

# PARISH PUMP

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*A newsletter for the parishes of East Tuddenham and Honingham*

February 2009

## Wensum Valley Birdwatching Society

**Xmas Party:** Beating all previous records our Christmas knees-up was the best attended event of the year. On offer was a choice of leaded or unleaded punch on arrival then lots to eat and drink, a quiz or two and a spendiferous raffle. A great success – next years is already pencilled in.

**Field Trip:** After a weather cancellation we finally visited Rockingham Forest, near Corby for our last field trip of 2008. On a rare sunny November day over 20 members arrived at the RSPB reserve at Top Lodge, near Corby, for morning coffee then pressed on a few miles West to Eyebrook reservoir where several hours were spent looking at wildfowl. Large numbers of Goldeneye were seen and wonderful views of a male smew. After lunch it was back to Top Lodge for a quick cuppa then on to the main event of the day. Parking on the edge of the forest at about 3pm the first Red Kite coming in to roost appeared over the west end of the woods. Then several more appeared, twisting and turning with the sun catching the brilliant orange brown of their forked tails. We watched until the light faded and, as we returned to the cars we counted seventeen Red Kites in the air. Over the day we saw over fifty species and about twenty five Kites. A successful day and a fitting end to the years' outings.

**Bird Workshops:** toward the latter part of 2008 we arranged some bird recognition workshops under the tutelage of Norfolk based wildlife artist (and WVBS member) Steve Cale. The Classes were followed by field rips to put theory into action. Members who took the course, especially newcomers to birdwatching, felt the courses were a great success, everyone benefiting from Steve's in-depth knowledge and his huge enthusiasm for the subject.

**Diary Dates:** Our programme of events for 2009 is complete. Talks will cover topics from the Norfolk coast to the Brazilian rain forest. Field rips will include a day at Minsmere, a week-end in Wales and a cruise on the Wash – tempted? We have plenty of membership forms.

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February.** '14 Years as a Bird Warden' by Jed Andrews, warden of the NOA Holme Reserve. Weston Longville Village Hall start 7.30pm

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February** we visit Hickling nature reserve and the Stubbs Mill raptor watch point.

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and the surrounding areas are  
always welcome.

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the Poppy Appeal, which is an increase on last year's figure.

In **East Tuddenham** the appeal raised £178.75 .  
Thank you for all your generosity and also to those who kindly  
gave their time to make the collections.

### **Christmas at Honingham**

There was a good attendance at the Festival of Nine Lessons and  
Carols held in St Andrew's Church. Our thanks to the team of  
bell ringers for their joyous welcome. As ever, we are most  
grateful to our company of flower arrangers, who had beautified  
the church with seasonable decorations.  
Our thanks also, to all the readers, the choir and particularly to  
our organist.

### **LENT BOXES**

Lent Boxes will soon be available in St Andrew's and St  
Paul's. Please take one and fill it to help the work of  
USPG.

### **PLOUGH SUNDAY**

The annual Plough Sunday was held in St Andrew's  
Honingham on the 11<sup>th</sup> January.  
As in previous years, a plough was brought into the church  
to be blessed, in the hope of a fruitful harvest, later in the  
year. We are reminded in the words of the hymn; "We  
plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land, but  
it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand"

### **YOGA**

**Honingham Village hall**  
Tues 7 – 9pm

**Mattishall Memorial Hall**  
Thursday 7 – 8.30pm

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## Information from your Parish Council

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*Chris Anderson, 880813*

*Lynsay Barrett, 880001*

*Jackie Fane, 880238*

*Ted Guy, 880523*

*Alex Leaney, 880566*

*Janet Shrimpling, 880 779*

*Clerk: Betty Wilson, 880590*

*District Councillors: Brian Rose, Paul Claussen*

*County Councillor: Ingrid Floering-Blackman*

East Tuddenham Parish Council met on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December when Mrs. Hickling, Chairman, welcomed District Councillor Mr. P. Claussen and one member of the public to the meeting.

The tree guard was now erected on the village green and Mrs. Hickling thanked those who helped with the work. It was decided to plant some bulbs around the oak tree and Mrs. Fane offered to do this. Two people had been contacted with regard to a new notice board and the Council was awaiting one of the estimates.

A planning application had been received for the replacement of an existing plant room with a conservatory at Hawthorn Farm to which the Councillors had no objection.

Mrs. Hickling, Mr. Guy and the clerk along with Mr. N. Frewer from Mattishall had met with Sarah Cureton of Norfolk County Council to discuss the sorry state of the public rights of way in the village. Ms. Cureton was informed of the various problems and she said she would get in touch with the relevant landowners. The broken finger posts would be replaced when funds were available.

The two architects concerned with the proposed low cost housing had met with members of the Village Hall Committee regarding the provision of land for the Village Hall which would serve as a buffer between the hall and the new houses. It was hoped that the housing project would start in 2009.

Various ideas were mooted for village events in the New Year and these would be discussed fully at the next meeting.

The Clerk would get in touch with the Highways Agency pointing out that East Tuddenham was not mentioned on the signpost at the new roundabout.

It was reported that the toilet blocks at the fishing lakes had been vandalised and Mrs. Shrimpling offered to keep a log of incidents such as this. **PLEASE LET MRS. SHRIMPLING KNOW OF ANY VANDALISM ETC. THAT YOU MAY HEAR OF THAT IS OCCURRING IN THE VILLAGE – HER TELEPHONE NUMBER IS AT THE TOP OF THIS PAGE.**

The Councillors were concerned that various roads in the village were very muddy and it was hoped that the farmers would clear them when the weather permitted.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2009

# HONINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting was held in the Village Hall of the Parish Council attended by 5 members of the Council and three residents of the Village. At the outset we were asked whether it is permitted that members of the public can attend these meetings. We confirm that as previously stated in the "Pump" these meetings are open to all residents of the Village, indeed we welcome all who attend and they are, subject to approval of the Council, invited to contribute to discussions. The next meeting is on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7-30 p.m. and once again ALL are invited.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and agreed and a number of matters arose as follows. Work on the trees at the rear of the Bowls Club has started with as little disturbance as possible to residents allowing for the work to be carried out as safely and professionally as possible given the weather conditions. It has been agreed that the path through the Easton estate that has been used for many years remains available subject to the conditions of dogs on leads permanently while on the path and that no disturbance or damage is caused to wildlife. The County Council have visited Wood Lane and taken note of its traffic problems and will be addressing these shortly with extra signage and other tidying measures. A person has been found to restore the gate to the playing field and also to repair the brickwork on the Village sign and this will take place as soon as weather permits. Yet another person has been asked to repair the memorial "shrine" and the Village notice board and this also will be done as soon as possible.

You may or may not be pleased to know that the Council agreed that we should not ask for any increase in the precept - the money we receive from Broadland D C - which means that any increase in your Council Tax will not be due to us!

Various planning applications to Broadland were discussed and decisions reached will be relayed to Broadland - who however will decide for themselves on the outcome of such applications as we can only comment. In this matters of planning there is a relaxation of planning rules in the pipeline and a member of the Council will attend a meeting regarding this and will report as soon after this as possible. On application from Colton Parish Council it was decided to return the bit of Colton Village that is technically within the Parish of Honingham to Colton for them to comment on planning applications that affect them more than they do Honingham. Other members are to attend meetings on Police budgets and Norfolk Archaeology which will probably be more riveting than they at first appear.

Norfolk County Council roads department has been written to regarding the culverts at the top of Colton Road and also the dangerous state of the kerbs at the Berrys Lane/Dereham Road junction`. We are also in contact with Geoff Pellizzaro our very own local CSPO to arrange a meeting in the Street to discuss the increased flow of traffic since the new roundabout has been opened. We are also contacting May Gurney congratulating them on the speed and efficiency with which they built the roundabout itself and asking if they could resurface the path leading up to the roundabout.

Now we need you help on a number of matters as follows: we need recommendations as to who should receive the Ailwyn Cup to be presented at the next A G M. and

The Council has to prepare a Village Plan as previously stated and this will require a certain amount of time and effort so that we get it right. The plan will cover amongst other things Planning, transportation, emergencies (where to go, what to do etc.) There is advice and grants available from Broadland D C and we have appointed a three man sub-committee of Jeanette Williams, Graham Cullender and Jonathan Smith who will in due time report and submit such a plan. We would however like the involvement of a further two members of the Village to be co-opted on to this committee who would be prepared to help in the preparation of the Village Plan.

We hope that residents are sufficiently interest in their village for this to bear fruit in the future, that we will get our volunteers for the Plan, for suggestions for the Cup and that you will note the date of the next meeting as the 5<sup>th</sup> March and will, if you so desire attend and contribute.

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### 1<sup>st</sup> February (Epiphany IV)

9am	Morning Worship	Hockering
9.20am	Morning Worship	North Tuddenham
10.30am	Holy Communion	East Tuddenham
11am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Honingham

### 8<sup>th</sup> February (Septuagesima)

9am	Morning Worship	Hockering
9.20am	Sunday Special	North Tuddenham
10.30am	Morning Worship	East Tuddenham
11am	Mattins	St Andrews, Honingham

### 15<sup>th</sup> February (Sexagesima)

9.30am	Holy Communion	St Paul's Chapel, Honingham
9.20am	Holy Communion	North Tuddenham
10.30am	Morning Worship	East Tuddenham

### 22<sup>nd</sup> February (Quinquagesima)

9am	Holy Communion	Hockering
10.30am	Sunday special	East Tuddenham
11am	Mattins	St Andrew's Honingham

### 25<sup>th</sup> February (Ash Wednesday)

7.30pm	Holy Communion	St Paul's Chapel, Honingham
	Holy communion with the imposition of ashes	Welborne

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HONINGHAM VILLAGE HALL ACTIVITIES 2009				<i>New Members are always welcome</i>	
Description	Where	When	Frequency	Contact	Tel.
Aerodance	Main Hall	6.00pm to 7.15pm	Weekly	Christine Harvey	880852
Aerobics	.. ..	7.30pm to 8.45pm	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
Swap Shop	Main Hall	10.00am to 11.30am	2nd wk of Month	Margery Perrett	880468
HandCraft	Social Room	7.45pm to 9.30pm	3rd wk of Month	Hazel Canning	880729
Yoga	Main Hall	7.30pm to 9.30pm	Weekly	Denise Dugdale	880412
Table Tennis	Main Hall	2.00pm to 4.00pm	Weekly	Margery Perrett	880468
Energy Zone 11	Main Hall	6.00pm to 7.15pm	Weekly	Christine Harvey	880852
Step Aerobics	.. ..	7.30pm to 8.45pm	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
Hand Bell Ringing	Main Hall	6.30pm to 9.45pm	Weekly	Michael Goodman	880443
Active 8	Main Hall	6.00pm to 8.45pm	Weekly	Christine Harvey	880852
Charity Dance	Main Hall	7.30pm to 11pm	4th wk of Month	Eddie Gwilliams	870953

**East Tuddenham Jubilee Hall Presents**

# **Valentine Dance on the 14<sup>th</sup> of Feb**

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