

PARISH PUMP

A newsletter for the villages of Honingham and East Tuddenham

August 2009

A Future for Sembahun (2)

Thank you very much!

The evening about the children of Sembahun was held on June 23rd in Honingham village hall, and an interested crowd of people saw the slides of Sierra Leone's pristine beaches and cuddly chimps and historic slave ports, as well as meeting the children who are looked after by Ngadie Turay and her band of helpers.

Everyone was very generous; the slide show was free but there was a raffle and many donations. I took home £200, which I have sent on the first stage of its journey to West Africa. Thanks to the coverage in the Parish Pump and the local press, (with help and advice from katebettsmedia) I have raised nearly £1,500 since I returned Norfolk is full of kind, caring people!

I rang Ngadie on her mobile to get a progress report. The well has been dug – an essential first stage, and the foundations will begin soon. It is now the rainy season in Sierra Leone and a shelter has been built to keep the mud building bricks dry as the work progresses. They were hoping to get the foundations down before the rains started, but the weather there, as everywhere, is more unpredictable with climate change.

I had watched Isata and Mustapha and some of the other older children getting water for the day from the well at the children's home. They hauled up, hand over hand on the rope, plastic buckets full of water to replenish the big plastic dustbins all over the home, which serve as the water supply when there is none in the taps. It was hard work, and I guess it needs doing at least twice a day. They do this as well as helping to get the younger children washed and in their uniforms ready for school.

After our breakfast (a hunk of bread spread with mayonnaise and a cup of tea, like everyone else had had) I sat in the hot sun and watched the huge gold and black butterflies hovering in the hibiscus bushes around the yard. All was peaceful for a while with the children mostly at school. Just the low chatter of Binti and Lucinda below the balcony steps deftly trimming and washing huge piles of local-grown potato leaves for lunch. At 4000 leones (80p) for 2 bowlfuls. Binti said they were expensive. I guess everything is expensive if you have 70 mouths to feed.

Thank you everyone, from Ngadie and me, for your help with her family. I will continue to keep you posted about the progress in Sembahun!

Frances Middleton

Earthsea House

Earthsea House, the therapeutic home for children, run by the charity Childhood first in conjunction with Norfolk County Council, celebrated its tenth anniversary on 7th July.

Mrs P Phillips, Chairman of the council of Management welcomed all the guests including the Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk. The Vice Lord Lieutenant and the High Sherriff, and also thanked Mr and Mrs Meynell for their kind permission for the use of their garden. The Lord Lieutenant spoke highly of the work done by all the staff at Earthsea House, who had since its opening in 1999, along with Merrywood, cared for 31 troubled children. Earthsea continues to flourish and with the addition of Merrywood caters for children from 5 year old to teenage.

BRIDGE

**Is there anyone who
would be interested in
social Bridge**

**If so, will you please get in
touch on 01603 880269
So we can have a chat.**

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HUGH SHEARER

Many of Honingham's residents
said goodbye to an old friend last
week. Hugh Shearer died, after
suffering frail health for a long
time. We in the village only
know Hugh after he and Peggy
retired, when their 'real' jobs were
over, and many at the service at
Colney told of their busy lives
when younger. We were there,
however to remember and give
thanks for a man who became a
well-loved member of the
community, because he and Peggy
didn't just come and live here –
they joined in! Hugh was
Treasurer of the Village Hall
Committee for many years,
working hard at the fund-raising
and other activities in his well-
loved friendly manner. We
remember him at the annual fetes,
greeting everyone like an old
neighbour. It seemed as though
the whole village was his
neighbour, such was his interest
and concern for us all. He and
Peggy played table tennis on
Wednesday afternoons for a long
time, sharing the chat and gossip
as well as a bit of physical
activity!

Bell Folk, the handbell ringers,
came to know Hugh well,
because of his support for Peggy,
who rang for many years. Sherry
with the Shearers was a much
anticipated part of the Christmas
schedule, up to even last
Christmas, when they invited the
team round as usual, to celebrate
the season in their cosy living
room. His health seldom stopped
him from meeting people. He
made light of his problems –
another endearing characteristic.
And I am sure I am not the only
one to have a memory of Hugh's
jolly voice at their front door
"Hello! Got time for a sherry?" He
was like that, and it was lovely.
We will miss him.

Our thoughts and prayers are with
Peggy at this sad time.

Frances Middleton

MOBILE LIBRARY

The next visit of the mobile library will
be 7th and 28th August 2009 at the usual
times.

FEEL GOOD FRIDAY

The world's Biggest Coffee Morning is
back and this year Macmillan Cancer
Support is looking for people to hold a
coffee morning event held in every village
across Norfolk. Can you help them? If
so, why not register to take part and help
even more people living with cancer.

This year's "World's biggest Coffee
morning" event takes place on Friday 25th
September and taking part couldn't be
easier. Last year the generous people
from our area helped raise over £158,000
in Norfolk alone. This year they want to
raise more but can only do this with help.

Every year over 4,400 people are
diagnosed with cancer in Norfolk and one
in three people will be affected by it
during their lifetime. Macmillan aims to
be a source of practical, medical,
emotional and financial help to these
people and their friends and family.

Everyone can make their cuppa count by
holding a coffee morning at home, at work
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Helen Chapman,
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John Betjeman

Nightjar Evening: what better way to embark on a field trip than to start from the local hostelry. A large group of members and guests gathered at the Marsham Arms for a meal, a pint and a chat before setting off for Marsham Heath in the gathering dusk. This is a birdwatch like no other as we stand in silence, listening for the unmistakable 'churring' sound indicating a nightjar nearby. Then some fleeting glimpses of these elusive birds as they flew around us, some alighting on pine branches, their colouring and the failing light challenging the best of optics. Normally on a bird walk we notch up 50 or so species but on this night just 2. Nightjars and a lone woodcock.

On 7th June we held our annual summer bird count. The team recording the most species seen had a total of 80. In conditions that were often wet and cold this was a very creditable total and a special mention is due for the solo effort of Ian Britain who logged 69 species. The day was rounded off with a meal at the Fox and Hounds in Lyng – once again doing our bit to support the traditional village inn.

August Diary dates: its back to Normal in August with an indoor meeting and a field trip. On Thursday 20th founder member David Plling will present 'Brazil – the Atlantic Rainforest' starting at 7.30pm at Weston Longville Village Hall

On Sunday 9th we have our annual visit to Minsmere. This is usually arranged as two walks round different parts of the reserve with a break for lunch. Minsmere offers families and keen birdwatchers a great day out. Nature trails take you through a variety of habitats to excellent bird watching hides. There is a visitor centre where you can find out more about the wildlife, browse in the shop or enjoy a meal in the licensed tearoom. All are welcome to any of our events but please note there is a charge at Minsmere if you are not a member of the RSPB.

Colin Wright (tel 01603 740548)
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By answering six simple energy questions and completing the entry form you will have the opportunity to be short listed for a chance to win your electricity bill. The five short listed households will have to record, demonstrate and provide evidence to show how they are making efforts to save electricity over a six month period. The Household deemed to have reduced their electric usage the most by the end of the six months will be the winner.

Look out for this competition and entry form in the July/August edition of Breckland Council's Voice Magazine. Entry forms can also be collected from all Breckland Customer contact Centres & online at www.breckland.gov.uk/energy_competition

All entries must be submitted by 31st August 2009.

For further details contact Breckland council on 01362 656870

East Tuddenham Youth Club

The Youth Club will re-open after the summer holidays on
Friday 11th September.

New members are needed and will be made very welcome, Please come and have a look before you join.

Activities include Grass Track Go-Kart (light nights), badminton, football, pool, table tennis, darts, uni-hock, art & craft etc.

The meeting times are:

Juniors: 7.00pm-9.00pm-50p
Seniors: 8.00pm-10.00pm-50p
Double session-80p

We look forward to seeing you.

For more information: Contact Colin or Margaret Cram on 01603 880062

CRAFT EVENINGS

These are held once a month in Honingham Village Hall, cost £1

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DUNKIRK VETERANS

The Norfolk Dunkirk Veterans held their annual Service of Remembrance in St Andrew's Church, Honingham on 28th June.

There was a large attendance of veterans, family, friends and parishioners.

The Band of the Scots Guards provided musical support; accompanying the hymns and playing a selection of music before the service. A bugler sounded the Last Post and Reveille. A piper from 1st Battalion Scots Guards played the Skye Boat song, flowers of the Forest, Black Bear, St Patrick's Day and Heilan Laddie. The choir sang an introit and an anthem.

The lessons were read by General Sir David Richards, KCB, CBE, DOS, ADC Gen. Commander-in-Chief Land Command, chief of the General Staff designate and by Mrs Ashton Wade.

The President of the Dunkirk Veterans Mr George Smith said the Collect of the Dunkirk Veterans. Mr Percy Burrows gave the Act of Remembrance, WO2 chandler Light Dragoons, RSM Rear Party, said the Exhortation and Mr Bob Lister said the Kohima Epitaph.

Our thanks to the team of Bellringers for their joyful welcome and also to our team of flower arrangers for their magnificent floral displays, which were greatly appreciated.

The Norfolk Churches cycle Sponsored Bicycle ride 2009

The annual sponsored cycle ride will be held on Saturday 12th September.

The Trust hopes to improve on last year's amount raised of £135,700.00. As in previous years, half the money raised by the cyclist goes to their nominated church and the other half to the Trust.

The Trust has a distinguished record of supporting Norfolk's Churches and the half share of the proceeds of the ride will be distributed by the Trust's Grants Committee to help with the repair and restoration of churches throughout the county.

Sponsorship forms are available from most churches or from the Norfolk Churches Trust office, telephone 01603 767576.

Harvest Thanksgiving - Honingham\

A note for your diary, the annual Service of Harvest Thanksgiving in St Andrew's Church. Honingham will be on Sunday 4th October/

This year the choir of Saint Felix School Southwold will be with us.

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 10.30am Holy Communion
 11am Holy Communion

Hockering
 North Tuddenham
 East Tuddenham
 St Andrew's, Honingham

9th August (Trinity IX)

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

Hockering
 North Tuddenham
 East Tuddenham
 St Andrews, Honingham

16th August (Trinity X)

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

St Paul's Chapel, Honingham
 North Tuddenham
 East Tuddenham

23rd August (Trinity XI)

9am Holy Communion
 10.30am Sunday special
 11am Mattins

Hockering
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30th August (Trinity XII)

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