

PARISH PUMP

*A Newsletter for the Parishes of Honingham & East Tuddenham
March 2010.*

Wensum valley Birdwatching Society

Where are our summer Migrants? The first indoor event of our year was a presentation by Dr Phil Atkinson of the BTO entitled 'Out of Africa'. This project is one of the BTOs prominent themes for the next few years and aims to improve our knowledge of the ecology of migrants wintering in Africa. Little is known about when they arrive, how they move around and what habitats they use. It is known that two thirds of these species are declining. The wood warbler, for instance is declining by 10% per year. To address this gap the BTO, in collaboration with the RSPB, the Ghana Wildlife Society and Naturama, will be monitoring migrants in five West African habitats ranging from the arid Sahelion area of Birkin Faso to the lush tropical habitats of southern Ghana. The survey starts in the winter of 2009/2010 Lots of info on this vital task on the BTO website including the important topic of funding.

After the break Dr Phil looked back at a hundred years of bird ringing. A sixteenth century wood carving showed Swallows being fished from a pond as it was then widely thought they spent the winter at the bottom of reedbeds. It was not until the early 1900s that the first bird ringing schemes were hatched to answer the question of where our summer visitors spent the winter. Two excellent presentations to the usual BTO's high standard.

I usually write this article one month before publication and last month I talked about the possibility of bad weather in January. Little did I know that it would be the coldest January for decades. Many thanks to all who phoned in reporting unusual visitors such as Fieldfares, Redwing and Blackcaps coming in to the gardens looking for food.

Dates for March: Allan Hale is at the controls at Weston Longville Village Hall on Thursday 18th presenting, A Birders Year in Norfolk, starting at 7.30pm Outdoors on Sunday 28th, we visit Lyndford Arboretum, originally part of the Lynford Hall estate the woodland is now open to the public with some pleasant walks, over 200 species of trees and good 'on foot' access. All welcome, especially beginners, but please note there is a small charge for non-members

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EASTERTIDE

During the service on Palm Sunday 28th March, at 11am in St Andrew's church. Honingham, there will be the traditional distribution of Palm Crosses.

On Easter Day 4th April there will be a service of Holy Communion at 11am in the church. The choir will, as in previous years sing the Easter Anthems in celebrations of this glorious day.

Re-discovering the humble jigsaw puzzle.

When was the last time you slotted in the final piece of a jigsaw puzzle?

Chances are, like many, that doing puzzles is an activity that has long since been forgotten. Bit tip out the pieces of a new jigsaw and the happy memories soon come flooding back.

Jigsaws are an excellent way to challenge your mind, something we are all encouraged to do as we get older. But dig a little deeper and this pastime has other benefits. They can for example help with hand-eye co-ordination and spatial awareness. Patients who have suffered with strokes are often encouraged to do jigsaws by doctors. Why not give one a try, it will pass the time in this cold weather and you will also keep warm. Perhaps you could 'swop' with a friend or neighbour!

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District Councillors: Brian Rose, Paul Claussen
County Councillor: Bill Borrett

East Tuddenham Parish Council met on Monday 1st February with a full Council in attendance. Also present were District Councillor Mr. B. Rose and Mr. A. Pettifer of Pelorus.

Mrs. Hickling welcomed all to the meeting and again introduced Mr. Pettifer who had brought along the plans for the proposed alterations and extensions to Ailwyn Hall. After studying these thoroughly the Councillors had no objection to them going forward to Breckland Council. The clerk to hold the plans should anyone wish to see them.

Mrs. Hickling produced the plans for the low cost housing that will be provided in the village and these are on view in the Village Hall. Anyone wishing to apply for one of the houses must be on the housing list and details of how this ought to be done will be placed in the "Pump". Various criteria would have to be met, as this accommodation would only be available to people with a connection to East Tuddenham - i.e. family, work etc.

The Councillors had no objection to a lean-to extension to an existing building at Riverside Farm, but were concerned with an application for change of use from agricultural land to industrial at Frans Green as this could interfere with the amenities of local residents.

Concerns were also raised about the poor state of some of the roads and also the amount of molehills on the village green. The clerk would get in touch with the Highways department regarding the former and it was decided to seek help with the mole problem.

The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 1st March at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. All very welcome.

Honingham Parish Council February 2010

There has been no Parish Council meeting in February but this does not mean that we have been inactive during this period.

The Parish Plan continues to be worked upon and there is more information on the Parish website for those interested including the opportunity to vote on matters that arise. The second Parish notice board has been ordered and will be sited on the green in Fellowes Road. Arrangements have been made to deliver and install this board thanks to volunteers who have agreed to help. Several members of the village travelled to Easton to attend the meeting which originally was to be about the new Food Hub but which actually turned out to be mostly about an extra 1000 houses to be built in Easton itself. As a result the Chairman spent nearly 1 ½ hours with Mr Ian Alston going through the plans for the hub and will report at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

This meeting will be on MARCH 4th - a Thursday night at 7-30 and we would like as many people as possible to attend for the following reasons.

1. We will read out as many letters as possible that have been sent to Mr Gunson at Norfolk County Council and also to Mr Ranjit Mistry of the Highways Agency who works from an office in Bedford and who has given his answer to all our problems!!!!
2. We have written to the following organisations and personnel asking whether they would like to attend this meeting to see and hear the views of as many residents as possible - Eastern Daily Press, Look East BBC TV, Anglia news, Mr James Joyce (District Councillor), Norfolk Planning Department and the Highways Agency.

Therefore the more of you who attend the greater the strength of feeling to be passed on to those who decide upon our problems. Also of course if none or only one or two of the above turn up then we will know that they care or don't care and can judge them accordingly.

We can also judge the mood of the meeting and take a view on whether you, as residents, wish us to continue to campaign on your behalf to reduce the traffic flow through the village in the morning rush hour.

Other matters will also be discussed at this meeting as is normal for such times and we welcome your input to matters for us to discuss. It is your village after all and it is for you to bring to our attention such matters as you think we will be able to address and build upon.

Hoping to see as many of you as possible on March 4th at 7-30.p.m.

EAST TUDDENHAM AFFORDABLE HOUSING

VILLAGE HOMES FOR VILLAGE PEOPLE

The Parish Council is pleased to inform you that work will begin soon on a development of three 2-bed houses and two 2-bed bungalows one of which will be suitable for the disabled. These are all intended for people with a very strong connection to East Tuddenham.

Flagship Housing and Breckland District Council Enabling Officers will attend the Annual Meeting in May to explain the necessary procedures and will be available to answer questions, both in the hall or privately.

It is very important that any people interested in one of these properties put themselves on the housing register – ARP Trading – as soon as possible. Forms on paper are still available, however from March onwards applications can be made on line. A number of forms will be accessible from the Village Hall after 1st March, but can also be obtained from Breckland Council. Darryl Smith (Breckland Enabling Officer) and her team stress that they are always happy to help people complete these forms and answer any queries.

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BACK FOR 2010
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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SERVICES FOR MARCH 2010

7th March (Lent III)

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

Hockering
North Tuddenham
East Tuddenham
St Andrew's Honingham

14th March (Lent IV) Mothering Sunday

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

Hockering
North Tuddenham
East Tuddenham
St Andrew's Honingham

21st March (Lent)

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

North Tuddenham
St Paul's Chapel Honingham
East Tuddenham

28th March (Palm Sunday)

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Whose kindness, care and loving
Remain with us to guide.

Your inspiration in us
Made us strive in every way
Especially to remember
Helping others makes our day.

Mothers, this little tribute
Flows directly from my heart
You are so loved and cherished
Invaluable, one and all, you are.
Susan Kramer

MARCH 14TH

What 'MOTHER' means

M.....is for the million things she gave me,
O... means that she's growing old
T.....is for the tears she shed to save me,
H... is for her heart of purest gold
E.....is for her eyes, with love-light shining
R.....means right, and right she'll always be.

Put them all together, they spell "MOTHER"
A word that means the world to me