



PARISH PUMP

A newsletter for the parishes of Honingham & East Tuddenham

April 2009

Wensum Valley Birdwatching Society

Indoor meeting:- Warden Jed Andrews and assistant warden Sophie Barker, from the Holme Birds Observatory, were our guest speakers in a 'two for the price of one' night. First Sophie talked about trapping and recording moths. We learnt that there are over 3,000 species of moths in the UK and I was intrigued by the names. Burnished Brass, Humming Bird, Buff Tip, Pine Hawk, Peach Blossom to name just a few. Many are becoming scarce such as the Woolly Bear and the stunning Garden Tiger Moth and the caterpillar are masters of disguise, the Buff Tip, which looks like a twig and the Lunar Hornet moth which looks more like a hornet than a moth.

After coffee, and custard creams, Jed Andrews spoke about his 14 years as a warden at the Holme Reserve with a talk that encompassed ringing birds of prey, whale watching, sea watching, orchids and fungi. His tips on the differences between poisonous and non-poisonous mushrooms were of interest but I think I will continue to pick mine from the green trays in Sainsbury's. He recalled an amusing incident when a pair of Puffins, rescued after a storm were released from a box in front of a flock of press photographers. Instead of making a dash for freedom we saw a picture of them walking toward the sea like two old gentlemen on an afternoon stroll. An agreeable night's entertainment.

Field Trip – No field trip to report, instead I will put in a plus for our outdoor trips. Ideal for beginners and experts alike. Each trip is led by a club member and there are always experts on hand (who seem blessed

with extra pairs of eyes and ears) to help sort out the species. We have thinking.

binoculars for newcomers to try out.

Combine that with fresh air and some agreeable company and you have a recipe for a good day out. Forth

coming trips, including a day at Minsmere are listed on our website www.wvbs.co.uk

Diary dates:

Thursday 16th April: A short AGM followed by a talk on "The Wildlife of the Falklands" by David Osborn. At Weston Longville Village Hall. Start 7.30pm. New faces welcome. Colin Wright 01603 740548 admin@wvbs.co.uk

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Is there anybody out there who could offer us some voluntary help to run the Club on Friday nights – one night a month or more – whatever you can spare. You will be most welcome.

Now the light nights are upon us we need help with football (5 a side for example on the playing field), help with supervision of the Go-Kart, metal detector, trampoline, or any other help you can offer or just general help on the night. Whatever you can offer for an hour or two.

We also need some new members – 7 years and upwards – boys and girls. We are open from 7.00pm – 10.00pm Please contact Margaret or Colin Cram on 01603 880062 for more details or pop down one Friday evening and have a look and a chat.

Without help and more members we will have to close – we have great facilities – **we just need your help.**

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District Councillors: Brian Rose, Paul Claussen
County Councillor: Ingrid Floering-Blackman

East Tuddenham Parish Council met on Tuesday 24th February and the Chairman welcomed not only District Councillor Mr. Brian Rose to the meeting but also three members of the public, including Mr. B. Winchester, Chairman of Honingham Parish Council.

Mrs. Hickling paid tribute to Mrs. Rosemary Bourne and offered the sympathy of the Parish Council to her family. She said that she had been a valued member the Village Hall Committee and would be sorely missed.

Road matters were again on the agenda and as Mr. Dowd had still not heard from Claire Brightman, our Police Community Officer, it was decided that the clerk should get in touch with her. There had been a few members of the public who would be willing to take part in the proposed "Speed Watch" programme and it was thought that perhaps East Tuddenham could unite with Honingham over this. Mr. Winchester said that they were holding a meeting on March 5th to discuss their problems and Mr. Dowd was invited to attend. It was hoped that once the road works at the new roundabout were finished and the traffic flowing freely on the A47, the rat race through the villages might stop.

The Council had no objections to two planning applications – one a re-application for a replacement house at Common Farm and the other for a vehicle maintenance building at Pips Skips in Frans Green. A further plot of land, at the side of the Church, had been put forward for inclusion for building under the Local Development Framework and the Parish Council agreed with the District Council that this should be marked as unreasonable.

Mr. Guy was still willing to stand as the Emergency Co-ordinator for the village. Miss Barrett said that Earthsea House was collecting School Vouchers and asked for assistance with this.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 1st April at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Honingham Parish Council

A meeting of the Honingham Parish Council was held in the village hall on Thursday 5th March attended by six of the seven parish councillors, the clerk to the council, a representative from East Tuddenham, a representative from Hockering and some twenty six residents from the village itself.

After the initial formalities of the apologies for absence and the minutes of the last meeting were dealt with the meeting moved on to the main discussion point of the evening. This was the increased flow of traffic that occurs in the morning between the hours of 7-00 a m and 9-00 a m. This is caused by the backing up of traffic from the new Mattishall Road/A.47 roundabout, sometimes going back along the A.47 as far as the North Tuddenham dual carriageway. As a result of this backing up drivers are now turning right at Berrys Lane and then left into Dereham Road and joining the A. 47 by right of way at the roundabout thus overtaking vehicles stuck on the A.47. Some of these drivers are speeding and the PCSO's that have been appointed by SNAP (Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel) have clocked many driving at speeds in excess of 35 mph - 31 in the first two days. In early March some 200+ vehicles were counted through the village between 7-15 a m and 8-00 a m including double decker buses and sugar beet lorries. PCSO Hales from Taverham Police Station explained fully the operations involved in a Speedwatch system that would be run by residents and confirmed that speed humps were no longer an option as the Government has barred any further use of this work being carried out. Each member of the Council was asked for their views on the matter and then the discussion was thrown open to the floor for individual contributions.

Various suggestions were put forward including flashing signs, the installation of a 20 mph zone (usually only open to areas including care homes or schools etc.) and various methods of restricting access. Eleven members of the floor put forward ideas and suggestions and in a vote it was almost unanimous that it was not speed that was the problem but the sheer weight of traffic and therefore some form of restriction should be requested from the County Council. The Chairman agreed to write to the Transport department at County Hall and this has since been done - no reply as yet at the time of writing this report. Restrictions suggested include no right turn from the A/47 onto Berrys Lane or no left turn from Berrys Lane onto Dereham Road or alternatively no left turn from Berrys Lane between 7-00 am and 9-00 am. A further vote to instigate a Speedwatch system was met with a lukewarm response but might yet have to be considered if none of the above restrictive measures are agreed. This would be of benefit to East Tuddenham who would join with us in this as they have different problems - straight through speeding and excess traffic in Church Lane.

Other matters were then discussed including a progress report on the Bowls Club trees, the agreement on quotations for repair to the playground gate and restoration of the Village sign. Planning updates were given as was an application to close access to Grange Lane.

Mr Graham Cullender then reported on the situation regarding the Parish Plan and why it was necessary. Two volunteers were asked for to join the Parish Council sub committee and it was very disappointing that only one person has volunteered and this not from the meeting. The Council has a number of matters to deal with before the next meeting which is the A G M on the 5th May including hedges at both ends of the village, Konnect buses re a bus through the village, the condition of the road at the Mattishall Road end of Norwich Road, the state of the road at the shrine, and yellow lines at the end of the drive to the Village Hall. We therefore hope that a similar number of residents attend this meeting when we may have developments to report.



Jubilee Hall Social Club

Udated systems providing high quality and better tasting beers and ales have been implemented in the clubroom and hall bars recently. The old pipe network that supplies the bars has been upgraded.

No abusive language policy has been implemented and will be enforced in the clubroom.

Fresh thinking will bring change to the clubroom allowing improvements to be put into place.

Help us to change and be part of a group, or possibly the committee that can lead the way the Social Club is run.

Be part of the change by volunteering in the bar, bring your own ideas to improve the Social Club. Its been suggested for example that we have a ladies night, run the quiz nights that we started towards the end of last year, you must have some idea's of your own.

Gain a qualification by becoming a designated premises supervisor and providing a real input into the Social Club.

- Become part of the Social Club team.
 - Your ideas are needed to improve the clubroom, to bring about positive change.
 - Volunteer and run the bar for an evening or maybe during a hirers event.
 - Take the clubroom forward, refreshing it and help to bring in more and hopefully new people.
 - Suggest ways in which we could run themed nights in the clubroom. Be part of it by helping to organise them and run them with others.
- If you would like to be part of this please contact any of the following committee members:**
- **Tony Bradfield**
 - **Ted Hickling**
 - **Chris Anderson**
 - **Margaret Cram**
 - **Nick McMillian**
 - **Ted Guy**



New Rules for Householder Permitted Development

In September 2008 the government published an amended Part 1 of the General Permitted Development Order. These amendments came into effect on 1 October 2008 and have significantly altered what development can and cannot be done to a residential property without requiring planning permission.

The then Housing and Planning Minister Caroline Flint outlined the changes as follows:- "From today people will find it has become much easier to convert the loft and build an extension. The changes the government has made will mean about 80,000 households a year no longer have to get planning permission. At a time when the whole country is counting their pennies carefully any room to make a saving on stretched family finances is particularly welcome.

Whilst there has been an attempt to relax the regulations in some ways (the cubic content restrictions of 70 and 50 cubic metres have been removed for example), this is not to be at the expense of neighbouring properties. It is intended that carefully calculated size limits on these permitted extensions will mean that the new rules strike the right balance between helping homeowners to better their home and protecting neighbours against larger inappropriate or intrusive extensions.

Broadland District Council's Development Management and Conservation Department is in the process of putting together a standard form for homeowners to check for themselves as to whether planning permission is required for their proposal. There is a form available for this purpose at present, however it relates to the previous permitted development regime.

In the interim the Broadland is directing homeowners wanting to extend their home to the interactive house on the planning portal website:

The www.planningportal.gov.uk/uploads/hhg/houseguide.html website (external link) guides users round the planning permission rules for homes from everything at the front and back of house through to each floor inside.

All people have to do is click on the part the house they are changing whether it's a loft conversion, the driveway, solar panels, fencing, or even the bathroom and a pop up explains all the new rules.

Whilst this is a useful tool, it is also recommended that people put their proposals to the Development Management and Conservation Department in writing (accompanied by basic plans) with full details of measurements etc. This department will then be able to give confirmation in writing as to whether the proposal is permitted development or if a planning application is required.

Any questions on the matter can be directed towards planning officers in the Development Management and Conservation Department, with the first point of contact being the reception desk on 01603 431133

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 10.30am Morning Worship
 11am Mattins

Hockering
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 St Andrew's, Honingham

12th April (Easter Day)

9am Holy Communion
 9.20am Holy Communion
 10.30am Holy Communion
 11am Holy Communion

Hockering
 North Tuddenham
 East Tuddenham
 St Andrews, Honingham

19th April (Easter I)

9.30am Holy Communion
 9.20am Morning Worship
 10.30am Morning Worship

St Paul's Chapel, Honingham
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