

PARISH PUMP

*A Newsletter for the Parishes of Honingham & East Tuddenham
February 2011.*

Wensum Valley Birdwatching Society

Christmas Social: Winter came early this year and our last outdoor trip of the year to High Ash Farm had to be cancelled, but it would take more than ice and snow to deter the fifty or so intrepid members who turned up to Weston Longville for our Christmas Social. Our 'setting up a party' team soon turned the village hall into festive mode as tables were set up with Christmassy bits and a DIY buffet, supplied by members, was arranged into a feast fit for Delia. Lots of raffle prizes and some hotly contested quizzes completed a pleasant evening. Many thanks to all who took part, supplied the food and help set up and dismantle the event – a fitting end to our birding year.

Trip to North Norfolk: started the day seawatching at Cley beach where unusually, a flock of about 15 gannets were seen loafing on the sea and a small raft of common Scoter forming a characteristic line three or four abreast in the slight swell. Also seen, a velvet Scoter and a red-throated Diver. Then on to North Hide where two Grey Phalaropes, Black tailed godwits, Snipe and Ruff were spotted. Lunch at the Visitor Centre was followed by a search for an American Grey Plover thought to be in the area and patience was rewarded when it was spotted amongst a lock of Golden Plover. Then on to Dawkes Hide looking for a Green-winged Teal known to be present on the reserve and again the group struck lucky. A Curlew Sandpiper was also found on the scrape. Then finally on to Salthouse beach where Guillemot and a Black-throated Diver were seen near the shoreline. What a day! Amongst the 56 species recorded for the day the group had seen some of the scarcer avian visitors to Norfolk. A really enjoyable day's birding and many thanks to Colin Fenn for leading the trip.

Dates for February: on ⁱⁱ Thursday 17th Richard Campey will present 'Lundy, a personal view', at our usual venue, Weston Longville Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. Outdoors we do Part 3 of the walk along the Wensum valley on Sunday 27th which will be led by Andrew Brown.

Colin Wright 01603 740548
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WELCOME

A warm welcome to Linda and Ray who have bravely taken over the Honingham Buck.

Great to see it back to life as a Village Pub instead of just another restaurant (although they do good food as well!)

Their Opening Party on 17th December was a super evening – just like old times!

We wish them well, and hope the pub resumes its rightful place of importance in the life of the village. See you there.

Pat & John Skipper

Christmas Bingo

Many thanks to all who supported the Christmas bingo in any way, a grand total of £356 was made for the Friendship Club fund!

Christmas Dance on the 18th

Again thanks to all who supported this event, a total of £800 was raised for the Air Ambulance.

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No charge is made for the Parish Pump,
however a donation of £2 a year is
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Honingham church matters:
Contact the churchwarden
Raymond Smith 01603 880309

Priest in charge – E.Tuddenham
The Rev Gordon Kegg
Tel: 01362 850243

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Tel: 01362 850563

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, for all the readers, the
choir and particularly to our organist.

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Barnardo Boys

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Honingham Hall was host to the Barnardo's boys. You may be
interested to visit Barnardo's web site www.goldonian.org
Click on the "Past Homes" button and look in the list for
Honingham Hall – click on it for some interesting anecdotes. It
includes a link to an article by Honingham resident Brian Webb,
recalling his days mixing it with The Boys.

J.Skipper

Honingham Litter Pickers

Every couple of months a dozen volunteers spend a couple of
hours on a Sunday morning strolling around the village to pick
up litter and rubbish. So far we have done the job 3 times and
each time have filled 10 black sacks, so we hope people have
noticed the difference)

If you take pride in our area and could spare the time to join the
team please ring your Litter Warden Mark Kenney on 881242 or
John Skipper on 880720. All equipment is provided.

PLOUGH SUNDAY

The annual Plough Sunday service was held in St Andrew's
Honingham on 9th 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"

ACCESSION SERVICE

Sunday 6th February is the anniversary of the accession of Her
Majesty The Queen. The service of Holy Communion in St
Andrew's Honingham, on this day will use the readings and
prayers from the Book of Common Prayer set for this
anniversary.

The choir will sing an anthem in celebration of The Queen's fifty
nine years of service to the nation.

Please make a special effort to attend, if you can.

East Tuddenham Parish Council

Vacancy for Clerk

The Parish Council wishes to appoint a Clerk to follow Mrs Betty Wilson who is retiring in May of this year. Betty will be available to help the new clerk settle into the job which is both interesting and an enjoyable way of contributing to village life.

What does the position entail?

The Clerk to the Parish Council has the following responsibilities :-

Receiving and dealing with correspondence and information. (Much work is done on PC and by e-mail, therefore the Parish Council ensures that the Clerk is on Broadband).

Taking minutes of Parish Council meetings and safeguarding the Minute Book.

Keeping the Parish Council accounts – a very straightforward task.

Preparing, with the Chair or Vice-chair, agendas for meetings and publishing dates of meetings in the Parish Pump and on the East Tuddenham website.

The above are the basics of the job but the clerk is also expected to keep in touch with all the Parish Councillors and interested parishioners as well as Breckland District Council and Norfolk County Council. The Parish Council has links with other organisations such as the Rural Community Council and the Norfolk Association of Local Councils.

This is a salaried position calculated on the size of the parish and the number of hours worked. A national scale of pay is used for this.

Any village resident who is interested or wishes for more information is welcome to contact Gillian Hickling - 01603 880774 or any Parish Councillor.

Low Cost Housing – East Tuddenham

At last the site is progressing which is very good news. In the first instance, applications for the bungalows are being considered.

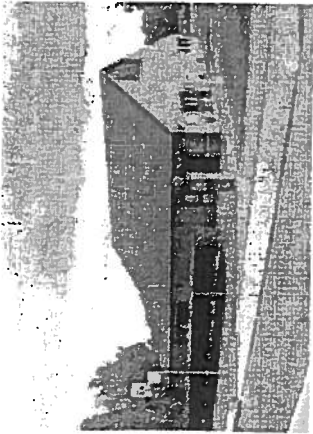
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If you live in East Tuddenham, or have very strong links with East Tuddenham, you are eligible to apply. You may not know that you should put yourself, whatever your current situation, on the Housing Register at Breckland District Council. Telephone Darryl Smith at Breckland on 01362 695333, call in personally at the offices or e-mail Darryl.Smith@breckland.gov.uk. Her Direct Dial is 01362 656890 and she should be able to help you with your questions

Get your application in as soon as possible.

The Parish Council also can give you basic information. Betty Wilson, Clerk, 880590, Gillian Hickling, Chair, 880774.

East Tuddenham Jubilee Hall February 2011 Newsletter



YOUR VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Tony Bradfield – Chairman
Ted Hickling & Ashley Ford – Joint Vice
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Nick Skerten – Treasurer
Margaret Cram – Hall Booking Clerk
Sharon MacMillan – Social Club Licensee
Debbie Skerten – Hall Newsletter
Ray Mortimer
Nick MacMillan
Ted Guy

LADIES NIGHT

Thank you all who attended the Ladies Christmas do. It was a lovely evening.

Dates for the next and forthcoming evenings:

Tuesday 8th February

Tuesday 8th March – there will be a Reflexology and Indian Head Massage taster. If anyone wants to participate there will be a small charge.

Tuesday 12th April

Tuesday 10th May

If anyone would like to demonstrate any of their crafts/skills please let Leslie know beforehand. Tel: 880813

FREE SESSIONS IN FEBRUARY

BADMINTON FOR ADULTS

Is one of your New Year's Resolutions to get fitter?

Have you thought about learning to play Badminton?

Have you not played for a while and would like to start up again?

If you have answered YES to any of the above then wait no longer! Each Monday night in February there will be **FREE** 'taster' sessions in the Hall to help you get started. They will run from 8pm – 10pm. Just turn up on the night and you will be made welcome by the handful of regulars. Badminton rackets are available to borrow if you haven't got your own, but you will need plimsoles or trainers to change into.

TABLE TENNIS FOR ADULTS

We have acquired a brand new table tennis table. This too will be available every Monday evening **FREE OF CHARGE** for the whole of February, again from 8pm to 10pm. All other table tennis equipment is provided. Again, all you need is a pair of plimssoles or trainers and the effort to turn up. As this is a new venture we hope that anyone who enjoys table tennis or who would like to try it will come along.

COME ON – GIVE IT A GO!

VACANCY FOR TREASURER

One of the reasons that the Jubilee Hall continues to flourish, despite the recession, is that we try to keep our cost and our outgoings as low as possible. The fact that some villagers are able to serve the Hall in a voluntary capacity does help significantly and we do appreciate the time and effort these people put in. Shortly, we are going to need a new treasurer to help us keep our accounts in order.

Is there anyone out there who has an interest in finance or experience in accounting, who would be willing to serve the community with this task?

We need someone to take over at the end of this financial year, so there would be time between now and then for the present treasurer, Nick Skerten, to explain what is involved.

If you think you may be able to help please contact Tony Bradfield 880942, Ted Hickling 880774 or Nick Skerten 881553 as soon as possible.

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BAR STAFF

We are looking for more people to help behind the bar. If you can help please contact Sharon or any committee member.

HALL BOOKINGS

To book the hall, please contact the booking clerk on 880062. Remember that there are discounted rates to village residents.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The following events are outside bookings which are open for all to attend. For further information please contact the booking clerk.

Sunday 6th Feb - Antiques Fair

READING GROUP

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 22nd February in the Social Room.

January's book was Sue Townsend's *Adrian Mole – The Prostrate Years*. (Yes, I have spelt this right – it is a play on words!) If you have ever read an *Adrian Mole* book, you could not fail to enjoy this one.

This month's book is *Semi-Detached* by Griff Rhys Jones and we will be discussing this at the next meeting.

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.

Honingham Parish Council

Meeting on 6th January 2011

A meeting was held in the Village Hall at 7-30 attended by a bare minimum of Councillors and five residents. Our thanks to all those who attended as the weather and flu seem to have decimated attendance figures. The minutes of the last meeting were read and it was agreed to reinforce the thanks due to all those who attend the litter picking sessions and to defer repairing and renovating the playing field apparatus until the weather situation improves. A short discussion took place regarding the proposed installation of the traffic lights on the Mattishall Road and it was confirmed by the Chairman that The A.47 Alliance has finally got in on the act by confirming that this will take place before the end of March - their e-mail seemed to give the impression that this was the result of their efforts but we all know better!!

Cheques were signed for the grass cutting of the play and adjoining areas and for the fee due to the Parish Clerk - who was duly thanked for his efforts over the past year. As he had already made out this cheque for signing we were spared having to make a decision whether to grant him an increase or not!! We have received a thank you letter from the editor of the Parish Pump for our donation to the new photocopier which through other donations has been completely paid for. We also agreed that the precept from Broadland District Council should be kept at the same level as last year meaning that there will be no increase in Council Tax due to this Parishes' spending. It was agreed that there were no objections to the change of use application for the shop which will become a photographic and web site studio.

There has been an instance of criminal damage in the village as the phone box has had three panes of glass broken. It is difficult to see this as accidental damage as the panes were not adjoining. This is a nuisance and unpleasant and whoever did this should be ashamed. Our thanks to Mr Clarke of Capricorn Glass for the fast repair and for tidying up the site. We have also a list of offences that apparently have happened in the village over the last six months and apart for some traffic matters (which are probably on the main A.47) it appears that the only matters of concern are a couple of "domestics" and something labelled under "other". The matter of the roundabout looks to have been finalised and so we move on to the next project which is a short footpath connecting Colton Road to the back of the bus stop to alleviate the dangers of walking in the road. We have, since the meeting, received agreement for Norfolk Highways that we can do this ourselves, we have received a kind offer from H Smith and Sons who will use a JCB to scrape out the pathway and all we need now is the permission of the Landowner, who has been contacted, to allow us to do just this. We will of course then want volunteers with shovels to attend to lay the gravel along this path. Hopefully this will all happen soon. Norfolk Highways have also promised to tidy the path from the roundabout back along Mattishall and Norwich Roads. We already have two suggestions for this year's award of the Aylwin Cup and would appreciate other suggestions which can be given to any member of the Council. The next meeting was approved for FRIDAY 11th March in the Village Hall at 7-30 - all welcome.

Services for February 2011

6th February (Epiphany V/5th before Lent)

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

13th February (Epiphany VI/4th before Lent)

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

20th February (Septuagesima/ 3rd before Lent)

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

27th February (Sexagesima / 2nd before Lent)

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10.30am	Sunday special	East Tuddenham
11am	Mattins	St Andrew's Honingham

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