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EGGLETON FAMILY MEMBERS TRACED!

The front page of the Parish News for February/March carried an article seeking the help of readers to track down relatives of Fred Eggleton. It worked wonders!

Roger Lord, who had come across the books while helping to clear an attic, has confirmed that he managed to reunite the books with a Mr Eggleton who lives in Fincham.

Roger said "He made contact with me and came and collected the books. I also had a phone call from a Mr Eggleton who lives in Terrington St John. From the conversation I had with him he was a keen genealogist. When I gave him the names of the people that were in the front of the books, he had no record of them. I put him in contact with the man from Fincham.

I also had Mr Box, from Blackborough End, contact me with some information about a Frederick Charles Eggleton who was born in 1920 and died in 2006. All in all a very good result."

North Runcton Art Group Has New Organiser

Following the sad resignation of our Organiser Denise Coles at our AGM in March a new appointment to the post was taken by Lyn Coleman. Lyn has been a keen member of the group for some time and on behalf of all the members we would like to wish her much success for the future.

FESTIVAL CHORUS IN VERDI'S TOUR DE FORCE

By Charles Heginbotham

King's Lynn Festival Chorus is probably one of the best mainstream mixed choruses in the area, and one of Classic FM's Christmas Carol Competition winners last year. As a rookie baritone, I am really looking forward to being part of this concert, performing one of the all time giants of the choral repertoire.

Verdi nearly didn't write the Requiem – 'there are so many many masses for the dead. It would be pointless to add one more,' he told a friend. However he was inspired upon the death of his hero, a much loved and respected

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poet, playwright, and novelist Alessandro Manzoni who shared many of Verdi's political ideals.

As one who composed mainly dramatic operas all his life, Verdi's Requiem has sometimes been described as a 'sacred opera' or 'an opera in church vestments'!

Who can forget the spine chilling Dies Irae (Days of Wrath) that even made it as a backing track to some dramatic TV advertisements? That theme of hell, damnation, retribution and finally compassion is a recurring theme.

Moments of pure drama are balanced with moments of tenderness, intercession, pleading and supplication. Interestingly, the last movement 'Libera me' is a re-worked version of his homage to Rossini whose work Petite Messe Solennelle we performed in February this year.

Like any dramatic composition, there are some very good tunes, some extremely loud sounds from the orchestra including dramatic off stage trumpets.

This is a performance not to be missed, performed in the suitably cavernous space of Ely Cathedral. Tickets with some concessions are available from Ely Cathedral Box Office.

It's a concert not to be missed and I'm sure listening to it will give as much enjoyment to the audience as to us who are singing in it!

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North Runcton Parish Council

At February's Parish Council meeting there was discussion around the volume and speed of traffic moving through North Runcton. Data from the Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) shows that traffic volumes are increasing and with further significant housing development planned for the area, it is likely that traffic volume will continue to rise. The data from the VAS also shows that the average speed of vehicles is in excess of the 30 mph limit with the highest averages occurring at commute times and late at night/early morning.

The Parish Council would like to see if there is support for establishing a **North Runcton Community Speed Watch** group with the aim of trying to encourage motorists to respect the speed limit through our community. To establish the group, we need to have at least 6 volunteers who would be willing to give a maximum of an hour a week to monitoring and recording vehicle speed. The police will provide full training (taking just over an hour) and all equipment is provided – high vis jacket, speed camera.

Experience from Middleton's group shows that speeds have reduced and that, apart from the very occasional irate hand gesture from speeding motorists, the scheme has been successful. So, if you are interested, please contact the Clerk to North Runcton Parish Council (northrunctonparishclerk@outlook.com) or Councillor Lee Stevens (stevens926384@gmail.com).

ARTS EXHIBITION

The annual Grimston Creative Arts Exhibition at Norfolk Creative Arts in Grimston will showcase drawings, paintings, photography, prints and sculpture by amateur and professional artists from within a 50 mile radius. There will be 100 pieces for sale and there's a cafe on site and free parking.

Open from **Tuesday 30th April to Monday 6th May 10am to 4pm** daily at Church Hill School, 71 Gayton Road. Grimston. PE32 1BG.

Village Sports

Results from Rural Community Games 2018

G.L.E.A.M. TEAM you did your villages proud in 2018! We actually finished in 2nd place, our best ever placing, so really well done to everyone who took part and/or supported us throughout 2018.

Final results as follow:

- 1st Clenchwarton (46 points)
- 2nd GLEAM Team (28 points)**
- 3rd Downham Market (26 points)
- 4th= Terrington St Clement (14)
- 4th= Methwold (14 points)
- 5th West Walton (8 points)

So that leads nicely on to organising the:
Rural Community Games 2019.

Planned events and dates are as follow:

Rounders - Friday 10 May, 6pm, need adults & at least 5 juniors aged 8-15 years old.

Tag Rugby – Friday 5 July, 6pm, need adults & at least 3 juniors aged 8-15 years old.

Table Tennis – Friday 13 September, 6pm, need adults and juniors aged 8-15 years old.

Badminton – Friday 11 October, 6pm, need adults and juniors aged 8-15 years old.

If you live in one of the GLEAM parishes of **G**ayton, **L**eziat, **E**ast Winch, **A**shwicken or **M**iddleton and would like to take part this year, I'd love to hear from you!

Sarah Byatt, Village Sports Co-ordinator
villagegames@hotmail.co.uk
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North Runcton Telephone Kiosk

Have you had a peek in the telephone kiosk at North Runcton (near the cricket pitch)?

There you will find a lovely array of pictures painted by the artists of the North Runcton Art Group. The friendly & sociable group meet at the Village Meeting Place every Wednesday & Thursday afternoons throughout the year.

Take a look & you will be in for a treat!

Nar Valley Ornithological Society (NarVOS)



Indoor meetings at the Barn Theatre, Sacred Heart Convent School, Swaffham.
Access and parking from Sporle Road.

RSPCA Wildlife Centre, East Winch with Alison Charles Tuesday 30th April 7.30pm

We are delighted to welcome Alison Charles, Centre Manager at the nationally famous RSPCA Wildlife Centre at East Winch. The centre cares for seals, birds, hedgehogs and wildlife in general so we are most fortunate to have Alison give us an insight into the remarkable work carried out by her team at East Winch. Don't miss it.

From the Gadder to the Galapagos with Trudy Welham & Ben Knights Tuesday 28th May, 7.30pm

This will be the first visit to NarVOS of 'Norfolk born and bred' couple, Trudy Welham and Ben Knights. If you think Ben's surname rings a bell, you are right, he is son of wildlife photographer Chris. The Galapagos Islands are probably better known than the Gadder - the stream at Gooderstone. We can expect this well-travelled couple to talk about both locations and anywhere in between.

Visitors most welcome at these meetings. Admission £2 on the night if you are not a NarVOS member. For more information about this meeting or NarVOS call Ian Black on 01760 724092.

NORTH RUNCTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Copies of the minutes from North Runcton Parish Council meetings are available on the website:

www.northrunctonpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk.

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Open the Book at Middleton School

Open the Book is a Bible Society initiative to present Bible stories to primary school children in a lively and often funny way. This year it is celebrating its 20th birthday. All over the country, the same book and method is used. After a short introduction, the book is opened, and the story is read with actions which the children join in. Then there is time for the children to think how the story relates to them, and a prayer. Questions are encouraged.



Our team has been visiting Middleton School fortnightly since September. Everyone – grownups and children – really enjoys it! We make props too. In March our one male team member, Shaun, excelled himself by building Pharaoh's horse and chariot!

We are keen to start Open the Book at West Winch as well, but to do so we need more Christian – not necessarily C of E - volunteers. As the Middleton team works it, we meet Church Farm at 8am on the day of the 9 o'clock performance for a rehearsal. After the presentation we return to the farm to read the next story and decide who will do what and which props or costumes will be needed. We normally finish by 10.30.

Please would anyone who'd like to get involved contact Sue Cook or Amanda Hart before you change your mind!

NORTH RUNCTON CHURCH EVENTS

Coffee morning
Saturday 11th May, 10am -12

At 16 Cedar Grove, North Runcton - home of Sam and John. Do come and enjoy the lovely homemade cakes and a friendly natter.

Flower Festival
All Saints Church North Runcton
31st May - 3rd June
10:00 - 5:00 daily

Concert and supper Friday 31st May at 7pm.
Tickets £10 from Lynda 01553 840553 or Ken 01553 842265.

Refreshments in the VMP on Saturday and Sunday, along with bric a brac, tombola, cakes and raffle in churchyard.

Any items for the above would be most welcome.

Songs of Praise on Sunday 6.00pm.

If anybody would like to sponsor an arrangement in the church, maybe for an anniversary or in memory of a loved one, or just to support the lovely church, please contact Lynda or Ken.

NORTH RUNCTON ART GROUP



If you are looking for a relaxing and enjoyable afternoon come and join our friendly and sociable group. Our members are all of mixed artistic abilities and creative in their own way using a variety of mediums and always willing to offer advice and help if needed.

Sounds like what you have been looking for? So why not give us a try and have a free taster session.

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40's Themed Dance - A Great Success

110 dancers attended the
event on 10th February at
the William Burt Centre in
West Winch as part of a
fundraising programme for
All Saints' Church North
Runcton.



Combined with the music of the era, the
relaxed and friendly dancers created an
infectious atmosphere which made for a very
enjoyable evening, even for those who were
just watching on the side lines. The fish and
chip supper was also a delight.

The members of North Runcton Parochial
Church Council wish to thank all who took part
or helped on the evening especially, Hannah,
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Middleton Parish Council Chairman's Report

By Mick Porter

At a previous meeting the Parish Council (PC) discussed the verge cutting at present carried out by (Norwich County Council) NCC. This task could be carried out by the PC and therefore NCC have been asked to provide the cutting schedule and the cost. The monies spent by NCC could be passed to the PC who in turn would obtain quotations for the work to be carried by a subcontractor. The PC is still awaiting the information from NCC.

Concern was expressed at the PC over the proposed West Winch bypass and its impact on the Parish, this followed a letter received from a parishioner. It appears that meetings have been held between the interested parties but Middleton PC have not been invited by Borough Council King's Lynn (BCKLWN) Any parishioners who feel that there will be an impact on the Parish should write to Alan Gomm at BCKLWN with a copy to the Clerk of the PC.

There are still instances of dog fouling on the playing field adjacent to the children's play area. The PC are contemplating installing concealed CCTV cameras in a bid to identify the person concerned with a possible prosecution to follow. To help overcome this problem the dog waste bin at present on the verge outside the entrance to the playing field will be moved nearer to the entrance gate to the play area.

Regarding highway problems, concern has been raised about the splay from Station Road onto the A47 and the hazard it is causing with lorries hitting the kerb and bouncing back into the road. Highways will be informed of our concerns. It has been observed that the lay-by on the Wormegay Road is starting to collapse into the adjacent field. Highways will be asked to treat this with some urgency.

The April meeting is also the **Annual Parish Meeting** where various clubs and organisations will give their reports, in addition to the Chairman's Report. Police Constable Lee Anderton, the Police Engagement Officer is also coming to talk about the latest police initiative for our area. He will also answer any questions.

The meeting is on the 3rd April in the Village Hall starting at 7.00pm. I hope there will be a good turnout.

EAST WINCH NEWS

Wanted – Speedwatch volunteers for East Winch/West Bilney!

Complaints of drivers speeding dangerously down Paws Lane in West Bilney and Station Rd, East Winch are on the increase. Norfolk County Council will not install speed bumps on our back roads. The village needs at least 6 (3 per shift) volunteers to monitor and record traffic away from the A47.

Training will be given. Please contact the Parish clerk, Bob Pannell or Nell Steele (840814) if you are interested or would like to know more.

Dog Poo – The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

We have plenty of poo bins in East Winch itself, and mostly they are correctly used. But there aren't any further out of the village. So if you walk down the bridleway towards Blackborough End, the nearest bin is by the church wall; and the bin at the entrance to the common is the closest to Bilney forest. So there you have a choice: either scoop up the poop and keep it till there is a bin you can use, or else just ensure it's not left on the path. The worst thing of all is to bag the poo and chuck it in the hedgerow, where it stays for years, an eyesore and a pollution hazard.

Advance Notice – East Winch Spring Fair on Saturday, 8th June from 2 - 4pm

The Christmas Fair was such fun that we decided to have a Spring Fair as well. The North Runcton Art Club will be exhibiting, and there will be stalls as usual. Please contact Nell (840814) if you'd like to have one at £5 each.

All Saints Church Opening

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LILIAN IS A LOCAL HERO

The October/November edition of the Parish News last year carried a feature on the skydiving and other fund raising exploits of North Runcton resident, Lilian Fisher in support of the Royal British Legion.

Her skydive raised £1,200 but as Poppy Appeal organiser over 10 years Lilian has helped to raise more than £160,000. Over that period, Lilian has significantly expanded the Poppy Appeal collection area, recruited more volunteers and encouraged more local businesses to take part resulting in £25,000 being raised last year alone.

Against that background, it should come as no surprise to learn that Lilian won the Fundraiser of the Year award at the KLFM Local Hero Awards 2019 ceremony in King's Lynn on 23 January. Lilian said "It was a big surprise to win the award, especially given the fundraising achievements of the other nominees, but I am of course very pleased and proud."



Lilian is pictured above at the award ceremony and below at home holding the trophy.



Well done Lilian from all readers of the Parish News. After such a long stint as Poppy Appeal Organiser, Lilian is standing down at the end of March. Peter Jackson is taking over the reins, although Lilian will be still there doing collecting and helping where needed. She said: "Thank you to everyone who has helped and supported me throughout the years. I have made so many wonderful friends."

Easter & New Beginnings!

(Matthew 28:1-8)

I reflect on the events of that first Easter morning and I want us all to grasp the wonder of the whole event. The words of the angel had instantly made a change in the life of disciples; their whole outlook on who Jesus was and what he achieved was reversed and their fear of death had been changed to hope.



The greatest threat we face in the future is death. The fear of death controls our life much more than we realize and can dictate what we eat, what activities we engage in, where we live and make us attentive to every ache and pain in our body.

Sadly people suffer the trauma of being made redundant, thrown on to the scrap heap after years of faithful service. Some suffer the pain of broken relationships and the pain is so intense that it seems it will never go away. People suffer abuse, poor health, mental problems, and death as an ever-present reality. Some feel the pain that grief brings – a pain that never seems to go away. I am not minimising the suffering that we all experience but Easter declares that pain and evil do not have the last say.

What will happen to all when we die is certain. Whereas the resurrection proved that the sacrifice of Jesus' life on the cross was acceptable for all of our sins and the future is certain and sealed for all who believed.

The women went to the tomb of Jesus on Easter morning, sad, depressed, confused, red-eyed and grieving. After encountering the angel with the news of Jesus' resurrection, they ran back to the disciples excited and joyful. Easter had changed them and is about new beginnings.

The resurrection of Jesus takes the teeth out of death and shows us that there is life beyond the grave. Death is no longer a giant ... it is a mere blip on the screen of eternity, as passing from life in this world to life in eternity.

Thus resurrection is not something that happened 2000 years ago but it has changed the way we look at life today. The **Lord is risen** indeed!

Happy Easter to you!
Rev. Riaz & family

Leziate Walk

by Stewart & Alison South

This walk is just outside the area covered by our Parish News. It's at Leziate and is perhaps one of the less well-known walks locally. And it's got nothing to do with Stewart's running exploits!

Location: Go north from Middleton and over the railway line at Tower End. At Brow of the Hill (Leziate), look for the Village Hall sign on your right. Turn in and park in their car park. Post Code PE32 1EN.

Walk Distance: 2.6 miles. **Time:** 1 hr 15 min. **Type:** Sandy woodland and breckland paths and tracks. There is no tarmac. It is not a strenuous walk. All public access. We hope you enjoy the walk.



Go through gate at rear of the Village Hall car park, south-east through 2 kissing gates into paddocks. After 200 yards you come to a waymarker sign with different options. Go straight ahead along narrow path and through a beech and sycamore wood. This is a beautiful bluebell wood in springtime. Straight ahead, east, after leaving the wood with gorse and bracken either side. You may glimpse a large lake on your left which in the past has been the home of a sailing club. And, prior to that, it was King's Lynn Golf Course before the area was quarried for silica sand. By keeping straight ahead you will come across a line of mature laurel bushes. By keeping these on your right-hand side you should avoid drifting on to unofficial paths.

After $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from the start you will see another tall marker post. Turn 90 degrees to your right (south) and follow the permissive path. Keep to the edge of the wood by walking alongside the stock proof fencing on your right. You will have conservation areas of grassland and heather on your right. Breckland bird specialities such as Woodlark and Nightjar have been seen here in these restored sand workings. No wonder, as the area looks much like a breckland landscape. After 1 mile from the start the track goes diagonally right briefly and then returns to the side of the stock fencing. Keep following this track. It meanders slightly but rejoins the stockproof fencing to your right. Look out for Jacob sheep and grazing cattle.

After 1.3 miles you reach Holt House Lane, a sandy bridleway bordered by woodland. Turn right (west). Small lake and reeds can be seen on left - part of yet more restoration following earlier quarrying. After $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles from the start you will come across a field gate on your right bearing a large 'No Entry' sign. Look over the gate for more views of the breckland-type grassland. Continue along Holt House Lane. Another 'No Entry' gateway appears on your right after 2 miles.

Shortly beyond this second gateway is a path to your right, indicated by a waymarker post. Take this path which is bordered by a belt of trees to the right and an open field on the left. When you get to the end of the field you will see a waymarker post with four options. You have been here before! You have almost finished. Turn left and after 200 yards you will be back at the village hall where you started!

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East Winch Parish Council Meeting, 4th March

By Nell Steele

The meeting was attended by Cllr Jim Moriarty; his last visit to this parish as in May we will be joining a new Ward including Gayton and Grimston. He was heartily thanked, having been an extremely helpful Borough Councillor for many years.

Several matters concerned **Station Rd.** Last year the dyke round Station Terrace flooded, and the fear is that unless it is cleared regularly, there may be floods again. The consensus of the Parish councillors was that the dyke is the responsibility of the householders in the Terrace, while clearing the grid is undertaken by NCC Highways. We have since learned from Highways suggesting that every time the Rangers are in the area we should ask them to check the grid. It was also stated that the grid should not get blocked from the bottom, as it was designed to force all rubbish to the top.

The council had complained to Highways that the broken post by the Village Hall had still not been attended to, with the consequence that the trod had been destroyed by traffic at that point. We have since heard from Highways that repair will be a priority - whatever that means!

A parishioner complained that cars have been speeding down Station Rd. There seems little we can do unless a Speedwatch team of 6 volunteers can be raised.

Other Highway matters. A parishioner had complained that road signs at Rae's Farm implied that the Parish Boundary was there, which was misleading. The clerk will contact the Borough Council about moving them.

The Clerk had contacted Highways England to bring the dangerous state of the railings at the Old Maid's Head to their attention. Shortly after the meeting, an email was received promising that the railings would be mended as part of a road safety scheme - but not until 2020-21.

Draft Local Plan. Cllr Moriarty told the meeting that West Norfolk's Draft Local Plan had been

issued (at the time of the meeting we had had no notification) and concerned planning for future housing, in accordance with government requirements. The consultation is supposed to last for 36 days, which means that by the end of March it will be nearly over.

Cllr Moriarty pointed out that the phrase 'at least' should be commented on, because it allows the council to approve planning permission for more houses than the original plan had required, for example, 'at least 5 houses' could be 10 houses when built. See the plan online at <http://west-norfolk.objective.co.uk/portal/lpr2019/lpr2019>

Elections on 2nd May. There is 1 candidate for West Bilney and 7 for East Winch. Most councillors wish to stand again. All paperwork has to be with the Borough Council by 3rd April, so anyone wishing to be a parish councillor should contact the clerk immediately.

The next meeting is on **Thursday, 9th May at 7pm**, when the Parish Assembly will be held. The usual meeting will be held after that. **Please note change of weekday and time!**



MIDDLETON & DISTRICT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Our next two social events are Evening Buffets on **Wednesday, 17 April and Wednesday, 15 May** at the William Burt Social Club starting at 6.30pm.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Please book places for the Evening Buffet by contacting Lilian Fisher on 01553 841852 or by email at lilianfisher@talktalk.net. Tickets for the Evening Buffets are £7.50 each person and include a full buffet with a glass of wine or a soft drink. Donations of raffle prizes greatly appreciated.

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Lunch Club usually meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at Middleton Hall Golf Club at 12.00 for 12.30pm.

For further details contact Olive Turpin 840623.

Middleton Badminton Club

Play badminton most Monday evenings (not Bank Holidays) at the Village Hall from 7pm to 9pm. The club is friendly and always welcomes new members. Contact Nigel Gray (01553 841541) for more information.

APOLOGY

In the last issue of the Parish News, the advert for The Gate Inn contained the wrong telephone number. It was, in fact, the telephone number of another advertiser – Good Tastes.

I would like to apologise to The Gate Inn, Good Tastes and to all our readers for this error and any inconvenience caused.

The Gate Inn advert in this and future editions contains their correct telephone number – 01553 840518.

Chris Hudson, Editor

Community Car Scheme

The Community Car Scheme is to help villagers who have no transport, who are elderly or disabled to attend at local doctors' or dentists' surgeries, opticians, health clinics or to keep hospital appointments.

A small charge is made to cover petrol expenses. If you require help or further information, or if you wish to volunteer help in any way, please contact Colin Skipper on 842448.

West Winch Bowls Club

Now that Spring has arrived, Green maintenance has begun in earnest in preparation for our Opening Day scheduled for **Saturday 13th April**. As tradition dictates, the club president, Ken Manning will bowl the first wood of the season signifying that the green is now open and the bowling season is underway.

The Opening Day presents the ideal opportunity for non members to come along and try their hand. Woods will be provided and expert tuition will be available from our senior bowlers. Newcomers are required to wear flat soled shoes (no heel) to protect the Green. Spectators are welcome to come and watch as there is plenty of seating available.

Membership is now due and costs just £17 a year and needs to be paid to the Treasurer Jim Grant. Jim will be on hand to take your money on Opening day.

The Opening Day Roll Up will begin at 2.30pm. However, everyone is requested to arrive at 2pm for the Opening formalities conducted and directed by club chairman, David Bull. We look forward to seeing you there.

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SPRINGTIME QUIZ & VOLUNTEERS

The first social event of the year for the Magpie Centre, home of West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled Association, is a Quiz with Hog Roast supper (plus vegetarian option), to be held on **Saturday, 27 April**.

This time we shall return to our usual venue, **Stowbridge Village Hall, Downham Road, Stowbridge PE34 3PE**. Doors open at 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm start and our licensed bar serves wine, beer, cider and soft drinks. Teams are usually from 4 to 8 but singles and couples are welcome to compete individually or to come and make up tables on the night.

Tickets, at £11 each, include the hog roast, plus a massive selection of salads and desserts, not to mention the quiz itself, which offers a wide range of questions and plenty of laughs along the way. Pre-booking is essential and is now open, so call 01553 828935 or email c.dudley@success-in-english.co.uk to secure your places.

All proceeds go to the Magpie Centre which gives more than 100 riding and carriage driving lessons a week to people of all ages and with a wide range of physical and learning disabilities.

After a long search, we are delighted to welcome a new Treasurer but we are still on the hunt for a trustee willing to take on responsibility for Health and Safety. If this might appeal to you, call Chairwoman Rosie O'Grady for an informal chat on 01366 500104.

Volunteers are also needed to help with riding lessons on a Tuesday from 3.30 to 8.00 pm, either leading a quiet pony or sidewalking a rider to help them maintain balance and with carriage driving lessons on a Wednesday from 11.00 am to 3.30 pm. No experience is required as full training will be given and if you can only manage part of one of these timeslots your help will still be welcomed. Lessons take place at the Magpie Centre, Wallington Hall, South Runcton PE33 0EP. We are on A10 about three miles north of Downham Market.

This is a great way to make new friends, learn new skills, enjoy the fresh air and give something back to the community. If you are new to the area, recently retired or otherwise have some time on your hands, just call the Magpie Centre on 01553 810202 to find out more.

Leziate, Ashwicken & Bawsey Women's Institute



We meet every 3rd Tuesday of the month from **2pm - 4pm at Leziate Village Hall** and welcome guests and new members.

At our meetings we have guest speakers who inform and entertain us on a variety of interesting topics. We also have social activities such as games, quizzes, competitions and lunch outings.

Our president, Ann, welcomed members and two guests to our February meeting. We joined together to sing 'Jerusalem' and dealt with business matters before we were treated to a very interesting talk by Nick Barrett of his farming life.

Nick and his family introduced Galloway Cows to Dersingham Bog to support Natural England with their conservation project. Nick and family also farm rare Large Black Pigs at Leziate, Shorthorn Cattle and Kerry Hill Sheep. Nick is one of the most successful breeders and exhibitors of Gloster Canaries. He has won many top awards and exports his stock worldwide. It was entertaining to hear Nick explain how he bathes his canaries ready for showing.

Refreshments then followed and members were able to browse our Bring & Buy stall which had the theme of 'Unwanted Christmas Gifts'.

Happy Birthday wishes and a gift were given to Ann. The Competition for an item beginning with 'L' was won by Ann with her love letters. Mary R. was 2nd and Ali 3rd.

The raffle was won by Margarita and Ann and Valerie won the member's draw.

Future Meetings

16th April: Angela Pickering - Quilting

21st May: Resolutions - Games

If you would like to consider joining our friendly and informal group for future meetings please 'phone Ali on 01553 841267.

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Sunday, 14 April

9.30am **W Winch** Palm Sunday Holy Communion

10.30am **E Winch** Holy Communion

11.15am **Middleton** Palm Sunday

3.00pm **N Runcton** Palm Sunday

Thursday, 18 April - Maundy Thursday

6.30pm **W Winch** Maundy Thursday Service followed by Feet Washing & Agape Meal

Friday, 19 April - Good Friday

11.00am **Middleton** Easter Garden

11.00am **E Winch** Easter Garden

Sunday, 21 April, Easter Day

9.30am **W Winch** Easter Communion

11.15am **Middleton** Easter Communion

11.15am **E Winch** Easter Communion

3.00pm **N Runcton** Communion

Sunday, 28 April

8.00am **W Winch** Holy Communion

10.00am **W Winch** Morning Praise

10.30am **E Winch** Morning Prayer

11.15am **Middleton** Morning Praise

3.00pm **N Runcton** Evening Praise

Sunday, 5 May

10.00am **Middleton** Benefice Eucharist

Sunday, 12 May

9.30am **W Winch** Holy Communion

10.30am **E Winch Village Hall** Morning Prayer

11.15am **Middleton** Holy Communion

3.00pm **N Runcton** Holy Communion

Sunday, 19 May

9.30am **W Winch** Holy Communion

11.15am **Middleton** Morning Praise

11.15am **E Winch** Holy Communion

3.00pm **N Runcton** Evening Praise

Sunday, 26 May

8.00am **W Winch** Holy Communion

10.00am **W Winch** Morning Praise

10.30am **E Winch** Morning Prayer

11.15am **Middleton** Holy Communion

3.00pm **N Runcton** Evening Praise

Thursday, 30 May

10.00am **W Winch** Ascension Day Eucharist

Sunday, 2 June

10.00am **E Winch** Benefice Eucharist

6.00pm **N Runcton** Praise & Worship (Flower Festival)

6.00pm **W Bilney** Evening Praise

Morning Worship is held each Wednesday morning at 9.30 am at Church Farm. All are welcome to join us to pray for the needs of the village and then enjoy a cup of coffee.

New Mobile Library Timetable

Norfolk County Council is introducing new Mobile Library routes and timetables from April.

There is now a single route covering Middleton, North Runcton and East Winch. North Runcton was already on monthly visits and the same will now apply to the other villages that previously received visits every two weeks.

Although at the time of going to press the new timetables had not been formally published, the Parish News understands that the Mobile Library will now visit once a month on **WEDNESDAYS** as follows:

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Graham Drive 12:25 - 12:40

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Town Close 15:30 - 15:50

Village Sign 15:55 - 16:05

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The Council meets on the first Wednesday of the month (except August) in the Village Hall at 7pm.

North Runcton (<http://northrunctonpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk>)

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Councillors: **Chair:** Mr R Morrish Tel: 840284; **Vice Chair:** Miss K Fuller;

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The Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except August) at 7.45 pm at the Village Meeting Place.

East Winch (www.eastwinchandwestbilney.co.uk/parish-council)

Clerk: Bob Pannell Tel: 775724 E-mail: bob.pannell1@btopenworld.com

Councillors: **Chair:** Mrs N Steele; **Deputy Chair:** Mr K Harrod;

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The Council meets every other month, normally on the first Monday of the month, at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

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