

The BRIDGE May 2020

The First of May

CHIMNEY Sweeps' Day, Blackbird is gay,
Here he is singing, you see, in the "May."
He has feathers as black as a chimney sweep's coat,
So on Chimney Sweeps' Day he must pipe a glad note.



Jack-in-the-Green from door to door
Capers along with his followers four.
As May Day innumers are seldom seen,
Let us all give a copper to Jack-in-the-Green.

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Inputs by 15th Please

Dear All,

When I wrote this letter last month, I hoped that by the time I wrote this one we would be looking at when we could meet together again. Sadly, this still seems to be some time away. But we are still here, and still the church and we are finding new ways of working in our communities. On TV I recently saw an advert for faith programmes on the radio in the coming weeks. It showed images from many world faiths and invited people to join in the services broadcast, with the assurance that faith isn't about a building, but is in our own front rooms. This triggered several thoughts. Firstly, absolutely right, faith isn't about a building. We may meet in a building to express our faith, to worship together and to feed ourselves spiritually, but our faith doesn't stop in that building, however beautiful it may be. But I'd argue that it doesn't stop in our front rooms either - the real worked out expression of faith is shown in the lives we live in the communities we serve.

Here in the Wroxham Benefice we serve the communities of Wroxham, Hoveton, Belaugh and Tunstead and we are still here, working to be with you despite the closed buildings, whether you usually come to one of our churches or have never thought of crossing the threshold. In this very different time we are working that service out in many different ways, and we are learning day by day.

Together with other community groups we are working as Operation Good Neighbour to help with collecting food parcels and prescriptions if you are stuck at home. We can also provide a friendly voice and a listening ear on the phone. If this is would be helpful you can ring Liz on 01603 784150, Tracy on 01603 784651 or Clare on 07341 873375.

From the church we are providing lots of resources online - services of morning and evening prayer can be found on our website along with reflections for Sundays and links to resources from the Diocese and the Church of England. You can access all that here <https://wroxhambenefice.org> and we also have much on our Facebook page each day - search The Wroxham Benefice, and like our page!

We are looking forward this month to Ascension Day, Pentecost and Trinity and we will have lots of new resources for you. If you have an email address and would like our regular Sunday email, just drop a line to rector@wroxhambenefice.org Similarly, if you know someone who can't access computer resources, if you contact Liz on the above email, or ring 01603 784150 we are able to send some resources out by post.

We do know how hard this time is for everyone. We are all missing friends and family, and it is so hard to not know when we will see them again. Self isolating can be lonely, but we don't have to be alone. Please ask if there is anything you need. We are here to help. We are still church, still here, and still working for and with you all.

With my love and prayers, and my blessing, Liz

Still Church. Still here.

We are continuing to hold our communities in prayer as we always have done, and there are ways in which we can pray together even while keeping separate. Each day the clergy will be praying at the following times, and you are invited to join with us from your home.

9.00am Morning Prayer

5.00pm Evening Prayer

These services are available online

https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-03/midweek_worship_at_home_0.pdf

We also have them in booklet form so if you need us to drop one off to you just contact us.

Other resources will be added to the website for your use.

The Revd Liz Jump

Rector, The Wroxham Benefice

The Vicarage 11 Church Lane

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ST HELEN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH: COVID-19

In accordance with the Covid-19 instructions issued by the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales on March 18, St Helen's Catholic Church will remain completely closed until further notice, with all public Masses, liturgical and social events cancelled. For essential matters regarding the Church and its grounds only, please leave a message or text on 07775 974610. All other matters should be addressed to our Parish Church of the Sacred Heart, North Walsham: telephone 01692 403258; email: sacredheart@computer-assist.net; website: www.sacredheartnorthwalsham.com. For a more detailed explanation of Catholic church closures and other provisions, please see the website of the Diocese of East Anglia at www.rcdea.org.co.uk.

However, views of the bluebells in the woods around the Church can be enjoyed as part of your 'daily exercise' from Horning Road West and Tunstead Road. The temporarily scattered congregation of St Helen's remembers you all in its prayers, especially the sick and all 'front line' workers: following an old Catholic tradition in times of a pandemic we also commend our villages and wider communities to the intercession and protection of St Michael the Archangel.



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Catholic Church of St Helen Hoveton St. John

COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) PROVISIONS

Following the latest instruction on March 18th 2020
from the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales

This Church is now CLOSED until further notice

All Masses and social events are suspended. The closure will not affect the Sunday Obligation to attend Mass as there is provision to waive this in extraordinary circumstances. Daily Mass will be offered 'in secret' (behind locked doors) at the Church of the Sacred Heart each morning at 10.00: please do NOT go there as you will not get in; instead, do please offer a spiritual Communion at home at this time.

For matters regarding St Helen's Church and grounds
ONLY please leave a message or text on 07775 974610

For all other matters please contact the Presbytery at the
Parish Church of the Sacred Heart, North Walsham:

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In common with other British churches, we will be suspending services until further notice.

The United Reformed Church is producing a Sunday service each week on line at 10am. Please go to <http://devotions.urc.org.uk> to listen to this.

More local services produced by the Norwich URC team can be found at <https://ipswichroadurc.org.uk>

The community café is also cancelled and our JAM (children's church) will not be held.

The foodbank has moved to a delivery-only service and still needs your donations.

God bless you all at this difficult time.

WROXHAM LIBRARY

Norfolk's libraries are closed as part of the county council's ongoing response to coronavirus– with the exception of libraries offering registration appointments. They are maintaining online services and will keep people posted on their website.

The council has also closed the Norfolk records office and the Holt and Whitlingham outdoor centres and adult learning centres.

CLUB NEWS

WROXHAM FLOWER CLUB

We are very sorry to say that, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, our meetings are cancelled until further notice, including the Open Meeting which was due to take place at the New Victory Hall, Neatishead on 9th June.

We hope that we will be able to meet again in the near future but, in the meantime, if you would like to contact us please ring Sue Lusted on 07926 059005.



BLUEBELLS

Our monthly meetings on the first Thursday in the month are now be postponed until further notice. Please keep yourselves safe and well, and when we are eventually free from this virus, we will have a celebration.

HOVETON & DISTRICT WI

We usually meet at 2 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month in Hoveton Village Hall but it seems that, for the time being, the Coronavirus has thwarted even the resilient women of Hoveton W.I. and we will not be meeting for the next few months. But we will be back a.s.a.p. Watch this space!

In the meantime we have started a 'telephone friendship scheme' so that members who feel they want more social interaction whilst self-isolating are encouraged to phone each other for a good chat and 'put the world to rights'.

For more details please phone me on 01692 630367.

Carolyn Williams

WROXHAM WI

Plans to celebrate our 70th Birthday year were well in hand but of course everything is now cancelled or in doubt because of the coronavirus pandemic. All that is important is that people stay safe and well and have at least someone who can give help or be there to talk with. WI members are fortunate in having a good network of friends. If you would like to talk to someone please telephone Jean on 01603 782875.

HOVETON, WROXHAM AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

As the Village Hall is now closed for the foreseeable future and having no crystal ball we will unfortunately have to cancel May's meeting and possibly June. We are hoping by then normality will have returned but it is impossible to say at this time. Perhaps people could ring in around the middle of June when we can make a decision whether to go ahead or not with the coach trip. Pam 01603782041

Please stay vigilant, it is an awful time but thank goodness we have our gardens to keep us sane. The countryside looks lovely at the moment but do try to keep to the governments directives so we can get rid of this horrid bug.

Pam Culley

GARDENING TIPS FOR MAY

We are all experiencing very difficult times at the moment.

This April you will have appreciated the fine display of daffs, tulips and other spring flowering plants.

If you have been furloughed or are self-isolating this is a good time to really enjoy the wonders of nature in your own garden; whether it's admiring the bird life or the different range of flowers out at this time of year.

Also, whilst on your daily exercise look at other people's gardens and get a few new ideas or see other plants you may not have noticed in the past.

Here are some jobs which can be done in May.

Dead head daffs and when they have died down pull the leaves off.

Also, cut back aubrietia and yellow alyssum after it's flowered.

Your perennials should be growing well. Hoe regularly and stake, if necessary.

When ribes sanguineum (flowering currant), forsythia and viburnum tinus have flowered prune, if required.

Tie in new growth on your wall shrubs and climbers.

Trim lawns regularly, feed if looking a little yellow and treat any weeds with a selective weed killer; keep edges trimmed.

In the veg garden broad beans should be growing well.

Early potatoes should be showing their heads, mound up with an iron rake.

Sow lettuce, radish, onions, peas, beetroot and main crop carrots.

Sow climbing French and runner beans in cell trays or if preferred, straight into the ground.

Shading should already be up in the greenhouse as our spring weather was rather warm.

At the end of the month, clear areas of spring bedding and lift tulips, ready for the summer bedding.

Check pots for vine weevil.

Watch out for late frosts and protect tender plants.

With the pond, clean pumps and filters regularly. Top up the pond when required.

Gardening can be a relaxing hobby. Enjoy the beauty of gardening, especially during these challenging times.

Keep safe and well.

Michael Ottaway, Chairman

WHB TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Rather old news now, but our **Quiz and Supper evening on 14th March in Wroxham Church Hall at 19.00** did go ahead and was the usual fun, social occasion with good food and banter: the last one for a while, unfortunately.



We have postponed **our annual flotilla in June** till next year and we don't know yet about the visit of our French twinned villages of **La Pommeraye and Montjean-sur-Loire in August** with excursions including the Neatishead Radar Museum, Stalham Broads Museum with boat trip and the St George's Distillery. We have adopted a "wait and see" policy for now.

French Conversation is suspended for now and we shall review it later in the year, whenever we can get together again: the format does need changing so we'll see what we can do.

Book Club members emailed their thoughts on "The Pillars of the Earth" by Ken Follet, Joyce's choice, in March and Gill kindly collated these for everyone, which worked very well. We are going to attempt a Zoom book club meeting on Wednesday 22nd April for Gill's choice of "Step by Step" by Simon Reeve, so we'll see how that goes. We will try and keep going and probably have to rely on Kindle books till our library reopens. Pat can supply more information for now on 01603 782375 or pat.barkergreen@btinternet.com

For any more information please contact us, via Peter, on 01603 782733 or peter_c_milsted@talk21.com

WROXHAM BURE VALLEY ROTARY CLUB

We hope everyone is managing to stay well and stay safe during these unique times. Obviously our regular Monday meetings are currently not happening, but we are trying to stay in touch with each other through electronic means. Our spring and summer fund raising activities are looking extremely doubtful...or are already cancelled! Fortunately we did have some money in our charity account from activities earlier in the year and we have been able to make two significant donations recently - £1000 to the Norwich food bank (especially needed as many of their normal sources of food donation are currently not happening, while the need for their services and support has rocketed) and secondly £4000 to the Norfolk Community Foundation Covid 19 emergency response fund (a fund specifically available to local charities to call on to meet the sudden demands caused by the Corona Virus, with money having already gone to domestic abuse charities, bereavement charities, homeless charities and other charities local to Norfolk).



Going forward, the end of the lock down and return to “normal” is obviously still some way off so meantime we wish everyone a safe passage through these difficult times and in the true Rotary spirit of “Service above Self” we have members ready and willing to help out in the local community wherever the need arises. If you have something you think we can help with, in the first instance please contact our president, Simon Gorton, on 01692 538582.

WROXHAM AND HOVETON LIONS CLUB

Firstly I sincerely hope you are all keeping safe and well.

Very little to report this month as we are all abiding by the rules and staying indoors, but having said that we are still open for business using our telephones and emails.



In the last week have made donations of £500 each to Age Concern and Norfolk Community Foundation as well as funding the purchase of items for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital, to help with all their outstanding work being carried out in these terrible times.

At the moment, we are still hoping to hold our Village Fete in August but this will be kept under continuous review in the light of the Government legislation and we will keep you fully updated.

Please try and keep an eye on our elderly and vulnerable neighbours in their hour of need.

That's all for this month

Please stay safe and well

Lion President Terry Vout

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WROXHAM SOCIAL CLUB

Hello to all our members. I'm missing you. I hope you are all managing to cope during these weird times.

I would like to congratulate our Snooker League for coming second in the Cup Match. Well done.

Everything else is on hold like the rest of our county.

Many of us have lived through strange times: the world I was born into is unbelievably different from today's world and I think it will change again after this. Lets hope it is for the better.

For us oldies a little trip down memory lane:

IN THE 50s and 60s

Herbs were used to make rather dodgy medicine.

Bananas and Oranges only appeared at Christmas time.

The only veg were potatoes, peas, carrots, onions and cabbage. Cauliflowers always had green caterpillars in them.

All Crisps were plain with a little blue twist of salt.

Rice was a milk pudding. Never part of our main course at Dinner.

Oil was for lubrication, never for cooking. We used lard.

Special food for Cats and dogs was unheard of. They cleared up the leftovers.

Coffee was Camp and came in a bottle.

Sugar was loose and weighed into Blue Paper bags.

A Big Mac was what we sore when it rained.

Maybe some of you are old enough to remember those times.

I do hope it is not too long before we can all get together again. We must not rush this.

Better to be Safe than Sorry. Please all stay Safe and Well.

Rosemary (Chair)

A mini Quiz to keep your minds active.

Who was Sherlock Holmes Brother?

Who was Paul O'Grady better known as?

What is the principle instrument in a brass band?

What instrument is used to measure windspeed?

Which actor was Mr Universe from 1968-1970

IF YOU KNOW OF A MEMBER WHO IS NOT ON THE INTERNET
PLEASE PRINT AND PASS ON. WE NEED TO KEEP TOGETHER.
THANK YOU.

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HORNING BRIDGE CLUB

The club will not be meeting until further notice due to the current social distancing rules.

WROXHAM & DISTRICT U3A

We are very sad to say that our meetings have been suspended temporarily to take into account current health advice in respect of COVID19. Watch this space for resumption of our meetings and interest groups.

Web Site: u3awroxham.wixsite.com

Secretary: Jan 01603 712150 Chair: Gary 01603 961066



HOVETON LADIES KEEP FIT CLUB

Our meetings are cancelled for the time being. Contact Tel. Nos. 01603 528818/783490

HOVETON & DISTRICT CONSERVATIVE CLUB

Our meetings are cancelled for the time being.

COUNCIL NEWS

HOVETON PARISH COUNCIL

Coronavirus Contingency & Action Plan

Hoveton Parish Council formally adopted its Coronavirus Contingency & Action Plan on 23rd March 2020. The plan, which has been published on our website, sets out the contingency measures your Parish Council has brought into effect as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic. The plan aims to ensure Hoveton Parish Council will be able to operate its business to the best of its abilities throughout this public health emergency while protecting, as far as is reasonably possible, its members, employees, and volunteers. The plan was prepared by our Parish Clerk with reference to the latest advice issued by the UK Government, the Society of Local Council Clerks, and the National Association of Local Councils, and with reference to the Parish Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations. It will be continuously reviewed and updated to take account of the changing status of the pandemic.



Hoveton Parish Council Meetings

Hoveton Parish Council last met as a full Council on Monday 2nd March 2020. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, it wasn't possible for your Parish Council to meet as scheduled on Monday 6th April and all Council meetings have now been cancelled until further notice, including the Annual Parish Meeting scheduled for Monday 4th May. However, despite not being able to meet in person, your Parish Council continues to work hard on behalf of the local community and it remains very busy behind-the-scenes.

In order to keep local residents updated on the work the Parish Council is doing, our Clerk has drafted a Record of Decisions & Actions taken since 2nd March in accordance with our approved Coronavirus Contingency & Action Plan. This is available on our website or on request from the Clerk (clerk@hoveton-pc.org.uk or 07572 349600). Should the restrictions currently in place due to Coronavirus continue in the longer term, your Parish Council hopes it may be possible to hold virtual Council meetings which will be made accessible to members of the public.

Coronavirus Community Assistance

Operation Good Neighbour Hoveton & Wroxham is now up and running. This scheme is coordinating local volunteers and is arranging for the delivery of food and medicine to residents who have no other means of support. Operation Good Neighbour is run by the Wroxham and Hoveton Good Neighbours Scheme (part of Community Action Norfolk), supported by the local Church, local Councillors for Wroxham and Hoveton, and the Parish Councils of Hoveton and Wroxham. For more information, visit <https://goodneighbour.wroxhambenefice.org> or call Clare (07341 873375) or Tracy (01603 784651) if you are in urgent need of a food delivery.

In order to provide assistance to local residents, North Norfolk District Council has developed a hub and bespoke support model throughout the district, with a physical coordination presence at ten Local Coordination Centres, including a centre based at Hoveton Village Hall (please note that these centres are not open to the public, and should only be accessed by registered community volunteers). North Norfolk residents in need of support, either now or in the coming weeks, can request assistance through the Norfolk helpline (0344 8008020) or the North Norfolk helpline (01263 516000).

Brook Park Phase II Planning Application Response

Thank you again to the many residents who took the time to attend the recent public meeting regarding the proposed development of Brook Park Phase II by Persimmon Homes. Hoveton Parish Council has now submitted a summary of this public meeting to North Norfolk District Council along with our response to planning application PF/19/1659. Your Parish Council has strongly objected to this planning application, and both our full consultation response and the public meeting summary can now be viewed on our website or are available on request from our Clerk.

Stalham Road Speed Limit Update

At the end of 2019, Hoveton Parish Council wrote to Norfolk County Council to request that the speed limit on the 40mph residential section of Stalham Road be reduced to 30mph. Despite backing up this request with data gathered from our SAM2 sign and referencing the criteria for change outlined in the Norfolk Speed Management Strategy, NCC turned down our request for a speed limit reduction. In March, we sent a follow-up letter to NCC in order to press this issue further, but unfortunately our request to reduce the speed limit was again refused. We have been told the location's personal injury accident history doesn't support the perception that this road is particularly dangerous, and that the traffic regulation order costs which would need to accompany the speed limit change would not be seen as cost effective.

Community Flowerbeds Volunteers

Work on Hoveton's community flowerbeds is temporarily on hold until further notice due to the Coronavirus pandemic, but most of the flowerbeds are now in full bloom and are looking blooming lovely. A huge thank you to our volunteers for all their hard work and for helping to brighten up our village in these difficult times!

WROXHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Message from Council chairman Barry Fiske:

I am writing this note to you all a moment after the nation observed a minutes silence in memory of the front line workers lost to Covid-19.



Whilst we wait in isolation our thoughts are for our friends and families, many of whom are our front line workers. Delivering our post, milk, news papers and our internet parcels. Running little errands for us, driving our buses and trains, working in our local post offices, chemists, food and pet shops. And especially those working in our care homes in the parish. Oh dear; how little I am really doing in comparison to these dedicated people. Given a choice I am sure many of these people would prefer to self isolate, but somehow I don't think so, these people are special.

As we move forward taking small steps towards an unknown future we must all remember some of our community may have been effected but this awful virus having lost loved ones, lost their jobs and may be feeling a little isolated, depressed and anxious, we must all emerge showing them love, compassion and support and I am sure we all shall.

WPC shall continue its best endeavours to engage with our whole community, wherever possible we shall ensure the councils service providers continue to be local people from within or near our community, a stronger sprit of togetherness has to prevail in order to allow us all to rebuild. WPC looks forward to engaging with you all.

The Wroxham and Hoveton Good Neighbour initiative in which this council is involved is still available to anyone who needs its support.

<https://goodneighbour.wroxhambenefice.org/>

Your council has been going about its business and holding discussions via Zoom and the upcoming Parish Council meeting will be held utilising this virtual tool.

In the meantime please stay safe and if you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours...

Best wishes

Barry

Virtual Meetings

As Barry said our two most recent meetings have been using Zoom - just like the cabinet! It does mean that you can listen in and take part in the section of the meeting that is open to the public. So if you have got an issue to raise head on over to www.zoom.com and download the free software - there is also an app if you normally use a tablet.

The meeting code you will need to enter is: 965 7802 5128

You will need a computer with a camera and make sure your speakers are turned on.

Litter

In these days of lockdown some service providers have withdrawn their offerings. We have heard that the Community Payback team who have been doing litter picking in the village have withdrawn this service. Obviously we want to keep our village as tidy as possible and so can we ask everyone to be specially careful not to drop litter. If you see any while out on your daily exercise, and it's safe to do so, please pick it up and deposit in a bin. You can use a plastic bag to avoid touching the litter. Members of the Parish Council have also volunteered to carry out litter picking in the village during the current emergency.

Planning Application

New planning application. 51 Charles Close, NR12 8TT – Demolition of existing garages and stores, erection of new garage and single storey rear and side extensions & alterations to existing front entrance. Broadland District Council (BDC) application no 20200890.

This will be discussed at the next Full Council meeting on the 7th May.

If you want to know more and see the plans go to www.broadland.gov.uk BDC Planning and enter the application number:

<https://secure.broadland.gov.uk/Northgate/PlanningExplorer/GeneralSearch.aspx>

Alternatively deadline for comments to BDC 17th May.

Contact: Clare Male Parish Clerk : clerk@wroxhamparishcouncil.org

Tel: 07341 873375 www.wroxhamparishcouncil.org

Facebook: search for Wroxham Parish Council News

NORTH NORFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL

Message from County & District Councillor Nigel Dixon

Hoveton, Brook Park – Phase 2. The formal public consultation has closed and the planning application is being processed taking into account all the representations made to NNDC. I have discussed the matter with the Case Officer to understand what the key issues are and how it might be progressed. It's very clear there's long list of major concerns to be resolved; many of them are conflicts with planning policies which NNDC will not accept. The most important being the principle of building on land which hasn't yet been allocated for development, and that includes issues over infrastructure and local services capacity constraints. Then there's concerns over the extremely high housing density, the site and road layout and alignment and how it integrates with the existing Phase 1 and the surrounding countryside. That's all before you consider issues over building design, environmental impact and community benefits. Just the key issues are likely to take several months to resolve because they will require extensive negotiations, principally, with Persimmon and the land owner. NNDC is therefore not expecting a quick outcome to the application; in all respects that's a good sign showing a high level of attention to points which have rightly been raised by a wide range of objectors. I will keep you advised as and when I hear further signs of an outcome; in the meantime I remain optimistic that fair justice will be done.



Covid19. I won't bore you with repeats of important information about do's and don'ts of the new world we are adjusting to, but I should explain that the County and District Councils are extremely busy implementing many of the central government directives to support people and businesses while adjusting to mostly working remotely from home. That inevitably impacts on the delivery of the range of usual services; however, the most important priorities are being maintained and others will follow either as the lock-down restrictions are relaxed or as new ways of working are found. Nearly all meetings are now conducted remotely using virtual applications over the internet. Many of you will know NNDC has set up 10 Local Coordination Centres across the District; there's one in Hoveton Village Hall and it can be contacted on: hoveton.lcc@north-norfolk.gov.uk (or 01263 516213 or 07949 373985 (staffed 10.00 to 16.00 Mon – Fri)). The LCC is working with local community volunteer groups and suppliers to try to ensure all vulnerable people are appropriately supported. If you are aware of anyone who may not be supported or is struggling to cope then please contact the LCC or the Wroxham & Hoveton Good Neighbour Scheme on 07501 362793 or Operation Good Neighbour on hovetonwroxham.goodneighbour@gmail.com or 07950 320461. I am aware there are many other clubs, activity or next door/across the road groups that are informally contacting people to ensure their shopping, medication and general wellbeing needs are met and that's really good to see. However, there may still be those, most hard to reach, that are struggling silently and out of sight – please alert any of the above contacts, or me, if you suspect someone isn't supported.

Finally, my thanks to the many who have registered as volunteers or acting as coordinators for the various national and local help schemes such as the NHS/RVS Goodsam and the local Good Neighbour Schemes. Although many may not have been called upon yet they may well do as the Covid19 restrictions are likely to run for many months yet.

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

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THE PRESTON ROOMS – THE VILLAGE HALL

Hello everyone!

The nature of this article has obviously changed – we would normally be encouraging you all to come and join us at the next event at the Preston Rooms. Obviously at the time of writing, we don't know if any of the events planned for 2020 will now take place.



I can report however, that the refurbishment of the kitchen is complete and it looks amazing! A huge amount of thanks are due to Steve and Andy for all their hard work. Perhaps we should organise an 'opening ceremony' and invite everyone for tea and cake?

In the meantime I hope that you are all finding plenty of jobs to keep you occupied or perhaps you are all just enjoying a change of routine.

Look after yourselves and stay safe.

Sue Watts

Secretary

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Please note that due to the coronavirus situation there will be no coffee mornings in Wroxham Church Hall for the next 3 months.

ST. JOHN'S COFFEE MORNINGS

Hoveton St John Coffee Mornings have been cancelled until further notice. We are sad about this because they are happy friendly occasions but because of the Coronavirus we have to think of people's health & take the Government's advice in this matter.

ST. MARY'S COFFEE MORNINGS

Due to the government guide lines it is regrettable that we will have to cancel our monthly coffee mornings which are held in Wroxham Church Hall for the next 2/3 months. Thank you to everyone who has been supporting these events and you will be kept informed when we can resume.

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Sue Gibbons, Secretary 01603 738893

THIS MONTH'S COVER

"The First of May". Due to these strange times, all the usual events have gone 'virtual' online ("The Bridge" for one!): as well as attending Sunday Masses live all over the country, I joined a virtual 'Trevithick Day' in Camborne, and one enterprising manufacturer of Car Rally plates has issued a "2020 - the Year of Cancelled Rallies" plate, with all profits from sales going to the NHS. May Day is no exception - the May Festival at Hastings has moved online too, advertised by a poster of the Green Man sporting 'PPE'! So this month's virtual cover is a look back at more cheerful May Days, from "London Town" of 1883, with words by Felix Leigh and pictures by Thomas Crane. This covers most of the May Day basics: 'Jack-in-the-Green' (our old friend the Green Man again) and his four attendants, together with a nod to May 1st being Chimney Sweeps' Day as well: only the May Queen is missing, but she'll be somewhere in the procession behind Jack no doubt. Of course, the 'Copper' in the rhyme is an old penny, rather than someone likely to caution Jack about social distancing. It's nice to see some of these old customs making a return at last, though usually in urban areas, and rural communities should reclaim them for their own once more. Hopefully, when we all come out of lockdown, there will have been a rethinking of what really matters in life, a renewed sense of family, community and the simpler things, and amusement will naturally be found in reworked versions of the old traditions. It's time to get a proper balance of working to live, rather than living to work Wishing you all well, *Nick Walmsley*

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From May until further notice, The Bridge will only be published online, on The Bridge website, the Wroxham Benefice website, and the Hoveton and Wroxham Parish Council websites.

All invoices that were due to be issued from April 1st onwards will be forward dated to the 1st of the month when normal printing of The Bridge is resumed.

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Thank you all very much for your loyal support.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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Following the guidelines issued by the government with regards to the ongoing coronavirus outbreak, we are suspending Horning Cinema screenings until further notice. Horning Village Hall is also closed until further notice.

BOOK SIGNING AT HORNING POST OFFICE

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UPDATE FROM THE MUSEUM OF THE BROADS

Following Government regulations during lockdown, the Museum is closed for the foreseeable future with events up to the end of June cancelled. Volunteers and staff who have worked so hard to get the Museum ready for the new season are all disappointed. However, we must all stay safe and look forward to welcoming you later in the year.

We are applying for a grant to create a 'virtual' museum on our website, and in the meantime, have launched our own YouTube channel, MuseumBroads. Our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages can keep you up to date and there's our weekly competition, Where Am I, on Facebook on Saturdays to entertain you. See our website's Learning page for some pictures to print out and colour too.

At this difficult time, when our lovely Broads landscape is not accessible to many, we are encouraging you to remember your special holidays and days out. Post photos and recall those memories to help others as well as yourself, at #WishYouWereHereMemories.

In the meantime, stay well. The Museum and all the Broads has to offer will still be here when we can enjoy it again.

Nicola, Curator, Museum of the Broads

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“Investments Slump In Value – what should I be doing ? ”

With very few exceptions, investors around the world will have seen the value of their capital fall in recent weeks. So, what should we all be doing about it? This short article aims to set out *some* options. **It in no way should be read as Advice.** Each person with invested capital who has the “*what now?*” question in mind should seek advice from an FCA qualified Adviser.

1) **Ignore it** – could be the right strategy if you have no need to call on the capital soon. However, consider this time as an opportunity to review. Are the investments that you hold suited to your risk stance? How have they performed in the past when compared to other investments? What costs are you incurring?

2) **Cash In** – If you need to spend money that is invested and you have no other funds elsewhere, then it would seem you have no other option than to cash in at these lower values. Can the spending wait? Are there other sensible ways to raise the funds? The lesson for all investors – retain a cash reserve at all times.

3) **Buy whilst low** – some see this as a great opportunity to buy investments at far cheaper prices than they have been available for many months or even years. Make sure that you are buying investments that have a long superior track record when compared to their peers or sector average. Be clear in your understanding of risk. Consider the timeframe – do you know when you will need the money back again?

4) **Review – Rethink - Remodel** – establish your current risk stance. 0 – no risk whereas 10 – highly speculative. Next, establish the actual risk level of your existing investments and also their past results. Look at the “Alpha” rating of your holding(s). Get professional advice to compare what you hold now to other options. Before jumping in and making any changes, make sure you consider whether there are tax implications and of course any costs.

5) **Investments offering Capital Guarantees or Protection** – There are a number of these in the market. Find out about them and then decide if they are right for you. If your money is already in an investment that offers protection against market falls, then I guess you are feeling somewhat relieved right now.

6) **Get (free) advice** – Here at my office, we offer free initial consultations to all. If ever there was a time that I expect to be busy it’s now. Please feel free to call me.

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