



PARISH NEWS

APRIL & MAY 2020

MIDDLETON, NORTH RUNCTON & EAST WINCH

OUR COMMUNITY AND CORONAVIRUS

The Parish News does not usually feature national news stories, but this is different. The current major threat from coronavirus is in truth a very local story. It affects us all as individuals and it affects our community.

This section of the front page was due to carry an item about North Runcton's plans to celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE day on 8 May. On that day 75 years ago, people across our country celebrated victory after a very different national struggle and sacrifice. Unfortunately, but understandably, the Parochial Church Council and Parish Council have concluded in the light of the latest government advice that their planned celebrations must be cancelled.

As usual, this edition of the Parish News carries many items about other planned local events in April and May. These events range from meetings and coffee mornings through to sporting activities and church services. At the time of going to press, it seems very likely that many of them may not take place as advertised. Readers are asked to check as necessary with organisers nearer the time of each event.

These are unprecedented times. It is obviously essential that we all follow the latest government health advice which is bound to evolve over the coming days, weeks and months. But where we

can safely do so, we can also come together as a community to fight the spread of coronavirus and help each other to deal with its impact. As no doubt is already happening, neighbours can keep an eye out for each other and find ways of safely helping with shopping or other daily tasks. And our local businesses need our support in very challenging times.

Stay safe and I hope that the Parish News can soon return to its normal role of delivering information about local events and local people.

Chris Hudson, Editor

Middleton Coffee Mornings



St Mary's Church, Middleton are resuming their Coffee Mornings. The first one will be on **Saturday 2nd May from 10am to 12 noon** and then on the first Saturday of the month through to September.

Please come and join us to meet up with friends, have a coffee, buy Eileen's delicious home made cakes and preserves, rummage through John's Bric a Brac, seek out plants for your garden and help to raise funds to keep our ancient church building safe and dry!

WEST WINCH BOWLS CLUB



Members of the bowls club will celebrate the "Glorious 18th" now that April is upon us. The "Glorious 18th" is the day in April that our 'Green' will open for the 2020 season! It's been a long winter so now it's time to get them Woods dusted and polished ready for the Opening Roll Up at **2pm on Saturday 18th April**. Chairman David Bull will contribute in the opening ceremony with words of welcome, and in true bowls tradition, our President (Ken Manning) will bowl the first wood of the new season. Ken's action will signify that our Green is now open.

The Secretary, Kevin Evans has been busy compiling the fixture programme, ably assisted by the Team Captains - Ken Manning, Stan Watkinson, Jim Grant and David Bull. This year we shall field teams in the EBA, Middleton,

Albert Victor and the Silver Jubilee leagues. The committee decided not to play in the Downham Triples this coming year thus to relieve congestion problems caused by other league fixtures.

In preparation for the opening roll up and the forthcoming season, Ken Manning and his team (Geoff Nunn, Jim Grant, Brian Parker, David Beckett) have been busy preparing the Green. Lawn sand has been laid. Spiking operations as well as the first mow of the season has been carried out. The pavilion has undergone a facelift under the direction of David Thompson and his two sons. A complete redecoration and a new carpet has already transformed the pavilion. New curtains/ blinds have yet to be installed.

Membership for the forthcoming year is now due and can be paid to the Treasurer (Jim Grant) at will. The membership is being held at only £17 for a full year's use of the Green. The club seeks new members from the local community and surrounding villages. Here in West Winch we have a Green which is "second to none", and can boast of a thriving, friendly club and superb facilities, so why not come along and give it a try once the season opens. All you need is a pair of flat shoes with no heel. Bowls and tuition will be provided. Age and gender do not constitute a problem.

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Nar Valley Ornithological Society (NarVOS)



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Birding Madagascar with Paul Fuller Tuesday 28th April, 7.30pm

Madagascar is sometimes called the Old-World Galapagos, or even the eighth continent. It has many unique species and has become one of those "must visit" destinations for wildlife enthusiasts. Paul Fuller (NarVOS member) visited Madagascar last year in search of the many endemic birds and his talk shows some of the special birds seen as well other wildlife, in particular some of the numerous lemurs.

Breeding Barn Owls in Norfolk with Ronny Steen Tuesday 26th May, 7.30pm

Ronny Steen from Norway is doing research work on Barn Owls in Norfolk. Ronny is from the Norwegian University of Life Sciences and he has been monitoring Barn Owls and the feeding of their young in the NarVOS area. Ronny has researched many predator species across Europe, sometimes involving the use of radio tracking and cameras. We look forward to welcoming Ronny to our NarVOS meeting.

Visitors most welcome at these meetings. Admission £4 on the night if you are not a NarVOS member. For more information about this meeting or NarVOS call Ian Black on 01760 724092.

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As readers will know from previous appeals, the Parish News is distributed free to households in Middleton, North Runcton and East Winch. We could not do this without our dedicated volunteers, all of whom are crucial to the viability and future of the magazine.

Distribution is a two stage process. First, the copies are collated into "bundles" of various size and delivered to our network of local distributors. The second stage is for those distributors to deliver the copies to individual houses on their route.

We urgently need the help of **two new volunteers** with their own transport to assist with the first stage of that process. Six times a year, the "bundles" need to be collected from Church Farm after 12.00 noon on the last Thursday of the month. The "bundles" need to be delivered as quickly as possible to the local distributors so that the magazine can be distributed to individual homes by the end of the month. Although it could all be done by one volunteer, ideally it would be better to spread the load and have two people, one to deliver 15 bundles to distributors from Station Road and Fair Green to the A47 and a second driver to take 9 bundles from School Road to Blackborough End.

In addition, we need a **local distributor** to deliver 12 magazines in Park Hill. The lady who has delivered them for 20 years is approaching her nineties and has difficulty walking. Can anyone who lives in this area please help?

If you are able to help, or would like any further information about what is involved, please contact me by phone (01553 840320) or email (gillian.boon@gmail.com). Your help would be very much appreciated by the whole community. Many thanks in advance.

Gillian Boon

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View the Parish News in colour on line at the Middleton Parish Council web-site. Go to the "Community" section of the web-site and you'll find the Parish News page with information on publication deadlines and downloads.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Magpie Centre, home of WNRDA, now has 90 volunteers, who give up their time on a regular basis to help with the running of the yard, pony care and assisting with riding and carriage driving lessons.

However, more able-bodied volunteers are still needed on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays to help with carriage driving lessons. Duties would include loading the participants' wheelchairs on to the carriage and following behind in a buggy to escort the carriages. No previous experience is required as training will be provided. If you can help with this, please call the Centre on 01553 810202.

TEA WITH A PONY SESSIONS START AT MAGPIE CENTRE

Following a successful pilot session last November, the first Tea with a Pony event is

scheduled to take place at the Magpie Centre, home of West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled Association, at Wallington Hall, South Runcton, PE33 0AP on **22nd April**. These sessions are planned to take place every month during the summer.

Designed for people living with dementia, and their carers, the session will include tea and cakes, plus the chance for participants to meet and greet some of the ponies and view the wheelchair-friendly carriages which are used in carriage driving lessons. There will also be a 'sensory table' with items of tack and grooming kit for participants to handle and to provide a stimulus for conversation.

The cost is £10 per participant and carer, so if you or anyone you know would like to attend, please call the Centre on 01553 810202 to register your interest.

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Middleton Parish Council Chairman's Report

By Mick Porter

The provision of a footpath at the allotment field is still under discussion.

A tree survey within the parish will be carried out to determine if there are trees that need protection orders placed on them.

The installation of the defibrillator at the Village Hall is imminent. Once this is carried out it is hoped that there will be an opportunity to publicise the fact in the local press.

The installation of a fence around the allotments is being proposed as the existing fencing is piecemeal and in the main consists of old pallets. Quotations have been received and a final decision will be made at the April Parish Council (PC) meeting.

The battery in one of the Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) has failed, the VAS was the one donated by Sibelco. They will be approached to see if they are willing to provide a replacement battery.

As usual, Simon Nash and Peter Gidney, our Borough Councillors attend the meeting. Both councillors expressed concern over the proposed building of 300 houses adjacent to the A10 as a roundabout is also being proposed at the site.

With traffic on the A10 already at a peak, a roundabout would only make matters worse. It is feared that there will be a rat-run via Setch Road, Sandy Lane and School Road.

Since his election Graham Middleton, our County Councillor has not attended any of the PC meetings. This is very disappointing as it means the PC has no idea what is happening at County except what is in the press.

The large puddle adjacent to the new bus shelter in Station Road will again be reported to the Norwich County Council (NCC) Highways. The puddle is the result of damage caused by lorries using the road.

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Please contact Sam Fuller by email for a membership form samfuller297@gmail.com

COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME FACES CLOSURE

The Community Car Scheme urgently requires new drivers if the scheme is to continue to operate. The scheme has for many years provided a vital service to local people who need transport to get to various health care appointments with doctors, dentists, opticians and at the hospital.

The scheme depends on a supply of local drivers willing to give up some of their time to help their neighbours get to and from these important appointments. A mileage allowance is paid.

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East Winch Parish Council Meeting, 2nd March 2020

By Nell Steele

The Parish Council has been depleted by 2 recent resignations. Both former councillors will be much missed, and we are very grateful for the work they have done over the years.

There are now only 4 councillors and the need to co-opt more is urgent. The Clerk informed the meeting that if there were so few that the meeting wasn't quorate, the Borough Council could appoint its own representatives. While this would enable the Council to continue, the appointee might have less understanding of the affairs of this village than local people.

Please consider serving your local community as a Parish Councillor. If you might be interested, please contact our Clerk, Bob Pannell (Tel: 01553 775724 or email: bobpannell1@btopenworld.com) for more information.

A report was received from The Friends of East Winch and West Bilney. Their fundraising had raised £2500, and a local employer had made an informal but very favourable offer. They were going to continue fundraising locally, but also will apply to big funders such as the Lottery. Their next event would be a Mind, Body and Soul day on 25th April.

Parishioners had complained that some buses don't stop at the Old Maid's Head and that there is no longer a bus stop sign or timetable at the stop on the opposite side of the road. The chair said she'd written to Highways England about the bus stop sign and they had replied saying it was the responsibility of Highways Norfolk. Accordingly, the reply has been forwarded to them.

The clerk had queried a previous communication from Highways Norfolk refusing to put up a Slow sign on Paws Lane, West Bilney. Regrettably, they refused again.

We discussed how to safeguard the telephone box library. The policeman dealing with the complaint had advised a wildlife camera, but it seems there is a law against filming on the

highway, and there could be legal difficulties if, for example, a minor was filmed. A parishioner attending the meeting agreed to check whether a lock would be effective.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday, 18th May. Annual Parish meeting at 7 and council meeting at 7.30.

NORTH RUNCTON CHURCH NEWS

COFFEE MORNING

on Saturday, 16th May 10am -12pm

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25th FLOWER FESTIVAL

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EAST WINCH NEWS

Strawberry Fair at East Winch - Advance Warning

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Date: **Saturday 27th June from 2 - 4pm**

Place: Village Hall. Stalls will cost £5.

To book, please contact Nell Steele 840814.

East Winch Church open on Saturdays

Just a reminder that in British Summer Time the church is open every Saturday from 10-4.

Speedwatch training

Training will take place on **Saturday 25th April** at the church, starting at 9.30. It should take about one and a half hours. Please be punctual, and please be aware that there is no toilet.

Please help

An East Winch family whose beloved mother died last year is distressed that a new glass vase has disappeared from her grave. They would be grateful if it could be put back.

NORTH RUNCTON ART GROUP



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There is no need to book in advance just come along on the day! Just bring footwear you don't mind getting wet, a windproof top, a change of clothes, and a towel.

No experience is necessary and would-be sailors of all ages from 8 years upwards are welcome. Children, you must be accompanied by an adult but your adult doesn't have to go sailing. Come and chat with our members and find out how you can get into sailing.



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For full details see www.snetbeach.co.uk

Alpha Course

The benefice will be running an Alpha Course in May and June. It's a great way for teens and adults to learn more about Christianity, and is suitable for anyone who is interested in the faith, whether they're regular church attenders, people who are thinking of going, or people who'd just like to make up their own minds.

The 6 meetings are going to take place at North Runcion Village Meeting Place on Wednesdays at 6.30, starting on 6th May. After a meal, we watch a video and then break into groups to discuss the topics raised by the film. The experience of most people is that it's relaxed, friendly and stimulating. There is no charge, though of course donations wouldn't be refused!

Dates are: 6th, 13th and 20th May and 3rd, 17th and 24th June. At the end of the course, there's a Holy Spirit day: the date is not yet fixed, but may be Saturday 4th July.

If you're interested, but can't make all the dates, don't worry: just come when you can.

Please tell Revd. Riaz (841519), Revd. Heather Berry (764098), or Nell (840145) if you are thinking of coming. Anyone who has registered will be contacted if plans need to be changed because of coronavirus.

MIDDLETON CHURCH NEWS

The Vicar, PCC and members of the congregation were very pleased with the response we had to our appeal for donations towards repairs to the church clock. Several people responded with giving to the cause and we are very grateful. Our thanks also to the Parish Council for agreeing to meet the cost of the repairs to the clock and to those who were happy for us to keep their donations to be used in other ways. Thank you all very much.

Our PCC now consists of only five members. Two are both elderly and infirm, one is likely to move in the near future and sadly our very efficient treasurer is moving away in a matter of months. So you see St. Mary's Church is in dire straits. In addition to that, we have no Churchwardens.

We have our annual PCC meeting on **16th April at Church Farm at 7pm**. Please come along as we would really appreciate your support at that meeting. We need 2 Churchwardens, a Treasurer, a Secretary and a Fabric Officer. The Vicar assures me that you do not have to be a church goer to fill these roles. If anyone is interested in taking on any of these positions, or would like more information, please get in touch with either **Edward Boon on 840320 or me on 840716**. We hope we will have as good a response as we did for the clock appeal! In hopeful anticipation.

Joan Van Dyke

STEWART IS READY FOR LONDON

I was looking forward to the London Marathon on 26th April, but it has just been announced that because of the current health threat from coronavirus the event has been postponed to 4th October.

All the training runs around the village and much further afield, such as running from Sedgeford to home at Blackborough End, would have brought me to the required level of fitness for 24 April, but I will now have re-schedule my training programme to ensure that I am ready to go on the new date in October!

The reason for putting myself through all this at the age of 72 is to raise money for Kidney Research UK. You probably know I donated a kidney to our son Joel in 1999 and our other son Oliver had a transplant in 2002.

I am truly grateful to those of you who have kindly supported me with my fundraising. If any more of you wish to sponsor me please contact me on 01553 841267 or email stewart.ali@btinternet.com or go to <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/StewartSouth>

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Events this year are:

Sunday, 26 April : Archery

Friday, 22 May: Rounders

Friday, 3 July: Tennis

Friday, 11 September: Tag Rugby

Sunday, 11 October: Table Tennis & Badminton

Please let me know if you'd like to take part.

Sarah Byatt, Village Sports Co-ordinator
villagegames@hotmail.co.uk

TEL: 07913 439222

NORTH RUNCTON OPEN GARDENS EVENT CANCELLED

North Runcton PCC were hoping that ten gardens would be open in the parish in July this year to allow the horticulturists in the area to also enjoy their splendour.

At least ten gardens were deemed necessary to make the event worthwhile. Unfortunately, only five gardens have definitely been offered, so it is with great regret the Open Gardens Event planned for July 2020 will not go ahead.

With our sincere apologies to those who offered their gardens.

Ken Matthews
Churchwarden, All Saints' North Runcton

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.

However, if you would like a paper copy sent in the post then please contact Rachel Curtis – Clerk to North Runcton Parish Council
Tel: 01553 673043.

Rewilding Project Walkabout

Following the well-attended meeting in December 2019, the Westacre Estate now extend an invitation for anyone to attend a walkabout around the Nar Valley Wilderness area. This is to further demonstrate the scale, vision and need for the project for residents and local businesses, and anybody who would like to learn more. A further opportunity to see first-hand the impact on the landscape, environment and rights of access.

The walk is scheduled for **Saturday 25th April, starting at 10am** from Abbey Farm, River Road, West Acre, PE32 1UA. If you'd like to be part of the walk please contact the Estate Office to reserve a place as numbers are limited.

Thank you.
Westacre Estate
Tel: 01760 755254
Email: info@westacre-estate.co.uk

The Grimston Creative Arts Exhibition 2020

The annual exhibition is now in its fourth year and is a great platform for local artists, amateur and professional alike to showcase their art. All the artists are from a 50 mile radius to Norfolk Creative Arts. 100 pieces of work are accepted and range from drawing, painting, original photography and print to sculpture. Each piece is available to buy so it's a great opportunity to purchase an original piece and support a local artist at the same time.

If you are interested in applying to exhibit please email hans@norfolkcreativearts.co.uk to receive an application form and the closing deadline is the 31st March. Each artist can submit 3 pieces.

When: 10am till 4pm daily from the **28th April to the 4th May**

Where: Norfolk Creative Arts, Church hill school, 71 Gayton Road, Grimston, Norfolk PE32 1BG (Next to St Botolph's Church).
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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 26 members to our February meeting, and introduced our speakers, Kay and Gill, from the charity 'Little Lifts'

We all joined together to sing 'Jerusalem' before dealing with business matters and then relaxed to listen to Kay and Gill tell us all about Little Lifts. Kay is Operations and Events executive in the Little Lifts team. She spends her time organising Little Lifts boxes and arranging fundraising events to support the charity. Gill has recently recovered from breast cancer and told us how the box of little treats made such a difference when she was feeling low during her chemotherapy treatment.

Little Lifts was formed by Oa, who was diagnosed with primary breast cancer at the age of 28. Oa had a network of friends and family who supported her along the way, lifting her down days with little treats to relieve some of the side effects of chemotherapy. Oa came up with the concept of Little Lift boxes. The boxes contain a variety of specialised treats such as bamboo toothbrushes, skin lotions, lip balms and sweets. The items help alleviate some of the side effects that women facing chemotherapy may experience. So far 850 boxes have been delivered to NHS hospitals in the region.

Refreshments were served and members perused the bring and buy table. Birthday wishes and a gift were presented to Joan, Jan and Ann. The competition for an item beginning with 'W' was won by Ann with her crafted witch,

Heather coming 2nd with a waistcoat and Ali 3rd with a wool blanket. The raffle was won by Anne and members draw prizes went to Mary B., Myrtle and Jan.

Future meetings

21st April: Roger Jones of Norfolk Wildlife Trust.

19th May: Resolutions meeting and quiz

16th June: Paul Bryant - Artist

For further information or if you like to join our friendly and informal group for future meetings please phone Ali on 01553 841267.

HOLY WEEK EVENTS

Holy Week takes place before Easter Day, and is a time when Christians reflect on the great sacrifice of Jesus, our Saviour. The events taking place are in churches, but are not standard church services.

On **Tuesday, 7th April, 6.30pm at North Runcton**, we're going to read poetry bringing us closer to Jesus and his suffering. People can write their own poems, just meditate, or use their artistic skills. Nell will put up some visual prompts too.

On **Thursday, 9th April, 6.30pm at West Winch**, Revd. Heather will lead a service of foot washing and Holy Communion, commemorating the Last Supper according to St John, when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples. Because of Coronavirus, please bring your own towel if you would like to have your feet washed. Again as a precaution, only communion wafers will be distributed, not wine.

On **Good Friday**, there will be an Easter Garden service at **11.00am at Middleton**. Later in the day, Revd. Heather will lead 'A day they call Good', a reflective service of Bible readings, meditations, hymns and silence at **2pm at North Runcton**.

The totally fun **Easter Egg Hunt** will take place - outdoors in the churchyard if possible - at **East Winch Church on Saturday, 11th April at 10.30am**. The church doesn't have a toilet, and only a cold water outdoor tap to wash hands.

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The club meets in Middleton Village Hall on the **second Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm**. The club welcomes new members and if you would like further information please call them on 01553 841294.

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.



Needleworkers Circle

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Contact James Williamson (01485 600946) for more information.



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Sunday, 5 April - Palm Sunday

10.00am **W Winch** Benefice Eucharist

Thursday, 9 April - Maundy Thursday

6.00pm **W Winch** Eucharist & Feet Washing

Friday, 10 April - Good Friday

2.00pm **N Runcton** Final Hour

Sunday, 12 April - Easter Day

9.30am **W Winch** Holy Communion

10.00am **E Winch Village Hall** Holy Communion

11.15am **Middleton** Holy Communion

3.00pm **N Runcton** Holy Communion

Sunday, 19 April

9.30am **W Winch** Holy Communion

11.15am **E Winch** Holy Communion

11.15am **Middleton** Morning Prayer

3.00pm **N Runcton** Evening Prayer

Sunday, 26 April

8.00am **W Winch** Holy Communion

10.00am **W Winch** Morning Prayer

10.00am **E Winch Village Hall** Morning Prayer

11.15am **Middleton** Holy Communion

3.00pm **N Runcton** Evening Prayer

Sunday, 3 May

10.00am **N Runcton** Benefice Eucharist

Sunday, 10 May

9.30am **W Winch** Holy Communion

10.00am **E Winch Village Hall** Morning Prayer

11.15am **Middleton** Morning Prayer

3.00pm **N Runcton** Evening Prayer

Sunday, 17 May

10.00am **Middleton** Benefice Eucharist

Sunday, 24 May

8.00am **W Winch** Holy Communion

10.00am **W Winch** Morning Prayer

11.15am **E Winch** Holy Communion

11.15am **Middleton** Holy Communion

3.00pm **N Runcton** Evening Prayer

Sunday, 31 May

9.00am **W Winch** Holy Communion

10.00am **E Winch** Holy Communion

11.15am **Middleton** Morning Prayer

3.00pm **N Runcton** Holy Communion

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.

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Blackborough Green 10:50 - 11:00

Middleton

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St Mary's Crescent 11:35 - 11:45

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Fair Green

Park Hill Estate 12:05 - 12:20

Graham Drive 12:25 - 12:40

Paul Drive 12:45 - 13:00

East Winch

Gayton Rd - Opp Windyridge 15:15 - 15:25

Town Close 15:30 - 15:50

Village Sign 15:55 - 16:05



Mothers' Union News

Our meetings are held at Church Farm Barn at **2.30pm on the 3rd Tuesday** of each month.

We enjoy a short service, tea and biscuits and an informal time together in very pleasant surroundings. We also have a speaker at each meeting, but the details of those for April & May are yet to be confirmed.

Hilary Hickman

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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.

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Councillors: **Chair:** Mrs N Steele; Mr M Place; Mr N Velzeboer; Mr A Yarham

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