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**Inputs by 15th Please**

**Dear All,**

Over the last few weeks we have heard much about social distancing. It has become the phrase on all our lips, and even as the lockdown is beginning to lift we are still told that it must be observed at all times. I was reflecting on this recently and decided that while I am happy to agree to physically distance myself from others and remain two metres away from everyone, and have followed this instruction clearly for the whole time, I would argue that I have proudly failed to social distance at all. Socially I have remained in good contact with family and friends and with members of our parishes and communities. Through the wonders of the internet I have said the Daily Office with others on some days, and as I pray daily at nine and five I know that I am close to all of you in a shared prayer time. Through our website we have been able to share services and reflections, and each evening I say Compline and am joined by a good number on Facebook. As I write I am looking forward to our second internet Zoom service – we got lots at the first one and more have decided to join us this Sunday as we celebrate Pentecost together. I have spoken to so many on the phone, and I know that all of you are doing the same among your friends and your family. So while I get the meaning of the phrase, I don't feel socially distanced at all. I feel close to you all, and although I can't be physically with you I know that we are still a community, still church and still, very much, here!

We are not the first to deal with being church at a distance. In our own times there are communities of Christians who meet at a distance regularly – look at the Outback Church in Australia where they try to reach each worshipper once a year by plane! In the days of the early church you can see from the letters of Paul that Christians were often separated in small communities, and Paul is quick to bring greetings from one group to another as they share in their love of God. Physically distant, but always together.

And so it is for us. Yes, we are at the moment physically distanced. There is no doubt of that, and it is hard and we miss being able to see each other. But I don't for one minute feel socially distanced from any of you. You are a phone call away, as am I – do ring anytime! – or a touch of the computer screen or a click onto Facebook. You are in my thoughts and my prayers constantly, either through requests you have made for my prayers, or because I pray for each of you in my own prayers each day. Physically distanced, we remain close, held together by God as his people, and several of you have mentioned to me how you feel closer to others now in some way, even though distant. When we are able to come back together, I believe that something of that closeness that has developed through the love of God and our love for each other will come back with us. We are truly learning that church is so much more than a building. Church is us, you and me, and it is in our buildings and in our homes and in our hearts and in our lives. It is a holiness that we carry with us wherever we are and wherever we go.

So keep your physical distance – stay safe. But remain socially close. Yes, close by phone, by internet, by Facebook and twitter, but most of all by prayer for each other, for our communities and for our world.

With my love, my prayers, and my blessing,

Liz

# Church On-line

Our buildings may be closed, but there is a lot of 'church' going on still and we are using social media and our website to help people worship at home.



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- † **Reflections in podcasts**  
You can listen (or read) the thoughts from our ministry team on a range of subjects and Bible readings.
- † **Meditations**  
There are some short videos to help you think and reflect on our current lockdown situation.
- † **News**  
A weekly roundup from our churches with key information.
- † **Zoom services** – join in from home.

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## **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](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

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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](mailto:sacredheart@computer-assist.net); website: [www.sacredheartnorthwalsham.com](http://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](http://www.rcdea.org.co.uk).

However, views of 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:

Tel: 01692 403258 email:[sacredheart@computer-assist.net](mailto:sacredheart@computer-assist.net)

[www.sacredheartnorthwalsham.com](http://www.sacredheartnorthwalsham.com)

## **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.

## **MOTHERS' UNION – WROXHAM BENEFICE BRANCH**

Because of the coronavirus situation, please note there will be no meetings until further notice.

Sue Gibbons, Secretary 01603 738893

## **BROADGRACE CHURCH**

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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.



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## **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, WROXHAM AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB**

I hope everyone is keeping well and obeying instructions by the government, at least things have eased a bit since last month. Although the garden looks as tidy as it has ever been, I do miss not being able to go for a cuppa and scone or meeting with friends, it is not quite the same having to be 2 meters apart but to get rid of this ghastly virus we must obey the rules.

By now you should have received 2 geraniums per member, please look after them and if we do have a meeting later in the year do bring the best of them along for a competition, Jean won it last year with her giagnormous plant, she must have had several conversations with it for it to be so splendid!!!

Look after yourselves and we hope to see you in the not too distant future.

Pam

## **GARDENING TIPS FOR JUNE**

How are you all coping? I hope you are all well.

Most of our spring flowers are going over, especially after the warm weather we have just had.

Ceanothus, rhododendrons, camassias, roses and brooms are giving a good display.

All of the summer bedding should be planted out and start giving you plenty of pleasure.

Keep them fed and watered regularly.

The ideal time to do this is very early in the morning or early evening.

Hoe your beds regularly and keep dead heading, especially roses.

Spray areas like patios, shingle paths and drives on a still dry day with a glyphosate based weed killer.

Keep cutting lawns, it's been quite a dry time for lawns.

Spray a selective weed killer, to reduce any weeds in the lawn, and feed if required.

In the salad area sow, at intervals, lettuce, radish, spring onions and oriental leaves.

In the veg area your climbing beans should be doing well.

Sow beetroot, carrots and peas.

In the fruit area, protect your bushes with nets. Harvest your strawberries.

Keep your pond topped up with water.

Feed fish regularly and protect them from herons.

Remember, any newly planted trees, shrubs, hedges and seeded lawns need to be kept watered, especially during dry conditions.

Enjoy your gardening during these difficult times.

When you are out on your walks look around and notice the flowers, plants and wildlife that surround you.

Take care.

Michael Ottaway, Chairman

## WROXHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

Whilst we are enduring these strangest of times, we hope all Bridge readers are safe & well. Our season closed on March 13 due to a COVID 19 lockdown with several games still to play. The FA eventually decided that all leagues at Step 5 (the level of the Eastern Counties Premier division and below), would be null & void.



Despite the threat of a legal challenge from a lobby of clubs, mainly from those hoping for promotion, this was enacted and our 1st team finished in 5th place. All together it was a good season for us with a very successful run to the Quarter Final of The FA Vase 10 years after we got to the final. Unfortunately we were unable to hold a reunion of that achievement and have also had to cancel our junior 5-a-side tournament due to be held in June. Although several of our volunteers are in their 70's and have been in isolation, we haven't allowed "the grass to grow beneath our feet".

In fact it has been a very busy period as we have had to get close season jobs done in very difficult circumstances. Our groundsman and support staff have done a brilliant job of pitch maintenance not only getting the grass seeded & cut but of top dressing and spreading 80 tonnes of renovation soil. The pitch has improved immensely although with such a dry spell there has been the need for a lot of watering, without the assistance of irrigation systems like those used by the Premier League Clubs and our local farmers!

Off the field communication has continued but in a different way. Not with meetings at the club but via virtual conferencing using ZOOM. This has been put to good use with regular updates amongst our coaches to establish "a Wroxham DNA" across the club; from u6's right through to the senior men's teams not forgetting our female division. The ladies team was only established last season with a Wildcat's centre also set-up at Rackheath. As the female game is now growing fast we are forging links with Bure Valley FC to offer a Broadland Club which will support all age groups.

Like all clubs and businesses, financing has proved very difficult with no income coming in and clubhouse bookings having to be cancelled. We have however been successful with a number of grant applications to keep us going.

There is still plenty of administration to be done and various AGM's are taking place now via ZOOM. Our own AGM is scheduled for June 25th also using ZOOM. After the AGM there will be an EGM to confirm the club structure changing to a Community Interest Company (CIC) to provide greater flexibility and protection for the club.

As mentioned several of our volunteers are now getting older and it would be helpful to get some younger blood. Although all football may not be starting again for some time, this is a good opportunity to get involved. We can guarantee plenty of social distancing and plenty of fresh air.

Anyone interested in helping the club in any way including sponsorship, please contact Chris Green 07508219072



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## WHB TWINNING ASSOCIATION

We have now postponed, in consultation with our French friends, the visit of our French twinned villages of **La Pommeraye and Montjean-sur-Loire in August this year until next year, the same weekend, which will be 12-17<sup>th</sup> August 2021**. All members have been informed



and asked to note these dates and keep them free. The committee are now busy reorganising all the visits and venues and, so far, everyone has been very accommodating and rebooking us for next year. Many thanks to them and the committee.

**Social events** are, of course, cancelled for now, although a get-together in August/September somewhere, with social distancing if necessary, has been suggested and we will try to do that, if possible.

**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 have had two successful Zoom meetings now to discuss, in April, "Step by Step" by Simon Reeve, which most members enjoyed and, in May, "The Sentence is Death" by Anthony Horowitz, which most of us did not like very much: you win some, you lose some! June is Sue's choice, "The Library of Lost and Found" by Phaedre Patrick so we'll see what that brings. We will try and keep going and probably have to rely on Kindle books, Ebay etc. 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. Of course, our regular Monday meetings are still not happening, but we are trying to stay in touch with each other through electronic means. We have a club zoom meeting planned for June 1<sup>st</sup>. We start a new Rotary year with a new team in place from July, normally following a social and handover meeting. The new team will present their plans for 2020/21 during our zoom meeting, but the handover social obviously won't be happening, and it remains to be seen how quickly we can start to implement the new programme. Unfortunately our fund raising activities are being severely curtailed just at the time many local and international charities are desperate for extra help.



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.

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## **WROXHAM AND HOVETON LIONS CLUB**

At the moment the club is not meeting but doing everything by Email and Telephone.



We have made a number of donations to good causes during this awful time with Covid 19. These were to Age Concern, Norfolk Community Foundation, Air Ambulance and the Neo Natal Unit at Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital, We also joined with other Lions Clubs in our District in making a donation to the James Padgett Hospital, towards the purchase of a piece of equipment which will test to make sure there is no leakage on the face masks used by the Doctors and Nurses on the front line.

Our charity shop in the precinct at Hoveton is still closed for the foreseeable future, but we will issue an update when we know further.

Following the latest Government review of the Covid19 measures, the Club has carefully considered the ongoing implications. Obviously the safety of both the members, most of whom are in the “at risk” group and the general public at large is paramount and with this and other factors in mind, it is with much regret that we have decided to cancel this year’s Fete. This decision has not been taken lightly and we are sorry for any disappointment. However we will be looking at planning the 2021 event, booked for 1st August, as soon as we can.

As we are coming to the end of our Lionistic year, this will be my last report before I hand the reigns over to Lion Mick Holden on July 1st.

Here’s hoping he has a good year.

In the mean time Stay Safe Stay Well.

Lion President Terry Vout

## **HORNING BRIDGE CLUB**

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

## **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**

Wroxham WI is alive and flourishing despite lockdown. Telephone calls, individual emails and group emails have ensured that members have kept in touch and are aware of each others activities. Gardening seems to be at the top of the list, clearing out drawers and cupboards, decorating, cake making, trying out new or nearly forgotten recipes with usually pleasurable results, walking out and about Wroxham as part of the permitted recreation time, knitting ,dressmaking or catching up on sewing matters from earlier times. Some skilled sewing machine ladies have made valuable hats, bags, masks and scrubs so welcomed by the NHS which has been sorely under pressure. Above all members have used the time to relax, rest, listen to the birdsong and enjoy the sunshine.

Members are looking forward to that third Wednesday of the month when they can next meet hopefully August or at least September. It will be a Garden Party to celebrate our being together again even though we may still be socially distancing!

Jean Watson

## **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](http://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 and 001603 783490

## **HOVETON & DISTRICT CONSERVATIVE CLUB**

Our meetings are cancelled for the time being.

## COUNCIL NEWS

### **NORTH NORFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL**

#### **Message from County & District Councillor Nigel Dixon**

Covid19 – Local Recovery Issues. While the Lockdown introduction and rules were quite simple and a clear response to the Covid 19 threat, on 23 Mar, the process of relaxing the rules as part of the recovery phase certainly isn't simple. Central government has outlined a 'road map' of what it plans to happen in England. However, the devolved governments of N Ireland, Scotland and Wales have made different decisions and that makes life doubly difficult if you live near those borders. Fortunately, we don't but the local interpretation and implementation of that plan and the relaxed rules for Norfolk and North Norfolk is complex enough. Balancing the competing interests of those anxious to protect the more vulnerable population and those anxious to get the local economy opened up, to limit the life changing economic consequences of the Lockdown, is extremely difficult. The 3 layers of local government: County, District and Town/Parish councils are trying to coordinate and work in harmony and consultation to strike acceptable balances over when and how to open up facilities, services and activities. When central government says this or that can be opened up, that's permission in principle; so for example, each school, shop or service provider has to work out a plan of how that can be done reasonably safely in order to comply with 'social distancing' and what mitigation measures are appropriate when it can't be achieved. Similarly, local councils must apply the same risk assessment process and agree revised operating rules before facilities and services are reopened. There's no such thing as risk free or absolute safety at any time so all these decisions and preventive measures are judgement calls about what's reasonable and practicable in the varying specific circumstances. There will be differing views and there's scope for everyone to either accept and engage or to personally hold back and keep their own enhanced protection measures in place. Those processes will be applied progressively throughout the recovery phase of Covid 19. So, NNDC will decide how and when to reopen public toilets and car parks and how the 80% of its staff (now working from home) will return to the offices and how the town shopping centres and roads can be reconfigured to enable 'social distancing' of pedestrian traffic while trying to maintain vehicular traffic access and flow. It's doing this in consultation with Highways, regarding road or carriageway temporary full or partial closures to give more pedestrian queuing or walking space; and with business forums, regarding how the various shops need to trade; and with Town and Parish councils regarding public open spaces and other facilities which support economic, leisure or other wellbeing activities. It's highly probable 'social distancing' and some other precautionary measures will be necessary for the long term, possibly years, until a safe vaccine is found and applied or until some other infection control measures are found. Whatever the future holds, life will not return to exactly the way it was pre Covid 19; amongst some regrets there will opportunities to make positive and beneficial changes to our lifestyles and quality of life – these may also benefit the environment and wild life that we share our precious world with.





Some of you may know the NNDC Local Coordination Centre (LCC) that was based in Hoveton Village Hall has now closed, having served its initial purpose of supporting voluntary and other activity support groups deliver help to many local residents coping with the shock and practical impact of the Lockdown. It's also helpful that so many food shops have started, or expanded, home delivery services. The voluntary and other support groups are still there if needed. If you are aware of anyone who may not be supported or is struggling to cope then please contact the next nearest LCC at Stalham via [stalham.lcc@north-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:stalham.lcc@north-norfolk.gov.uk) or the Wroxham & Hoveton Good Neighbour Scheme on 07501 362793 or Operation Good Neighbour on [hovetonwroxham.goodneighbour@gmail.com](mailto:hovetonwroxham.goodneighbour@gmail.com) or 07950 320461. Thanks are owed to all those volunteers operating such schemes and also to the 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 - 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 on yet they may well do as the Covid19 restrictions are likely to run for the long term.

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

## **HOVETON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Parish Council Meetings**

Hoveton Parish Council last met as a full Council on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, it wasn't possible for your Parish Council to meet as scheduled on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020. However, in order to keep local residents updated on the work the Parish Council is doing, our Clerk has drafted a second Record of Decisions & Actions taken by the Council in accordance with our approved Coronavirus Contingency & Action Plan. This is available on our website or on request from the Parish Clerk ([clerk@hoveton-pc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@hoveton-pc.org.uk) or 07572 349600).



In accordance with new regulations issued by the Government, Hoveton Parish Council has now decided to cancel this year's annual parish council meeting (with all current appointments such as that of Chairman and Vice-Chairman continuing until the next annual parish council meeting in May 2021) and to cancel the 2020 annual parish meeting. At the time of writing, your Parish Council is exploring the possibility of holding remote (virtual) parish council meetings, which will be open to members of the public. It is hoped it will be possible for the Council to hold its first remote meeting in early June, using Zoom. The date and time of this meeting are still to be confirmed, but three clear days' notice of all parish council meetings will continue to be provided to residents via the Council's website and Facebook page.

## **Coronavirus Community Assistance**

Operation Good Neighbour Hoveton & Wroxham is continuing to provide vital assistance to local residents with no other means of support. The scheme has expanded to include a 'phone friend' service and it has produced and distributed a leaflet highlighting assistance available and delivery services operating for local residents. Operation Good Neighbour is run by the Wroxham & 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.

Need a friendly voice or a listening ear? Whether you are isolating at home alone or in a busy household, it can be good to talk. If you would appreciate a phone call from one of the Operation Good Neighbour volunteers, either on a regular basis or just as a one-off, you can get in touch with the scheme by ringing Clare on 07341 873375 or Tracy on 01603 784651, or by completing the form on the scheme's website (<http://goodneighbour.wroxhambenefice.org>). Please call Clare or Tracy if you are in urgent need of a food delivery.

## **Granary Staithe Update**

Following a complaint being received by North Norfolk District Council about groups of people congregating on the Staithe to eat food during the Coronavirus lockdown, your Parish Council agreed to temporarily remove the Staithe's picnic tables from use. We apologise for any short-term inconvenience this may cause. At the time of writing, Granary Staithe is closed for the safety of members of the public due to specialist drainage works taking place on the adjacent land owned by the Broads Centre. These works are a precursor to the planned refurbishment of the Broads Centre shopping precinct, which we have been advised is still due to take place.

## **New Live Chat Services**

Two new free live chat facilities are now available to those seeking support from online resources. The Pandora Project (visit [www.pandoraproject.org.uk](http://www.pandoraproject.org.uk)), which offers advice, support and information to adults and children who are affected by domestic abuse, working across West and North Norfolk, have launched a new online live chat service to support the victims of domestic abuse. The service is currently available Monday to Friday, 1pm to 3pm, with three operators working simultaneously to offer advice and support around domestic abuse issues.

Meanwhile, Victim Support launched its new Live Chat service on the 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020. This 24/7 online support service will be available to all victims of crime in England and Wales. It will meet the support needs for all victims of crime, such as those impacted by hate crime, scams and fraud, and domestic abuse. For more details, see: [www.victimsupport.org.uk/help-and-support/get-help/support-near-you/live-chat](http://www.victimsupport.org.uk/help-and-support/get-help/support-near-you/live-chat).

## **North Norfolk Business Impact Survey**

To help establish a clearer picture of the challenges local businesses are facing as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic and the scale of impact the pandemic has had on local businesses, North Norfolk District Council has launched the North Norfolk Covid-19 Business Impact Survey. This survey, which should take no longer than 15 minutes to complete, will directly inform future recovery support for local businesses from the District Council and potentially those within other key organisations such as Central Government, the New Anglia LEP, other local authorities and local business groups. It will also provide evidence to potentially influence future business funding or business support programmes.

The survey can be completed via [www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/tasks/economic-growth/information-for-businesses-affected-by-covid-19](http://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/tasks/economic-growth/information-for-businesses-affected-by-covid-19), and this web page also contains useful information about assistance available for businesses affected by Covid-19.

## **WROXHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

### **Caen Meadow**

The hotter than normal weather in May has brought out ever larger numbers of visitors with their attendant pressures both on the Meadow and on parking in the village. Recently we formed the Friends Of Caen Meadow made up of people who use and love the area to work with the Parish Council on keeping this precious resource at its best. The coordinator of the Friends Of Caen Meadow is Councillor Angela Ireland who has written a short piece to introduce the group.



“Wroxham residents are very lucky to have this place of outstanding natural beauty available for walking, exercising their dogs, picnicking and launching canoes and paddle boards from the small beach. Over the bank holiday weekend it was estimated that over 200 people were enjoying its facilities in just one afternoon. Under normal circumstances that would be a happy fact to report but during Covid quarantine it would be almost impossible to be socially distanced as required. If you visit when it’s busy do try to adhere to the guidance and if you can’t socially distance on the main area consider wandering around the corner to the Trafford Memorial Ground or take a twenty minute walk to the Trafford beach at Wroxham broad. Instructions are on the information board.

The Parish Council maintains the meadow and the Trafford memorial ground keeping it a safe place to relax all year round and to help it in its efforts have established a small group of volunteers “The Friends of Caen Meadow”. This group checks that the litter is cleared away and that no anti social behaviour from a minority is happening that will spoil the enjoyment of the majority. Litter and dog fouling is an issue in the summer, there are bins for both at either entrance to the meadow, please use them and if the bins are full do consider taking your litter home. Bins are emptied twice each week in the summer season.

Enjoy the meadow, it’s kept as close to its natural state as we can, but if you have any ideas for improvement please let the friends know via the Parish Clerk or you can email me direct: [angela.ireland@wroxhamparishcouncil.org](mailto:angela.ireland@wroxhamparishcouncil.org)”

## **Covid-19**

Like all organisations the Parish Council has been impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic. We have been holding meetings via the Zoom platform and this is proving very helpful. These meetings are open to the public where you can raise an issue in the public speaking section of the meeting. To join in you just need to download the free Zoom software from [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com) and then use a unique meeting code which is publicised on the agenda for every meeting.

Zoom as good as it is and very useful under the “lockdown”, we shall be pleased to return to having our meetings in The Hub, let us hope we do not have to wait too long.

Due to Covid-19 some projects have had to be held in abeyance until some sort of normality returns. These include the Adoption of Wherry Gardens process, part of the Cemetery extension program and completing, installing and the official unveiling of the new village sign.

Another Covid casualty has been the Community Payback team who have been carrying out litter picking in our village for a while now. They are currently not working. To fill in the gap Parish Councillors have been out picking up litter to keep the village spick and span. If you can help do let us know by contacting the Parish Clerk.

## **Agnes Gardner King Playground**

Of course it is currently closed following Government instructions but we are focused on its future. We are striving to improve access and install at least one new play installation in the Agnes Gardener-King playground in Park Road. The costs for this will now almost certainly have to be from charitable donations. Despite securing generous donations from The Lions and some parishioners we need more. We are pursuing various corporations such as Tesco and Persimon Homes both of whom make donations to such community projects. However any financial support you feel you can give will be greatly appreciated and will speed this project on its way. Please contact the Parish Clerk.

## **Street Lights**

The Parish Council is taking over responsibility for street lighting from Broadland District Council in line with BDC's new policy. This is for the small number of street lights in some parts of the village. This does not cover the lights on the main A1151 road. Cllr Peter Mantle is in charge of this project.

## **Dog Fouling**

During lockdown it seems we have had an increase in dog fouling in the area - especially in areas such as the footpath that runs between Park Road and The Avenue and Church Lane and Caen Meadow. Please clean up after your dog. There is a £1000 fine for those flouting the regulations.

## **Make a Difference**

The Parish Council is currently made up of eight men and women who work hard on our community's behalf. But we have three vacancies that we are seeking to fill. Currently our councillors carry out a wide range of duties which range from negotiating contracts to watering flower beds and even litter picking. All this falls to a small group. Would you like to share the burden and help your community? If you think you could assist and would be interested in joining the Parish Council and help make a difference please contact the Parish Clerk.

**Contact: Clare Male Parish Clerk : [clerk@wroxhamparishcouncil.org](mailto:clerk@wroxhamparishcouncil.org). Tel: 07341 873375 [www.wroxhamparishcouncil.org](http://www.wroxhamparishcouncil.org) Facebook: search for Wroxham Parish Council News**

## **ARTICLES & PRESS RELEASES**

### **WHERRY YACHT CHARTER CHARITABLE TRUST UPDATE**

By now, in a normal year, we would be regularly sailing our three wherry yachts and our pleasure wherry Hathor would be open for viewings at How Hill between her own scheduled trips. This year though, all sailings in May and June are already cancelled and we are unsure what the remainder of the season will bring. Please refer to our website ([www.wherryyachtcharter.org](http://www.wherryyachtcharter.org)) or social media pages for future updates and news.



Unable to be on board a wherry, I've been reading about them instead and dipping into a newly acquired book 'Wherries and Waterways' by Robert Malster. The book is nearly fifty years old now and was itself the product of twenty-five years research. The author, now eighty-eight, recently contacted me at WYC with a memory of Ardea, our teak-hulled pleasure wherry, and it was this that prompted me to purchase a copy of his book.

The author tells of the first pleasure wherries, although no-one seems certain of when the idea of making the cargo hold of a black-sailed trading wherry into accommodation for passengers was first thought of. The practice was certainly popular by the 1880s, but could have begun twenty years earlier. Most of the original conversions were fairly basic, with the cargo hold being partitioned into two cabins, one for the ladies and one for the gentlemen. The latter doubling as a dining saloon during the day. Raising the hatches and adding sides fitted with windows increased both headroom and light inside. These early conversions were only temporary, with the furnishings being stripped and the holds reverting to cargo each winter.

The Press Brothers of North Walsham were among the early pioneers of the wherry hiring business. In 1888 they offered five wherries for hire, each complete with a skipper to sail them and a steward to look after the passengers. In most cases, the steward also acted as mate, assisting with crewing when necessary. Just eleven years later Harry Adcock of Beccles advertised the wherry Zoe as a vessel that was not used for trade at any time of year. It seems the holiday business was profitable enough to allow the polished oak panels to be left in place all year. This vessel even had a water supply laid on. Another wherry, Rambler, from Cobham, was even advertised as having a bathroom, which must have been quite a luxury in those early days.

The first wherry to be built exclusively for passengers was the Claudian in 1887 and our own Hathor followed from the same yard just eight years later.

In these troubled times, we all need the support of our friends. If you would like to become a Friend of WYC, please contact me at [pam.taylor@wherryyachtcharter.org](mailto:pam.taylor@wherryyachtcharter.org)



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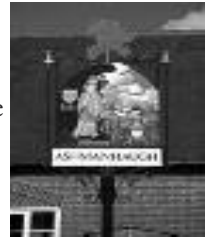
Ardea sailing on Wroxham Broad  
in 2012  
with Hathor in the background



## 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.



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

## NOTICES

### CHARITY PLANT STALL

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the plant stall at The Hub over the last 2 months. It was a real community effort with many people helping in some way by lending the stall components, printing signage, offering plants to sell as well as all those who bought for their gardens.

We are delighted to say that £4,000 was sent to Foodbank and they have been incredibly grateful at this difficult time.

We have had very positive feedback from visitors to the stall who have been glad to have a distraction during lockdown and somewhere to go on their daily exercise.

Thanks again to all of you

Barbara, Joyce & Chris



### Hoveton Village Hall Funday 20th June 2020

Owing to the present shutdown of Hoveton Village Hall & Park the event will now be held on June 19th 2021.

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For more information ring Pat Mills, Tel. 01603 783682

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

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### HORNING CINEMA and HORNING VILLAGE HALL

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.

### SUMMERTIME AT THE MUSEUM OF THE BROADS

Although the Museum remains closed until July at the earliest, you can still visit our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages, or check out behind the scenes videos on YouTube. Have you tried our weekly Facebook quiz, 'Where am I', on a Saturday yet? Just search for MuseumBroads.

We have applied for a grant for an exciting new digital project which will create a virtual museum and, also, re-imagine 10 items as easy makes for everyone to enjoy. Hopefully we will be successful and can start this soon.

The Museum receives no government funding and we normally raise our own income through visitor admissions and boat trips. This means that, like many others, we have little money coming in right now. If you are able to help the Museum survive this crisis and continue to bring the story of the Broads alive, then please see our website or visit our Just Giving Page for more information. Thank you from all of us.

In the meantime, whilst holidays are a distant memory right now, we hope you enjoy some of these photos, taken from an album dated 1910. It will be on display in our Wish You Were Here Holidays exhibition this year.

Check our website for up to date information. Stay safe, and we hope to welcome you to Stalham again soon!

The Poor's Staithe, Stalham, NR12 9DA, 01692 581681 [www.museumofthebroads.org.uk](http://www.museumofthebroads.org.uk)  
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## MUSEUM OF THE BROADS

A boating holiday on the  
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## THIS MONTH'S COVER

With all our eagerly anticipated annual events 'locked down' this year what better than a look back at happier carefree times on Wroxham Broad. It is a detail from a rarely seen painting by the local artist Robert Ladbrooke (1769-42). He was a founder member of the Norwich School of Artists along with his brother-in-law John Crome. He is especially remembered for undertaking the huge task of engraving every Norfolk church along with his second son John Berney Ladbrooke from 1821 onwards.

The painting of "Wroxham Regatta" isn't dated, but certainly comes from the first 20 years of the 19th century. Notable is the thatched pavilion which appears to be floating between the Broad and the river, the big house in the distance which resembles Wroxham House (where Charles Close is now), the wherry to the right with the old style of sail, and a typical Broads passenger paddle steamer in the middle of the picture. Few pictures of these early passenger boats survive - they were unfortunately given to boiler failure - and this one is undoubtedly accurate for Ladbrooke was known for his attention to detail. Visible in the race on the left is a brown-sailed lanteener, possibly the famous Black Maria owned by Sir Jacob Preston: if it is the Maria she's unusually far back in the field! The painting is currently owned by the HM Government and hangs in the British Embassy in Stockholm: it was bought by them at auction in 2008 and we should ask why such an historically important painting is displayed closer to home. This is especially true because there are so few surviving oil paintings by Ladbrooke.

For a special 'Lockdown Treat' we're also reproducing the complete painting below.

Nick Walmsley 2020.





# WROXHAM

## CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY - HELPING THE VULNERABLE



# WROXHAM

During the current outbreak some older residents of the village or those with underlying health issues may be self isolating at home as a preventative measure. Some may not have close friends or family living nearby to help them with such tasks as shopping, dog walking or picking up a prescription. We ask everyone in Wroxham to keep an eye out for your neighbour and to help them with any day to day tasks if they are confined to their home.



If you know someone who needs help and you can't help yourself or if you can offer some help please contact our Parish Clerk, Clare Male on 07341 873375 or email [clerk@wroxhamparishcouncil.org](mailto:clerk@wroxhamparishcouncil.org). [www.wroxhamparishcouncil.org](http://www.wroxhamparishcouncil.org)

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