



CARBROOKE ONLINE

CARBROOKE NEWS – MAY 2017

CHURCH NEWS

We send Best wishes to Rev'd Jane, for a speedy recovery from her recent illness.

We hope you all managed a peaceful and relaxing time during the Easter break. We had some lovely weather as we welcomed Bishop Jonathan to the Benefice Palm Sunday Service at Ashill. As well as the blessing of the new lych gate, the Authorised Worship Assistants were blessed, allowing them to lead some of our church services 'officially'. This is something that will have to be considered more as the number of clergy reduce. We are pleased that Carbrooke has been leading the way in this respect, as we have been holding Lay Services for several years.

The Authorised Worship Assistants from Carbrooke - Julie Denton, David Riley, Hepzibah Shipman, David Saunders, Mark Ward and Angela Weatherill

The fine weather continued into the Easter weekend. The Traditional Easter Meditation on Good Friday was led by Mark Ward. This year the Easter Service was a Lay Led Service with Communion by extension. Although already planned, (with Janes illness, it highlighted that having Lay Leaders can ensure our rural churches stay open, are able to hold services each week and continue to function).

Church Lottery Winners April

94	Mr I Smith	£30	105	Julie Denton	£20	29	Mark Weatherill	£10
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May Calendar

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

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

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HERITAGE NEWS

We had a fascinating trip to the 'Ghost villages of Norfolk,' the West Tofts Military training area on 5th April. Although it is right on our doorstep, I expect few of us are aware of the 100 sq. miles which make up the area, apart, perhaps from the occasional window rattling 'bombing' activities we may hear.

The area comprising a number of typical Breckland villages, was requisitioned by the military in 1942, and the 2-300 inhabitants, initially given a week to pack and leave. This was extended to 4 weeks, many of them never to return to their ancestral homes and villages. Nowadays around about 8 tours are allowed each year for former residents or interested people to visit.

Surprisingly, considering that the area has been used for military practice of all kinds since then, the place is a haven for wildlife, showcasing natural Breckland habitats. It is largely left to manage itself without the interference from farming (apart from a few sheep) or developers. The military take a great pride in the natural beauty of the area too.

Our tour proved particularly exciting as we were in the midst of an actual exercise, playing the part of fleeing refugees, we passed numerous tanks, troops and roadblocks, before our arrival at the 'Afghan' Village, used to train the troops for service abroad.

We were surprised at how the village buildings had almost disappeared, presumably because they were constructed from clay lump, but on the other hand, several buildings had been extremely well preserved by the military. Presumably most had been damaged by military action though.

For anyone keen on Dads Army we saw where the opening and closing shots were filmed.

Our final stop was the Church at West Tofts, beautifully preserved by the military, and which had been redesigned by Pugin in mid 1800's (a friend of the landowner and designer of the Houses Of Parliament).

The inhabitants and their families were forced to leave the area, and made their homes around our other Breckland villages, although they were given no recompense, they were allowed in some cases to rent their new homes (at the same rate as they did in 1942), for the rest of their lives. In fact one lady was relocated to Carbrooke in a house which was built specially, but demolished to make way for 'Muriel' Way in 1990's.

I was interested to discover that my Father did his RAF basic training at the camp, he tells me it was a very cold January, and as a suffer from bad circulation, felt lucky to survive the experience!

As this tour was oversubscribed, we are hoping to organise another next year.

Full steam ahead for the Carbrooke Festival, please get in contact if you would like to get involved. 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. All welcome to our informal meetings. *Angela Weatherill*

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COFFEE MORNINGS IN THE VILLAGE HALL

A big well done to Kirsty Dekeyzer who successfully completed the London Marathon in 4 hours and 49 minutes.!

As part of her fund-raising campaign, Kirsty's mum Sue has been organising regular coffee mornings in the Village Hall on Wednesday mornings. These will continue during May with all of the proceeds going to the NSPCC will continue during May.

The coffee mornings provide a great social opportunity for the village whilst helping to raise some funds for a very worthy cause. As they have been so popular they will continue once Kirsty's fund-raising has finished. Watch this space for more details!

Coffee/tea and cake is just £2 - we look forward to seeing you!

APRIL EXHIBITIONS IN THE WAYLAND DRAGONFLY GALLERY

The World of Christine Watson

April 29th - May 13th

A display of, hand made collectors houses and "shop boxes" by Ian Watson. Christine Watson offers a range of paintings, illustrations, greetings cards, prints, story CD's and the launch of a new associated clothing range.

Norfolk & Norwich Open Studios – Breckland Taster Exhibition

New Horizons - May 19th – May 21 st

Join us to celebrate the diverse group of talented artists within the Breckland area. Over twenty artists will be coming together to take part in this vibrant exhibition, showcasing a collection of their art works.

Visit the [Wayland Dragonfly Gallery website](#) for more information about both exhibitions

ENGAGING COMMUNITIES – WAYLAND PARTNERSHIP OPEN DAY

Queens Hall Watton May 20th 2017

Although we spend a great deal of time talking to the representatives of the communities and organisations which make up the Wayland Partnership, it is some time since we held an open event where anyone can drop in to see what we are doing, ask questions and make suggestions.

The Wayland Partnership will be displaying its current/recent projects including Growing Together, the HAPPY project, the Dementia Café, the Jobs Fairs, and the Health & Wellbeing Marquee at the Wayland Show,

We will also provide information about the next significant projects due to start later this year (provided we achieve the funding of course).

In addition, the Tourism Association, the Wayland Chamber of Commerce, Watton Sports Association, Watton Churches Together, Watton Festival, Blossom and Yarn, the Wayland Show the Town Council and, hopefully the Carnival will all have stands.

So, if Wayland residents want to know more about what is being planned for the coming year, pop in to the Queens Hall on May 20th between 10.00 and 2.00.

At midday, we will be announcing the winners of the 2017 Wayland Volunteer of the Year Award. Nominations for this award are welcome from anyone in Wayland. Just contact Jan Godfrey at Wayland House for a nomination form and return it by May 6th.

RAMBLINGS FROM THE BOY TOM

How are yu all a'gettin on t'gether?

Well bor thas all a'happenin. Fust yu get one election then three on um cum along all t'gether. Them up at Whitehall recon they want t'hev one so they can hev more on um elected who arnt a goin t'start a'slowin up them Brexit talks. I hope they hev got their sums right cos no one thought we would vote t'leave the EU und nobody thought Mr Trump would git elected. I recon we'll all be sick on it by the time June 8th git here. I say the the Missus "I'm a goin t'git into the garden & not look at the TV or read a peaper till thas all over. She dint say anything.....she just gi me one o'har looks.

Since I last hed a wud along wi yu I hev been back t'the old doctors agin. When I got outa bed one mornin I hed a rare pain in the bottom o'my foot. That suffin hurt und dint git any better so I drewed down the Doctors. He hed a look und recon that I hed torn a tendon on the bottom o'my foot. That took a few days t'git better, I were hoblin about like an old sheep. I say t'the Missus if that were footrot I know how t'git the master on it. She say t'me "it that were footrot I'd send you orf t'market like yu used t'du with your old sheep. That din't stop me a crowdin my old bike along so I could still go und git m'peaper.

Tuther arternoon a bus full on us outa the village went und hed a look round the Battle Area. We all loaded up at the Village Hall und then we driv round t'West Tofts. Thas where the Army hev their offices und one on um cum along with us into the Battle Area.

We told us that when we got orf the coach not t'wander orf cause there are a lot of unexploded bombs a lynin about. He also recon that if we see a bit o'paper a layin about not to touch it carse that could be a boobytrap.

My hart thas a rare place. Thas all grass w'trees dotted about, there were a lot of gorse und sum sheep. (About 8000 on um) The army man told us all about how them folk who hed lived and farmed there hed 4 weeks t'git out when the army took the land over afor the Second World War. Sum o'the houses are still there and we see a couple o'Churches. We went in one on um, the army pay for they upkeep although they are only used about once a'year.

Another place he took us to were a Afghan Village what they used t'train the solders a'for they went over t'afghanistan, That hed houses und market stalls w'writin on the walls. One thing we see a'layin in the street were an old bit o'metal wth a big wheel attached. Several on us hed a look at it und recon that were an old horse drawn grass cutter. We all recon that yu wont see meny o'them in a real Afghan Village.

While we were a'goin round there were sum solders along side one o'the roads. We even ha a go through a couple o'road blocks. The Solder who were with us recon they were a'treatin us like a bus load a refugees.

Another thing that happened while we per a'lookin round the Afghan Village were a gret old American plane called an Osprey cum into land nearby us. That made a rare lot o'noise und the army man with us were a'talkin to somebody on his radio cause he recon that shunt hev bin there.

We all hed a good time und they tell me that there are a'goin t'be sum photos on us on the village website if yu want t'hev a look.

Well things hev started a'growin in the garden, uncludin weeds. As I hev said afor I hev got a lot o'ground elder in the garden so I like t'try and keep on top of it t'stop it spreadin.

That teake sum doin but as I hev told the Missus I am a'goin the spend more time outside then perhaps I can master it this year.

I hev been given our Son-in-Law a bit of a hand with his allotment he hev got. I went und hed a look at it w'him afore he took it on. That hed been well look arter und hed a fruit cage on up un all. Sum o'it hed been dug so I give him a hand a'plantin sum spuds and a row or two of parsnips und carrots. He hed got sum current bushes which look full o'fruit, I told him he hed better git a net over them a'for the birds find um.

That old football ull soon be over. Noorigde hant got anything t'play for this year but I recon that sum on um could be playin for their places next year cos the new fella thay hev appointed recon he is a'goin t'hev a real clear-out this Summer. Thas hope he give sum o'the young uns a chance.

Well I hed better stop a'writin now und git back into the garden. Fare ye well t'gether und du yu keep a'troshin.

The Boy Tom

Draft Minutes of the meeting of Carbrooke Parish Council

held on 3 April 2017 at Carbrooke Village Hall

Present: Cllrs P Sampher (Chair), J Borrett, C Coppen, S Dekeyzer, D Fishlock, J Nind, M Wormal. Cllr J Rogers (Breckland Council) Cllr C Bowes (Norfolk County Council).

In attendance N Hartley (Parish Clerk).

1. Apologies

None.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Nind, Sampher and Wormal in any matters relating to Blenheim Grange. Cllr Wormal in the grant application from Blenheim Grange Residents Association. Cllr Coppen in the grant application from Millennium Green Trust.

3. Minutes

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

4. Matters Arising

The clerk noted that the account had been opened with Lloyds Bank in respect of part of the Commuted Sum for the maintenance of Blenheim Grange.

The clerk noted that the Village Hall committee would be considering the Parish Council's request regarding the wording of the payment of VAT in its minutes.

5. Public Participation

Cllr Bowes noted that the vegetation from Drury Lane to the corner of Summer Lane will be cut back as far as possible.

6. Finance

a. Current balances

Current Account £45,147.37

Business Tracker Account £51,344.04

Scottish Widows (Blenheim Grange Maintenance fund account) £85,000

Lloyds Bank (Blenheim Grange Maintenance fund account) £27,826.19

b. Payments made and approved in accordance with the budget

Direct Debit, Veolia, waste collection at Carbrooke Village Hall, £85.44

Direct Debit, Veolia, waste collection at Community Cabin, £33.50

Direct Debit, Veolia, waste collection, £118.51

Chq 101135 N Hartley, clerk's salary £456.60

101136 Thinking Rural CIC, payroll services, £12

101137 Society of Local Council clerks, annual subscription, £75.50

101138 Carbrooke Parish Council, open new Unity Trust account, £85,000

101139 Mansfield Fencing, dig out, clean and replace noticeboard in Village hall car park, £75

101140 A Newton, roll grass & landscaping, £96

101141 2upLtd, newsletters and administration of website, £100

7. Planning

a. Breckland Council decisions

Dawe Estates, Fen Farm, Willow Corner 3PL/2017/0076/F

Formation of new farm entrance **Approved**

Barratt Homes, former RAF Watton, Norwich Road 3PL/2017/1352/VAR

Residential development with associated access, car parking and open space (revised layout and house types) **Approved**

b. Application considered.

Mr A Thacker, Wood Farm, Mill Lane, 3PL/2017/0273/F

Change of use from agricultural storage unit to workshop and erection of office/staffroom (Retrospective)
The Council was unable to make a decision. The property has been used for eight years without Planning Permission. The Council had received an email regarding use of the property which it felt should be addressed.

8. Land at Blenheim Grange

The Council considered a proposal from Taylor Wimpey to adopt additional land at Blenheim Grange. It was unanimously resolved not to adopt the land as it was felt this may become a liability to the Council.

9. Adoption of Phone Box

The clerk noted that the consultation period is over and BT has agreed that the Parish Council can adopt the phone box near the church. It was unanimously resolved to adopt the box and see if the Heritage Group will make use of it. The Council will consider next year whether to use the box to house a Defibrillator.

10. Parish Partnership Schemes

It was noted that Norfolk County Council has approved the Parish Partnership schemes to move the bus stop on Norwich Road and to improve the bus stop opposite the Flying Fish. It was noted that the County Council had received payment from the housing consortium for construction of a crossing on Norwich Road. It was unanimously resolved to proceed with the scheme opposite the Flying Fish and to write to Norfolk County Council regarding construction of a crossing to facilitate safe access to and from the bus stop.

11. Council Funds and Unbudgeted Costs

It was noted that the trampoline at Blenheim Grange has been broken again. It was also noted that the ball catcher has been broken and that the gate still does not close properly. It was unanimously resolved to write to Action Play and Leisure to see if there is a design fault with the trampoline and to find out the name of the manufacturers of the equipment. It was also resolved to request that Action Play repair the different items or provide a written report why the items are not covered under the warranty. It was noted that the warranty expires in May 2017 and that no funds were set aside in the Budget for repairs. It was unanimously resolved to set aside £2,000 towards the play area.

It was noted that the first cut of the new grass near the play area at Blenheim Grange will be £250 to include cutting and flailing other areas on site. It was unanimously resolved to proceed.

It was noted that no funds were set aside in the Budget for the Community Cabin. It was unanimously resolved to set aside £250 towards the cost of repairs/works. It was noted that the Probation service may be able to undertake work such as painting the Community Cabin and litter picking in the woods near Sunderland Close.

12. Grant Applications

It was noted that the Parish Council is making a donation to all the village groups through the provision and funding of the new village website. It was noted that the Council cannot make a final decision regarding grant applications until it has received a refund of VAT. It was unanimously resolved to provisionally agree grants as follows pending a final decision which should be made at the Council's meeting in May.

Blenheim Grange Residents Association. £500 toward insurance and a printer.

Carbrooke PCC. £1,000 toward maintenance of the churchyard. (It was noted that the Probation service will cut grass in churchyards.)

Millennium Green Trust. The Council is unable to make a grant at the moment as the trustees do not have access to the bank account. It was unanimously resolved to defer a decision regarding the Trust's grant application until the May meeting.

Village Hall. It was noted that clarification is needed regarding the hall's bank accounts before a decision can be made.

It was unanimously resolved to make a donation of £250 to the Heritage Group toward the Festival Weekend in July.

It was unanimously resolved to make a donation of £250 to the Wayland Partnership towards its running costs.

13. Correspondence

The Council had received a request for funds from Norfolk Family Mediation. It was unanimously resolved that the Council cannot make a donation at this time.

14. Future Agenda Items

Grant applications.

Neighbourhood Plan.

Long range budgeting.

15. Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting will be in the Village Hall on 8 May. There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.40pm

Carbrooke Village Hall Meeting 18th April 2017 Draft Minutes

Apologies: Angela Birkby, Alan Willer and Mel Findon

Present: Ed Buscall, Claire Talbot, Pam Morgan, Karrie Richards, Sue Dekeyzer and Debbie Harris

Minutes agreed from previous meeting

Matters arising from previous meeting:

- Two new double sockets put on stage area for disco's etc
- Radiator fixed

Events and Bar:

- Polling Station at Hall on 4th May and 8th June.
- One booking cancelled.
- Friday 12th May is going to be Quiz night for the Church in the main Hall and the Bar will be open as usual.
- Sue Dekeyzer said café was quite successful and had made a little money she had a good mix of new and long term residents. She will ask any of the people that attend the café if they would like to help take it on after the marathon fundraising had finished in May. As the Committee felt this would be a good thing for the Village Hall to continue.

Finance:

Barclays Savings Account £14057.14 and Current Account £2844.94

Money In: Bill Kick Boxing £65.00 and Pre-School £990.00

Money Out: Cleaner £180.00, Caretaker £114.75 and Eon £127.00

Update on grants:

Ed Buscall had applied for the Tesco's bags for help grant where groups could receive anything up to £4000.00. Tesco customers vote in store for their favourite scheme with plastic coins.

Parish Council has not given us a grant due to a typo by our accountant on the accounts and will not look at it again until May meeting. See AOB. Committee very disappointed with this decision as was easily rectified mistake.

Ed Buscall said we going to apply for Breckland Council grant scheme.

Pre-School Cleaning:

The Committee agreed to leave the cleaning rota the same at the moment and have Pre-School work around the Cleaner when it introduces its breakfast/after school club in September. If the probation period goes well and Pre-School have the numbers/interest, then the Committee can look at cleaning rota again.

Hall Bookings:

Karrie Richards said that she had been contacted by the cleaner and Pre-School about the Community Service gardeners turning up with no warning. The cleaner had been reluctant to let them in as she had not been informed they were arriving and Pre-School has safeguarding issues and equipment they need to address/move. Ed Buscall said he had emailed Tony Coppen as he head of Millennium Green Committee to ask that the Booking Clerk be informed so this information it can be passed onto other groups.

Carbrooke Festival:

Karrie Richards had received a request from the Church to come up with a notice board to advertise the Hall that could be placed within the Church and a Hymn to sing at the Festival service. Pam Morgan said she would find an appropriate Hymn. Karrie Richards would find out what size board was needed and who would be supplying it. Also when it needed to be in by.

Village Hall February minutes:

The Village Hall committee discussed the Parish Clerk's request for it to alter the village hall February minutes on the basis that it had said that the Parish Council would not help us reclaim the VAT on hall repairs when the parish clerk believed it should have said could not help reclaim the VAT on hall repairs because he said the Parish Council could not legally claim the VAT back. The Committee took very seriously the charge that it was thought to have asked the Parish Council to act illegally.

The Chair (Ed Buscall) and Debbie Muller said that the Parish Council had in the past bought new windows for the Hall and claimed the VAT back. They said the parish clerk of the time had ensured them this was legal and they believed this was still the case. However, they said the current clerk was adamant that they were wrong and what they were asking the parish council to do was, in effect, illegal.

The Village Hall Committee then considered the National Association of Local Councils' legal topic notes entitled Local Council Help for Village Halls. It noted that its introduction stated: **If a council is the custodian trustee of a village hall, used for charitable purposes, ownership of the hall is vested in the Council.** Given this, the Committee noted that the Parish Council were the owners of the Hall though it was managed on their behalf by the Village Hall committee. As a result, the Village Hall Committee believed that the Parish Council, as owners of the building, should feel more actively responsible for the renovation of the Hall and be more supportive about the works.

The Village Hall Committee then considered Section 5 (Reclaiming VAT) of NALC's legal notes. It observed that a local council, whether or not it owned the Hall, may reclaim VAT if certain conditions are met. Given this, the Committee considered that the Parish Council had acted legitimately in reclaiming the VAT for the windows at the Hall in the past as it has bought them in its own name and did not recover its costs from the village hall or any other voluntary body. This being the case, the Committee considered that the current

Parish Council could also buy specified materials for the renovation project in lieu of a grant and then be able to reclaim the VAT.

The Committee also noted HM Revenue & Customs VAT Notice 749 updated in February 2016. It noted that this supported the findings of the NALC Legal Note. Furthermore, it noted that Section 11.3 said that, if grants were received by a local council owning a hall from other grant givers, it could reclaim VAT on work carried out to the Hall. The Committee considered that this meant that if match funding grants for the Hall were sought in the Parish Council's name rather than that of the village hall committee, then the VAT could be reclaimed for materials/works that were paid for by these grants.

The Committee noted that no substantive evidence had been provided to support the parish clerk's assertion that the Parish Council would be acting illegally if it reclaimed the VAT, but that the Parish Council had still agreed that it was unable to help the Hall with this issue. As a result, the Village Hall Committee agreed unanimously to ask the Parish Council to reconsider its decision about reclaiming as much of the VAT as possible on its behalf. The Committee concluded that its February minutes were fair and accurate.

Next Meeting 15th May

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FESTIVAL**

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CARBROOKE FESTIVAL 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 PM CARBROOKE SCHOOL SUMMER FETE
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FRIDAY 30TH JUNE 7PM PRESENTATION IN THE CHURCH
'A BRIEF HISTORY OF CARBROOKE'
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SATURDAY 1ST & SUNDAY 2ND JULY FROM 11AM -4PM
HERITAGE DISPLAY CENTRED IN THE CHURCH.
TEAS & CAKES
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STALLS, GAMES AND ACTIVITIES IN THE VILLAGE HALL AND VILLAGE
GREEN,
BAR OPEN.
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SUNDAY 2ND JULY 4PM TO ROUND THE WEEKEND OFF
'SONGS OF PRAISE' IN THE CHURCH.

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