



PARISH NEWS

DECEMBER 2022 & JANUARY 2023

MIDDLETON, NORTH RUNCION & EAST WINCH



Goodbye!

Yes, I have finally left West Bilney, after faithfully promising for at least 6 months that I'd be going within a fortnight! Good thing it took so long to sell the house, because clearing the mess in the sheds was like one of the Labours of Hercules, and it's still bad, though better than it was.

At the time of writing, I still haven't left the area properly: I won't bore you with the details, but I can't complete on the purchase of the house I want in Manchester just yet, and I've moved to a tiny cottage in Wells, from where I intend to make many forays into Lynn and surrounds. I don't know how long I'll be here.

People expect me to be wracked with emotion on leaving, but in fact I am pleased that a lovely family has bought the house and are tremendously excited about it. It wasn't till I'd collected the dog Lotte from kennels the day after leaving and, on taking her for a walk in Bilney woods, realised that all she wanted to do was to go home that I gulped tearfully.

Not many people say goodbye via the Parish magazine, but the reason I want to do it is to say THANK YOU! I have had so much help and support, so much love, and when I think of my mistakes and failures over the years, I can hardly believe it! It's the people I shall miss, far more than the house. And thank you to

everyone who contributed to my leaving presents with great generosity. How often do you go to get medicine from the Post Office only to be handed a card full of surprises!

Even though I can't remember much these days, I won't forget the people of East Winch and West Bilney in a hurry.

With love, Nell

Middleton Village Hall Christmas Fayre

Thursday 8th December
6-9pm

Unique handcrafted gifts, Christmas
goodies, cakes, cookies and so much more!



North Runcton Annual Churchyard "Tidy Up" Report "A BIG THANK YOU"

In 2017, churchwarden, Ken Matthews optimistically said that "one more year will complete the job", how wrong he was!!

Five years down the road from then and five large trailer loads of trimmings later, thanks to the hard work of around twenty dedicated parishioners, the churchyard is now getting close to the stage where only a "light trim" is required, well, apart from the Western hedge and the ever-present Ivy and Yew trees!

This year the weather was dry and warm, making the work more comfortable than it might otherwise have been. The PCC ladies provided wonderful refreshments mid-morning which, gave the opportunity for a well-earned rest and a chat.

North Runcton PCC wishes to say a very big thank you for all the hard work put in by the group, not only this year but over time, including many members, who have taken part in each of the seven years the annual tidy-up has been running.

"THANK YOU"

Please note, the date for the 2023 tidy-up is
Saturday 7th October.

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.

The Village Meeting Place
The Green, North Runcton Village, PE33 0RB
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For more information please contact
Liz Kerslake 01553 841792 or Janet 01553 841514

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH NORTH RUNCTON

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Thursday 8th December at 10am. If anyone would like to come and help they will be more than welcome.

We need lots of holly and ivy, so if you do have any maybe you could bring it to the church if no one is there just leave it outside the church door.

Thank you.
Lynda 01553 840553

Christmas Service All Saints' Church North Runcton

A Lessons & Carol Service will be held on
Christmas Eve at 6:30pm.

During the service, advent candles will be lit and the nativity scene created.

Mulled wine and mince pies will be served at the end of the service.

We look forward to seeing you at this wonderful service to take us into Christmas.
Arrive early to ensure a seat.

HOPE'S CHARITY

Set up in 1615 with an endowment from the Reverend Thomas Hope, the charity exists to provide for the relief of poverty and assistance of the elderly in the parish of North Runcton and Setchey.

The trustees are currently welcoming applications from parishioners who might need assistance with a one-off grant, which will either relieve poverty (for example, to help pay for heating costs) or assist the elderly (for example, by helping to pay for aids to make living at home easier).

All applications are treated in the strictest confidence. If you would like to apply, please contact us (see contact details below) with an outline of how much you would like to apply for and reasons.

Mail: Hope's Charity, c/o 56 Common Lane, North Runcton, PE33 0RF

Email: hopescharity1615@gmail.com

ANCIENT & MODERN

In times gone by, churches were seen as a place where folk could seek refuge from their troubles.

Has this changed in the 21st century?

This all came to mind in a discussion with a parishioner who answered the question for me. He had just attended a church service and, during that conversation, the changes to our lives over the last two years were mentioned, the effect of the pandemic, the current crises, the world, and our country are experiencing, and the additional pressures this has brought to all our lives.

It became clear, attending the service that day had done much to lift his soul and feeling of well-being. He wondered why, given the peace churches provide, more people do not seek the same, either, through attending services, with the added benefit of a chat with other members of the congregation, or through private prayer and reflection.

Either way, our churches are here for you.

Ken Matthews

Churchwarden All Saints' North Runcton

NORTH RUNCTON NEWS

New Road Consultation

Residents are now invited to 'have their say' about the proposed 'West Winch Housing Access Road' which will form part of the required new infrastructure to support the BCKLWN allocation for 4000 new houses.

The consultation period will extend from Monday, 14th November until Sunday, 8th January and you can comment on line at the NCC website

www.norfolk.gov.uk/WestWinchA10.

By the time this magazine is distributed, there will be two 'consultation events' still to be held. One is on **Saturday 10th December from 10am to 4pm at North Runcton Village Meeting Place** (opposite the church). **We strongly recommend that local residents attend.** This is probably the most significant new section of road proposed in the area since the King's Lynn bypass in the 1970s. The other event is at **West Winch Primary School on Wednesday, 4 January from 4pm to 9pm.**

We expect the exhibition to include a preliminary design for the road showing the proposed carriageway location, junction arrangements and associated infrastructure. This will be the first public presentation of such plans, and we would hope that it will add detail to the existing adopted BCKLWN policy as set out in the Local Plan (2016) which states at Policy E2.1 that:

- *A new road linking the A10 and A47 to provide a degree of relief of traffic on the existing A10 around West Winch, and access to new development*
- *Early and continuing delivery of various traffic calming measures and environmental enhancements on the existing A10 in and around West Winch, for the benefit of existing local residents, with the first measures commencing within 12 months of the start of development.*
- *Provision of: a) suitable arrangements for public transport to route through the wider site, and connectivity to main routes to encourage non car modes b) a*

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- *A network of cycle and pedestrian routes (including links to King's Lynn town centre) which would facilitate the level of growth both that planned to 2026 and potential further growth*
- *Local highway improvements and management measures to fully integrate the development into the surrounding network while avoiding adverse impacts including, in particular, consideration of the capacity of the Hardwick interchange and environmental and amenity impacts of potential additional traffic through North Runcton.*

Consultees should also be reminded that the adopted North Runcton and West Winch Neighbourhood Plan (2017) sets out specific requirements for what the Borough Council were then referring to as the 'relief road' (see the North Runcton parish website for the full Neighbourhood Plan and policy GA04 'Design of relief road').

In designing the proposed relief road, the following design elements should be included where possible:

- *A roundabout or similar 'free flow' junction at Gravelhill Lane to eradicate congestion and queues and to provide safe local access to the A10/relief road.*
- *Rectory Lane and Chequers Lane to remain as through roads and incorporate safe cycle and pedestrian crossings.*
- *Cycle and/or pedestrian paths to be provided on both sides of the relief road corridor and these should be generally separated from the road carriageway by a sustainable soft landscape strip (grass verge, hedge, tree planting – or preferably a mix of all three).*
- *Appropriate safe cycle and pedestrian crossing points to be provided at regular intervals along the road – and specially to link desire lines between local centres, recreational facilities and public transport*

nodes. Safe wildlife crossings should also be considered.

- *The design should fully integrate environmental impact mitigation features – especially ensuring that existing and proposed settlement is mitigated from traffic noise and night lighting impacts. Night lighting should be minimised, especially in sections adjacent to an agricultural backdrop. The road surface should be designed to minimise tyre noise.*
- *A maximum speed of 40 mph for the relief road – but a 30mph limit may be appropriate and desirable in some sections. The carriageway design should discourage speeding.*

In subsequent discussions in 2018, parish council representatives were told by WSP, the County Council's design engineers, that a flyover bridge suitable for two-way vehicular traffic would be provided on Rectory Lane to maintain local east-west access between the villages. However, Chequers Lane would be permanently closed to traffic and that only a bridge suitable for pedestrian and cycle traffic would be provided.

It is very important that local residents remember this context when providing feedback to Borough and County officers. Parish councillors often feel that they are providing the only continuity in this drawn-out planning process – and, suffice to say, many current officers are new to the project.

It is of interest that the authorities appear to have now distanced themselves from the term 'relief road', although during the recent consultation about the 'framework masterplan' there was much talk about how the new road would 'resolve local traffic problems'. This claim seems dubious.

3-4000 new homes will generate thousands of additional local traffic journeys a day. For residents living adjacent the A10 (which NCC now say carries 24,000 vehicles a day), the idea of having a 'West Winch bypass' that takes away the current through-traffic (including HGVs) is clearly attractive. But in reality, any traffic taken off the existing A10 is very likely to be quickly replaced with new local traffic. For

the estimated 20 years it will take to build the development, much of that local traffic is likely to be generated by construction.

Meanwhile, the new proposed road (which we are told, will not be a dual carriageway) seems likely to quickly be carrying in excess of 20,000 vehicles-a-day when complete (NCC are saying 28,000 by 2039). All of this traffic will still be dependent on the Hardwick roundabout as the main distribution junction for the area. It is not easy to see how local traffic issues will be 'resolved' with these plans.

North Runcton Conservation Volunteers

We recently had a very successful meet in October where the new permissive path down around the Middleton Aggregates Clay Pit was cleared to allow easier passage. We also had a team clearing around tree and hedge planting in Sheep's Course Wood. Thanks to everyone who attended. By the time you read this we will also have completed a litter pick around the village.

We plan to have a couple of meets after Christmas. One to transplant some trees to Sheep's Course Wood. The other to do some checks and clearing at Hardwick Common. If you wish to receive more details of these please contact me at cllrpalmer@northrunctonpc.co.uk.

KING'S LYNN WOODTURNERS CLUB

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.

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.

Please contact James Williamson (07752 285061) for more information.



Middleton Parish Council Chairman's Report

By Zach Wiles-Van Dyke

The PC met as usual in October and November. It had been hoped that there would be a meeting with Mark Lambert from Highways England immediately prior to the meeting on the 5th October. The day before the meeting, Mark Lambert confirmed he would be in attendance however at 10:30AM, not 6PM. I did my best to spread the word with just 24 hours notice by use of Facebook and the Nextdoor Middleton Page. Due to the short notice, unfortunately only 2 parishioners attended, along with myself, councillor Porter and councillor Applegate. Both of our Borough Councillors, Gidney and Nash attended and County Councillor Moriarty who arranged the meeting.

Mr Lambert was very forthcoming with information on plans for the A47 and was happy to take questions. He explained the proposed safety measures for the A47, including a proper bus stop opposite the car wash for people boarding busses toward Lynn and hopefully another somewhere for busses toward Swaffham. The proposal also includes lowering the speed limit to 30 through Middleton and East Winch and lower speed limits between the villages and the Hardwick. Mr Lambert also talked about 'operation moonshot' operated by the police that included many unmarked police cars patrolling the A47 in our area, catching speeding vehicles. Attendees of the meeting said that they'd never seen anyone stopped for speeding on the A47 locally.

We reported that, at the time of meeting, there had been 3 accidents on the A47 within two weeks and how unsafe the junctions are. We suggested that the traffic lights included both junctions for cars, as well as the pedestrian crossing. Mr Lambert said it wasn't out of the question and was a good idea. We also suggested the widening of the junction of station road onto the A47 to avoid lorries turning onto the wrong side of the road, a consistent pavement along the A47 from the top of Hill Road at Fairgreen, back into Middleton and additional bus stop near the North Runcton turning and the Fair Green turning. Mr Lambert said this could also be looked into. Average

speed cameras through the villages was also suggested and again Mr Lambert said it was a viable option. Cllr Moriarty raised a concern regarding the overnight roadworks on the A47. They seem to take place leading up to Christmas every year, damaging the pubs on the road's trade. Other comments were made agreeing with this and also how badly planned the roadworks are and it's not clear what they're actually doing.

We thanked Mr Lambert for coming and he offered to send us monthly updates of planned works to the A47 and progress with safety measures. As of yet we haven't received anything.

In other news;

- The goal posts for the playing field have been delivered and will be fitted soon.
- The new notice board for the village green has been delivered and put in place.
- Cllr Porter attended a meeting regarding the proposed plans for the new hospital. These plans have since been published in the papers. There is a model in the entrance to the hospital.
- The smell from the landfill that's been reported has apparently been investigated by the environment agency however we haven't heard anything.
- By the time this will be published I will have attended the remembrance service at Middleton Church to lay a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

Our December meeting will be on 7th of December at 7PM. Open to everyone as usual, but there might be the odd mince pie and chocolates available.

Lastly, as odd as it seems to be writing this mid November, on behalf of myself and the Parish Council I'd like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Middleton Village Hall Management Committee

Annual General Meeting

8pm Village Hall

Wednesday, 25th January 2023

Wendy's London Marathon

You may remember the article about this in a previous newsletter, and I wanted to update you all. I was running for Cancer Research UK, inspired by a friend going through treatment for Breast Cancer.



I am very pleased and proud to say I completed the London Marathon on Sunday 2nd October in a time of 4 hours 36 minutes (and 5 seconds). It was not an easy run, but the charity and my friend, as well as friends and family waiting to cheer me along on the way, kept me going to the end.

The atmosphere on the day was amazing, with crowds keeping everyone going, as well as the music and charity cheering squads, and people with sweets and fruit for runners, along with their banners of encouragement. It's the second time I have run London, and I swore never to do it again, but have already found myself entering the ballot for next time!

I would like to say a really big thank you to everyone who reads this newsletter that took the time to sponsor me. I received donations in cash, by cheque and online. As a result, I have raised almost £2000 for Cancer Research UK.

I was inspired to run by a friend undergoing treatment for breast cancer, but since I got my place, two more friends were diagnosed with cancer, and my husband's Aunt was diagnosed and has since died from it. Your donations will help improve the chances of further cancer sufferers.

And if anyone else did want to add a pound or two to the total, there is still time. You can put cash or cheques through my door (1 Hall Orchards, Middleton), or donate online at

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/wendys-london-marathon-3>

Thank you.
Wendy Fisher

Nar Valley Ornithological Society (NarVOS)



Please note that there is no NarVOS meeting in December.

Wednesday 25th January 2023 at 7.30pm

Indoor Meeting at the Assembly Rooms, 1 Market Place, Swaffham PE37 7AB

The 2022 BIGBY Challenge with Gary 'The Biking Birder' Prescott

(following the Society's AGM)

The Big Green Birding Year (BIGBY) is a challenge to see as many bird species in the year as possible. The 'challenge' is to achieve this target in competition with, this year, around 250 birders across Europe, though other countries are involved as well. The most challenging aspect of this event, however, is the requirement to travel using no form of fossil fuel transport. Gary has, at October 2022, covered over 5500 miles by bike.

Within the challenge, Gary has an ongoing head-to-head with a Catalan birder – they are arch-rivals and great friends and are (as at October 2022) just 3 species apart – who knows which one of them has the lead. We will hear about the route taken, the species seen, the people met and the final outcome of the 2022 Challenge.

Please join us for a short AGM followed by this fascinating presentation.

Visitors welcome. Admission £4 on the night; free to NarVOS members.

For more information contact Ian Black on 01760 724092 or go to www.narvos.org.uk

LEZIATE SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB



We meet at Leziate Village Hall every Thursday afternoon from 2 – 4pm.

New members needed. If you already play or would like to start, please come and join us.

For further information, please contact David Goose on 01485 600919.

East Winch Parish Council Meeting 8 November 2022

By Andrew Stephens OBE

Regular readers will recall that in the 10 Minute Open Forum for Parishioners at the last meeting, a lifelong resident reported that parishioners in East Winch were experiencing a highly pungent smell seemingly coming from one of the nearby facilities (or vehicles servicing those sites). This had been reported to the Environment Agency Hotline and there had not been a recurrence subsequently, but Parish Council agreed that this was an issue that needed to be monitored going forward.

With regards the National Highways' proposals for reduced speed limits (and other safety improvements) on the A47 between Kings Lynn and Pentney, Parish Council considered these were unlikely to be effective without active enforcement measures. Parish Council agreed to take advantage of the consultation on the proposals to press again for a pedestrian crossing for the East Winch section of the A47.

Parish Council received reports from County Councillor, Cllr J Moriarty and from Borough Councillor, Cllr C Manning.

On planning matters:

- The consultation on Min 40 Silica Sand extraction has been extended to December 2022
- There was nothing to report on the Wellness Resort Project
- Planning applications relating to a proposed eastern extension to Pentney Quarry are to be submitted by Middleton Aggregates. Parish Council considered a "Community Liaison Statement" describing the proposals but unfortunately no representative attended the meeting to provide more information or to hear the views of the Council.
- The owner of the site at Pentney Woods, seeking approval for a change of use of woodlands to a holiday and recreation site, had now obtained a tree thinning licence and was proposing to erect a building on the site for the purposes of forestry.

As previously reported, Parish Council has been very impressed with the quality of the Trod under construction by NCC Highways from Station Road to the Post Office and it believes the Trod will represent a major improvement in pedestrian road safety in the village. So Councillors were all the more disappointed to learn that work on it had been suspended by NCC due to cost pressures and that work to completion (including the repainting of road markings) would not be able to resume until the next financial year.

Parish Council agreed to install a new notice board in the bus shelter and a refurbished one at Town Close. A risk assessment had been undertaken, and faulty streetlights and un-replenished saltbins had been identified and would be reported. A preliminary discussion on the budget for 2023/24 took place in advance of substantive consideration at the next meeting.

Parish Council Meetings are now held on a Tuesday (not Monday) evening. The next PC meeting will be held on Tuesday 10 January at 7.30pm.

**Do you have
OLD GLASSES**
that you no
longer wear?



Chichester Lions Club collect old glasses, sort and grade them then ship them around the world to help people who need to see more clearly.

If you have any old glasses, please drop them into the postbox at 56 Common Lane, North Runcton PE33 0RF. I will make up a parcel to send off to the Lions Club.

Anna Gunn

HOW TO REPORT FLY TIPPING

The Borough Council is responsible for dealing with fly tipping and have a new on-line reporting system. To report an incident of fly tipping, please use the following link:

<http://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/default.aspx?page=21512>

North Runcton Parish Council

QUIZ NIGHT

**Friday, 13 January at 7.45pm
at the Village Meeting Place,
North Runcton**

"How many Prime Ministers does it take to
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Great Prizes to be won in our raffle!

Up to 6 people per team,
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For more information and to book places
please call **Rachel Curtis, Parish Clerk**
01553 673043 or **Cllr Laura Gunn 01553**
841698

**Leziate,
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& Bawsey
Women's
Institute**



theWI
INSPIRING WOMEN

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

We spent a productive afternoon at our
November meeting making Christmas
wreaths. Thanks go to Valerie and Jan for
their demonstrations.

In December we will be looking forward to
ringing out carols on hand-bells - with the
guidance of Chris Dixon.

January 2023 finds us celebrating our WI
group's 78th birthday.

For further information please contact Ali
South (Secretary) on 01553 841267 or Ann
Rainbird (President) on 01553 840196.



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The East Winch Village Hall (EWWH) committee is in need of some more help to maintain and improve this valuable local resource.

Would you or anyone you know have the energy and enthusiasm to make a difference in our local community?

Operating as a charity, the current committee has five serving members which includes the Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary as well as two general members and we are keen to find some more members for the team.

This is a fantastic opportunity to develop new skills or use your existing ones. All we ask for is that you are able to attend quarterly meetings, (usually on a Tuesday evening at EWWH), as well as the occasional support with the admin for web bookings, arranging access for maintenance purposes and maybe a spot of fund raising!

I assumed the role of Chair in 2021 when it seemed likely the hall would have to close due to the lack of support locally. Although I do not live in the village, I do run the local NCT Tums2Tots group and I'm really keen to make sure we have a committee that can keep the hall alive and prospering ..."

**- Claire Hardy
Committee Chair**

If you would like more information or feel you could help please contact Claire Hardy directly by emailing claire@eastwinchvillagehall.com

OPEN THE BOOK

Children love stories. Open the Book teams bring Bible stories to life in fun, interactive ways, using drama, props and costumes and the children love it.

The teams are made up of local Christians who go into primary schools and deliver Bible stories in 10-15minute assemblies. School teachers like Open the Book too and want more of it!

Before the pandemic, many schools in Lynn and the surrounding villages, including Middleton, were receiving Open the Book, but currently there is only one team operating in the whole area! Schools are **asking** for Open the Book but their needs are not being met here. Could you help?

There are many ways of helping. More storytellers are needed urgently (individuals don't have to be involved every time the team goes into school). Other people provide valuable help by making simple costumes or props.

To find out more look online and/or contact Sue Cook (Tel: 01553 841269), who can fill you in on what is happening locally, especially in Middlewinch.

Heather Berry

ALL SAINTS CHURCH NORTH RUNCTON MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

We would like to thank everyone who attended the coffee morning on Friday 30th September.

Your generosity raised £235 for the charity. Thank you again for your support.

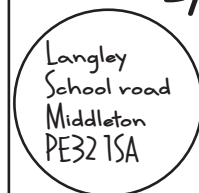
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Treasurer Needed & Christmas Gifts

Calling all accountants, retired accountants, and those with a wealth of bookkeeping and or business experience!

Sadly, our Treasurer has resigned, for personal reasons, and we need a new Trustee to take over his duties.

The new incumbent must be over 18 years of age, and willing to become a Trustee of West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled, based at the Magpie Centre, Wallington Hall, South Runcton PE33 0EP.

However, experience of handling horses, or of working with people living with disabilities is not essential.

This is an Honorary position, within a happy, friendly team, so don't be shy to apply. Enquiries in the first instance should be by email to WNRDA Chairman Mrs Bernadette Ford: sapphire.kiwi@gmail.com, who is looking forward to hearing from you.

We are now well into the swing of Christmas preparations, so now's the time to take a peek at the Christmas merchandise available from the Magpie Centre, home of West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled Association.

We have a charming Christmas card design, with simple greeting, at £4.50 for a pack of 10, and a stunning 2023 calendar, illustrating our ponies and how they benefit our riders and carriage drivers, who live with a variety of physical and learning disabilities. The calendar is A4 size, therefore plenty of space to jot down future engagements.

And for a unique stocking-filler, there's 'Changing Tides', a newly-published anthology of poetry and short prose, compiled by members of The Norfolk Writers' Exchange. This A5 sized volume of 146 pages covers a range of topics, ranging from embarrassing parents, hairdressers and wild elephants to a poetic review of St Winnold's Fair. Price is £8.99, with postage and packing an additional £2.60.

Profits from the sale of the book will be divided between West Norfolk RDA and West Norfolk Deaf Association.

All items are available from the Magpie Centre, Wallington Hall, South Runcton, PE33 0EP, various outlets throughout West Norfolk, or order online from our website: www.rda-westnorfolk.org.uk.

Happy Christmas!

Norfolk Libraries Offer Warm Welcome

Until the end of March 2023, Norfolk Libraries Service will be making all 47 of its libraries available as part of the national Warm Welcome campaign. Libraries will remain open for all and provide a space for people to sit in comfort and access a variety of services on offer. These include reading, doing a jigsaw, playing a board game, or joining in Just a Cuppa or activities.

Other **free** services available at Norfolk libraries include:

- Tea, coffee, instant soup, and hot chocolate are available during staffed hours
- Library staff and volunteers can provide visitors with trusted information about other support which is available
- A variety of bags are available for free, with no questions asked.

The bags are:

- ▶ Warm And Well (Adult and Child bags) containing: a scarf, a hat, gloves, a blanket, socks and a hot water bottle.
- ▶ Warm And Well - Toiletries To Go (Adult bags) containing: shampoo, bodywash, deodorant and toothpaste.
- ▶ Warm And Well - Toiletries To Go (Children's bag) containing: shampoo, bodywash, bubble bath & toothpaste.
- ▶ Tricky Period To Go: Two packs of sanitary pads (1 normal, 1 super/night or long in the case of some supplies).
- ▶ Vests and toothbrushes will also be available on request.

Church Services in December & January

Sunday, 4 December

10.00am **W Winch** Holy Communion

11.30am **E Winch** Carol Service & Communion

Sunday, 11 December

11.00am **Middleton** Benefice Carol Service

Friday, 16 December

2.00pm **N Runcton** Crib Service

Sunday, 18 December

10.30am **W Winch** Carol Service

11.00am **N Runcton** Holy Communion

Saturday, 24 December - Christmas Eve

6.00pm **W Winch** Crib Service

6.30pm **N Runcton** Carol Service

Sunday, 25 December - Christmas Day

10.00am **W Winch** Benefice Christmas Communion

Sunday, 1 January 2023

11.00am **E Winch** Benefice Holy Communion

Sunday, 8 January

10.00am **W Winch** Holy Communion

11.00am **N Runcton** Morning Service

2.00pm **Middleton** Holy Communion

Sunday, 15 January

11.00am **Middleton** Benefice Service

Sunday 22 January

10.00am **W Winch** Holy Communion

11.00am **N Runcton** Holy Communion

Sunday, 29 January

11.00am **E Winch** Benefice Service

CARPET BOWLS

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North Runcton PCC **Harvest Supper Report**

On the evening of Wednesday 12th October, North Runcton Sports Pavilion was buzzing with 45 folk, including guests from India.

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The pandemic had prevented a harvest supper being staged in each of the last two years so the supper provided an opportunity for the guests, many of which stayed on after the meal, to catch up with each other.

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