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With very best wishes.

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your letters..



Hall Close

Dear Newsletter

Dog Waste Bins

You kindly published an article in October 2018 shortly after I moved to Heacham, in which I commented on the lack of dog disposal bins at the end of the village from the river to Heacham Manor Hotel along the old Hunstanton Road.

Since that time, I have noted various items from both villagers and council members "reminding" dog owners to be responsible and pick-up dog waste; most recently in the December issue of the Newsletter.

I have also noted the items in the Newsletter praising the foresight of the Parish Council in adding extra bins at a couple of places in Heacham.

One of them was to double up on a current bin along Jubilee Road by Bankside giving that area twice the opportunity to be "responsible". But so far nothing for the residents along the forgotten end of the village.

When I lived in Cambridge before moving here, the Council banned placing dog waste in the Black Waste bins due to it being both unfair and unhygienic for the disposal staff to have to deal with, particularly when occasionally bags break. Quite rightly I agree, and I am not placing dog waste in my black bin - a habit I have continued to practise in Heacham.

A rough count from the Church Lane area to the roundabout at the end of the village, I noted there are approximately 30 dogs in residential properties and this is expanded during the time holiday letting occurs with visitors.

Most dog owners are responsible and will take away and dispose of their dogs waste but need to be assisted with the appropriate receptacle to do this.

So can I request that we are heard this time and can a red dog waste bin be placed along the road around the Robin Hill or Heacham Manor area.

Neil McDonald



Heacham

Dear Newsletter

'Thank You' Piano Party

As soon as it is safe to do so, I hope to hold another Piano Party, featuring musical games and competitions (with prizes) to raise funds for the NHS. This is with grateful thanks for their outstanding efforts on behalf of all of us, and in memory of those who have recently lost their lives, particularly my late wife Rosemary, who died on 10 February aged 77, having suffered with Multiple Sclerosis for exactly fifty years.

I will ask the Newsletter to let everyone know when the event is due to take place; there will be no charge for entry or refreshments, but guests will be invited to make a donation of their choice for the above-mentioned cause.

I very much hope I may look forward to seeing many of you on that occasion but, in the meantime, keep well and stay safe.

With kindest regards to all.

John Harris

SMILE FOR YOU

Smiling is infectious; you catch it like the flu,
When someone smiled at me today, I started smiling too
I passed around the corner and someone saw my grin
When he smiled I realised I'd passed it on to him.
I thought about that smile then I realised its worth
A single smile, just like mine, could travel round the earth.
So, if you feel a smile begin, don't leave it undetected
Let's start an epidemic quick, and get the world infected!

Jackie Michalik

HUNSTANTON

Our March Zoom meeting will be on Monday 15th March at 2.00pm.

Black Cats, New Moons & Ladders
by Sandy Leong.

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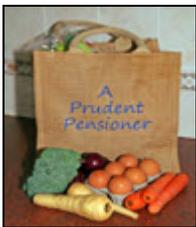
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Another recipe from The Prudent Pensioner

I made this soup recently and to make it into a delicious Cauliflower Cheese soup, I cut 1oz/30g of Blue Cheese into small pieces and added this just before I pureed the vegetables.

Cauliflower & Celery Soup

Ingredients:

- 2 large sticks celery
- Cauliflower approx. 340g/12oz.
- 1 medium size shallot or small onion
- 1 medium size potato
- Chicken stock cube dissolved in 500ml hot water
- A knob of butter
- Salt and pepper

Method:

Peel potato and cut into small pieces.
 Peel onion/shallot and slice fairly thinly.
 Put butter into a saucepan and soften over a low to medium heat, add onion/shallot stir well. Cook for a minute stirring frequently.
 Add potato and stock to saucepan and bring to boil. Reduce heat, cover and leave gently simmering, stirring occasionally.
 Cut off cauliflower florets and place in a bowl of lightly salted cold water.
 Remove and discard discoloured base of cauliflower. Cut stalk into small pieces, rinse in cold water and add to saucepan.
 Trim off and discard ends from celery, clean and slice fairly thinly. Strain water off florets and rinse in cold water.
 Add celery slices and florets to saucepan, stir well. Bring to the boil then reduce heat, cover and leave simmering, stirring often, for 10 minutes, or until potato is fairly soft. Season to taste.
 Strain off most of the liquid into a jug, and put aside while you either put vegetables into a liquidiser or use a hand blender and whizz until pureed.
 Carefully return liquid to pureed vegetables in a saucepan, stirring gently to mix well. Reheat, serve and enjoy.

My updated book of "Less Waste more Soup", 45 easy, budget friendly recipes for nourishing soup, is now available from Amazon. A search for Doreen Reed will find it (together with my books of light hearted poems and tales).

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General Knowledge Quiz

Horses

- Which 25 to 1 outsider, trained by Aiden O'Brien, was the surprise winner of this year's Derby?
- Which character in the TV sit-com 'Only Fools and Horses' was played by Roger Lloyd Pack?
- Which horse, ridden by the Duke of Wellington at the Battle of Waterloo shares its name with a European capital city?
- Which variety of grape is predominantly used to make sherry?
- How many horses are there on a polo field during a game?
- What was the name of the original horse in 'Steptoe and Son'?
- Which lustrous metallic element, with the atomic number 47, has the letters Ag as its symbol?
- In Greek mythology, who was the winged horse who only allowed Bellerophon to ride on him?
- In the 'Lone Ranger' series, what was the name of the horse ridden by his faithful friend Tonto?
- What is the capital and only city of the North-West territory of the Yukon in Canada?
- Micheal Morpurgo wrote the 'Warhorse' in 1982 – which later became a film and a stage production. What was the horse's name?
- Which horse, ridden by Gandalf in 'Lord of the Rings', came from the Mearas, the finest race of horses in Middle Earth?

Answers on page 36



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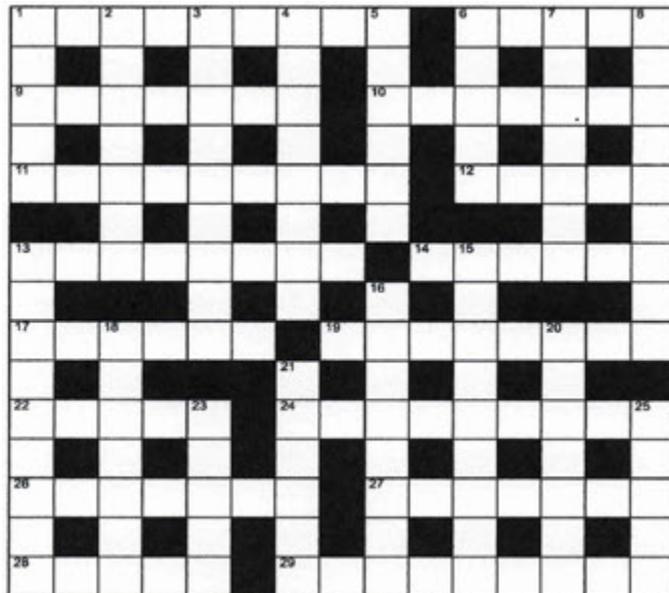
In response to a letter in last month's Newsletter about Heacham Surgery being remote, for up-to-date news from Heacham Group Practice, can I direct patients to the Heacham Group Practice website at:

<https://heachamgrouppractice.nhs.uk/>

and to follow us on our Facebook page.

I hope this is of help.

Lucy Woodall
Practice Manager



CLUES:

Across:

- Drink after shift and get reprimand (5,4)
- Branch out, heading neither here nor there (5)
- Upset, having scored in first loss (7)
- Sticker put on muzzle (7)
- Holding onto partnership is a balancing act (9)
- Relax as reason for service cancellation is taken to a higher level (3,2)
- Purchases seats going to tip (8)
- Violent outburst caused by irritation (6)
- Starts to demand extra coffee and milk prior to take-off being announced (6)
- Denied win, having declared (8)
- Ship a koala back from a native of Central Africa (5)
- One who wrongly takes shaver to head (9)
- Train US secret agents in part (7)
- Support given to colonial by Spain is simple and effective (7)
- Riding area no longer contracted up north (5)
- In exercise routine I opted out of they are used for warming up (9)

Down:

- Watched enchanting actress, enthralled (5)
- Hospital department doubled intake, finally, after agreement (7)
- Bargains have low returns registered in shop (9)
- Experienced guys get together ignoring beginner (3,5)
- Missing figure (one) is insignificant (6)
- It's true, HM for one is demanding a change of direction at the top (5)
- Crew arrives to support sea creature (7)
- Extended picnic? (9)
- Cook outside stylishly, not in a boring way (9)
- With regard to size old type of apple has no equal (9)
- Group with criminal ties is the most crooked (8)
- Dropping this striker would be a mistake (7)
- Henry, in a small part, might go on the road (7)
- Draw from foreign chest containing krona ... (6)
- ... it has a lot of gems and things (5)
- Takes down leader leaving customs (5)

Solution on page 36



Ros Marsden, the last Rolfe family member resident in Heacham, dies at 90

Rosalind (known as Ros) Rolfe Gunther was the first-born to Mavis and Eustace Rolfe Gunther in 1930.

Rolfe was the eldest son of Robert T Gunther and Amy (née Neville-Rolfe, formerly of Heacham Hall) of Hunstanton Road.

Mavis became a consultant paediatrician while Ros's father was absent for long periods, working as a marine scientist in the southern Atlantic and Pacific.

Ros was a regular visitor to family in Heacham but she didn't live here until 2001. The previous family member to pass away in Heacham was Susan Torrey (1916-2001).

Ros's childhood was traumatised by the fatal shooting of her father, a 2nd lieutenant, Royal Artillery, by a special constable who had detained him in the Norfolk Broads soon after the May 1940 Dunkirk evacuation.

His *Dictionary of Falklands Biography* entry reads: "In May 1940 he was stationed near North Walsham in Norfolk. "When approaching Barton Turf on foot to check that someone was not signalling to the enemy at sea, he called at a cottage to read his map and obtain directions to the suspect house. "The resident, a Special Constable, directed him on foot, cycled to the house by another route and borrowed a gun from the newly armed Home Guard. "Gunther reached the house. The Constable returned with some further Home Guard members and after asking Gunther to hand over his gun, accidentally shot him in the upper leg. "He bled to death in Norwich Hospital on 31 May 1940." "Gunther was awarded the Polar Medal, bronze, posthumously."

Rolfe was buried at St Mary's, Heacham with a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Ros, her mother and two siblings were promptly evacuated to Canada for four years.

After completing her education in Hampshire, London and Switzerland, and multi-lingual temping, she married Port of London clerk, bibliomaniac and Birkbeck College English student, Kenneth Marsden and set up home in Essex where they had three children. She found she had a very restricted diet so she kept trying new dishes and for over 40 years cooked a new dish every day. Her one Canadian flour company recipe book grew into a library of thousands, and a career in cookery and domestic science teaching and lecturing, first at Loughton.

Every summer from 1957 to 1974 the family holidayed in Heacham. Ringstead Downs, Hunstanton rock pools, Dersingham Bog, Holme nature reserve and the north coast's dunes and salt marshes led her to take the family on many trips. In 1966 Ros took the family in her new Renault L4 along Peddars Way from Holme to Castle Acre – a now unthinkable drive.

In 1969 the family moved from Essex, when Ken became a lecturer at Bretton Hall in the West Riding, to a house big enough for the family's books. Ros taught home economics in a Dewsbury school and Leeds college until retirement.

As a regional officer Ros travelled with the International Federation of Home Economists to conferences as far as Japan.

In 1971 she enrolled in the new Open University – going on to study design and art history at a high level - a relationship she kept until 2013.

The circumstances of her father's death were unresolved, and for years Ros endeavoured to research the mystery of the death that was covered up in 1940, with the files being secret until 2040. She privately published her research feeling that she had done all she could.

That led her to study her father's scientific work – in doing so becoming an oceanographic historian, publishing papers on research history and visiting China, California, Argentina, Falkland Islands and South Georgia. She was a member of the Hakluyt Society, The Falkland Society and The Friends of the Scott Polar Research Institute.

She travelled widely; Norway, US inc Alaska north coast, Canada, Iceland, East Germany, Baltic states, Mediterranean countries until Naples in 2016.

In 2001 Ros and Ken retired to Heacham, where books again filled the house. Here she continued to travel, study and campaign.

Ros was keen on Heacham's history, joining the U3A and Heacham History Group. The legend of Pocahontas in Heacham both intrigued and infuriated her as she found no evidence of her visiting the area. Amongst her research topics were the history of Bellerby Lowerison and his early c20 Ruskin School of Hunstanton and Heacham, and the composer Patrick Hadley.

Ros was an enthusiastic member of Norfolk Wildlife Trust and was active and campaigned until suffering Alzheimer's disease in her final years.

Ros died on 4 February at Fridhem Rest Home. The funeral was held in Mintlyn Crematorium on 2 March. The recording of the live streaming should be available until the end of March 2021.

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Heacham Parish Church

I don't know about you, but these days I find that it takes a little longer to get used to things when they change. It must be a sign of advancing age. Things creep up on you when you are unsuspecting. People

who have lived in a certain location for years, decide to up sticks. Someone close changes employment. Suddenly in the village, long-standing residential homes have a massive makeover and look almost unrecognisable. Or sadly someone who had been a large part of the fabric of our life departs, leaving us totally bereft. I guess it is all part of the rich tapestry of life. It can, however, be painful and unsettling.

One thing, however, does remain constant, in spite of all the changing scenes of life. It is the seasons. As I write there are carpets of snowdrops in various places in the village, rather a lot in the Rolfe acre at church. The daffodils are struggling up through the damp soil in gardens. Even though it has been cold, by the time you read this the warmer weather of spring will be around the corner. It is all very comforting to know some things will come and go as before. It says in Genesis "As long as the earth endures, seed time and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease".

Another set of seasons that I find comforting are the church seasons. As I write we have turned our faces from Christmas to Easter. Shrove Tuesday will have come and gone. Due to the times probably without a pancake race anywhere. Due to the times, it will have also been unlikely that we will have met in church to mark Ash Wednesday. By the time you read this we

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead"

1 Peter 1:3

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will be in Lent, Mothering Sunday will be approaching, and the daffodils will have come into their own.

There is no denying that it has been a very challenging twelve months. A season none of us want to see repeated; one pandemic in a lifetime is enough for anyone. So as we stand at the crossroads of various seasons I'm thankful for the certainty found in Jesus. He is the same today, yesterday and forever. I pray that, whatever changes and seasons, as residents of Heacham face this year, we will all know the peace of Jesus who is the same in all seasons.

Pip Lawrence, St Mary's Ministry Team

Church Opening Times

At the time of writing, we are still in lockdown, so the Church building is closed for services but open for private prayer and reflection on **WEDNESDAYS and SATURDAYS 10am-2pm**. Following government guidance, there are strict Covid measures in place, please follow them.

The churchyard is always open for visiting graves, having your daily exercise, or sitting to ponder on the benches.

Holy Week and Easter 2021

Plans for Holy Week and Easter are dependent on whether we can meet in church for services or not, so please keep an eye on the church website or Facebook pages or contact the church office 572539.

HEACHAM PARISH CHURCH

We cannot hold services in the church building as present - so we are worshipping in different ways:

HEACHAM PARISH CHURCH online

on Heacham Parish Church YouTube channel
from 8am every Sunday

HEACHAM PARISH CHURCH on ZOOM

At 10am every Sunday. To join contact Revd. Veronica Wilson – heacham.vicar@gmail.com

We also email and deliver paper copies of the weekly service – ring 01485 572539 and leave a message if you would like to receive one of these

Coronavirus - Community Support for Heacham

If you need help or support Heacham Parish Church is there for you - **just ask**.

We have a team ready to help with medication collecting, posting letters, etc. **just ask**.

We are also offering telephone support to those who are worried, lonely, or would simply like a friendly chat - **just ask**.

We will continue to pray for our village community, local area, and the world; and if you would like us to pray for you, or someone you know - **just ask**.

We will do all we can to help our community in the coming days, weeks, and months – **just ask**.

Jesus said: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid".

Please ring or email Revd Veronica Wilson: 01485 570697
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More information about the church

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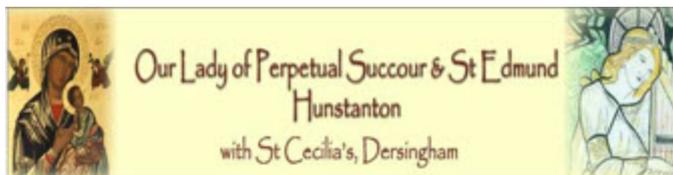
Beginning the new year in Hope.

‘Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning’ Psalm 30:5 (KJV).

Difficult times have the potential to paralyse, suck all energy and purpose in one’s life. The past year has been such a year. Some have called it a lost year, the darkest in our civilised existence. Yet hope is not lost. The full version of the Psalm is actually as follows, ‘For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning’. It is a text of hope, resilient hope in the face of thick darkness. It is a daring hope, hope that light will emerge at the end of the tunnel. Martin Luther King Jr once said: “Only when it is dark enough can you see the stars.” In Africa there is a saying that nothing doesn’t come to an end, even difficult situations come to an end. Hope is what takes people across difficult patches of uncertainty and darkness. Hope is important, because it keeps us going until a solution is found. Not only that, but hope keeps us actively involved in one way or another in getting to that solution, sustaining us in active service to self and others, such that we don’t focus on the darkness itself. On 27 January the world celebrated the Holocaust Memorial Day. Diet Eman, one of the survivors once had this to say: “I felt peace, even though I was still scared to death. I thought that, whatever would happen to me - I could still be killed. I didn’t know - and in what I’d already been through, God was in control.” Diet Eman, Things We Couldn’t Say. Hope kept Diet Eman involved in the resistance movement throughout the war period although this posed serious danger to her life. What kept her doing something and involved in risk taking, sacrificial acts of kindness was the hope she had.

COVID 19 is one such cloud which brought darkness to our life and does not seem to have a clear silver lining. It is a backyard war which threatens our very own existence. It is easy to be absorbed by this kind of darkness, negatives and pessimism due to life threatening realities of today and succumb to despair. When we do that we miss the opportunities that come with crises, for example being of help to our neighbours and each other. The difficult period of isolation has taught me to do the same things that I used to do differently and effectively. Technology which has been in existence for years has found new relevance in my personal life and career. I have learnt one or two tricks in using the internet and employing it to good use. I have learnt to assist my children, who are studying, to follow their virtual school assignments. The use of social media for example has kept many families in contact: it has connected the vulnerable to services. Zoom has revolutionised our meetings and interactions. Many church services are now being held creatively on Zoom, and many people who otherwise couldn’t join because of health or other reasons, are finding it easy to follow activities of their churches. Human beings are by nature social beings, life is lived with others in community. Life is helping and being helped, volunteering, supporting and being supported. 2020 has come and gone, no doubt it was one of the most difficult years in the history of our civilised world. However, it is a year we have learnt a lot about the value of life and relationships, and that of the environment on the wider whole. With the coming of the vaccine, 2021 promises to be better, but, as it is, things remain grim, caution must be exercised in hope. A lot can still be done!

**Rev. Rich Ncube
Minister, Heacham Methodist Church**



Hunstanton Catholic Parish

Mass times have now returned to normal in both our churches. Please remember to wear a mask when coming to church, keep your distance and use the hand sanitiser provided.

The World Day of Prayer service this year has been prepared by the women of Vanuatu and the theme for this year is ‘Build on a Strong Foundation’. This year will be very different as we sadly can’t all get together as we normally do.

It is a global event and people will be worshipping on the day in unusual ways. It is proposed that we hold a service virtually via Zoom on Friday 5th March. It will begin at 10am with a power point presentation about Vanuatu and the service will begin at 10.30am. you can get more information at www.wwdp.org.uk where you can access free resources and downloads. If you are interested in joining our local Zoom meeting the details will be on our website or contact Pat Nevin on 01485 779446. You are also encouraged to give donations, which you can do in a variety of different ways:

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People are advised not to go to Mass if they have any symptoms, however mild, or anyone who is still shielding or vulnerable.

The Sunday Masses are at 9am at Mountbatten Road, Dersingham and 11am at Sandringham Road, Hunstanton but there is a limit on the amount of people allowed in. Daily Masses are at 10am at Hunstanton Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and 10.15am at Dersingham Wednesday. There are quite a few changes to the way Mass will be celebrated and people should be guided by the stewards.

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Bereavement and Grief

I realise that we are well into the new year, but I would still like to wish you all a Happy New Year; let us hope and pray that 2021 is a better year. I don't know about all of you, but Christmas was like no other Christmas I have ever known, not helped by having to keep changing our plans. Christmas is a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ as well as being a time for family. For those who are bereaved, recently or in the past, it can be a painful time however many happy memories we have of our loved ones, and Christmas 2020 was made worse because of COVID-19.

I expect that, like me, many of you are finding being in a third lockdown awfully hard. When we went into lockdown the first time, my husband had only just died, my immediate reaction was how on earth was I going to cope, but in fact I coped pretty well. I found that I had time to grieve and reflect in peace and quiet and soak up and enjoy the sunshine while I walked my dogs on the empty beaches. When we came out of lockdown it was great to see friends and some of the family again. I thought "I'm doing pretty well" especially as I had done a lot of my grieving before my husband died. However, going into this third lockdown I have struggled, especially as the anniversary of my husband dying was in February.

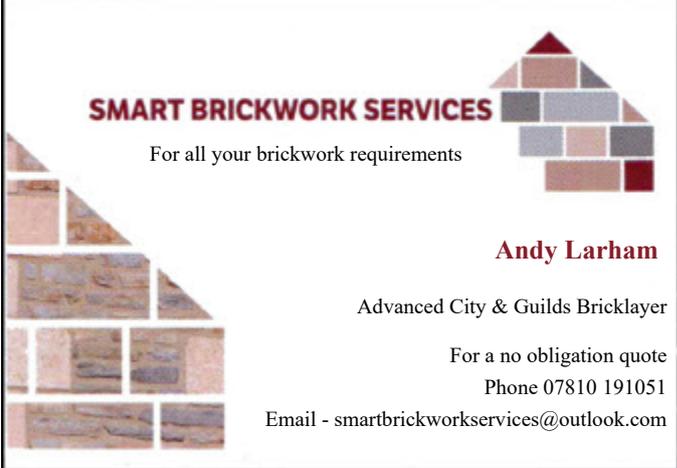
Depression is one of the stages that one may go through along with denial, anger, bargaining and acceptance; with this third lockdown, depression is the one that may have hit many of us. It certainly hit me. After Christmas I spent all the time thinking, only so many weeks till the anniversary. By the time I got to the beginning of the week that he died, I was a mess and felt ill for the last two days before the anniversary. However, when the day arrived, I found that I coped well, I dressed myself up and put my face on and I began to feel better. When feeling depressed, making an effort to do anything is extremely hard but if you can take one small step then you are on your way to feeling better. It also means

that you have recognised that you are feeling depressed. Overall, this type of depression is not clinical depression; you have a reason for feeling so low. However, if you feel that you can't cope with these feelings then it may be time to see your GP. Feeling unwell when you have been bereaved is also something that might happen to you and is quite common.

When we come out of lockdown and we know what we are allowed to do, I am hoping to be working/ liaising with the Mind Group that meets in the village; watch this space for further information. If you would like to have a chat with me or join the bereavement group when we are able to meet again, then please contact me via email at suespencer1953@gmail.com

Meanwhile there are some websites that you might find useful. Marie Curie has lots of information about coping with bereavement, as does Sue Ryder, another one is called Grief Chat; they are well worth looking at.

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Borough Council News Heacham, Sedgeford and Fring

Spring is here again and all thoughts turn to budgets, personal, Parish, Borough, County and National.

I hope yours balances. It is becoming less likely for the last three above. As things stand, and at the time of writing, the Borough predicts a shortfall well in excess of £3million pounds in 2024/2025. The reasons are numerous. The reasons are numerous, some are historical, pre COVID-19. Some are linked to COVID-19 though government has funded many losses. Some are delays and lack of clarity in government intentions about future funding for local government.

The Borough has three principal income streams. Fees and charges bring in over half of revenue, most of that is car parking charges. Over a quarter is from business rates retention which is due for reform. Council Tax brings in just 19%.

It is worth noting that most of the Council Tax you pay does not go to the Borough. 76.5% goes to County, 14% goes to the police, 2.8% to Parish Councils and around 7% to the Borough Council. The total will likely amount to £134.87 a month to an average band D tax payer and, of this, £55 will have to be taken out to pay the Internal Drainage Boards for their work.

At present, to raise funds, Council Tax can go up – which it will within permitted limits year on year. Fees and charges can go up. Some of these will but not, at the time of writing, car park charges – it is felt by Cabinet that economic recovery would be hindered by increasing those.

The budget will be voted on, at Full Council, on February 25th so, by the time you read this you will know, perhaps, what is what. (Note. Figures given above may be incorrect, are based on proposals not agreed at the time of writing, and are subject to change – the broad picture is correct). The Independent Group

is seeking ways to change how the budget can be managed differently in forthcoming years.

Watch the news for the Battle of St George’s Guildhall. The Shakespeare’s Guildhall Trust are akin to Robin Hood. The Borough is the Sheriff.

Planning news: Heacham again I’m afraid: The long-awaited major development between Cheney Hill and School Road is now supposed to have plans ready for May. AT SCHOOL ROAD itself, the developers who caused so much distress a few years ago appear to have emerged from whence they were cast and are investigating whether to submit another application. Better news, new toilets at South Beach are still on the agenda.

Keep smiling, buy local and dust off the placards.

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18 TH	08 51	6.5	21 05	6.7	18 SU	09 17	6.1	21 46	5.8
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The Salvation Army in Snettisham was started by Captain Lightfoot and Lieutenant Pickles in 1896. We believe that there may have been a Corps in the village from 1885 but that closed and the work of the Army recommenced in 1896. Originally, the Army met in The Volunteers Drill Hall near The Rose and Crown but in 1909 moved to its present location in Alma Road when the Methodists moved to their new premises on Lynn Road.

This year, for us at the Army, will be a time to look back on the people and events of the past. A time to recall all that has happened and how God has used The Salvation Army in the local area over the past 125 years.

It is good to be reminded of God's faithfulness over the years and to remember all his blessings. It is all too easy when we are experiencing a difficult time in our lives to forget the many times God has seen us through rough patches in the past. Psalm 46 says 'God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.'

The Salvation Army has been in Snettisham for one hundred and twenty-five years and over those years many things have changed. We have moved premises and renovated our current property. We have been a thriving Corps and also been very small (at one time only having six members). Today we are a thriving Christian Community once again, but some things do not change, one of

which is the reason for our existence which can be summed up in our Corps Mission Statement which states that

"The Snettisham Corps of The Salvation Army exists to save souls, grow saints and serve suffering humanity."



At the time of writing, we are still in lockdown and so we are not meeting in our hall at the moment but we hope that soon we shall be able to open for worship again. It would be lovely to see you

on Sundays for a time of praise and prayer. Although we are not meeting at our hall in Alma Road, Snettisham we are still available to help, be that in practical ways (food parcels etc) or for pastoral support (if you just want a chat or have questions about the Christian faith).



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Searching Questions

By Keith Winsor, oapc - computer help without the jargon

Q: "I've never heard of Google. Where can I find out about it?"

A: "Ask a duck."

There are not many products whose name becomes synonymous with their purpose: we Hoover the carpet, pick up a biro, wallis a fridge. Lately, many of us are Zooming our friends, but I'm still inclined to use a capital letter for that so it probably doesn't yet count.

And then we google. Oh, how we google.

It's difficult to believe that Google – the company – has only existed since 1998, such is their dominance of the field in which they made their name: search. Competitors exist but no-one talks of Yahooing a plumber or Binging a shop. You just google it.

Worldwide, 65 per cent of all internet searches are made via Google. In the UK, it's just over 85 per cent and I found that figure by googling it. Because the reason most people use Google is, it just works. Every time.

Part of the reason Google's search works so well is down to their other products. You can practically guarantee that, if you have a smartphone and it doesn't say Apple on it, it runs the Android operating system, copyright Google Inc. When you visit a website and tick 'Allow Cookies', one of the names you're allowing will be Google (and Facebook, obviously).

Out shopping (remember that?), Google Maps will help you find your destination. Don't use Google Maps? Your phone still lets Google know where you are (unless you delve really deeply into the settings to turn off *some* of the tracking). The Google system is very good at joining the dots: walked in Norwich to All Saint's Green and didn't leave for 20 minutes? That'll be because you've been in John Lewis. Noted.

They'll probably have a good idea what you bought, too. Did you check online to see who had the product you wanted and who was cheapest? Of course you did. You might even have used your phone instead of a contactless card – using Google Pay, naturally.

By putting all of this information together, Google can give the impression of being almost psychic. I just went onto YouTube (©Google Inc) and typed 'toast a' whereupon the search algorithm immediately suggested 'Toast and Marmalade for Tea' by 60s one hit wonders Tin Tin, rather than any of a multitude of dough-based alternatives. Sometimes, my wife thinks my musical taste a little odd.

Google's original aim was to make all the information on the fledgling internet more accessible to non-geek normal people. Along the way the aim changed, so that now the company exists

primarily to use all its knowledge of us to sell adverts that we're more likely to click on, across all the websites that we visit.

Yet, although we all use Google so regularly, many of us still struggle to find what we're looking for, so let's have a look at ways to improve how we use Google Search, and also at a less nosy alternative.

I have several customers who regard me as their personal search engine. Rather than look online, they'll text or email:

- is Gmail not working?
- are BT really going to cut off my internet?
- I haven't ever shopped at Amazon but they're threatening to close my account and sue me...?

These days my response is to type their question into Google and send them the top result with a note saying, 'Google is your friend'.

Before I look at refining the search for these items to get more relevant results, allow me to introduce you to an alternative: DuckDuckGo.

DuckDuckGo is a little different. It doesn't track you around the internet, it doesn't personalise your search results based on other things you've clicked on (see previous articles mentioning the 'Google Bubble'), and it doesn't associate your searches with your identity. So my searches for 'pictures of thermal thongs' remain my secret. It still shows a limited number of adverts, based on what you've just searched for, but that's it.

Truth to tell, there are times when Google is better but they are few and far between and if the duck doesn't come up with a good enough answer, it has a trick up its sleeve: !bangs.

If you type a query into DuckDuckGo and you don't find the answer quickly, just put !g in front of the search and it will search Google for you (although Google will then track you like they



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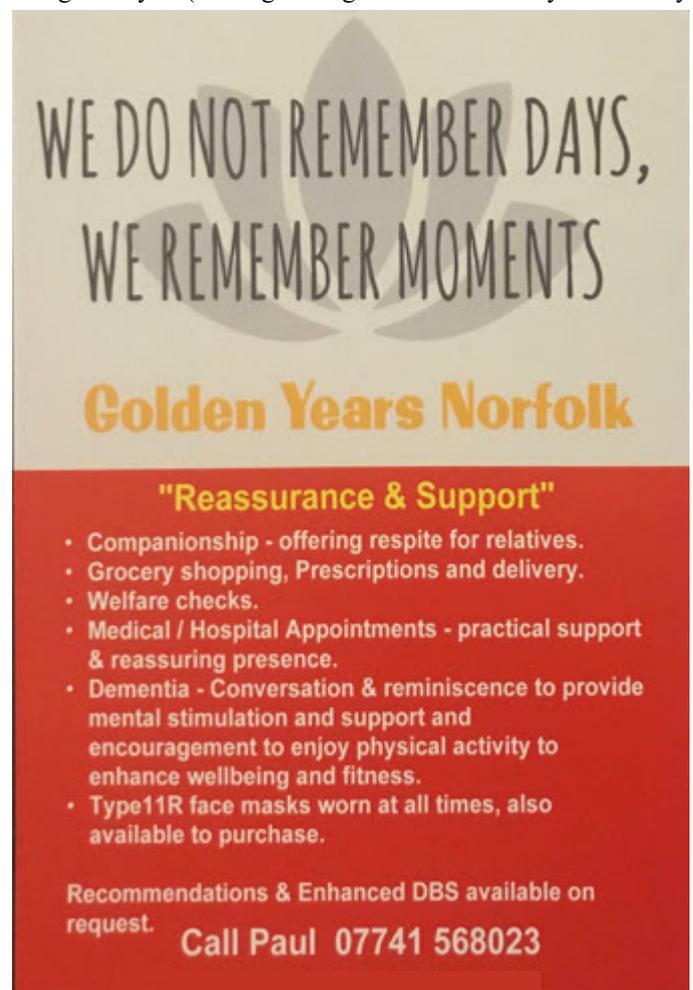
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always do). You can do something similar to search Wikipedia, IMDB, Twitter and more than 13,000 other organisations, if you can remember the abbreviation. And if you can't remember, at least you know where to look...

So let's try one of the questions above: is Gmail working?

Google comes up with 'about 1,610,000,000 results', the first few being sites you can visit to check for yourself. There's also a big box of related questions people often ask, such as 'is Gmail still not working' and 'why is Gmail not working'.

DuckDuckGo answers the same question in its top line with 'Gmail.com seems to be up' (slightly geeky but it means that Gmail is not 'down', i.e. broken), then some of the same sites as Google, then a few newspaper articles from 2020. On balance, I'd say the duck did as well as its giant competitor but this does pose one question: what if you're looking for an answer to something happening today and getting results about last year?

Easy: look above the top line of your search results. See the little 'Tools' button? Click or tap it, then change 'Any time' to one of the other options: past hour, past 24 hours, and so on.

DuckDuckGo has a similar option, plus one to choose results from the UK only or a selection of other countries, so if you need to know about Celine Dion's Latvian tour (hi, Mike...) the answer is readily available.

Not wanting to use too much space in this month's Newsletter, we'll continue next month with how to avoid answers you don't want, and how to avoid going to Google (or DuckDuckGo) in the first place.

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Chapter 6

Toby invents Tail Hockey and Josh has an Idea

Josh felt warm. It was nice. He was just afraid to open his eyes until a familiar bark gave him courage and he saw his room, just as he'd left it – untidy! A smell of burning toast wafted up the stairs and Josh nearly cried with happiness and relief. He was lying on his bed and wondered if it had all been a dream but a quick look at the Christmas card soon dispelled that idea as the cat he now knew as Pork Chop was heading purposefully towards the butcher's shop. Josh smiled, feeling a little sympathy for the poor butcher as his short acquaintance with the cat had given him the sure impression that Pork Chop was a determined animal who meant business and his name obviously reflected his success in the 'butchery' department!

'Josh! Come on or your tea will be in the dog!' Thinking that might be preferable but then remembering how close he'd been to never eating his mum's cooking again, Josh leapt up from the bed, stashed the card safely in the back of his wardrobe near his old smelly trainers, where he knew his mum didn't like to venture, dashed downstairs, tossing his fleece in the general direction of the coat hooks in the hall and missing, and, on entering the kitchen, gave her an enthusiastic hug. Toby, deciding this was a great game and not liking to miss out on affection, leapt into the fray, lashing his tail in excitement, which swept a plate of toast and beans off the table and across the kitchen, to slide majestically down the fridge door and onto the floor. A moment of frozen silence followed, certainly not emanating from the fridge, but, before his mum went into explosion mode, Josh (deciding he was probably as much to blame as Toby) immediately set to cleaning up and volunteered to make the replacement tea. This unusual display of domesticity surprised his mother so much she forgot to be angry and sat down at the table wondering if her son was feeling quite right. A hugely apologetic look from Toby, combined with a gentle paw on her lap, melted any lasting annoyance and they were soon laughing and considering whether Toby should be entered for Tail Hockey at any future Animal Olympics.

Tea and homework duly dispatched, Josh simmered nicely in the bath, appreciating the luxury normally taken for granted, and contemplated the events of the afternoon, for, although he had seemingly been elsewhere for several hours, in this life virtually no time had passed. He considered whether he should tell Tommy about his adventures at school the next day but decided if Tommy was to tell him a tale like that, he'd never believe it and would likely start not being available when Tommy invited him round for sleepovers. He didn't want to lose him as a friend

so thought, for the moment anyway, he'd keep it to himself just in case he was actually going bananas.

It was difficult to get to sleep later. When he eventually did, his dreams were filled with swirling snow and blizzards of baked beans. The violent and unwelcome intrusion of his alarm clock stopped any further thought of baked beans, causing Josh to crawl out reluctantly from his snug duvet and head for the bathroom to get ready for school.

Cereal eaten, teeth cleaned, Toby and Mum fussed (in that order), and Josh was heading down the path on his way to school, thankful he only lived a short distance away so he could lie in and not have to catch a bus at some unearthly hour like many of his friends who lived in the surrounding villages. He enjoyed the walk, except on P.E. days when he had two heavy bags to carry, or if the rain was hammering down, but there was one thing he wouldn't complain about in future and that was the cold. He now knew what it was to be really cold so when he passed people moaning about how bitter it was he just smiled to himself.

During his history lesson that morning, Josh found himself paying more attention to Miss Daniels than was usual for him and she, in turn, was impressed by his grasp of how life had been much tougher in Victorian England. However, it wasn't too long before his mind started to wander, to be brought back sharply when Miss Daniels declared that they were going to attend a Victorian Day at an old Workhouse which had been turned into a Life Museum nearby and would be able to experience, first hand, what life had been like. 'I doubt it,' mused Josh. They would be expected to dress up for the trip, Miss Daniels continued, hob-nail boots being decidedly optional, she said, eyeing Jimmy Fish on the back row, so if anyone had any difficulty, they should arrange with Mr. Parslow to rummage through the drama department's costume box for anything they might lack. 'Mickey needs a new brain, Miss!' brought a



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withering look from Miss Daniels though she couldn't repress a slight smile as she turned back to her desk to collect the necessary permission forms. 'Remember, no signed form in by Friday, no trip. I'm sure anyone who doesn't go will be found plenty of extra study work to do in our absence.' Many hands were suddenly eager to experience the untold hardships of life in Victorian England; the only downside being that probably Miss Sharp would be going along as she usually did. Miss Sharp, who fitted her name perfectly, always looked and behaved as if she'd just sucked a lemon and then sat on a hedgehog (though not necessarily in that order). 'I'm sorry to say that Miss Sharp won't be able to come this time...' - happy chattering ensued, causing Miss Daniels to raise her voice as she continued, 'As she is going into hospital for an operation.' 'What, to remove her bad temper, Miss?' quipped Sam Raymond, the class joker, who always seemed to have an answer for everything except the question being asked. 'Thank you for your input, as ever, Sam. However, don't think you're getting away with just me in attendance. Mr. Hartman has volunteered to be a sacrificial lamb for the occasion.' Miss Daniels was not at all surprised by the whoops of delight and chatter which followed this announcement as she knew the kids adored, if not worshipped, Mr. Hartman, the Art and P.E. teacher; a real character who seemed to engage any child within 100 metres and get them learning in spite of their desire, often, to do nothing of the kind. It didn't hurt his street cred with the kids that he wore unconventional clothes, was rather nice looking, with long hair which he often tied back in a ponytail. This latter embellishment evoked some rather sniffy comments from other members of the staff but Miss Daniels thought they were probably just jealous because he was popular. Secretly, Miss Daniels thought of Mr. Hartman with similar delight to the kids but it wouldn't do to let the little darlings get wind of that or it would be round the school like a forest fire. The jangling of the bell brought a scraping of chairs

and a rush for the door, to chat during break time about what a great day it would be with Mr. Hartman going along.

As she returned to her desk, Miss Daniels thought that there was no way now any of those forms wouldn't be handed in on time, which would make a change, but it might have been nice just to take a small group to give her a bit more opportunity of discussing with Mr. Hartman in depth the relative merits of a dustpan and brush versus a modern Hoover. How romantic, she giggled, and then chided herself for behaving like one of the love-struck girls in her charge.

Out in the playground, an idea was forming in Josh's mind which had nothing to do with the merits of a dustpan and brush and everything to do with how a new class member might be included on the trip, and whether he could get away with it...

Chapter 7

Josh and Arty hatch a Plan

After tea, Josh raced to his room, grabbing his fleece in passing from the pegs in the hall. He rummaged through his chest of drawers for a vest and extra thick socks and the Auntie Jean scarf from two winters past which he'd consigned to the depths of the wardrobe in case Tommy spied it, knowing he'd never hear the last of it, especially the cute pink flowers. He sometimes wondered about Auntie Jean. Never mind, for once one of her gifts was going to come in useful though he made sure it was well covered by the collar of his fleece. A thick woolly hat, bought for the rare fishing trips when his dad was home, completed his ensemble and although he probably looked like an explosion in a wool shop, he was sure he'd be glad of the extra layers if his recent trip into the past was anything to go by. It suddenly occurred to him that he might not end up where he had been before, or in the middle of a scorching summer, if he arrived anywhere at all, or that what he thought he'd experienced hadn't actually happened but had merely been a vivid dream. Well, if it had been a dream, no harm in trying, so he sat down on his bed with the Christmas card on his lap and tried to slow his breathing and his madly thumping heart.

There was Pork Chop, licking his paws in a very self-satisfied manner, making Josh relax a little and, smiling, he reached out and stroked him, just having time to think, 'Blast, no gloves...' before the world once again dissolved. At least this time he had some idea what was happening, or so he fervently hoped.

Opening his eyes, he panicked, having seemingly gone blind 'til he realized his hat had slipped down over his face. Adjusting his headgear, he found himself back in the same alleyway as before, which was something of a relief anyway. He heard someone laughing nearby and looked round to see Arty stroking Pork Chop with a silly grin on his impish face. 'Where the heck did you get to? Me mother's in a right stew, thinking you were frozen solid in a snowdrift somewhere. It was lucky Pork Chop was determined to go out again so I guessed he might have sensed



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where you were...' His voice trailed off as he took in Josh's rather unusual attire. 'What the 'ell are you wearing?' Josh looked down to see the Auntie Jean scarf had escaped, to his horror with flowers in profusion uppermost, and groaned, stammering, 'Uh, it's a present for your mother – seemed the easiest way of carrying it...' Congratulating himself on his quick thinking, he clambered to his feet, hastily removing the scarf, and the two boys and Pork Chop trudged through the ever thickening snow back to Arty's home, Josh glad of the extra layers but rueing the oversight of gloves.

Mrs. Cheadle chided him severely about going off without a word but Josh having genuinely said sorry several times and then producing Auntie Jean's scarf as a peace offering, she sniffed, pretending she had a cold coming, and retreated into the back kitchen. Arty, Josh, and indeed Pork Chop, looking at each other knowingly, sat down in the parlour.

It occurred to Josh that he and Arty really knew little about each other and he asked him about his family. Arty's father it seemed had died as the result of an accident in one of the local factories; all too common he said which was why his mother never let him work in them. Thankfully, Arty went on, the people at the big house where his mother worked had taken pity on them and let them live in the cottage in return for her working in the kitchens. It wasn't much but it was a roof over their heads which many others didn't have. He himself was the only surviving child of the family, his younger brother (he quietly told Josh for fear his mother overheard) had been trampled under a carriage when he was three years old. He had been out with their mother and slipped out of her grasp and dashed into the road, right in the path of the horses. The driver had no chance to avoid him and his mother had blamed herself ever since. He had also had a baby sister whose birth they were all keenly awaiting when his father had been killed but she had only survived for a short while after being born too early. His mother had been very ill for days after

the birth and when, thankfully, she pulled through she had had to grieve both for her husband and the daughter she'd never seen as the baby had already been buried near her father and brother in St. Bartholomew's churchyard. 'It's a lovely spot', Arty said, 'By the wall under an old oak tree. I often go there, especially in the spring when the leaves are just beginning to come, it's so peaceful. There's nothing to mark their graves, we had no money for that, but we know they're there.' To try and lighten the conversation Josh asked 'But what about school?' 'Oh, I don't never go to school, though I wish I could, but without me working at whatever turns up we would probably end up pretty quick in the churchyard with the rest of the family.' Josh felt this was awful but probably close to the truth. He found himself overwhelmed, wondering how on earth he would have been able to cope with such grief and responsibility as Arty was having to bear but thinking that talking always helped (or so his mum said) asked him what their names were. 'Father's name was John and me brother was Nathaniel, though usually we called him Nat, but my sister never had no name,' sighed Arty. Shaking himself he said 'But what about your family?' Though not wanting to make Arty feel any worse, Josh found himself talking about his mum and dad and how his dad was away with the Army but he hoped he would soon be home. He also had them both laughing about some of Toby's antics but he realised he had to be careful what he said as any reference to events that hadn't yet happened might be tricky - but not as tricky, he knew, as broaching the idea of Arty coming back with him into the 21st century!

Josh realized he had some explaining to do if he was to put his plan into action, though he balked a little knowing how mad it was going to sound. For a while he said nothing but Pork Chop started rubbing round his legs, then Arty's, purring all the while. It's now or never, thought Josh, and in a low voice he started to tell Arty all that had happened, haltingly at first, gaining pace, barely breathing as if he feared to stop in case Arty should begin to look at him with that pitying expression people reserved for folk they considered not quite all there up top. When he finally stopped, the silence wrapped around him more closely than Auntie Jean's scarf. He cautiously raised his eyes to meet Arty's, only to see them sparkling, not with disbelief but with eager delight. He mentally and physically relaxed and stroked Pork Chop affectionately around the ears and under his chin, which the cat accepted as no more than his due and leapt onto his lap for more of the same. 'I always knew there was something magical about him,' said Arty, joining in with fussing his feline friend. 'Does this mean I could go back with you to your time, do you think?' Josh laughed, wondering why he'd worried about how to bring the idea up. Arty's face clouded a little. 'I'm going to stick out like a sore thumb though, ain't it?' 'No,' grinned Josh, 'You're going to fit in just perfectly. In fact you'll probably win a prize...'

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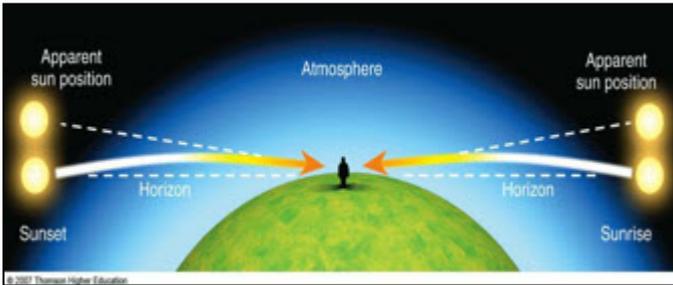



Heacham at Night

Time is a strange beast. It seems only a short while ago I was telling you about darkening skies and looking forward to winter. Now Spring is looming and nights will rapidly become shorter. Perversely, they will no doubt become clearer. Winter skies have, once again, been a disappointment.

On March 20th it is the Spring Equinox. Set your personal compass by lining up something in your surroundings with the rising and setting Sun which will be due East and due West respectively.

During the day the Sun will always be in the South, due South at noon. It will be around 50 degrees high in the sky. As each day passes it will be a tad higher, reaching a peak of over 70 degrees on June 21st.



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At the Equinox, night and day are almost the same length but not quite. Due to several factors, including the size of the Sun in the sky and refraction - the bending of light by the atmosphere - day length is about 8 minutes longer.



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March 20th is the start of astronomical Spring though meteorological Spring starts on the 1st. The 28th March is when the clocks spring forward to British Summer Time and this will have a very significant effect on the apparent length of the night.

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The period when the clocks are 1 hour ahead is called British Summer Time (BST). There's more daylight in the evenings and less in the mornings (sometimes called Daylight Saving Time).

When the clocks go back, the UK is on Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

The planet Mars sets around 1am so is visible throughout the evening. It will fade over the month so take a look at it and remember the spacecraft I wrote about last month. The UEA and Chinese probes are safely orbiting. The new NASA Rover was due to land at Jezero crater last month and, hopefully, will be sending back data as you read this.



NASA. Jezero crater is an impact crater within another impact. Geology is disturbed. Evidence it was once a lake sourcing rivers. An interesting place to explore.



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Look South and the red planet will be close to the Pleiades early in the month. On the 19th it is just to the right of the crescent Moon. The Pleiades will be further to the right whilst the Hyades will be below the Moon and a tad to the left. (I wrote about these two-star clusters last month.)

Above the Hyades is the bright star Aldebaran in the constellation of Taurus. It is the red eye of The Bull, 44 times bigger than our Sun but cooler. It is 65 light years distant so I see it as it was when I started junior school. It is a little variable in brightness and believed to have a large planet orbiting it.

Blue-green Uranus sets about 10pm and is a good binocular object if they are held steady. The first half of the month before 8pm is probably best. It will have half the altitude of Mars and be further West.

To see Jupiter, Saturn and Mercury, you will need a good ESE to East horizon and clear skies at around 6am. On the 5th, Mercury is very close to Jupiter with Saturn some way to the right and a little higher in the sky.

Looking North, from around 10pm, there are several star patterns, asterisms, that are easy to pick out. Highest in the sky is the Plough or Saucepan, part of the Great Bear, Ursa Major. Below that is the Little Bear or Dipper, part of Ursa Minor. Two stars in the Plough point the way to Polaris, the Pole Star, which is the tip of the tail of the Little Bear, or end of the handle if you prefer Little Dipper.

Where the handle of the Plough bends is the star Mizar. This is a visual double star which good eyes can separate but most will

need binoculars or a telescope. Mizar itself is a group of 4 stars which are gravitationally attached.

Internet

Polaris, in the Little Bear, is our current North star as it is above Earth's northern pole and, consequently, remains fixed whilst all other stars appear to rotate around it (it is the Earth actually rotating.)

Polaris has been used to aid navigation from medieval until modern times. A thousand years ago it was not as close to the north celestial pole and the whole pattern of Ursa Minor had to be used for navigation.

Polaris is a triple star system with the principal star being a yellow supergiant. It is a Cepheid Variable. Data from the Gaia space observatory has accurately determined Polaris's distance as 447.6 light years. (Gaia was launched by the European Space Agency in 2013. It was tasked with constructing a 3D map of 1 billion stars and other objects in our Galaxy. The camera sensors were made in Chelmsford, England). The period of pulsation of a Cepheid variable is directly related to its absolute brightness. From a comparison of this actual brightness (as it would be seen from close to) with its apparent brightness (as it is seen from an observer on the Earth) the distance of the Cepheid variable, and stars around it, can be determined. Polaris is close enough to have this calculation checked and allow it to be used for more distant cepheids, including those in other galaxies.

Back to star patterns. Still looking North but closer to the horizon find the distinctive W of Cassiopeia. A little to the East of this is a pattern which looks like the gable end of a house. This is part of Cepheus, just below the centre of the house's base is another red star, the Garnet Star. This is 2,400 times as large as the Sun and would extend beyond the orbit of Saturn if it replaced it.





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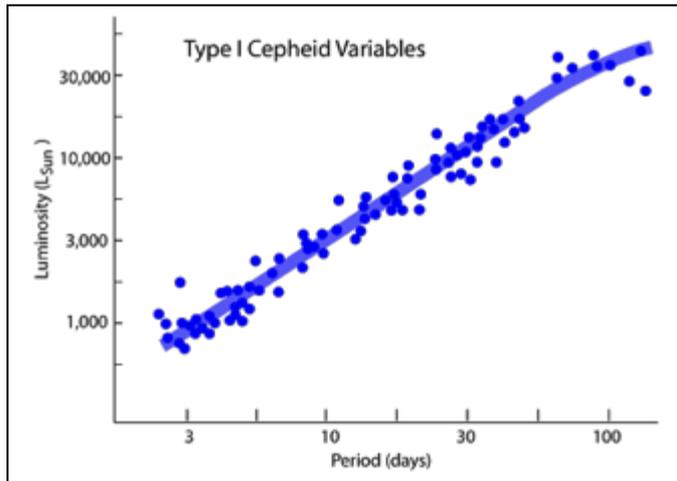
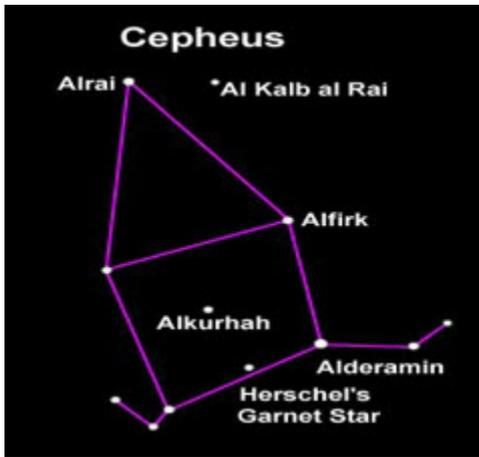




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Close to the bottom left corner of the house is delta cephei, the first of the class of Cepheid variables which led to them becoming a 'standard candle' for measuring immense distances.



Internet. Graph showing the linear relationship between the period of the visual oscillation of cepheid variables and their absolute luminosity, brightness.

Whilst you are looking at Cassiopeia and Cepheus, scan your binoculars around them. You should see many stars appear as you are peering into the Milky Way, our Galaxy.

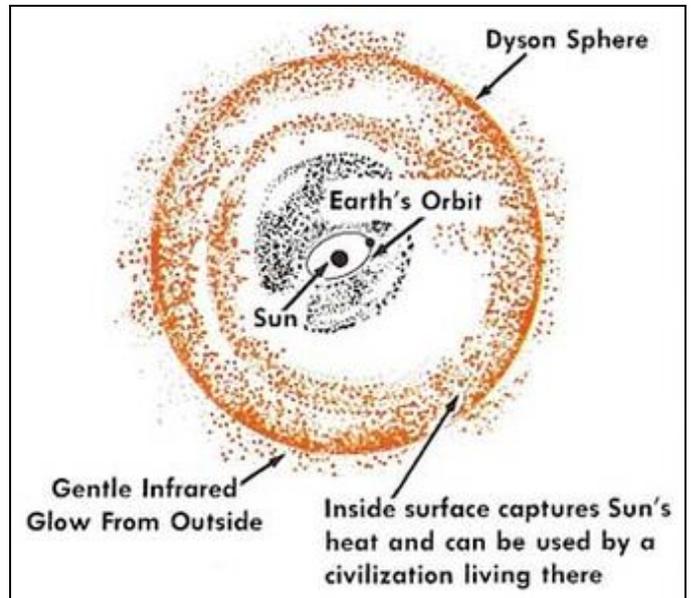
During COVID-19, the question of life around other stars is being robustly addressed, probably because much other research has been closed down. On one side of the argument, the number of stars which might, possibly, have planets which can support life is being drastically reduced. Far more stars have been found to be significantly variable or parts of multiple systems. Both traits are not seen as conducive to life. Meanwhile odd signals have been received and not yet sufficiently explained by physics. Searches are underway for alien megastructures – huge arrays in space to capture energy – and for extra solar planetary systems which reveal, through spectroscopy, that they are polluted.



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As I write this it is the sixth day of cold, snow, and ice. Many areas, local and national, are suffering from flooding. My prediction for summer is very hot, frequent winds, and a drought. Just as long as the skies are clear.

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Lymphoedema Support Grp meets the 2nd Wednesday monthly 10.30am-12noon For info please Tel:Sue 570823
Friendship Group 2pm at Salvation Army. Alma Road, Snettisham
Heacham Little Dragons Korean martial arts of self defence Ages 5+ 4.30-5.30pm Tel: Ian 07806622154 (SG)
Heacham Beavers boys and girls aged 6-8yrs, 5.30pm-6.45pm (term time only) call 07788 888921 (SG)
Tai Chi & Kung Fu 6–7.15pm-Childrens Kung Fu 7.15–8.15pm-Adult Tai Chi 8.15–9.30pm-Adult Kung Fu Tel:Derek 01553 674779 (PRH)
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Bingo 7.30pm Neville Court Grouped Home
Zumba 7.30-8.30pm for cost & info see Tuesday (SG)
Men's Fellowship 3rd Wednesday of the month 7.30pm at The Salvation Army, Alma Road, Snettisham
Quiz Night 8.45pm Prompt start New teams of up to 5 welcome £1 entry pp Cash Prize & Cash Snowball (HSC)
West Norfolk Tai Chi Chuan –weekly local Tai Chi classes www.west-norfolk-tai-chi.com for information.

THURSDAYS

Yoga for healthy living 9.30-10.30am £6. For info Tel: Alison 571062 or email medullayoga@gmail.com (SG)
Norfolk & Waveney Mind Day Centre (specifically for older people dementia friendly) 10–3pm 4 Poplar Ave Tel: Emma Hardy 01485 572707
Table Tennis Club 10am (PH Top Room)
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Coffee Morning 10am - 12noon at The Salvation Army, Alma Road, Snettisham
Carpet Bowls 10.15am - 12 noon Tel: 570776 (PH)
Craft Club 3rd Thursday of the month, 1pm - 3pm at The Salvation Army, Alma Road, Snettisham. Bring your own project
Norfolk Knitters Cunningham Court 2-4pm. Every Week
Mothers' Union 4th Thursday monthly 2pm (SM)
Trefoil Guild 1st Thursday monthly 2 - 4pm (NC)
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Football Under 7's, 8's, 9's, 10's 4.30 - 6pm U14's 6.30 - 7pm Adults Open Match 8-9pm Contact Jason 07867527706 (HSC) playing fields

1st Heacham Brownies Term Time Girls 7 - 10yrs (MC) 5.30 – 7pm Tel: Sara (Brown Owl) 517028 or 07876 564084

Fitsteps 6 – 7pm at Snettisham Memorial Hall To book Tel: Jaime 07765433100 or email jaimefitsteps@gmail.com

Judo Beginners 6 - 7.30pm Tel: 571614

Hatha Yoga at Heacham Infant School 6.30 – 7.30pm. £7 per person Alison 01485 571062 (PH)

1st Heacham Cubs ages 8 – 10yrs Term Time 6.30 – 8pm Tel: Sam 572138 (SG)

Judo Advanced 7 – 9 pm Tel: 571614 (PH)

Line Dancing with Louise, 7pm-8pm, enjoy an online class in the safety of your own home. £2:00. Tel: 07722124941

Social Evening 2nd Thursday monthly 7.30pm (MC)

Kings Lynn & District Osteoporosis Society meet in Kings Lynn 4th Thursday monthly at 7.30pm Methodist Church Hall, Kings Lynn. Pat 01485 572271

Rao Buffalos 8pm (HSC Top Room)

Cash Bingo at United Services Club, Homefields Road, Hunstanton 8pm

Quiz Night Cash Prizes 9pm at Fox & Hounds

FRIDAYS

Bereavement Support In Heacham 10am -12 noon 3rd Friday of the month. Contact Sue Spencer on 572029 or email bereavementgroup53@yahoo.com (SM)

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Hunstanton Tang Soo Do Club Korean martial arts of self defence mixed club all ages 6.30 - 8.30pm at Smithdon

Heacham Scouts 7 – 9pm Tel: Paul 07525 632298 (SG)

Cash Bingo 7pm (PH)

Wildfowlers Club 1st Friday monthly 7.30pm (HSC Top Room)

Poker In The Club 1st Friday each month 7.30pm (PH)

Social Tea Dance last Friday monthly. £5 inc refreshments at Dersingham Village Centre. Held in St. Nicholas Hall 07707832295

SATURDAYS

Hunstanton Promenade Parkrun (No need to run, can walk) 9am at The Sailing Club, North Promenade, Hunstanton

Football U13'S 10-11.30am Contact Mike 07804927764 (HSC Sports Field)

Messy Church Last Saturday in the month 10 - 12noon at St. Mary's Church. Call Veronica on 570607 or Church Office on 572539

Christian Youth Group 3rd Sat monthly 10am-12 noon ages 10-14 Cost £1 at Dersingham Church Hall More info from Karen Creedy 07717231096

Norfolk & Waveney Mind - Winter Safe Haven 10:30 - 2:30 free drop in at 4 Poplar Ave Tel :01485 572707

Indie Arts Club 2nd Sat monthly 1-4pm at Hunstanton Town Hall Basement Entry & Membership free Tea or Coffee 50p Book in advance via email: bookings@wattsington.com

Boot Sale at United Services Club, Homefields Road, Hunstanton

SUNDAYS

Sunday Masses 9am Mountbatten Rd, Dersingham and 11am Sandringham Rd, Hunstanton. Catholic Parish 01485 534675

Sunday Lunch from 12noon – 2pm at Hunstanton Conservative club. Two courses £7.95

Sunday Afternoon Social at Dersingham Village Centre second Sunday each month 2pm - 4pm. £2.50

Sunday Afternoon Service 4pm 1st Sunday Monthly Everyone welcome For details Tel:579440 (PRH)

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March

The Arts Society Online Lecture

Monday 8th March at 2pm "Edward Seago, From Circus to Sandringham." by James Russell

For your free pass visit the Society's website www.theartsocietynwnorfolk.org.uk, or email info@theartsocietynwnorfolk.org.uk

u3a Zoom meeting

Monday 15th March at 2.00pm Black Cats, New Moons & Ladders by Sandy Leong. For details on how to join and how to obtain the link for this talk, please please contact Addie Thompson via email publicity.u3ah@gmail.com



Stanhoe & Barwick WI

Lockdown brings WI Members together

Stanhoe & Barwick WI have found new ways to keep in touch during the lockdowns. It's been challenging being unable to meet since March 2020 with members spread across 11 villages. Nevertheless, the ladies kept in contact with one another, offering support and having a 'mardle'. A rota ensures that everyone is phoned regularly and all have welcomed the opportunity to chat, many finding that they know one another so much better now.

A successful Christmas raffle, with prizes donated by local businesses and members, raised over £180 for funds. This is now being used to provide little surprises for all members. Valentine's bookmarks were made by Vice-President Nicki Smith and distributed to all 29 members, who warmly appreciated the

thought. The committee are now hard at work organising an Easter gift.

The next step is to look at offering regular Zoom chats and Zoom speakers.

Stanhoe and Barwick WI's Facebook page gives further details of recent activities. New members are always welcome!



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Wooden trees get a new lease of life on Hunstanton's Upper Green

The seven wooden trees which made their debut on the Upper Green for Christmas 2020 have had a makeover for 2021!

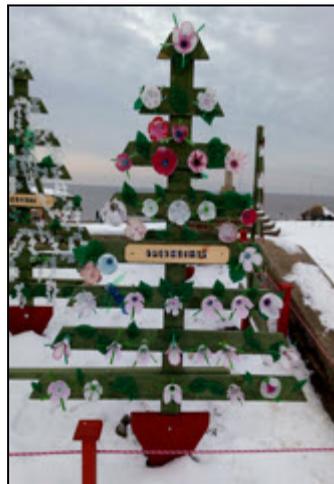
In place of the Christmas baubles, brightly coloured flowers, foliage, butterflies and dragonflies all made out of recycled items decorate the branches, with each tree sending out its own message of Friendship, Kindness, Happiness, Joy, Peace, Hope and Love.

The flora and fauna on the trees have been made by members of the HDFA during the January lockdown, with children of Hunstanton Primary School hand-painting 30 wooden hearts which were added to the 'Love' tree in time for Valentine's Day, Sunday 14th February.

Chair of the HDFA Christine Earnshaw said: "We had such a good reaction to our Christmas Tree Forest, we thought it would be nice to continue to feature the trees on the Upper Green in a positive and upbeat way and give our local residents a bit of a lift.

"We'd love as many people as possible to visit on their daily walk and take a few moments to enjoy them while they can as the trees will only be on the Upper Green flower bed until the beginning of March - so please come and see them if you can. If you can't get out, there are photos of the trees along with information about the HDFA on our website www.festival3.com

The HDFA is dedicated to bringing the arts to Hunstanton and is responsible for the Music Festival on the Green, the 3-day event of One Act Plays, monthly craft fairs, the annual Christmas Tree Festival and other one-off events during the year.



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Art in the Digital Renaissance

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(Old Polish saying)

Potato skins have a very different meaning to survivors of WW2 than to the modern generation. To many they were a lifeline to survival. We know that if you care about art, art cares about you. Art plays a very important role in Society bringing immeasurable joy to all ages and cultures. So where has our art lifeline come from? The Internet, no less.

Our laptops, iPads, Smart phones are the hottest new event venue for all sorts of things. Many of the arts have been able to make a digital transition from the real world to the virtual, video chatting world. Zoom has paid a major part in helping artists share their craft and bring communities together. A video conferencing software system, more familiar to those working from home, suddenly emerged as the tool of creative people to bring their art to those of us stuck in our houses.

Artists, actors, musicians, arts education and experimentation, audience participation events, all have been a lifeline of sorts to professional and amateur artists in the time of quarantine and social distancing. Many recorded Zoom sessions have also been hosted on other video platforms, like YouTube, enabling a wider audience to catch up later.

Learning to Zoom effectively to showcase their Art has been a skill organisers have learned along the way. Muting microphones to limit background noise and cross talk as well as limiting group sizes are just two of the lessons learned.

Who knows where Zoom will sit in our lives when this Pandemic outbreak is resolved and we are less isolated. It’s likely that

artists will continue to find ways to create, collaborate and share their work on the internet.

Art goes on forever, even in the most difficult of times. Technology will also go on forever. But it’s not just famous museums like the Tate in London, The Louvre in Paris or the Guggenheim in New York that have given us WIFI access to Andy Warhol, Rembrandt, Van Gogh etc. Some of the most inventive creations have come from Instagrammers and Twitter. It seems that your ‘everyday’ man and woman also want to showcase their work and demand to be noticed. There are pretend pictures of Hockney, Emin, Renoir and others, now popping up where pictures of the accounts holders normally appear, posting from ‘fan accounts’. These pretend greats post a picture of the favoured artist with a snippet of information about them. The followings are huge. Just goes to show how many of us out there need a daily dose of familiar, soothing and educational history of art.

In the Covid world that we are currently living, it seems no longer so important that we need to see things for ‘real’. Art is all over the internet. Are we surprised that quarantine would be the time when we would cross a bunch of world famous wonders off our ‘bucket list’, thanks to the Internet, or will we still want to see them in ‘the flesh’ when we are free again? Some people may be digital junkies but we need to remember that it is estimated that 5/6 million people in our country do not have access to the internet.

Lesley Nadel

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**The Heacham Newsletter –
Virtual Photography Exhibition**

We continue our Virtual Photographic Exhibition of 2021 with another selection of brilliant photographs submitted by our readers. This month we concentrate on “Sunsets”. Obviously as a village we are blessed with some magnificent views. Our contributors have, we are sure you will agree, captured some of those awe-inspiring moments.

As a reminder, our exhibition will continue during 2021 until we have displayed the 70 odd photographs received, ending in the summer. We will then ask our readers to vote for their particular favourites in five individual categories these being: Snow & Ice, Flora & Fauna, Seascape, Sunset and Landscape.

Each month we will also display the items that we have printed on The Heacham Newsletter webpage so that at anytime you can refresh your memory of the wonderful photographs that have been published. Due to the varying number of photographs in each category, there will be a varied display each month of both pictures and individual photographer.

We hope you continue to enjoy the pictures as much as we have.

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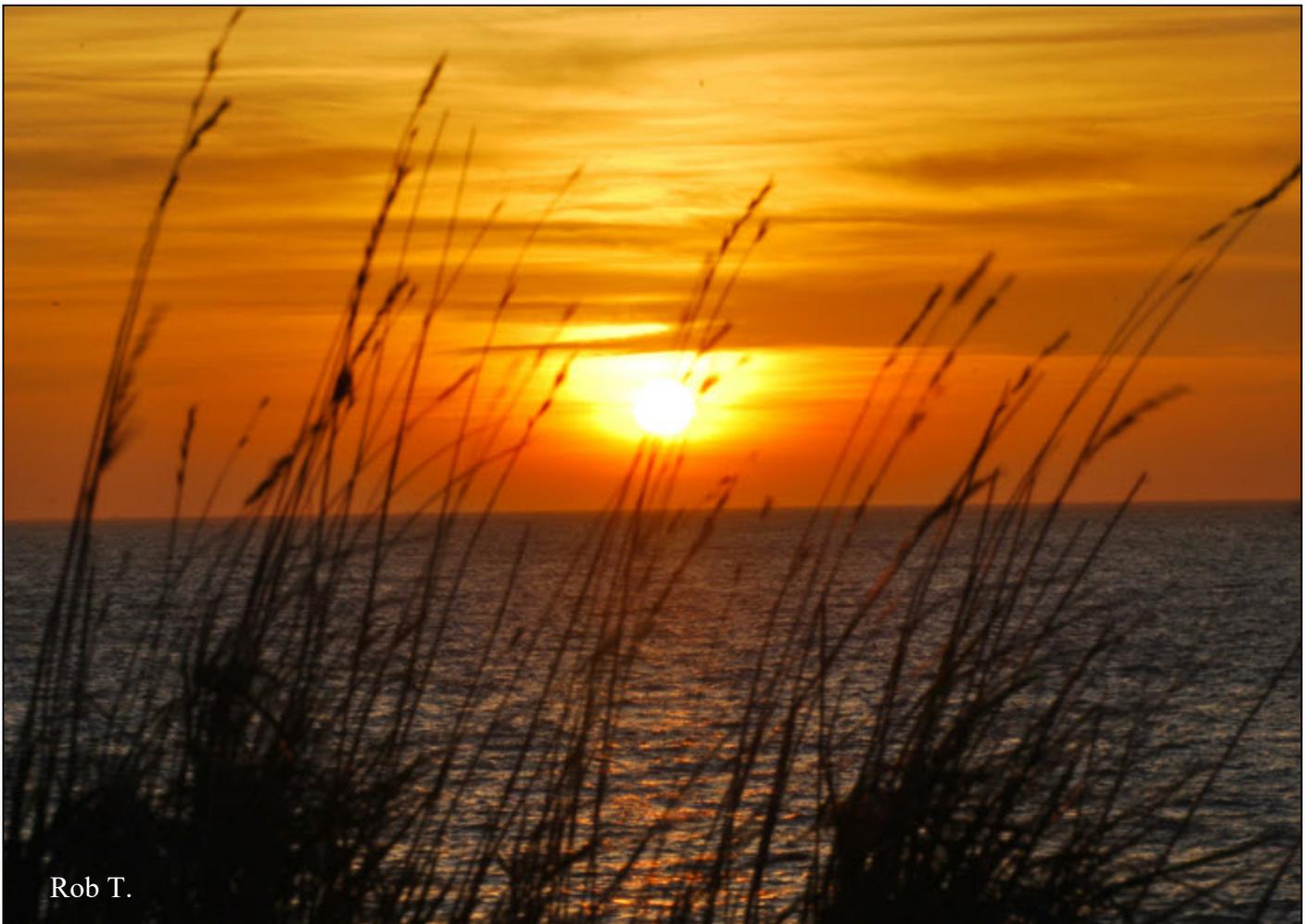


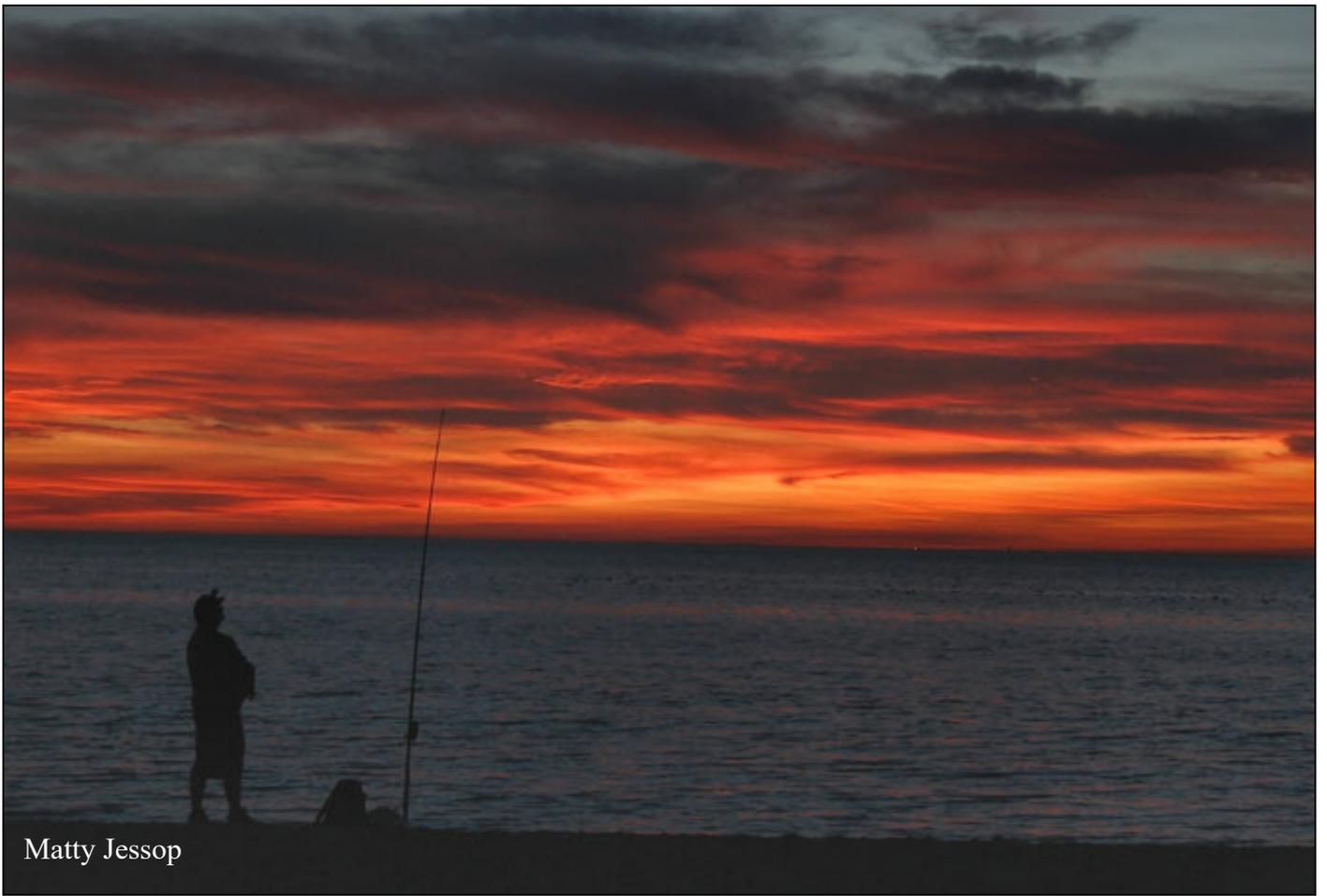
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Community Action Norfolk Managing the cost of heating oil in off-gas areas of Norfolk

As winter tightens its grip, with lower temperatures a daily feature, and the lockdown meaning most of us are spending more time at home, the cost of heating is a particular worry for those living and working in off-gas areas.

Many Norfolk residents and businesses depend on heating oil to keep their homes or workplaces warm - and Dereham-based charity Community Action Norfolk is helping, with ThinkingFuel, its collective heating oil buying scheme.

“Heating oil is an unregulated commodity” explained CAN’s Chief Executive, Jon Clemo. “Unlike mains gas and electricity, there are no rules and regulations or price controls. Oil can be subject to dramatic price fluctuations and you can’t easily buy it in small helpings just when you need it.”

ThinkingFuel is well established, with thousands of members across the county. The idea is that It offers consistently low prices on heating oil by encouraging people to buy as part of a bulk-buy scheme.

"Comparing prices for oil is very difficult for the consumer because of fluctuations in price between days, quantities ordered, locations and delivery times. It pays to be part of a collective buying scheme like ThinkingFuel, which are increasingly popular because they offer a fair, flexible and accessible way to buy oil" added Mr Clemo.

“ThinkingFuel makes buying oil less stressful and more manageable. You don’t have to keep ringing round suppliers to find the best price. Our negotiators do that on behalf of the membership and everyone in the scheme gets a low price on their oil because it’s bought in bulk. And all our members pay the same low price per litre no matter how much they order.

There’s another aspect to ThinkingFuel that makes it unique amongst collective oil buying schemes. Community Action

Norfolk's core work has always been about advising, supporting and guiding voluntary groups and community projects across Norfolk, and every time someone buys oil with ThinkingFuel they are helping to support that work.

It has proved more relevant than ever during COVID-19 when CAN staff have been supporting many of the new voluntary groups that have started up to help vulnerable people in their communities.

To find out more about ThinkingFuel visit www.thinkingfuel.org.uk or call 01362 698216.



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Are you fed-up with doing the same old walks?

Walking in Norfolk www.walkinginengland.co.uk/norfolk is the website for you!

With hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, contact details for all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John said “There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Norfolk (part of the Walking in England suite of websites (www.walkinginengland.co.uk) – one for each county in England) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you”.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

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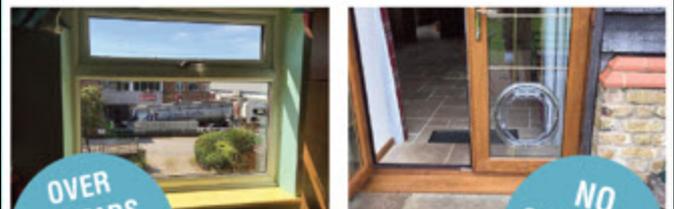
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Beach Clean Guardians needed

Through our small grant fund, we'd like to fund a Norfolk Coast Partnership sponsored beach clean station, or 3, and need volunteer guardians at each site to manage the day-to-day running of these. Guardian responsibilities include putting the information board out each morning and bringing it in at night with regard to weather and tides and so a storage facility and nearby suitable waste disposal will be essential. We think this would suit a beach-side café, shop, or other coastal business perhaps? Full training will be provided.

Of course, we would be looking to place new boards once the current Covid-19 restrictions are ended.

Beach clean litter picking stations are provided by the 2 Minute Foundation, a registered charity devoted to cleaning up our planet, 2 minutes at a time, who believe that simple, achievable acts can add up to make a great difference. Communities and visitors are encouraged to spend 2 (or more) minutes picking up marine litter from their #2minutebeachclean station boards. Further details are on their website <https://beachclean.net/> and see the Norfolk coast locations (you'll see that there is quite a gap between Hunstanton and Cley!) along with other excellent local beach clean initiatives, at:

<http://www.norfolkcoastaonb.org.uk/partnership/beach-clean-events/691>

New boards would be part of an innovative project where low grade waste, the kind picked up on beach cleans which cannot be easily recycled, is put to good use. Alongside several other organisations, including Reworked and The Ocean Recovery Project, the 2 Minute Foundation are turning this low-grade plastic into the litter picking stations, making a completely closed-loop operation.



For an informal chat about becoming a guardian email aonb@norfolk.gov.uk or phone us on 01328 850545.

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HUNSTANTON TOWN COUNCIL

Your Help Needed!

Hunstanton Town Council is planning on implementing a scheme to help tackle food waste and to assist residents who are in need, by opening the town's first community fridge.

The community fridge will enable local residents to access free food sourced from supermarkets, stores, cafés and farms that would otherwise have gone to waste.

HTC Town Cllr. Amanda Knight stated, 'The fridge would be open for anyone to use, referrals are not required. The fridge can provide access to fresh food without any stigma.'

If you are a local business or retailer within the food industry who would be interested in donating food for the community fridge, please get in touch. "We need the support of local businesses to make this idea possible, especially the larger supermarket chains," said Cllr. Knight.

To run, the project would require around 10 volunteers. The roles are open to those who have a few hours a week to spare and wish to help out the local community. Activities would include recording food coming into the fridge, checking and keeping the fridge clean, maintaining temperature check records and assisting members of the public. Full training would be given.

If there is sufficient interest within the community, the council hope to have the fridge open late Spring, or when current COVID

restrictions have lifted to a level where we can assure the safety of volunteers and those involved.

Mayor Tony Bishopp commented, "As the UK rebuilds from the impact of COVID-19, community fridges are evolving to help the UK meet a range of financial, social and environmental challenges including cutting food waste, promoting healthy eating, supporting people facing financial challenges and tackling loneliness.

The hope is that the Hunstanton Town Council community fridge will pave the way to a more sustainable approach to food insecurity, as well as being a gateway to other community services and activities that the Council can provide."

If you are interested in donating food or volunteering, or would like to find out more, please contact the Town Clerk on 01485 532402 or email townclerk@hunstantontowncouncil.gov.uk





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Mayor's Awards 2021

The Mayor of Hunstanton, Councillor Tony Bishopp is pleased to launch the 2021 Mayor's Community Awards to acknowledge the outstanding contribution and commitment of groups and individuals in the Hunstanton area.

Hunstanton Town Council wants you to nominate your worthy local individual or group.

The five award categories up for grabs are:

- Neighbour of the Year
- Carer of the Year
- Young Carer of the Year
- Business of the Year Group or Organisation of the Year

The Mayor Cllr Bishopp stated:

"It is important that as a council we publicly recognise the valuable work of volunteers, paid workers and community-based organisations across our communities who have worked selflessly throughout the past year, especially more so since the Covid pandemic began, in assisting residents of Hunstanton".

"These awards deliver a strong message about the value of helping others and how it helps to strengthen Hunstanton – to connect residents and communities, reinforce community spirit and create a more cohesive and inclusive society for everyone".

"Please take the time to nominate those, you feel, go that extra mile to help others and allow us to recognise their efforts. The council will accept nominations until 28th March 2021 so don't delay, get your nomination in today. I thank our community and voluntary sectors for their work and wish all nominees every success."

Nominations will close on 28th March 2021 at 4pm. Judging will take place in early April 2021 and the Awards will be presented at the virtual Town Meeting due to take place 28th April 2021.

Please note that self-nominations will not be accepted.

The judging panel will comprise the Town Mayor and Chairman of Hunstanton Town Council Cllr Bishopp, Cllr Maureen Howard the Chair of the Community Engagement Working Panel, Cllr Robert Corby the Chair of the Youth Working Panel and the Town Clerk Jan Roomes.

For further details on how to nominate someone please visit the council's website: www.hunstantontowncouncil.gov.uk.



HUNSTANTON TOWN COUNCIL

Are looking for nominations for the following Mayor's awards

- NEIGHBOUR OF THE YEAR
- BUSINESS OF THE YEAR
- CARER OF THE YEAR
- YOUNG CARER OF THE YEAR
- GROUP/ ORGANISATION OF THE YEAR

All nominations must be for Hunstanton residents, business or organisation

In 100 words or less tell us the name, age (if under 18), why you are nominating the person and for which award, then please send to:

Email: clerk@hunstantontowncouncil.gov.uk

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March 28th 2021

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Dates & Deadlines! A NEW TAX YEAR

Supplied by Kathryn Gigg,
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Hunstanton

FROM MARCH INTO APRIL 2021

1 March 2021:

VAT: domestic reverse charge introduced for the construction industry.

2 March 2021:

Self-Assessment: 5% penalty imposed on 2019/2020 income tax, CGT and Class 2 and 4 NIC not paid by today. The penalty can be avoided if a time to pay arrangement is agreed in advance.

31 March 2021:

Capital allowances: first-year allowances for low-emission cars expire.

VAT: businesses that deferred their VAT payments in the period from 20 March 2020 to 30 June 2020 must pay the accumulated VAT by this date if not opting into the VAT deferral new payment scheme.

Company tax: final date for reclaim of tax paid by a close company on a loan to a participator if loan repaid during the financial year ended 31 March 2017.

Corporation Tax: returns for accounting periods ended 30 March 2020 should reach HMRC,

ATED: deadline to amend returns and pay any outstanding tax for the year 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020.

1 April 2021:

Employers: new national minimum wage rates apply.

Stamp duty land tax, land and buildings transactions tax and land transaction tax: residential thresholds return to normal.

VAT: rate returns to 20% from 5% in the hospitality industry.

MTD for VAT: digital links required in first VAT return period starting on or after 1 April 2021.

5 April 2021:

NIC: deadline to pay voluntary Class 2 or Class 3 NIC for 2014/15.

Last day of the 2020/21 tax year: various tax claim and elections deadlines.

Personal tax: deadline for electing to transfer (part of) the married couple's allowance from husband to wife, or withdraw such an election, for 2021/22.

CGT: last day to make disposals to use the 2020/21 CGT exemption.

CGT: deadline to claim that an asset became of negligible value or a loan to a trader became irrecoverable in 2018/19.

IHT: deadline for utilising Inheritance Tax exemptions for 2020/21 (and any excess from 2019/20).

NIC: deadline for claiming exception from Class 4 NIC for 2021/22 where the same earnings are subject to Class 1 NIC.

NIC: deadline to reclaim Class 1 NIC mistakenly paid in 2019/20 on earnings that should have been categorized as self-employed.

Pensions: deadline to make a contribution to qualify for tax relief in 2020/21.

6 April 2021: FIRST DAY OF THE 2021/22 TAX YEAR:

Employers: van benefit charge reduced to zero for vans that produce zero carbon emissions.

NIC: National Insurance holiday introduced for employers of UK Armed Forces veterans in their first year of civilian employment.

8 April 2021:

VAT: from this date, HMRC will no longer accept VAT returns through eXtensible Markup Language (XML) software.

19 April 2021:

Employers: deadline to make a final payroll report for 2020/21 using either a full payment submission (FPS) or employer payment summary as appropriate. After this date, a year-to-date FPS is used to report payments from the 2020/21 tax year.

30 April 2021:

ATED: deadline to submit returns and pay the tax for the year 1 April 2021 to 30 March 2022. If a relief applies, this is also the deadline to submit a relief declaration return.

Corporation Tax: returns for accounting periods ended 30 April 2020 should reach HMRC.

Self-Assessment: further late filing penalties apply to outstanding 2019/20 tax returns. For returns filed online after today, automatic £10 daily penalties apply. For returns filed on paper, the further penalty is the greater of £300 or 5% of the tax showing on the return.

Mrs K H Gigg FCA

(NB: Article written in February 2021)

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Smithdon High uses Lockdown to continue refurb

Lockdown may have meant students have not been much in evidence recently at Smithdon High School in Hunstanton, but that does not mean the place has been quiet, as it has provided an opportunity to continue the overhaul of the school's facilities and buildings.

Over the last year, around £1 million has been invested in purpose-built new classrooms, roofing and windows throughout the school site, and a major refurbishment of the sports hall.

The latest improvement work has seen a significant makeover for the school library with the demolition of the old disused swimming pool also going through the planning process.

"We always look for positives in anything, even school closure," said head teacher John Hirst. "With many fewer children in school, it has meant that some of the things we had planned for the summer we can get done now. This has meant anything from essential groundworks, through to the refurbishment of the library."

Smithdon, which is famed for its striking post-war architectural design, is a member of the 11-school West Norfolk Academies Trust.

The library redesign includes capacity for one-to-one learning, space for a full class, a quiet reading area, and the school's fifth computer suite, with room for an entire class of students.

Amanda Wright, Smithdon's Head of English, was thrilled by the possibilities the new facilities presented.

"The library is the heart of the English department; we use it all the time and the computer suite will make life so much easier when we are using our Accelerated Reader programme," she said.

Head of School, Amanda Gibbins, said she could not wait to see it being put to use by students when they return.



"We constantly evaluate what we are doing at Smithdon and how we could use our resources more effectively and efficiently," she said. "This is now a great multi-functional space, we just can't wait to get the students back in and using it."

Mr Hirst added that while immediate concerns of the pandemic era had been taken into account, the new look was designed for the challenges of the years to come.

"We will be out of this pandemic at some point in the near future and we want to ensure that we are best equipped to educate the future generations of children in the area," Mr Hirst added.

"It's very much future-proofed. What we are really trying to do is look beyond the pandemic and reconfigure and imagine spaces in different ways to enhance the students' experience and ensure that Smithdon is well equipped for the new demands and challenges it faces over the next few years. The changes we have made will support the highest quality learning for many years to come."

With demand for places growing, Mr Hirst said he hoped the on-going redevelopment of the site on Downs Road would make Smithdon High an even more popular choice for local families.

"Numbers on the school roll are significantly increasing as the popularity of the school grows," he said. "This investment ensures families and students can be confident that they have a modern and well-resourced school with some of the best specialist teachers and support staff in Norfolk."

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| 10. Whitehorse | 11. Joe |
| 12. Shadowfax. | |

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Across:

1. Dress down
6. Limbo
9. Nettled
10. Bayonet
11. Handstand
12. Let up
13. Toeholds
14. Sneeze
17. Decamp
19. Gainsaid
22. Okapi
24. Kidnapper
26. Segment
27. Elegant
28. Yorks
29. Hotplates

Down:

1. Dench
2. Entente
3. Salesroom
4. Old hands
5. Nobody
6. Loyal
7. Manatee
8. Outspread
13. Tediously
15. Nonpareil
16. Bandiest
18. Clanger
20. Asphalt
21. Sketch
23. Items
25. Rites



TAX PLANNING TIPS PRE 5 APRIL 2021

by Kathryn Gigg Chartered
Accountants,
Hunstanton

Year-end tax planning has, historically, been fairly straightforward with changes often announced in the autumn financial statement, to take effect from the beginning of the new financial year in the following April.

The combined effects of two general elections, Brexit and Covid have interrupted the process somewhat, and apart from a curtailed “Covid Budget” in 2020, there has not been a full reappraisal of tax and spending since autumn 2017. We are now in the position that public spending has ballooned to wartime levels as a result of the pandemic, the 2020 deficit is set to reach £400 Bn and the question to be faced is not whether taxes will rise, but rather when and how that will happen.

All this makes 2021 pre year-end tax planning more difficult. The Chancellor’s room for manoeuvre is restricted by the “triple lock” promised at the election, which undertook not to raise VAT, Income Tax or National insurance. Since these are the largest taxes by far, the options seem to be either raise capital taxes in some way, perhaps by reforming Inheritance Tax (IHT) or Capital Gains Tax (CGT) or simply making minor tweaks to the system and sorting out the problem later. By the time this article is published, we should know which it is to be!

We can reasonably suppose, however, that there is not likely to be any reduction in capital taxes and in the interests of using existing reliefs “while stocks last” (and assuming no Budget changes are announced “with immediate effect”), based upon the legislation as it stands today the following planning points could be considered:

1. People often prefer not to think about Inheritance Tax (IHT), but despite quite generous reliefs it can still catch estates worth as little as £325,000. In the longer term there is no substitute for a proper Will planning exercise, but if nothing else it makes sense to utilise the annual exemption of £3,000 per donor (or £6,000 if the exemption was not used the year before).

2. There are also exemptions for gifts on the occasion of marriage, small gifts under £250 to any individual and regular annual gifts out of income. While these amounts don’t seem to amount to much, they can soon add up, particularly for those with several children or grandchildren. Using both types of allowance, a couple with two children and six grandchildren could, for example, pass over £9,000 tax free every year, saving £3,600 on the ultimate IHT bill.

3. Any gifts in excess of the annual allowances will not currently attract an immediate tax charge but will be cumulated and held on the “clock” for seven years. It goes without saying that where such gifts are contemplated, the sooner they are made, the better. Be aware, however, that if a gift is made where the donor “retains a benefit” it may not be effective for IHT purposes. Sometimes circumstances are such that making a gift into a trust gives the required flexibility – a simple trust should not take long to set up, and for some, this option is worth considering.

4. A further relief is given for regular gifts “as normal expenditure out of income”. A claim for this relief will, after death, need to be supported by evidence that normal living expenses were covered from income whilst leaving sufficient “free” money to make the regular gifts. It will need to be supported by evidence, so those going down this route should ensure a sufficient “paper trail” is created.

5. Capital Gains Tax (CGT) is also now at relatively low levels, with the tax charge varying between 10% and 28% depending on the personal tax rate of the individual and the type of asset being sold. Each taxpayer currently has an annual allowance of £12,300, and if unused that allowance is completely lost. It is well worth reviewing share portfolios in particular to see if the allowance can be used, but even where property is involved there may be ways of crystallising enough gain to use annual allowances – perhaps as a side effect of an IHT exercise.

6. For those with a business, Business Asset Disposal Relief can bring the CGT charge down to 10% only. The rules are fairly complex and professional advice is definitely needed, but if one is contemplating retirement sooner rather than later, this relief needs to be considered.

This article was written in February, and therefore needs to be considered in the light of any announcements made within the Budget on 3 March 2021.

As always, professional advice should be taken personally before any action is taken in following through any of the above “tips”. For further advice please contact Kate Gigg or her assistant, Nicola Tarry FCA at Kathryn Gigg Chartered Accountants, Hunstanton on 01485 534800 or kate@kathryngigg.co.uk.

Mrs K H Gigg
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The library was originally the result of a joint initiative by the Parish, Borough and County Council to provide a local all-in-one council facility for the residents of Heacham and the surrounding area. Marcus Liddington, Parish and Borough Councillor at the time, worked hard with the backing of the village to ensure that this service included a community library – one of the first in Norfolk!

The Borough Council opened the office at the old Barclays Bank building - next to what is now Tesco Express - with Borough staff offering advice and guidance on housing benefit and council tax queries and the Parish Council managing the separate library. When the Borough Council eventually withdrew its services, the Parish Council took the bold decision to retain the library, taking on the lease of the premises in 2011, and has been running this community facility ever since. As from the outset, the day to day operation is managed by a wonderful team of volunteer staff.



Philippa Sewell, Parish Clerk in 2003 (3rd from right) with Library volunteers

In March 2020 the library moved to a temporary location at St Mary's Church Hall in the High Street where it will remain until it finally relocates to the new Community & Heritage Building when this is completed. The library will then hopefully be able to expand to include a small archive on all things Heacham, mainly hosted on-line and to help feature more displays of local interest.



An early school visit – were you there?

As well as stocking a wide range of books, kindly supplemented by customer donations, the library provides local tourist information and is also a designated 'community information point' for Heacham and its environs. This is supported by the Borough Council's provision of free internet access for residents and visitors alike: a most welcome legacy following the closure of their office.

Above all the library has always been about people and interacting with the community. Traditionally, libraries have a somewhat hushed atmosphere but there is absolutely no need to whisper in ours; the volunteers are usually more than happy to talk to customers or, in the summer months, help tourists with enquiries for directions or questions on the village. For many people the library also offers a safe environment in which it is possible to sit down, have a chat and catch up on village news. The move to the Church Hall last year was seen by both the Parish Council and St Mary's Church as an excellent opportunity to help increase this social aspect of the service. So, it is a great shame that due to Covid 19 this has not as yet been possible.

A further initiative from the Parish Council is for the library to issue its own membership cards (County Norlink cards are no longer needed for taking books out at Heacham). Again, due to 'you know what' we have not been able to open the library or issue the new cards so far in 2021 as planned, but we and the cards are ready for customers when the Library is finally allowed to re-open – hopefully in the not too distant future. Look out for updates on our website and on the noticeboard outside the Church Hall.

Finally, please remember that this is your community library. If you have any suggestions as to what you might like to see or do in the library, or have views or concerns on any other village matters that the Parish Council may be able to help you with, please let us know.

How to contact your Council:

Contact Sue Eke, the Parish Clerk in the first instance:

Heacham Parish Council

Pound Lane

Heacham, PE31 7ET

Tel: 01485 572142 or Email: - heachampc@btinternet.com

Currently the Parish Office is closed to the public due to Covid-19 restrictions but Sue and Liz are both still working and will respond to your query as soon as possible. Individual Councillors may also be contacted via the Office.

Please also check the Heacham Parish Council Website on: - www.heachamparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk and our Facebook Page for information on the Council, meetings and about what is happening in the Village.

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Heacham Parish Council March 2021

Heacham Parish Council Notice Board

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS IN BRIEF

The next Full Council meeting will be held virtually via the platform Zoom on Tuesday 16 March at 7.00pm. Members of the public are invited to address the Council at all Council meetings. Anyone wishing to join please contact the Parish Clerk by 3pm on the Monday prior to the meeting via email heachampe@btinternet.com for a link to join the meeting.

Until further notice all future meetings will be held virtually via Zoom; planned meetings so far are:

Meetings for 2021 are still to be arranged but the date for April is: Tuesday 20th April 7pm.

These dates may be subject to change and additional meetings may be held due to committee meetings not being held at present. Please see the Parish Council website, noticeboard at the New Community & Heritage Building Site, Pound Lane and the Parish Office window for agendas. Council Meeting minutes will be posted on the Parish Council Website shortly after each meeting (these are draft minutes until they are agreed at the next meeting).

LES LAWS

Heacham Parish Council were very sad to hear of the death of Mr Les Laws. He was a Councillor for Heacham Parish Council for a number of years and Chairman from 1997-99. Our condolences go to his family and friends.

MILLENNIUM WOOD

Cllr Robert Pritchard (Chair of NEC Committee) has been working very hard at the Millennium Wood this past lockdown. He has created two walks - the Red walk is the longest, taking in the views from the top of the site and returning through the mature part of the wood to the Stone.

The Blue walk is the shorter, visiting the new picnic area; although a bit bumpy at the moment there is wheelchair access this far, completing the circular route by keeping to grass tracks. He, along with Cllr Terry Clay and our PMO Stuart, have also installed a picnic bench.



CENSUS DAY MARCH 21st

Census packs should start being delivered in early March. If you need any help completing the census or more information about the census then you can find it on their website: www.census.gov.uk

DOG FOULING

Complaints about dog fouling in the village are still frequent. It is still an offence not to clean up after your dog, even if no one can see you.

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Anyone not cleaning up after their dogs may receive an on the spot fine of £80 increased to £1000 for failure to pay.

HEACHAM LIBRARY

We have been saddened by the news of the death of one of our volunteers Mrs Pam Swan and our condolences go to her family and friends.

SALTINGS BRIDGE

Urgent safety message and update

The Saltings bridge has been vandalised and is unsafe. PLEASE adhere to the warning signs, for your own safety and don't attempt to use the bridge. As previously stated, the Parish Council are in the process of replacing the bridge; due to technical issues it is hoped the bridge will be installed at the beginning of March 2021.

Hopefully you will be able to enjoy your walks along the Saltings again soon.

ALLOTMENTS

Do you fancy working an allotment? Although we do not have any vacancies at the present time, we have a small waiting list. We have several quarter plots which are a much more manageable size if you are concerned about how large they are. Whilst there is no running water on site many have successfully and happily worked their plots for many years. You can either ring the office or email your name and contact number for our waiting list, but you have to be a resident of Heacham to qualify for one.

COVID 19

Even though the number of cases of the virus are decreasing and the number of people vaccinated is increasing, we must still stay safe and follow the guidelines. Limit travelling unless it is necessary and follow the regularly updated guidance. But it is very important to make sure you look after your mental health and get outside if you safely can. Remember...

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frequency	1/hr	every 2 hrs	every 2 hrs
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Temporary Notice - Due to unmanaged tree growth on Hunstanton Rd, Heacham, double deckers have to operate via Heacham Lavender instead. Monday to Friday the 0820 (34) & 0835 (36) from Hunstanton and 1415 (34) from Lynn, use the alternative route. Please check website for updates

Smithdon High School Bus Service 36

1515 Smithdon School to Hunstanton

WNCT Dial-a-Bus Service

Heacham to King's Lynn via Snettisham, Ingoldisthorpe, Dersingham, Babingley Every Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
 For more information, cost of fares, a membership form or to book wnct.co.uk 01553 776971

MAIN PICK-UP POINTS FOR HEACHAM NEWSLETTER. First Saturday of each month except January.

Jennings Store, Tesco Express, Lidl, Heacham Fish Bar, Post Office, Norfolk Lavender, The Corner Store Station Road.

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09:50 HANOVER GARDENS	12:55 GYMKHANA WAY
10:20 ROBIN HILL	13:15 COLLEGE DRIVE
10:50 RINGSTEAD ROAD	14:40 GIDNEY DRIVE
11:10 ROLFE CRESCENT (Opp.No.22)	16:05 POPLAR AVE
11:30 SCHOOL ROAD	16:25 SITKA CLOSE
11:55 COLLINGWOOD CLOSE	16:50 NORWAY CLOSE
12:15 FENSIDE	- MARRAM WAY
12:35 JENNINGS CLOSE	17:10 NEVILLE COURT

DEFIBRILLATOR SITES IN HEACHAM

(Please read instructions and obtain code to activate)

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