This works incredibly well on uneven skin, fined lined skin, blemished and patchy skin, in fact all sorts of skin, cleverly reducing the years and leaving the skin lifted, tight, soft, fresh and youthful! All the things we desire no matter what our age, especially when under the scrutiny of others such as 'the wedding party'! This is a perfect solution to the day, and let's face it, we all have them, when one looks in the mirror and says what am I to do with this?' It has been tried and tested her over the past 12 months with a 100% success rate, we are so pleased with our special combination rejuvenation courses and even better the good news is they are very affordable.

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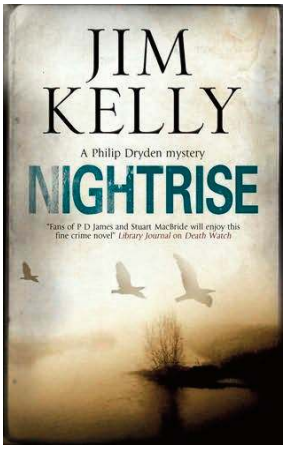
Exhibition of Watercolours

Local artist Frank Gibson returns to King's Lynn Art Centre from September 29th to October 6th with an exhibition of watercolours.

He describes this work as a collection of delicate responses to landscape and weather, and a celebration of atmosphere and mood. Frank reveals his passion for the big skies, land and seascapes of Norfolk together with views captured throughout the United Kingdom.

The paintings can be viewed at the King's Lynn Art Centre, The Old Warehouse, King Street, King's Lynn between 10am and 5pm daily.

Partners in crime



Those who love a good crime, at least one served up in a well-written, gripping page-turner, are urged to reserve their spot at Briarfields' upcoming inaugural Bookfest. The Titchwell-based hotel has invited local crime writer Jim Kelly to speak at its first Bookfest at 2.30pm on Saturday 20 October.

Kelly, whose recent novel Nightrise is the latest in the Philip Dryden mystery series, has always been inspired by the North Norfolk coastline. "Living in Ely means that my nearest stretch of coastline begins at Hunstanton. The coast plays a pivotal role in my Shaw & Valentine books – and one of my Dryden novels," says Kelly.

"My hero, Peter Shaw, lives on the beach just north of Old Hunstanton where his wife runs a café. The beach provides a sense of peace and escape for him from the world of crime. In my last book, Death's Door, the original crime takes place on a (mythical) island off the coast near Wells.

"Having been brought up in London I spent most of my childhood reading books set in exciting places on faraway coasts. We had a holiday every year – starting on the Norfolk coast – and it was the one time the whole family was able to relax together. My father was a detective at Scotland Yard and worked long hours with few holidays. I think I have always associated the coast with adventure and joy. It has a magic which sets it apart from the 'real' everyday world. Also – and this is especially true of Norfolk – the sense of open space is wonderful. The loneliness of this stretch of coast adds to the sense of mystery as well."

Supported by Waterstones, Briarfields is hoping to create a regular focus for literature lovers to meet local authors who draw creative inspiration from Norfolk's beautiful scenery. "Our Bookfest events aim to offer a book club without the hassle of having to read a book first," explains Briarfields' marketing manager, Jac Sandy.

"Instead, guests are invited to hear local writers' work, discover what inspires them and learn a little about what it takes to write and publish a book. We can't think of a better way to spend an autumn afternoon than sharing a great book with an author before enjoying a sumptuous afternoon tea."

Briarfields' Bookfest featuring local writer Jim Kelly will take place at 2.30pm on Saturday 20 October. Tickets cost £15 including afternoon tea and a £3 voucher off books purchased on the day.
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Canary Notes - Lucky Mascot?

JM



Back in 1981 my daughter, Francesca was the first girl mascot to lead out the Canaries at Carrow Road. Now her daughter, Grace is older than her mother was when she enjoyed that moment of footballing fame.

They are not season-ticket holders, but they do accompany me to the odd game. Unfortunately, if there was ever any luck lingering on from that mascot appearance, it has not been apparent as far as recent cup games are concerned.

Last season Francesca and Grace were with me when MK Dons put Norwich out of the League Cup and again when Leicester did the same thing in the FA Cup.

By the time these notes appear in print we will all know whether their presence at the Norwich v Doncaster game brought about a change of fortune for the Canaries as far as a League Cup run is concerned.

At the time of writing Chris Hughton has still to notch up his first Premier League victory as Norwich City manager, but the 'reserve' team he selected to play at Carrow Road against lowly Scunthorpe United in the League Cup did enjoy a 2-1 win to earn another home tie against Doncaster Rovers.

You do not have to be a TV soccer pundit to know that staying in the top flight is the most important goal for the Canaries! Alan Shearer predicts a difficult season ahead for Norwich City, but it is much too early in the season for me to make a prediction based on a 5-0 defeat at Fulham, followed by three draws, two of which, rather ominously, were at home....

Mayor's remarks

I was delighted to welcome a number of civic visitors to the town on Sunday 2nd September to the annual Civic Service and Blessing of the Town. Dignitaries included County Councillor Ian Manson (Chairman of Norfolk County Council), Cllr Robin Goreham (Chairman of Breckland Council) and many Mayors from authorities as far away such as Peterborough and Cromer, and more locally from Swaffham, Downham Market and King's Lynn. It was also lovely see representatives from so many local organisations. It was an afternoon of celebration which included a beautiful service in St Edmunds' Church conducted by Father John.





I have attended a number of local events in the last few weeks including The Kite Festival, The Ingleby Bowls Tournament Final and a very moving service to mark the Gallipoli connection with soldiers from the Sandringham Estate, attended by representatives from all over the world.

I was very fortunate to be invited to attend the Smithdon High School Celebration of Achievement and Prize-giving. It was great to watch the pupils receive their awards and to hear of the significant improvement in their exam results this year. To go from 45% to 60% and move to becoming the second school in the area is a tremendous achievement and congratulations go to all the pupils, staff and governors for their hard work.

Finally, the Anglia in Bloom Team as ever have done us proud and we had a tremendous result – Gold. This is truly a team effort there are many individuals and local organisations who look after flower beds, help with the planting and maintenance of trees in the orchard, and generally keep the Town looking so impressive for residents and visitors alike. As I have said before, we often don't take full advantage of all the Town has to offer - as things inevitably become quieter over the next few weeks, why not take a few minutes to wander along the front while we still (hopefully!) have some good weather and enjoy that which so impressed the judges. Well done to all those involved.

MISSING SINCE TUESDAY SEPT 4TH



LILLIE was wearing a red collar with a bell. She is chipped and registered with the Sunnyside Vets in Hunstanton.

Is she shut in a garage or shed or has she been hit by a vehicle? Dead or alive it would be good to know where she is. There have been some possible sightings so I live in hope.

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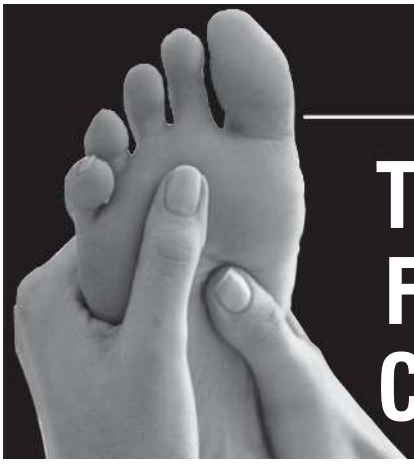
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Docking Win Ingleby Bowls Cup 2012



A well fought match saw Docking retain the silverware on Saturday 8th September, leaving Ingoldisthorpe with the runners–up spot again.

The competition, organised by Hunstanton Town Council, saw 7 time cup winners, Docking, overpower 5 time cup winners, Ingoldisthorpe, as both battled against the scorching weather on the Cliff Top bowls green. The match mirrored last year's tough final where the game could have gone either way. The Mayor, Cllr Elaine Clutton, presented trophies to both winners and runners up in the Cliff Top Bowls Pavilion where everyone partook of a tournament buffet courtesy of the Town Council.

Any bowls club wishing to take part in the Ingleby Cup 2013 should contact the Town Clerk on 01485 532402 email: lisa@hunstanton-council.co.uk

CPRE Award

Kate Dunbar



Here is a photo of Orchard Steering Group members Pat Richardson, myself, Joy Webb (Norfolk Wildlife Trust) and Tony Leech of the CPRE (Council for Protection of Rural England).

Tony came to visit our orchard on behalf of the Council for the Protection of Rural England with a view to giving us an award, in recognition of all our hard work. We were delighted to meet Tony, who is well known by many as being an expert on fungi; often leading fungal forays for Norfolk Wildlife Trust and the Norfolk and Norwich Naturalists Trust.

Nigel Harvey from Hunstanton First and Redgate Schools came along to explain how local children have been involved from the beginning and hope to continue to enjoy and learn from the space. We were delighted to be able to tell the story of our orchard, such a success

And the great news is that we have won the CPRE Award!

Mr and Mrs Malcolm



Paul Malcolm & Sarah Middleton both living in Hunstanton married at Hillington Church on September 1st 2012.

Paul had been a customer advisor at Barclays Hunstanton for ten years and Sarah is a manager at Briarfields Titchwell; the couple were joined by friends and family to celebrate their day.

SAVE THE CHILDREN UPDATE

The Hunstanton Committee of the Save the Children charity regrets it had to cancel the Annual Quiz and supper which was to have taken place on September 15th. This was due to circumstances beyond its control.

The next event in the calendar is the Friends' Lunch on November 13th.

After that we give early notice of a Christmas Coffee Morning open to all, on November 24th at the Methodist Church (The Link)

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What happened to the 'Queen of the Norfolk Coast'?

Brian Holmes



Last month the BBC Country file programme came from Cromer, prompting me to make some comparisons with Hunstanton.

Hunstanton had a Railway and a Pier before Cromer and had a reputation as a fine seaside resort. Cromer's amenities developed following its expansion in the 1890's, possibly in an effort to emulate the success of Hunstanton.

Whereas Cromer has retained its railway and a pier, Hunstanton has lost its railway; pier; outdoor swimming pool; boating lake and many fine Victorian buildings - including the Sandringham Hotel, which was as impressive as the Hotel de Paris in Cromer.

As for our pier, which should have been replaced in 1978 to comply with the repairing covenant imposed by Hamon le Strange, we are left with the legacy of a structure that is completely out of place and referred to by most discerning people as the 'hangar' on The Green.

I suggest that the difference between the two towns is largely attributable to the attitude of the councils responsible for their management, particularly since local government reorganisation in 1974: when the seat of power shifted from Hunstanton to King's Lynn in West Norfolk; whereas in North Norfolk it remained in Cromer!

Why is it that the Borough Council of West Norfolk has King's Lynn in its title, whereas it is rare to see a town mentioned in other 'Districts' in the country, which indicates to me that the majority show concern for the whole of their area of responsibility. The emphasis in our region seems to be for King's Lynn especially when it comes to expenditure on regeneration.

I would be much happier if my elected representatives served under the title: West Norfolk District Council, hoping this would result in a greater concern for the rest of the area and working towards, for instance, regaining the once coveted title of Queen of the Norfolk Coast for Hunstanton.

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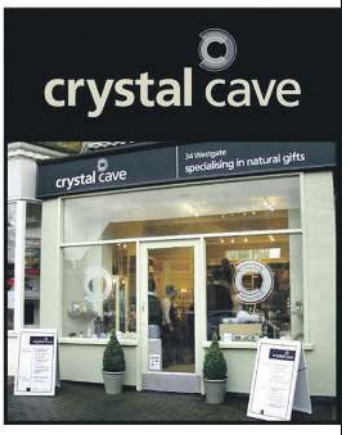

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Ingoldisthorpe C of E Primary School

Keith Twaites, Head teacher

The summer has been a particularly busy and positive time at Ingoldisthorpe C of E Primary School. First of all, a special congratulations to our year 6 children who achieved a fantastic 100% at reaching Level 4 and above in their Sats for both English and Mathematics this year.

During the summer holidays the external painting was finished, a new floor went down in the hall and a new generation of interactive whiteboards were installed. All in all we are delighted with the work that has been carried out. The school looks, bright, refreshed and thoroughly up to date with the new technology. Similarly the field is in great condition offering lots of outdoor activity.

Now we are back and into the swing of things children are enjoying a good range of after school activities. These include clubs for: sport, board games, dance, football, reading, hand bells, drama and make and do a craft club run by the children.

We also have breakfast club every day from 7:30 and Tea-Time club every day until 6 pm. So there are an awful lot of opportunities for the children.

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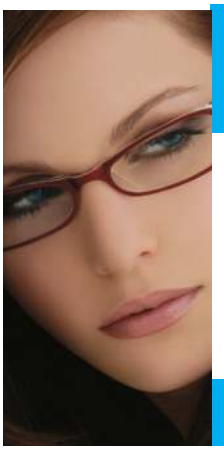

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Q. How do I get a financial order?
A. The simplest way to obtain a financial order is for you and your husband or wife to agree the best way to share the money and debt. A solicitor can help you come to an arrangement.

As long as the agreement complies with the law the court will formalise the arrangements in an order. This type of order is known as a consent order.
Q. What happens if I cannot agree the finances with my husband or wife?
A. If you cannot agree, proceedings will need to be issued. The court will then help you come to an arrangement. This will either be through meetings with the judge or a hearing in the court room.
Q. I have some money my husband or wife does not know about, can I hide it?
A. No, both of you have a duty to tell each other about all your assets such as salary, business assets, savings, ISAs, pensions, shares, debts, bonds and trusts etc. This is known as the duty of full and frank disclosure.
Q. I know the secret password to my husband or wife's personal bank account. Can I access the account online and print off statements?
A. No, this information is confidential to your husband or wife.

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Letters to the Editor

Pigeons

In reference to Letters to the Editor (September), Hunstanton Town and Around. Mr. Wheatley seems that he would like us to feel guilty if we don't like the over population of wood pigeons in our town!

Well I consider myself to be an animal lover to the point that I don't like and don't kill any snails in our garden or slugs for that matter, I think that my husband does take drastic measures when it comes to slugs in his kitchen garden but that it's his choice.

I have to agree with his sentiment that we all are in this together and should make the most of it....but if we humans start feeding any wild animal that happens to be around us we very soon will alter the wildlife equilibrium. I do sympathise with people who want to use some of the benches in the squares as I have tried to sit in some of them and found them to be caked with pigeon "droppings" at the back of the bench simply because they use the back rest as a perch, quite handy for them, just the job!!!

We take action against stray dogs, wasp nests even if they benefit the garden by the eating aphids and must say I'm quite grateful that to the best of my knowledge not protected! When travelling in the country side after the new crops emerge one can come to quite a gruesome practice in my "book", dead rooks attached to poles in order to deter the live ones from eating the crop, I find that to be quite barbaric but I'm in no doubt that most farmers will say that it's necessary, so my point to Mr. Wheately, it would be very nice to live in a perfect world but by not taking any action over the wood pigeons and letting them decimate our garden crops and fouling our paths, buildings and gardens, is not going to make us more human!

Maria Rix

Regional TV

Is Regional TV a waste of time and money?

I ask this question after an enjoyable two weeks watching the heroic efforts of British competitors in the Olympic Games. We were thrilled by the exploits of Chris Hoy, Jessica ennis, Mo Farrah et al, and at the end of the programme, highlights of the day's events were shown on the National News at ten o'clock.

Then inevitably came the dreaded 'Look East' a regional news programme, which for some time prior to the Games had been trying desperately to hype up local participants, and referring to them as 'Team East'.

At ten thirty Look East would start the news programme something like this: "more exciting news about Team East, Jason smallpiece, who used to live in Milton Keynes, but now lives in Bletchley, came a creditable fifth in today's 25 metre shove-ha'penny event!"

So what! No doubt Mr Smallpiece's friends and neighbours in Milton Keynes were trembling with excitement at this piece of news, but to someone like me who lives in North Norfolk this was a non-event.

Similarly on the supposedly local morning news programmes which are mercifully very brief we are likely to be informed of a warehouse fire in Kettering, and warned not to attempt to travel down Church Street or West Street until after lunch!

Someone then tells us that "we are now going to show news from your part of the area" which is likely to be about traffic lights in Saffron Walden! Again, this is not local news to anyone who does not live there.

I know it would be terribly expensive to have TV transmitters in every county and we do have Radio Norfolk to keep up to date, but to me and anyone else who is hard of hearing, the sub-titles on TV news is very important.

David Newman

Hunstanton Beaver Scouts

The new term has started, with lots of excited children returning to Beavers, and some new faces joining us! This term we are focusing on achieving our Friendship Challenge Award Badge. Gaining a challenge badge involves accomplishing a number of more ambitious tasks within the Colony or community. For the Friendship Challenge Badge we will be learning about and visiting the emergency services, helping in the community and finding out about different aspects of other cultures through writing to our penpals in Australia. A busy term ahead!

Hunstanton Scout Hall

We have had a busy summer, with ongoing fundraising for the hall, from the Carnival, Kite Festival & Coffee Mornings. We have also had a good clear out of the upstairs to make more room, and create a pleasant area. There is still work to be done on the upstairs to the hall but we are seeing ongoing gradual improvements.

We are having a clothes collection to raise funds for the ongoing improvements to the hall. If you are having a clear out and want to donate clothes to a good cause, please bring them to the Scout Hall before the 25th September.

On Saturday 29th September we have our monthly coffee morning and jumble sale, between 10am and 1pm at the Scout Hall on York Avenue. We have a great range of cakes for sale, along with clothes, homeware and jewellery. It's free entry for all so come along, grab yourself a bargain and maybe a cake or two as well!

On Saturday 27th October we are holding a Charity Halloween Ball in aid of both the Scout Group and also Macmillan Cancer Support. This is at the Town Hall in Hunstanton, from 7.30pm onwards. A ball with a difference – disco, food and a Halloween costume contest! Tickets are £10.00 per person – free for children under 10, including a buffet meal. There are a limited number of tickets so please buy yours early to avoid disappointment!

On Sunday 28th October we are having a childrens Halloween Party at the Scout Hall in York Avenue! £3.00 per child. From 2pm – 5pm. Numbers limited so put your name down now!

We are always looking for helpers for our fundraising events, donations of raffle prizes, & jumble to sell! So if you have a few spare hours, or are having a clear out at home, please bear us in mind!

For more information on any of these events, please contact Charlotte on 07837 698653 or charlotte.a.wyllie@gmail.com

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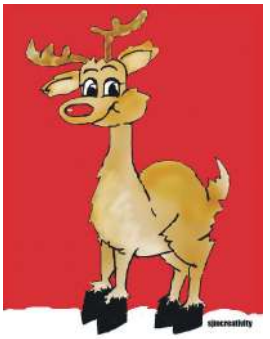

This year we are putting on a cracker of a show for the residents and visitors of Hunstanton so ensure that you come along and enjoy a festive, fun-packed day in our town. A full day of entertainment awaits you with Live Music, Tug-of-War competition, Carol Singing, Bell Ringing, Funfair Rides and even a Doggy Dancing Display.

If you are stuck for present ideas then our Christmas Gift Market is the answer. Our stall holders have an array of exciting gifts and goodies for all the family. Our town shops will also be open all day offering everything from toys to perfume.

There is an afternoon party especially for children between 5 and 9 years of age that includes a Fancy Dress Competition. This will be held at Hunstanton Community Centre from 2pm until 4:15pm. Tickets will be available after half term. Places are limited, so keep an eye out for posters appearing around the town soon. We also hear that Santa is taking a break from Lapland and will be in his special Hunstanton grotto at the Princess Theatre.

Like dancing? - We've even got that covered. The Gold Lion Hotel is hosting a fabulous Tea Dance. Watch this space….more details to follow!

To end the day there will be a procession of lanterns before the switching on of the Christmas Lights. Everyone is welcome to join in the parade; we will be assembling at the Community Centre at 4pm…come along but don't forget to bring your lantern! Why not get really into the spirit of Christmas and dress up in something festive!

Plenty of seasonal food and drink with all the traditional favourites: -mulled wine, roast chestnuts etc.

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Hunstanton Community Choir re-forms

Following a long break since the middle of June and the recent departure of the Choir's musical director and founder Claire Bloor, an early meeting of the membership in advance of the commencement of the new season was called. This took place on Tuesday 28th August 2012 in the Town Hall and 60-65 members present overwhelmingly decided to continue with the choir and to use the original name.

A small 7-man Management Committee with a Chairman: Tony Bishopp was formed to help run the choir and a new Musical Director, Simon Bower, was appointed as well as a Vice-Chairman: Nicholas Godfrey-Cole, a Secretary: Joy Bishopp, a Treasurer: Sue Perry, a Publicity Co-ordinator: Chris Amos and an Events Co-ordinator: Carol Bower. Other members also offered ad-hoc assistance on various aspects of running the choir.

There was unanimous support for the choir to participate more fully in community and charitable events and is already committed to singing at the "Christmas Cracker", the Town Carol Concert and a "Singathon" in aid of Tapping House Hospice. With fewer breaks during the year and use of the Town Hall facilities for rehearsals etc. it is anticipated that the Hunstanton Community Choir will go from strength to strength under new leadership and with an expanding and wider repertoire.

Grateful thanks were expressed to the Hunstanton & District Festival of Arts for its offer of bringing the choir under its umbrella for insurance purposes.

If anyone is interested in joining the Choir then do come along to rehearsals, which take place in the Town Hall on Tuesday evenings between 6:30 pm and 9 pm. The choir does not hold auditions so simply come along and join in. Membership costs just £3.00 per session, (pay at the door) but your first session is free for new members.

For further information contact Tony Bishopp on 07776 237359 or Joy Bishopp on 07786 547487

Cinema in The Creakes

On Tuesday 9th October in North Creake Village Hall at 7.30pm, Cinema in The Creakes will be screening the film " War Horse " Cert(12A).

Steven Spielberg's much anticipated film of the acclaimed National Theatre hit about a Devon Farm Boy and his beloved Horse and how their bond is broken when it is sold to the cavalry and sent to the trenches in World War One.

Stars newcomer Jeremy Irvine along with well known British Actors, Emily Watson, Eddie Marsan & David Thewlis.

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.

The newsletter website is now:
www.townandaround.net

The Creakes Gardeners Club

On Monday 22nd October at 7.30pm at North Creake Village Hall, The Creakes Gardeners Club continue their autumn/winter programme of events.

We welcome Teddy Maufe of The Real Ale Shop and Branthill Farm who will talk about growing Malted Barley locally and will bring along some Beers for tasting which have been produced using it.

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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

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Nickie Bantoft, FCCA

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Jasmine Atkinson, Visitor and Publicity Officer

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We will have a presentation from Clive Howard of Voyages to Antiquity which will last approximately 45 minutes and there will be an opportunity before and after the presentation to ask questions about Voyages to Antiquity or any other Cruises.

Everyone that attends will receive special offers for Voyages to Antiquity and a £100 off cruise voucher to spend on selected cruise lines up to the end of 2013.

You may bring friends and family but no children please.

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New Showroom, New Team



Local residents will be very familiar now with the new super showroom which has been installed to bring the bespoke fitted furniture company, Kings Oak, into Hunstanton. Throughout the summer the North Parade showroom as gone from an abandoned, dark, former Job Centre, to a completely transformed second branch of Kings Oak, which was founded in Kings Lynn some thirty years ago.

Owner Paul Barnett has transformed the three unit space into a state of the art showroom for his outstanding ranges of kitchens, bathrooms, studies, bedrooms and children's rooms. The work has been as painstaking in every display area at the Showroom as it always is for every Kings Oak client project; every detail, however small, has been given all the time needed to make it perfect. It is this level of attention to detail and commitment to quality which has made Kings Oak the preferred supplier of fitted furniture, with over 3000 installations already enjoyed in homes across Norfolk and beyond.

So much interest has been generated as the beautiful displays have been installed that visitors to the showroom are already being invited to take a look around, and several new client installations are in the design stage following those initial visits to see the exciting ranges of traditional and contemporary ranges, and the myriad of options of colours, textures and finishes.

In fact, so much interest has led Paul to the decision to open the Kings Oak Hunstanton Showroom in advance of final finishing touches being completed. So that visitors have the high level of customer care and service for which the company is so well known, a new team has been brought together so the new showroom can be open seven days a week.

Working alongside Paul will be Jill Walsh, Lois Large and Tracey Harris. Paul has always intended that local people will make up the new team, and to meet the level of interest already experienced at the new showroom, Jill, Lois and Tracey will be on hand throughout the entire week. The new showroom will be open from 9.30 to 5.30 from Monday to Saturday, and 10am to 4pm on Sundays and on Bank Holidays.

Kings Oak has a long history of taking pride in everything they design and make for their clients, as well as an enviable reputation for being able to turn even the smallest of rooms, nooks or niches into usable space in any home. In the case of Kings Oak, high quality and high standards are available to every client and equal attention is given to each project the company undertakes, whatever its size. Kings Oak fitted furniture can be found in every type of home from mansions to maisonettes, and everyone is welcome to come to a Kings Oak showroom – in Hunny, or in Kings Lynn – to talk about their ideas for anything from a luxurious bathroom to a quiet room to work or study, or a sumptuous bedroom for grown-ups or an exciting children's room which can be adapted as they grow. For those who want the cinema experience at home, media rooms are also on the long list of Kings Oak options with which to create a stylish space to enjoy anywhere in your home.

Kings Oak regards every client relationship as important and long-lasting. Plans are carefully stored so additional units can be made if

required, or to provide information for the replacement of handles or hinges if it becomes necessary – usually only after years of use. Nothing is too much trouble if you are a Kings Oak customer and ensuring fitted furniture is not only beautiful but also hard-wearing whatever lifestyle you lead, is a top priority for Paul and his team.

Happy memories for Secondary Modern students and staff



Former pupils of Hunstanton Secondary Modern School enjoyed a reunion at Old Hunstanton Social Club to mark 40 years since leaving the school, now Smithdon High. The event was organised by school friends: Valerie Everitt (nee Parsons) and Sandra Burton (nee Fleming).

Two former teachers also attended: Head of Metalwork, John Hall, and English teacher, John Maiden (these days better known to Town & Around readers as Turnstone).

40 people enjoyed a hog roast and a slice of specially decorated sponge cake, whilst 70's music played in the background.

Valerie and Sandra organised a reunion 10 years ago, which was well attended and very enjoyable, so they decided to hold a second reunion for students who left school as 4th years in 1972 or as 5th years in 1973.

Fewer people were able to attend this time, but for those present it was a night of chatter and laughter; catching up with friends, some of whom had travelled from as far away as Wiltshire, Yorkshire and even Ireland.

The hall was decked with black and gold balloons: the colour of the school tie worn by girls and boys in the 70's.

John Hall said that although he is very hard of hearing and has damaged vocal chords, he still had a marvellous time, because his lovely wife Gill had acted as his ears and voice, for which he was very grateful.

He went on to congratulate Sandra and Valerie for their hard work in tracking down former pupils and for making the room look so attractive on the night.

"It really was a joy to see such animated conversation and laughter among the ladies as well as the lads I taught," said John.

"It brought back floods of happy memories and humorous times we shared."

Valerie said: " Who knows, we may do it all again in 10 years time!"

John Maiden echoed the words of his former colleague and said he was already looking forward to the next reunion in 2022!

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Borough and Town Councillor Notes

Richard Bird

This month sees the further development of the 'Affordable Housing' project on the old sheep field near Tesco. The plans have gone a step further with outline planning permission for 15 dwellings currently being sought. All being well the permission should go forward with the site being cleared next year. I am told that these dwellings, and there are various types and styles, will be allocated to local people, that's people with connections to Hunstanton, on an affordable rental basis. Details of how to apply will be forthcoming. All good news I hope you agree.

I have with some of my councillor colleagues been attending various lectures and seminars trying desperately to understand the new rules of 'Localism' and how they will best be of use and advantage to the residents of Hunstanton and District. As always at the moment it's all so new and appears cumbersome but by the time it's in place and law we will have mastered it and take all advantage possible.

My fingers are defiantly NOT green and so it is with deep admiration that I applaud the efforts of others when it comes to all things that grow. The In Bloom group together with the Community Orchard people do a fantastic job. Success in one part of the town then of course shows up weaknesses in other parts. I have spoken this week to people who have family graves here in Hunstanton and they tell me that recently the grass has been cut at the cemetery, but it was well overdue.

When recently I questioned the officer from the Boro' why a Special Expense for the upkeep of the Cemetery had been withdrawn (Hunstanton Ratepayers used to be charged £5,000 p/a ish) I was told that, quote, "The costs of burial had risen to offset the special expense". I am now in the process of finding out (1) how many burials we have p/a (2) what is the cost of the actual internment.

The purpose of this investigation is to ascertain if there is enough income to keep the Cemetery up to the standards we should expect.

Further to this question to the officer I asked another question, could the Cemetery use Community Payback offenders to maintain the grounds. (That's offenders who have been convicted of a crime through the courts) I have read that last year 2 local areas were worked on by Community Payback Groups ; the R.S.P.C.A. wild life project where offenders were cutting hedges and laying gravel to the extended car park. The second was at Roydon Common where offenders were cutting trees and reinstating the village pond. The answer I received was that offenders couldn't be trusted with gardening implements. What do you think? Should I pursue this avenue? Is it appropriate for offenders to work in our Cemetery?

You will be happy to see NO photos of yours truly with other politicians this month, that's not to say they and I are not working here just that we are camera shy. Actually the editor has no space.

Lastly, an update on the ongoing scenario about the pedestrian crossing over the A149 to the recreation grounds. The latest is that Norfolk County Council Highways cannot afford the £100,000 cost for the crossing for many years if they have to fund it all. So the next effort is to part fund with £10,000 from the Town Council, £40,000 from the Boro' regeneration fund and the balance to come from the County Council Highways Department. I have been working on this project for nearly 10 years, so I hope a satisfactory compromise can be found soon, any comments?

While we were not successful in gaining funding from the Portas Pilot Scheme, we have been awarded £10,000 as a reward for our ongoing efforts. The award involved Parliament and was ratified by our MP Henry Bellingham. Consideration of which elements of the original plan can be fulfilled within that budget are now being considered.



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The glory of blue skies, heat and sunshine

Joanna

How I have enjoyed the last few days of summer. On my travels around the area I have loved the dappled sunlight slanting through the trees in the numerous woods we are blessed with.

There is something mystical and magical about woods with their secret corners and glades. I know that in the distant past they were places of fear, and that Mole in 'Wind in the Willows' had a nasty experience when drawn to the wild wood and he got lost. However, I have always been drawn to them and been fascinated by their glades, rides and secrets, they also have distinct smells as you walk around. That was something else I have noticed as I drove around with car windows open, the Nettles and the bracken have their own distinct smells, reminding me of the woods of my youth, where we played endlessly in the bracken, and the leaf mould under our feet which also has its own musky smell.

That set me thinking about smells, memories and the things I miss. When at the farm in the early days, Hay Making was the busy time, and newly mown grass has a fresh smell and later the dried grass has the most warm and musky smell that makes one think that the cows must enjoy it. Silage is an altogether different beast and has a rank ugly smell and it also meant an end to happy days in the hay fields. We didn't actually farm the land, which was rented out, but we did join in with things like Hay Time. I have many happy memories of warm July evenings collecting bales on a trailer, dodging piles of them in the dark, loading the bales on the clanking lifter as the men in the barn stacked them tight up to the roof, the banter as we worked, the swigs of cold tea or cold beaten eggs, milk and sugar, and the satisfaction of a job finally done was great. Also the joy of beating the weather and snatching hay from the rain and wind. We then had 6 weeks of waiting as the hay warmed up, each morning as we opened the living room door the smell of the hay was lovely, but at the back of our minds was the fact that hay is highly combustible and for the first 6 weeks in the barn un-insurable.

Another farm related and missed smell, is that of the cows, I don't mean the mucking out, I mean the smell of a cows breath and it damp black nose, like horses and their breath and noses, they each have their own smell and it isn't unpleasant. Spinning sheep's wool is also another smell I miss, I never washed the fleeces before spinning and I loved the smell of the Lanolin and yes a memory of their droppings as I worked.

Anyway back from the past to the present, did you notice the flocks of birds on the 3rd of September hawking on the flying ants, I saw 100 plus Corvids over by the Courtyard farm, then in Ringstead the sky was full of Martins and Swallows feeding with a lone Sparrowhawk, this was not feeding on the Ants!! Once home the sky as full of assorted Gulls. My birdbath has been full of House Sparrows enjoying a splash, its like watching young children enjoying paddling at the seas edge. Every now and then a Wood Pigeon lands and chases them off and proceeds to scatter water everywhere. Its not surprising that they need a bath every now and then, the amount of dust and sand they leave in the bottom, it looks like my bath when the grandchildren are dumped in to get the sand showered off them after a trip to the beach.

The moth trap has been getting better results with more moths than earlier in the season, but not the variety I would expect at this time of the year. The Lavender at the front is a mass of assorted bees and I have had Gatekeeper, Red Admiral and Peacock Butterflies as well as the usual Whites and more unusually a Migrant Hawker and Common Darter Dragon Fly gave the garden the once over. Whilst the family were here we watched the Bats flying around the local gardens, not sure what they are, I suspect possibly Noctule, they are too big to be Pippistrelles. There are also Hedgehog droppings around the garden although I haven't managed to see one. Also in my middle of the night rambles around the house I have seen Orion appearing low on the Eastern Horizon around 2 am. That's a sure sign of approaching Autumn and Winter as He slips into the Southern Skies during our Summer. It will be easier to star watch now that many lights go out at 1am, that really cuts down on the light pollution and I am convinced that like the 'wild wood' darkness is a thing to treasured and enjoyed, not feared. I suppose the next thing will be is the return of the Geese. I know that I love watching them but my body also knows that means the long haul of some 8 months of cold weather. Yes it doesn't even think of warming up until June, if we are lucky. Still the glories of the flocks of waders and skeins of geese stitching the skies are things to looked forward to and I can always add more layers of clothes!! Keep watching and learning about our wild life and it will continue to surprise you.

Ray Butcher's Su Doku

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Potter & Dibble

Angela Meakin

As the days turn chilly and the nights draw in, out thoughts turn naturally towards comfort food and hibernation.

Potter & Dibble Kitchenware, at The Old Apple Store, Drove Orchards, Thornham, is now the local authorised AGA showroom, and is home to one of the fabulous new Total Control electric AGAs (called Heather for reasons which become obvious when you meet her!)

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From St Edmund's Vicarage

I write this article on Friday 14th of September. One of many days in the calendar which are special within the Christian Church. It's known as Holy Cross Day. In origin it started with Helena, mother of the Emperor Constantine. Helena was a Christian and probably through her influence Constantine became a Christian. He was of course a warrior, he believed he'd seen a sign of the cross; the sign of the Christian God who had helped him became victorious in battle. This however wasn't the origin of this holy day. Helena made pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Whilst there she oversaw some excavations of the holy sites. She is said to have discovered a cross; she believed this was the actual cross on which Jesus was crucified. A basilica was built on the site and dedicated on 14th September 335. By the end of the 7th century this day was being called Holy Cross Day in Rome and eventually its observance spread throughout Christendom.

No doubt the majority of those who attend worship on 14th of September won't have the historical background in mind. It is a day to reflect on the passion of Jesus. Jesus like all of us had temptations in front of him. He was able to turn his back on those temptations and be true to his vocation. He was tempted to seek popularity, to do stunts, to take the easy way through life. However he chose to go the way of the cross. He also calls his followers in every age to walk the way of the cross. To be people who will face pain, suffering and death. It might not mean a physical crucifixion like his, but in some way God asks us not to think of ourselves finding the most comfortable way through life, but being prepared to live a sacrificial life by getting into the thick of life, not standing by and waiting for others to do things.

Holy Cross Day also puts before us the death of Jesus. It causes us to reflect on our mortality and calls us to look beyond the cross to the resurrection of Jesus. The pain of the cross led on to the glory of new life and hope. How easy it is to want power, glory and fame, to be popular, to be noticed. How difficult to take the crosses that are laid on us. The great apostle Saint Paul wrote that "we preach Christ crucified". It is the message to be proclaimed and lived by all Christians. What a challenge to us all!

Your priest and pastor,
Father John

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It is with great sorrow that I report the death on Tuesday 4th September of Sister Monica of the Daughters of Divine Charity Community, St Theresa's Convent, Hunstanton. Our prayers go to her Community and her family; she will be greatly missed by us all.

Our last main fundraiser of the year was the sponsored walk on 9th September. Fourteen Parishioners along with our Priest, Fr Michael Ryan, made the walk of our annual route around Hunstanton. It was hot and sunny, so the refreshments back at the Parish centre were very welcome. It is not yet known how much sponsorship money has been raised.

The weather was lovely and a good time was had by all at a Parish family picnic. Thanks go to Linda and Andrew Jamieson for their hospitality in showing us around the orchards at Drove Orchards, Thornham.





Family Picnic at Drove Orchards

Any Catholics wanting to learn more about or to renew their faith may be interested in joining our Catechism Course being held every Wednesday afternoon at 2pm, at the Parish Centre, Hunstanton from September 19th. It is part of Pope Benedict's 'Year of Faith'. Why not come along and find out more.

A food bank has been set up at the Church in Dersingham and your contributions are greatly appreciated. These store cupboard items will continue to be collected and given to the distribution centre at King's Lynn. You can find out more information on www.kingslynn.foodbank.org.uk

Our daily Masses are usually held at 9am at St Theresa's Convent, 27 Sandringham Road, Hunstanton on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday and at10.15am at St Cecilia's, Dersingham on Wednesday. These are subject to change, so please check Church notice boards, website or phone. Sunday Masses are 9am at Dersingham and 11am at Hunstanton.

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

Union Church

Miriam Hodson

During the Summer? break we had the pleasure of a visit from one of our Grandsons and his wife and their three children George, Daisy and Ava. Josiah and Phoebe, two more of our Great Grandchildren also visited with our eldest daughter and her husband, their Granny and Grandpa.

Actually, it was a lovely summer week with lovely weather, so they were able to build sand castles and really enjoy themselves.

Previously, after our visit to Sheringham to have a ride on the Norfolk Poppy Line steam train for Rays 88th birthday in July, we sent them a postcard of the train

we went on, and George had said to his mummy and daddy, when are we going to Hunstanton to have a ride on the steam train ?

So, of course, a visit to Sheringham was a must!!

They were so excited, and I thought Ava, only 10 months old, might be frightened of the noise, but no she absolutely loved it and enjoyed the fun of it all!!

Penny, our youngest daughter and Jason went on the Carousel with George and Daisy.

However, once again, walking through the shopping area of the town, gave me the theme for my letter as it did for the September one.

In the shop window of a gift shop, my husband spotted a wooden plaque with the words, engraved "Whatever your past has been, you have a spotless future! "

But there is only one way we can ever have a spotless future. The Bible tells us whatever our past, whether we have lived, as we consider, a good life or committed some great crime; in Gods eyes we have "All sinned and fallen short of the Glory of God" (Romans chapter 3 verse 23.) which separates us from Him.

But God also says "though your sins be as scarlet, they will be as white as snow and though they are red like crimson they will be like wool " (Isaiah 1 v 18) and (Psalm 103 v 12) and "your sins I will remember no more". (Hebrews 8 v 12).

How can this be? Well you see, God Loves us so much He longs for us to be "clean" so that He can have a relationship with us. So He sent His Only Son Jesus to

earth, who throughout His 33 years never did anything wrong - in fact He went about doing good and telling the people of Gods Love for them.

But the religious rulers who hated Him so much accused Him of blasphemy and nailed Him to the cross at Calvary.

But this was all in Gods plan, because Jesus had led a sinless life, He could take the punishment we deserve and He bore our sins on the cross.

So God now sees us as "spotless" if we are willing to admit we need a Saviour and accept Jesus sacrifice for us and invite Him into our lives.

God then forgives our sins and you can say "Whatever my past has been I now have a spotless future" to spend with Jesus now and for Eternity!! What a prospect!!!

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Rector's Letter

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Should waste them all.
The crows above the forest call;
To-morrow they may form and go.
O hushed October morning mild,
Begin the hours of this day slow.

Thus begins a lovely poem about this time of year by Robert Frost. Most of us have heard his poem about The Road not Taken, which makes such a good point about the choices in life. Robert Frost often uses images from the natural world around us to make quite profound observations.

This poem is his plea to be able to hang onto the present moment and to savour it slowly; in this case because of the beauty of the October day's in all their colour and mists.

There are times in life which we would love to hang onto, and others we would rather get through quickly and have done with. Most importantly I think, we are all called to really live, to the full , in the present moment. An early Christian saint said "What is more precious than time, and yet what do we waste uselessly without much sorrow?"

A great blessing of faith is to feel that you are not journeying alone and that the past can be laid in the hands of God and , with trust in Him, the future can look after itself.

This is not a glib idea that everything will become happy and easy. Our way through life is never that easy, and that , to believers , is the reality of the Cross. Another early saint, John Chrysostom, commented "If trees have not stood against the Winter storms, they cannot go on to bear fruit." It is often the tough things in life that make us the people we are. Let us be thankful for it all, and embrace every new day as a gift. As we take in all the October colour around us, let each sunset find us changed, as we use each day wisely in what we do , and say, and pray.

Rev'd Christopher Wood, Rector of the Saxon Shore: six Parish Churches from Old Hunstanton to Burnham Deepdale.



The unveiling of the restored William IV Coat of Arms 21.09.12 at St Mary's Church, Old Hunstanton

Greetings from the manse,

In many countries nature is being valued and commodified so that it can be exchanged for cash. That's really something to ponder as we take our tin of peas to the harvest festival service and sing our harvest hymns. Our harvest services even in an urban context remind us to value the creation but praise the Creator.

A few years ago the last government commissioned a research company to produce a total annual price for England's ecosystems. After taking the money, the company reported – with a certain understatement – that this exercise was "theoretically challenging to complete, and considered by some not to be a theoretically sound endeavour". Some of the services provided by England's ecosystems, it pointed out, "may in fact be infinite in value." To which I want to say "Amen!"

This rare flash of common sense did nothing to discourage the current government from seeking first to put a price on nature, then to create a market in its disposal. The UK now has a Natural Capital Committee, an Ecosystem Markets Task Force and an inspiring new lexicon. We don't call it nature any more: now the proper term is "natural capital". Natural processes have become "ecosystem services", as they exist only to serve us. Hills, forests and river catchments are now "green infrastructure", while biodiversity and habitats are "asset classes" within an "ecosystem market" and "off sets" where you can destroy in one place if you replace in another. All of them will be assigned a price; all of them will become exchangeable. Issues and decisions might well rest on balance sheets and be resolved in a column of figures. It will be the case, it is argued, that the money to be made by protecting nature will rarely match the money to be made by destroying it. Nature offers low rates of return by comparison to other investments. Critics worry that if we allow the discussion to shift from values to value, from love to greed, we will cede the natural world to the forces wrecking it.

In the 1800s Chief Seattle, Chief of the Suquamish Indians allegedly wrote to the American Government. He responded to the American Government's request to buy their land. The following is part of the letter he famously wrote in reply.

"The President in Washington sends word that he wishes to buy our land. But how can you buy or sell the sky? the land? The idea is strange to us. If we do not own the freshness of the air and the sparkle of the water, how can you buy them? Every part of the earth is sacred to my people. Every shining pine needle, every sandy shore, every mist in the dark woods, every meadow, every humming insect. All are holy in the memory and experience of my people. The rivers are our brothers. They quench our thirst. They carry our canoes and feed our children. So you must give the rivers the kindness that you would give any brother. This we know: the earth does not belong to man, man belongs to the earth. All things are connected like the blood that unites us all. Man did not weave the web of life; he is merely a strand in it. Whatever he does to the web, he does to himself. One thing we know: our God is also your God. The earth is precious to him and to harm the earth is to heap contempt on its creator. We love this earth as a newborn loves its mother's heartbeat. So, if we sell you our land, love it as we have loved it. Care for it, as we have cared for it. Hold in your mind the memory of the land as it is when you receive it. Preserve the land for all children, and love it, as God loves us".

We should sing with renewed understanding and commitment our treasured harvest hymns. They contain a lot of wisdom.

"For the fruits of his creation,
Thanks be to God."

With every harvest blessing,
Rev. Kim Nally , Hunstanton Methodist Church

MOUNTAIN HIGH

Daniel Holland Pastor The Way

As I write this article my wife and I have recently returned from our annual trip to the Scottish Highlands. We have been back there every year since we first discovered them in 2006 and we're still not bored. Much as we love where we live, the contrast with our mostly flat Norfolk (not if you try cycling!) is extreme, maybe this is part of its appeal to us? When we enter the Highlands they seem to get deeply under my skin. There is mile after mile of unbroken mountain ranges, craggy and untameable, unapologetically thrust up from the earth and standing tall. In the mountains I see more than God's fingerprints; in the silence of the glens it's as if He is shouting 'I am creator' and 'I am strong and powerful'. Each mountain has a personality all of its own, sometimes reflected in its name, for instance Ben Hope.

I' m not the only one to have a fascination with mountains. There is something in the human spirit that wants to pit itself against challenge of a mountain. Think of the dangers and hardships people are willing to endure to climb Everest or Kilimanjaro. Mountains remind us of our humanity, they have existed millennia before we were born and will likely remain long after we are gone. Their permanence is reassuring, living in times of constant change and upheaval when everything seems to be shaken; these mountains speak of God's order, greater than anything man can manufacture. My wife and I can climb a mountain, take a few pictures and enjoy it for a few hours, but it makes more of a mark on us than we do on it. It is no place to linger when the weather changes; quickly becoming treacherous and moody, warning us that we have overstayed our welcome!

As a pastor and a bible student I notice how many key scriptural events happened on mountains. Here are just a famous few; Mount Sinai where God gave the law to Moses and the Israelites, the Mount of Olives where Jesus gave his most famous teaching and Mount Zion (Jerusalem) outside of which Jesus was crucified. Moses met with God on the mountaintop; Jesus often went to pray alone on a mountainside. Biblically, mountains are frequently used as metaphors for the troubles and pressures that come in this world, threatening to swallow us up unless we overcome them. For many people death seems to be a huge mountain that overshadows their life, or in these austere times maybe it's the threat of redundancy. Finding the courage to ask forgiveness from someone to whom we have done great wrong can feel like an unconquerable mountain. Mountains are everywhere!! Coming to God is likened to approaching a mountain,

…'you have come to Mount Zion, to the Heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the judge of all men, to the spirits of righteous men made perfect, to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant'..(Hebrews 12v 22-24)

One day we will all have to stand alone before God and give account for our lives. Let's come to Him now and ask for His forgiveness and help knowing that He loves us and will climb our mountains with us if we let him, no matter how high!



Liam Woodhouse and Allison Haylett

Photo: Mick Bye

Liam Woodhouse and Allison Haylett were married at the Church of Our Lady & St Edmund, Hunstanton. The bridesmaids were Michaela Bywater, Lyndsey Godfrey, Claire Woodhouse, Samantha Uttin and Kelly Haynes. The Best Man was David Churchouse.

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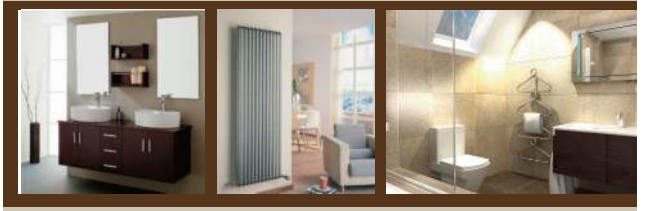

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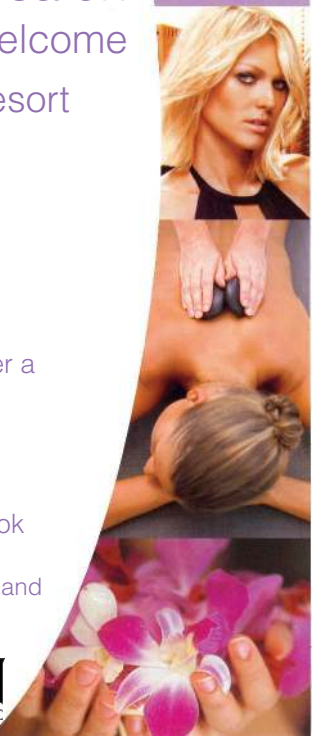

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Hunstanton Lifeboats

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Saturday 25th August we held our flag day in the High St. along with Guild members, unfortunately, we can no longer bring our lifeboat into the High St. its just to large to navigate around the cars etc. We did however have a D Class on show. Thanks to all who supported us, our treasurer, David Jones tells me £1,186.70 was collected, and £513 was raised by the Guild stall, well done all.

On Saturday 1st September, the crew and guests held a BBQ evening at the Boathouse, a chance to wind down and make the most of the fine weather, a special thanks to our resident chefs, Gav and Mike, and not forgetting the thanks to the wives of crew who helped lay it all on.

Tuesday 21st August 2012 at 10.57 p.m. Lifeboat and Hovercraft tasked to search the beach and sea area, following report of a five metre inflatable boat found abandoned on the tide line at Hunstanton, with its engine in the down position, and still warm, fishing equipment was on board, but no sign of any persons. High tide was at 9.54 p.m. sea state calm, wind light southerly, at start of search, but freshened S.W. later into the search. Hunstanton Lifeboat carried out a sea search from Holme Gore Point to Dersingham, the hovercraft carried out a beach search along the coast. The RAF Helicopter was also called in. and carried out a search covering a large part of the Wash. Coastguard teams from around the Wash and Norfolk coast were checking car parks near launching areas, nothing was found. At 2.30 a.m. Yarmouth coastguard called off the search, all units were stood down.

Thursday 23rd August 2012 at 1.02 p.m. Yarmouth Coastguard received call on a mobile phone, from two persons in a sailing dinghy, stating they were drifting out to sea off Heacham, The wind had dropped and the ebbing tide was taking them out to sea, they had no oars, anchor or any means of getting the dinghy ashore. Hunstanton crew were paged and launched at 1.12 p.m. On arrival at scene the crew took the dinghy in tow, and landed them at Heacham beach. Lifeboat returned to station at 1.59 p.m.

Monday 27th August at 3.45 p.m Yarmouth Coastguard requested launch of Hunstanton lifeboat to report of kite surfer in trouble off Snettisham beach. crew launched at 3.56 p.m. and made good speed to Snettisham, on arrival at scene it was reported that the kite surfer had been helped ashore by another surfer. On confirmation that all was OK Hunstanton lifeboat left them with the local coastguard team and returned to station, arriving back at 4.25 p.m.

Tuesday 28th August 2012 at 12.26 p.m. Hunstanton hovercraft was requested to launch to a report from the Coastguard that three children were out on the mud flats at Snettisham, and in danger of being cut off by the incoming tide. RNLI volunteer crew launched H-003 our hovercraft at 12.35 p.m. Proceeded to Snettisham, on arrival crew spoke with the local Coastguard who confirmed that the children had been spotted by two local bait diggers, they spoke to them and escorted them off the mud flats back to the beach, the tide had started to flood and they were in serious danger. The youngster's were two brothers and their sister all under 12 yrs of age, and came from Colne, in Lincs.

H-003 was stood down to return to station at 12.58 p.m.

Thursday 30th August at 3.12 p.m. Yarmouth Coastguard reported that a Yacht aground at Brancaster Staithe, two persons onboard that need taking off as the vessel is listing badly in a North Easterly gale. The volunteer crew, with Vic Dade at the helm launched the Hunstanton Lifeboat the Spirit of West Norfolk at 3.24 p.m. in what can only be described as some of the worst sea conditions to hit our coastline for some time. A North Easterly gale had hit the area, several vessels had been caught out, including windfarm support craft and the accommodation vessel, which sort shelter in the Wash. Vic and his crew made best speed to the area. They found that the casualty vessel was being washed up onto the beach with two crew still onboard the vessel. The Lifeboat was unable to get alongside the yacht due to shallow water. Auxiliary coastguards were on scene. The two crew of the casualty vessel made their own way off the vessel through the breaking surf to the beach. The coastguards assessed the casualties and they reported that they were not in need of medical attention, and transported them to their accommodation in Brancaster Staithe. The Lifeboat was stood down and returned to station at 4.16.p.m. Due to heavy seas and strong wind conditions a net recovery of the Lifeboat was carried out. and was recovered at 4.35 p.m. The casualty vessel was last seen on its side in the shallow water on the beach.

This service was carried out in extreme weather conditions, and credit to Victor Dade and his crew Sam Richardson, and two of our new recruits Richard and Dave, well done lads.

Sunday 9th September at 4.54 p.m. Hunstanton volunteer crew of The Spirit of West Norfolk launched on service to report of a 6 mtr. RIB that had contacted Yarmouth CG. he had broken down, five persons on board. And very vague as to his position, about 3 miles off shore somewhere off Hunstanton. No flares or other means of communication, just a mobile. Hunstanton crew searched the area from Hunstanton down towards Scolt Head, Yar. CG informed Hunstanton lifeboat that the vessel was thought to be off the Bridgirdle Bouy. Hunstanton L/B located the vessel in that area, and took it in tow. Wells inshore boat also launched and was prepared to take the rib in tow to Wells and wait for the tide, after a discussion it was decided as Skegness boat had launched, to meet up with Skegness and hand the tow over to them, this was dully done and our boat released at 6.45 p.m. On return to station, helmsman Gavin informed me, that they told him the vessel had left Skegness earlier, to go to Wells for fish and chips, and developed fuel problems on the way back. Reminds me of an incident several years ago, the landlord of a pub at Wiveton, he left Blakeney with a companion to go round to Wells for fish and chips, they ran into trouble near the bar, she managed to make the shore and alert the CG. but he was never found.

This was the second shout of the afternoon, earlier the Hunstanton Hovercraft had been launched to help in the search for a missing four year old boy on Old Hunstanton beach, the child was found safe and well, H-003 was stood down.

Monday 10th Sept. 2012 at 1.30p.m. Hunstanton RNLI Hovercraft was requested to go to the aid of two persons said to be trapped in the mud at Thornham, H-003 launched and proceeded to Thornham, on arrival it was established that the two persons had made their way out to the beach, H-003 returned to station at 2.33 p.m.

We are still looking to recruit crew members to be part of a dedicated team to crew the lifeboat and Hovercraft, If you think that you would like to become part of that team, between 18yrs and 40yrs male or female, come along to the station any Sunday morning, we'd be pleased to show you around.



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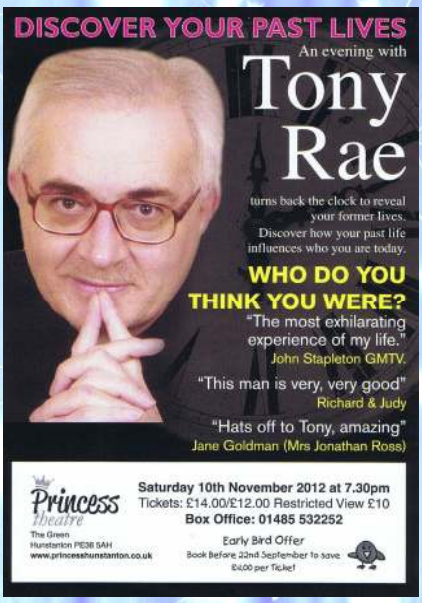

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