

PARISH NEWS

Middleton | North Runcton | East Winch

August & September 2024

Thanks to Retiring Chris, Welcome to Eva

Chris Hudson has been a great Editor of the Parish News. He has provided an invaluable service to the three local communities for so many years. In fact the very first issue under his stewardship was April/May 2014. And he stepped in when there was every likelihood that the Parish News would fold. Ten years at the helm is a fantastic record and for a significant period of that time he handled the advertising as well as the editorial content.

We have been fairly regular contributors for much of that time and we have always found Chris to be most helpful and obliging. We are most grateful for the

publicity he has provided through the Parish News. We believe there is still an important place for a local, printed community newsletter. Thanks again to Chris for providing such an excellent service over many years.

A warm welcome must go to Eva Haze, who has volunteered to take over the Editor's role from Chris. And, it seems, just in the nick of time because it rather looked as if the Parish News would be no more. We wish you well, Eva, following your fairly recent move here, and we wish you every success and satisfaction in your role as the 'new' Editor of the Parish News.

**Stewart & Ali South,
Blackborough End**

A Heartfelt Goodbye to Brian Roberts

It is with regret that we inform you that a part of our distribution team, Brian Roberts, sadly passed away in June following a period of illness. Brian had been a stalwart, supporting firstly Gillian, then us, in coordinating the individual distributors serving Middleton and Blackborough End. Brian and his wife Beryl did this for many years, forming great relationships along the way. Many of our team of distributors would not be in their positions had it not been for Brian, who never shied away from asking for their invaluable volunteering services.

Helping others was always in Brian's heart, as he was also a fundamental part of the local Car Scheme. At our bi-monthly packaging meetings for the magazines, we always enjoyed Brian reminiscing about his youth and keeping us up to date with the local bowls performances. I'm sure you, like us, will miss him greatly.

**Gillian Boon, David
and Emily Colgan**

WEATHER FAILS TO DAMPEN CRAFT FAIR SUCCESS

Despite a sharp shower and unseasonably cold weather, the Craft Fair and Have a Go Dog Agility event held on Saturday June 8 was a huge success, raising £3,200 for the Magpie Centre, home of West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled Association.

With more than 50 stalls offering a wide range of artefacts, a Pre-Loved Walk In Wardrobe, a Vintage Tea Tent and an all-day BBQ supplied by RRT, plus a pony to meet and greet, there was something for all the family to enjoy.

Magpie volunteer Jan Calvert, who organised the fair was delighted with the support given by a variety of sponsors:

She said: 'This much-needed profit would not have been achieved without the support of our sponsors, to whom we are truly grateful: Dickie's Pet Centre, Vets4Pets, Anchorage Barn Equine Clinic, and RRT. Hunstanton & District Rotary also gave their time to run the Vintage Tea Tent and marshal the car parks.

'We also have a fabulous Magpie volunteer team and couldn't have done it without each and every one of them.'

The next big event is an Open Day, Saturday August 17 10.00 am – 3.00 pm at the Magpie Centre, Wallington Hall, South Runcton, PE33 0EP. This will feature various equine-related demonstrations in the indoor arena, carriage rides, craft stalls, meet the horses, a children's craft tent, plus much more.

Admission is £1 per person, under 5's free, (cash only please) and free parking.

Dogs are not allowed at this event, except service assistance dogs.

The Centre is still on the lookout for two equines on loan. We need a 14.2 hh riding pony, plus a 15.2 hh riding or ride and drive horse. Must be well-behaved and sound in all three paces. If you know of anything suitable, please call the Magpie Centre on 01553 810202.



A representative from Vets4Pets presents a sponsorship cheque to Craft Fair organiser Jan Calvert.



Ladies from Hunstanton & District Rotary did stalwart work in the Vintage Tea tent.



The RRT team had a busy day on the BBQ.



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NORTH RUNCTON NEWS

West Winch Growth Area (WWGA)

The election meant that a lot of government activities went into 'purdah' and we have had not heard any news of progress on the WWGA.

We were previously told that the Hopkins Homes outline planning application for 1100 houses would go to Planning Committee in July. There is a meeting scheduled for 29 th July – but at the time of writing, no agenda has been published.

BCKLWN wrote a letter of support (to NCC) in relation to the application for the West Winch housing access road, which was not entirely surprising given that they are promoting the scheme. However, it was interesting to note that some officers had apparently not contributed to the assessment of the scheme (notably the arboriculture and ecology officers) and the conservation team had actually objected to the proposal.

North Runcton Parish Council have submitted a further letter to request further consideration of mitigation of potential off-site impacts. It is our view that the present proposed closure of Chequers Lane and the resulting longer route for most residents to get on the A10 via Rectory Lane, will lead to much greater levels of traffic taking 'short-cuts' on other local lanes. This is likely to result in a variety of effects – but in general the degradation of laneways that are unsuited to higher volumes of traffic.

NRPC will be attending a 'stakeholders meeting' to hear any updates about the Growth Area project in August.

Call for speedwatch volunteers

We remain short of volunteers to undertake our 'speedwatch' training. Our VAS records indicate a stubborn 30% of drivers speed through the village – with regular top speeds of over 70mph. This is entirely unacceptable on our narrow roads and in a village setting and at some point, there will be an unpleasant accident. Many communities report that an occasional speedwatch presence does deter reckless driving. If you can spare a few hours a year to form a new team, please contact Rachel Curtis northrunctonparishclerk@outlook.com.

North Runcton Conservation Volunteers

Since I last wrote we have not had an 'official' work morning. However, the permissive path between the Twistey Twiney and Setch Road was cleared by the Rapid Relief Team from the Plymouth Brethren. This is a well-used path, but mother nature's rate of growth in this wet weather has meant all of our paths are rather overgrown.

The next session will be a habitat management session at Sheep's Course Wood on 10th August meeting 10am on Illington Lane. For more specific information please email me at cllrpalmer@northrunctonpc.co.uk.

Many thanks to all those who help make our village that little bit better.

Steve Palmer

PAUL'S BIRTHDAY PARTY BENEFITS ALL SAINTS' ORGAN RESTORATION FUND

Paul Yallop, who, together with his two sons, Daniel and Jonny, operate the King's Lynn Caravan and Camping Park in North Runcton, celebrated his 71 st birthday in style, with a grand party on Saturday 29th June.

Family and invited guests joined the celebrations which included a wonderful hog roast. Entertainment was by all round jazz/pop player and singer, Jef Manhatton.

THE RAFFLE PRIZES, WITH A TOTAL VALUE OF £ 500, RAISED A STAGGERING £ 1,015, WHICH WAS £315 GREATER THAN THAT RAISED THE PREVIOUS YEAR. PAUL KINDLY DONATED THIS TO THE NORTH RUNCTON, ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, ORGAN RESTORATION FUND.

North Runcton Parochial Church Council is very grateful to Paul for his generosity in providing the opportunity to help fund the restoration of the, 127 year old, Norwich-made, Norman & Beard pipe organ. The fund is getting close to point where the work can begin.

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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.

Whether you want to scribble a story; write for radio; pen a poem or initiate a novel, the Norfolk Writers' Exchange is here for you.



We are a small, friendly group of writers, some of us published, others aspiring, based in West Norfolk, who meet every month in Pott Row, and would love to welcome some new members.

The Norfolk Writers' Exchange began in 2016 and our meetings provide a forum where writers can share their work in a supportive environment, overcome the dreaded 'writers' block' and share tips on how to negotiate the complicated world of publishing.

All this accompanied by tea/coffee and biscuits, plus the occasional cake and fizz

Would you like to join us? To find out more, head over to our Facebook page The Norfolk Writers' Exchange, or call Sue on 07774 609357 for more details.



LEZIATE, ASHWICKEN & BAWSEY WI

We enjoyed a flower demonstration at our June meeting from our guest presenters, Peg and Trudi, who created some beautiful displays. Members then went on to make their own arrangements from the flowers and foliage they had all provided.

In July we are having a conducted tour of Norfolk Lavender where we expect to see an abundance of blooms after all the recent rain.

We do not meet in August but will resume our meetings on 17th September when we will be having a talk from Tim Fitzhigham on the restoration and history of the Guildhall.

During the year, members have been busy making Foodbank bags and contributing grocery items to the Kings Lynn Foodbank. Our President, Jan, and committee member, Linda, visited the Foodbank recently to deliver our latest collection. They were impressed with the dedication and efficiency provided by this much needed service.

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

For further information please contact Ali South (Vice Secretary) on 01553 841267

NAR VALLEY ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY (NarVOS)

**Wednesday 28 August 2024
at 7.30pm**

Svalbard

Presented by Dave Thomas

Dave Thomas is a well-seasoned traveller, often to remote regions of the globe, and a keen (competition winning) photographer and will share many of his images from his trips to Svalbard with us.

Svalbard (also known as Spitsbergen) is a true high Arctic region of spectacular scenery with glaciers, icebergs, sea bird cliffs and frozen ocean. Home to iconic species such as Polar Bear, Walrus, Cetaceans, and many sea birds we will have a visual feast into this fantastic area.

**Indoor meeting at The Assembly Rooms,
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BIRDS AND SCENERY OF ICELAND

**Wednesday 25 September 2024
at 7.30pm**

Presented by Dave Jackson

Dave Jackson has an interest in all natural history, with a particular interest in photographing the wildlife he sees and their habitats. He regularly submits pictures into the Birdguides Gallery and with his image of a Sparrowhawk won Birdguides Photo of the Year in 2022. He regularly visits Iceland and leads several wildlife tours there annually.

Iceland is a land of Glaciers, Icebergs, Geothermic activity, and generally spectacular scenery. To this backdrop is a specialised and wonderful variety of wildlife so we can expect some stunning images.

Please come along. Visitors welcome.
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For more information contact:
Paul Fuller: paul.fuller123@btinternet.com
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WEST WINCH Bowls Club



By the time this article comes to press, the West Winch Bowls Club will have celebrated its 50th anniversary with a celebratory party in the village hall. Ken Manning (club president) is the only existing member who has been part of the club continuously over this period of time.

All teams fixtures continue a 'pace despite the frequent cancellation of games due to this appalling summer that we are experiencing at present. The Middleton team led by Team Captain Stan Watkinson can hold their heads up high as to date they have not lost a single game. Otherwise, it has been a season of mixed fortunes for the EBA, Silver Jubilee and Albert Victor players. Whilst none of these teams languish at the bottom of their respective divisions, suffice to say that they are in the lower part. However, the season has a few weeks left to run, here's hoping that their fortunes will change for the better. It is said that the game of bowls is all about enjoyment and that the final result is immaterial. However, it is always gratifying to win!

It's always nice to see our Social members turn up especially on a Tuesday afternoon and a Thursday evening to watch the practice games. The bar is always open and tea and coffee is available. Comfortable seating under the veranda in pleasant surrounds makes for an ideal and enjoyable afternoon/evening. So why not come along and see for yourself. The club is open to everyone - not just those who live in West Winch. And for those who would like to learn, then do come along and have a go. The season will continue late September so there's plenty of time to come and hone your skills.

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NORTH RUNCTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

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

<https://northrunctonpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/>

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

LEZIATE SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB



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THE NORTH RUNCTON HARVEST SUPPER IS BEING HELD ON

Wednesday, 9th October 2024
in the Cricket Pavilion
– 7:00 for 7:30 PM.

There will be a two-course meal, including a hot main course.

This will be followed by the chance to win a great prize in the raffle (a few more prizes for the raffle will be gratefully received).

The bar will be open, serving a range of drinks.

Tickets are £12.00 per person, available from:

Lynda Fuller, Tel. 01553 840553
Ken Matthews, Tel: 01553 842265

Mobile Library Timetable

The Mobile Library visits our area once every four weeks on **WEDNESDAYS**. The next visits and timetable are as follows:

14th August & 11th September

North Runcton

The Green 10:05 - 10:20

Blackborough End

The Firs 10:30 - 10:45

Blackborough Green 10:50 - 11:00

Middleton

Oakdale/Village Hall 11:05 - 11:30

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

42 Hall Orchards 11:50 - 12:00

Fair Green

Park Hill Estate 12:05 - 12:30

Graham Drive 12:35 - 13:00

East Winch

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

Town Close 15:30 - 15:50

Village Sign 15:55 - 16:05

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Church Services (August & September)

4th August

10.00am **W Winch** Benefice Holy Communion

11th August

11.00am **N Runcton** Holy Communion

10.00am **Middleton** Holy Communion

18th August

10.00am **W Winch** Holy Communion

10.30am **E Winch** Holy Communion

25th August

11.00am **N Runcton** Morning Prayer

10.00am **Middleton** Holy Communion

1st September

10.00am **W Winch** Holy Communion

10.00am **Middleton** Holy Communion

8th September

11.00am **N Runcton** Benefice Holy Communion

15th September

10.30am **W Winch** Harvest Service Village Hall

10.30am **E Winch** Holy Communion

22nd September

11.00am **N Runcton** Harvest Service

10.00am **Middleton** Holy Communion

29th September

10.00am **W Winch** Holy Communion

10.30am **E Winch** Holy Communion

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Contact: combinedparochialchurch@gmail.com

Middleton St Mary's

Churchwardens: Susan Dunn
PCC Secretary: Mrs. Vicky Pidcock; Treasurer: Mr. John Dunn; Fabric Officer: Fred Pidcock

East Winch All Saints:

Treasurer: Mrs W Smith 842281

North Runcton All Saints

Churchwarden: Mr K Matthews 842265
PCC; Secretary: Mrs Ann Matthews 842265
Treasurer: Philip Randles 842667

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PARISH COUNCILS

Middleton

(middleton-news.co.uk)
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Councillors: Chair: Zach Wiles-Van Dyke; Vice Chair: Val Ward; Mrs M Applegate; Mrs E Barclay; Mrs V Newton; Mr M Porter; Mrs C Rose; Mr B Smith; Mr M Wiles. The Council meets on the first Wednesday of the month (except August) in the Village Hall at 7pm.

North Runcton

(northrunctonpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk)
Clerk: Rachel Curtis Tel: 673043 E-mail: northrunctonparishclerk@outlook.com
Councillors: Chair: Miss K Fuller; Vice Chair: Mr R Morrish; Mr J Braybrook; Mr J Fuller; Mrs L Gunn; Mr B Houchen; Mr S Palmer; Mrs K Williams; Mr P Yallop. The Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except August) at 7.45 pm at the Village Meeting Place.

East Winch

(eastwinchandwestbilney.co.uk/parish-council)
Clerk: Bob Pannell Tel: 775724
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Councillors: Chair: Melvin Place; Vice-Chair: Alan Yarham; Mr A Bellhouse; Mr G Crocker; Mr A Stephens; Mr N Velzeboer. The Council meets

every other month, normally on the first Tuesday of the month, at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

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Jim Moriarty
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