

PARISH PUMP

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

Wensum Valley Birdwatching society

The story (so far) of the five Cuckoos: In the last 25 years the UK has lost two thirds of its Cuckoo population and little is known about their movements when they leave Britain. To help identify migration routes, stop-over sites and wintering grounds in sub-Saharan Africa the based British Trust for Ornithology launched an amazing project in June this year. Five cuckoos were caught in Norfolk and each fitted with a 5 gram, solar powered, state-of-the-art tracking device. The devices transmit for 10 hours and then charge, via a solar panel, for 48 hours. On release Casper, Lyster, Clement, Martin, and Chris (names after the BBC Springwatch presenter) have been sending back information on their movements to BTO HQ. Clement was the first to migrate and had left the UK in early June followed by Casper, Martin and Chris. Lyster was reluctant to leave Norfolk and remained in the Reedham area, apart from a day trip to Norwich on June 6th, for many weeks before setting off. At the time of printing all of the birds have left the UK. Lyster has reached Spain and the other four have successfully crossed the Sahara. Each bird has a blog and their progress is charted on the BTO website (BTO.org) and each day brings new data on their movements. What a fantastic schools project.

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Dates for September: On Thursday 15th our first Autumn talk is by Professor Fred Cooke, "A thousand years of Birdwatching in the Castle Rising area". Starts at 7.30pm at Weston Longville Village Hall. On the 25th we visit Breydon Water and Berney Marshes. Non-members are welcome at both these events, and there are always spare binoculars for newcomers to try out.

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A Joyous Occasion

On Sunday 7th August at Mattishall Church, a large congregation gathered to praise God and to give thanks for Gordon and Georgina Keggs' ministry and to say farewell. The Mattishall group of parishes includes East Tuddenham. Gordon and Georgina have served our parishes well and we wish them all the best in their new home and part-time service to the Church. The worship which was happy and noisy, was followed by a splendid barbecue in the vicarage garden. The Kingdom of Heaven is often described as a great feast and this was a good "starter"!

We now have a long wait for a new priest-in-charge of the parishes. This is partly to save money and also because the Church of England moves incredibly slowly. All have to agree on everything.

We can only hope that a long wait will be rewarded with the installation of a man or woman with the enthusiasm and broad view of the Christian Faith that Gordon and Georgina have.

Richard Betts

Are you a girl between 10 &
15 years old?

1st Great Witchingham Guides

Meet once a week in beautiful grounds. Over the summer we have a whole range of activities planned and new members are welcome to come and join in the fun. Our members come from all over the local area and will be involved in outdoor activities at their weekly meetings. They will be walking in the local area, learning camping skills, including cooking and tent pitching and enjoying nature.

There are opportunities to meet other local guide groups and join in activities at county level such as arts days, orchestra and guide choir as well as trips abroad.

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Paul Claussen and Brian Rose
County Councillor: Bill Borrett
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The parish Council met on the 8th August 2011 and all members attended, district councillors Brain Rose and Paul Claussen also attended the meeting.

The Council is looking at funding that may be available to introduce traffic calming initiatives such as volunteer speed checks, the council appreciated that a police presence has been seen in the village and that this may help to reduce speeding through the village and reduce the risk of accidents to both residents and motorists. The parish council will continue to look at all appropriate measures and work with all agencies to ensure that traffic issues are kept high on the agenda.

The council would like to hear from any members of the public would be interested in becoming involved in community speed check scheme to help to reduce the risk to residents/members of the public, please do get in touch with the parish clerk if you feel you would like to become involved, this scheme would involve minimal time commitment and would help to ensure that motorists are aware of the speed restrictions within the parish boundary.

The council looked at one planning permission application and has sent a response to the planning department of Breckland Council.

The council members also voiced concerns regarding the new housing within the village, the councillors felt that the safety of residents may be better assisted if a wall or barrier was put in place to stop young children running into the road, this will be looked into and reported back to the council.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 5th September 2011 at 7.30pm, members of the public are welcome to attend meetings and if you would like more information regarding the council please do get in touch with the Parish Council Clerk.

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Honingham Parish Council

4th August 2011.

A meeting was held in the village hall and was attended by six members of the Council, The Parish Clerk and 12 residents of the village. It is very gratifying to see the interest shown in the Council by residents and long may this continue.

One apology for absence was noted and the minutes of the last meeting were read approved and signed.

Matters that arose from these minutes were noted as they also appeared later in the agenda for the meeting.

A cheque for the internal Audit was signed and it was noted that a cheque had previously been signed for the "No Dogs in this Area" signs that had been purchased following dog fouling in the children's play area.

An appeal has been launched for the installation of two very tall wind turbines on the Weston Longville airfield. These turbines will apparently be higher than Norwich Cathedral spire and the appeal was instigated following a rejection of the previous planning application. It was also noted that there was a possible increase in traffic due to a planning application at the Frans Green Waste disposal site. Although neither of these applications are within the boundaries of the Honingham Parish it was agreed that the parishes of East Tuddenham, Weston Longville and Hockering should be made aware of our support should they decide to object to these plans. Discussion also took place regarding the proposed waste incinerator at Kings Lynn and the Council decided to support those objecting to this planning application. One voice was raised warning that if this application was refused there might be other sites that would be considered. Without wishing to be alarmist two alternative sites have raised their heads in the local press - Lenwade and Costessey - along with four others.

The existence or otherwise of a path from the junction of Norwich Road and Mattishall Road continues to be discussed and a representative of Atkins, the roundabout builders, actually visited the site and agreed that there was in fact a path and that the situation was now dangerous (especially as he had to leap on to the bank to avoid speeding traffic). He has referred this to Norfolk County Council with whom we are now in correspondence. The issue of the time that the lights are red was also raised with him and this being only 25 seconds negates the original idea that a minute and a half minimum would result in traffic going back to the A.47 seems to have been forgotten. Apparently the hedge on the south side of the bend stops the view of the signage and this is the reason for the 25 second timing. There is a review in September. Norfolk County Council Highways Department were contacted over the state of Colton Road and a man came out and sprayed white paint in various areas. Amazingly a band of workmen arrived very soon afterwards and repaired part of the road - true to form they missed some of the sprayed parts and the man with the paint had missed some of the more obvious sections that needed repair, one rut being about a yard long and 2 to 3 inches deep which is a considerable danger to motor cyclists, and other cyclists come

to that. Needless to say the man with the paint has been informed of the combined lack of efficiencies.

As far as the situation over dog bin waste and the positioning of same is concerned once again we are in the hands of a Council - this time it is Broadland who keep telling us to apply for a pack and when we do so they say apply for a pack!! At this point the Council wishes to say Thankyou to the following people - George Middleton and Terry Sapey for their application of weed killer and a strimmer on the bus stop pathway - and Mark Kenny and all his band of willing helpers who collect the waste that members of the public seem to consider it their right to deposit in our hedgerows.

As many of you will know we have recently had a village meeting attended by representatives of Merrywood House and the Council regarding a number of events in the village including arson, attempted arson, criminal damage and other acts causing annoyance to residents. This meeting was attended by approximately 40 residents. All who attended were asked to state what they had seen regarding such incidents, without specifically naming names and without broadcasting hearsay. A number of residents spoke up and detailed several incidents that they had witnessed and a very full and frank discussion took place. The representatives from Merrywood explained their position and answered questions regarding their duties, responsibilities and their future actions. It should be stated quite categorically that not all acts of annoyance are down to Merrywood but neither are they down specifically to village children either. It is pleasing to report that at the time of writing (13th August) there have been no further events of such a nature. In August there will have been village meetings held on an informal basis in a number of areas of the village by PCSO's from the Safer neighbourhood scheme based in Drayton Police Station.

A remarkably large number of Parish Plan forms have been returned - well over 25% of those handed out - and we thank all who completed these forms and returned them to us. Should anybody still have such forms they can still be returned to any of the Parish Councillors or to George Middleton and if anybody did not receive the original form and wishes to fill it in - it is still not too late. They are currently being processed by two members of Council and one resident and the results together with a printed plan will be produced shortly.

A letter from Mr Brian Webb regarding the lack of progress in dealing with problems on Wood Lane was received and it was agreed to write yet again to Mr James Winters at the Aylsham Department of Norfolk Highways to urge action. The same Mr Winters has been entrusted with the restoration of the path at the roundabout mentioned above.

A number of comments were made by residents and these were dealt with by members of the Council.

There being no further business the meeting was closed with the date of the next meeting being given as the 8th September at 7-30 in the Village Hall - once again all welcome.

Services for September 2011

4th September (Trinity XI)

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

Hockering
North Tuddenham
East Tuddenham
St Andrew's Honingham

11th September (Trinity XII) Back to Church Sunday

9am Morning worship
9.20am Sunday special
10.30am Harvest Thanksgiving
11.00am Mattins

Hockering
North Tuddenham
East Tuddenham
St Andrew's Honingham

18th September (Trinity XIII)

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

North Tuddenham
St Paul's Chapel Honingham
East Tuddenham

25th September (Trinity XIV)

9am Harvest Festival
10.30am Sunday Special
11am Mattins
3pm Harvest Festival

Hockering
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2nd October (Trinity XV)

11am Harvest Thanksgiving

St Andrew's Honingham

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