

# PARISH PUMP

*A newsletter for the Parishes of Honingham and E. Tuddenham  
June 2011*

## **Wensum Valley Birdwatching Society**

Founder member Alwyn Jackson stepped down from his post as Chairman at the AGM. Alwyn has held this post since the formation of the Society in 2003, and has been enormous influence in setting up the Society, it's constitution and it's day to day running, for which everyone is immensely grateful. All is not lost however, with the transfer window closed, Alwyn has agreed to take on the newly created post of President of the WVBS. So we will still keep his expertise and knowledge within the Society.

The AGM was followed by a talk from Dave Leech on the BTO's Nest Record Scheme in which volunteers throughout the UK gather information on the breeding habits of birds by finding and recording the progress of individual nests. The resultant data is published in a BTO report entitled, 'The Breeding Birds in the Wider countryside'. Full details of this scheme, how to volunteer and how to find and record nest activity can be found on the BTO's website [www.bto.org](http://www.bto.org)

Our outdoor trip was also to the BTO HQ at Thetford and for the first time a coach was laid on as an experiment. Sixteen pioneers from the WVBS joined the coach at Weston Longville en-route to Thetford where we met up with a further 23 members who traveled by car. We spent the morning birdwatching on the BTO reserve, led by Su Gough. Some 50 species were seen. After the walk we had a talk by Su on the work and organisation of the BTO followed by a tour of the building which was originally a nunnery. Another successful WVBS event.

**Dates for June:** Nightjar evening: these enigmatic birds are best seen at dusk and we will be gathering at the Marsham Arms on the evening of Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>.

On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> we will be visiting Hickling Broad – always a good birding venue and don't forget all are welcome at all our events and binoculars can be borrowed for our field trips. Please note that sometimes, due to unforeseen circumstances, some of our events may have to be changed at the last minute, but up-to-the-minute info on our activities can be seen on our website, shown below.

Colin Wright 01603 740548  
[www.wvbs.co.uk](http://www.wvbs.co.uk)

## **BRING YOUR OWN CRAFT EVENINGS**

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from 7.30 – 9pm  
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## **Honingham Bottle Bank**

On 25<sup>th</sup> April it was reported to me that bottles had been taken from the Bottle Bank outside the Village Hall, and smashed against the wall. A wide scatter of broken glass had been created – I think a large number of bottles were involved – on grass where young children sometimes play. My wife and I went up there immediately, and spent half an hour clearing up as best we could (incidentally cutting ourselves in the process). The Bottle Bank was quite full (it is now being emptied), but I feel there is no excuse for this stupid and dangerous behavior. If anyone knows anything about this incident, please let me know! The Police have been informed.

To avoid this happening in the future, please be aware that anyone can ring up and request that the Bottle Bank be emptied. The number is on the side: it is 01842 753129  
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East Tuddenham Parish Assembly and Parish Council A.G.M. was held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May when Mrs. Hickling, the retiring Chairman, welcomed County Councillor B. Borrett, District Councillors P. Claussen and B. Rose, members of the new Parish Council, all presenters of reports and members of the public.

The minutes of the previous meeting held last year were read and after one alteration were signed by the Chairman, this after their adoption was proposed by Mrs. Shrimpling and seconded by Miss Barrett.

The Chairman then gave her Annual Report in which she stated that the minutes of every meeting are now available on the village website and the minute book itself being kept by the clerk. The Local Development Framework had established a boundary for housing in the village with two sites only being available for future expansion. The Low Cost Houses were well on the way and it is hoped that they could be occupied later this year. She thanked the Parish Councillors for all their hard work and dedication during the past year and singled out Jackie Fane and Chris Anderson who had now retired, saying that their input would be greatly missed. She also thanked the clerk who was also retiring and who was presented with a bouquet of flowers.

The clerk presented the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011, which had already been adopted by the Parish Council.

County Councillor Bill Borrett then listened to the views and concerns of the people present regarding speeding in the village especially at the bend where many accidents had occurred. It was felt that although the Police had visited the village to monitor speeding they had not been here at the appropriate time, i.e. rush hour, also the Highways Department at County Hall did not take the problem seriously enough. Mr. Borrett promised to raise all these matters with the Highways Department.

Mr. Cram gave a report on the work of the Charities' Committee and said that all the cottages were occupied and two more already had central heating and it was hoped that the others would follow suit at a later date. The Charity field in Common Road was let for grazing and the riverside meadow would soon have Highland cattle installed as part of the management scheme, also not all the allotments were let.

The Clerk read a short report from Earthsea House, which stated that there were 8 children at Earthsea and 5 at Merrywood within an age range of 8-15. There is a current Ofsted rating of Good for both houses. The children in the school had planted over 1000 bulbs in the village.

Mr. Hickling read a report from the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee who stated that this is his last year as Chairman and Secretary. There had been a number of changes during the past year including making a profit, which enabled the purchase of a new industrial cooker. New play equipment had been installed and various people were thanked for their help in this task. Debbie Skerten was thanked for her work in organising the book club also Nick Skerten, the treasurer, and all members of the committee.

Mr. Winchester spoke about the charities that the Church was involved in especially the Food Bank, which provided groceries for needy families in Norfolk. Shoeboxes filled with toys were sent abroad every Christmas and other charities were provided with money. A Service was held every Sunday and a do-it-yourself Service was held on the last Sunday of the month.

Mr. Cooper, a Governor of Easton School, outlined what had been happening in the past year and said that Hockering School wished to join the federation they already had with Great Witchingham. There would now be one Executive Head Teacher for all three schools as well as one governing body. A new pre-school has opened in a room attached to the school building and this is being run by Barford pre-school. A log cabin has been purchased and is being used as a library and meeting room. More extensions to the building are being considered for when the village starts to grow again. A letter had been received from Ofsted saying that as the school was doing so well another inspection would not take place for another year at least.

District Councillors Brian Rose and Paul Claussen then gave a short statement on Breckland Council and said that now that it shared a chief executive with New Holland it had halved its management expenses and all the money saved went on front line services. It also had the lowest Council Tax in the country.

Mrs. Hickling thanked all the contributors and closed the meeting.

The Parish Council A.G.M. then followed for the election of Officers. **Mr. Ian Payter** was elected Chairman and **Miss Lynsay Barrett**, Vice Chairman.

## **The Annual Honingham Parish Meeting**

This meeting took place in the Village Hall on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 7-30 pm. And was attended by four members of the Parish Council, the Parish Clerk and sixteen residents of the Village.

The meeting opened with a welcome by the Chairman to all who attended. There were no apologies for absence and the minutes of last year's meeting were read by the Clerk. The Chairman then addressed the meeting with a review of the last year. He began by thanking those members of the previous Council who had decided not to apply for membership during the coming term - these were Christine Harvey, Trevor Knibb, Jeanette Williams and Jonathan Smith. He was pleased to welcome four new members who had been co-opted onto the Council and hoped that they would enjoy the experience for years to come - they are Mr Terry Sapey, Mr Sean Harvey, Mrs June Carter and Miss Heidi Banks, and they join Mr Brian Winchester (Chairman), Mr Graham Cullender (Vice-Chairman) and Mr Nick Boreham. The Chairman reported on a number of matters that occurred during the last year - the ongoing saga of the traffic lights following the building of the 8 Parishes Group which achieved the satisfaction of forcing Authorities to act, something which would not have happened by the Village acting alone - the building of the footpath on Mattishall Road - and various other matters. It has been decided under Health and Safety concerns to ban dogs from the Children's Play area and signs to this effect will be installed shortly. The Clerk then reported on matters within his sphere of operations and listed the organisations that currently operate in the Village, stating that it was a great pleasure that we are seeing an increase in the number of residents attending meetings. On the subject of matters arising from these two reports the meeting was asked for suggestions that the Council could consider for the future. The subject of the destruction of the path at the new roundabout is currently being dealt with. Graham Cullender brought the Parish Plan questionnaire to the meeting. These have currently been printed and will be distributed to all households in the area of Honingham. PLEASE fill these in as a lot of work has already gone into this and if we do not complete the operation then Broadland District Council will take a greater share in the working of our Village. They will be collected in due course and the findings published in a plan for the future of the village - your plan. We would state here that this questionnaire is completely confidential as we do not ask for names, addresses etc so have no fear, go on express your thoughts!!

The Ailwyn Cup was presented to Mr Ted Perrett for his work over many years to make the Village that bit better. Unfortunately despite the efforts of Margery, his wife, and the Chairman to ensure his attendance he decided not to attend so the cup was presented to his wife, for her to surprise him.

There were no Police matters and no further business and the meeting concluded with the mention that the next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup> June at 7-30 in the Village Hall. All welcome as usual.

### **STOP PRESS**

Since the above was written we have had an e-mail from a Mr Andy Jobling of The Highways Agency concerning the traffic lights on the roundabout. He states that UK Power Networks, a new name for EDF, will be working to install electricity to the lights starting on June 6<sup>th</sup> and they hope to finish by June 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup>. Apparently they have to dig up the A.47 to do this. The site will then be commissioned and the lights should start working by 20<sup>th</sup> June. At last!!

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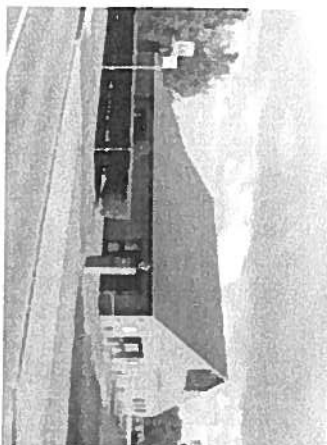
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# East Tuddenham

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June 2011

Newsletter



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### VILLAGE FETE – 18<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm

Don't forget to put a date in your diary for this year's Village Fete. There will plenty of stores, competitions, a dancing demonstration, and lots of fun for all the family to enjoy. Don't forget to bring along your potato, your children's decorated gingerbread man and also your homemade decorated cupcake to be judged.

### READING GROUP

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 31st May and we will be discussing May's book, Crossing Places by Eily Griffiths. June's read will be Mayor of Casterbridge by Thomas Hardy.

### BOXING RETURNS TO THE JUBILEE HALL

After an absence of several years we welcomed back the Dereham Amateur Boxing Club for an evenings entertainment. The event held under strict Amateur Boxing rules was well supported by families, friends & followers of the boxers and casual spectators.

The hall looked a splendid venue for the event and we saw 9 evenly matched and sporting bouts from boxers from several clubs across Norwich, Norfolk & Bury St Edmunds.

With all the boxers gaining medals for taking part and sausage & chips supplied during the evening, everyone went home thoroughly satisfied!

### NORFOLK BLUES & JAZZ FESTIVAL

A small but enthusiastic crowd were highly entertained by an evening of Blues & Jazz at the Jubilee Hall. An all Star line up provided rich entertainment for our 1<sup>st</sup> ever Blues Evening.

Bo Weevil (guitar) & Lauren Dove (Vocals) are noted as one of the best acoustic blues acts in East Anglia. With their mixture of Soul, Blues & Folk style music their short set got the evening off to a fine start.

Next up was James Goodwin one of the top Blues Pianists in the U.K. His lively mix of Boogie Woogie music kept our feet tapping and heads nodding for an exciting 45minutes.

Junk Yard Dogs, 4 splendid musicians kept the evening swinging with their catchy tunes and sense of humour!

The main event was the Dave Thomas Blues Band featuring Colin Watling. Dave Thomas is an internationally recognised Blues Man having appeared at Glastonbury Festival in 1968, his bands have supported big names like Fleetwood Mac and he played with bands in New York, Chicago & San Francisco. His band are often support for American Blues legends who visit the UK.

Colin Watling is rated as one of the most exciting Tenor Saxophonists in the country and they kept the evening in party mood right to the end.

They loved our venue and are hoping to put on a similar event next year as part of the Norfolk & Norwich festival.

## Services for June 2011

### 5<sup>th</sup> June (Sunday after Ascension Day)

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

Hockering  
 North Tuddenham  
 East Tuddenham  
 St Andrew's Honingham

### 12<sup>th</sup> June (Whitsunday)

9am Morning worship  
 9.20am Sunday special  
 10.30am Morning Worship  
 11.00am Mattins

Hockering  
 North Tuddenham  
 East Tuddenham  
 St Andrew's Honingham

### 19<sup>th</sup> June (Trinity Sunday)

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

North Tuddenham  
 St Paul's Chapel Honingham  
 East Tuddenham

### 26<sup>th</sup> June (Trinity I)

9am Holy Communion  
 10.30am Sunday special/Baptism  
 11am Dunkirk Veterans' Remembrance service

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