

October & November 2024

PARISH NEWS

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Exciting Halloween Events in King's Lynn This October and November

Pumpkin Picking at Little Barn, East Winch: From October 19–20 and October 26–31, Little Barn will host a “Pick Your Own Pumpkins” event. This is a great family-friendly activity, set in the beautiful Norfolk countryside. Visit: littlebarnnorfolk.co.uk

True's Yard Ghost Hunt: For those seeking a more thrilling experience, this ghost hunt at True's Yard Fisherfolk Museum is scheduled for October 5, 2024. It's a great opportunity to explore King's Lynn's haunted history.

Halloween Party at Knights Hill Hotel & Spa: For adults, there's a Halloween party on November 2, 2024, featuring music, dancing and eerie fun. Costumes are encouraged, making it a spooky night out for those 18 and over.

Spooky Fun for Families: Explore King's Lynn's Ghostly Legends This Halloween

As Halloween draws near, King's Lynn becomes the perfect place to explore local legends and spooky stories, offering fun for families looking to enjoy the season. One of the most fascinating tales is that of a 16th-century highwayman said to haunt the South Gate. According to local lore, this mischievous figure is spotted occasionally, perhaps still trying to make his getaway from the past. While the story might sound spooky, it's more of a fun reminder of the town's rich history.

Another interesting chapter of King's Lynn's past is its connection to the witch trials of the 17th century. While not as widespread as in other parts of England, some people were accused of practicing magic, and the stories of these trials offer a glimpse into how life was in those times. Today, families can reflect on how far we've come and explore the folklore that makes King's Lynn a perfect backdrop for Halloween adventures.

For a fun, educational day out, families can visit **True's Yard Fisherfolk Museum** to learn more about King's Lynn's maritime past. The museum shares stories of fishermen and their families, with some playful ghostly tales thrown in. These lighthearted legends are perfect for curious minds who want to know more about the town's long-standing history.



Explore West Norfolk's Haunted Hotspots: An Interactive Ghost Map

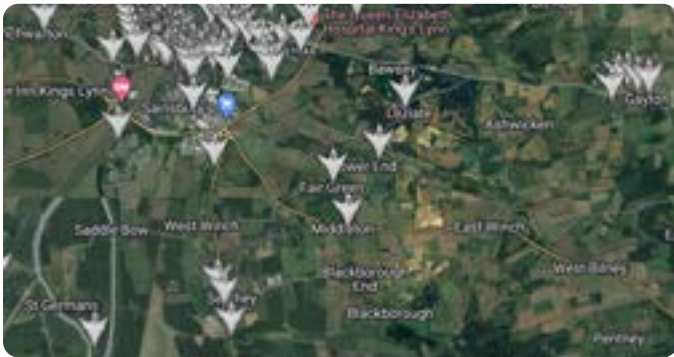
A new interactive map has been created showing nearly 400 haunted locations in the West Norfolk area; clicking on the icons brings up a small summary of the alleged spectres. Naturally, King's Lynn dominates the area!

There are a few claimed ghosts in the Middleton area; the Gate and Middletons have had claims of phantoms in the past, while Middleton Towers is also said to have spectral inhabitants. Most of these claims refer to subtle effects, like the playful pranks of poltergeists.

Slightly further away, Leziate is said to have a "grey lady" and/or World War era soldiers walking on the route of the railway tracks.

The map can be found at www.paullee.com/KL

The creator of the map, Paul Lee, is still interested in collecting stories from the region; his email is paul@paullee.com



North Runcton Flower Festival

It seems such a long time ago that the flower festival took place, I'm sorry but the deadline for the last magazine was just before the flower festival.

Firstly thank you so much to everyone that came and helped in some way.

Also many thanks to our main sponsors Mrs Julie and Mr Richard Markham for their continued generosity.

Thank you to all the donations that we received for the weekend.

The concert and supper was very well attended and once again Sara put on such a marvellous evening on song.

Thank you to Sara and the ladies who served the supper. The whole weekend was very successful many thanks to the smallholders and the cake makers and the staff in the VMP.

Our total was about £2000 this would not of been possible without those that attended over the weekend, once again thank you so much.

Lynda Fuller

New Booking System Launched for Recycling Centres

Norfolk County Council have announced on their website that in November 2024 they will introduce a booking system for all Norfolk recycling centres.

They believe that the booking system will help:

- Reduce congestion;
- Reduce waiting times;
- Save the council money by spreading customer visits across their opening hours;
- Reduce the risk of traders disposing of waste without paying.

The exact launch date will be confirmed closer to the time. Once in operation residents will be able to book a slot using the Norfolk County Council website, up to seven days in advance. Booking slots are every 15 minutes.

When you book you select the date, time and recycling centre you want to visit. They will then send you a booking confirmation by email. You will be able to cancel or rearrange your booking if needed.

People who don't have access to the internet will be able to call the Customer Service Centre to make a booking. Their number is **0344 800 8020** and they are open **Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm**

Norfolk Libraries provide internet access for anyone without the internet at home. When you arrive at the recycling centre, staff on site will check you in when you arrive. If you get there early or late, they will do their best to let you in, or you can make an alternative booking.

You don't need to book to visit a reuse shop to shop or to donate items. But you will need to book if you want to leave any waste at the recycling centre during the same visit. This includes visits on foot or bicycle. Bookings can be made on the day and up until the time of the booking slot.

Full details are available on the Norfolk County Council website.



November 15th, 16th & 17th

**Sandringham
Christmas Craft,
Food & Gift Fair**

Sandringham Estate, Nr
Kings Lynn, PE35 6EN
10am-5pm

Local Libraries Offering Community Support through the Know Your Neighbourhood Project

The Know Your Neighbourhood (KYN) Project, a government initiative funded by £29 million, aims to promote community involvement and tackle loneliness across 27 areas in England, including our own. As part of this initiative, your local libraries in King's Lynn are offering several support groups that could be of interest to your congregations and the wider community.

These groups provide valuable opportunities for individuals to volunteer, connect with others, and find support in their local area:

Stay and Play: These parenting sessions bring together parents, carers and pre-school children to socialise and make new friendships. It's a safe space for children to play while parents exchange advice and support, building bonds within the community.

Bereavement Café: For anyone who has experienced loss, this group offers a warm, welcoming environment to share stories and receive companionship. Participants can enjoy a cup of tea and conversation with others who understand the journey of grief.

Job Club: For those looking to find work, the Job Club offers assistance with job searches, CV writing and interview preparation. Volunteers and library staff are on hand to help guide individuals toward their next career step, offering encouragement and practical advice.

These groups are an excellent way to foster connections, combat isolation and give back through volunteering.

For more information on upcoming events at your local library, visit the Norfolk Library Website and select your preferred location.

Should you have any questions, feel free to reach out to mary.grogan@norfolk.gov.uk for further details. Full details are available on the Norfolk County Council website.

Annual Hazardous Waste Amnesty

If you have some household hazardous waste items you want to dispose of free of charge, here's your chance.

The **King's Lynn Recycling Centre at Willows Business Park, Saddlebow** will be holding their annual hazardous waste amnesty on **Saturday, 2 November and Sunday, 3 November from 9am to 4pm.**

Full information about household waste items that will, or will not, be accepted for disposal free of charge is available on the Norfolk County Council website. These two days are for residents disposing of hazardous household waste only.

They are not for any business, group or other organisation.

August 2024 News from Magpie Centre

Following the Charity Ride held at the Magpie Centre, home of West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled Association in the grounds of Wallington Hall on June 30, we are delighted to report that the event attracted 70 riders and raised £1122 for WNRDA.

Said Ellie Head, Chairwoman of Hoofbeats, who organised the ride: 'Two of the riders are registered disabled and we were happy to support the Magpie Centre and all the good work it does. We are already looking forward to another successful ride next year!'

And moving from four feet to two, Stephen Riley-Elliot, whose child rides at the Magpie Centre put in a huge effort to accomplish a 50 km Ultra Marathon (Boudicca Way 50K) on July 20, boosting the Centre's funds by a further £1175 in sponsorship.

An aspect of the Centre's work, which is gaining momentum is for home-schooled children, many of whom are on the autistic spectrum to take up riding. The benefits are not only physical but include increased confidence and enhanced communication skills.

If you wish to explore this option, please call the Magpie Centre office on 01553 810202 to request an application form. Once this has been completed and returned, the participant will have an assessment, which lasts about half an hour and is free of charge. If all goes well, the participant will be slotted into a class (maximum 4 riders) of riders of similar ability for regular lessons.

And lastly, our Chairwoman, Bernadette Ford will be standing down, for personal reasons, at the end of September and we are seeking to appoint her successor. Knowledge of horses and/or of people living with disability, although desirable is not essential. More important is the ability to lead a team including staff, volunteers and the board of trustees. This role might suit a newly retired person with management experience. For more details and an informal chat, please call the Centre on 01553 810 202.



Leziate, Ashwicken & Bawsey WI

After our summer break we resumed our WI meetings in September, inviting Tim Fitzhigham to talk about the restoration and history of the King's Lynn Guildhall.

A Ploughman's lunch has been arranged for October and, following our November AGM, we will be busy wreath-making under the guidance of our member, Valerie.

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)

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

Wednesday 30 October 2024 at 7.30pm

Snow Leopard and Birds of Mongolia

Presented by Sue Bryan

Mongolia is a landlocked country in East Asia, situated on the Mongolian Plateau, it is one of the most exciting and remote birding destinations in Asia with Siberian taiga forest, vast seamless steppe grassland, numerous freshwater and brackish lakes, the Gobi Desert and impressive mountains, the highest point being the Khüiten Peak in the far west, near the triple border with China and Russia, at a height of 14,350 feet (4,374 meters).

Mongolia is a fascinating country with a suite of interesting Eastern Palearctic bird species, many of which occur only in high altitude, dry desert areas.

However there was one target in mind for the trip to Mongolia: that of the enigmatic **Snow Leopard**.

Sue's talk will tell a tale of the scouting trip to this amazing destination; of living in an open top ger with freezing-cold nights; surviving the rough, boulder-strewn tracks on the high altitude steppe; to the countless hours of scanning and searching. It will also reveal the joys of breaking down and having the van engine removed whilst out of any signal telephone network, all in an effort to see a **Snow Leopard** in the vast, sparsely populated landscapes in Mongolia and afterwards enjoying birding forays to huge lakes on the vast lower elevation plains and valleys below the snow-capped mountains.

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

For more information contact Paul Fuller or Alan Schpot via paul.fuller123@btinternet.com or alan.schpot@talktalk.net or go to www.narvos.org.uk



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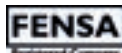
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Summer Highlight

Highlight of summer activities at the Magpie Centre, home of West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled Association was a hugely successful Open Day on Saturday August 17.

More than 200 visitors attended the event, which included a Musical Ride performed by a group of RDA riders and a demonstration of Equine Assisted Learning Therapy, a programme which encourages interaction between horses and people to promote mental wellbeing.

But star of the show was Colin Perriss, past West Norfolk RDA Chairman, riding Ava, in a demonstration of Horseback Archery. This segment was introduced by Troy Shaw of New Leaf Triangle Horseback Archery, Melton Mowbray, who gave a rundown of the history of horseback archery, followed by an explanation of how to train a horse to accept a rider guiding it with their torso and legs only and shooting while mounted.

Colin has been training with Troy for the past four years and the display culminated in his cantering round the arena and gaining good scores for hitting the target. Visitors had a very happy day, with one saying: 'We've had a lovely day out. There was something to interest everyone, adults and children alike and the atmosphere was so friendly. We're looking forward to next year's Open Day already,' she added. The event raised almost £3,000 for the Magpie Centre.

Moving into autumn, now that the trees are beginning to turn and the evenings shorten, please make a note in your diary to attend the Quiz Night with Hog Roast supper (plus Veggie option), at Stowbridge Village Hall, Downham Road, Stowbridge PE34 3PW, Saturday November 16. Doors open 7.00 pm for a 7.30pm start. Bring your own drinks.

Teams of 4 - 8 people are usual, but singles and couples are welcome. To book tickets @ £12.50 each, call 07715467866 or email magpiecentrewnda@hotmail.co.uk. For those new to the Magpie Quizzes this includes the Hog Roast or Vegetarian option, plus a vast array of salads and home-made desserts, not to mention a great night out with your friends. All profits to the Magpie Centre.



From left: **Troy Shaw, Ava, Jody Voigt** (RDA Instructor), **Colin Perriss**



East Winch Parish Council Meetings

23 JULY 2024 and 3 SEPTEMBER 2024

(It was not possible to include a report on the Parish Council's July meeting in the last Parish Newsletter as the meeting took place after the newsletter's print deadline).

Trod – At its July meeting, the Parish Council welcomed the news that NCC Highways was to re-start work on the Trod (together with rectifying the flood risk on the bend by Old Station Yard) on 12 August. However, in the event, work had to be suspended due to a permissions issue that arose. It is hoped that this issue will be resolved and that work can recommence on or just after 4 November. Meantime, we are grateful to our two Borough Councillors (Messrs De Whalley and Anota) who personally cut back and cleared the undergrowth affecting the Trod which had built up following funding cuts in Highways' maintenance programme. It is clear though that a permanent regular solution will have to be found.

Grandcourt Quarry extension and Sibelco Liaison Committee – Following the approval of Sibelco's application to extend Grandcourt Quarry in July, we believe it will be important for there to be closer engagement with the local East Winch community. The Parish Council is very keen to see the re-establishment of regular meetings of the Sibelco Liaison Committee, and it is understood that Sibelco management is open to this. At the September meeting, the Parish Council learned that work was commencing on the rerouting of electricity supply cabling to bypass the Grandcourt Quarry extension site.

Risk Assessment – The Chair of the Parish Council, Alan Yarham, undertakes a regular risk assessment inspection of village equipment, including street lighting, salt bins, etc. and he reports on any problems so that remedial steps can be taken. There is currently an issue with the defibrillator but this is being actively addressed. If you are aware of any other issues please contact our Parish Council Clerk, Bob Pannell.

Planning – The retrospective application for change of use from agricultural barn to multi-use venue at Manor Farm, Church Lane was refused planning permission. The retrospective application for 3 storage yards at Old Station Yard was withdrawn. The Parish Council was to attend a preliminary hearing on the application to nominate land at Pentney Woods, Common Road, West Bilney as an Asset of Community Value.

Open Forum for Parishioners – A Parishioner requested that dog waste bins be installed at the two parking places at West Bilney Woods. The Parish Council agreed to look into the possibility (but noted that the land in question belonged to the Forestry Commission).

Village Hall – The Treasurer of East Winch Village Hall attended the meeting and he reported that all four of the current Charity Trustees wished to step down. He noted that previous attempts to recruit new volunteers had not been successful, so this raised a real possibility that the charity might have to be dissolved and the Hall permanently closed. An AGM was to be convened on 24 September to discuss the matter and residents were encouraged to attend.

Please contact our Parish Council Clerk, Bob Pannell, at bob.pannell@btinternet.com, if you are interested in serving on the Parish Council, we have two vacancies at present. Also, please contact Bob if you would be interested in joining a Community Speed Watch group.

For more information on Parish Council matters, please visit the village website which is the primary source of Parish Council information for residents at: <https://www.eastwinchandwestbilney.co.uk/parish-council>

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held in East Winch Village Hall at **7.30pm on Tuesday 12 November 2024**.

Andrew Stephens OBE

North Runcton News

West Winch Growth Area (WWGA)

As I imagine most people are now aware, the outline planning application for 1100 new homes, a new primary school and other associated infrastructure to be located at 'Constitution Hill', was granted consent by the BCKLWN planning committee on the 28th August. The scheme, promoted by Hopkins Homes who do intend to build some of the houses, falls entirely within North Runcton Parish (Hardwick Ward). The whole parish presently has less than 300 households.

This scheme constitutes the single largest housing development to be granted planning consent in West Norfolk for many years. (To put it into context, the two housing schemes now under construction in South Wootton amount to 530 dwellings and the scheme at Knights Hill, now underway, is for 600 dwellings).

The expected programme of works will be something like the following:

- Hopkins Homes / BCKLWN to formalise agreement of Section 106 monies (by December 2024).
- Hopkins Homes to submit details of the scheme in order to discharge reserved matters (expected to take 12-18 months)
- Likely earliest start of building (roads and infrastructure) – Spring 2026
- Likely completion of the first houses – Spring 2027.
- The first phase of development will be an 11-hectare portion in the south-west corner of the site, opposite the 'Winch' public house, with 300 houses.

It is conditioned that before the 300th house is occupied, the 'estate feeder road' (through the Hopkins land to provide access onto the A47) is complete and open.

Please note this feeder road is not the WW Housing Access Road that will run north/south from the A47 to Gravelhill Lane. That is a separate project that NCC are still awaiting government funding for in order to confirm it will proceed. It is anticipated that the whole Hopkins estate may take up to 15 years to build out – but this of course depends on sales, the economy and demand. It is probable that Hopkins will sell portions of the site to other builders.

This project obviously represents a huge change for North Runcton and West Winch and indeed, King's Lynn. Other parts of the planned WWGA are likely to have planning consent and be partly built and occupied by the time the Hopkins estate is complete. As noted at the planning meeting, when the entire growth area is complete, the population combined with the existing villages of West Winch and North Runcton is likely to exceed 12,000 – larger than Downham Market is today.

To assist residents with any queries about the WWGA we will be updating the 'Frequently Asked Questions' on the Parish Council website and BCKLWN will also be publishing them.

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You might be aware that the estimated cost of the Housing Access Road has been revised upwards to £109 million. The County Council cabinet have agreed this extra cost, including increasing their contribution towards it. They hope that government will announce that they will provide the main portion of the funding in their October budget statement.

We also understand that a new round of consultation will shortly open regarding the road planning application. In particular this is because detailed comments from some statutory consultees have still not been received. Notably this includes Natural England (who have recently objected to the Norwich Western Bypass because of the impact on protected species).

Other planning news

A final consultation on the new Local Plan continues until 2nd October. This relates to modifications to the Plan made by BCKLWN following the examination hearings earlier in the year. You can read the consultation documents on the Borough website Local Plan Review pages. They hope the new plan will be adopted by March 2025.

The plan proposes that 554 new homes will need to be completed in the Borough every year for the next 19 years. However, the government are themselves presently consulting on changes to the National Planning Policy Framework.

They have stated that the national target for new home completions should be 1.5 million in the next 5 years (a scale of building not seen in the UK since the 1970s). It is very likely that the number of houses proposed in West Norfolk will have to be revised upwards to meet the government goal.

Cut out the bonfires!

At the North Runcton Parish Council complaints were again heard about antisocial bonfires. They have been a particular nuisance in the summer when people are often outside enjoying the fine weather and/or have doors and windows open in their houses.

Advice on 'Bonfire Etiquette' was previously published on the Parish Council website and is still available to read. It is illegal to burn household waste and green waste can be placed in the brown bins or taken to the recycling centre at Saddlebow for free.

The Borough Council will investigate complaints of smoke and fumes. They have the power to issue an 'abatement notice' if a neighbour's bonfire is deemed to be causing a nuisance and will impose fines if the abatement notice is not followed.

North Runcton Conservation Volunteers

Since the last parish newsletter we have undertaken a management session at Sheep's Course Wood which resulted in a reasonable amount of litter being removed, shrubs trimmed along the main footpaths and removal of undergrowth around young trees and hedge plants that we planted a few years ago.

The next session will be a litter pick around North Runcton meeting at 09:30 at the Scout Hut on Saturday 26th October. 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

The RSPCA is urging more people in Norfolk to demonstrate their passion for wildlife by doing their bit to protect and nurture wildlife in their own gardens and green spaces.

There are so many ways people can help our wildlife through creating a wildlife garden, or even sign up as an RSPCA Wildlife Friend.

And as the fireworks season draws closer and Bonfire night looms people can also take action to help protect wildlife.

The RSPCA's wildlife centres - in Norfolk, East Sussex, Cheshire, Somerset and Wiltshire - care for around 14,000 animals every

year, including many who have been found sick or injured.

And as the RSPCA celebrates its 200th birthday this year, we also launched our Million Strong Movement, to encourage, inspire and empower more people to be animal champions, whether that be by donating to us to support our work, rescuing animals in need themselves, or helping wildlife thrive and flourish in their garden.

Norfolk is home to the East Winch Wildlife Centre which has rescued and rehabilitated thousands of wild animals over the years with everything from seals, water birds, garden birds, foxes, deer, badgers, birds of prey and even bats!

The centre is currently caring for over 300 animals including a whopping 250 hedgehogs, as well as seals, owlets, fawns, buzzards, swans and ducks to name just a few.

Throughout the year the centre deals with an influx of British wildlife and their work is only possible thanks to their supporters who provide donations such as bedding, equipment and donate to any fundraising appeals.

Norfolk is a county of wildlife lovers - but for those wanting to do more to help - there are lots of ways this can be done.

10 tips to create a wildlife-friendly garden

1. Leaving 'wild', insect-friendly areas in your garden to encourage insects.
2. Avoiding netting to cover ponds, fruit or vegetables as animals can become easily entangled, causing serious injuries and sometimes death - and putting away sports netting when not in use.
3. Covering all drains and leaving watering cans upside down to prevent animals from falling in or becoming trapped.
4. Checking carefully for animals before mowing or strimming the lawn; checking bonfires for hibernating animals before setting light to them; and never disturbing nesting or hibernating animals.
5. Providing logs, compost and leaf piles which provide shelter for animals like hedgehogs and are havens for insects.
6. Ensuring there is a slope or ramp out of any ponds - which provide a natural source of water and attract food sources such as insects - to create easy access in and out.
7. Creating homes for wildlife such as hogitats (hedgehog homes), bat boxes, bird boxes, bee houses and insect hotels.
8. Leaving out fresh, clean water and food sources (such as meaty food like dog food for hedgehogs, or nuts, seeds and grains for birds - here are some ideas on what to feed the birds).
9. Avoiding using dangerous pesticides and other harmful chemicals, but store any chemicals away from any wildlife and pets.
10. Planting a range of native plants, to encourage pollinators such as bees, hoverflies and butterflies.

Or you can sign up to be a Wildlife Friend:

Around 1,400 people have already signed up as an RSPCA Wildlife Friend in 2024, taking on different activities to help nature each month. From picking litter to rewilding gardens by planting pollinators, to building habitats so wild animals can thrive, the animal charity's volunteers have thrown themselves wholeheartedly into Wildlife Friends initiative since the scheme was launched in March.

The RSPCA's Wildlife Friends are making a difference to protect and nurture wildlife in their own gardens and green spaces by accomplishing a range of tasks. During the summer months dedicated volunteers will be creating drink stations for wildlife, making butterfly cafes and providing treats for garden birds, as well as leaving food out for hedgehogs.

Everyone can help create a better world for every animal. Whether you have five minutes or five hours to spare each week, whether you live in a flat, narrowboat or house with a garden - there are tasks suitable for everyone to complete for all the four seasons of the year.

Together with fellow Wildlife Friends you will be making a positive impact on your local community by creating safe, clean and healthy habitats, and a better environment for animals to thrive.

To find out your kind of kindness and turn it into action for animals visit: rspca.org.uk/everykind.

Bonfire night:

As the fireworks season draws closer and Bonfire night looms, people can also take action to help protect wildlife. It is heartbreaking to see the distress caused to so many animals by fireworks – too many animals are suffering each year, including wildlife.

Loud bangs, flashing lights and large crowds of people cause stress and physical harm to a range of wildlife, but this can largely go unnoticed as our wonderful wild animals suffer out of sight. We believe all public fireworks displays need to be licensed by the relevant authority, and that information about the proposed display must be provided in the local area in advance with a process for local residents to appeal against the granting of the licence.

We need the public to make their voice heard loud and clear to help us secure these changes. Join our #BangOutOfOrder campaign and visit our website.

How to help:

- Always thoroughly disturb bonfires immediately before you light them, as there could be hedgehogs nesting or hiding inside. Moving the whole bonfire by hand before setting it alight is the best way of ensuring that hedgehogs and other wildlife aren't sleeping in there'.
- Try using 'silent' fireworks. These are quieter than traditional fireworks, so although they're not silent, they will be less likely to disturb wildlife, and other animals.
- Be sure to clear up any litter from events; fireworks contain toxic chemicals which can be harmful to the environment.

How you can help East Winch:

If you would like to support the work of the centre you can visit their JustGiving page online.

East Winch also has an Amazon wish list of items that are most in need, which can be found at: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2QW97YL6JNRPQ>.

The centre's shop is always open on Friday's and Saturday's 11am until 4pm

An autumn market which will be held on Saturday 28th September at the RSPCA East Winch Wildlife Centre near King's Lynn. This will be the centre's latest fundraising event and the money raised will go towards helping the wild animals currently being rehabilitated there.

The event will be held in the centre's visitor centre from 9.30am until 3.30pm in the village of East Winch. There will be something for everyone – from fresh produce, tea, coffee, cakes, plants, cold food, arts, crafts, tombolas, raffles and so much more.

What to do if you find an injured wild animal?

When an animal is in need, the quicker they get help the better. The best thing you can do if you find a small sick or injured animal – and if it's safe to do so – is to take them directly to a vet or our wildlife centre for immediate help. You can find helpful advice on our website <https://www.rspca.org.uk/reportaconcern>

All Saints' Church North Runcton

Annual Churchyard "Tidy Up" 2024

Saturday 12th October, 9.00 – Noon.

If you are able to help, please come armed with wood/brush cutting equipment, strimmers, secateurs and scrapers.

(If all goes to plan, hopefully, the Tawny and Barn Owl Boxes will be installed on the day)?

The hard work put in by the team over the last few years has produced a churchyard that compliments our beautiful church.

During the morning, a splendid array of refreshments will be provided by the PCC Ladies. This is also a good time to meet and chat with other folk from the village.

For further information, please call, Churchwarden, Ken Matthews on: 01553 842265

CAN YOU HELP, PLEASE?

North Runcton Parochial Church Council..

had a good response to its earlier request for volunteers to open and close All Saints' Church, each day, for a minimum of two weeks during the calendar year but, still needs a few more to cover the whole year.

Opening All Saints' every day, allows, unhindered, visitors to take in the wonderful heritage in the church at any time'.

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The West Winch Bowls Club has now entered into its 51st year. The 50th anniversary bash that was held in the village hall was well attended by both members and guests alike. A Hog roast was supplied (and also served by David Thompson) , and our President Ken Manning arranged for us all to be entertained by a lady singer and a male comedian during the evening. A raffle was arranged by David and Wendy Bull. Prizes had been donated by the members. Proceeds from the raffle went towards club funds. Members of the committee had very tastefully decorated the hall with balloons and banners in club colours. Chairman Stan Watkinson presented our President with a Certificate of Appreciation . Ken has been a member since the inception of the club: he has served the club with distinction having fulfilled all of the Officer posts. He continues to serve on the committee as president of the club.

As reported last month, our Middleton Team came top of their league and have duly been promoted into division three. Team Captain, Stan Watkinson's team have really excelled this year. I'm sure that our Treasurer eagerly awaits to receive the prize money!

As part of our 50th anniversary celebrations, the club entertained a team of Norfolk County players in a friendly game. The County Players very tactfully declared the game as a draw as each team won three rinks each. In reality, the Visitors won by 10 shots. Following the game a sit down meal was enjoyed by all participants. A thoroughly enjoyable evening for the visitors and members. Thanks were expressed to Janet Nunn and also the other ladies that helped her in any way or form. This function was also arranged by Ken; it was certainly a final fitting tribute to the 50th anniversary celebrations.

Sadly, we will soon see the Green close as the bowling season is all but over. All competitive games have now been played. The final Club Roll Up will take place on Saturday 21st September. A Fish & Chips supper will follow the bowling. Green maintenance will need to take place before the onset of Winter. A Saturday working party is in the process of being organised . A civil Contractor will be employed to tend to the Green under the watchful eye of Paul Locke and Ken Manning. The working party will be needed to carry out the husbandry tasks that are required throughout the club and its premises before winter takes hold.

Two dates for your diary. First, our AGM will take place in the club pavilion on Monday 7th October commencing at 7-45pm. Everyone is cordially invited to come along and see what the club has to offer and also to discover what plans are already being made and formulated for next year. The bar will be open and tea and coffee will be available. See you there?

Secondly, our annual fundraising bumper Christmas Bingo will take place on Friday 29th November in West Winch village hall. Doors open at 7pm with Eyes Down at 7-30pm. This is always an excellent night out and is well supported. This is a prelude to the Christmas celebrations so do come along and enjoy yourself. As always, super prizes are awarded for 1 line, 2 lines and a Full house. In addition to the three 'Fliers' there will be a large raffle. Bar facilities will be available from 7 - 7.30pm. Tea and Coffee & biscuits will be on sale during the interval.

Finally, the West Winch Bowls Club warmly welcomes players or novices from other villages, Lynn etc to come and join us. If you would like to find out more, then do come along to the AGM on the 7th October. And don't forget the Bingo on Friday 29th November.

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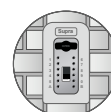
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