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EDITORIAL

So how was your Summer? A bit different to normal I bet. If you managed to get abroad and back without a hitch - well done - you were probably one of the lucky ones. For most - it's been possibly an opportunity to venture closer to home. I got as far as Lowestoft - for a weekend! Fingers crossed that things will start to return to a bit of normality next year. I might even get as far as Kessingland!

I usually reference things that have happened throughout the year and the things to look forward to in this issue. But - things are a little different. Summer was a social wash-out - although I really can't complain about the weather we had. From here on though the 'rule of six' is obviously having a major impact on so many of the typical events that we enjoy. Good to see rules are being adhered to but such a shame that the approach to the festive period won't be as raucous as usual. Saying that though - I've worked out that based on my usual alcohol and food budget this Christmas - there should be more to go around!

So just looking at some of the negatives over recent weeks - we've had no Village Vibes, Horsford Carnival was cancelled - and the Fireworks that the Scouts usually organise has succumbed to the COVID restrictions. However – as ever – there are always some positives to take from a situation. Horsford Helpers are still continuing to help those that need the help, a Macmillan Bakesale arranged by Rachelle Margitson raised almost £200 and whilst Halloween won't be guite the same – efforts are being made by residents to ensure a Pumpkin trail will exist for the little ones to safely enjoy what has become a better organised tradition than years past. These are all small things – but significant in

there own way and continue to make Horsford a decent place to live. Oh - and The Dog pub has reopened. Horsford needs a good pub and I'm pleased to see it open and busy - with a good selection of Gin to boot!

I said in the last issue that it's possible to make light of this situation. I like to look on the bright side and where possible the funny side of things. But I know that there are lots of people struggling beit mentally or financially or other at the moment. I'd encourage anyone struggling to reach out, talk to a friend, pick up the phone and ask for help if you need it. Things will get better and if there are any positive stories, things that need a profile raise or anyone wanting to advertise or trying their hand at something new - that's what the Horsford News is here for.

> **Lisa Starling Editor**





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NEWS FROM THE COUNCIL

Jim Graves stood down as Parish Clerk at the end of August although we had a handover period as he brings me up to speed with all the things that are happening in Horsford, for which I am very grateful.

I have a background in Local Government – District and County Councils – and in addition I have over thirty years' experience of being Clerk to a number of Parish Councils within Norfolk.

The Parish Council is still holding its' monthly meetings via Zoom in line with government guidance but is reviewing this regularly to see when it would be safe to hold 'real' meetings.

A number of projects have been delayed but have now re-started and further updates will be provided shortly; modifications to the original specifications may be necessary due to the implications of Covid 19.

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BUSINESS ACTION PLAN GROUP

The following is an update on some of the projects underway:

Good Neighbour Scheme

Reverend Margaret is working on a Good Neighbour Scheme (GNS) working with Community Action Norfolk and Anne Panella, the new Parish Clerk, Anna Green, Virginia Sokalsky and Angela Makinson. This GNS will also include the above mentioned being Co-Ordinators in the Emergency Planning Framework to help the village deal with any future issues relating to Covid-19 that may affect us. This project will benefit from the experiences and work that continues to be done by Anna Green and Horsford Helpers.

Updating Play Equipment on the Play Area at the Recreation Ground

The project to replace the remaining old play equipment on the Recreation Ground and fencing off the play equipment area in order to make closing it an easier option, if this is required in the future, is progressing. Three companies specialising in Play Equipment are in the process of providing quotations with the work likely to take place in the Spring.

OUTPOST re-opened on 24 September. It is now in the main Hall on a Thursday evening from 18:00-20:00. A booking system for young people aged between 11 and 16 is being used to meet covid-19 guidelines. To book a place, please use one of these options: youthclubs@ymcanorfolk.org, Rupert.appleton@ymcanorfolk.org or call or text 07894935775

Joint Project with Broadland for Play Equipment

The new play equipment has been ordered for the play areas in Beckside and Coltsfoot Road as part of the joint project between Horsford and Broadland District Council.

HORSFORD VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (VHMC)

The Village Hall re-opened on 12 September. Two of the Trustees, Jo Keeler, who is now Treasurer of the VHMC, and Angela Makinson had been given the responsibility for making the Village Hall Covid-19 safe for our hirers. A lot of work went into, amongst other things, developing a Risk

Assessment, ordering the various items related to Covid-19 precautions, printing and displaying advisory posters and making sure there were adequate hand sanitiser stations everywhere in the Village Hall. The Trustees also voted to have an Enviro-Safe treatment every 28 days. All areas of the Village Hall were treated along with regular cleaning and sanitising activities between hires. It was felt the VHMC Trustees had taken sufficient steps related to Covid-19 safety for the Drayton Medical Practice to use the Hall for Flu Clinics that started on 26 September. This meant flu jabs were easily available to Horsford residents in the village, without having to travel to either Drayton or St Faiths.

The project to refurbish the Committee Room has been completed and the furniture for the room will arrive shortly. The room is now bright and airy and benefits from a large TV and WiFi. There is a new kitchenette with a fridge for hirers to use once the area can be opened safely and in line with Government guidelines and social distancing. However, once the furniture arrives it will be available to hire for small meetings or functions.

There is a project under way to look at replacing the old play equipment in the play area on the Recreation Ground. It was heartening to see so many children and people accompanying them, playing and enjoying the sun during the summer months.

Any requests relating to hiring the Hall or concerns you may have with any of the Recreation Ground facilities should be addressed to the Caretaker on 01603 893317.

We are always looking to attract new Trustees. If you feel you would like to be involved in decisions regarding the Village Hall and Recreation Ground, have past experience as a Trustee, or would just like to be more involved in helping the community, please contact our Secretary, Jayne Burdette, at jayne.burdett@btinternet.com and ask her for details about what is involved.

Angela Makinson VHMC Trustee

HORSFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

At Horsford CE VA Primary School we welcomed all our children back this September. For the children who continued to attend throughout the past few months it has been a pleasure for them to welcome back all their friends too.



Having the school full, busy and bustling again makes you realise how much the children have been missed. Although the school routines are very different to what the children and their families are used to, everyone has adapted brilliantly.

The staff have worked tirelessly to ensure the children are well cared for and educated throughout this time, helping to deliver food packages around Horsford, teaching children in school and virtually and even repainting some of their classrooms!

Congratulations to Miss Anatola who gave birth to a gorgeous baby girl, Evelyn, in July; mum and baby are doing really well. This means we would like to welcome Miss Owen as the new Head of school at Holt Road covering Miss Anatola's maternity leave.

The core purpose of school, to educate, has been our primary focus since we have come back. With no opportunities for trips, visitors or events we have worked hard to ensure that the curriculum continues to be enriching and enjoyable, and despite it being different, we are still a happy and proud school at the heart of Horsford's community.

Thank you for all your support over the past few months, we are looking forward to a busy year ahead!

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For any donations or if you need any items, please contact me on kimepike@outlook.com or message me on 07392918581. I can arrange drop off or check availability for you. We have quite a good stock now, so please don't hesitate if you need anything.

Kim Pike (Horsford Methodist Church)

ALL SAINTS TODDLER GROUP

All Saints Toddler Group is pleased to announce we are re-opening!

Lockdown has been hard on lots of people for lots of different reasons, and we have been aware that being stuck at home with small children is not always easy. So we have been busy making sure we are on top of latest guidelines and now feel confident that we can re-open in a Covid-safe manner. There will be a few changes and

numbers will be limited but otherwise it will be as usual - toys, craft, snack and support. We are looking forward to welcoming you back!

£2 a family

Thursdays 9.30am to 11.30am term time First session: 5th November

Any queries please contact me via our Facebook page - www.facebook.com/allsaintstoddlergrouphorsford or on lizzieabaker@gmail.com.

RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS FROM ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HORSFORD

Creation

During October we focused on creation in our services. I'm writing this as harvest weekend approaches when we give thanks for all those who provide our food. This year, more than any other, I'm aware of the unsung heroes of our food business, from farmers, to those who prepare our food for purchase, the local shops, the local delivery firms (combined in Horsford as we know!) as well as those who deliver the food parcels to those who need help from Horsford Helpers. These are the key workers in our day to day living. All donations of food and household products will have been given to the Horsford Helpers food parcels as the need continues in our village.

A Time to Remember

Usually at this time of year we have a special service to remember all those we've loved but are no longer with us. Due to the Covid 19 restrictions, unfortunately this service will be delayed. I know many people find it a comfort to come along so, instead, there will be a special opportunity to come and light a candle in memory of a loved one on Sunday 1 November between 2pm and 5pm and, if you like, to place a memory heart onto the prayer tree, as you say "thank you" for all they mean to you.

On Remembrance Sunday the service will take place at 10.45am by the War Memorial in All Saints Churchyard. There's plenty of space to ensure social distancing as we give thanks for those who have served in the Armed Forces and in other ways. The Church Council has invested in a battery-operated sound system so everyone should be able to hear the service with ease. Bring a chair along if you find it easier to sit.

In the week leading to Remembrance Sunday there will be a Remembrance garden in All Saints churchyard. This will be around the War Memorial for all who wish to place a small cross





in memory of those who served and have been lost in any conflict.

VE / VJ Thanksgiving Service, August

We had a commemoration service in the churchyard on the 16 August by the War Memorial where wreaths were laid in thanksgiving for peace on VE and VI Days. Bob Dack, a 97 year Royal Navy veteran of World War 2 laid the VE wreath and Ken Barma, formerly of the Royal Artillery, laid the VI wreath. It was a moving service with several Armed Forces personnel, past and present, attending along with the our County Councillor Tony Adams, one of our District Councillors Dave Thomas, Chris Brown the Chair of the Parish Council along with other Parish Councillors. Bob joined the Royal Navy in 1941. He served on the fleet that took soldiers to the D Day landings and later he was on minesweepers. He has told me something of the daily unknown in this dangerous time, never knowing if that day was be his last. On VE Day he had more of a sense of relief and thanking God he made it rather than celebration, as he remembered those who'd been lost. Then he, as many other Navy personnel, were transferred to the Far East for the war against Iapan. He told me of the preparations of the British invasion force and the feeling of dread the day before the invasion was due to happen. The bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki forced the Japanese into surrender, the invasion never happened and so came VJ Day.

Christmas is coming....

And it's happening even with if a bit different! Assuming no change from Government, our plans are to have a Christingle Service, or 2, (or even 3!). We will need to have a booking system as I know how 100 or more people often like to come along to Horsford church. We are currently only able to have 40 people in the church at a time! Look out for the posters and social media announcements so you know when and how to book. We'll also have a midnight communion Christmas night and Christmas morning family fun service – no booking needed for those. There may even be singing outside around a Christmas tree if we can be beyond groups of 6 and the Government allows it! Watch this space. Plenty of celebration then!

A travelling Advent Calendar!

Most of us love opening a window of an Advent calendar and seeing what's behind the chocolate (or whatever treat is in it!). I am organising a Horsford Advent calendar. To take part, let me know and I'll give you a number. The idea is you decorate a window at the front of your house of something to do with Christmas and "open the

window" on that day's number in December, keeping it open and lit until Christmas Day. I'll produce a trail so we can walk or ride around Horsford seeing the different Advent windows. This is open to businesses and homes so do contact me to take part.

Church Services

You'll always have a warm welcome. Services planned for the next 3 months are:

- Every Tuesday morning, 10.30am, a said communion service.
- Every Sunday, 9am and 10.30am except Remembrance (10.45am only) and Sunday 27 December (10.30am only).

Sunday 1 November, anytime between 2pm and 5pm, lighting a candle in memory of those we've loved.

Remembrance Sunday, 8 November, 10.45am, by the War Memorial, All Saints Churchyard, Horsford

Christingle Services (booking required nearer the time)

- Wednesday 23 December, 2pm
- Christmas Eve, 2pm

Christmas Eve midnight service, 11.30pm: come and welcome Christmas at this special service. Christmas Day service full of fun, 10.30am

From the Registers

Baptisms: We welcome into God's family Isi **Wedding:** Congratulations to Finny and Elaine married in September

Funerals

Our prayers for the family and friends of the following whose funerals have taken place recently:

John Rawson; Bernie Stone; Bertie Symonds

Revd Margaret McPhee

HORSFORD CHURCH ROOM NEWS

The Church Room is open!

Thanks to Becky, our Church Manager, the Church Room is open. Every booking is followed by a deep clean to ensure your safety and confidence in using this community facility. All required safety measures are in place but do talk to Becky (0776 862 9751) if you have any questions or wish to make a booking.



Thank you to you if you've booked the Church Room for your club or an event. There are some additional hirer requirements such as test and trace sign in, a limit to 15 adults and ensuring social distancing is maintained it is a great venue for small gatherings which we hope you will have the confidence to have again.

Broadland District Council Grant

With safety and sustainability in mind, we've known there has needed to be an upgrade in the lighting in the Church Room. Steph from the Church Room Committee applied for a grant from Broadland District Council so we could update the internal lighting and replace the outside lighting which has been unusable for 2 years. We received confirmation of the Community Green Grant in September and the upgrades have been carried out by local firm AJG Electrical. Thank you Broadland District Council for investing in a local community building.

Other Fund Rising

Thank you for those who bought face masks from Becky, an amazing £180 was raised. Thank you too for those who came to the garage sale stall, £100 was raised that day. The Committee are currently looking at ongoing fund raising options which we'll keep you up to date with on our Facebook page Horsford Church Room, and through Horsford Life.

Revd Margaret McPhee, Chair, Horsford Church Room Committee.

HORSFORD AFTERNOON WI

We are still here, despite the extraordinary times we are now living in. Our Committee has been keeping in touch with members by email, telephone and birthday cards as appropriate. It has been heartening to hear how everyone has been coping with the situation we find ourselves in. For those of us lucky enough to have gardens, the summer was a blessing with long warm days and the opportunity to sit outside in the fresh air. Now it seems winter has arrived, and we will all have to become more inventive in finding ways to occupy ourselves.

At the time of writing, National WI have closed all face to face WIs in accordance with Government guidelines and the difficulty in working out how to hold the meetings safely. Some are using technology such as Zoom to keep in touch but sometimes that is not possible for everyone. So, we will continue to use the telephone to keep in touch with everyone and will let you know the

moment anything changes for us. Stay safe and well.

Penny Brunt President

HORSFORD TIDY DAY

Unfortunately, due to Covid 19 I felt that with everybody wishing to STAY SAFE as much as possible, it was better not to hold a Tidy Day this year.

I expect, like me, many of you will have walked most of the footpaths within our local area. and beyond in the last six months, and look like doing it for the next six!! Although apart from picking up the odd can and bag on most routes, Haveringland Road and Mill Lane continue to be the most litter prone areas. I would like to thank the person who has been seen a couple of times in Mill Lane picking up litter. It's a shame that someone else has to be cleaning up things which can easily be taken home and disposed of (I must admit that the absence of MacDonalds packaging was obvious during lockdown).

Thank you to all those who do take their litter home in an effort to keep our village tidy and if anyone feels that they have an area which needs attention, I have litter pickers, gloves and bags (Sanitised) if they would like to borrow them.

Hopefully, by next spring the situation may have changed for the better, and if Keep Britain Tidy are able to run their Spring Clean campaign, we can join in.

In the mean-time Stay Safe and Well and keep in touch with friends and neighbours.

Malcolm Makins (01603891422)

HORSFORD SCOUTS

As you can imagine most of this year has been very different for our Scouts, Cubs and Beavers. Not being able to meet face to face has been a challenge for all, but we've managed (with the help of some technology) to keep things moving with virtual meetings online. Two of our sections are now meeting under very strict Covid guidelines, and the third expected to start quite soon.



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Has the lockdown affected your finances?

Hello everyone, I hope the lockdown wasn't too painful, both from a health perspective but also financially. No doubt many of you were working from home and possibly still are. Of course, we may have to do it all again but what if the house and garden are looking great, the paperwork is in order and everything is already sorted.

How about spending time on your finances, especially if your income has been reduced? Many people take more time planning their holiday than they do planning their finances but using some extra time now may pay dividends in the long run. For a start, check your bank statement - are you paying for things you no longer need, or even own? I had one client who was insuring her house twice as she had not cancelled her previous policy. Perhaps that packaged bank account no longer offers the same value as it once did?

Review what protection plans you have in place. Do you have enough cover and are the premiums still competitive? Have circumstances changed since you took them out - perhaps your family has grown, the mortgage has increased or vice versa. Your protection plans should always be reviewed every few years to ensure they still meet your needs but never cancel a policy without knowing exactly what it is as it may prove difficult or impossible to reinstate later.

MONEY MATTERS



PETER BARTON

Request a state pension forecast. I sometimes meet new clients. maybe only a few years from retirement, who don't know how much their state pension will be or they qualify. Go https://www.gov.uk/check-statepension to find out how. Have you lost track of a pension? If so, use the government's free pension tracing service https://www.gov.uk/find-pensioncontact-details to help you find it. How about your current employer's pension - do you know where it's invested and how it has performed? Unless vou've chosen vour own funds, you're likely to be in the default option and this might not suit your objectives in terms of potential growth and risk.

Similarly, do you have old Cash ISAs or savings accounts that are languishing at miniscule interest rates, possibly 0.01%, that you could switch to a new account? What about your investments, such as stocks and shares ISAs or investment bonds – when was the last time you reviewed these? Are the funds still performing well, does their risk suit you, are the charges competitive?

Finally, there's a useful Money Health Check on the Money Advice Service website. Just visit https://www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk/en/tools/health-check for more information.

If you're concerned about any of these and would like professional advice, Continuum would be happy to help.

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It's also that time of year where we normally look forward to two significant village events – fireworks and Santa's tour of the village, and planning would have been well advanced if it wasn't for Covid.

We've thought long and hard about how we might continue with our firework display, but it's clear that there is no way that we can hold the event and ensure the safety of everyone at this time. We are all disappointed, but we needed to make the sensible decision.

We do plan to escort Santa around the village though. I can't say much more on that because the Covid situation is always changing, so it's impossible to say what it will be like come December – so we will update the village nearer the time.

HORSFORD SOCIAL CLUB

Since our last article in the Horsford News the Social Club has re-opened under the guidelines of the government and we endeavor to provide the members with a club they can use with all aspects of safety in place. As you will know the Social Club is run by a totally voluntary committee who obviously had family and themselves to think about when the government announced the re-opening in July. The committee have gone to great lengths to make sure the premises are following all guidelines and hope that members can feel they can now continue to use the club. Many long term members have not renewed their membership for this year and we fully understand this. The AGM was held on Sunday 4th October with committee and members present. It was voted that membership would stay at £15 for the following year so we are hoping that many of you will rejoin in the coming year when hopefully things are better for us all. If you did not renew and still wish to do so then please email horsfordsocialclub@hotmail.co.uk for a renewal form. We are asking all members to carry their cards when using the club so we can check on memberships and also to follow up on the track and trace system already in place. I am pleased to say the present committee were all voted back onto the committee for the following year at the AGM under the leadership of Derek Jacks as the Chairman who has done a great job leading the present committee through these unusual times. Thanks were given to the committee for the tireless work carried out in making sure the Social Club could open and run as normal as possible.

We are pleased to say all the bar staff are back working at the club and our thanks must go to them for working in these somewhat difficult times. Please be patience when using the club and the table service in place as the bar staff are doing the best they can. As some of you will know we set up and outside area at the rear of the Social Club with a large marquee to accommodate those who wished to be seated outside. Unfortunately in the recent high winds and bad weather this marquee was destroyed beyond repair. We are at the present time organising another outside covered area which will be in place as soon as possible. Due to the times we find ourselves in we will not be having any Halloween activities this year and any further Christmas events will be discussed at the November meeting. We are obviously in the hands of the government and wait week to week on the guidelines which we all have to abide with. We are potentially looking at table bookings for any events over the Christmas period which will be advertised on our facebook page and the noticeboard outside the club, once we know what we can do. Any questions can always be asked on the email above at any time. Fortunately the Social Club are in a good financial situation and we will continue to keep the club open as much as possible under the government restrictions. We are extending the early opening on Fridays to 4.30pm so remember if the Open sign is lite in the window you are welcome to come in. Thank you to all members who have supported the club in the past weeks since we re-opened and we look forward to seeing many more of you in the coming months.

The committee intend to meet monthly in a social distancing situation and if any member wishes to attend these meetings please contact the secretary prior to the meeting to make sure this is possible. The committee meets on the second Tuesday of each month.

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Jackie Carter Social Club Secretary



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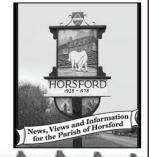
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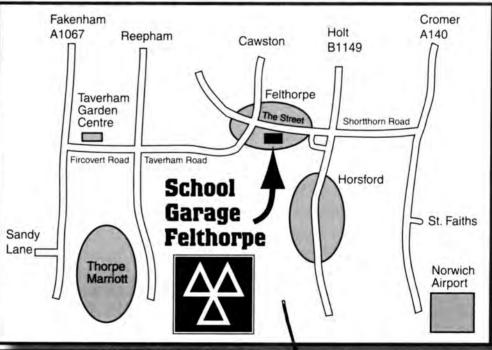
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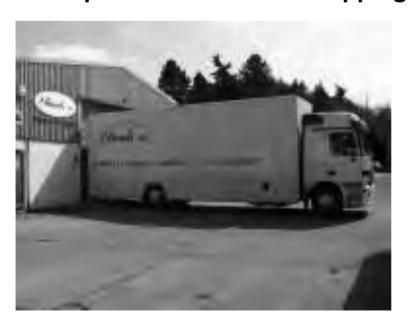


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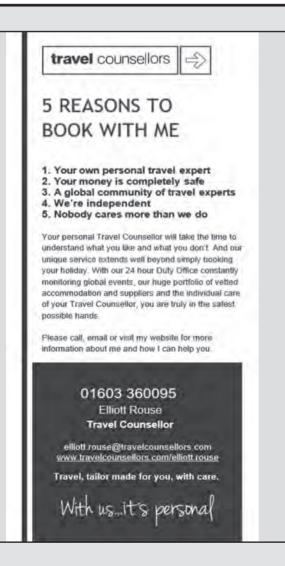
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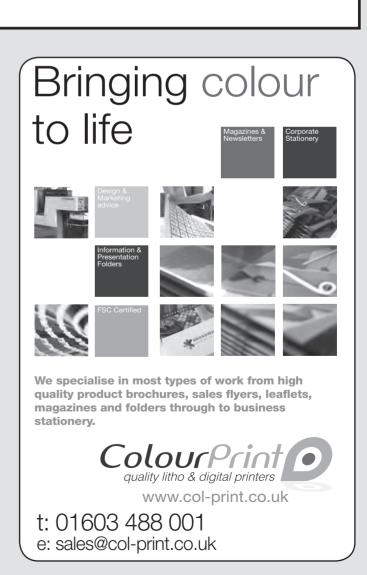
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All our teams are back in league action. We have also resumed our Wildcats centre (for girls aged 5-11) - 9am Saturday, Mini Skills session (for boys aged 4-6) - 9:30am Saturday, both taking place at Horsford Village Hall.

The Walking Football team took to the pitch for their first ever match, an enthralling 8-6 win over Erpingham. Thanks to our sponsors Lovewell Blake for their support.

As with every new team that starts, we become under more and more strain. The venues that

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HORSFORD BOWLS CLUB SANDY LANE, HORSFORD

Unfortunately there was a little mix up back in July and my article for the August edition somehow missed the closing date so this one will cover all of the summer period. Our club like all others closed it's doors on the 23rd march for what we hoped was just a few weeks, but as we now know lots of restrictions are still in place.



Following government guidance we were able to open the outdoor green again on Monday 18th May. This then allowed two people to play together and of course, if from different households, social distancing had to be maintained, with no more than 6 people on the green at any one time. On the 18th June we learned that further restrictions had been lifted and it was then possible to play triples but with no more than 18 players on the green and as before social distancing had to be maintained. As from 22nd July we started one of our normal summer competitions, but in a limited form. We played two triples games on both Wednesday and Thursday evenings, which meant there were 12 players on the green at the same time, again with appropriate social distancing. All who wished to play got games and this helped to keep the club functioning and members were able to get out and enjoy the competition.

We are now into the short mat season and we have been awarded a SAFE TO PLAY certificate by the ENGLISH SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION and we will start playing on the 6th October. At the present time we are only allowed one mat as they have to be 2 metres apart and our playing area doesn't allow enough space to have our second one down. Only 4 players are allowed on the mat at any one time and any games must not last longer than one hour. We have put together a winter pairs league (the Corona league) and we

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During all this time the club house has remained closed and no social gatherings have been allowed and although we will be using the club playing area for short mat the bar and kitchen must remain closed. The club finances remain healthy and we should be okay to continue to operate well into the new year but with the hope that we can begin fundraising again before finances become too depleted.

We sadly lost two of our long time members earlier in the year, John Graves and Paul Isgate, who were well liked at the club. Paul held various posts over the years and was the quiz master on our quiz and chip nights. Another long time member, Cathy Fiddy, also lost her husband Mark, who was a very poplar visitor to the club. Paul and Mark were two of the many unfortunate victims of the virus. Another of our established members, Christine Walsgrove, also lost her dear partner

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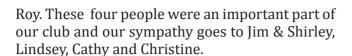
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As your councillors we have been kept busy with issues from around the village over the last few months. Some we have had success with and others we are still working on. Broadland Council never stops and meetings have been run virtually throughout the whole epidemic and will continue to do so. Big changes are happening with potential new planning policies coming, new social housing systems and the continued merging of backroom staff. There will also be a new community lottery starting in November which will raise money for causes local to the Broadland area.

Each year we are giving £500 funding (each) from Broadland Council to grant to local groups or organisations and we have been working with a few community groups to get this awarded.

We were delighted that local residents Anna Green, Claire Ashton and Julie Blackburn were all given Community Hero Awards from Broadland Council. Anna and Claire were vital in getting Horsford Helpers setup and running and Julie arranged for a large donation of eggs to the Residential Homes (Grenfell Court)

Lastly, its been really positive seeing activity throughout the village, the recent jumble sale around the village was fantastic and preparations for Halloween.

Please all take care and look after each other. If we can ever help please do get in contact

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November, Our AGM saw Pearl Gerrard, John Moar and John Webber voted onto the Committee, and we congratulate and welcome them on board. Averil Kirton volunteered to be secretary, and at the next Committee meeting was co-opted to full Committee status. Again, congratulations and welcome. The Club has now moved into full A/W programme with leagues, roll-ups and a little space for pre-booked practice or casual play. We have welcomed new members from North Walsham and Woodlands whose clubs have closed, and we face a year of consolidation and rebuild. By definition our profile is mature, mainly retired, careful. We have lost some 25% of our members who are exercising sensible caution, and we hope to welcome them back when the Covid threat is under control. There will be neither Norfolk Leagues nor National Competitions this year reflecting the Covid factor. The disciplines required to comply with EIBA and Government are in place and continually reviewed as each subsequent release from our ruling body takes effect. Currently (at time of going to press) we are ensuring we comply with no 6 from the EIBA. This dictates that each rink is a bubble, thus social distancing is critical and given our rink with and generous perimeter is not a problem, as long as there is no cross rink fraternisation, and the disciplines are observed. In addition we have to accept the restrictions imposed in our bar area, where a simple rule of table service has been imposed.

Sadly we do not feel able to offer coaching yet. We know there are potential members who would like to be coached, and hope that once bedded down we can review this, and that by January we are able to offer our full assistance to novices.

So, I hear you ask, is Bowls still "Sex Drugs and Rock and Roll"? Well, we have specific sex, and mixed, games and leagues, so tick the first box. Drugs are much discussed, as are Doctors, prescriptions, sprains, arthritis, and all things medical. So tick box 2. Rock and Roll? So many of us still remember the golden age, although medication may prevent us moving with the lissom ease and shapes of our youth. Three ticks.

Bob Daykin. Roundwood Indoor Bowling Club.





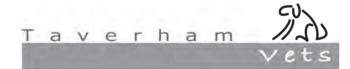
HORSFORD METHODIST CHURCH

After so many months closed, we were really pleased to be open again at the beginning of September. Worship is very different, as not allowed to sing yet, but in true Methodist traditions, we still have 5 hymns. There is a bit of humming and a lot of swaying! Social distancing is strictly adhered too and face coverings are required. The welcome is as warm as ever though, even though you can't always see the smiles. We have arranged a Carol Service for 20th December at 11.30am, but how this will pan out is anyone's guess. It would be so sad if we couldn't sing them. As always, we will have Midnight Communion on Christmas Eve at 11.30pm.

We teamed up with Rachelle and Ragan from Rainbows to host a Macmillan Bake Sale, which made £205. at the last count. Thank you to everyone who supported this, either by baking, buying or donating.

We are available to hire, but Risk Assessments are required and adherence to all Government rulings and guidelines. Please ring Kim Fletcher on 01603 897089 for details and availability.

Kim Pike



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Otto is a very handsome and inquisitive dachshund puppy that got himself into trouble after snacking on some chewing gum he found. The chewing gum contained an ingredient called Xylitol, a sweetener added to some food products, which is very dangerous to dogs. It causes a massive drop in blood sugar levels due to the fact it triggers insulin release in dogs. Dangerously low blood sugar (hypoglycaemia) can occur which can lead to weakness, lethargy, vomiting, collapse and possibly seizures. In some cases fatal liver disease occurs too.

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