

Briston & District News

For the Parishes of
Briston, Melton Constable,
Melton Park and Hindolveston

February 2012

St. Valentine's Day - 14th February

Who St Valentine was is a mystery. He is thought to have been a young Bishop who lived in Rome in around 270AD when Emperor Claudius was in power. Emperor Claudius decreed that young people could not get married as he thought that married men made poor soldiers. However Bishop Valentine said that marriage was part of God's plan and purpose for the world and continued to marry young couples in secret. However he was so successful that Emperor Claudius got to hear of it and threw him into jail. Here Bishop Valentine fell in love with the jailer's daughter. On the night before he was beheaded he sent her a note which read "from your Valentine". That action by one man started St Valentine's Day. In 496 Pope Gelasius decreed that 14th February would be named after the Bishop, who was made a saint and nowadays this day has become the second largest occasion to send a card, only behind Christmas.



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CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES FEBRUARY 2012

Sunday 5th	09.15 11.00	Holy Communion Service Family Service	St. Peter's, Melton Constable All Saints', Briston
Sunday 12 th	09.30 11.00	Holy Communion (BCP) Family Communion Service	St. Mary's, Burgh Parva St. George's, Hindolveston
Sunday 19 th	09.00 11.00	Holy Communion Holy Communion	All Saints', Briston St. Peter's, Melton Constable
Wednesday 22 nd	10.00	Holy Communion with	St. George's, Hindolveston
Ash Wed.	19.30	Imposition of Ashes	All Saints', Briston
Sunday 26 th	09.30	Holy Communion	St. George's, Hindolveston
1 st in Lent	11.00	Family Communion Service	All Saints', Briston
	11.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	St. Mary's, Burgh Parva
	18.00	A Time to be Still	All Saints', Briston

All Saints', Briston and St. George's, Hindolveston have public address systems with loops for those with hearing aids.

Every Wednesday at 10.30 am – Pop in for a free tea/coffee and a chat in St. George's Church Room, Hindolveston – preceded by Holy Communion at 10.00 a.m. in the Church – all welcome.

Holy Communion (or just a visit) for the sick or for the housebound, can be arranged by telephoning the Priest in Charge on 01263 860280 ,

FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Friends,

My grandfather loved poetry and I inherited from him a very battered and well read copy of Palgrave's Golden Treasury. I often browse through it and look for inspiration. This month I bring you one verse of William Shakespeare's poem 'Winter'. I hope that this winter stays as warm as it at the beginning of January when I am writing this. So this poem will either be a reminder of how winters can be or describe what we are going through in February.

When icicles hang by the wall
And Dick the shepherd blows his nail,
And Tom bears logs into the hall,
And milk comes frozen home in pail;
When blood is nipt, and ways be foul,
Then nightly sings the staring owl
Tuwhoo!
Tuwhit! Tuwhoo! A merry note!
Whilst greasy Joan doth keel the pot.

May God go with you. Jenny English.

Clergy Letter

Dear Friends,

By the time you read this one twelfth of 2012 will have already passed; however, I would still like to wish you all a belated happy New Year, and thank you for your cards and good wishes over Christmas.

And to say how good it was to see so many of you at the various services over the Christmas period, and I hope you all had a good Christmas and enjoyed the New Year celebrations.

No sooner is Christmas over than I have to begin to think and plan for Lent, Holy Week and Easter!

Ash Wednesday, this year is on the 22nd February, and is when the forty days of Lent begin. At our special service held on Ash Wednesday, ashes are used as a sign of our own mortality and as a sign of penance. This is an ancient custom when all present who wish to do so, receive ashes on the forehead in the form of a cross and the priest says the words "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return."

The ashes are an annual reminder of the passage of time and our constant need for repentance and an annual reminder of our need to change.

The forty days of lent correspond with the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness. However, if you add the days from Ash

Wednesday to Easter Sunday you will see that it makes forty-six days! This is because we do not count Sundays in the forty days of Lent, because every Sunday is a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus, and is exempt from the Lenten observations. (So if you have given them up for lent, you are allowed a glass of wine or a piece of Chocolate during the Sundays of Lent!)

Lent is a time for reconciliation. A time when we make space in our lives to think about our relationship with God and the ways in which we are responding or failing to respond to his love and care for us.

To give people an opportunity for this during Lent, we are planning to have a weekly "Time to be Still" at 6 pm on Sunday evenings at All Saints' Briston. This won't be a formal service but instead a time for reflection and contemplation, whilst listening to some quiet music, and will last no more than half an hour. So please do come and join us.

It's very easy to "lose" the real God in our world and in our life. It's easy to come to feel like a displaced person or a wandering soul in search of the meaning of life. The fact that we do wonder and we do question is a healthy sign. May you be able to use this Lent wisely and to deepen your relationship with God during this time.

All my love and blessings

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Revd. N Woodruff, The Manse, Church Street,
Briston Tel: 01263 862970
Homework Club Tuesdays 16.00 to 17.30
Craft Circle 2nd Monday monthly 19.30 to 21.30
Service: Sunday Morning 11.00am

Please watch the Notice Board for other events

CATHOLIC CHURCH

ST ANTHONY OF PADUA

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www.catholicfakenham.org.uk.

29 Wells Road, Fakenham, NR21 9EG
(Church & Presbytery)

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Holt Methodist Church. Worship at 11.00am every
Sunday.
Tel: 01263 712181

SALVATION ARMY, BRISTON

Captain Gaynor Mulryne

01263 733883

All events at the Salvation Army Hall (opposite
the Co-op in Briston)

Useful numbers

If any of these are out-of-date please inform the Editor

Holt Surgery: Appointments	01263 712461
Repeat Prescriptions	01263 861479
Melton Constable Country Club	01263 860555
Briston Players (Val Pinkham)	01263 861303
Guides: Sarah Keerie	01263 862924
Rainbow Guides: Janet Ruston	01263 861135
Brownies: Melanie Edmonds	01263 861865
Cubs: Sara Williamson	01263 862148
Beavers: Sara Halliday	01263 861565
Scouts: Kirsty Hobart	01263 860050
Briston Community Nursery School	01263 861356
Astley Primary School	01263 860212
Reepham High School	01603 870328
Day Care: Mrs Dorothy Morgan	01263 861288
Mrs Carol Parsons	01263 860844
Care Centre (Mondays & Thursdays)	01263 861120
Briston & Melton Constable WI - J Girling	01263 861647
NWACTA Dial A Bus	01692 500840
COMMA Rural Dial A Bus	01553 776971
Social Services	0344 8008014
Samaritans	08457 909090
Victim Support (local)	01603 629577
Gingerbread (single parents group) Alison	07859 364702
Briston Parish Council:	01263 862638
New Email: parish-council@briston-norfolk.org.uk	
Bookings for Briston Community Centre	07827 398770
Hindolveston P C: Mrs. Joanna Otte	01328 822366
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www.meltonconstable-pc.org.uk	
Norman Lamb MP	01692 403752
Copeman Centre Bookings and Key holder Mrs C Carter	01263 861340
Police (non-emergency)	101 or 0845 4564567
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Please Note:- Defibrillators are located outside Melton Constable Surgery and also at Graves Butchers, Briston

From the Registers

R.I.P. Tim Pratt, Janet Southgate
Eunice Loads, Brian Pedlow

VILLAGE NEWS

BRISTON

All Saints' Church 100 Club

December Double Draw

1st No. 3 Mrs. Alma Hartley
2nd No 36 Mrs. Brenda Finney
3rd No 22 Miss Isobel Baggott
The next draw will take place on 21st February.

The collection of £98. from the Christingle Carol Service was sent to the Children's Society.

Bishop's Day of Prayer

Saturday 18th February 9.45am – 3.00pm

Norwich Cathedral

Bishop Graham invites us all to this day of equipping and encouraging in the practice of prayer. Key-note addresses will lead into smaller group sessions around the cathedral. The Bishop of Whitby, Martin Warner, will lead the day, taking prayer and visual image as his theme.

Cost: FREE. Please book in advance and bring your own lunch.

Contact: Caspar James 01603 729815,
caspar.james@norwich.anglican.org

Web: www.norwich.anglican.org/calendar/e3838

Women's World day of Prayer

(International and Interdenominational)

Friday 2nd March 2.00pm .

To be held at the Salvation Army Hall Briston
'Let Justice Prevail'

On this Friday over 3 million people worldwide will be praying and worshipping together during an annual day of prayer, using a form of service prepared by Christian women in Malaysia.

Do come and join us, (men are welcome too) and there will be refreshments afterwards.

It is a great opportunity for us all to come together and learn more about what it is like to be a woman in today's Malaysia.
Carol Sexton

The Norwich Diocesan Play Van is in urgent need of someone to tow our box trailer full of toys to the various Toddler Groups. It is a voluntary post but we do pay expenses (45p per mile). The trailer is kept at Barney and at present we are needing someone to tow the toys to Binham on Mondays, Baconsthorpe on Tuesdays and Reepham on Fridays. We would be grateful for any offers of help and hope that there may be sufficient volunteers to set up a rota. For more details please contact Pauline Gray on 01603 812610 or e-mail mandpgray@btinternet.com

Found in Briston Churchyard - a Crucifix and Chain. For further details please contact Keith Wells (PCC) On 07748568431.

OWNERS WHO WALK DOGS THROUGH THE CHURCHYARD - we welcome you to walk through the churchyard with your dog on a lead, but it would be greatly appreciated if you could clear up any mess and take it home with you as it can be trodden into church on people's shoes.

BROWN BIN IN ALL SAINTS' CHURCHYARD

Would users of this bin please ensure that there is nothing other than plant material placed in it. Thank you.

Captain's Comments – from the Salvation Army

The Saturday night quiz programme 'Who Dares Wins' was on and although it wouldn't be true to say I was watching it the contestants behaviour did catch my eye. Two complete strangers are teamed up and then work together to win as much money as possible. It was less than 60 seconds before these random competitors, who had not heard of each other prior to the show, ended up hugging each other – with the nation watching! What had caused this explosion of emotion and the obvious need for physical contact? Well, winning of course. As their cash winnings increased so too the effort put into the hugging.

I recently read about a group of people who gained permission to place a sofa in a shopping centre. One person sat on the sofa with a sign saying '*I am here to listen*'.

Quite soon someone sat down and began to talk. The invitation to talk while someone listened proved to be a hit. The sofa was occupied throughout the day by young and old alike who just needed someone who would listen to them. These very different situations seem to have very similar outcomes. It appears our need to share with others, albeit strangers, what is happening in our lives breaks down barriers faster than flood water. I don't see myself transporting a sofa to the centre of Briston but if you see me sitting on a bench come and have a chat.

Here to listen,

Captain Gaynor Mulryne

Praise Meeting

Every 1st Sunday 3.00pm

The Salvation Army

Briston

Choose your favourite hymns

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GET TOGETHER

New for 2012 at The Salvation Army, Briston
Fourth Tuesday of the month ~ 28th February 2012
10.00am – 2.00pm

Everyone welcome to come along

The idea for **Get Together** has come directly from people living in Briston/Melton Constable who recognise the value of friendship. **Get Together** is quite simply about friendship. The recently refurbished **Salvation Army hall** in Briston offers a warm, comfortable and safe place for people to **Get Together**.

Free Coffee and Tea will be available and a bowl of homemade soup will be on the menu at lunch time. (12.00 - 1.00). A voluntary donation can be made towards costs.

~ **laughter** ~ **support** ~ **fun** ~ **care** ~ **trust** ~ **acceptance**
~*What does friendship mean to you?*

KIDS ALIVE!

New for 2012 at The Salvation Army, Briston

First Saturday in the month 9.30am – 11.30am

Ages 5yrs – 11yrs

Begins in February

GAMES~CRAFT~STORY~DRAMA~MUSIC

All used to help children understand the story of Christianity

£1.50 per child ~ Saturday 4th February

It would be helpful (not essential) to know in advance if your child/ren will be attending. Please call 01263 733883 to register.

Briston Wives Group

The Christmas Dinner, held at the Blakeney Hotel on 7th December, was a great success. We arrived to a beautifully decorated building – lights everywhere – around the windows and covering a Christmas tree. The weather was so much better than last year, when we had to slip and slide through snow. The company, food and venue were excellent, and everyone enjoyed themselves. On 11th January, we had our New Year celebration, enjoying good company, mince pies, sausage rolls and mulled wine. At this meeting, our chosen charity for this year was chosen. It will be Friends of Kelling Hospital. We like to choose something close to home. We hope to hold a coffee morning and a Table Top later in the year for the charity so please watch this space.

Next month we are to have Martin Sexton giving a demonstration of his art. Will members please arrive for a prompt 7.30 start. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at the All Saint's Close Centre. New members are always welcome. Please phone Mrs Pat Self (01263 862453) for further information.

Briston Craft Circle

Briston Craft Circle started the New Year with members working on their own projects. One and a half hours uninterrupted work is an unheard of luxury for some members.

At February's meeting on Monday 13th we will be making paper patchwork cards and members are requested to bring: Scissors, Pencil, Ruler, Pritstick.

Spare patterned paper or wrapping paper (Don't worry if you don't have any as there will be some spare paper provided)

Meetings start at 7.30 pm and take place at Briston Congregational Centre. New members are always welcome (the Circle is non-denominational).

For more information please contact

Anne Fippard 01263 861004

Ginny Unsworth 01263 861963.

The Copeman Centre, Briston

Car-boot and Table-top Sale

Saturday 11th February

setting-up from 8.00am

Refreshments Available

Public entry- 9.00am-12noon

Pitches/Tables - £6

Advance booking - £5

Tel: Carole - 01263 862559

Briston & Melton

Constable WI

We had a very successful year in 2011 with interesting speakers, activities and visits. We welcomed visitors to our meetings and enrolled some new members. We now have two new members on our committee and together I am sure this year will be even better.

We have speakers booked who will cover topics relating to a variety of subjects from health issues, to cooking for Easter, to the living history of Blickling Hall. We have just established a 'Craft and Natter' group one afternoon a month and hope to create other groups. A trip to the Theatre Royal, Norwich, to see 'Calendar Girls' in April has already been arranged and we are looking for venues for our Garden Party and other visits that will interest our members.

The next meeting is on 15th February and the speaker will be talking about rag rugs and showing us how to make one.

If you would like to find out more about us do come to one of our meetings. It is free and we promise you a warm welcome. We meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:45 pm in the middle hall of the Copeman Centre, entering it through the Nursery playground on the right.

For more information do contact our President Jeanette Girling 861647 or email me, tricia.stocking@googlemail.com

Patricia Stocking



£50 Jackpots £100

Copeman Centre Briston Village Hall

“BINGO”

every Thursday – eyes down 7.30pm

Raffle. Refreshments available.

Air Ambulance stall with Cakes, Cards, Jams, Marmalades etc

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Jig Saw Club

Sat 18th February 2012 from 11:30 am and 3:00 pm.

Free Entry. There will be refreshments & light lunches for sale.

Please make sure any jigsaws you bring for exchange are complete. For more details please contact Anne Fippard on 01263 861004.

Briston Community Centre

Number for bookings 07827 398770

Looking for somewhere to hold your party, wedding reception or celebration?

Briston Community Centre could be just the place to help you. With a choice of three rooms, the Main Hall which will seat 100 people, the Bar area for informal get togethers and the Nursery Room which will seat 20 people, NEW kitchen, plenty of free parking and located on the edge of the recreation ground, the Community Centre could be the perfect venue for your celebration. To find out more please ring Pete on 01263 862559.

The kitchen will be out of action whilst the new one is being installed. Apologies – especially to Youth Club users.

BRISTON'S YOUTH CLUBS

Every Friday Night
7pm to 10pm In Lofty's Room
Ages 11yrs and upwards

Table Tennis Pool Darts
Computer Games (PC & X-Box) Tuck Shop

A safe, warm environment, totally **Smoke** and **Alcohol** free, in which to play games or just sit and chat to your mates whilst listening to tunes of your choice (bring your own CD's if you like).

6pm to 8pm Junior Youth Club

CRB checked voluntary workers always present
For more information call 01263-862244/862559

Parents and Toddlers Wednesdays 10.00 am.

Briston Sports & Recreation Association

Family Easter Party – more details next month.
Other events – please see What's on and When

EXCITING 2012 PROGRAMME FOR BRISTON ORGAN SHOWS!

Enthusiastic lovers of live music have already pencilled in their diary the date of the next Briston Organ Show - which will be on Friday 3rd February, when they will get a return visit of the exciting organist and keyboard player James Goff. This will no doubt be a packed evening, as James is well known as a top exponent of the modern digital organ, as well as running his own Big Band. He not only plays music to suit all tastes, but he has a wicked sense of humour too; if you think you would like a really good evening out, why not come along and join us! Advance booking is essential for these shows, as they are very popular indeed. You can get your tickets now by 'phoning Carol on 01263 860844 - they are just £6 each, with under 16's getting in for half price. The venue is the Copeman Centre at Briston, and the show starts at 7.30pm, with doors opening at 7pm. There is plenty of free parking right outside, and the wide level entrance makes it ideal for disabled visitors too. As usual, proceeds from the Raffle and Refreshments will benefit the Copeman Centre Funds, so everyone's a winner!

Briston Day Care Centre

After a two week break for Christmas, all agreed how nice it was to be back in convivial company.
We still have a few vacancies, so if you would like to find out more please phone either Dorothy or Carol on 01263 861120 on a Monday or a Thursday between 9.30am and 2.30pm.

Baby Clinic - 1st & 3 rd Monday of each month	Run by directors of Briston Community Nursery School
£1.50 per Family	Parent and Toddler Group
First week Free	Copeman Centre Briston
	Three weekly Toy Library
	Mondays – 10.-11.30



BRISTON GARDENING CLUB

Members are advised that a change of events has occurred. The AGM has been deferred until April 3rd in order that a guest speaker could be accommodated in March. Accordingly on Tuesday March 6th Mr Lupton will be talking about Primroses and we assume bringing samples for us to see and perhaps purchase.

The club evenings at the Copeman Centre commence at 7-30pm, usually on the second Tuesday of the month and anyone interested in gardening is always very welcome.
Jw.

Briston Parish Council –

Report from the January meeting.

All members were present as was John Wyatt, District Councillor for Briston. Unfortunately our County Councillor, Russell Wright and a representative from the Safer Neighbourhood Team were not.

District Councillor Wyatt, in his report, said that there were a lot of changes going on at North Norfolk District Council with which he is not happy. A new chief executive and other senior members of staff are being appointed and there will be other staff changes. He also reported that the access road to the Study Lodge gravel pit will be five metres wide and not three as originally specified in the planning proposal.

Chairman Serne reported that he and Cllr Mrs Simmons had a very good meeting with Mr White from the Highways Department at Norfolk County Council. From this they hoped to get a foot path on Vicarage Corner and possibly hatching on the Mill Road/Church Street junction. Cllr Girling asked if they had looked at the lack of a footpath between 39 and 41 Church Street. He said that this was an extremely busy road and people were forced to walk in the road as there was no path. This stretch of the road was well used and there were a lot of young children and babies in prams using it. Chairman Serne replied that they had not but he would raise it with Mr White.

Chairman Serne reported that the cost of the forthcoming by-election on 12th January would be almost £1,500. This and the one held in November will have cost the parish almost £3,000 which is in excess of 10% of the council's budget for the whole year. As this sum has not been budgeted for (these elections are called for by ten electors, not the Parish Council) there will have to be cuts in services.

It was agreed to pass the matter of a water supply on the Stone Road allotments to the Allotment Committee to discuss. The schedule of payments was passed.

Result of the by-election held on 12th January 2012

Martin Collins 204 votes
Alex Craske 68 votes.

Martin Collins was declared elected to Briston Parish Council and will attend the February meeting as a member.

Attempt on the life of the Chairman of Briston Parish Council?

When Tony Serne, Chairman of Briston Parish Council, was driving towards Fakenham on Saturday 17th December 2011 he noticed that there was considerable vibration on the steering wheel. The following Monday a local Briston motor engineer informed Mr Serne that the wheel nuts on the nearside front wheel had been deliberately loosened and the plastic wheel nut covers replaced. This action could have caused the wheel to come off thereby risking injury to the driver, passengers and possibly other road users. "Tampering with cars is a serious matter" said Mr Serne. "It could have resulted in a tragic accident and loss of life. This seems to be part of an ongoing vendetta against me and the Parish Council, especially since the Council Office door and post box had been tampered with previously. The police are taking the matter very seriously and I would urge those who carried out this criminal act, for that is what it is, to think of the consequences of their actions. I would also suggest that every member of Briston Parish Council takes care and checks their vehicles regularly."

MELTON CONSTABLE

Burgh Parva Hall Carol Evening

The Carol Evening At Burgh Parva Hall on 14th December, raised £177.70 in aid of St Mary's Church, Burgh Parva. Grateful thanks to all those who attended, helped to organise the evening, made donations, and brought along raffle prizes and mince pies. Particular thanks to Margaret Bumphrey for playing the organ on the evening.

GRIT BIN

There is now a grit bin - provided by Melton Constable Parish Council - outside the hair dresser's shop in Briston Road. The contents may be used by any residents to spread on icy areas on public pavements and side roads. Please get out there with your shovel when we have a freeze and help make our village safer for pedestrians.

MELTON CONSTABLE COUNTRY CLUB

Tel: 01263 860555

Come & see what the Country Club has to offer, including:

- Members bar offering real ale, cask beers, wines, spirits and quality soft drinks, which you can enjoy in comfortable air conditioned surroundings.
- Regular Live entertainment
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- Pool table
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Saturday 25th February

Live music with

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Saturday 24th March

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Always Wanted Local Bands / Entertainment

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the Entertainments Committee at above address

Exercise Sessions at the Country Club on Monday evenings.
The times are 6.15 - 7.15

MELTON CONSTABLE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Notes from the meeting held on 10th January 2012

There were no apologies for absence and one member of the public was present. The police were not represented at this meeting.

County Councillor Wright gave an update on the proposed Holt car park site. He asked for opinions on the effectiveness of the Highway Rangers work, which were positive, and Members' reports included a request for a letter of thanks to be sent to them. He reported that, due to good housekeeping, excess funds have been accumulated and some will be used to provide apprenticeships for school leavers in the county. The online petition for the Fare's Fair campaign is still open for contributions.

He was asked for help on various issues, including investigating potential avenues to obtain funding for the removal of asbestos on the allotments and the replacement of old lighting stock, which may be required in future. Further information on the type of projects that might obtain funding from the Big Society Fund was also required.

The meeting progressed with members' reports. After a meeting with the handyman and volunteer, the low risk repairs required, raised from the annual play ground inspection report, are now work in progress. It is noted that the shackles on the swing are to be inspected annually.

A decision has been made to appoint a new grounds maintenance contractor but further negotiation is required regarding the inclusion of the bus shelter site and terms and conditions of the contract.

Council has conducted the regular inspection of the two street 'swinger' lights which look fine. Two solar lights are out of order and a company to provide ongoing maintenance of the solar lights is to be sourced. Due to the installation of solar lighting and the subsequent lower electricity consumption, savings in the region of £500 per year can now be made.

After further discussion and taking note of public concern regarding commercial sponsorship, it was agreed that the existing notice board will be repaired as soon as is possible and that no additional board be provided.

Council has been approached with an invitation from 'The Big Red Bus' project. This is a learning and recreational opportunity for young people in the form of a mobile youth centre. The company has proposed that the bus will visit the village for a period of eight Tuesdays from 7pm-9pm. A small donation has been agreed and pre publicity will be provided.

Though a reply has been received to the letter from Council regarding the future of the Water Towers, further clarification is to be requested regarding planned maintenance and the affect this may have on the aesthetics of the structure.

The monthly finances were approved and payments authorised.

The next meeting for the Parish Council is on Tuesday, 14th February at 7.15pm.

The agenda and full minutes can be found on the Melton Constable Parish website: www.meltonconstable-pc.org.uk or by contacting the Clerk: Jacqui Carr, 01263 808605

The Yesu Workshop

Community meeting place for tea, coffee, cakes and crafts.

Open every Friday from 10am-15.00pm.

Bring your own craft projects, learn something new, or just come for tea and cake. Second Hand Clothes Rail, kid's toys, and crafts available by donation.

Internet available on Fridays, just come in and ask.

Website www.yesuworkshop.co.uk

Contact: Yesu office: 01263 825516

Yesu Workshop Project Worker: Catharine 01263 861606

179 Fakenham Road, Briston, Melton Constable NR24 2DN

Royal British Legion

**MELTON CONSTABLE AND DISTRICT
BRANCH (NORFOLK)**

The President and Members invite you to a presentation on

“The Royal British Legion Today”

at 3pm on Sunday 12th February

in the hall of The Country Club

Doors open at 2.30pm

Light refreshments will be provided

There will be a raffle in aid of The Royal British Legion

Donation of Raffle Prizes Welcome Admission Free

HINDOLVESTON

MONDAY COFFEE SHOP

Monday 10.00am till 12noon

Hindolveston Village Hall

Open every Monday 10am -12am assorted drinks, homemade cakes and snacks starting Monday 6th February. This is an open morning for everyone of all ages to enjoy and will be held on a regular basis.

We hope you will use it just like a coffee shop in the High Street, meet your friends and family and enjoy this facility right in the heart of our village. Just pop in we will be pleased to see you.

This is just the start.

Coach Trip to

THE EDIBLE GARDEN SHOW

18th March 7.00am at

Hindolveston Village Hall

The next Hindolveston Coach Trip is planned for the 18th March going to The Edible Garden Show at Stoneleigh. The coach will leave the Village Hall at 7am and return you there sometime in the evening. The cost for the trip will be £28.50 which includes both the coach fare and entrance to the show. All the previous trips have been very enjoyable and a great success, so to avoid disappointment book your seats early by phoning Lynda on 01263 861042.

Last Friday of every month	Hindolveston Village Hall. Local village entertainment from Rig-a Jig-Jig and a variety of other performers. Bar, car park, accessible, free, come and do your party piece, jokes, stories, comic songs ...
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Hindolveston Yomp!

I would just like to say a BIG thank you to all the players and singers who came on the Carol yomp on the Sunday before Christmas around Hindolveston. It was a really lovely day and I believe a good time was had by all who attended.

I would also like to extend a BIG thank you to all who provided the Festive Nibbles that greeted us all on our return to the Village Hall - a really lovely spread!

Thanks also to those who so generously donated in these rather stringent times.

A really lovely occasion - see you next year.

Les Ellis

HINDOLVESTON VILLAGE HALL

**Hindolveston Village Screen, under the umbrella
of Creative Arts East.**

One Day (certificate 15)

Hindolveston Village Hall

Saturday 18 February at 7.00 for a 7.30 start.

Lone Scherfig (*An Education*) directs this fine film adapted by David Nicholls from his very successful novel *One Day*.

After a romantic tryst on the night their graduation at Edinburgh University in 1988, Emma Morley (Anne Hathaway) and Dexter Mayhew (Jim Sturgess) begin a friendship which lasts a lifetime. She is a Yorkshire lass with an ambition to make the world a better place. He is a handsome smoothie who dreams that the world will be his playground. Key moments of their relationship over the next two decades are seen on the anniversaries of that tryst. Together and apart, Em and Dex enjoy friendship and fights, laughter and tears. Eventually they come to terms with the nature of love and life itself.

Get out your sledge and slip over to the warmth of Hindolveston Village Hall where the doors open at 7.00 for a 7.30 start. The licensed bar will be open before and after the film; filter coffee and Fentiman's pop are available, or stay cool with a Ronaldo's ice cream. Tickets, still at £4.50, are available in advance at Parker's Garage, or from our ticket office on 01263 860 583, or on the door. Those in the know bring cushions – we look forward to seeing you there.

Hindolveston Band Music Trust

Did you know that there is help available for those studying music in Hindolveston?

If you are between the ages of 16+ to 25 years old and studying music the Trust has fund available to help you. Awards of up to £200 can be granted for the purchase of music, exam fees, books or other special items.

If you think you would like some help please contact Mary Walsh on 01263 861879 or email Mary on

mary@cooperhouse.co.uk

THE HINDOLVESTON TRUST

Can the Charity help you or someone you know?

The charity can give cash grants to anyone from Hindolveston who is in financial need. If you would like to apply for a grant or know someone else who might need some help – please speak to one of the Trustees who are

Dick Seaman 862400 Les Ellis 862705 David Walton 860074
Mark Howard 860943 Jeremy Sykes 860280

ASTLEY SCHOOL

Four year six girls from Astley had a bake sale in aid of Children in Need. They raised £120.

Rebecca, Ella, Kara and Ellie would like to say a big thank you to all who made cakes for the stall and to the people who spent money on the day.

Congratulations!

Happy Birthday to Robin Morgan who reaches a landmark on 5th February!



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

I would like to say a big Thank You to everyone who has sent donations, cards, flowers and even goodies following the death of my husband, Brian. The wonderful support Brian and I had during the last few weeks of his life meant a great deal to both of us and proved we were right to move to such a lovely village!

I would also like to thank the Holt Responders for being pall bearers at his funeral – he would have felt very proud and honoured!

Liz Pedlow, Briston

Dear Editor

On Friday December 2nd 2011 the Friends of Astley School (Fakenham Road, Briston) held their annual Christmas Fair to raise funds to help the school.

The event relies heavily on help from parents and friends, local companies, shops etc. and we are writing to say thank you.

With your support and with that of the children, staff, families and the wider community we raised a wonderful total of £1,300.

We are very grateful to all who worked so hard to make this event a success and would like to take this opportunity to thank all who gave their support on the day.

Pat Chastney

Chair of the Friends of Astley School

Changes to bus timetables

Norfolk County Council sent out an email on 12th January 2012 to all Parish Clerks to inform them of the changes to the public transport services. From April there will be changes to the **Sanders 9 and X8 Holt-Melton Constable-Fakenham-Kings Lynn**. Fewer winter Sunday services. There are changes to many other services but this is the only one that affects our villages. Firmer details will be available in February.

Has your village got what it takes?

The Village Games are coming back in 2012, so why not get your village involved?

To be involved in this fun but competitive day, villages can either join together with neighbouring villages or compete on their own.

To find out more, or to register your village's interest, visit www.activenorfolk.org/villagegames or contact Aaron Roberts on 07901 588270 or aaron.roberts@activenorfolk.org.

The man who puts the sparkle into the windows of Briston and Melton Constable



Hi, I'm Kevin the window cleaner. Some readers will know me, some are my valued customers and some of you may just have seen me at work or even just driving past in my van. I trade as ClearView Window Cleaning. I thought the name was unique when I started business but I've found there are several other window cleaning companies with the same name, thankfully none work in this area.

I cover an area that ranges from Stibbard, my home village, to Fakenham, Binham, Melton Constable and Briston, Matlaske to High Kelling and many in between.

I started with just five customers after my initial canvassing. I now have approximately two hundred and fifty and am still looking to expand.

I work on both domestic and commercial properties, but domestic properties make up the vast majority by far.

The majority of my work is based in Melton Constable and Briston with about one hundred and sixty customers spread between the two villages.

Towards the end of last year I embraced some fairly new window cleaning technology known as Water fed pole cleaning.

There are usually two types of window cleaners, traditional, using mops and squeegees and water fed pole cleaners. I however use both.

Water fed pole is the use of a specialist piece of equipment that essentially pumps filtered and de-ionised water up a pole to the windows. This was a bit disconcerting to some of my customers at first as the windows are left wet until evaporation dries them leaving a streak free finish.

The only reason I still clean the down stairs windows the traditional way is because the filtration process for the water fed pole takes about an hour to give me 25ltrs which when cleaning I use up in about 30minutes.

However it is a lot safer virtually eliminating the use of ladders and also giving a better finish. A customer of mine this week, while I was cleaning his windows told me he had a complaint. It went something like this. Customer, "I've got a bone to pick with you about your work. I've had two window cleaners before you and I never had this problem before."

Me, "Well I'm very sorry to hear that"

Customer, "Don't be sorry, the windows are so clean they sparkle. The problem is birds keep flying into them."

As for a typical day, there isn't one really, I just head out, hope for good weather and do the best job I can.

Thanks to all my loyal customers, who I like to call friends and hopefully I can make a few more.

Kevin Lemon

LOCAL LIVES - Bernard Porter

Bernard was born on the 25th May 1939 on the Melton Park estate where his father was the house carpenter and his mother was employed in the kitchen. His father, James Robert Porter, had for many years been in the army and was a member of the 5th Royal Irish Lancers, posted in India for most of his years of service. Upon completing his military career, he returned to England, settling in Norfolk, where he opened a riding school at Heydon Hall.

Riding was certainly in the blood for his grandfather had been Captain of the Coastguards on the Isle of Wight in the days when you chased pirates and smugglers on horseback.

Bernard's mother, Margaret Lena Wright, came from a successful farming family and was the daughter of Stanley Wright, a man who owned land stretching from Wroxham to Yarmouth and many other properties, including a farm at Edgefield, later moving to Briston.

Bernard is not sure how his parents met but there seems to have been a considerable age difference between them for when Bernard was born his father was 60 years old. A little later, a young sister, Diana, came into the world but sadly, she suffered from Downes syndrome and required very considerable care.

When Lord Hastings left Melton Hall, he took up residence in Swanton Novers and Bernard's father and mother moved with him as they were still in his lordship's employ. They were accommodated in a dwelling close by, which was renamed Porters Cottage, a name it retains to this day.

Bernard, like almost all the local youngsters was educated at Melton Constable Primary school, later moving down the road to the Astley Secondary. He remembers walking to school in the very deep snow and that his 'Water Boots' got dragged from his feet and he never did find them. He has photographs of himself and others digging to clear the snow from the Fakenham Road and Melton railway tracks. This would have been in the early 1950's.

At the age of fifteen he gained entrance to the King's Lynn Technical College where among the subjects he studied were plumbing, technical drawing and woodwork, subjects which were to stand him in good stead in his later career. He took lodgings in King's Lynn, so only journeyed to the college Monday morning, returning home on Friday. At first he travelled by train, which took one and a quarter hours, but soon discovered that it was quicker to cycle and the money he saved on fares was rather useful.

The college decided to start a third year course for students who showed above average promise and Bernard was one of thirteen to be so honoured. He well remembers that when they assembled to sit the final examinations he was handed a test paper and with typical impudence handed it back saying, "That's no good it's upside down". The examiner gave a wry grin and passed him another.

Having passed the examinations with three distinctions Bernard found employment in the drawing office of 'Anglian Building Products' at Lenwade. His first assignment was working on the design details of the pre-cast concrete bridges over the M1 motorway. It seems quite amazing that a factory in this location would be involved in the project and could produce stressed beams of such enormous length.

During this employment Bernard did make use of the local railway but clearly recalls that he always left his cycle in a shed behind the petrol pumps on the hill in Melton and would then have to run up the hill to the station and if the porter saw him he would hold the train.

"After father died" says Bernard, "my mother, sister and I moved to my current address in Gloucester Place, Briston, it being one of the many properties owned by her father. Upon

his demise, the farms he owned were shared among his sons and the various houses and cottages were divided between his daughters. Thus, I live at numbers 11 and 13, as he owned them both.

I later left the job at Lenwade and commenced working with a man by the name of Mr. Palfrey who had an architects practice with offices in the market place at North Walsham. It was here that I began to learn the skills required in property design. I was soon able to tackle private jobs at home, something that I have continued to this day. I then joined some friends who worked in Sheringham before eventually working full time from home."

Next month will cover Bernard's motoring exploits including the occasion as he sped along that he handed his passenger the steering wheel! jw

This weather of ours

November 2011 rainfall.

Total 1.01 inches.

Year to date 18.0 inches.

Same period last year 30.14 inches.

December 2011 summary.

A relatively mild month.

Periods of light snow 16th to 18th.

Boxing Day temperature reached 58F with an overnight low of 48F.

Details for December. Temps mean max 50.6F. High max 58 on the 26th. Mean min temp 37.2F. Low min 30F on the 18th and 19th. Rainfall total for month 2.92 inches. Total for year 20.92. Total for year 2010, 31.5 inches K Jackson



Library Opening Times

The opening times for Holt library are

Monday: 9.30am-1pm	Tuesday: 9.30am-1pm
Wednesday: 9.30am-1pm	Thursday: Closed
Friday: 9.30am-6pm	Saturday: 9.30am-1pm

You can renew books you have borrowed online or by ringing 0344 800 8006. You can search the library catalogue and look up details of books and other materials on the website as well as reserve items for a small charge.

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Got a question you need the library's help to answer?

You can email, phone or get in touch via the website with the information team of staff who will be able to help with enquiries on a wide range of topics. Email info.services.dcs@norfolk.gov.uk, ring 01603 774775 or use the 'ask a Norfolk librarian' tool on the website from 9am - 5.30pm Monday - Friday and 9am - 1pm on Saturday. For details of all County Council libraries' opening times please go online to www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries or call the customer service centre on 0344 800 8006 0344 800 8006 .

TIMES FOR MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS IN BRISTON AND MELTON CONSTABLE

S2 Melton constable 10:00 to 10:15 Burgh Beck Road
 S4 Briston 10:20 to 10:50 Hillside (outside no.30)
 S6 Briston 11:00 to 11:30 car park - Old Post Road
 S10 Briston 12:05 to 12:20 Bakery Close
 S12 Briston 12:25 to 12:45 Hall Street (phone box)
 S14 Briston 14:00 to 14:30 All Saints' Close
 S16 Briston 14:35 to 15:00 Providence Place
 S18 Briston 15:05 to 15:35 Astley School
 S20 Briston 15:40 to 16:00 Horseshoe Common

Date of Next Visit

13-Feb-12	21-May-12	13-Aug-12
27-Feb-12	18-Jun-12	10-Sep-12
12-Mar-12	02-Jul-12	
26-Mar-12	16-Jul-12	
23-Apr-12	30-Jul-12	

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SWIMMING CLUB for over 55s

The aim of the club at Gresham's Pool, Holt is to provide its members with the opportunity to swim for health, fitness and enjoyment.

Swim times are:

Monday: 10.15 – 11.15
 Wednesday: 10.00 – 11.00
 Friday: 1.00 – 2.00

If you are interested, contact the Secretary, Lynda Turbet, for further details, on 01263 711123; 07764171396 or lyndaturbet@btinternet.com



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Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer with Independent Age should contact our East Anglia Area Manager, Rosemary Buisseret, on 07545 609954 or rosemary.buisseret@independentage.org.uk.

New Painting and Drawing class

A new Beginners Painting and Drawing class starts in January on Mondays 1.30pm - 4pm at Cawston Village Hall.

A new Adventurous Water Colour Class starts at Sheringham Community Centre on Thursdays 2.00-4.30.

There are ongoing Drawing and Painting classes at Cawston, Aylsham, Fakenham, Holt and Sheringham and all classes restart during the week beginning 16th January for the spring term and continue for ten week terms through the year.

For more information contact Clementina Sutton on 01603 872441 or email: clementinasutton@uwclub.net



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10.00am - 11.30am
4.00pm - 5.00pm
5.00pm - 6.30pm
6.15pm - 7.15pm
7.00pm - 8.30pm
1st Monday in the month
2nd " " "

Tuesdays 2.00pm - 4.00pm
4.30pm - 5.30pm
5.45pm - 7.15pm
7.30pm - 9.30pm
6.30pm - 7.30pm
2nd Tuesday in the month
7.00pm - 8.30pm

Wednesdays 4.00pm - 7.30pm
8.00pm - 10.00pm
7.00pm
7.30pm
8.00 - 10.00pm
10.00am
2.00 - 4.30pm
6.00pm
7.00 - 8.30pm

Thursdays 9.30am - 10.30am
9.30am - 2.30pm
9.15am - 10.15
6.00pm - 7.30pm
7.00pm - 9.00pm
2nd Thursday in month
3rd Thursday in month

Fridays Every week
7.00 - 9.00 pm
6.00 - 8.00 pm

Events - February

Saturday 3rd
Saturday 18th

Dates for your Diary - please consult this Diary when considering your events

Saturdays 3rd March, 14th April, 1st Sept., 13th Oct., 3rd Nov. - Car Boots/Table Tops at the Copeman Centre
Saturday 9th March
Saturday 31st March
20th, 21st, 27th, 28th April
Sunday 22nd April
Saturday 26th May
Saturday 9th June
Saturday 16th June
Sunday 22nd July
Sunday 19th August
Saturday 6th October
Saturday 12th October
Saturday 27th October
Saturday 24th November
Briston Day Care - All Saints' Close Centre
Parents & Toddlers - Copeman Centre (Sarah Graveling 01263 862754)
Beavers (term time only) - Copeman Centre
Cubs (term time only) - Copeman Centre
Keep Fit Sessions - Melton Constable Country Club (Mary Hayes, 861488)
Scouts - Copeman Centre Village Hall (weekly in term time)
Briston Parish Council - Copeman Centre (except Bank Holidays)
Craft Circle - Congregational Centre
Tea Dance - at The Copeman Centre (Melanie Brown - 01263 516029)
Rainbow Guides (term time only) - Copeman Centre
Brownies - Copeman Centre
1st Tuesday - Briston Garden Club, Copeman Centre - G Coker 01263 860869
'Zumba', Briston Community Centre
Melton Constable Parish Council, Country Club
Hatha Yoga - Hunworth & Stody V.H.
Sutton School of Dance - Copeman Centre
Briston Players - Copeman Centre
Hindolveston Carpet Bowls - Mr Whitred 01263 861397
1st in the month - Briston Wives Group, All Saints' Close
3rd Wednesday - Briston & Melton Constable WI, Copeman Centre
Parents and Toddlers, Briston Community Centre
Carpet Bowls, Briston Community Centre (John 860330 or Grace 860869)
Jogging Group - Melton Constable Rec - Jim Hayes 01263 861488
Egyptian Dance class, Kelling Studio, Kelling Estate NR25 7EW Tel 0808 131 0134
Over 50's Exercise Session - Copeman Centre
Briston Day Care - All Saints' Close Centre
'Zumba' Briston Community Centre
1st Melton Constable Guides - Copeman Centre
Bingo at the Copeman Centre (June Whatling 01263 860750)
Hindolveston Ladies Circle (Mrs Stone Tel: 01263 860253)
Hindolveston Parish Council
Keep Fit Class - Hindolveston Village Hall 7.00 - 8.00 pm.
Youth Club - Briston Community Centre
Junior Youth Club - Briston Community Centre
Organ Show, Copeman Centre
Hindolveston Village Screen - One Day

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