

BLO' NORTON BUGLE

November 2011



Maureen & Ria's Great North Run

We decided to do the run one Sunday morning coming back from the gym. It was the morning of The London Marathon, we just said it as a joke but the joke turned into reality. The Great North Run was decided on because Ria lived up north for several years. The choice of which charity to run for was a difficult one but the RNLI was chosen partly because Ria's husband (Vince) came from a seaside town and lifeboats were a big part of his life because he grew up amongst people who worked with the RNLI, Myself (Maureen) was happy to go with that as I have lived in Norfolk all my life, not being far from the coast, who knows when I might need them. The run was a good chal-

lenge for both of us. For Me, (Maureen) I had lost a considerable amount of weight and needed a goal to aim for: Ria wanted to get fit and also needed that goal to aim for.

We have raised approx £700 between us and we hope it will go towards helping someone when they most need it. We would like to thank everybody who sponsored us and supported us on our many runs around the village; your encouragement helped us along the way.

Maureen Little and Ria Wicks



Don't forget your tickets for the new 2012 year. Available from:-

Richard Dinnen on 01953 681085

Or Cheryl Davis on 01953 688573

If you would like to keep your numbers from 2010 just let us know.

Blo' Norton Parish Council Has a vacancy for a Parish Councillor

For further details please email
the Parish Clerk on:

bnparishclerk@googlemail.com



Blo Norton Road Safety

Once again we have had a serious traffic accident around Blo Norton. By our counting that makes at least four such accidents in the last three years. Not a very good record. I think we all appreciate that excessive speed is a major factor in these incidents. When the 'Speedwatch' police coordinator visited the village during training, our roads were deemed so narrow with no safe pavements or verges to monitor traffic speeds that we are unable to use the speed camera in the village. The Parish Council has written on several

occasions to Norfolk Highways about the excessive speeds of vehicles large and small in the lanes around our village but they have proved to be completely disinterested. At present we are attempting to increase the police presence in the village to monitor vehicle speeds however with budgetary cut backs there is little hope of a major presence.

One of the reasons that 'Speedwatch' is successful and this is confirmed in discussions with our CPO is that some of the higher speeds recorded are by local people! Just popping out to pick up the kids or a forgotten bottle of milk, We all think we know the road so well and without realising it we are travelling more quickly than is safe. What is around the next corner just out of sight, a car, a horse and buggy, a tractor with tonnes of hay on a trailer or perhaps a school child walking back home from the bus?

Road safety is in our hands. Next time; and every time; you leave your house just think that your child or grandchild might be walking along the road just out of sight around the next bend and drive accordingly.

Blo' Norton Local History Group

moved into new territories recently when we tried our hands at archaeology. On Tuesday 27 September, Lilly Hodges from the Norfolk Archaeology Unit came with her "Community Archaeology" hat on and told us how to set up and undertake a field walk. The object was to try to gain more information about the DMV (Deserted Mediaeval Village) near the Hall that shows up on aerial photographs in the form of crop marks.

On Sunday 16 October, with the knowledge gained from Lilly and her expert



help on the day, we set out a carefully measured grid of canes across the entire field in the morning. In the afternoon, a larger group walked, heads bent, along the lines of each grid, putting any finds in labelled bags, ready for further analysis at a later date. It was all a race against time, because the farmer was waiting to sow the field and he kindly delayed until we had finished.

Conditions were not ideal – no rain on the field to clear the finds of soil before the walk – but the day was fine and we all had an enjoyable time, if also a bit of backache! It will be interesting to see if we have found anything that can date the site.

John Dixon

Heating Oil Theft.

A Domestic tank of heating oil can contain thousands of pounds worth of fuel and can be a target for criminals, especially in rural areas. We strongly advise users to take security measures to help minimise the risk of becoming victims and to deter thieves. It can be very useful to invest in security lights, lock and alarms, which can deter a would-be criminal. It is worth considering investing in an alarm, there are many types now on the market and some of these can be linked to your house alarm. Furthermore, keep the tank itself as secure as possible, while delivery drivers may need access, try to leave your tank unlocked for as little time as possible.

Oil Tank Owners are being given the following advice:-

- Regularly monitor your tank levels.
- Where possible screen tank from view.
- Close and secure perimeter gates/access.
- Conceal external pipe work.
- Steel cages with lockable access are available.
- Install dusk to dawn lighting.
- Install lockable caps supported by a closed shackle or alarmed padlock.
- CCTV supported by good lighting may be an option for some locations.
- Join or start a Home Watch Scheme and report promptly and suspicious callers or vehicles.
- Remain vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour immediately by ringing 999.

Owners are reminded to consult with their supplier and insurer before installing any security measures. If anyone requires more in depth security advice along with helpful literature they are invited to contact Norfolk Police on 101 and then speak to anyone on the Attleborough safer neighbourhood team.

101 is the new nationwide non emergency Police Phone Number that will contact you to the local police. In an emergency, of course, still use 999.



Church Services.

December

4th 9.00am Holy Communion(BCP)
18th 6.30pm Candlelight Carol Service
25th Christmas Day 10.00am Family Holy Communion

January

1st 9.00am Holy Communion(BCP)
15th 11.00am Morning prayer

February

5th 9.00am Holy Communion(BCP)
19th 11.00am Morning Prayer



Harvest Supper 8th October

The PCC would like to thank everyone who bought tickets and came to the Harvest Supper. The hall was full and it was good to welcome Parishioners old and new. The Harvest Supper is an evening that is organised by the PCC but in reality it is a occasion that is successful and fun because of the help and input from so many in the village. It is also great to see the children play their part in the evening by helping with various chores and the auction and raffle. So we would like to say thank you to all for the help, donations of raffle prizes, produce for auction and for the lovely food which just seems to appear!! As usual the auction, with Tim's help, was great fun and with your very generous help raised £320. The evening made £802.40 for the church and donations of £80 were made to the village hall and £80 to our chosen charity' Farm Crisis Network'. THANK YOU EVERYONE.

Sponsored Bicycle Ride

Thank you to the four riders who took part in the Norfolk Churches Trust Bicycle Ride on 10th September. Thanks also to those who sponsored the riders. The sum of £296 was raised. Our Church will receive half of this money. Well done to the four riders.

The Editor, Blo Norton Bugle

The Old Rectory, Blo Norton.

Dear Sir

The Harvest Supper

On reflection I think that I failed properly to acknowledge the very considerable effort put in by so many people to make this annual event such a success. I understand that a sum in excess of £800 was raised and that in addition to the agricultural charity chosen this year the benefit will fall to the Church and the Village Hall.

It needs to be appreciated that this event does not happen on its own. A group of ladies carefully plan the catering which again this year was quite exceptional. They then widen that group to further helpers, many of whom donate their labour, ingredients or both! Draw prizes and raffle items are collected from high and low. Supporters include local and regional business and of course residents of Blo Norton.

On the day the tables are laid and the hall prepared to look its best. The ham is cooked and from mid afternoon the food begins to arrive and is set out. The food is eaten and the auction and draw completed. A generous purchase of raffles tickets, a selection of lucky numbers and over inflated prices paid for pumpkins mean that the good causes and institutions so close to our heart benefit. After the end of the evening the volunteers come forward once again to clean the hall, wash up and a non ending array of cutlery, dishes, plates and implements. Then those are returned and on Sunday morning a good lie in to enjoy!

Truly this is a very splendid and widely and well supported village effort. Again well done and thank you to all involved. I am certain anybody wishing to help next year will be more than welcome!

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely, T. W. Stevenson

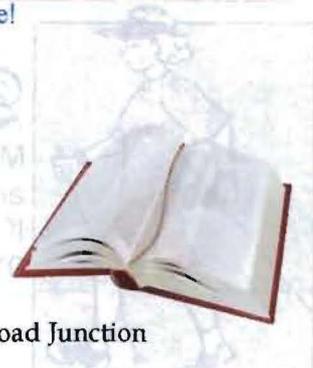
Library Visits

DATES OF VISITS

3rd November 1st December
29th December 26th January
23rd February 22nd March
19th April 17th May

TIMES AND STOP NAME

12:45 – 13.00 Fairfields No 2
14.10 – 14.25 Hill Acre Cottage
14:30 – 14:45 The Banks (The Studio)
14:50 – 15.10 Thelnetham Road/ Fen Road Junction





Church Flower Rota

Many thanks once again to all the ladies on the flower rota. Hopefully everyone is happy to continue on the rota next year. I will keep the months the same but if this is not convenient please let me know (01953 681396) and I'll shuffle them around.

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| Jan. - Joan Kibble | July - Sue Button |
| Feb. - Petal Haskins | Aug - Joyce Smith/Frances |
| Mar. - Lent no flowers | Sept - Jennifer Davey |
| Apr. - Easter - everyone | Oct - Harvest - everyone |
| - rest of month - vacant | - rest of month Clare Button |
| May - Sue Lloyd | Nov - Ann Leigh |
| June - Hilary Stevenson | Dec - Holly for carol service |
| | everyone |
| | Christmas Day Joan Kibble |

We are always happy to welcome new members, if you would be willing to join us please give me a ring

Joan

OVERFLOWING BOTTLE BANK



Many many thanks to all of you who have worked so hard to fill the bottle bank at the Village Hall, recycling your glass bottles, jars etc. It is great to see it being so well used. However if the bin is full or nearly full may we ask that you do not leave any glass lying on the ground around it as it could well cause an accident, or could even be used to cause vandalism. If it is full please do not leave glass next to the bank please take it home again or if you prefer there is one at Hopton. We try to keep a close watch on how full it is and to alert the company that collects the glass to empty it. This company is WRG and if

you notice it is full they are happy to be contacted on 01842 762934 or notify any of the Parish councillors. *Thank You.*



BLO NORTON VILLAGE "100" CLUB Winners

September
 £25 Joyce Smith
 £15 Sue Button
 £10 Joan Kibble

October
 £25 S Barnet-Lamb
 £15 Mike Bristow
 £10 Edith Colinge

BLO NORTON BINGO IS BACK!

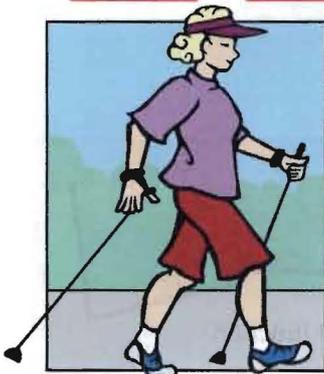
Normally 1st. Saturday in every month in your Village Hall
 Doors open 7.00pm for 7.30pm Start.
 27 chances to Win!
 Plus Raffle, Refreshments and Bar
 (Accompanied children welcome)
 Next few dates are 10th Dec, 7th Jan, 04 Feb, 3rd March, 7th April

Walking Group.

Are you interested in forming a monthly walking group in the New Year?

Maybe walking for approximately one to one and a half hours and then having a pub lunch. If you are interested please give us a ring on 01953 681396

Joan and Neil Kibble



BLO NORTON VILLAGE HALL

FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY



REGULAR EVENTS	PILATES	Wednesdays at 9.30 am.
	CHILDREN'S DANCE	3-18 yrs) Fridays: 2.30 onwards
	HISTORY GROUP	Monday 14th November 7.30 'Changes in the Countryside' Peter & Rosemary Salt
	BINGO	See separate advert for dates

The new Village Hall Committee meet on the 17th October and again on the 1st November to elect officials and plan events for the Hall. Future plans include:-

- Host a Christmas wreath making day in December but the date is yet to be fixed.
- The "January Jolly" evening on the 14th January is intended as a dinner with competitions and a quiz. Please see the advertisement on the last page of the Bugle.
- We intend having the village fete in June and require willing volunteers to run a working party to help organise this one off event.
- We hope to open the bar one night a month from January onwards with the intention of increasing this in the better weather if there is sufficient demand.
- The 100 club is due to be restarted in January and we are keen to attract new members.

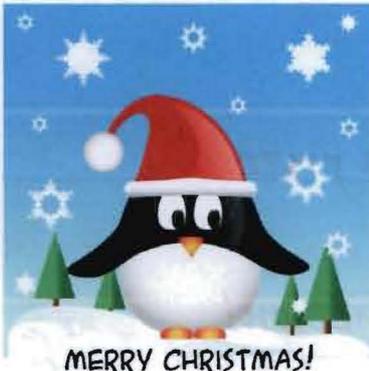
Officers in the new committee are

Chair - vacant
Secretary - Cheryl Davis
Treasurer - John Dixon
Bookings Officer- Maureen Little

Next meeting of the committee is at 7.30 on the 21st NOVEMBER

Contact for general enquires: Cheryl Davis; Cosy Nook, Middle Road, IP22 2JA, 01953 688573
For Bookings please contact: Maureen Little on 07789 180115

I would like to say thank you to the Parish Council and to the parishioner (she knows who she is!) who have kindly donated monies to the cost of producing this newsletter. It really is an enormous help as the cost are not inconsequential. I wrote about the War Memorial in the last issue and as mentioned then, next year we hope to set up a small charity to look after its long term care. More of that in the next issue but if you would like to be a part of that small group please e mail us at the address below.



As the article on the front of this Bugle states we find ourselves short of one councillor. This is due to the resignation of Caron Finlay for personal reasons. I would like to thank Caron, she has been an enormous asset to the Parish Council and we will miss her a lot. If you feel you would like to join us please do put your name forward. Don't wait; do it now!

As I write it is early November but as this is the last issue before Christmas may I and all of the Parish Council wish you the Happiest of Christmases; peaceful and healthy and a truly great 2012. *John Barnet-Lamb*

We hope you have enjoyed this newsletter and found it useful. We welcome letters, articles, photographs, anything of interest to Blo Norton. Please do not hesitate to contact either the Parish Council Chairman; any of the councillors or the Clerk if you would like to include something in the next newsletter.

Parish Council Meetings are held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm and the next are on: 13th December 7th February 10th April

Blo Norton Parish Council

Chairman: John Barnet-Lamb (01953681055)
Councillors: Mike Bristow

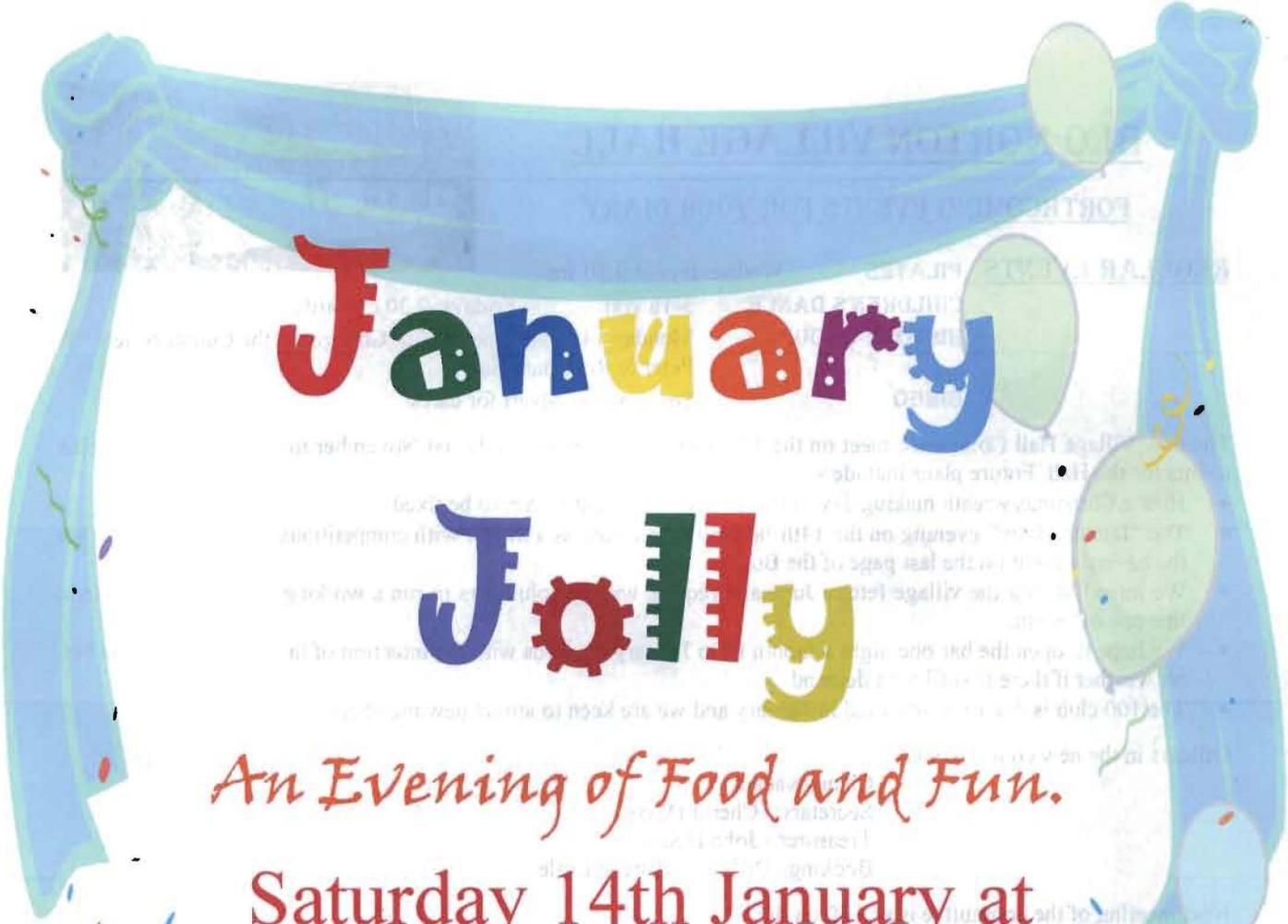
Ann Lambert

Vice Chairman: John Olley (07720884790)

Parish Clerk: Michelle Collins (07857 020667)

Email: blonortonpc@googlemail.com





January

Jolly

An Evening of Food and Fun.

**Saturday 14th January at
7.30 in the Village Hall.**

A Welcome Punch.

A Two Course Meal.

Drinks from the Bar.

Dress up your own table to win a prize.

Raffle and a Quiz.

Unwanted Christmas present Auction!

Tables sizes are your choice. Any number from two to ten? Dress up or dress down the choice is yours! The Village Hall will be open to enable guests to dress their table between 3.00pm and 5.00pm in the afternoon.

Tickets £8.50 from Clare on 01953 681618

Number will be strictly limited to fifty.

