

PARISH PUMP

*A newsletter for the Parishes of Honingham and E. Tuddenham
March 2009*

Best Friends

We started school together, Jenny and I - we were both in Miss Henderson's class. She borrowed my bike to race round the playground after Guides and then we talked and talked, till our ways home divided. We still talk, we are still friends, so when she and John announced that, after retiring from careers as accountants, they were off to Sierra Leone on VSO, I said Well done - I'll come and see you!

Now I'm going to stay with them in Freetown, and share a little of what they are doing. And one thing they are doing is giving great help and support to Ngadie, who runs a small orphanage for, largely, AIDS orphans, in Sembehun, 18 miles (but an hour's journey!) from Freetown. Because there are only about 35 children, mostly aged between 3 and 15, Ngadie doesn't get help from the international agencies. Jenny visited with gifts and this is what she said -

"Every town and village has orphans - some looked after by local families, but many of them struggle to feed their own children. Ngadie has placed some children with families, but often still provides food for them. The children were poorly dressed but seemed well fed and were very pleased to see us. They sang songs in welcome. We saw the dormitories they use - 6 or 8 children to a room and simple straw mattresses. The rooms are around a court-yard where they were playing, but with virtually no toys. We went to the school-room where they go at 3 years old. The older girls at the orphanage are learning tailoring so they make school uniforms for all the children. We took children's clothes

(simple light-weight washable tops, T shirts, shorts, skirts, pants and knickers) and footwear (sandals, jelly shoes, flip-flops - climate is hot and sticky), school books and writing implements, reading books and toys".

I am planning to be with Jenny and John at the end of March. I am taking a BIG case which I hope will be full of things for the children at Sembehun.

Will you help me fill it? Have you any young children's clothes or toys or pencils you could donate? Is there a local jumble sale or charity shop where you could buy cheaply? If not, would you give a donation of money for Ngadie to spend as she thinks best? I promise to deliver anything you give me to the children at Sembehun. And of course, to tell you all about them when I return!

Thanks
Frances Middleton (880345)



Community Speed Watch Would you like to volunteer?

This is a scheme developed by the Police and Norfolk County Council to involve residents in speed reduction activity in their village. Speed monitoring is carried out by trained volunteers from the community who would work in groups of three for approximately one hour per week. A minimum of twelve people is required who must be over the age of 18. Teams would be provided with the "Speedar" Radar, two Speedwatch signs and four reflective jackets. If anyone would like to take part but not stand at the roadside they could assist with the paperwork.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN KEEPING THE SPEED DOWN IN THE VILLAGE PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH CLERK, BETTY WILSON ON 01603 880590.

EASTER BINGO
East Tuddenham Village Hall
Thursday April 2nd
Doors open 7.30pm Eyes down 8pm
Proceeds to East Tuddenham Friendship Club
Donations of prizes are always welcome
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Wensum Valley Birdwatching Society

Indoor meeting: A full house for founder member Allan Hale's talk entitled "The Colorado Chicken Run", an account of a trip to Colorado in search of the Prairie chicken. Allan transported us through the Rocky Mountain National Park, the Loveland Pass and the Gunnison National Park, an area about the size of England. Excellent pictures of stunning scenery and lots of birds including the greater and lesser Prairie chickens and the elaborate display of the Sage Grouse (which can be seen on Google Video). Most striking pictures were Gambel's Quail and the Mountain Bluebird. As always with Allan's talks, well worth turning out for on a cold winter's night.

Bird count: Twice a year we carry out a bird count with a competitive edge where members split into small teams and set off somewhere in the Wensum Valley ticking off the species. This year's winner was Ray Gribble's team with 72 species. I was not at this event so I (presumably) missed the free round of drinks from team 4 at the local hostelry.

Note: A more detailed account of our trips, talks and list of species are contained in our monthly newsletter, issued free to members.

Field Trip - was a visit to the Holkham area. Holkham Hall is set in impressive grounds and is an excellent area for walking and bird watching – normally. This day however was the exception, a dull overcast day with the wrong type of rain which found its way through what I thought were waterproof clothes. Birds were few and far between and even the deer were sheltering under a few trees that still retained their foliage. Fortunately our dogged leader refused to be discouraged and after lunch the group walked down Lady Ann's drive to the nature reserve where, in improving weather, they were rewarded with lots of birds including Common Buzzard, Redwing, Marsh Harrier, Goldeneye. In all 72 species were recorded. So a satisfactory ending to the day for those who stayed the course of which. I am ashamed to say, I was not one.

Diary Dates: - Thursday 19th March 'Norfolk birds and wildlife through the seasons' by Chris Mills. At Weston Longville Village Hall start 7.30pm New faces welcome.

Sunday 29th March 'Spring Birds' we visit Felbrigg Hall estate with Jacky |Pett. Meet at Felbrigg car park 9.30am Newcomers welcome, binoculars provided.

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East Tuddenham Jubilee Hall March 2009 Newsletter

Village Website

We have a steady number of visitors each month and often receive emails from people about hiring the hall or those trying to contact people.

If there is anything that you would like to see on the website or maybe that you have some information that should or could be included please let me know either in person or via the contact form on the site. - www.easttuddenham.com.

Thank you, Tony Bradfield.



Rosemary Bourne

It is with great sadness that we heard the news that our licensee, Mrs. Rosemary Bourne passed away suddenly on 9th February 2009.

She has contributed so much to our Hall and Social Club over the last 25 years.

She so willingly gave her time, not only to run the bars, deal with orders, banking our monies, going to Cash and Carry, arranging bar rotas, organising the Xmas Draw, but also as one of the founder trustee committee members.

She has left a huge gap in our organisation and will be greatly missed and we offer our condolences to her family.

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To book the hall please contact the booking clerk on 880062.

Remember that there are discounted rates to village residents.

EAST TUDDENHAM JUBILEE HALL PRESENTS
SOUNDS IMPERIAL
8pm, Saturday 17th of October 2009
Tickets Cost - £7 in advance or £8.50 on the door
Tickets available from the hall or from 01603 880813

VILLAGE FETE

This years village fete will be held at Green Farm on the 20th of June and as usual we would really welcome your help.

Please contact any member of the village hall committee.

It would also be nice to see some new refreshing idea from you, so please get in touch with us.

Primed

Information from your Parish Council

Chairman: Gillian Hickling, 880774
Chris Anderson, 880813
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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 28th January when the Chairman, Mrs. Hickling welcomed County Councillor Mrs. I. Floering-Blackman, District Councillor Mr. B. Rose, Police Community Support Officer Ms. Claire Brightman and six members of the public.

The main item on the agenda was road matters especially the increase in traffic through the village which resulted in even more cases of speeding. Ms. Brightman said that although nothing could be done regarding the extra volume of traffic she would contact the Traffic Police to request a presence in the village especially between 7.30 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. She would also contact the Speed Awareness team to ask for a second visit and then to compare the results with their earlier monitoring. Speedwatch was another option and this would involve members of the village being trained in the use of a radar gun, the results of which would be forwarded to the police. Mr. T. Dowd, a member of the public who attended the meeting, offered to take this on and would co-ordinate with the Parish Council and Claire Brightman and a notice would be put in The Pump asking for volunteers. Flashing signs, which showed motorists the speed at which they were travelling, could be purchased for about £2000 but it was not known whether this included erection and maintenance. If the Parish Council wished to purchase one the precept would have to be raised to cover this.

Regarding the accidents occurring at the bend in the road it was decided to contact the Highways Department to enquire the cost and possibility of traffic calming measures such as chicanes and also how long these would take to install. The clerk had written to the Highways Agency about the fact that East Tuddenham was not mentioned on the new signage at the roundabout. She had received a reply stating that as there had to be a limit of the number of destinations on signs it was decided that as Mattishall was the larger it would be signed instead. The Council decided to pursue this as the only sign sent motorists along Berry's Lane where there were two children's homes and a nursing home. There was still a problem of muddy roads and Ms. Brightman said she would look into the legality of "Mud on road" signs. It was hoped that as soon as the weather improved the farmers responsible would make sure the roads were cleaned.

A letter had been received from Breckland Council regarding a proposed offshore wind farm at Cromer which could involve the electricity sub station at Barnham Broom. The Council had no comments at the present time but asked to be kept informed of all future developments.

An application for the removal of a plant room and the erection of a conservatory at Hawthorn Farm had been approved.

In closing the meeting Mrs. Hickling thanked all who attended, especially Ms. Brightman.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 24th February followed by another on Wednesday 1st April.

Honingham Parish Council

There will be a Parish Council meeting at the Village Hall on March 5th at 7-30 p m. There was no meeting in February.

The main point for discussion at this meeting will be the use of the Dereham Road/The Street/Norwich Road area that has become a rat run early in the morning between the hours of 7 and 9 a m . Your Chairman attended a SNAP meeting in the Village Hall at Taverham at which this problem was aired and they decided to make this a priority matter of concern and for the first three months of this year the Police will pay special attention to motorists travelling through the village at this time. This has resulted in intermittent attention from Traffic Police and the more persistent attention paid by our own PCSO Geoff Pellizzaro in attendance with a colleague at three points in this particular stretch of road. We did also attend on two separate occasions and watched as 31 drivers were noted to be exceeding the speed limit by at least 5 mph - one was clocked at 54 mph! PCSO's are at present not allowed to stop drivers but all speeders are noted down and warned as to their future conduct with further action taken should they be caught more than once.

We are not sure whether this situation will continue after May Gurney have finished their cosmetic operations on the roundabout but this should have happened by the end of February in time for this meeting so we should be able to assess the situation. If the traffic flow continues at the same level as now and if there are instances of speeding we have a variety of options to pursue as follows:-

1. Do nothing and leave things as they are.
2. Ask the Highways Agency/Broadland District Council to install sleeping policemen (road humps)
3. Ask the above Council to install nip points by building out the path ways to restrict the carriageway to single line - the gap would have to be wide enough for large lorries and buses.
4. Set up our own speed watch system from volunteers from the village or in conjunction with East Tuddenham Village who have exactly the same problem. This would require a minimum of six persons giving up one hour a week of their time to make this effective.

Details of the latter option will be fully explained at the meeting so if you are concerned and want to have your say then come along - if you want to volunteer then leave your name and address at the meeting. If of course you are not bothered by this then this is always your prerogative but you will have been given the chance by your Council to be involved and if you turn down this opportunity then you cannot really complain afterwards!!!!

Other matters will also be discussed which also may well be of interest to you - you never know.

SERVICES FOR MARCH 2009

1st March (Lent I)

9am Morning Worship
 9.20am Morning Worship
 10.30am Holy Communion
 11am Holy Communion

Hockering
 North Tuddenham
 East Tuddenham
 St Andrew's, Honingham

8th March (Lent II)

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

Hockering
 North Tuddenham
 East Tuddenham
 St Andrews, Honingham

15th March (Lent III)

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

St Paul's Chapel, Honingham
 North Tuddenham
 East Tuddenham

22nd March (Lent IV)

9am Holy Communion
 10.30am Sunday special
 11am Mattins

Hockering
 East Tuddenham
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29th March (Lent V)

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 10.30am Benefice Service

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We always enjoy ringing outside in the villages and are happy in the knowledge that we are perpetuating a handbell tradition which has endured for many years. However it was rather disappointing to ring for very few people at East Tuddenham and to have no audience at all in Richmond Close. This may affect our ringing schedule next Christmas. If you have any views or suggestions, please talk to members of the team or contact me, Linda McCord on 01603 880508

Thank you.

DEREHAM AUCTIONS

Hosted by Norfolk House clearance company.

Next sale **March 24th** in Dereham Memorial Hall, 61 Norwich Street Dereham

For further details please call Steve Long 07775614202 or 01760 440485

CRAFT EVENING

Why not join our friendly group at Honingham Village Hall, held one a month. Cost £1 including tea or coffee. For more information call 01603 880729.

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