

PARISH PUMP

A Newsletter for the parishes of Honingham and East Tuddenham

May 2010

Wensum Valley Birdwatching Society

Indoor meeting: Founder member Allan Hale presented "A Birders Year in Norfolk". An entertaining talk with plenty of feedback from the floor to help Allan keep track of which month we were in. We learnt the history of some birds from their ring numbers such as gulls seen at Yarmouth which have also been seen in Croatia, France and Poland. Also a fascinating description of the intricate details of plumage seen during a ringing session. The length, shape and colour of feathers revealing gender, age and in some cases, what sort of winter they endured. Allan manages to make a list of ordinary species seem something special and we were shown some dramatic picture of a Bittern, seeing off a Grey Heron trespassing on his patch and a Little Ringed Plover displaying an imaginary broken wing to lure predators away from its nest. My favourite picture was a scruffy Robin in juvenile plumage - a far cry from the sartorial elegance of the Christmas card icon.

We learnt that careful handling is required when ringing birds such as the Hawfinch, whose powerful bill can crack a cherrystone. A Sparrowhawk was shown, held in a thick gloved hand belonging, we were told, to a somewhat wary handler, prompting an immediate complaint from fellow ringer Ray Gribble (whose hand it was), pointing out that an earlier picture of his ungloved

hand, scratched and bleeding, was unashamedly censored - *you had to be there*. A lively and absorbing evening featuring, according to Allan, "The Best Birding County in the UK", and ending with a sunset - and me winning an Easter Egg in the raffle.

Outdoor meeting: Around 40 members met at Lyndford Arboretum for an excellent morning walk. The Hawfinch which inhabits this area proved to be very elusive but several crossbills were spotted and a surprise appearance of a Red Kite gliding over the tall pine trees.

Dates for May: Thursday 20th, Peter Lack of the BTO will be 'On Foot in Rwanda and Zambia'. Wild about the Wensum fair is on the 22nd at Pensthorpe and our annual Dawn Chorus outing, complete with cooked breakfast, is on the 30th. As always, we welcome new faces to our events and we even supply binoculars.

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Contact the churchwardens

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A story of a small pig

Mario's little piglet was called Gringo, because he was unusually, white, like that foreigners Mario saw occasionally passing through his village in the highlands of Guatemala.

Before school every day, Mario had to feed gringo and the other pigs that belonged to his family and sometimes find places for them to graze, tied securely, to prevent them straying. (We used to see ginger pigs regularly, feeding on the grass at the side of the road, as we passed by in our minibus). Mucking out too, was Mario's job and there was a time when he had all day to do it. Not now. Mario was a scholarship child at the Chipata village school, and as such his enthusiasm and energy for learning have increased 100 fold!

Mario's family earned little and so could not afford school. Even though Guatemala is a poor country, school is free for its children, but there is a duty to supply uniform and books, which makes education beyond the reach of many, in spite of their parents' hopes and dreams.

Mario was one of the children chosen to receive a scholarship financed by Christian Aid's partner organisation in Guatemala and so he hurried to finish his chores with the pigs so that he would not miss any of his lessons. A simple enough story, repeated in a thousand other contexts throughout the world – but for Mario his life has been changed. He now has the opportunity his parents missed, of a good education and a job he can choose himself, as our children do here. An opportunity which is denied many.

Giving back hopes and dreams to disadvantaged children is one of the things Christian Aid is about. And pigs, too sometimes.
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Frances Middleton May 2010

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Will be held on Wednesday 19th May
At 7pm in the Jubilee Hall**

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NEW LOW COST HOUSING THAT WILL BE BUILT SHORTLY**

**FLAGSHIP AND BRECKLAND HOUSING TEAMS WILL BE
THERE TO HELP YOU SHOULD YOU WISH TO APPLY FOR
ONE OF THE PROPERTIES**

East Tuddenham Church

All Saints Church, East Tuddenham, held the Annual Parochial Church meeting on the 21st April, and the Churchwardens were re-elected. Don Gadsby has stood down from the PCC and he was thanked for his contributions in the past.

The PCC secretary has resigned as she has moved out of the area, and Brian Winchester has agreed to be the new secretary.

Copies of the reports given by Warden, Secretary and Treasurer were available for inspection.

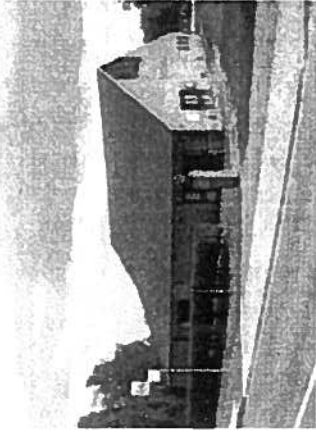
Having Problems Sleeping?

Horlicks has long been seen as the "night time" drink and the company gives out some advice for those people who find it difficult to drop off to sleep at night.

Some of the suggestions included are:-

- Caffeine stays in your stem for six hours, so avoid drinks which contain caffeine after midday
- Don't eat, drink alcohol or smoke less than three hours before going to bed
- Avoid upsetting news or violent films/programmes before bed
- Have a warm bath and add some lavender oil
- Set a regular bed time and drink a hot milky drink such as Horlicks before going to bed
- Once in bed, make sure the room is not too hot or too cold and that there are no bright lights
- Do not watch TV in bed but rather listen to some soft music and put your mobile on silent.
- Turn the clock face away from you to reduce anxiety and you could also try reading a book
- Similarly, if you are unable to hold a book, try listening to a Book at Bedtime on Radio 4 or insert a Talking Book (these can be obtained from you local library) into a CD player

East Tuddenham Jubilee Hall April 2010 Newsletter



YOUR VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Tony Bradfield – Chairman
Ted Hickling – Vice-Chairman
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Margaret Cram – Hall Booking Clerk
Chris Anderson – Social Secretary
Sharon MacMillan – Social Club Licensee
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Ted Guy
Ashley Ford

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The March event was very disappointing with only 16 people attending. With the cost of the hire of the band and disco, not surprisingly, we made a loss.

It has, therefore, been decided to cancel the October event.

Given the continued lack of support for social events in the Hall, the viability of holding a New Year's event (or any future events) is now seriously being considered.

LADIES NIGHT

This is always a very popular evening.

On Tuesday 13th April, Gill Hickling gave a most enjoyable Art Demonstration. We were all then given paper, watercolours, etc, and left to our own devices. I think we were all surprised at some of the 'masterpieces' that we produced.

The dates for the next 3 Ladies Night are 11th May, 8th June and 13th July.

VILLAGE FETE

The Fete is to be held on the 12th June at 2pm and Neil Alston has kindly allowed us the use of his garden again this year. As usual there will be Stores, Games, Raffles, an Auction and a demonstration from a local dance school. We are always looking for volunteers to help with this event. If you have time to spare please call either,

Margaret Cram 880062

Janet Shrimpling 880779

Debbie Skerten 881553

Posters and flyers will be displayed throughout the village and local area.

READING AREA

The Reading Area 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 the Reading Room.

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

BOOK GROUP

East Tuddenham Reading Group is now established and we have our very own library card. We have all just finished reading 'Vet on the Loose' by Gillian Hick (no relation!).

This month's book is 'Notes from an Exhibition' by Patrick Gale. We meet once a month at the club, have a drink or two and discuss the book. If you are interested in joining please call Debbie Skerten on 881553.

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.

Primed

Information from your Parish Council

Chairman: Gillian Hickling, 880774
Vice Chairman: Janet Shrimpling, 880779
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Lynsay Barrett, 880001
Jackie Fane, 880238
Ted Guy, 880523
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Janet Shrimpling, 880 779
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District Councillors: Brian Rose, Paul Claussen
County Councillor: Bill Borrett

East Tuddenham Parish Council met on 12th April with the full Council and two members of the public.

Mr. Anderson, who had attended the meeting in Honingham regarding the problems caused by the new roundabout, gave a full report of the proceedings. He said the meeting was extremely well attended with all agreeing that the extra traffic through the villages was unacceptable. The suggestion that traffic lights be put up at the roundabout was not very well received but there was a proposal to have temporary lights for a trial period to ascertain the effect this would have. A trial of no right turns into Honingham and Church Lane East Tuddenham was also approved. These two proposals would only take place during the rush hour. A group was being formed to keep a watching brief on this situation.

The clerk had prepared the end of year financial report and the adoption of this was proposed by Mrs. Fane and seconded by Mr. Guy. With all the Council in agreement the Chairman signed the balance sheet. A cheque for £115.85 was signed for membership of the Norfolk Association of Local Councils.

Five planning applications were studied and the Councillors had no objection to the erection of a 2 storey extension in Bull Close, an extension to Old Hall, the extensions and renovation to Ailwyn Hall, the erection of low cost housing, and an extension to the rear of 45 Dereham Road.

It was reported that the Village Fete would be on 12th June and offers of help would be welcome. The Parish Assembly and Parish Council will be on Wednesday 19th May, when apart from the usual reports a presentation will be given by Flagship Housing on the new houses being built in the village.

A suggestion that the minutes be put into a computer format was fully discussed but no decision was taken, as this required further investigation. It was felt, however, that only recent minutes be done in this way, as the old minutes books were best kept as the only record as this was part of the history of the village.

The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 24th May at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall all welcome.

Honingham Parish Council, April 2010

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Village Hall attended by four members of the Council (three apologies), the Parish Clerk and six residents of the village. We are always pleased to see residents attend and we wish there were more - apart from anything else some of your council tax money is spent by us and you can see where by attending!

The minutes of the last Parish Council meeting were read as was a report of a public meeting held in Honingham attended by various authority figures, Parish Council representatives from other villages and some 80 other interested persons from a wide area. Cheques were signed for insurance and two minor matters and a planning application for a seed drying barn was discussed and approved.

The Parish Plan is moving along and we will soon be submitting a "paper" for residents of the village to read and comment upon - this will be delivered and then collected. The Plan is required by Broadland District Council and will be with you soon. We are pleased to report that P C Steve Coe attended and reported that Honingham is a crime free village and he restated the views of the importance of Honingham in the area covered by Taverham police station. There is however a minor irritation to report in that the annoying person who chalked obscene figures on the drive up to the village hall has either tried to do the same on the playing field grass or has been copied by another. This is a rather childish action which causes some distress to persons in the village both young and old and we would ask whoever is responsible to stop this and preferably grow up!

The playing field will be inspected soon and the nets on the various goal nets replaced. Whilst we have no wish to restrict proper play and fun on this area we would ask those who play football to try and improve their skills by not kicking the ball either onto the bowling green or into neighbours gardens. A request for a slide for the smaller members of the Village was made and agreed in principle. A Speedwatch team has been established in the Taverham area which may or may not operate in Honingham and will not at the moment have members of our village in it - there is still time to join the team if you so wish - but it is likely you will have to operate in other areas than Honingham as it is thought that if you are on the team you might let your neighbour off!! The destination of the award of the Ailwyn Cup has been decided for this year and will be revealed at the A G M.

Various letters have been sent to Norfolk County Council, The Highways Agency and Atkins Ltd asking them to comply with the promises made at the Public meeting. We have received a reply from Mr Egan of Norfolk C C giving some hope to a restriction on access to Dereham Road from Berrys Lane at relevant times. This will be followed up pressing for action although Mr Egan did discuss lack of money as a major factor in carrying out any future decision. Mr Johnson of Atkins has pointedly not replied to requests for details of figures he used to justify the traffic lights on the roundabout nor has he agreed to carry out trials of the lights or restricted access to Church Lane or Berrys lane as he promised, but has referred this to the Highways Agency. Surprise, surprise we have heard nothing further from them either. At present there is a movement to set up a pressure group of eleven parish councils, that border or have problems caused by, the A. 47. Eleven Councils will be able to exert more pressure if we band together than acting on our own - watch this space.

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting on either 11th or 18th May and will be posted on the two notice boards in the village - The Pump and Fellowes Road.

Sweet Spring

THANKS - Many thanks to all who donated prizes or helped in any way to the Easter Bingo, a profit of £295. 40 was made for the Friendship Club.

OUTING

On Wednesday 16th June the Friendship Club outing will be going to Gt Yarmouth in the morning and then on to Gorleston to a Show in the afternoon.

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When the gloomy gray sky turns to clear azure blue,
And the snow disappears from the ground,
When the birds start to sing, and our moods start to lift,

Then we know Spring is coming around.

When the first flower bulbs poke their heads toward the sun,

Golden daffodils, hyacinths, too;

When the brown grass turns green, and the wildflowers bloom,

Then sweet Spring makes its showy debut.

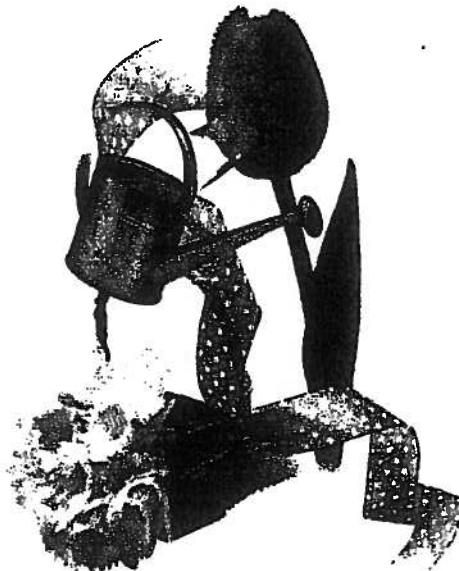
Once again we awake from cold winter's pale dream,

As our minds and our bodies revive;

We rejoice and delight in spring's colorful sight;

Each new spring makes us glad we're alive!

By Joanna Fuchs



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9.20am	Morning worship	North Tuddenham
10.30am	Holy Communion	East Tuddenham
11 am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's Honingham

9th May (Easter V/Rogation Sunday)

9am	Morning Worship	Hockering
9.20am	Sunday Special	North Tuddenham
10.30am	Morning Worship	East Tuddenham
11 am	Mattins	St Andrew's Honingham

16th May (Sunday after Ascension Day)

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

23rd May (Whitsunday)

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

30th May (Trinity Sunday)

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10.30am	Benefice service	Mattishall

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