



PARISH NEWS

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2023

MIDDLETON, NORTH RUNCION & EAST WINCH

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Can you please help? We urgently need a volunteer or volunteers willing to distribute 35 copies of the Parish News in Walter Howes Crescent, Middleton.

Mary Burman has been the distributor for some seven years but has to step down. Many thanks to Mary and her husband for all they have done to support the Parish News by distributing the magazine in their area.

Distribution of the Parish News takes place six times a year and the copies for your "round" will be brought to your premises. The task could be shared if friends or neighbours wished to take on the role together.

The Parish News depends crucially on our network of volunteer distributors. If you can help, or would like more information about what's involved, please contact David Colgan on **01553 841307** or email david.colgan@btinternet.com.

Please help if you can.

ACTS OF REMEMBRANCE

This year's Remembrance Services will take place as follows:

Remembrance Day - 11 November
North Runcion at 10:40am

Remembrance Sunday - 12 November
West Winch at 10:40am



MIDDLETON VILLAGE HALL

HALLOWEEN PARTY

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Stewart's Marathon Update

What's happened since I wrote in the last Parish News?
Answer: more training runs and more fundraising.



My longest run so far has been 20+ miles from Fring, along Peddars Way, then across country to Roydon, Bawsey and home at Blackborough End. Another 20+ run is planned, as well as the Sandringham 10K, before the 26.2 mile marathon itself.

I have had a generous sponsorship response from across our three parishes, and even a couple of donations from over 100 miles away! Thank you so much for your kindness and goodwill. If anyone else would like to support 'my cause', please see below.

At 75 I am running my last-ever marathon on 15th October - the Yorkshire Marathon. Following our son Joel's kidney failure I donated a kidney to him in 1999. Our other son Oliver later had kidney failure and received a transplant in 2002. Joel had a second transplant in 2021. If you would like to support my fundraising efforts, please make out cheques to Kidney Research UK or go to www.justgiving.com/StewartSouth or call 841267 or stewart.ali@btinternet.com or Fornsides, Setch Road, Blackborough End, King's Lynn, PE32 1SL.

Thank you, Stewart South

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?
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The Village Meeting Place
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EAST WINCH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 5 SEPTEMBER

By Andrew Stephens OBE

The Parish Council had written to Adrian Flux to convey the concerns raised by Parishioners at the previous meeting about the noise levels and lateness of the various parties held on the Adrian Flux site at East Winch Hall on three occasions in June, and also about the fireworks which present a particular problem for residents with horses and other pets. The Parish Council had asked the company to give due regard, going forward, to their neighbours in East Winch and West Bilney when planning any further such events that might impact upon them.

Mr Paul Twite, the General Manager of Adrian Flux, attended the Parish Council meeting on 5 September to listen and to respond to the concerns of parishioners. The Parish Council very much welcomed this responsiveness on the part of the company. However, it was particularly disappointing that no parishioners attended the meeting.

Mr Twite said he fully appreciated the concerns of residents. He explained that 2023 was a special year for the company as it was its 50th birthday. The East Winch Hall site had also this year hosted (by request) a party to mark Kings Lynn's Festival Too. A further Adrian Flux staff family party was to be held on Saturday 9 September from 2pm-10.30pm, with fireworks.

He assured the Parish Council that the relevant Environmental Protection regulations were taken into account, and that strict finishing times would be adhered to. He said the company was considering a move towards this earlier, family party model rather than the normal 8pm-12pm timing for staff parties. Mr Twite said he fully understood the particular problem that fireworks posed for residents with horses and other pets and the importance of getting timely communications so that steps can be taken to protect and to calm the animals. He agreed to attend the Parish Council's meeting in May 2024 to confirm the company's arrangements for next year. Mr Twite said he was happy to receive any concerns from parishioners, and Adrian Flux would be pleased to engage with the Parish Council on other issues if that would be of assistance.

Other matters:

- County Councillor Jim Moriarty and Borough Councillors Michael De Whalley

and Bal Anota were unable to attend the meeting but Mr Anota submitted a written report.

- The Clerk was asked to get clarification from the Trustees about the current position of the future of East Winch Village Hall
- There was no progress to report on either the completion of the pedestrian Trod to the Post Office or about the proposed re-siting of a bus-shelter on the A47 opposite the Carpenter's Arms.
- The Parish Council is continuing to look for a village handyman, a role which comes with a small honorarium. Volunteers are also needed for the village's Speed Monitoring Team. Anyone interested should contact the Parish Clerk, bob.pannell1@btinternet.com.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held in East Winch Village Hall on Tuesday 7 November, beginning at 7.30pm. Please come along.

ADVANCE NOTICE: NEW EDITOR REQUIRED

By the middle of next year, I will have served as Editor of the Parish News for 10 years. I have decided for a number of personal reasons that I should, at the latest, step down as Editor at that point.

I believe that the Parish News performs a valuable service to the community. It helps to bring local people together by providing a platform for publicising local events and groups. It enables local businesses to advertise their services. I hope that it also helps to inform and entertain readers with stories of current local interest as well as items on local history and the occasional puzzle.

I very much hope, therefore, that a successor can be found to enable the Parish News to continue and thrive into the future. My purpose in giving notice now of my departure is to try to give the best possible opportunity and time for a successor to be identified and ensure a smooth handing over of the baton.

If you would be interested in taking over as Editor, or would like more information about the role, please do not hesitate to contact me. My phone number is 01553 849725 or email editorofparishnews@gmail.com. Thank you.

Chris Hudson

Middleton Parish Council Chairman's Report

By Zach Wiles-Van Dyke

The Parish Council resumed meetings in September.

There has been an update on Water Lane from Jim Moriarty. It seems the only options that can be implemented within the budget would be road painted signs stating no entry at the point where the road becomes one way and possibly a flashing slow down sign at some point on the lane. Jim is going to get some graphics of what exactly these would be, and where.

The lorries through Hill Road and Station Road were also discussed after a resident who contacted the County Council asking for a weight restriction was told that this wouldn't be approved due to lorries having a right of access and likely objections from residents of Leziate if all the lorries were sent that way.

The PC said at a previous meeting that we would back the proposal of a weight restriction through Middleton and Fairgreen. At this point, as when previously tried for, it seems that we can't get anywhere.

We are still looking for one Parish Councillor to join the council. If you'd like to get involved and have your say, then please get in touch.

All Saints' Church North Runcton Churchyard "Tidy Up" 2023

Once again, Churchwarden, Ken Matthews, is looking for willing volunteers, armed with wood cutting, strimming and trimming clearing equipment, to keep the churchyard tidy for use by all.

During the morning, refreshments will be provided which, is also a good time to meet and chat with other folk from the village.

**The date for the "Tidy Up" is:
Saturday, 7th October, 9.00 – Noon?**

If you are able to help, please give Ken a call on: 01553 842265 or just join the party on the day.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH NORTH RUNCTON HARVEST SUPPER

**Wednesday, 11th October at
North Runcton Sports Club
7.00 pm for 7:30pm**

Tickets £12 each.
Phone Lynda 01553 840553 or
Ken 01553 842265.

Hot supper & raffle.

Bereavement Service St. Mary's Church Middleton

5th November at 3:00 pm

Losing a loved one is one of the most difficult experiences in life. It can leave us feeling lonely, confused, angry, or hopeless. But we don't have to face it alone. There is support and comfort available for those who are grieving.

At St. Mary's Church, we invite you to join us for a special bereavement service on 5th November at 3 pm at the church. This service is open to anyone who has been affected by the death of a family member, friend, or pet. Our service is free of charge and does not require any booking.

Our bereavement service will include:

- A time of worship and prayer
- A message of hope and encouragement from our pastor
- A candle lighting ceremony where you can honour and remember your loved one
- A fellowship tea and refreshments where you can meet and share with others who understand what you are going through.

If you are interested in attending our bereavement service, or if you know someone who might benefit from it, please contact us at vicar2018@gmail.com.

We are here to serve you through this difficult time. You are not alone. You are loved. You are Grief Kind.

Looking forward,

Rev. Canon Riaz Mubarak, Rev. Julie Swinton
& The Ministry Team

MESSAGE FROM YOUR VICAR

Dear Parishioners,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

I am pleased to share with you some of the highlights of our church's activities and achievements in the past year. Despite the challenges and difficulties brought by the pandemic, our church has continued to grow in faith, love, and service.

Here are some of the things we are grateful for:

- We have welcomed two new colleagues to our benefice ministry team:

The Rev. Rev. Canon Richard Bowett and the Rev. Julie Swinton (Curate). They have brought their gifts and talents to enrich our ministry and outreach. We are blessed to have them on board.

- We have resumed our regular worship services and fellowship activities, following the health and safety guidelines.
- The four Churches in the Benefice are safeguarded.
- We are offering Bible Study and discussion monthly.
- We have reached out to more people who are unable to attend in person or who are seeking spiritual support and guidance. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you know anyone in the parish or in your neighbourhood who may need prayers and spiritual care.
- On 21 October we are holding Churchyard tidy up event. We invite you all to join us. This is a great way to show your community spirit, make friends and have fun.
- Middleton Church Roof Repair: We have received the permission from the Diocese for repairing the church roof i.e., September – October 2023. This project is very important for preserving the structure and appearance of our church building.

These are just some of the ways that God has been working in and through us as a church community. We give thanks to God for His grace and provision, and we give thanks to you for your prayers, participation, and partnership.

As we look forward to serving in the ministry in the benefice, we ask for your continued support and involvement. We also invite you to share your feedback, suggestions, or concerns with

us. You can contact us by email or phone, provided at the last page of Newsletter.

May God bless you all,

Your Vicar, Rev. Canon Riaz Mubarak

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL BLACKBOROUGH END YARD SALE

This year's Yard Sale once again proved to be both thoroughly enjoyable and financially successful. £175 was raised for Middleton Primary School. In addition, pitch fees at the Village Hall plus a hall 'stall' of donated items raised £65 for Middleton Village Hall.

The village was busy from early in the morning with reports of bargain hunters coming some distance to get the best buys. There was also a good local turnout with friends and neighbours taking the opportunity to have a catch-up chat whilst searching for that bargain item they always desired or never knew they wanted! A great time was had by all.

The hard work of buying and selling was sustained by the refreshments available from Chloe's Hog Roast and Burgers based in King's Lynn and JJ's Vintage Ice Cream Bike Hire based in Brandon. For those with a sweeter tooth, the cakes and bakes available from Gotta Eat Cake and Masons Bakes, both based in Blackborough End, were irresistible. Thanks to all of them.

Huge thanks must again go to the organisers, Hayley Lawrence and Gemma Harvey for Blackborough End, and Pauline Petch for the pitches in the Middleton Village Hall car park, who put so much work into making the whole event possible.

The following message from Jan and Gerry who live in Wormegay Road speaks for all who took part.

"We would like to give our sincere thanks to the organisers of the Village Sale. It was a brilliant day which brought many visitors from far afield to our village and as well as being a success for the sellers it was a really good social event bringing the community together. We hope you raised a good amount for the school funds and we look forward to clearing out our cupboards for another one next year! Many thanks."

Nar Valley Ornithological Society (NarVOS)



Indoor meetings at **The Assembly Rooms, 1 Market Place, Swaffham PE37 7AB**

Wednesday 25 October 2023 at 7.30pm
“Geology of the Breckland”

Tim Pankhurst is the Regional Conservation Manager at Plantlife International which is at the heart of a worldwide network that is spearheading the race to save wild flowers, plants and fungi. We need wild plants and fungi to survive. Unfortunately, both wild flowers and pollinators are disappearing rapidly.

The Breckland heath and woodland form a unique and richly diverse ecosystem providing habitats for the notable species of birds and fauna which are special to this area of East Anglia. Tim's role in applying threatened plant conservation programmes here in East Anglia is critically dependent on understanding the Breckland Geology which underpins this outstanding landscape and supports the intriguing Breckland Flora. Tim's presentation gives us a perfect opportunity to understand how we might support our environment and what makes Breckland special.

Wednesday 29 November 2023 at 7.30pm
“My Life as a Gamekeeper – Friend or Foe?”

Nigel Davies, the much respected gamekeeper, has worked on Stow Estate since 1972. His role has altered and expanded greatly since those early years and now his work includes more of the conservation and protection of nature. He is keen to pass on his extensive knowledge and experience of all things “countryside” and leads many walks including dawn chorus walks and deer watching. From the hundreds of bird boxes on the estate, thousands of birds have been ringed over the years revealing some fascinating facts about wild birds' movements. This will be a presentation with a difference – you will not just be gazing at a screen; there will be real examples to illustrate his talk. Come and share his enthusiasm for his life's work.

Please come along. 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

Join the Middleton graveyard tidy up event on 21 October

Do you have relatives or friends buried in the Middleton Church graveyard? I fully believe you want to honour their memory and show respect for their resting place. Do you enjoy working outdoors and meeting new people?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then we have a great opportunity for you! The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is organizing a graveyard tidy up event in October, and we need your help! Together, we can make a difference!

The event will take place on **Saturday, 21st October, from 10 am to 1:00 pm**. The PCC is going to provide refreshments. All you need to bring is your enthusiasm, your own suitable garden tools and spirit of laughter, and willingness to enjoy the company of others.

The aim of the event is to clear the overgrown weeds, wispy bushes in and beyond the boundary walls from the graveyard, and make it a more pleasant and dignified place for visitors.

You can also take this chance to clean and decorate the graves of your loved ones, or learn more about the history of graves.

This is a great way to show your community spirit, make new friends, and have fun. Everyone is welcome, regardless of age or ability. You can come for this time or just for an hour or two.

To register for the event, please contact the PCC Officers through the following contact details:

1. Fred Pidcock (PCC Fabric Officer) Email: fredpidcock@btinternet.com
2. John Dunn (PCC Treasurer) Email: dunncastleview@gmail.com or phone 01553-841046
3. Churchwarden contact Email: pccmiddandew2022@gmail.com

Please let us know how many people are coming and if you have any special needs or requests.

Looking forward,

PCC Middleton

Update on the Middleton and Gayton Primary Academies

The summer term has seen the hard work and success in both schools confirmed through positive Ofsted inspection reports.

Gayton was inspected at the start of the summer term and found that it continues to be a good school. It was described as a welcoming and inclusive school where children enjoy learning. The curriculum was praised and the importance placed on reading was recognised.

Meanwhile, Middleton received a monitoring visit in June where the inspector praised the work of the committed staff in bringing about improvements in a relatively short period of time. The school was judged as inadequate in May 2022 but this second monitoring visit highlighted the improvements in the curriculum and the provision for children with special educational needs. The teaching of early reading was recognised as being established with children learning to read with confidence and accuracy. The report states that the school is a calm and safe place for children to learn. The full report is available at <https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50223493>.

Both schools are part of the Diocese of Norwich Education and Academies Trust and the support from the trust is noted in each report. With staff across both schools working closely together the federation is well placed to improve further next year, during which Middleton can expect a full inspection.

Through the year I have been deployed by the Trust as an Interim Headteacher at Middleton. This has allowed Executive Headteacher, Mrs Greenhalgh, to focus on the move into the wonderful new building at Gayton and leading the school through the successful Ofsted inspection. With both schools on an upward trajectory and the children at Gayton settled in their new classrooms Mrs Greenhalgh will now return to her full executive role and oversee the development of the federation.

I will still support on a weekly basis until Middleton receives its full inspection. This is a reflection of DNEATs commitment to see both schools continue to flourish. I have really enjoyed my time at Middleton and am pleased that I will still be closely involved through the autumn.

Middleton will continue to have three classes with approximately 15 children in each class. We have spaces in all year groups, including nursery. If you are a parent interested in a place

for your child, please get in touch. We would be very happy to meet you and show you around.

Chris Read, Academies Executive Principal
01553 840234

Leziate, Ashwicken & Bawsey Women's Institute



A WI that's not all "Jam & Jerusalem"

Formed in 1915 the WI was originally brought to life to revitalise rural communities and encourage women of all ages to become involved in producing food during the First World War. The "Jam & Jerusalem" stereotype became fixed in people's minds after the war and when people think of the WI the typical period they remember are the war years with women wearing pinnies & making jam from dawn to dusk.

That image is now completely out of date. The WI has represented many successful campaigns & their key policies are changes to health, agriculture & education, equal pay, "Keep Britain Tidy", organ donation and increasing the number of midwives. There are over 7,000 successful WI groups across England & Wales with no age limit who enjoy activities such as arts/crafts, cookery, fitness, quizzes and a wide range of speakers.

WI membership offers the opportunity to meet women in their local area, make friends and make a difference to their communities. Members campaign nationally on a wide range of issues and provide life-long learning and self-development opportunities for women. As it was believed that Marie Antoinette had said "Let them eat cake" and so we do!

If you would like to give us a try you are very welcome to come along to our next meeting and enjoy a very friendly & sociable afternoon.

We meet every 3rd Tuesday of the month from 2 - 4pm in Leziate Village Hall.

17 October: Harvest Afternoon Tea

21 November: Members Craft & Hobbies Demonstrations.

19 December: Christmas Party - food & games.

For more information please contact:
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Ali South: Vice Secretary - 01553 841267

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Visitors have the opportunity to meet the makers, see how work is made, and to buy or commission original pieces.

This year, for the first time, furniture maker, Toby Winteringham will be showing work at his home in Parkhill

where visitors will see his pieces in a more domestic setting. He will be showing examples of his furniture along with smaller items, clocks and jewellery made from locally sourced bog Oak.



tobywinteringham.co.uk

Jo Rolfe's textile studio with bags, fabric pictures and gifts will also be open.



Our opening times are as follows:
October 1st,
October 7th & 8th,
all 10-5.

Other times by appointment,
please call 01553 840000, 07957 138567 or 07775 612135

Our location is 1 Parkhill, Fair Green, Middleton, King's Lynn, PE32 1RJ
What3Words: ///diplomats.riding.daffodils

We are on Hill Road, not in the Parkhill estate.
Open Studios brochure number 161 & 162.

We look forward to meeting new visitors as well as welcoming back regulars.

To see details of all the artists taking part, visit: <https://norfolkstudios.org.uk>

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

Could you be a Trustee for King's Lynn Foodbank?



This is an exciting opportunity to get involved in an engaging, decision-making role in a charity that is at the heart of the community it serves!

King's Lynn Foodbank has been proudly serving those who are financially struggling in King's Lynn and West Norfolk for 12 years by providing food and support to enable people to find their way out of crisis.

The charity is governed by a Board of Trustees who meet on a regular basis to provide strategic direction, oversight of the work of the charity and to give support to the Strategic Project Manager and staff team.

If you're interested in finding out more about this role, please get in touch by emailing richard@kingslynn.foodbank.org.uk

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West Winch Bowls Club Win County Trophy

It is difficult to comprehend that the bowls season has already come to an end. However, on reflection, it has been a season of mixed fortunes for the different teams that we participate in. The stars of the show without any doubt have been our EBA team who came second in 'West 2', and consequently have gained promotion to 'West 1'. So it's a 'Well Done' to them.

Following their promotion, the EBA players were invited to play for the distinguished Hansell cup, a competition involving teams from across Norfolk. This took place at Wymondham Dell on 28 August. In the semi-final, they came from behind to beat Scole & District by a single shot. In the final they built an early lead, which they never relinquished and ran out comfortable winners by 13 shots.

County President, Barney Wymer, presented the prize money of £100 and the Hansell Cup to our extremely proud Club President, Ken Manning. Each player was also presented with a metal badge in recognition of their prestigious victory.



Pictured left the winning team.

Back row left to right Paul Plume, Ian Holman, Will Harris, Paul Lock, Ian Wilson & Alan Johnson.

In the centre, Barney Wymer on the left presents the Hansell Cup to Ken Manning.

Front row left to right Mark Watson, Arthur Massingham, Kevin Evans, Stuart Atling, David Bull, Mervyn Southwell

The club entertained a team from Danbury, Essex on 31st August in a Friendly. The visitors were welcomed by Club President, Ken Manning. Ken presented the Danbury President with our Club Pennant. Following on, each team fielded 24 players across 6 rinks where 18 ends were played in brilliant sunshine and in a convivial and friendly atmosphere. Tea and biscuits were served after 10 ends. At the conclusion of the game, further refreshments were served by Janet Nunn and Pam Daniels. Dave Thompson, Jim Grant and Trish Field kept the thirsty well watered for those preferring something stronger than Janet's tea! The Ladies did a tremendous job in serving refreshments to 70 players and guests. So a huge 'Thank You' to them. The afternoon went off extremely well and was enjoyed by all participants. The final score was immaterial as the afternoon was all about fun and enjoyment of the game of bowls. The visitors went away happy after enjoying their convivial and friendly visit to the WWBC.

The annual fund raising Bingo will be held in West Winch village hall on Wednesday 29th November. This promises to be a great evening with excellent prizes for winners of 1, 2 lines and a full house. In addition, 3 Flyer's will be played. A bumper raffle will also be drawn, again with many good and festive prizes to be won. Doors will open at 7pm with Eye's Down at 7:30pm. Bar facilities will be available before the first number is called. Refreshments will be on sale at the interval. Christmas starts here, so make this an important date for your diary.

David Skerritt

DANIEL GURNEY (1791 – 1880) PROMINENT RESIDENT OF NORTH RUNCTON

By Dr Paul Richards

I was first introduced when looking at the history of the King's Lynn General Hospital built off London Road in 1834 for £2,000 by John Sugars. A neat classical building extended in 1848 and 1852 but sadly demolished in the 1980s. Bequests and fund raising by King's Lynn medical men and local gentry ensured a successful project campaign.

And it was Daniel Gurney who led the campaign and elected first Trust chairman. Born in Norwich and youngest son of England's leading Quaker family. They were bankers. After a spell in Gurney's bank in Norwich Daniel moved to the Lynn Bank (King's Staith) in 1806.

In 1816 Daniel Gurney purchased a "quaint homestead" at North Runcton where his sister Rachel was housekeeper. Another sister was the famous Elizabeth Fry, the prison reformer. He married Jemima daughter of the Earl of Erroll in 1822 and they had nine children.

As well as an antiquarian (FSA) Daniel Gurney was an outstanding philanthropist beyond his patronage of King's Lynn Hospital. In 1836 when 195 migrants embarked at Friars Fleet in King's Lynn to emigrate to Canada he distributed bibles and prayer books.



View of Runcton Hall c. 1920's

He rebuilt Runcton Hall 1833 - 36 with Salvin the architect and the house was extended 1853 - 4. In Kelly's Directory (1845), it is described as "a large white brick mansion which cost £5,000". It had a tower added in 1853 when Daniel Gurney became High Sheriff.

Daniel Gurney died in 1880 and is buried in the churchyard here at North Runcton beside his wife. The memorial in the church to Daniel Gurney is a painting of the figures of the four Evangelists by Lamponi of Florence presented in 1899 by S.A. Gurney KCVO.

Runcton Hall became the seat of Somerville Arthur Gurney who bought a fine oak staircase taken out of St Ann's House in King's Lynn.

By 1922 Runcton Hall was the seat of Walter Sommerville Gurney and described "as a white brick mansion situated in pleasant grounds". He was one of the five chief landowners in the parish. Another Daniel Gurney was living at The Grange.

With the death of Walter Somerville Gurney, the hall and estate were sold in 1945. The mansion was demolished in 1965. It is not known what happened to the fine oak staircase!

COFFEE MORNING ALL SAINTS CHURCH NORTH RUNCTON



As an opportunity to bring the local community together and raise funds for 'All Saints Church', come along to the church for refreshments and a good *mardle* - catch up with old friends and make some new ones.

The next coffee morning and raffle will be on

SATURDAY 7th OCTOBER

10:00 – 12:00

Theme - Harvest Festival

Everyone is welcome!



**All Saints Church is
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The new healthcare hub forms part of a £25.2m capital investment which the NHS in Norfolk and Waveney successfully bid for in 2019 to expand and improve health and care facilities in the local area. Building work on the King's Lynn health hub is planned to commence this autumn and is expected to be completed in spring/summer 2024.

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11.00am **N Runcton** Holy Communion

Sunday, 15 October

10.00am **W Winch** Morning Service

11.15am **Middleton** Morning Prayer

Sunday, 22 October

11.00am **E Winch** Benefice Communion

Sunday, 29 October

10.00am **W Winch** Holy Communion

11.00am **N Runcton** Morning Service

Sunday, 5 November

10.00am **W Winch** Holy Communion

3.00pm **Middleton** Service for the Bereaved

Remembrance Day

Saturday, 11 November

10.40am **N Runcton** Remembrance Service

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday, 12 November

10.40am **W Winch** Remembrance Service

11.00am **E Winch** Holy Communion

Sunday, 19 November

11.00am **Middleton** Holy Communion

2.00pm **N Runcton** Holy Communion

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