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Hindolveston Newsletter

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Hi Everyone

We still have a vacancy for another parish councillor. We are a friendly bunch and work well as a team. If you think you could consider joining us that would be great. We need someone who can contribute to the work and generally help out with the council. If you would like to be considered you can contact me on 01263 861664 or email me on mary@coopershluse.co.uk or Joanna Otte on hindolvestonpc@googlemail.com

The Re Wilding

This month one of my bird watchers guests went down to the re wilding area. It was early morning and these are the birds she saw. It's quite amazing!

Do go and check it out!

Blackbird
Blue tit
Carrion crow
Chaffinch
Chiffchaff
Coal tit
Collared dove
Dunnock
Fieldfare
Goldfinch
Great tit
Green woodpecker
Greenfinch
House sparrow
Jackdaw
Jay
Kestrel
Linnet
Long tailed tit
Magpie
Mistle thrush
Pheasant
Red legged partridge
Tobin
Skylark
Woodpecker
Wren
Yellow hammer



Village Hall 100 Club
May Draw
1st Prize No.37 S
Farndon
2nd Prize No. 22 H
Sedgwick

Friends of St George – Hindolveston Church - Upcoming Events:

Hindolveston Yard Sale and Summer Fete
Saturday 16th August 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
(Allowing everyone currently spring cleaning, enough notice to set aside items for sale!)

EcoVillage Talk Hindolveston
On Saturday evening, 19th July, I will be giving a talk and presentation – showing and telling – on EcoVillages. These are places that offer solutions to many rural community problems, enabling people to live sustainably, benefit the rural environment and regenerate rural life. (Times to be confirmed.)

Many people in the village know that I am a church warden, but few know that amongst other things, I'm a Group Moderator/Regional Organiser for EcoVillage Network UK (EVNUK), an Admin at Pentref Eco Cymru EcoVillage Network Cymru, and an Ambassador for Imagine Rural Development Initiative (IRDI) Ecovillage Zambia.

It is a subject dear to my heart and an idea that has gradually gained traction throughout the world. It has been proven that it is possible for people to live more happily and more in harmony with their surroundings wherever they are – with the potential even in rural Norfolk. So, if you are interested in seeing life from a different point of view, or have questions and would like to know more, this is the talk for you.

(More information in next months Hindolveston Newsletter!)

Friday Food continues

Food Truck Fridays were a great success in May and will continue throughout June. Organised by village resident Madalina, these evenings bring a variety of tasty street food to the Village Hall car park every Friday from 6:30pm, perfectly timed with the opening of the Village Hall Friday Bar. The first one in June (6th) sees the return of Raheela's Rolling Kitchen, followed by CJ's Burger, Super Burger and then The Gallery Street Kitchen on the 27th June. Thanks to everyone who has supported this new venture and to Madalina for organising it.

Morris Dancers

Celebrate the start of summer with Holt Ridge Morris Dancers in the Village Hall car park on Friday 6th June from 7pm. The bar will be open, as usual, from 6.30 to 10.30 and there'll be food from 6.30 to 8.30 from the Food Truck.

Dear All,

Our team of five septuagenarian women completed our Macmillan Mighty Hike North Norfolk Coast Half Marathon on Sunday 11th May. We joined hundreds of other walkers at our start point in Cromer to set off on our wonderful walk. The sun and wind were at our back and the marshalls en route were very helpful and encouraging. Our first test was the Beeston bump, from where we had a terrific view of the coast stretching away ahead and behind us. We cheerfully continued to our pit stop just below the Muckleburgh Collection at Weybourne beach. There were loos, water stations, delicious chopped up pineapple, oranges and bananas, with no end of snack bars. Having had a 20 minute rest we set off on Weybourne beach for four miles of shingle until we could come off Cley beach - this was the most challenging part. After that we had a delightful walk through the marshes at Cley and Blakeney, where we finished to much razamatazz!

Your kind donations were such encouragement and support. At the end of the day, with donations still arriving, our team has raised over £6.5k for Macmillan. So far I hear the weekend of a Saturday marathon and Sunday half marathon has produced £1.6m plus for Macmillan. This is the most any of the Macmillan Mighty Hike weekends (they have 12 going round the country) have raised so far. Thank you so much for being part of this terrific fundraising effort.

Judy

Church Warden Report for the Annual Parish Meeting 17 April 2025

Services: remaining at once monthly for the most part - however, this month we will have two Church Services, the first being Palm Sunday - the second, being an extra service especially for our Easter Eggstravaganza, (which we really hope might attract some children to attend too). Funding: the once monthly service does not provide enough in the collection to cover the costs of keeping our church open, for the utility costs, insurance, or the Parish Share - even with fund-raising events in 2024, including the yard sale at Hindolveston, Champing (which bought in more bookings than the first year in 2023), the yard sale in Briston, and the Twin Tracks Choir concert - our church was almost closed when there was insufficient funding to cover the costs of the church insurance, a situation that we hope will not occur again. The village questionnaire (2024) introduced the concept of forming a Friends Group, of villagers that might not attend church services, but that showed their concerns for keeping our church open, and we have subsequently formed a Friends Group. (The Friends Church Appeal launched in March this year, has, within only three weeks, bought in some £745 in gift-aided donations alone, which is for church fabric repair funds). Friends Group: leading on from the Village Questionnaire of 2024 - helped by Hindolveston PC/Joanna posting online, we now have a friends group formed of approximately 22 friends, with a smaller working group formed of approximately 8, we are now moving forwards, strengthened and united in our concerns. This weekend, is our first event, Easter Eggstravaganza, although this will primarily be by donation, we hope it may encourage more children to attend the church (Service on Easter Sunday, followed by refreshments and an Easter egg hunt on the day). Pilgrims will again visit on their way to Walsingham on Good Friday, (Hot cross buns and refreshments), and an Easter Bonnet making day on the Saturday. Further fund raising events this year will include another Yard-sale, a series of talks, and we have recently had the offer of a brass-band evening, (thanks to Trevor and Colin). Friends also hope to have groups starting soon for woodworking men + eco-children, with more to follow on this after the events this weekend. Fabric: Church fabric continues to crumble - however, we were exceedingly lucky (and grateful) to have had the offer of roof repairs from North Norfolk Roofing, who didn't solely patch the hole in the roof reported in the last Church Warden's Report, but actually replaced 250 pantiles - far exceeding our expectations, FREE! I met with a member of the Norfolk Churches Trust, a church enthusiast, who pointed out one or two additional features, including two burial slabs that would have been moved from the old church ruin - both being from the resting places of two former vicars. One stone is positioned inside the church, on the North-East side of the Altar, the other, is positioned as a threshold step to the (unused) door. We also discussed our Church Brasses too, also of significant historical value. The old church ruin, as reported by Mary, appears to have had interlopers keen to get inside, knocking down yet more stones in the process - our thanks to Mary for helping to prevent further access by ticker-taping across the opening - and also to Hindolveston Parish Council for continuing to cover the costs of the grounds maintenance of the churchyard too. (Thank You!)