



CARBROOKE ONLINE

CARBROOKE NEWS – APRIL 2017

CHURCH NEWS

It only seems a couple of weeks ago that we were celebrating Christmas, and now we are making our plans for Easter, how quickly time seems to fly, the (7 week) lead up to Easter which we call Lent, we can use as a time for 'Spring cleaning' our lives, and for contemplation, as we consider the sacrifice Jesus made on our behalf, and how we can try and copy his example of living and working for the good of all people.

Time may fly, but we can make sure that we fill it with worthwhile and fulfilling tasks, whether it is for the wellbeing of others or for ourselves, for if we make the best of our own time, it also has a knock on effect for others.

Look out for the extra services, and changes of schedule for our special Easter season Church services.

Please note this year in Carbrooke, the Easter Sunday Service will be a Lay Led Service with Communion by extension. It is becoming increasingly difficult for the smaller numbers of clergy to minister to all the churches they have in their care every week, Easter is an especially difficult time, as extra services are added to the calendar. To help Rev'd Jane, Carbrooke PCC, have asked the Lay Leaders to lead the Easter Sunday Service. The Communion will have been blessed by Jane for us all previously.

Preparations are well underway for the Village Festival, as we celebrate Carbrooke life, past present and future, with Heritage displays, refreshments, fun, games and a chance to fund raise.

Fundraising Quiz

Friday 12th May – Carbrooke Village Hall – 7pm - Bar – Nibbles
(£1 PER TEAM MEMBER)

Church Lottery Winners February & March

53	Jane Atkins	£30	171	Andrea Goode	£20	36	Rona Seelhoff	£10
48	Norman Brown	£30	84	Sue & David Lord	£20	88	Sue Youngs	£10

April - May calendar

9th April Palm Sunday 10.30am Benefice Service at Ashill - Lay Worship Assistants will be Blessed by the Bishop.

10th April 7.30pm Communion at Carbrooke for Easter Week

14th April Good Friday, 2pm Easter Meditation

16th April EASTER SUNDAY 10.30am Lay Led Service with Communion by Extension.

23rd April Lay Led Service 10.30am

26th April (Wednesday) Hymn Singing Buckingham Lodge 11am
30th April 10.30am Group Service at Saham Toney
7th May Family Communion 10.30am
Friday 12th May Fundraising Quiz – Carbrooke Village Hall – 7pm
14th May All Age Service 10.30am
21st May Communion followed by Lottery draw. 10.30am
28th Lay Led Service 10.30am
31st April (Wednesday) Hymn Singing Buckingham Lodge 11am

All welcome to our varied services which are followed by coffee, biscuits and a chance to chat.
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HERITAGE NEWS

I wonder how much we notice as we go about our daily lives. On the roads we seem to be bombarded by signs; - where we are, where we are going, what we must do, what we can buy, how we can spend our time. So many, that we rarely notice them. Do we notice the changes as the seasons move on, the other day, I suddenly saw a field of Rape seed in full flower, last time I noticed it, was just a muddy field! How about the creatures about us, there are birds, small animals and insects everywhere, but do we ever stop to actually look at them.

And what about the mundane, manhole covers, storm drains, telegraph poles and wires, electricity pylons, broadband boxes. All of these are essential parts of our existence these days, but I'm sure few of us pay any attention to them, and nowadays they are more often hidden underground so we can't see them. Although they are taken for granted, they haven't always been there. The Heritage Group would like to hear your stories, if you can remember the introduction of electricity, mains water, telephone or more recently the mains drainage to the village. Was it exciting or a bit scary, do you remember what it was like before. (have you heard parents or grandparents talk of it). We would like to include these memories (or any others you have related to Carbrooke) in the Heritage displays at Carbrooke Festival.

Carbrooke Festival - 30TH June, 1st & 2nd July, 'The Life and Times of Carbrooke.'

Exploring Carbrooke life, now and in the past, how we lived, were educated, played, worked, worshipped, family life, and how we can continue to improve and enjoy our village into the future.

Friday 30th June 2pm Carbrooke School Summer Fete

Friday 30th June 7pm Presentation in the church

'A Brief History of Carbrooke'

Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd July from 11am -4pm

Heritage Display in the church Teas & cakes

Saturday 1st July; Craft Stalls in the Village Hall, Bar open.

BBQ, Bouncy Castle, Games & Stalls, Classic /Army Vehicles - Village Green,

Sunday 2nd July – Unveiling of Church information board 3.30 followed by

'Songs of Praise' in the Church.

With a special re-enactment of the School 'Carbrooke Oak' song by past pupils

We invite anyone with photos, artefacts, stories, memories to get in contact.

We would especially like photos – if you were born in Carbrooke (100 years ago, 50 years ago or yesterday), were you baptized or married in Carbrooke, Did you or your family, go to school in Carbrooke. This is our village, our Heritage, please get in touch.

The weekend will begin on Friday 30th June, with a ‘potted history’ presentation of Carbrooke history from earliest times until today, with slide show and items of interest. If you want to know more about the place you live, come along.

Our next meeting is Wednesday 26th April 7pm in the Village Hall Committee Room. All welcome!

Web: www.carbrookehistory.co.uk

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Facebook: Carbrooke History and Heritage

Angela Weatherill

ALLOTMENTS AVAILABLE

If you interested in having an allotment, Watton Town Council currently has some vacant plots and is making these available to residents of other villages. For more information, please contact the Watton Town Clerk on 01953 881 007 or via email clerk@wattontowncouncil.gov.uk

BLOSSOM AND YARN 2017

Following the huge success of the knitting festival Blossom and Yarn in 2015, the organisers are thrilled to announce that Blossom and Yarn II will be taking place in July this year.

The theme for this second event is The Creation and it will run from 7th-10th July, across six lovely rural parish churches. ASs before it will feature eye-popping displays of extraordinary knitting and stunning flowers.

Blossom and Yarn takes place in six village churches, comprising the Wayland Group of Parishes situated in Caston, Griston, Stow Bedon, Breckles, Thompson and great Hockham. Set in neighbouring villages in the Norfolk countryside, each has its own tale to tell. For more information visit the Blossom and Yarn website. www.blossomandyarnco.uk

COFFEE MORNINGS IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Don't forget our regular coffee mornings being held in the Village Hall on Wednesday mornings 9.30 - 11.30 starting on 1st March 2017. Coffee/tea and cake for £2.

All proceeds will go to the NSPCC as part of Kirsty Dekeyzer's London Marathon campaign. She will be running this year's marathon for the charity on 23rd April and need to raise £2000.

The coffee mornings will provide a new social opportunity for the village whilst helping to raise some funds for a very worthy cause. Thank you for your support - we look forward to seeing you!

APRIL EXHIBITIONS IN THE WAYLAND DRAGONFLY GALLERY

Mixed Media Exhibition by Elsing Artists Saturday 1st April – Saturday 15th April

The World of Christine Watson April 29th – May 13th The World of Christine Watson

WAYLAND PHOTOGRAPHY CHALLENGE

Although the Wayland Photography Challenge will not be launched until June with the exhibition in August, now may be a good time to get out and about in the Wayland countryside. The warm weather has brought on the spring flowers– we saw banks of primroses at the weekend and the daffodils will be out in Merton, closely followed by the bluebells in Wayland Wood.

What we want from the competition is pictures of Wayland – the life, the landscape, the flora and fauna, the historic buildings, events in the Wayland Villages—Fetes, Garden Openings, Blossom & Yarn, Sports events etc.

There was a good entry last year but we would like twice as many in 2017. You do not have to be a Wayland Resident to take part, but your pictures must be of Wayland. Anyone can enter and you do not need expensive equipment. There is a separate section for professionals, and a people's choice vote throughout August. Entry forms will be available from Wayland House from the end of April.

RAMBLINGS FROM THE BOY TOM

Well how are yu all a'goin on?

Since I last hed a wurd along with yu we hev hed them gale force winds at the end o'February. They recon that were called Doris. Why do they ha'a give them high winds names? I know what I'd ha called it but that would be to rude to write down here.

When that started a'blowin hard our electrics went orf. I took the Missus to hev har hair done durin the arternoon in Watton , Their electric were on. The Mawther in charge wanted t'know if I would like t'go in und hev a cup o'tea which were kind on har. Our Electric din't come back on when that got dark we ha'a use torches t'find our way around the house. The Electric come back on just as we were a'thinkin about goin t'bed.

Doris blew a tree down and that were a'blockin the road twix Carbrooke und Watton Green. When they finally got round t'movin the tree the telephone line come apart. That were a job t'get that re-connected. Every time I rung them up on my mobile I spoke t'somebody different , sum on um were in this country und some on um were in India. One on um recon they were a'goin t'put a call divert on so when folk tried t'ring us they were diverted t'my mobile . Well bor they made a right mess o'that. When folk tried t'ring our home number they got re-directed. The only trouble that wunt t'my mobile that were t'sum Lady who could not speak any English, and when folk tried t'ring my mobile direct they head the ringing tone but my mobile did not respond. That took about six phone calls t'get that sorted out.

Anyway that took 11 days before we were r-connected and now BT recon them folk who did not report the fault will not get any compensation! I recon there were sum 15 houses that were cut of for the 11 days. If some o'them folk din't hev a mobile how were they suppose to report the fault?

Well I recon Spring hev arrived, although old mother nature keep a hullin in a few cold days just to let us all know that she can still change the weather if she want to.

Still thas good t'see things a gettin green und that meake yu want t'git outside und start a'doin suffin in the garden. The trouble is my old shoulder is still a'playin up so I arnt in full harness yet. I hev hed my old pressure washer out und hev cleaned the concrete und brick weave paths down, thas suprising how much dirt there is t'clean orf. As I said to the Missus thas best that stay outside rather than get carted indoors. The Missus do mob sometimes if I go indoors und hant cleaned my old boots or forget t'teake them orf. She hev even bought me a proper brush und foot scraper t'use.

The grass that hev a'started a'growin. I hev bin over it once with my old mower so the next job ull be t'get the moss orf und put some slits into the ground t'help the drainage. I hev got one o'them machine that do that for me. That hev got a motor on it but I hev still got t'push it along. I'll tell yu suffin thas easier than using a hand rake t'get the moss orf und using a four tined fork t'aerate the soil.

Thas all change up at Carra Rood. They hev got rid o' that young manager. I suppose that were a'goin t'happen cos the team hant been playin to well leartly. The trouble is once the game start the Manager can't do anything apart from shoutin at um. Another thing I recon is that the Manager was not much older than the players and that could meake it difficult for him(the Manager) to earn their respect. I remember what that were like when I became a Farm Foreman several weeks before my 21st Birthday. I dont know if that would apply t'football managers but the Principal at the Agricultural collage I went to recon that "you should never ask a man to do a job you cannot du, or hev not dun yourself".

We hev just hed a Breckland Council election in the Village. That were because one of our Councillors were rude to a lady at a Hunt Meet in Yorkshire. I arn't a'goin to repeat what he said cos that were very rude. When somebody is pointin a mobile phone at him you would hev thought he would have been careful what he said. I recon that were a case of him puttin his mouth in gear a'fore his brain. I hope a lot on yar went and voted cos unless you vote I dont recon you should criticise them who git elected. They tell me there is a'goin t'be NCC elections in May so we'll ha'a turn out agen.

Fare ye well t'gether und du yu keep a'troshin

The Boy Tom

CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT

A Quiz Night will be held at the Flying Fish on 13th April 2017.

Teams should be any number up to 6. £5 per person. 7pm Start.

To reserve a table please contact me on 885533 or kdekeyzer18@hotmail.co.uk

All proceeds to go to the NSPCC

BLLENHEIM GRANGE NEWS

Another Estate clean up and litter pick will take place on the 1st of April and will include refreshments. The spring fete will take place on the 8th April. More drop in sessions for teenage girls will take place in the community cabin on March 12th and March 26th between 3-4pm.

Carbrooke Village Hall Meeting 6th March 2017 Minutes

Apologies: Debbie Harris and Angela Birkby

Present: Ed Buscall, Claire Talbot, Pam Morgan, Mel Findon, Alan Willer, Karrie Richards and Sue Dekeyzer

Minutes agreed from previous meeting

Matters arising from previous meeting:

- New toilet installed
- Broom ordered
- Carbrooke Festival had first meeting the next would be 24th March. Claire Talbot and Mel Findon had said that a few groups had got together to discuss what stalls they would like to run.

Events and Bar:

- Alan Willer had said the bar is doing well and had two deliveries to re-stock.
- Karrie Richards reported that Angela Birkby had opened for a Party that turned up late and then left and hour later than booking. They also brought own alcohol and ripped heating cupboard door of

hinges to get to plug sockets. As a result, it was decided to keep the deposit. It was agreed to look into getting more electrical sockets put near the stage area. It was further agreed that anyone wanting to rent the hall on a Saturday night would be required to have a bar. This would guarantee that alcohol was monitored and that the Hall would be closed on time.

- Sue Dekeyzer had had held the first coffee morning on 1st March. She said it went well but could do with a few more people. She had sent some flyers around the village to help advertise. Mel Findon had offered a member of staff to help break the ice with new faces that may turn up.
- The only booking was for Polling day on Thursday 16th March

Finance:

Barclays Savings Account £14057.14 and Current Account £2249.31

Money in: Pre-School £675.00, Bill Brown £52.00, Booking £150.00, Booking £75.00

Money Out: Cleaner £195.00, Caretaker £78.03, Simon Long £94.39, Calour Gas £26.97, Cleaner £30.00, Eon £127.00, Keys £13.85

- Ed Buscall said that in order to be exempt from VAT for building works, we needed to fill in a form to gain a tax exempt certificate

Update on grants and builders quotes:

Karrie Richards had received three quotes that ranged between £38,000 to around £50,000. Ed Buscall said the application for the Parish Council grant would be put in the next day. He also said he was confident of a donation from a charitable fund and, once those were in place, we could look at match funding as our fundraising should have reached £20,000. Pam Morgan asked how the match funding worked and Ed Buscall explained.

After a request from the Committee about updating the Village Hall constitution, initial research had showed that some changes could be made without the Charity Commission's consent. Its main concern was about changes to the financial processes of the charity which the Committee were not considering. A discussion was held and, while it was agreed that the constitution needed updating, it was thought that this could be looked at once funding for the renovation of the hall had been achieved.

Playgroup

Mel Findon asked the committee to consider the Pre-School proposal of opening for a breakfast and afterschool club. This would be for the existing Pre-School children and ages 5-11 years who would use the small room. The opening times would be 6.30-9am and 3.30-5.30pm with normal pre-School in-between and run from September onwards. She said it already had Ofsted approval and asked if there could be a 6 month trial rent free to see how much interest she would get.

Pam Morgan said she was concerned that the proposal would limit the Hall for other users at a time when we were trying to open it up for the wider community. Alan Willer asked how it would fit in with Kickboxing club as they start at 6pm. Claire Talbot said the Village Hall should be for Village use not just one organisation.

Karrie Richards asked how the cleaning would fit into new times as the cleaner comes in at 6.30-9 Mondays and 2-5 Fridays.

Ed Buscall said that the Hall is so infrequently used by the community that he saw no harm in a trial run but that a fee should be charged due to heat and electric being used. If another group wanted to use the small room they could from 9am onwards just like now and the evening groups should not be impacted

by the later opening. He felt that we may need the hall to be cleaned on three days not two as there would be more mess.

The Committee agreed to a trail run in September with a fee to be charged. A new cleaning rota is to be drawn up to include a day over the weekend. The Committee emphasised that this was a flexible arrangement and that they would monitor whether it prevented the wider community from accessing and using the Hall.

AOB

Pam Morgan asked whether the Village Festival would be the ideal opportunity to get people to fill in a questionnaire about what events/clubs they would like to see at the Hall.

Mel Findon asked if she could put an audible alarm on the door into bar and main hall so if somebody came in unannounced it alerts the staff. These would be removed at the end of the day. Committee agreed she could do this.

Alan Willer said that the radiator in bar area was not working and asked when we were going to paint the Hall and when the store room cupboard would be emptied. Karrie Richards said she would contact plumber for radiator. It was agreed that the Hall will not be decorated until building work completed and that the store room will have to be emptied before any work can start.

Draft Minutes of the meeting of Carbrooke Parish Council held on 13 March 2017 at Carbrooke Village Hall

Present Cllrs P Sampher (Chair), J Borrett, S Dekeyzer, D Fishlock, J Nind, M Wormall.
Cllr J Rogers (Breckland Council) In attendance N Hartley (Parish Clerk). Two members of the public.

1. Apologies

Cllr Coppen.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Nind, Sampher and Wormall in any matters relating to Blenheim Grange. Cllr Fishlock in any matters relating to Maid Marian.

3. Minutes

It was resolved to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2017 as a true and accurate record.

4. Matters Arising

The clerk noted that he had asked the trustees of the Village Hall for the original deeds to the hall, but the trustees were unable to locate them. It was noted that as Custodian trustees of the hall, the Parish Council should be holding the deeds.

5. Public Participation

Theresa Hewett attended the meeting and introduced herself as a candidate in the forthcoming elections.

6. Carbrooke Website and newsletter

Debbie Muller noted that newsletters were being delivered and that if there is a sufficient number of advertisers, a local Directory will be produced. It was requested that the newsletters be put on the website. It was also noted that whilst the minutes of the Village Hall meeting had been amended in the newsletter, the online copy needs to be amended as well.

7. Finance

a. Current balances

Current Account £88,029.45 Business Tracker Account £51,344.04

Scottish Widows (Blenheim Grange Maintenance fund account) £75,000

b. Payments made and approved in accordance with the budget

Direct Debit. Veolia, waste collection at Village Hall, £103.34

Direct Debit Veolia, waste collection at Community Cabin, £48.02

Chq 101223 N Hartley, clerk's salary to February 2017, £456.60

101224 N Hartley, reimbursement of clerk's expenses £150.84

101225 Thinking Rural, payroll services, £12

101226 Jim Cordner Ltd, supply of commemorative bench and fittings, £407

101227 Mansfield Fencing, install commemorative bench, £50

101228 Carbrooke Parish Council, transfer to Scottish Widows account, £10,000

101229 Carbrooke Parish Council, open new Lloyds Bank account, £27,826.19

101230 Norfolk Parish Training & Support, full Council training course, £250

101231 2upLtd, administration of village website, £100

101232 A J Balls, tree felling and maintenance at Blenheim Grange, £3,340

101233 HMRC, PAYE, £96.40

101234 Norfolk Parish Training & Support, new councillor training, £36

c. Payment received

Blenheim Grange Residents Association, payment for use of Community Cabin, £100

8. Planning

a. Breckland Council decisions

Mr G Morris, Wood Farm

3PL/2017/0023/LB

Renovation of workshop/studio area

Approved

9. Press/media Policy

This was deferred to another meeting.

10. Data Protection Policy

This was deferred to another meeting.

11. Standing Orders

12. Financial Regulations

It was unanimously resolved that there were no necessary changes to the Council's Financial Regulations.

13. Risk Management Policy

It was unanimously resolved to adopt the new Risk Management policy.

14. Unity Trust Bank

It was unanimously resolved to open an account with Unity Trust Bank in respect of part of the Blenheim Grange Maintenance Fund. The sum of £85,000 is to be transferred into this account.

15. Community Cabin

It was unanimously resolved to draw up a simple agreement for occupants of the Community Cabin.

16. Carbrooke Village Hall

It was unanimously resolved that the Parish Council will pay for hire of the Village Hall and when necessary, for the church.

17. Blenheim Grange Flower Beds

It was unanimously resolved to advertise on social media that the Council is seeking volunteers to maintain the flower beds at Blenheim Grange.

18. Maintenance of Woods at Sunderland Close

It was unanimously resolved to work out a cost to clear the whole area including the flytipping and rubbish.

19. Blenheim Grange Management Plan

It was unanimously resolved to draw up a three year Management Plan for the maintenance and running of Blenheim Grange.

20. Adoption of Roads at Blenheim Grange

It was noted that Cllrs Sampher, Nind and Wormald had recently met George Freeman regarding the adoption of the roads at Blenheim Grange. Mr Freeman is to have a meeting with representatives of Norfolk County Council, the Police, Westmere Homes and the housing consortium with a view to advancing the completion and adoption of the roads.

21. Westmere Homes

It was noted that Westmere Homes has met the consortium to agree a timetable for completion of the infrastructure works and adoption of the roads at Blenheim Grange.

22. Allotments

It was noted that Watton Town Council has spare allotments and is willing to offer these to residents of Carbrooke.

23. SLCC

It was unanimously resolved to share the cost of membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks with Scarning Parish Council.

24. Correspondence

The Council was asked by the PCC to choose a hymn to be sung at the service on 2 July. The Council chose Shine Jesus Shine.

It was unanimously resolved to support the Campaign to Protect Rural England in its campaign aimed at ensuring that no new sites are allocated for house building in revised local plans to 2036 until all existing allocations in current core strategies have been developed.

It was noted that Watton Town Council is considering having a Neighbourhood Plan. The Parish Council noted that it is interested in supporting the Town Council, subject to cost.

25. Representatives' Reports

Cllr Wormall is to attend the next Ethos meeting at the school.

It was noted that whilst new trustees are to be appointed to run Millennium Green, the trustees have no access to the bank accounts. The charity's insurance is coming up for renewal. The Parish Council is keen to help the charity, but feels that it cannot commit public money when the charity has no functioning bank account and no clear idea of how much money it is holding in the bank. The clerk was asked to help put together a letter to the registered trustees in respect of their responsibilities to the charity.

26. Future Agenda Items

Updates regarding Westmere Homes and the adoption of the roads.

27. Council Training

It was agreed that the recent full council training had been very useful and it was proposed to have similar training sessions on a more regular basis. The Council is interested in having a course on Preparing a Three Year Budget.

28. Clerk's Salary

It was unanimously resolved to move the clerk to Salary Band 27.

29. Next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting to be held at 7pm in the Village Hall on April 3, 2017. The Parish Council meeting will follow this at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.20pm.