

PARISH PUMP

A Newsletter for the parishes of Honingham and East Tuddenham

April 2010.

Wensum Valley Birdwatching Society

Indoor Meeting: Paul Eele (RSPB) gave a talk about the problems affecting the Titchwell reserve on the North Norfolk coast. Titchwell has three basic types of eco-system, salt-marsh, fresh-water marsh and brackish reed beds which makes this area of great importance to a wide range of species, notably waders and other flocks of migrant birds. It also plays a vital role in the conservation of the Bittern and the Avocet. Paul said the main problem at Titchwell is that of coastal erosion, underlined by some dramatic aerial photos of sand bars, sand banks and marine inlets. Major construction work on new sea walls and dams, using latest sea-defence technology, is underway and large tracts of Titchwell Marsh will be closed to the public this summer (2010) during this work. Some of the old hides have been demolished but the shortage of car parking space has not yet been resolved and visitors will have to continue their secret trick of arriving early. An interesting and informative talk.

Outdoor meeting: Seventeen members met at the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust at Welney near Downham Market, for a day's birding. Welney has been improved beyond recognition with its new Eco friendly visitor centre and with our recent spell of bad weather; this was the perfect place to watch the daily feeding of the wintering wild swan, from the comfort of a centrally heated hide. (My sort of winter birdwatching). Then on to Dunkirk Bridge to see if a

reported Great White Egret was still there. A local birdwatcher had spotted the egret and we were able to join him and take in distant views of this fairly rare visitor to Britain. Finally to Denver Sluice, on the River Great Ouse. A Thoroughly enjoyable day's birding with 71 species seen which included Tree Sparrow, Reed Bunting, Marsh Harrier and Black-tailed Godwit,

Dates for April: Thursday 15th is our AGM which will herald the start of our 89th year of existence; this is followed by a talk by Peter Lambley entitled, "Patagonia - In Darwin's Footsteps". On Saturday 24th we visit East Norfolk with Ray Gribble. All are welcome, especially beginners, but please note there is a small charge for non-members.

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There is a possibility for free training if enough people are interested.

Contacts :- Debbie Skerten 881553, Gillian Hickling 880774.

One of the suggestions on the re-launch day was to hold Community Lunches. The V.H. committee is looking at suitable stoves for the kitchen and there are already volunteers wanting to cook and serve!

**The Annual Parochial Church Meeting
of All Saints' East Tuddenham will be
held on the 21st April 2010 at 7.30pm
in the church. All welcome**

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Clerk: Betty Wilson, 880590
District Councillors: Brian Rose, Paul Claussen
County Councillor: Bill Borrett

East Tuddenham Parish Council met on Monday 1st March and was attended by District Councillor Mr. P. Claussen and County Councillor Mr. B. Borrett.

Various items were discussed including planning applications for a proposed first floor extension to Fig Tree Cottage, the removal of a chimney and replacing it on an outbuilding at Mockbeggar Hall (a listed building), and an extension of the time limit to a barn conversion at The Beeches. The Councillors had no objections to any of these. The Chairman, Miss Barrett and the clerk would attend the Planning Meeting at Breckland Council with regard to the application for change of use of agricultural land at Frans Green. Concerns were raised regarding the state of Trap's Lane as it seems to be getting wider and this is out of keeping in an environmentally sensitive area.

The Chairman reported on a meeting she and the clerk had with Darryl Smith and Richard Bland regarding the proposed low cost housing and application forms were now in the Village Hall. Due to the difficulty of obtaining a mortgage in the current climate the houses would be rented but could be transferred to shared ownership at a later date. Mrs. Hickling had also been in touch with Mr. P. Aldous, the landowner's agent, who said that the transfer of land was almost completed. It is hoped that the building would start later this year. **A full presentation and a question and answer session with Flagship Housing will take place at the Annual Meeting on Wednesday 19th May.**

Mrs. Hickling also reported on the meeting with Breckland Council at Swaffam, which she attended with Mrs. Shrimpling, Miss Barrett and the clerk. Among the subjects discussed were the reduction of carbon footprints, more interaction with the local police, unitary status and the concerns regarding the A47. With regard to the latter a representative of the Highways from Bedford said that there were no plans to dual the A47 in the foreseeable future.

Two items were brought up under any other business – the meeting a Honingham regarding traffic through the villages and also the shooting at windows in the Church.

The next meeting is on Monday 12th April at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

HONINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL MARCH 2010

A meeting that was originally intended to be a Parish Council meeting was held on March 4th in the Village Hall and was attended by some 70 to 80 people. This was a magnificent response to your Parish Council's attempt to draw attention, not only to our problems with rat running traffic but also the problems associated with the excessive traffic on the single carriageway of the A.47 between North Tuddenham and Easton that affect other Parishes. Those attending included representatives from Hockering, East Tuddenham, Colton with Marlingford and Weston Longville. We had also managed to gain the attendance of Mr Rajit Mistry of the Highways Agency from Bedford, Mr Stephen Johnson of Atkins (the highways management agency) and Mr Laurie Egan from Norfolk County Council. Unfortunately the Eastern Daily Press were unable to attend but sent their apologies. BBC Look East and Anglia Television failed even to acknowledge their invitations despite both organisations asking during their programmes for interesting news items!

The local SNAP police representative was also present and we are pleased to report that he has since been in Honingham Village in the rush hour period and stopped at least seven drivers out of 210+ in an hour and twenty minutes - presumably for speeding and hopefully the Treasury's coffers were increased as a result of fines being issued. Mr Mistry and Mr Johnson both expressed their appreciation of the turnout and stated that they were there to listen to our views. Time will tell whether they took on board those views and whether they will come up with a quicker response to the problem than their preferred option of traffic lights on the roundabout scheduled for 2012. They also promised to consider a trial of both the traffic lights and no right turns in Church Lane and Berrys Lane. Mr Johnson also promised to advise us of the figures on which he based his computer models for the traffic lights. So far we have received no response which we must admit has not totally surprised us. Rest assured a very strong letter will be on its way in the very near future. In the meantime we are pressing ahead with an idea to set up a sub committee of representatives from a number of local Parish Councils that border both the A.47 and also those Councils between the A.47 and the A.1067 Fakenham Road. If activated this will press for short term solutions to local problems and for longer term actions such as Link Road, Dualling and increased Public Transport - watch this space!!

A new notice board has been erected in Fellowes Road and we would ask anybody posting items on the improved notice board at the Village pump to also post a copy on this new board. Our thanks go to Mr Ray Middleton who made it and also to Mr Malcolm Joyce of Fellowes Road who dug the holes, put in the posts and erected the board.

Notice of the next meeting will be advised as soon as known. ✕

* 22nd April @ 4.30 -

East Tuddenham Jubilee Hall March 2010 Newsletter



YOUR VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Tony Bradfield – Chairman
Ted Hickling – Vice-Chairman
Nick Skerten – Treasurer
Debbie Skerten – Secretary
Margaret Cram – Hall Booking Clerk
Chris Anderson – Social Secretary
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Put the following dates in your diary and make sure you come and support your Village Hall whilst enjoying a really good night out.

Saturday 9th October - Foot Tappers & Star Disco

Foot Tappers are a great showband that play a mixture of material from the 50s, 60s, 70s and a few selected songs from more recent years. Well-known for their harmony vocals, their music is great for listening and dancing. Supported by the ever popular Star Disco.

Tickets will be £7.00 and will be available for sale from the Bar & from Chris Anderson (Tel: 880813)

New Year's Eve -

Foot Tappers & Star Disco

New Year's Eve. The night when we all like to celebrate by saying goodbye to the old and hello to the new. We would love to see the Hall full with you all just doing that. The cost for entertainment during this season is extremely high and, therefore, the committee has agreed to subsidise this cost and put on some great entertainment for us all to enjoy.

Tickets will cost £10 Adult and £5 child. (5 -16yrs).

LADIES NIGHT

The next Ladies Night is on Tuesday 13th April.

READING AREA

There is now a Reading Area which is in the Hall on the balcony. It is stocked with some great books, all of which are available for you to borrow, either by taking away or to sit and read in the Hall. The Hall will be open 2 - 4pm on Tuesdays and 12 - 2pm Sundays for those wishing to have access to this Reading Area.

If you have any books to donate please leave them at the Hall for the attention of Debbie Skerten.

SOCIAL CLUB & HALL BAR VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for more volunteers to assist with running the Social Club and Hall bars. This could be either a regular slot or the occasional evening. We are also looking for some assistance in cleaning the beer lines. If you are interested in helping out please ring Sharon on 880817. Your help would be much appreciated.

GENERAL REPAIRS

Thanks to the good weather we are at long last starting to see, a group of volunteers have been able to repair the pot holes in the car park. This is only a temporary measure, until we can arrange something more permanent, but for now they have been filled with compacted rubble and crushed concrete.

DECORATING

The Social Room is looking very refreshed with a new lick of paint. To stop this getting chipped by the furniture we have put a dado rail across the wall. It's not quite finished yet, but it's starting to look a lot cosier.

RELAUNCH

The relaunch was well attended. We were given the opportunity to sit and answer questions and listen to suggestions and ideas in a very relaxed atmosphere and we took away some very positive ideas and comments.

OVER 18's NIGHT

Due to one of the questions raised at the relaunch, the decision was taken to have 2 nights a week where the social club will be over 18's only. This will be on a 6 month trial basis only and will be on a Tuesday and Thursday evening beginning on April 1st.

CATERING FACILITIES

One of the suggestions put forward was to have regular food theme evenings. For example a curry night, or a fish & chip supper.

We have already investigated the replacement of the existing cooker in the Hall kitchen, and in the very near future we will be purchasing a new range cooker. We will then be looking at ways in which we can expand on the facilities we already offer. Watch this space!

FINANCES

To reiterate points made at the relaunch meeting with regard to the income that the Hall and Social Club must make every month in order to stay open. The monthly income required is substantial and is the reason why the committee have made great efforts this year to maximize Hall bookings, and why bar prices have been increased for a long time. Nevertheless, the prices in the Social Club bar are still considerably lower than pub prices.

This year the committee has also put in place more rigorous stock control and bar management practices. This has resulted in the Social Club bar now operating at a profit.

In recent years the Hall has effectively been operating at a loss necessitating the regular withdrawal of funds from the deposit account, which has been severely depleted.

Hall income for February was £1,685

Social Club income for February was £6,287.

Please note that this is income only and does not reflect bar stock purchases and other outgoings.

AGM

The AGM meeting will take place on Wednesday 19th May at 8.15pm.

HALL BOOKINGS

To book the hall please contact the booking clerk on 880062. Remember that there are discounted rates to village residents.

In Memory

"Mick" Mortimer

Mick became involved as long ago as 1977, when a group was formed in the old Village Hut to press forward with the planning, fund raising and eventual design of our new Jubilee Hall.

Then, as an employee of H. Smith & Sons of Honingham, our builders, he worked on the construction of the Hall, especially the groundworks. As such, he was a reliable source of information for future years, about the site, both below and above ground.

Once the building was finished he continued his involvement as one of the founder Charity Trustees and served on the Management Committee until recently.

He did much for our Hall over the years in his own quiet way, and he will be sorely missed. Our thoughts and condolences go to his family.

Putting local wildlife on the map:

A wildlife recording workshop for volunteers, parish projects, and community groups on recording wildlife in your local area, organised by Norfolk Wildlife Trust.

Sat 15th May 10 – 1pm
Holt Hall Field Study centre

Sun 16th May 10 – 1pm
Saxlingham Nethergate.

These workshops are free and include a copy of the 200 page parish wildlife survey toolkit. However, booking is essential and will work on a first come, first served basis.

To book or for further information contact Norfolk Wildlife Trust: email wild@norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk or phone 01603 598333 Bookings by Mon 10th May.

Honingham meets Kilimanjaro

They say there are no hills in Norfolk so to celebrate my daughters 18th we are hoping to climb Kilimanjaro for charity. It will help families and children in two continents as the money you donate will help both communities.

Firstly: all of the money raised will go to 99.9 Radio Norwich's charity:

Families First. It is a local charity with its roots firmly in the community. Families First aims to relieve poverty, hardship and distress in families with children within the Norwich, Norfolk area.

Secondly: all participants of the climb volunteer to help the communities living in the shadow of Kilimanjaro, whether this be making school desks or brightening the walls of local amenities.

However, we can only do this if we reach our goal.

Between us we need to raise £6,200 by the end of August. We have already raised £580 and are planning some events in the coming months. A big thank you to those who have got us off to such an amazing start.

If you would like to support us you can donate online at:

<http://www.justgiving.com/Anna-Haggith> there is also more information about why we are doing this and a link to the charity website.

Or you can post a cheque to 21 Mill Lane Honingham NR9 5AF made payable to Families First charity number 1120317.

If you would rather support us with goods or services, which we could offer as prizes at any of our fundraising events, we would also be most appreciative.

We are training by walking around the village – Berry Lane and Colton Road are as steep as it gets – do say hello. We will happily tell you all about it.

NSPCC Helpline factfile

- You can contact the NSPCC Helpline free and anonymously on 0808 800 5000 or help@nspcc.org.uk.
- In 2008/09 the Helpline counselled 29,346 callers with worries about a child's safety or wellbeing.
- The NSPCC Helpline is an important source of information for local children's services teams. They estimate that one in three serious referrals they make to local authorities are about children they didn't already know about.
- The NSPCC Helpline provides a service for everyone, no matter their background or ability. Some Advisors on the Helpline speak multiple languages, while others speak Welsh. Deaf and hard of hearing can email help@nspcc.org.uk, or use the British Sign Video service on 020 8463 1148.

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(Ladies Evening at the Jubilee Hall)

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SERVICES FOR APRIL 2010

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7.30pm Maundy Thursday

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2nd April (Good Friday)

11am Walk of Witness
2pm Hour before the Cross

Mattishall
Yaxham

4th April (Easter Day)

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

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East Tuddenham
St Andrew's Honingham

11th April (Easter I)

9am Morning Worship
9.20am Sunday Special
10.30am Morning Worship
11 am Mattins

Hockering
North Tuddenham
East Tuddenham
St Andrew's Honingham

18th April (Easter II)

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

North Tuddenham
St Paul's Chapel Honingham
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25th April (Easter III/St Mark)

9am Holy Communion
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