



## JULY 2021 THURSFORD TABLET

Report from the May Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council Meetings...

### Notes from the Annual Parish Meeting

#### Annual Report by Steve Yerby, Chairman

There had been limitations on all activity due to Covid, but all required meetings had taken place, although the Zoom meetings had not been without technical issues.

The precept had been increased for the 2021-22 Financial Year as it had not been for some years and no longer funded the Council's budget. Money was needed to pay the Clerk and for training. Money had been spent on tree-felling, grass cutting, the flagpole and the Village Sign. The increase amounted to approximately £6 per household per year.

The Chair expressed his thanks to the resident who had regularly produced a copy of the Tablet which could be viewed online during the pandemic, but it was now returning to its hard copy format so that all residents could receive it.

The website had been updated and now met the Accessibility criteria legislation.

There had been a problem with disease attacking the trees on the Green. One of them had needed to be taken down completely and it had been possible to remove the diseased parts of the second. The tree surgeon had recommended waiting before replanting in the same area.

The flagpole had been in use quite a lot over the year.

The grass cutting contract had come up for renewal. The most competitive quote was continuing with the current contractor.

The allotments had also begun a new 5-year contract.

The latest information on Clarks Lane was that the drains had been rodded and were clear to a certain extent.

The Spring litter pick had been very successful and all were thanked.

There was concern about the number of accidents at the Crawfish junction. Highways had repainted the white lines but there were not enough houses to justify a lower speed limit.

Cllr Yerby mentioned the Exception Housing Scheme and informed the meeting that there was no further information but that the developer was going to let the Council know later in the year what their next action would be.

### Notes from the Annual Parish Council Meeting

Cllr Steve Yerby was re-elected as Chair of the Parish Council. Cllr Sherri Eckworth is also continuing as Vice-Chair.

Highways will be asked if better signage could warn drivers of the dangers near the Crawfish junction.

The Parish Council Annual Accounts and Internal Audit were reviewed and approved. They are available for residents to examine until Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July: contact the Clerk.

Cllr Yerby gave an update on the Church: the new kitchen and toilet facilities are complete and the path has been upgraded and is now wheelchair friendly with a ramp. The next phase is to install lighting along the path. The building is for the benefit of our village for community events after Covid restrictions are lifted.

## **New St Andrew's Guide Just Published.**

In preparation for the future full re-opening of the church a new guide has been produced that takes visitors on a tour of the building. Complete with a floor plan, the guide provides an understanding of the key features of St Andrew's and how it has developed through medieval, Victorian and more modern times. Full of colour photographs it is hoped that the guide will be interesting and entertaining for visitors, as well as providing a take-away souvenir.

All proceeds will go towards the running of the church. as money needs to be raised to cover the £4,000 Annual costs for insurance, water etc. £80,000 had been raised for the improvements.

### **Booking the Church for events**

Now we have kitchen and toilet facilities, if you would like to use the church for an event, please call the Churchwarden  
- Steve Yerby - on 878823 to make the arrangements and to make sure there are no double bookings!

## **Thursford Wildlife report – April and May 2021**

By Nigel and Stephanie Jenkinson

Our gardens, we are constantly reminded, are valuable places for wildlife conservation.

Take a step out into adjacent countryside and the monoculture that is wheat, barley and rape not only doesn't provide the variety of habitats for wildlife but traditional food chains that species rely upon do not support the diversity of species. So, we are losing yellow-hammers, corn -buntings, grey partridge and many species that live in hedgerows. Hedges have been removed historically to enable the use of ever-larger farm machinery. The trouble with this the shifting of food chains means sparrowhawks and kestrels find it easier to catch small birds. Our gardens have a greater diversity of habitats and food is provided too, so wildlife numbers are greater.

Species seen/heard:

Orange -tip butterflies, Brimstone, Hummingbird moths, Greater Water beetles found in water butts.

Bullfinch, Whitethroat, Lesser whitethroat, Swallows, Wheatear, Cuckoo Garden Warbler, Blackcap, Song thrush singing from dawn to dusk, Blackbirds, Robins, Collared doves, Hedge and House sparrows visiting the bird tables. Oyster catchers flying over the garden, Stock Dove

Buzzard, Red Kite

## **Defibrillator**

Users of the **Little Library** in the phone box are reminded to please NOT put books on top of the defibrillator.

## Dog Fouling

Dog fouling is getting worse and worse, particularly in the Heath Lane / Church Lane areas.

It is a **fineable offence** (up to £1,000) to allow your dog to do this and we are expecting a visit shortly from North Norfolk District Council to help enforce this law.

PLEASE take a poo bag with you and take it home with you for disposal if you want to **avoid a fine!!**

### Recipe for this month

Hopefully your tomatoes are beginning to catch up and this recipe can be served warm or cold (and in the right dish can even be frozen for Christmas)

Adapted from a recipe in the Saturday Telegraph magazine a few years ago:

#### Ingredients

1kg tomatoes cut into thick slices, Olive oil, Basil leaves – fresh: 1 bunch (chopped), dried – 1 sm tsp, Sherry or balsamic vinegar – 1-2 tbsp, ciabatta or other bread fried and crumbled; 50g your favourite hard cheese (grated), 30g toasted walnuts, finely chopped.

#### Method

Preheat the oven to 175°C, gas mark 4 .

Place the tomato slices in a bowl, sprinkle with salt and pepper and set aside for 10 minutes.

Grease a ceramic baking dish with oil or butter and layer the bottom with tomatoes. Top with some of the basil leaves., sprinkle with salt and pepper and a tiny portion of the vinegar. Continue layering until you have used all of the main ingredients,

Separately combine the bread, grated cheese and season with salt and pepper ( and dried chilli if you would like spice)

Sprinkle this over the tomatoes.

Bake in the oven for 15-20 minutes

Sprinkle over the toasted walnuts and bake for 5-7 minutes

### Norfolk's new Public Art Trail – Have your say!

Norfolk Council Council's *EXPERIENCE* Project is working with artists to commission a series of new public art works – one for each district of Norfolk - that will be linked by a 250-mile walking/cycling trail.

People of Norfolk - tell us your ideas, opinions and thoughts on what you'd like this to look/be like! Search online for: Norfolk's new Public Art Trail – Have your say!

There is a chance to win a £75 Jarrold voucher for those who complete the survey.

## Diary Dates

### Parish Picnic

It was hoped to hold this event at the end of June. The event has now been postponed in particular as, in the case of bad weather, people would be unable to move into the church for a social gathering.

### Services at St. Andrews, 11am

Sundays 11<sup>th</sup> July, 8<sup>th</sup> August, 10<sup>th</sup> October. All welcome  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September: Harvest Service 6pm, Harvest Supper 7pm.

The Church is open every day for private prayer and visitors. While COVID restrictions are in place please ensure that you wear a face mask in the church and keep to the social distancing rules.

### Concerts coming up in St Andrews

20<sup>th</sup> August - Classical guitar concert with Peter Turrell at 7 pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> September Hexachordia concert at 7 pm. - 'All in a Garden Green'  
Music throughout the ages on traditional instruments.

Further details of both these concerts will be available nearer the time on the website or by contacting Steve Yerby on 878823

### Mobile Library Dates and Times

16<sup>th</sup> July, 13<sup>th</sup> August, 10<sup>th</sup> September  
1.50pm – 2.05pm at Station Road; 3.35pm – 3.55pm at the Methodist Church and  
4pm – 4.15pm by the Post Box in Heath Lane

### The Barney, Fulmodeston and Thursford Food Production Club 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Show

is taking place on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July** at the Old School Hall, Fulmodeston. Any member who needs a copy of the Show Schedule or a pot to plant up for the Pot Challenge, please give Kerry or Nigel a call; likewise if you are not a member and would like to join.

Entries can be brought to the Hall between 10am and 12.45pm and the Show is open to the public from 3pm; prizegiving takes place at 4pm. All Government guidelines will be followed.

Contact Kerry on 822583 or Nigel on 878376.

The next **Tablet** will be published in September, so please send anything you would like included to Kerry – telephone and email below **before 1<sup>st</sup> September**.

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