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### EDITORIAL

Dear readers and residents of Horsford - welcome to the spring edition of the Horsford News.

I have taken this opportunity to dedicate this editorial to my mum-in-law Ros Starling who sadly lost her battle with cancer on 10th April.

Ros had lived in Horsford since 1975 - and alongside her husband John brought up their three sons. As many know John was the previous editor of the Horsford News and was heavily involved with Village Life, including being the district councillor, parish councillor, friends of Horsford GP surgery, a bowls club member for many years - to name just a few of involvements. Behind all of Johns interests - Ros was behind the scenes providing her full support involving herself in interests such as the WI and being a school Governor for many years which she loved.

Ros loved living in Horsford and especially as she had her sons and their families including six grandsons living so close by in Horsford, Thorpe Marriott and Taverham. She was so proud of the entire family.

In recent years declining health for both Ros and John impacted their ability to remain involved in village life - although Ros was always keen to hear about what was going on - and living on the Holt Road loved to see the kids going to and from school - waving to those that knew her.

I'm sure the last couple of years has been extremely tough for so many people and many of you know this kind of loss to the family is immense. From my own perspective - Ros was my mum in law - and yet was every bit a mum to me as she was to her sons.

We would like to thank everyone that knew Ros for the help and support that you have given her over the years and for the kind words - she really was an incredible lady and it's lovely to know how well thought of she was. She had fantastic friends and incredible neighbours that really did look out for her. You know who you all are - thank you.

Enjoy the read!

**Lisa Starling**  
Editor



# HORSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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## HORSFORD PARISH COUNCIL: CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2022

Following the lifting of restrictions, the parish council has had a very busy year with Highways and traffic issues, yet again, taking up a significant proportion of time. An independent consultant, Royal Haskoning, was appointed in March 2021, who have since conducted surveys and continue to work with HPC, to advise on a Transport Policy for the village.

Horsford continues to receive funds from both Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and S106 funds so, in July, a Responsible Financial Officer was appointed to oversee and manage all financial systems. An electronic accounts system was purchased and, together with the introduction of online bank payments, has greatly enhanced and simplified all the financial transactions.

HPC continues to support a variety of projects within the village to improve the facilities for all residents, including the new play equipment, safety surfacing, new public toilets, picnic benches, noticeboards, as well as a significant contribution to the new Scout Hut and to the filling in of the old swimming pool at the school to help create a safer play area.

A full review of the Allotments was carried out and a rent increase implemented. A new Lease at Church Field, for a further five years, was agreed with the Landlord.

Following the flooding on Becksides and Coltsfoot in December 2020 much work continued between HPC, Anglian Water, District and County Councils and, as of March 2022, BDC have set up a multi-agency group to investigate and put in place appropriate measures to ensure people do not face being flooded from their homes.

As of April 2022, five of the eleven parish councillors have stood down after many years of supporting their local community and I am extremely grateful for their contributions over the years. The Parish Council is now seeking new councillors to fill these vacancies. My Thanks to all the parish councillors for their help and support over the past year.

Vacancies for Parish Councillors: the parish council has a number of vacancies and would be delighted to welcome some new faces. The criteria are very easy to fulfil, so if you are interested or would like to know more about being a parish councillor, please do contact the Clerk or attend one of the monthly meetings which are held at 7.15 pm in the Village Hall on the first Monday of the month, unless that is a Bank Holiday. The last election was held in May 2019, the next in 2023 so in the meantime any person who is invited to join the Parish Council will do so as a Co-opted Member until the next election.

### Criteria for becoming a Parish Councillor

- be at least 18 years old
- be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen and
- meet at least one of the following four qualifications:
  - a) Your name must appear on the register of local government electors for the parish/community at the time of your nomination and throughout your term of office should you be elected/co-opted
  - b) You have occupied any land or other premises as owner or tenant in the parish/community during 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election or co-option
  - c) Your main or only place of work during the 12 months prior to the day of your nomination and the day of election/co-option has been in the parish/community area.
  - d) You have lived in the parish/community area or within three miles of it during 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election/co-option

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## BUSINESS ACTION PLAN GROUP

The Business Action Plan Group is an informal advisory Group commissioned by the Parish Council to look at projects referred to in the Neighbourhood Plan and those brought to the Group over time and with agreement from the Parish Council, work to implement them.

We are a group of volunteers and if you would like to be involved in projects that directly affect our village, please get in touch with me on [angela.makinson@horsfordpc.co.uk](mailto:angela.makinson@horsfordpc.co.uk) and I can tell you more about the Group and what we do.

These are some of our current projects:

**HORSFORD TRANSPORT POLICY** – Many of you will have completed last year's survey to find out what the real issues are regarding not only the traffic on the Holt Road, but problems in other areas of the village too.

The Parish Council engaged specialist consultants to help with this. They are Royal HaskoningDHV and they have worked with the project team to develop a Master Plan of possible options for us to take forward to NCC Highways. Their help has been invaluable to us.

To find out what we have been doing there is an **OPEN EVENT on 14 MAY 2022 between 11:00 – 15:00 in the Village Hall**. Everyone is welcome.

We will also be joined by one of the Consultants who has been working with us so you will have an opportunity to ask her questions at a Q&A session between 13:30-15:00.

This is the best chance we will have of influencing decisions made on transport affecting our village. Please don't miss out.

**Horsford in Bloom** – The YMCA Life Ready gardening team will be working with young people on projects off Holt Road and hopefully OUTPOST will be joining them with the work during the summer.

**Bike Track** – Work is in hand to develop a bike track at the Pyehurn Pits. Some clearance of trees in the area has been necessary and the young people at OUTPOST are being included in the planning of this track.

**Electric Charging points** – We are working with Norfolk County Council regarding provision of two electric charging points at the Village Hall. We are gathering information to develop a feasibility study for the Parish Council to consider.

**OUTPOST** – We are actively seeking funding to support OUTPOST going forward and we are

working on joining the Sir Norman Lamb Coalition and looking at the possibility of applying for charitable status for the youth group.

This article has been written by the  
Communications Group,  
part of the Business Action Plan Group

## SPRINGTIME AT HORSFORD C OF E VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Like the Springtime nature around us the children and families have been very busy at Horsford CE VA Primary School over the Spring term. With fewer restrictions in place we have been able to engage in more activities, sporting events and trips! Here's a whistle stop tour of just some of the things our children have been up to lately.

### Reception...

Reception children were visited by the Teddy Bear's Hospital, where the children learnt about how to take care of their teddies, giving them some first aid by putting a plaster on them, listening to their hearts using stethoscopes, checking their temperature using a thermometer and looking in their ears. The children found out about the bones in their bodies by building a skeleton and sorted foods, thinking about which were healthy and unhealthy. They also learnt about other parts of their body, like their heart and lungs, getting teddy ready to go for an operation to make him better. The children's teddies are feeling better now!

Reception children also had a great time using their new car mat during road safety week, a specially made Norwich themed one, generously donated by Hippo Mat. The children were delighted to see landmarks they recognised and discussed their experiences of visiting Norwich. There were a few traffic jams and city redesigns as the children used the mat as a springboard for their imagination. Check out [www.hippomat.uk](http://www.hippomat.uk) if you would like to get one for your child at home!

### Key stage one...

Using the text 'Traction Man' by Mini Grey the children used real life objects to create their own Traction Man style adventure. They took photos of the adventures that Traction Man had around the classroom. The children then used these to plan their own comic strip writing. The children have been working very hard in their PE lessons too, one class has been exploring contemporary ballet with a unit of work by The Royal Opera House. The children had a great day celebrating the Jewish festival of 'Shabbat'. The children measured, kneaded, and braided their bread. Then they celebrated by eating their bread and drinking

# Managing Inheritance Tax

If you're lucky enough to own a house, the likelihood is that it will have significantly increased in value over the last two years. That's all well and good but it may have also exacerbated any potential Inheritance Tax (IHT) liability.

We don't tend to worry too much about IHT because we never have to pay it ourselves, hence we try to ignore it. But the tax rate is high – 40% - and it can seriously reduce the amount we leave for our loved ones. It's also growing - IHT receipts for April 2021 to January 2022 were £5bn, £0.7bn higher than the same period a year before.

Rising personal wealth, largely due to property prices, is being assessed against an IHT threshold of £325,000 that hasn't increased since 2009 and will remain frozen until 2025/2026. In practice, this is a tax rise by stealth. Although there are some arrangements which allow the value of a family home, or part of it, to be passed on to those with direct descendants, many families can still expect to be faced with increased IHT bills in the coming years.

## What can you do?

One way to avoid the taxman taking part of your wealth is to pass it on whilst you are still alive. Parents or grandparents can gift up to £3,000 to their offspring free of tax. To give them more, perhaps to help them onto the housing

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**PETER BARTON**

ladder, you can gift wealth via a Potentially Exempt Transfer (PET), which lets you give money away free of any tax implications but only if you live for another seven years.

Another way to reduce your IHT is by putting your wealth into trust. A trust is a legal arrangement where you give cash, property or investments, for your appointed trustees to look after them for the benefit of a third person. In many cases, the taxman will simply not be able to touch them. Trusts sound complicated – but they are surprisingly easy to set up, and very effective at preserving family wealth.

Taking out a whole of life assurance policy could provide a lump sum on your death, provided the premiums are affordable from your normal disposable income. By writing the policy into trust the money is ring fenced and falls outside of your estate when IHT is calculated, meaning your executors can use it towards paying off the taxman and your beneficiaries can potentially receive your estate intact.

These are just some of the ways that can be used to reduce IHT. Like most taxes, IHT can rapidly become

complicated and if you are planning to avoid it, I recommend that you seek independent financial advice.

If you would like to discuss any of these points, or any other financial matters that may require professional help, Continuum would be happy to advise you.

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grape juice. The children tried some Challah bread bought from the shop too but much preferred the bread they baked! Our Year 2's visited Horsford Church on Monday 28th March, their first trip in a very long time! Reverend Margaret and her team met the children at the church for a morning of activities all linked to understanding Easter and why Christians celebrate this. The children were fantastic, including walking to and from the church very safely.

### **Key stage Two...**

This half term our Y3 children have been reading the story 'The Ice Bear' by Jackie Morris as part of our English teaching and topic this term. The children re-told their own version of this story, changing the characters. They worked hard on focusing on their language choices and to make the story sound engaging and powerful. In Science, the children have been learning about states of matter. The classes went outside to help the children understand the particles of a solid, liquid and gas. The children have worked incredibly hard creating Easter pop-up books in DT this term. Their amazing skills to work as a team really shone through when creating these books.

Year 4 have been studying the story 'The Pugs of the Frozen North' which is a Wacky Races inspired race to the palace of the Snowfather. The story requires the racers to encounter and overcome mythical creatures. So the children could understand the tribulations the racers were overcoming, they spent time researching four creatures from myth - The Kraken, Yeti, Trolls and (Norfolk's very own) Black Shuck. The children used this research to produce some wonderful non-chronological reports that provide details of the myths and legends, as well as some beautiful decoration.

In DT, Year 5 and 6 have been designing and building truss bridges. Science has given them the opportunity to study light and shadows and in topic work the children have been exploring America.

### **Sustrans' Big Walk and wheel event**

Between 21st March and 1st April, children at our Mill Lane site took part in the Sustrans' Big Walk and Wheel event. This is an organised event to encourage children to lead a healthier lifestyle and be more aware of their environment and the steps that they can make to help it. Every day, the children that walked, biked, or used a scooter to get to school, were logged on the Sustrans' website and competed with other schools of a similar size for prizes.

### **Our school council**

In January we re-established the school council at both of our school sites with the aim of empowering the children. During the first meeting the children

decided they wanted to have a climate focus. As the children meet at lunchtime they quickly realised there was one major issue which needed addressing... the amount of single use plastic used to deliver the school lunches. The children worked together to write a letter to the business manager of Norse, the provider of our school lunches. Amanda came to lunch at the beginning of March and listened to the concerns raised by the children. She agreed there was a lot of waste that was unnecessary but explained to the children some plastic was required to keep the food fresh. Amanda also brought along the latest menu and asked the school council what they thought about the new options. Within a week of this meeting, the children were pleased to see that their first official meeting had worked, school meals are now presented with far less single use plastic. During the summer term, the children would like to focus on reducing waste in school lunches and are preparing an assembly to deliver to the school.

### **World book day**

Our theme was 'get comfy, get a book!', the children really enjoyed coming to school dressed in their pyjamas or comfy clothes for the day! The younger children at Horsford enjoyed doing a book scavenger hunt on their school field. The children had to locate 15 different books hidden on the field and identify the main characters. The children also had a great time swapping books that some of the children brought in. Those that brought a book were able to exchange it for someone else's. What a marvellous way to recycle much-loved books and to allow someone else to enjoy them!

Our half termly focus on the Christian value of 'Compassion' last term has been featured in a number of events...

- **Red Nose day:** On Friday 18th March we raised a grand total of **£757!!!!** This was through a variety of activities including non-uniform, a cupcake sweepstake style challenge and bringing in loose change to see how many metres of coins we could create - we managed a total of 178 metres.

- **Easter Spring Challenge:** Our challenge this term was to collect Easter Eggs which would be donated to the local care homes via Reverend Margaret. Our original target was 60 eggs, however the enthusiasm of our children on both sites has meant we well and truly exceeded this. Reverend Margaret collected a total of **264 eggs** from both of the Easter services, which she did with the children. This meant we could also provide an egg to elderly people living on their own in the village as well as the amazing staff who work at the care homes. Thank you also to Tesco for donating a total of 33 eggs, 18 from Alysham and 15 from Drayton, really fantastic community support!!

- **Wear a hat day:** On Friday 25th March we raised money for Brain Tumour Research by asking the children to pay £1 to wear a hat to

Our sporting challenges and achievements have included;

Age group	Sports category	Against	Score	Winner
Years 5&6	Boys' football	Firside Junior	1-0	Firside
Years 5&6	Girls' football	Avenues Junior	2-0	Avenues
Years 5&6	Girls' football	White Woman Lane Junior	3-0	Horsford!!
Years 5&6	Girls' football - League game	Drayton Junior	4-0	Drayton
Years 5&6	Girls' football	Firside Junior	1-0	Horsford!!
Years 5&6	Boys' football tournament	Various schools	Came 3 <sup>rd</sup> in group	
Year 6	Cross country league held at Horsford	Various schools	N/A	
Years 5&6	Tag rugby tournament	Various schools	Horsford Harriers 4 <sup>th</sup> Horsford Hornets 2 <sup>nd</sup> !!	

school for the day. This is a charity very close to our hearts here at Horsford Primary School. The total amount raised was **£228** so thank you to everyone who donated.

We are looking forward to an even more fun packed Summer term.

### **HORSFORD VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (VHMC)**

There have been some changes going on at the Village Hall during March. The main change is that there is a new VHMC Support Team:

Aiden and Jean Higgs are sharing the role of Janitor/Cleaner and Louisa Stannett has taken over both the Booking Secretary and VHMC Secretary roles. For any questions relating to a booking, the village hall or the recreation ground, Louisa can be contacted on hvhmcsecretary@gmail.com or on 07821 649545.

Debbie Stolworthy did a great job for us as in her short time as VHMC Secretary but has decided the role was more than she wanted to take on permanently and Diane Baxter, who has been the Caretaker for many years, decided not to renew her contract going forward. The Trustees would like to thank both Debbie and Diane for their contributions to the smooth running of the Village Hall.

The Trustees are obtaining quotes for renovating the Changing Rooms. It is very difficult to get builders' availability at the moment, but we are hoping this work will take place during the summer break from the football season.

Work is taking place on updating the VHMC website and including new features such as an automated booking system and an online calendar showing the regular activities taking place at the Village Hall. The booking system will allow potential hirers to check whether the date they want is available and a lot of the booking process will be automated too including online payment.

By the time you read this, the new toilet block will have been formally opened and an opening event is being organised with, it is hoped, EDP presence.

Being a Trustee of the Village Hall is an opportunity to help shape the services offered to provide a quality venue for use by everyone in the village. If you would like to join us, please contact Louisa as above, and she will be pleased to talk through with you what the Trustee role entails. Meetings are on the third Monday in the month, starting at 19:30 in the Committee Room at the Village Hall. Parishioners can attend these meetings, so why not come along and see for yourself what it means to be a Trustee of a charity such as the VHMC. If you would like to do this, please contact Louisa and she will make the necessary arrangements.

**Angela Makinson**  
VHMC Trustee



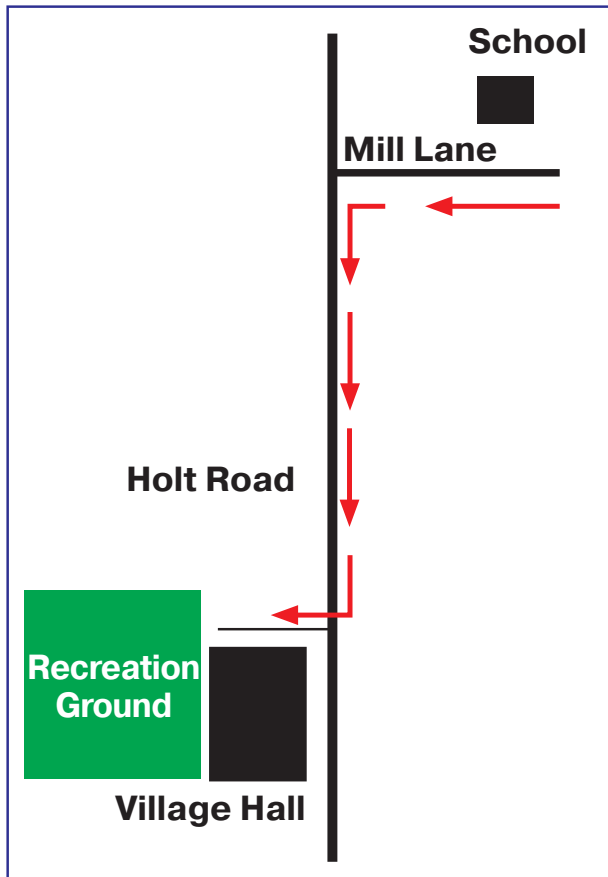
**Saturday 9th July** seems to be getting ever closer! By now you would have spotted the Carnival banners that have started to appear around the village advertising what we have planned. The banners have been kindly donated by Illusions Hair Salon. We also have a Facebook page Horsford Carnival and Funday 2022, which will keep you updated on what's going on and what to expect.

We have three bands playing for you throughout the day, Hellesdon and Sprowston Brass Band which will play between 2-3.30pm, kindly sponsored by Sparkle Window Cleaning, Addictive Mix Band who play a variety of 70s and up to the present day classics 3-5pm and finally Lithium, a Norfolk bases Indie/ Rock Band who will play between 5.30 -7pm.

The walking procession its self will kick off at Horsford Primary School Mill Lane at 12 midday, which includes Norwich Samba who will perform samba mixes traditional Brazilian rhythms with



reggae, dance and swing to create a unique blend of infectious Carnival rhythm. Sesma Martial Arts who teach karate, kick boxing and Kung-Fu. We also have local Horsford groups such as Scouts, Brownies, Rainbows, All Staines Toddler group and a few other surprises. The intention is to close Mill Lane and Holt Road between 11.45am and 1.30pm, so the procession can safely make its way down to the village green.



On the village recreation ground we have a variety of food vendors, such as MicNicks BBQ, Loveable Vegan, A chefs Touch with Pizza, Bucket List with there loaded chips, Durban Grill who serve South African street food, Crition Presses Traditional Lemonade, Twin Bakes with homemade cakes. Waffle Wagon with desserts. We will also have the Horsford Social Club providing the beer tent to enjoy. Kids Karts will be in attendance with outdoor Karts for the children to ride and have fun on, these will be found in the multi use games area, Anglian Carpets have sponsored this attraction. There will be up to 40 stalls including a variety of crafts, face painting, jewellery, ice creams and much more.

The Grand Raffle, the first prize of £500 cash donated by Pronto Joinery, 2nd Prize £250 Amazon Vouchers and £100 electrical vouchers kindly provided by The Horsford News. We also have a large selection of other prizes donated by local Norfolk Business'. Raffle tickets are now on sale and can be bought on the day. Not only do we want everyone of Horsford to have a fun filled day out where there will be games and activities for the community to enjoy, but our intention is to help

support our chosen Horsford charities. Horsford Brownies and Rainbows, Horsford Primary PTA, Methodist Church and Horsford All Saints Church. Car parking will be limited to disabled spaces only due to some attractions needing the space on the car park. We are also unsure of the reliability of the card machines due to WiFi connections on the field, so it maybe a idea to bring some cash with you.

Finally to make the day to run smoothly WE NEED YOUR HELP! We need volunteers on the day, even if it's for just a couple of hours. Horsford is lucky enough to have a Carnival Committee who have dedicated many hours of there time for this fabulous day for our Village.

If you feel you would be able to give us some of your time please contact Derek Jacks on derekjacks76tiscali.co.uk or Adrian Scott on horsfordcarnival@btconnect.com

**Horsford Carnival Committee.**



## NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HORSFORD

For many it has been an unsettling year as we watch with horror the scenes from Ukraine with many of us asking what can we do? I've had to remind myself of the words of Jesus: blessed are the peacemakers. We certainly need them to help with the conflict resolution in that war, and other conflicts around the world. Who are peacemakers? As well as those who are actively and constructively trying to find solutions, it's everyone who contributes to bringing peace and showing love to those in need. Having All Saints Church as a collection point for all the wonderful donations from the people of Horsford has been moving. I've posted photos on Facebook as each collection is made ready for the committed, loving work of Trissy and Rachelle. The Church remains open every day to continue to hold donations ready for collection until the need is over.

### **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

A special service to commemorate and give thanks for the Queen's reign and service will take place on Sunday 5 June at 10.30am at All Saints Church. The local uniformed groups, local councillors and others will take part. Everyone is welcome to come along.

This is being followed by the Big Jubilee Picnic in the churchyard. Bring a chair, bring some food and come and share this celebration. Watch out for posters around the village giving more details.

### **Safety in the Churchyard**

With the strong winds and storms this year, there's as been a scattering of ornaments and flowers pots around the churchyard, many of which were broken. The Churchyard Regulations in place say that any glass, pottery and ceramic vases and ornaments should not be placed by or on the memorials of loved ones. Anything of glass is always removed immediately and placed in the porch due for safety reasons. Unfortunately, having had a discussion with the Church Council in the light of the amount of broken ceramics and pottery items, all such items will now need to be removed from loved one's graves. We are very sorry to have to make this decision but am sure you will understand why. If you have items that are breakable on your loved one's graves, please do remove them and place them somewhere special at home. If any remain, during May they will be removed from cremation tablets and graves and placed in the church porch, clearly labelled, for you to collect next time you come to the churchyard. If you would like to talk to me about your loved one's grave or cremation area, please do give me a call or email me and I will be happy to arrange to meet you.

### **A New Service**

There's a service every Sunday at 10.30am in All Saints Church with parking at the Spice of India. Our mid-week communion every Tuesday, again

at 10.30am, is growing and we enjoy catching up over a cuppa in the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at The Dog from around 11.15am. Do come along to either or both where you will be assured of a warm welcome.

We're introducing a new service on the 3rd Sunday of the month, All Age Communion. This will be an informal service for everyone, including a simple communion part. Whatever your age, come and can join in and be part of this special time.

### **From the Registers**

We welcome into the church family Charlie Wiseman.

We admitted Charles and Saoirse Saunders to communion before confirmation.

### **Funerals**

Our prayers for the family and friends of Maureen Dracup, Ryan Read and Muriel White and for those whose burial of ashes have taken place: Mark Winder and Keith Hipperson.

Revd Margaret McPhee, Rector



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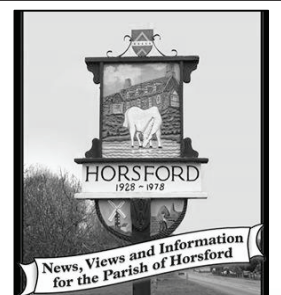


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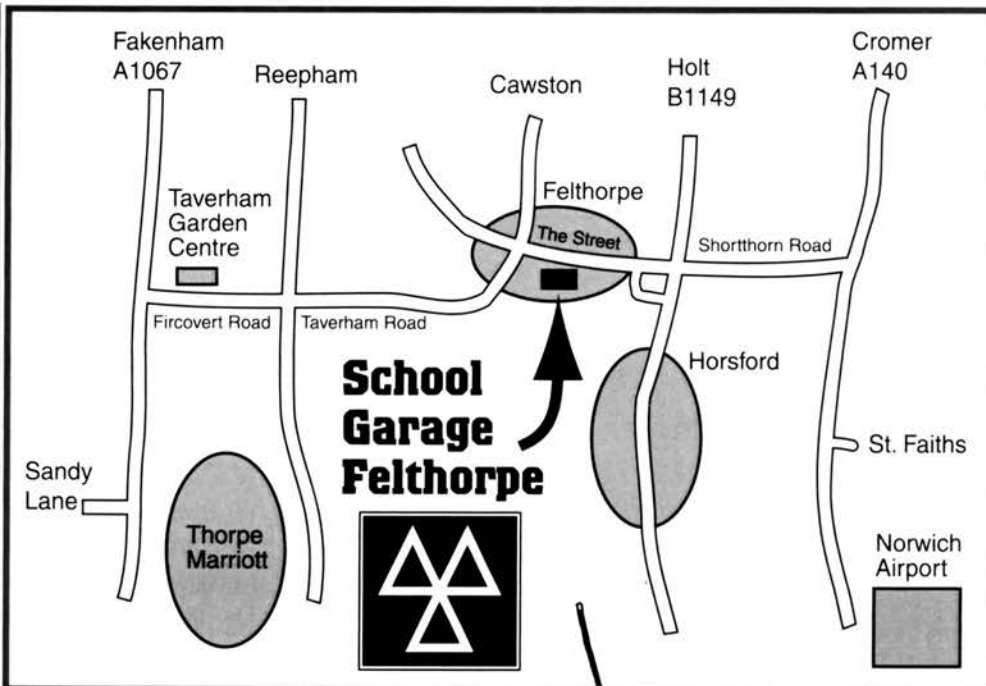
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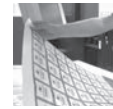
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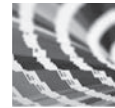
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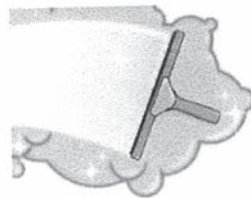
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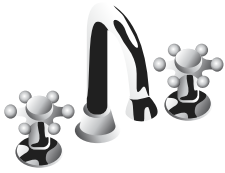
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### Annual Meeting

Thank you for those of you who came along. We reported on what has been a tough year for bookings and finance before elections to the Committee took place. As well as the existing members continuing (thank you!), Becky Blyth and Frances Dawson have been elected to represent their community groups who meet regularly at the Church Room. We then said goodbye to Becky Blyth in her role as Church Room Manager. She's done a wonderful job over the past 4 years but is now getting involved in another exciting role. She has left with our good wishes, flowers and a gift, all a token of our appreciation of someone who has looked after the hirers and the hall so well.

Following a recruitment process with a number of candidates, I am pleased to introduce you to our new Church Room Manager, Diane Baxter. She started on the 1 April and we wish her every success.

### 50 50 Club winners

Thank you to everyone who is part of the 50 50 Club, which helps to raise money for the Church

Room. The monthly prize draw continues to take place, for the past 3 months at All Saints Church after a Sunday service.

### Our latest winners:

1st prize: January: Margaret M February: Becky B; March: Pat S

2nd prize: January: Maggie RH; February: Maggie RH; March: Simon B

If you are interested in joining, it is just £12 every 6 months. For more details and an application form contact [horsfordchurchroom@gmail.com](mailto:horsfordchurchroom@gmail.com)



**Revd Margaret McPhee,**  
Chair, Church Room Committee

## **THE HORSFORD METHODIST CHURCH**

It is with great sadness that I have to report we will be closing as a worshipping church at the end of the summer. During the summer months we will probably be sharing some of our services with Drayton Methodist Church. This will be the 160th year of Methodism on this site in the centre of the village. I have been attending for over 40 years and have a lot of fond memories of the people that have passed through the doors over that time. I especially loved all the children's work I have been involved in, including Girl's Brigade, Sunday School and 3 in 1 Club. Unfortunately we no longer have enough active members to fit with the Methodist Church's criteria for a viable Church. Most of us will be joining Drayton Methodists, who have always been close in distance, joint services and bible study. This isn't the end, just a new beginning for us all.

It would be lovely for the building to continue as a community asset, it has good facilities including a fully fitted kitchen, 2 cloakrooms, a large hall and further carpeted room. Situated in the centre of the village and with the car park next door. We are so pleased to have Brownies and Rainbows meeting here, as it continues on the amount of young people that have met in this building.

We will continue with our Thursday morning coffee group and Uniform Bank, which are our community ventures. These are based on voluntary contributions if able and covers costs and helps the local Foodbank. All are welcome from 8.50 -12 to meet up with friends or make new ones. It's such a lovely atmosphere and brilliant, especially for those living on their own.

Our joint ventures with Rachelle Margitson and Trissy George lately have been raising funds for Ukraine and the upkeep of premises. The Bake sale and Easter Fayre have been enjoyable and well worth doing. Apparently my cheese scones beat the ones at The Ritz in London!!

We are looking forward to being a part of Horsford Carnival, where we will have a craft stall on the field and the building will be open for refreshments and toilet facilities. We are truly grateful that they have chosen us to be one of the recipients to share in the profits.

Please help us save this building for the benefit of the community, by supporting it whichever way you can. This could be by hiring it for a regular group, celebration or coming along to a fundraiser. Please be aware that for the time being, we will still be under Methodist regulations, which means no alcohol on the premises.

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## **HORSFORD SOCIAL CLUB**

Welcome to all the new members who have joined the club recently. The renewal memberships for this year should have been received by all current members by the time you are reading this article. If you have not received your renewal form or have moved house since the last renewals in 2020 then please contact us on the email below and we can send you a form asap. New membership cards will be purple this year and once you have sent your forms into the club your card will be ready approximately one week later to collect from the bar. We are pleased to say we are fully open and have had several bands so far this year with a great response from all members. We are in the process of continuing with the plans for the outside area which will be revamped and ready for the summer months. In our January article it was reported that one of our previous members passed away, we must apologise that the name was miss printed and it sadly was David Turner, past local postman and one of the founder members of the Social Club. Unfortunately, we have to inform members that sadly Keith Alcock passed away on 24th March. Many of our long-term members would have known Keith & Jessie Alcock who had been a big part of Horsford Social Club for many years. Keith's funeral will take place at St Faiths Crematorium on Friday 27th May at 2pm and afterwards at the Social Club. The committee have decided to name the outside area after them as a tribute to their long-standing involvement with the club. We have events taking place in the coming months with a trip to Newmarket Races, Annual beer festival will take place Friday 29th April – Monday 2nd May, Jubilee celebrations on 4th June, Horsford Carnival 9th July and on Saturday 3rd September we are running a trip to London for the West End show Pretty Woman. This trip was cancelled in 2020 and many of the members previously booked have re-booked their seats. We have a few tickets left at £65 per person which includes coach travel from Horsford. This is a great day out so if you fancy a ticket, please contact Jackie on the email below. Non-members are welcome on this trip with a member.

We are doing Sunday breakfast on 15th May from



9am (pre booked) and some specialist food nights so watch the noticeboard and join our Facebook page for all information coming in future months. We are looking for more paid bar staff so if you are interested, please email, or contact Sharon-bar manager.

### **Future Band Nights**

Sat 23rd April Britpop Band – St Georges Day

Sat 30th April Covote Karaoke

Sat 28th May The Haze

Jubilee Celebrations

Saturday 4th June Hoggy's Jump Band 3-6pm – pre booked afternoon teas available

Saturday 9th July – Horsford Carnival – Live music - Additive Mix, Lithium and Brass Band

We look forward to seeing all members present and new, please bring your membership cards with you and if you haven't collected yours then ask the bar staff as it will be behind the bar. New members are always welcome so why not pop in and have a look you might be surprised at what lays beside the village hall. Families welcome, so no babysitter needed, great choice of drinks, Sky & BT Sport on TV.

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**Jackie Carter**  
Social Club Secretary

## **HORSFORD BROWNIES**

Who can believe we are already a quarter into the year already? At Brownies, not only do our evenings go quickly but it seems our terms do as well. This term we have had the delight of having 3 new brownies join us but also being super proud that one of our girls has now moved onto guides.

It has been a busy term, what with our first Movie Night, Valentines and Mother's Day activities and of course our fantastic Community Litter Pick.

The girls gave up time in the Easter holidays to work with the local community to tidy up Horsford. Many thanks to all the volunteers who came out to help too, especially Stacy Bradley - Director of Transforming Local Communities (a not-for-profit social enterprise).

"It's been a pleasure working with Horsford Brownies. They were very keen to clean up their local community and all worked hard to make the event a success. They will all receive a green Blue Peter badge for their efforts, which will save their family money on 200 UK attractions."

"A special thank you to Kevin Foley, Franchisee of

10 McDonalds across Norfolk who sponsored this event!"

Our girls have done exceptionally well by earning lots of badges and making a great difference in the village.

We are super excited for what the next term will bring and we wish everyone a very happy Easter.



## **HORSFORD AFTERNOON WI**

Our first meeting this year was in February as sadly we had to take the decision not to hold a meeting in January due to the Omicron variant. At our February meeting two ladies told us about their experiences as Magistrates explaining the position of a Magistrates Court in the overall court structure in England and its powers and limitations. They also gave our members the opportunity to share our views on a fictitious motoring offence and what punishments we would pass on to the defendant. Suffice to say the general view was not to be lenient!

At our March meeting we celebrated our 94th birthday. We had the Marsham Handbell Ringers entertaining us. Some of the members had a try and soon discovered it was a lot harder than it looked. Various of the members provided a grand afternoon tea which was enjoyed by everyone and gave us an opportunity for a good catch up and lots of laughter. It was so good to be back to some kind of normality for our meetings.

Upcoming meetings include speakers from Norwich Castle and the Dogs' Trust, a street-style party for the Queen's Jubilee and a summer outing.

We always welcome new members and if you would like to join us it would be a good idea to telephone me beforehand on 01603 710306 if you are thinking of coming along for the first time. Our meetings are on the first Wednesday of the month at Horsford Village Hall and start at 14:30. We do ask people not to arrive before 14:15. We have a wide range of speakers talking to us on topics ranging from beekeeping to skin care so why not come along and join us to see what it's like for yourself.

**Gill Gauntlett**  
President, Horsford Afternoon WI

# The Norwich Keyboard and Electronic Organ Club Celebrates 50 years



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*The change of name several years ago reflects how the club has constantly moved forward alongside music technology, with our audiences always appreciating being able to listen to the top of the range electronic keyboard instruments of the time. In the hands of the first-rate UK professional musicians who have visited the club over the past 5 decades these instruments have all been expertly showcased, however today's modern keyboards with their vast array of remarkably authentic sounding orchestral voices and styles for all genres of popular music ranging from big bands, theatre and classical orchestras to country, pop and jazz bands and much, much more, can be simply stunning at times.*

*Our modern concert audience has also changed a lot since those early days. Inspired by the sheer mastery of our professional musicians some members still have keyboards at home, but most are now non-players and come along to our monthly concerts just because of the excellent*

*light-hearted entertaining music and a good evening out amongst friends, with refreshments to boot!*

*For our 50th anniversary we are planning a celebratory concert on 31st May with popular player Tony Stace entertaining us, plus founder members and David Ivory have been invited as special guests. All new visitors are welcome and we hope former members will also come along for this special occasion, bringing their memories with them.*

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## HORSFORD TIDY DAY 2022

Hello Everyone. It seems a long time since we have been able to hold a proper Tidy Day, but I would like to thank all those who have contacted me to borrow litter pickers etc to collect rubbish while out for their exercise during the pandemic. I am sure they have made a significant difference to the amount of litter that would otherwise have been blowing about our streets and paths, making it much more enjoyable to be outside during these last couple of years.

Now WE'RE BACK, hopefully with no more lockdowns, and Broadland District Council have invited us to join **THE BIG BROADLAND LITTER PICK 2022**, which is taking place between the 14th March and 31st June 2022 and running in parallel with the Keep Britain Tidy **GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN** and **THE BIG SOUTH NORFOLK LITTER PICK 2022**.

We intend to hold our event on **SATURDAY MAY 21st** between 0900 and 1230 which will hopefully mean that the village will be tidy for the Jubilee Celebrations at the beginning of June, and those holding street parties will not have to clean up litter before setting up their tables.

Posters giving details of the event, venues and contact numbers will be distributed soon and if anyone requires further information before then, please don't hesitate to call me.

Look forward to seeing you on 21st.

**Malcolm Makins**  
01603891422

## HORSFORD BOWLS CLUB, SANDY LANE, HORSFORD

After a very strange two years our way of life seems to be getting back to something like normality and the club has come through this in a good state. Like everyone else our heating bills have increased so we are now looking at installing two air source heaters in the club room to bring the long term costs down. Our membership numbers continue to be around 55 playing members so this gives the team captains some leeway when selecting their teams.

The short mat season is coming to a close and our Gold team has again topped the City League and at the time of writing this article is also in the final of the City League Shield competition. Our Blue and Bure League teams have continued to battle well but are still finding games challenging but many of these team members are showing good improvement so the future looks bright.

We had a very successful quiz night in March with Ray our new quiz master setting some challenging questions, but everyone who took part had a very enjoyable evening. We have programmed a race night in for June when Ray and Barbara will be putting us under starting orders again and this will be followed by a B.B.Q and dance in July.

Our charity night coffee evening will take place on Thursday 28th April when we will hopefully raise a nice sum for our chosen charities which this year will be shared between Macmillan and the Air Ambulance.

Our summer outdoor season begins on Sunday 1st May when we open the green followed by a very busy season with teams in three evening leagues and two afternoon ones. If you are thinking of giving bowls a try or returning after a break now is a good time to join. We welcome novices as well as experienced players and you will be joining a successful club plus meeting some very nice people.

**John Bugg** (chairman)  
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## HORSFORD CRICKET CLUB

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We have age groups playing competitive cricket from the age of nine. We also have a Girls/Ladies section also playing at a competitive level.

There is an extremely successful junior section for both Girls and Boys where we can offer regular qualified and insured coaching on a Friday evening throughout the season, a great social evening for all the family, usually with a BBQ.

The club have been playing at Manor Park since

1980 and have over the years, made significant improvements to both the ground and the clubhouse and now have an extremely modern and first class sporting facility, probably the best in the region.

The club shares its facilities with the Norfolk County Cricket Club and it also houses the offices of the Norfolk Cricket Board.

During the season, there are not many days that pass, where there is not some form of cricket taking place.

Our facilities are disabled friendly.

We have a variety of membership packages available, which can be viewed on our website, or contact one of our committee members via the contact link at:

[www.horsfordcricketclub.co.uk](http://www.horsfordcricketclub.co.uk)

If any of these membership packages are not of interest why not just turn up, with your sandwiches, flask and deckchair you will be more than welcome. There is plenty of parking around the ground.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

This is notice for everyone in the village to let you know I will no longer be caretaker at Horsford Village Hall.

I have been working there for 33 years and after changes to a new contract and ideas with the present committee I have decided to leave this position.

I leave this position with a very heavy heart and feel it has been a privilege to have had this position for so long and seen so many changes.

I would like to thank the person who made this possible in 1989 Mr. Brian Blythe and also all the past members of the committee for all their support and help I ever needed.

I would also like to thank all the present hirers for their lovely letters hoping I would stay but I'm sure the next person will enjoy it as much as I have.

I'm looking forward to my next adventure and new position in the village.

**Diane Baxter**



I have many favourite patients but 12 year old Ben is definitely one of them! He is always friendly and every time I have met him he has tried his best to be happy even when he is feeling poorly. He presented to the Taverham Veterinary hospital as an emergency in July 2021 following a collapse on his walk. Investigations showed that he was showing signs of heart failure due to a leaking mitral valve. Mitral valve disease is common in older dogs and often first presents as a heart murmur and then as the leak progresses, dogs can start to show signs of exercise intolerance, fainting or breathlessness. Ben was placed on treatment with medication to improve the heart contractility and to remove the fluid from his lungs.

Ben did respond initially to medical management but unfortunately a few months later he showed signs of increased breathing rate and effort again. He also had notably less energy and his appetite started to reduce causing him to lose weight. Repeat echocardiography showed severe heart enlargement and a torrential leak of blood through his disease heart valve. Ben was placed on the waiting list for a mitral valve repair at the Queen Mother Veterinary School in London and despite requiring incredibly dedicated home care as well as hospitalisation and intensive treatment here on several occasions he managed to keep going until the date of his surgery. The surgery is open heart surgery requiring a cardiac bypass and this is a procedure that has only recently become available for veterinary patients. Ben underwent a successful repair and has made an amazing recovery. A repeat heart scan today has shown that the heart has reduced markedly in size and is slowly being weaned off his medication. Ben has regained all his previous energy, his appetite has returned and it really has given him a second chance at life. Ben has also shown you are never too old to enjoy a squeaky toy!

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Ben recovering from his heart operation and smiling at home (right)



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