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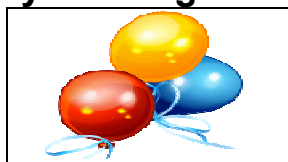
**A Bi-monthly Newsletter Produced by the Parish Council
For
The Residents of The Parish of Ashmanhaugh (including Beeston St Lawrence)**

For

MAY AND JUNE 2016



Diary of Village Events



May		
Sunday 01 May	Ashmanhaugh Light Railway Open Day	East View Farm
Tuesday 03 May	Annual Parish Council Meeting	7.00pm in the Preston Rooms
Saturday 14 May	Pam's Quiz	7.00pm in the Preston Rooms
Friday 20 May	Mobile Library	11.40am to 12.00 noon Church Road
June		
Friday 3 June	Ashmanhaugh Antiques Roadshow	7.00pm in the Preston Rooms
Friday 17 June	Mobile Library	11.40am to 12.00 noon Church Road
Saturday 25 June and Sunday 26 June,	Craft and Photography Exhibition	10.00am to 4.00pm in the Preston Rooms
Church Services	See St Swithins News	

Plus the regular activities in the Preston Rooms
(The Preston Rooms is your village hall and is the old school building at the junction of School Road and Church Road)

Tuesday	Parish Council, Special and Parish Meetings	For times, see the Notice Board on the Hall wall
Wednesday	Gardening Club	1.00pm – 3.00pm Fourth Wednesday each month
Friday	Close Knit Community Knitting Group	1.00pm to 3.00pm in the Preston Rooms

Ashmanhaugh Parish Council News



Councillors

Harry Buxton	Chair	Hoveton Hall Estate, Hoveton Hall, Hoveton NR12 8RJ. 01603 782983
Gary Saunders	Vice Chair	Malvern Croft, Rectory Road, Ashmanhaugh 01603 783266
Noel Coleman		Copper Beeches, Rectory Road, Ashmanhaugh 01603 783485
Andrew Buxton		Blacksmiths Farm, Church Road, Ashmanhaugh.
Alan Wiseman		Sunray Cottage, Stone Lane, Ashmanhaugh. 01603 783146
Marta Gibbons		Dairy Farm, Stone Lane, Ashmanhaugh.
Chris Phillipo		1 Hill Top, Neatishead, NR12 8XQ
Clare Male	Clerk	07803 705434 ashmanhaughparishcouncil@gmail.com

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Parish Council Meeting on 01 March 2015.

Mr H Buxton (Chair) and Ms M Gibbons sent apologies. Mr G Saunders chaired the meeting. Three members of the public were present.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 05 January 2016 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

MATTERS ARISING

Cllr A Buxton raised the issue of litter in the village. Noted that it is the District Councils responsibility to install bins but the emptying of these must be paid for by the Parish. Place UK does a regular litter pick in their area. Agreed that preventative action is difficult and all villagers need be community spirited and pick up litter. Cllr Coleman reported on the Police and Crime Commissioners Budget and Precept consultation which he attended on the 13th January 2016 at County Hall. A 2% increase in the Council Tax precept was voted through. A PowerPoint presentation is available.

Correspondence received since the agenda was issued:

- 1 Norfolk County Council (NCC) - Local list for planning validation consultation
- 2 Road closure in Hoveton outside St Johns Primary - 16th - 19th March 2016.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Norfolk Crimestoppers - request for volunteers, including a new Chair.
British Red Cross - request for door to door collections for Red Cross Week in May. Date unknown. This will be publicised in the newsletter when known.
Mobile Library timetable - on village noticeboard and sent to newsletter.
Queens Award for voluntary service. No nominations made.
Norfolk ALC: Petition: Giving Parish Councils the right to appeal planning decisions.
North Norfolk Tourism meeting - 22nd February, Cromer
Community Biodiversity Awards 2016 - open for nominations. Closing 13th May 2016.

HIGHWAYS, PLANNING, LAND AND ASSET ISSUES

Broadband - update on the installation two new cabinets. First at the crossroads and the second in front of the low Barn outside Park Farm, School Road. Once these are installed Broadband speeds in the village should improve.
Forthcoming NCC Highways inspection. Issues include the culverts on Stone Lane by East View Farm entrance, Rectory Road towards the Parish boundary, south end of Stone Lane and the north end of Church Road.
North Norfolk Local Plan - New local plan for 2016 - 2036. Call for sites suitable for development.
North end of Church Road. Repair work was undertaken by Highways 29 February 2016. Complaints about the type and poor quality of the work. Councillors asked for the area properly constructed and surfaced. Residents on the private section of Church Road feel that the delay to repairs and then the poor quality of the repairs have caused erosion to the private section. Clerk to pass on Highway details to residents so they can write and complain.
Defibrillator funding (British Heart Foundation) - update that funding has closed, opens again in next financial year, added to mailing list (£850 for a new one). To await new funding to open.
Flow of the River Ash on the Hoveton/Ashmanhaugh border - Clerk updated that NCC will be visiting the north-west section of the River to check for obstructions and blockages. NCC unwilling to send out general letters to riparian owners in the Parish but willing to follow up any specific concerns.
There have been no planning applications received in the period. .

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS.

The Clerk will be on annual leave for 2016/2017 - 25th to 29th July and 22nd 26th August.
One week left for 2015 - 2016 to be taken 4th - 8th April 2016.
The Clerk updated on CiLCA progress and said that the second payment for the course is due.
Pensions - change to law that every employer must put certain staff into a pension scheme and pay into it - "automatic enrolment". Ashmanhaugh Parish Council doesn't have to provide a pension but still has duties. These have been completed to date.
Website - user information updated.
The Clerk reported on Norfolk ALC SGM/AGM 6th January 2016 and confirmed that a new constitution and Chair were adopted.
Discussed arrangements for the Annual Parish meeting.

FINANCIAL MATTERS.

The Bank Reconciliation was agreed and signed – current balance £6,261.76.
There were no receipts for the period January/February 2016
Payments were authorised in the sum of £505.41.
A reclamation of VAT of £70.47 will be processed for the year end.
Members agreed not to opt out of the Sector Led Body for audit procurement (NALC).

POLICIES

The Transparency Code compliance check has been undertaken and Clerk confirmed more information needs to be uploaded onto the website. Clerk needs training on the website, but this has been delayed.

The Clerk has updated registration with the ICO for the Freedom of Information Act.

Transparency Fund bid update - award due 1st February 2016. Norfolk ALC confirmed that the email containing the bid application was lost due to a problem with their servers. They are submitting the bid with the latest and last tranche.

Members agreed and adopted Standing Orders 2016.

The review of the Financial Risk Assessment is pending on the approval of Standing Orders 2016.

The Next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 03 May 2016 at 7.00pm in the Preston Rooms.

If you have anything which you wish to bring to the attention of the Council, please contact the Clerk

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting

held in the Preston Room on Tuesday 8th March 2016 at 7.00pm

Parish councillors present:

Mr A Buxton Mr H Buxton (Chair)

Mr N Coleman Mr A Wiseman

Clerk: Mrs C Male

11 Parishioners and County and District Cllr Nigel Dixon were present.

The Chair welcomed all attending and stated that this was not a Parish Council meeting but the Annual Parish Meeting. After the usual reports, parishioners could raise any matters of concern to them or the village. Noted that a report from the Poor's Land trustees would be added to the agenda. In previous years these lands had been managed by the Parish Council, but in 2015 this became an independent body.

- 1 To confirm the minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting held on 10th March 2015.**
Copies had been distributed by the Clerk. They were agreed to be a true record and then signed by the Chair.
- 2 Cllr Dixon - District and County Councillor**
Cllr Dixon noted that he attends all Parish Council meetings and writes in the magazine, and is therefore aware of local matters as they arise. The public had no questions for the Councillor.
- 3 PCSO Report for the village.**
Jeanette Boardman sent her apologies. She sent a report that in the last 12 months there had been one crime reported in the village, that of Historic Abuse.
- 4 Annual Chairman's report - Harry Buxton.**
The Parish Council has met six times, public attendance continued to be sparse, I would like to express the Parish Council's thanks to Cllr Dixon who attended each meeting to advise us of the bigger picture at both District and County level.
The Council was up for election within this year and with Liam Mulhall, Sarah Hewitt and Ivan Sharpe not standing for re-election and no new candidate coming forward it meant that there three vacancies on the board. After a period of advertisements we had four candidates come forward for three places. At the next parish meeting the following people were co-opted on to the council Andrew Buxton, Chris Phillip and Marta Gibbons. Our thanks go to all the outgoing councillors for all their help and time. In addition it is important to note that our clerk Sarah Hunt resigned this year to concentrate on her other duties She has been replaced by Clare Male who so far has shown to be an excellent replacement.
Minutes of all meetings are published in the newsletter, on noticeboards, and on the website. Can I take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to Mr N Sharpe for his continued work on the newsletter,

the Parish owes him deep appreciation for his efforts, and can I remind you that submissions for inclusion would be welcomed by the Editor.

A balance of £ 5054.12 was brought forward at April 2015; this was higher than last year as the aim has been to build reserves. This may be lower next year as we decided **not** to increase the precept and to start a reserve fund for special projects. Mr Sharpe remain our internal auditor, both checking the finances and the internal controls of the Council for which we are all very grateful. They have found that the Council continues to meet its obligations.

Parish Council meetings are held on the first Tuesday in May, July, September, November, January and March at 7.00pm in the Preston Rooms. Parishioners are encouraged to attend.

5 Church Warden report - Anne Mulhall

In the last year 28 services have been held at St Swithin's including the usual special celebrations at Christmas, Easter, Harvest and Remembrance Sunday. Congregations at the major festivals were between 22 and 46, but at our regular services we have only 6 or 7 attending. This must raise questions as to the pattern of services that can be realistically maintained over the current inter-regnum and indeed when a new incumbent is appointed. It is important that we should remain flexible and open to any changes that we may need to make and the capacity of the clergy to fulfil these.

Two new ideas proved very successful this year, both put forward by Sarah Hewitt. A harvest lunch following our service was attended by 46 people. A craft session run by our local Mums for the children to decorate the Christmas tree and church was also tremendously popular and great fun.

Sandra Ellison retired at the end of September, so the church is in a period of interregnum. The benefice profile, which forms the basis of the profile for the advert has now gone out after much hard work led by David Murrels from Irstead. The profile was formally agreed at a meeting of all PCC's. Interviews will take place on 15th March 2016.

The parish share has increased to £5,900 for this coming year and so fund raising will be more important than ever. With only 4-5 attendees per congregation the amount given is low. The Church depends on the village to keep the Church open and viable, and thanks are given to those who don't attend church regularly but help out with church events.

Sadly Jill Sharpe died last year after a long period of illness. Her wonderful and joyful playing is missed by us all. Many thanks go to Hazel Flavell and Richard Greenslade who have stepped in for key events. Thanks are due to our team of flower arrangers, church cleaners, and graveyard maintainers.

Ashmanhaugh has a reputation for being a friendly and vibrant village with loads of events and lots of money raised. However in the last year Ashmanhaugh seems to be losing some of its community spirit with low attendees at some events. A call for neighbours, friends and particularly new people in the village to attend events.

Questions from the public: Is anything being done about the plaster falling from the ceiling? At the last quinquennial report the architect reported that it will settle down over time.

As the number of services has dropped in Ashmanhaugh and considering the low attendance why has the Parish share increased? A big review is required. Church wardens have been recently been meeting regularly and relationships have improved, but yes, it needs to be addressed.

6 Preston Rooms report - Steve Newstead.

The usual number of events has been held over the year but attendance has gone down dramatically. Hazel has been working on obtaining grants. This year there is a plan to resurface the car park, and one of the drains has already been repaired in preparation.

Garden club - up to 18 members meet regularly to share gardening problems and tips. Every year there is a shared growing experience. Last year's garden trip was to the Exotic Garden in Norwich. Also raise funds by selling plants and seeds amongst the group. They have a stall at the village fete and also contribute to the Village Show. Flower arranging demonstrations have also been popular.

Close Knitting Group - meet every Friday 1-3pm. A small but diverse group, beginners learn from the more experienced. Each session begins with the more experienced showing what they have produced that week. The first meeting of the month is a workshop and subjects have included knitting with four needles, making gloves etc. There is a yearly project with the wool provided from funds. This year's theme is "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas." There will be workshops on other crafts including felting and crochet. They have become members of the Scrap box of Reepham which offers materials at low prices. They have also had a stall at the Village Fete.

AGM - Tuesday 15th March 2016.

Poetry evening - 8th April 2016.

7 Cricket Club report.

Mark Pepper, Chair, sent his apologies. Harry Buxton said a few words on their behalf. They have started nets on a Friday evening at Hellesdon High School. The plan remains to make the ground at

Ashmanhaugh a centre for youth training and there are plans in the pipeline to smarten up the pavilion and the entrance.

8 Ashmanhaugh Light Railway report - John Pond.

Has 22 members, with 2 new locomotives joining the group this year, making 10 in total. There are six open days a year with about 300 rides in a three hour session. Winter time maintenance currently underway, which includes a timber replacement programme. Thanks to the organizers of the bookstall in the Preston Rooms and for the pieces in the magazine. Visitors from the Village are sparse. Refreshments are served. Please come along. Lots of information is available on the website. Open days in 2016 are: 1st May, 5th June, 3rd July, 7th August, 4th September, and 2nd October.

9 Poor's Land report - Neal Sharpe

Until recently the Parish Council was the trustee, but it has relinquished this role and there is now a separate Board of Trustees. There is a vacancy for a fifth member; please contact to Neal for further details (nealmsharpe@gmail.com). The Trust owns 8 acres of land in the village and makes grants from the income from this land. Grants are up to £100 to individuals or more for constituted Groups. The Trust meets 3 times a year, but has been meeting more regularly as they are newly formed. New tenancy agreements have been signed.

10 Parishioners' Matters.

Question: Any update on Broadband?

Two new cabinets are being installed. First at the crossroads and the second in front of the low Barn outside Park Farm, School Road. Once these are installed Broadband speeds in the village should improve. Once these are up and running Parishioners can use the Norfolk County Council link and check their speeds.

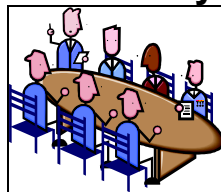
Question: General dissatisfaction with the Norfolk County Council highways repair to the north end of Church Road.

The Parish Council have been working with Highways and have agreed that Highways will take responsibility for a short section beyond the tarmac which includes the area of flooding. This has recently been repaired but has been insufficiently filled and the area remains a problem. There remains a problem with the road beyond the Highways area and the Parish Council working party on the Common will look at this issue over the next year. Problem with a larger dustbin lorry being used and the delay in NCC repairs having a knock on effect on the private road area.

Question: The red phone box is in poor condition - who owns it and can it be repainted?

The box is still operational and is owned by BT.

Message from District and County Councillor Nigel Dixon



Devolution (Devolving Central Government Responsibilities to Local Government) Devolution is about transferring important decisions about housing, health, transport infrastructure, economic development and other key functions from Central Government to a more local level to help reflect local needs and constraints. You will be aware of media announcements that agreement has been reached to form a new Combined Authority led by an elected Mayor covering Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire. Actually, the only agreement reached so far is for the 20+ Councils of the 3 Counties to continue negotiating a Devolution deal at the request of Central Government. There are several major concerns to be resolved, for example: If this would add another layer of 'regional' government then this would add significant cost which would be reflected in higher Council Tax – in my view, another layer wouldn't be acceptable and is totally unnecessary.

A Mayor as the leader would vest too much power and influence in one person.

Cambridgeshire is a major economic growth area and would have far more influence on spending priorities than Norfolk or Suffolk and could tend to isolate or ignore remote rural areas like North Norfolk.

Currently, there's no clarity over what's on offer and will the Combined Authority be expected to solve serious problems without the resources and freedom to choose the best solutions? Across the 3 counties there's great contrast between prosperous urban areas and the relatively deprived rural areas; they have different problems and thus need different remedies. Discussions will continue and the process will take several months. The current timescale suggests there will be a public consultation during August and September with the prospect of a Mayor being elected and a new Combined Authority being formed in May 2017. There's much doubt over whether this will happen. The theory sounds good but the practice may be much more difficult. I will keep you updated on progress as the story unfolds.

I welcome your views on these and any other issues. My contact details are: Tel 783885 or e mail: nigel.dixon@norfolk.gov.uk or NigelNDD@aol.com.

St Swithin's Church



Parochial Church Council

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Churchwarden

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Anne Mulhall

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Annabel Buchan

Liam Mulhall

Harry Buxton

Sarah Hewitt

Tom Hannant

ST SWITHINS CHURCH MAY AND JUNE 2016

Pauline and Rob organized a lovely service and activities on Good Friday, for the children, which were very well attended. With tea and Easter bunnies galore everyone went home happy! Thank you to those who helped me out with the teas and crafts as I had to leave early.

Also a big thank you to Tom and Sarah for standing in as church wardens, on Easter Sunday, whilst I was away. As usual Pam made a great display with the memorial lilies and with the children's craft efforts, the church looked great last Sunday.

The wonderful news for us all within the benefice is that a new incumbent has been appointed who will take up post late in the Summer. A letter from David appears in May's issue of the Horning Reach and the NIBS. Although the inter-regnum has fostered a closer spirit across the five parishes, I think we will all be relieved when David starts his ministry with us.

The PCC does not have any events organized for May, but I would encourage everyone to try and support, not only events run by the village hall committee at the Preston Rooms, but also those throughout the benefice. Organising events does take a lot of time and hard work, but these are the occasions that cement our community together, so let's try and attend as many as we are able.

Anne Mulhall

Church Warden 01603 784874

The Preston Rooms – The Village Hall



The Trustees of the Ashmanhaugh and Beeston Preston Rooms are:

Steven Newstead – Chair (tel 01603 783045)

Sue Watts – Secretary (tel 01603 783297)

Andrew Buxton – Treasurer

Tom Hannant – representing the Parochial church Council

Gary Saunders – representing the Parish Council

Jenny Payne – representing the Knitting Club

Hazel Flavell – representing the Gardening Club

Pam Culley – Bookings Secretary (tel 01603 782041)

The Calendar of events has been posted around the village and we hope that we have managed to offer a varied list with something for everyone.

The Poetry Evening on 8th April was a lovely evening. A small group of us enjoyed a mixture of poetry covering all sorts of subjects from oak trees to bull fights. Even though our group was small, the amount raised was £52.00 which was incredible. Many thanks to all those who organised the event, those who attended and also, thank you to the budding poets of Ashmanhaugh. We are already looking forward to next year's poems.

Dates for the Diary

The next events to take place at the Preston Rooms are:

Saturday 14th May, 7pm- Pam's Quiz – As you all know this is a great evening. Teams of four compete in a general knowledge quiz followed by an amazing buffet supper. This event is one of the most popular and a really good night out for only £5.00 per head. Make sure you get your tickets, which have to be purchased in advance, from Pam Culley on 782041.

3rd June, 7pm – Ashmanhaugh Antiques Roadshow – Come along and discover what treasures you may have! We have Keys Auctioneers visiting the Preston Rooms for the evening, who will be offering valuations on all those items you have always wondered about. It should be an interesting and fun evening, with a few surprises, hopefully exciting ones! Entry fee will be £2.00 with each valuation costing £2.00. Two valuations per person will allow everyone to have a chance at discovering exactly what they have.

25th/26th June, 10am – 4pm – Craft and Photography Exhibition – We invite you to come along and see what a varied group of talented people we have in our village. We are hoping to have a wide selection on show for all to admire. Refreshments will be available.

Sue Watts
Secretary

Ashmanhaugh Light Railway



Ashmanhaugh Light Railway – April 2016



Joan's lovely artistic view of the railway

Hi

Well, we have certainly had some rain recently which has slowed down one or two jobs, like sprucing up the paintwork on the Ticket Office and the fencing, although we managed to get the Ice Cream Parlour done, the water storage tank has been cleaned out and surprise, surprise, some gardening has been done !!! The grass has had a cut and the ice cream fridge has been cleaned and is on ready for stocking up.

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The preparations on the rolling stock are coming along nicely with just about everything 'good to go'. We had a bit of storm damage last week which knocked out some LED s on the signal box panel and tripped out the mains supply to the Laurel Sidings shed, but all working again now. We have rewired the signals in the Laurel Sidings area so that if the road is set for the main line the colour light signal in the yard shows yellow, and, conversely if the mainline is set for the siding, the colour light will show red. If the route is clear for a train to leave the yard then the siding exit 'dolly' will be off and the colour light will show green! Smart....

Our steamers are all good to go again, as the work to Hotspur has been completed with just the valve gear timing to be reset, so fingers crossed, they should all be out and about at some time during the year !!!!

So with two weeks to go before our first **Open Day for 2016 on Sunday May 1st**, we have trundelled General round with a set to check all the signals and points are working as they should, and we aim to have one or two more practice sessions to get us all into operating mode and to get some of our newer members 'trained up' !!!! We have a couple of visiting steam locos coming along to help out on May 1st, a Sweet William and a Romulus, so we are

looking forward to seeing our friends from Suffolk again, (think they quite like it at the ALR!), so let's hope for some nice sunny weather eh ?
We hope to see some of you during the year.....

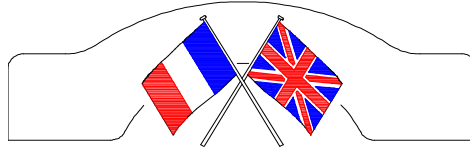
Best wishes

The ALR Gang. April 2016

Remember, you can keep up to date with what is happening on the Railway by accessing our website,

'ashmanhaughlighthouse.co.uk.'

Wroxham, Hoveton & Belaugh TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION



www.wroxham-hb-twinning.org.uk

Arrangements for this year's visit of our French Twinning friends from **La Pommeraye and Montjean-sur-Loire, 18-23rd August**, are progressing well and our programme almost complete. We have our usual Thursday night reception with hosts, Friday a picnic and games afternoon at **Wroxham Barns** and then a dinner and Barn Dance in the evening at **Broadland School**. Saturday will see us on a North Norfolk tour, firstly to **Langham Glass** and then on to **Pensthorpe Nature Park** and Monday is a Norwich day with a visit to the **Castle Museum**, including dungeons and battlements and some free time. Sunday is always a free, family day when, usually, families get together, plan further outings or relax over meals, barbecues etc.: great fun. If you'd like to join in, host a French guest, practise your language skills and help them with their English do contact us on the number or email below.

French conversation continues monthly and met at Ann's in Ashmanhaugh in March and will be in Hoveton at Angela's on 13th April. We are currently reading and discussing short stories in bilingual text and do contact Jane on 01603 782496 or jane@youatt.co.uk if you would like more information.

Book Club celebrates its 10th birthday this year and on 23rd March we had a lunch party in Norwich to mark this, also, on a sadder note, we said goodbye to Ruth then who has been running the Book Club, also a committee member and attendee of French Conversation: a stalwart member of Twinning. We shall miss her and Kevin who are moving to pastures new. Jane chose March's book which was "The Rosie Project" by Graeme Simsion.

Look out for fund raising and social events to come: we are planning a Valuations event later in the year, our usual Quiz and Supper evening and our summer flotilla on the Broads.

If you would like more information please contact Peter on 01603 782733 or peter_c_milsted@talk21.com

Wroxham Library



The “**Friends of Wroxham Library**” is a new group, aiming to support the library through:

- Organising events and activities
- Fundraising
- Giving feedback on library services to ensure we’re meeting the needs of the community
- Displaying library information around the community

If you are interested please get in touch to find out more as we’d love to hear from you. Our next meeting is Wednesday 4th May 1.30 -2.30pm.

Brave New Reads

We’re very excited to be one of only three libraries in Norfolk to be hosting Brave New Reads – an inspiring partnership between Norwich Writers Centre and libraries in Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridge. Searching for the best new books, as chosen by 100 ordinary readers who read, reviewed and discussed 40 new books over the last few months. We are pleased to present the best 6 of these books for you to enjoy. The books are chosen for their originality, brilliance (of prose and plot), and excitement. We will be revealing the winning books at our launch event on Saturday 7th May. Please contact the library for event time. We invite all our customers to get involved so look out for further events and activities celebrating the Brave New Reads during May and June.

Sight Information Point. Anne Bunting will be at the library to provide information about how the **Norfolk and Norwich Association for the Blind** can support visually impaired people. Thursday 10 March 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Bookgroup. Why not join the Wroxham Bookgroup? A great opportunity to try reading something new and to meet new people! The group meets at 2pm on the third Wednesday of every month.

Bounce and Rhyme Time is every Tuesday 1.30pm – 2pm, except for school holidays. Songs and rhymes for babies, toddlers, parents and carers. **FREE**

Family History Drop in 6-7:30pm First Friday of every month, next session Friday 13th May from 6-7.30pm, come along and join others interested in researching family history. Use our free access to Ancestry Online and get advice from Diane, our family and local history expert. No need to book, just drop in.

We can also offer free 1 hour support sessions from our Family History volunteer, these must be booked in advance, please call for more details,

Knit and Natter – come along to our informal gathering. Thursday 5th and 19th May 2.00-4.00pm, please bring your own project.

Crib Club (Cribbage card game) – new players welcome - Thursday 12th May 2.00-4:30pm. Please bring your own board and cards if you have them.

Scrabble Club meets on the last Thursday of each month from 2.00-4.30pm. (26 May) All welcome

Wroxham library has **FREE WiFi access**. Anybody wanting WIFI access needs to be a member of the Norfolk Library service, which is also free, and then use their library card number and Pin to log in. With few other WIFI spots in the area we hope this new service will be much used and appreciated.

Using a Tablet. This course will help you get the most from owning a Tablet. Introducing you to using the Internet, Apps, Facebook and Social media, Skype and Email. You can bring your own tablet or use one of ours. The course is 9 hours over 3 sessions: 10am-1pm on Thursday May 19th; May 26th; June 2nd and there is a course fee of £15.

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Wroxham Bure Valley Rotary Club

As we get fully into spring it is a busy time for our Rotary Club. We recently completed another successful schools technology tournament, held at Broadland School. A great turnout from local High Schools, and some intense competition saw the host school Broadlands High win both the advanced and intermediate competition, while Cromer won the foundation level. As ever all the participants enjoyed a lively and challenging day and a lot of ingenious ideas were on display.



On the same theme of challenging activities for children we are once again organizing a two day activity and adventure programme in May for children from Mile Cross School in Norwich to let them experience sailing, a farm visit and barbeque, and a day at Barton Turf activity centre.

Most importantly - an event for everyone. We are planning a Jazz Boat trip on Sunday 22nd May. The boat sets off from Wroxham at 5pm, returning at 8pm. Bring a picnic and enjoy a great evening on the river listening to some excellent jazz. We are raising money for a number of local charities, including the above activity days. Tickets are available at £15 per head so get yours quick as there is a maximum number allowed on the boat. Contact Rod Stone on 01603782735 for more information and tickets.

Over the next few months we are planning a spectacular "win a car" raffle in aid of EACH, the East Anglia Air Ambulance, the End Polio Now campaign and other charities supported by our rotary club. With the support of NMG, the Norfolk Motor Group we are offering a Kia Rio SR7 Sports model. Tickets will be on sale shortly so look out for us at a number of local events. We will be launching the raffle at the Horning Boat Show on 30th April, and the draw for the winning ticket will take place in Castle Mall on 22nd November. Full details are on our web site.

We are always delighted to welcome our new members into the club... and we are holding a special Open evening at Wroxham Barns on Monday 25th April from 6pm. Pop along and meet us if you fancy finding out a bit more about us and what we get up to. If you want to stay the whole evening and enjoy a two course meal and speaker please let our secretary Anne Kittle know in advance so we can ensure we have food for you. You can contact her on 07887 523071. Visit our web-site on www.wroxhamrotary.org.uk for more information and details of our exciting programme for 2016, or visit our Facebook page on www.facebook.com/wroxhamburevalleyrotaryclub or contact our president, Barry Rumsey on 01603 465823. There is no better way to give something back to the local community...and no better time than now.

Broadland Rotary Club

May 2016

The Club recently celebrated its Annual Charter Night with a formal dinner for members, guests and partners. The Club's Charter is issued by the National Rotary organisation after fledgling clubs have met all the stringent requirements.

A few weeks later we had our AGM and formally nominated our senior officers for the next 12 months. By changing our President every year, we ensure a fresh hand on the tiller steering the Club in a new direction with new ideas and enthusiasm.

If you would like to know more, please contact me by phone.
Brian Wildman 01603 712374

HOVETON & WROXHAM LIONS CLUB



WROXHAM AND HOVETON LIONS REPORT

It is with great sadness that we report the passing to higher service of our Club Treasurer and Past President, Lion Ros Clipston. Lion Ros was a very active member of the club who worked tirelessly for the benefit of others and will be greatly missed. We extend our deepest sympathy to Lion Mike and all the family.

The Precinct Tombola will be open, weather permitting, on Bank Holiday week-end 30th April, 1st and 2nd May and then it will be opening for the 2016 season on Saturday 28th May.

The annual Cheque Presentation Evening was again a great success; over £5,500 in cheques was handed over to representatives from local charities and associations. Everyone had a good time and we received many excellent comments on the evening. The talk by Paul Strutt from Norfolk Accident Rescue Service has been postponed to the second meeting in May.

On the second meeting in April we welcomed Michael Brunson, former ITN foreign news correspondent, who attended in his capacity as a representative of the charity Friends of John Groom's Court.

Our next Craft Fair is on Sunday 8th May at the Broadland Youth and Community Centre, Hoveton from 10am to 4pm. As usual there will be a good selection of quality, locally produced handmade items at reasonable prices and refreshments will be available all day.

Our Charity Shop in Hoveton Precinct is still in need of donations of good quality bric a brac.

This month's £100 Charity Shop Draw prize goes to Cancer Research which was nominated by Sue Hutchins from Hoveton who donated goods to our shop.

We are always keen to welcome people into our club who have a few hours to spare occasionally and would like to make a difference in the local community. If you would like to know more about the Lions organization and our club why not give our President Lion Mike Barker a ring on 01603 782002 or our Membership Chairperson Lion Suzanne Barnett on 01603 782002. Or if you prefer come along to one of our meeting which are

held at the Broadland Youth and Community Centre, Hoveton at 8pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. We are a very sociable and friendly bunch and you will be made very welcome.

President Lion Mike Barker

1st Hoveton and Wroxham Sea Scout Group

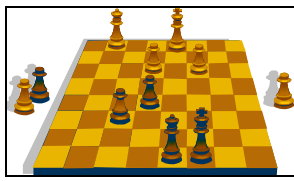


For further information please contact cathowes116@btinternet.com



We would love for you to join us! If you are a girl aged 7 – 15 and would like to join the 1st Coltishall Guides then give Claire a ring on 07826 444 046 or email us at firstcoltishallguides@gmail.com alternatively, if you are between 5-7 and interested in Rainbows we can tell you who to contact.

Broadland Chess Club



Tournament successes for Broadland

Broadland Chess Club has won the National Club Championships Plate after entering the tournament for the first time. The Broadland team comprising Roy Hughes, Gerald Moore, Karthik Saravanan and Paul Badger competed in the Major section (average grade under 175) of the tournament, which was held in Birmingham on April 9th and 10th. A slow start on the Saturday saw Broadland draw 2-2 with Wanstead and Woodford and lose 1½-2½ to the DHSS. This qualified Broadland for the Plate competition, which on the Sunday they won after beating Braunstone 3-1 and drawing 2-2 with Sutton Coldfield.



Karthik-Saravanan_Paul-Badger_Gerald-Moore_Roy-Hughes



Paul Badger receiving trophy from Alex Holowczak

In another success, Broadland Chess Club has won the East Anglian Chess Union Clubs' Championships. The tournament was held on April 3rd in Newmarket, where top seeds Linton (Cambridgeshire) were the early leaders. Broadland overtook them in the late stages, however, to record a third win in four years. A key moment in Broadland's success came when Broadland's top board, Kamil Przybyla, won an exciting game against David Coleman, Linton's top board. The Broadland team was Kamil Przybyla, Roy Hughes, Andrew Brett and Stephen Pullinger.

Broadland Chess Club meets at the King's Head in Coltishall (NR12 7EA) at 19:30 on Mondays and Wednesdays. For more information contact club secretary Paul Badger on 01603 737572 or at paulerbadger@btinternet.com, visit <https://sites.google.com/site/broadlandchessclub/> or find us on Facebook. Broadland Chess Club is sponsored by Illumis Lights.

Ashmanhaugh Poors Land Trust



The Trustees are Rachel Buxton, Sarah Hewitt, William Mulhall and Neal Sharpe.

They would be only too happy to discuss the grant process and details with any resident, or organisation, who feels they may benefit from making an application.

The Charity makes financial awards based upon the following criteria;

- The relief of poverty
- To improve the quality of life for those residents who have need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantages.
- The advancement of education.
- The advancement of community development.
- Greater use of community buildings.

Ashmanhaugh Poor's Allotment has been in existence for over two hundred years. The earliest recording dates from 1763, where income from land is noted in the Norfolk Charities records. It

probably dates back to the 17th century Poor Laws when parishes became responsible for their poor.

The Charity owns land on Rectory Road which is currently leased for grazing, and makes grants from that income within the village.



Safer Neighbourhood Action Plan (SNAP)

Current Priorities

- Tackle speeding on coast road at Walcott
- Tackle speeding on School Road in East Runton
- Tackle the issue of criminal damage and anti-social behaviour at the public toilets in Hoveton

Previous targets evaluated and it was agreed that they had been met.

- Crime prevention to be carried out at Poplar Farm in Waxham.
- Tackle anti-social behaviour at the new playground in Happisburgh Anti-social Behaviour in Hoveton on Stalham Road and Grange Close.
- Tackle speeding in Ludham along A1062 during rush hours.

Further information about police matters

Log onto <http://www.norfolk.police.uk/> where it is possible to register for Police Direct and receive police information emails to a personal email account.

To contact the police

In an emergency telephone 999

Non emergency telephone 101

Via website <http://www.norfolk.police/>.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



Action Fraud (National Fraud Intelligence Bureau)

Message sent by

Action Fraud (Action Fraud, Administrator, National)

This alert is a reminder to be aware of emails that appear to have been sent from a legitimate organisation. Fraudsters often use fake email addresses designed to encourage recipients to open attachments or links. You are advised that if you are in any doubt as to the origin of an email, do not open it. Consider that emails can be spoofed and used to generate spam to recipients far and wide. If you receive a spam email, you **MUST NOT** open it. Instead, delete it from your email system to avoid infecting your device. If you have opened an attachment from a spam email, you should get your device checked over by a professional and change the passwords for all your bank, email and online shopping accounts.

Protect yourself:

- Do not click or open unfamiliar links in emails or on websites.
- Make sure you install and use up-to-date anti-virus software.
- Have a pop-up blocker running in the background of your web browser.
- If you have opened an attachment and 'enabled macros' it is very likely that all your personal data will have been breached. You **MUST** change all your passwords for personal accounts, including your bank accounts.
- Ensure Adobe, Flash and any similar software is up to date on your computer.

Heating Oil Security

Oil is the main source of heating for around 1.5m homes across the UK, and Norfolk and Suffolk, as rural counties, have many homes that depend on this fuel to heat their homes. Unfortunately, as fuel increases in cost, it becomes a favourable target for thieves, and the isolated nature of many homes in Norfolk and Suffolk that rely on this, it makes them an easy target for thieves as well.

Both Norfolk and Suffolk Police have noticed these thefts and appeal for people to be vigilant, reporting any suspicious activity to the police, in addition to providing the following crime prevention advice for oil tank owners:

- Keep your tank in a well overlooked position – this will ensure thieves are more likely to be seen.
- If your tank is close to your house make sure that it can be seen from your windows – this coupled with lighting will make it less of a target.
- Security lights can help deter potential thieves. Low level 'dusk 'til dawn' lights positioned close to the tank should, in most cases, provide sufficient light to illuminate any suspicious activity.
- Enclosing your tank in a building which can be secured is better still. However it is important not to overlook the importance of ventilation; advice should be sought from your oil company.
- If you have a gate keep it closed and locked when you are out.
- Make sure your perimeter fence is in good condition and is not easy to climb. Consider the use of trellis on top of any rear fencing to increase height.
- Invest in a good quality lock. Close shackle padlocks are recommended as they offer better resistance to bolt croppers and other tools that thieves usually come equipped with.
- Check your oil gauges regularly to alert you to any potential thefts and help investigations by narrowing crime times down. Many tanks can be fitted with a gauge to monitor levels which can be read inside the house.

For Further Crime Prevention Advice dial 101 and ask to speak to the Crime Reduction Officer for your area

Museum of the Broads

Spring Time – Sunshine and Showers

The Museum of the Broads is the place to visit whatever the weather! This year's special exhibition is 'Broadland's High Streets Through Time'. It looks at the changes to local towns, villages, their high streets and shops. Maybe one is where you live? Activities and nostalgic window shopping for all.

Join us for our FREE entry, "A Wild Night at the Museum", on Friday 13th May from 4pm to 8pm. Make a bird box or a mini beast home; enjoy our trails and activities and spot wildlife from our steam boat Falcon (river trips free, but booking essential).

And on Sunday 15th May, you can treat yourself to a tasty burger and find many bargains at our annual Boat and Fishing Jumble Sale. The fun starts at 9am.

Lots to see! Lots to do! The Museum of the Broads is really bringing the story of the Broads alive. Open daily from 10am to 4pm.

www.museumofthebroads.org.uk

[Museum of the Broads, Stalham Staithe, NR12 9DA, 01692 581681](http://www.museumofthebroads.org.uk)

NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL



Motorcyclists are being urged to invest in their future and sign up for additional training in a bid to stay safe on Norfolk's roads this summer.

In the summer months and at a time when more motorcyclists take to Norfolk's roads, "The Think!" Norfolk Partnership has re-launched its award-winning Hugger road safety campaign.

The campaign, which aims to increase motorcycle safety in Norfolk and reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries among motorcyclists, is calling on motorcyclists to sharpen their roadcraft and bike control skills and asking motorists to look out for motorcyclists on the roads.

Useful Contacts



Police Emergency Number Non Emergency Number		999 101
Police (Police Community Support Officer)	PCSO 8261 Jeanette Boardman	0845 456 4567 or call 101
Broadland High School	Tunstead Rd, Hoveton	01603 782715
Hoveton & Wroxham Surgery	Appointments Out of Hours Emergency Prescriptions	01603 782155 01603 488488 01603 784768
St Swithins Church	Mrs Anne Mulhall - Churchwarden	01603 784874
Preston Rooms – Village Hall	Pam Culley - Bookings Secretary Sue Watts – Secretary	01603 782041 01603 783297
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