

Runcton Holme News & Info June 2019

Welcome to the latest edition. Spring is here and summer is just around the corner, we have had some rain lately and could do with some more on a reasonably regular basis but it is also nice to see the sun.

Elizabeth Truss MP

Elizabeth Truss MP will be at the Social Club on Friday 14th June for a Question & Answer session with local residents. Councillor Mike Howland will Chair the session, all are welcome to attend. Starting at 6-00pm and ending at 7-00pm

Parish Council

There are currently three vacancies for Councillors on the Parish Council; nobody is coming forward to fill these vacancies-why?

During the Council year, the pavement from the village to the allotments has been widened for parents taking their children to the school; unfortunately the Parish Council has no control over the width of the pavement at the allotments. The Climbing frame on the play area at the playing field has been replaced as the previous frame did not meet current health and Safety requirements. The play area is checked monthly with a full detailed inspection carried out annually. There are other works required in the area and these are currently being investigated. The bottle and paper banks are being well used yet cardboard is still being dumped at the site (fly tipping), this can go into residents green bin for the District Council to collect. Continued speeding through the village is a problem which is being monitored by the Police. Potholes that appear are being filled quite quickly once they have been reported to the Highways department of the County Council; residents can now report these online to Norfolk County Council then Highways then potholes.

Crime: We are still in a fairly low crime area but keep an eye out for strange vehicles parked in the village, beware of doorstep callers, strange or dubious telephone calls and for those online phishing and scamming emails.

The drains near the allotments are giving concerns; attempts to get Highways to fully investigate have not yet been successful. There was a burst in this section and it took two attempts before a satisfactory repair was completed.

The District Council designated an area of land next to the old chapel on School Road for development and outline planning has been granted for 10 dwellings, the Parish Council has concerns over parking and access to the development and to the allotments. A detailed planning application is awaited...

Rubbish Collection

Thanks to those who turned up on Sunday 28th April, over five bags of rubbish were collected the bulk of which had been thrown out of passing vehicles-why do people do it and not take it home with them?

NEWS FROM THE MEDICAL CENTRE

Spring brings many changes and some of you may be aware of some changes in personnel at the Medical Centre. Dr Fletcher has taken on a different role nearer her home town so that she can spend more time with her children, we will miss her and wish her all the very best. Bryony is taking up a Nurse Practitioner post in one of the larger King's Lynn practices which will be a busy but rewarding job; again we wish her well with her new venture. We have new faces in our Admin department and also in Reception and a new Nurse Practitioner will be joining the team soon.

We are very lucky to have Dr Kate Nichol joining us at the beginning of June. She has been working locally for several years so knows how everything works in this region and we know she will be a great member of the team. We expect to replace the remaining "missing" doctors' sessions over the next few months so the wait for routine appointments should improve soon. Thank you for bearing with us; it is a very difficult time for the NHS with shortages of doctors in many disciplines and we have had to change the way we work in order to ensure that people who have a medical need to be seen urgently at Watlington can receive appropriate appointments or be pointed in the right direction. With this in mind please be reassured that when our reception staff request information about the concern you are ringing about that this information is absolutely confidential within the Medical Centre and allows the GP dealing with urgent issues on that day to give you the right appointment or advice.

If you are planning overseas holidays this year then please ask in Reception for a holiday form to complete so that we can advise you in good time whether you need any vaccinations, some of these need several months to take effect so don't leave it too late! Have fun and remember the sun cream!

Dr S Buckland

Runcton Holme Social Club

A Special Meeting has been called for Friday 14th June to consider the future of the Club, the meeting starts at 8-00pm. Use of the Club has been declining over the past 18 months or so and without increased custom could be forced to close. All are welcome to attend.

It is a question of use it or lose it!

Runcton Holme Bowls Club

The Green has opened for the season, anybody wishing to play or learn the game

Further details can be obtained from: Ian Chapman 01553 811892
Adrian Baxter 01553 810400

Runcton Holme Parish Council



**Become a Parish Councillor and have a say in where you live.
Would you like to become a Runcton Holme Parish Councillor?
Are you interested in Parish Matters and would you like to find out more?**

Would you like to make the village an even better place to live, work and visit?

Why don't you make a difference?

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, please contact the Clerk, or speak to a Parish Councillor for more information and/or come along to a Parish Council Meeting.

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Dear reader,

As I write this, the Local Elections are over and some old, some new and many independent councillors will soon be taking up their posts. When campaigning, they assured us of their social conscience and promised to work for the wellbeing of our communities. And many of them will. We are thankful to Almighty God that in this country we have the privilege of choosing those in authority over us and that our system provides for free and fair elections.

But our new councillors and others will soon discover that doing politics is much more difficult and complicated than campaigning. They will face entrenched systems, unconscious prejudices, straightened finances, limited resources and the sheer lack of time and energy to do all that they promised to do. As voters, we too will quickly lose trust in our new politicians. We'll be disappointed by some of their decisions, angered by some of their choices, enraged by some of their logic and eventually despair at their powerlessness. It is then that cynicism will come knocking at our doors. The NHS, the Police, the Social Services..... the list of fears and concerns is endless.

We live in a complex world which defies simplistic solutions. But we can still be free, safe and happy in our lives in our villages. There is an alternative to cynicism. After long years of observation and experience, an ancient sage expressed it thus:

“Unless the Lord builds the house,
The builders labour in vain.
Unless the Lord watches over the city,
The guards stand watch in vain” – Psalm 127:1-2

Yours prayerfully,

DK

David, Priest-in-Charge

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School Report

Requests have been made to the School for a report on the School and associated activities but so far there has been no response.

What has happened to the PTA?

Parking on the road outside the School is still causing congestion and problems for vehicles wishing to pass through the road, the carpark a few yards down the road is little used by those dropping off or picking up children. There is some exercise to be had for children and parents to use the car park and then walk!

Services at St James

THURSDAYS at 10am.

At 10am on the first Thursday of the month Father David will hold Holy Communion. The service will last approximately 30 mins and uses the shortened version of the Book of Common Prayer.

Coffee and tea will be available following the service.

10am Thursday, 6th June.

10am Thursday, 4th July.

10am Thursday, 1st August

10am Thursday, 5th September

SUNDAYS at 9.30 am

On the first Sunday of the month at 9.30am Father David will celebrate Holy Communion using Common Worship.

9.30am Sunday 2nd June.

9.30am Sunday 7th July

9.30am Sunday 4th August

9.30am Sunday 1st September

Ascension Day.

On Ascension Day 10am Thursday 30th May Holy Communion will be celebrated. Ascension Day is a Principal Holy Day and the third major festival. The Ascension marked the end of the post-Resurrection appearances of Christ.

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St Andrews Church South Runcton

The closure process is presumed to be ongoing although there has been no further news on this lately-watch this space.

Village Meet Coffee Mornings

The Friday Morning Village Meet Coffee Mornings continue and dates are given below.

The Books and Jigsaws increase in number giving you all a much greater choice of reading matter and puzzles to entertain. Additional shelving to follow very soon.

We have been fortunate to meet our new Priest the Rev David accompanied by his wife Shirley and also Mike our returning Borough Councillor, in the relaxed atmosphere of a Coffee Morning. We hope they will return to visit us very soon

The electrical work has been completed in the Parish Hall and we now have shiny new heaters for the summer months (we can't guarantee hot weather). All is now replaced and safe to use and we can dispense coffee using the new power points in a draught free zone, always good.

Our dates are.....

Friday 14th June

Friday 19th July

Friday 16th August

Friday 13th September

All start at 10am.....

We look forward to seeing you all again very soon.

Runcton Holme Social Club – all dates, times and acts may be subject to change, check noticeboards, web site, Facebook or telephone the Club 01553 811552 after 7-00pm
Any Parties, Anniversaries, Wedding Receptions, Meetings, Wakes etc., the Club can provide the venue at reasonable cost with the additional option of catering.
What's on:-

For other functions/events see the noticeboard outside the Club or pop in and ask.
If anybody is interested in helping organise anything or has some ideas for viable events then please let the Club know.

Monday evenings-Darts, Tuesday evenings Cribb, Wednesday evenings Ladies Darts,
Thursdays Live Country Music-want to dance, sing or listen then come along.

Next Issue

It is anticipated that the next issue will be out in September so any info, news, articles etc. to be submitted by the 20th August. Submission can be by email, Times New Roman 12 point appreciated. Space limitations may apply.

Queries and contributions to this publication to:-

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Parish Council – A bit more:-

There were works proposed recently by Highways with a partial closure of Runcton Road from the A10 to the junction of Field Barn Lane and it was stated that Field Barn Lane would form part of the diversionary route. The Lane is just wide enough to take one vehicle let alone a lot of traffic in both directions. After representations from the Parish Council and other interested and concerned bodies, a new diversionary route was announced.

When planning these diversions it would be assumed that the planner would consult the ordnance survey sheet(s) and then drive the route proposed to check clearances, access to properties etc. before making the announcement.

The road and pavement surfaces in Ffolkes Place have had little in the way of repair over the years and the Parish Council have at times taken the matter up with Norfolk County Highways and been assured that the matter is on the list to be attended. Last year a surveyor was seen going around Ffolkes place with a measuring device and taking notes of dimensions of pavement and road surfaces so hopefully the matter is approaching the top of the list for attention. Yesterday the County Council announced that they were having to make further savings so will the Ffolkes Place repairs slip down the list, the Parish Council will keep the matter County Council aware of the matter.

Down Common Road near to the railway line, residents have complained about the amount of water on the road when there has been heavy rain, this matter has been on the Highways list for a long time, usual response is that this is not a through road so is low down on the list of works to be undertaken-we will keep on the case.

Speeding through the village is still a problem, monitoring by a police vehicle is still taking place on School Road at the carpark, The Parish Council is continually trying to get speed monitoring carried out on the Downham/Watlington Road. At times of the day, traffic on this road is light, that seems to increase the cases of speeding, worst times are between 7-00am to 9-00am and 4-00pm to 6-00pm. The Village Speed Monitoring team used to be active with equipment supplied by the Police but this ceased, if anybody would like to start a new team, needs three people, then make contact with the Parish Clerk. The Police chose where in the Parish the monitoring can take place and provide the equipment, the timing of the monitoring is down to the team to arrange. The Parish Council is trying to arrange for a speed indicator to be sited on the Downham/Watlington Road. The Police have recently been monitoring traffic speed on the A10 at the junction with School Road.

Some people may have noticed that there is no longer cricket or football on the playing field, years gone by there were weekends when many people had a couple of days off work and there were numerous village cricket and football teams. Runcton had two cricket and three football teams, the weekend as such no longer exists and the teams became short of available players and the teams and Leagues folded. A great pity as that partially affected village social life and culture.

Are many readers aware that there is a Pidgeon Club operating in the village and they take part in the racing season also of the railway club based in the village?

INFORMATION PAGE.

Important and Useful Telephone Numbers.

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County Councillor: Brian Long 01945 430169

Elizabeth Truss MP 01842 766155

Church Wardens: Eve Thomas 812094

Brenda Redfern 811212

Medical Centre: 01553 810253

Emergency(out of hours) 01603 488488

Pharmacy 01553 811045

Hospital 01553 613613

Urgent Medical Assistance 111

Life Threatening Medical Emergency 999

Police: Non emergency 101

Electricity emergency 0800 783 8838

Gas emergency 0800 111 999

Public Road Water Leak Anglian Water 0800 771 881

Runcton Holme School 810394

Cats Protection League 01366 382311

Brambles Animal Sanctuary 01366 388456

Downham Market Library 01366 383073