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Parish Newsletter

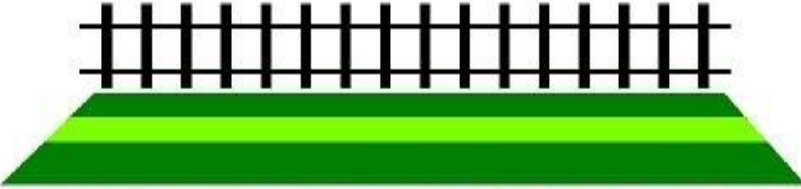
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From the Editor/Clerk

Well here we are a year on from the start of the first lockdown and I have to admit this has gone on far longer and has had far more impact than many of us imagined it would. The vaccination role out brings hope to most and those reluctant to take up the offer should take heed of Her Majesty's advice, closer to home I can say I have had no ill effects although I am disappointed not to be able to get 5G like the sceptics promised! It is important not to give this virus an opportunity to keep mutating, so please take the jab for the good all!

We continue to work hard behind the scenes in the Parish and have stayed alert to fly-tipping, Anti-social behaviour by youths, flooding and highways issues. We have 2 new Councillors on board and we have attracted a football club to make the Leonard Towler its new home for next season.

We still have 2 vacancies for Parish Councillors and we are looking for ideas and projects to revitalise the community as we emerge from what I am sure we all hope is the last lockdown. With last year's Annual Parish Meeting postponed we are meeting earlier than usual this year on 26th April, hopefully by then we will be able to meet in the village hall in a COVID secure manner and you will all have your opportunity to inform the parish council of what you would like to see and what our priorities should be. If we can't meet in the hall then we still hold that meeting on Zoom and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible for 30 minutes that make a significant difference to the direction we take on your behalf.

Finally, may I wish on behalf of the Parish Council and Bridge Charity condolences to the family and friends of Rose Storf who recently passed away, she will be much missed.

Yours

Mike Under

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1 June 2021



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WIGGENHALL ST GERMANS PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2021



It is uncertain when we can start holding meetings in the Village Hall on the advertised dates, if we can we will but until then they will be on Zoom. The public can access these meetings using a link which will be published with the agenda. Minutes and agendas are on our website <http://wiggenhall-st-germanspc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk>

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10 May 21	Ordinary Parish Council Meeting
12 July 21	Ordinary Parish Council Meeting
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Chairman's Report

On behalf of the Parish council I would like to wish everyone a belated happy New Year. I personally am feeling relatively optimistic about 2021 and hope that the measures in place will see the country return to a degree of normality over the coming months. The roadmap set out by the government gives some milestones (albeit with caveats on criteria being met for those beyond the 29th March). From the 8th of March schools returned to allowing face to face education for pupils with twice weekly testing for pupils in secondary education along with regular testing for teachers. Social contact remaining as people being able to leave home for recreation with their household or support bubble (or with one person outside of their household). From the 29th March social contact is to be extended to 6 people being able to meet outdoors with outdoor sports facilities being allowed to re-open. No sooner than the 12th April non-essential retail starting to re-open, including hairdressers, nail salons, gyms, libraries, public buildings etc. Hospitality venues being allowed to serve people outdoors. No sooner than the 17th May social contact will start to expand allowing up to 30 people to meet outdoors with the rule of 6 or 2 households expected to apply for indoor gatherings. Achieving these dates will rely on the continuation of the vaccination programme and the following of the current guidance on 'hands, face, space' and 'letting fresh air in'.

Covid aside, our parish has had a negative start to the new year with incidents of vandalism, criminal damage and arson being dealt with by the local constabulary sadly with associated repair costs. As a parish I am sure that we are all in hoping that those involved are suitably apprehended to prevent any further damages and in turn costs.

As a positive, Paul Mace, the project manager for DRIVE is looking to help parishes and businesses to secure funding to help enable rural businesses recruit, train and retain staff and to overcome barriers for residents in rural areas to be ready for, and secure employment including self employment. Businesses that may be eligible must be able to demonstrate contributing to the rural economy and be eligible under the European Regional Development Fund Programme Rules. Paul is available via paul.mace@norfolk.gov.uk or on 07584 600 816 for any businesses interested.

As always I would also like to encourage members of the parish to contact the council with any questions, feedback and in particular ideas on how we can improve the parish.

Rob

Meet Your Councillors

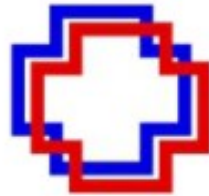
Councillor Mary Fredisdottir

I have lived locally for 33 years and more recently in Wighenham St Germans. After many decades of working within the NHS locally I feel I can now represent our local community and help promote local projects and the positive development of the village, helping shape it for the future. I feel it is incredibly important to make sure there is the vital services available for all age groups in our community.

The parish council are a hard-working group, and I am pleased to be onboard. Although I am the newest member, I feel I am approachable and can represent the views of all parishioners. So, let your voice be heard and contact any one of us, tell us what matters to you.



Best regards,
Mary



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Meet your Councillors

Councillor Margaret Blackburn

Hello – Living on the very edge of the Parish, I haven't had as much chance to meet you as I might have done. My husband and I moved to this area on 4th December 2004, at that time being part of the village of Tilney-cum-Islington. After a few years the Authorities reviewed the various parish and local boundaries, designated part of the Magdalen Road as Lords Bridge, and re-assigned several properties, including ours, to Wiggshall St. Mary the Virgin. So without moving house we found ourselves re-located, which was a little confusing.

My background has been one of moving round the country – born in Lancashire, parents later living in Luton, Croydon, Gloucester and finally St. Ives in Cambs.

After university I trained as a librarian, spending a short placement for experience at Trinity College in Cambridge. My first post was at the Zoological Society of London, where I met my husband, and then for the rest of my career I was at the University of London Library, working in a variety of areas. I ended up in the Special Collections, with oversight of the cataloguing and in charge of a number of projects. After redundancy and early retirement, I went back as a part-time cataloguer, working partly from home, and it was at this time that we moved out here.

For some years we had lived in London, moved out to Essex and then to Stretham near Ely, before coming to rest where we are now. For many years I was therefore a commuter, travelling from Colchester to Liverpool Street and then from Ely and Watlington to Kings Cross.

Once I had retired completely, I began to get more involved in local clubs and activities, perhaps the most significant being the Wiggshall Bowls Club, where I am now Secretary, and this in turn led to me joining the Village Hall Committee as the Bowls Club hall user representative. Members of the Bowls Club offered to help clear up after the Wiggstock event, and following that I became aware of the Parish Council, and felt it would be interesting to find out more. Without fully realising what was involved, I stood for election, and am now discovering just how much the duties of the Parish Council cover.

My own interests have always been in reading for leisure (crime, science fiction, fantasy), then after meeting my husband Thames Sailing Barges (for 25 years membership secretary of the Society for Sailing Barge Research), and in recent years we discovered cruising holidays on small ships, which Covid has firmly brought to a halt.



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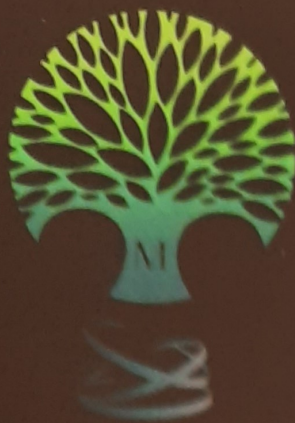
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https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/info/20002/council_tax

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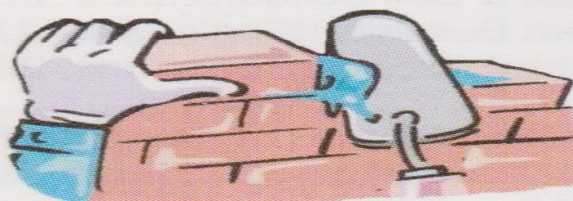
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Why should I be a Parish Councillor?

What does the Parish Council do?

What will they expect from me?

How do I become a Parish Councillor?



Calling Saddlebow! You are not currently represented by a resident of your area of the Parish!

You can be a Parish Councillor, so long as you are a Commonwealth, British or EU citizen over 18 years of age, not subject to bankruptcy nor have a criminal record within last 5 years.

We all have opinions on what the village needs and what issues concern us, it might be the old problems of parking, potholes, vandalism, anti-social behaviour, dog fouling and litter but there's also the positive aspects like improving facilities and holding community events, so whether you have ideas or solutions being a councillor means you have your chance to voice them and influence and shape the village for the future.

The Parish Council receives a proportion of the council tax we all pay and that is to carry out its responsibilities which include:

- Streetlighting, which we have upgraded to LED to save money on maintenance and electricity – *important for the environment and pockets!*
- Grounds and Street maintenance; Litter Bins – Where are our problem areas for litter and dog fouling?
- Crime and Disorder, providing local solutions to aid the overstretched resources of the Constabulary, *perhaps providing somewhere for Teens to congregate safely and engaged to see what would entertain them to stop boredom leading to anti-social behaviour?*
- Managing the Playing Field and Pavilion. *We need a team to use the excellent facilities as their home!*
- Producing the Parish Magazine and Website for local news and reports.
- Having a say on Planning Applications.
- Organising events like *Wiggstock*.

As a new Councillor you will receive an induction pack to get you started and there is a variety of excellent training on all sorts of topics as well as a helpful clerk and fellow experienced councillors. You commit as much as you can afford alongside family and work life balance and attend a meeting on the second Monday of the month 6 times a year.

To become a Parish Councillor simply contact the Clerk and he will arrange to help you through the Co-option process.

Clerk: Mike Inder – wiggenhallstgermanspc@outlook.com or 01553 392017



At:
Memorial Hall
1 School Lane
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The last Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm.

We haven't been able to meet up as a Group yet, so I am sharing a snippet from the latest letter that we send out to Members each month. It is our way of keeping in touch with each other. This month's was something along these lines:

I don't know if everyone sees the Parish Magazine but in the last issue the Ladies Group had a piece that talked about our Christmas memories, well, as usual, technology got the better of my good intentions and a memory from Carolyn Cast didn't actually arrive in my inbox until 26 December and therefore was too late to be in the article with other Members' memories. I am including it here so that you can also share Carolyn's memories with her, I can just imagine her home at Christmas then.

Carolyn's memories:

Christmas was a true joy spent with us all at home for two weeks as my Dad enjoyed a works holiday. Foods and treats only enjoyed at Christmas were Turkey, lemonade and the rich foods only made possible by strict budgeting. We played games and no television was permitted on Christmas day. Fondly remember indoor fireworks filling the room with such joy and amazement while my Mum moaned about a black ceiling and always an open fire in the grate. Also we were made to nap in the afternoon in preparation for a wonderful party until late evening with relatives. Boxing morning breakfast was toast and dripping from the Turkey juices, searching for the jelly at the bottom of the bowl.

We've had a couple of "unusual" garden birds this last couple of months, a sparrow hawk came to visit a couple of times, which wasn't really welcome, but such a beautiful bird to see sitting on your garden fence! Apparently, they like raiding bird feeders when the sparrows come in to feed. Also we have what seems to now be a resident, a pheasant on the fence! He flies into the garden, marches along the front of the raised bed and climbs up the rockery to fly up onto the fence to have a good scout around for food. As our fence and railings at the back are curved, it's quite amusing to see him slipping and sliding down them. Beats Netflix!

There was too much to put in this article about our Group, we shared our feelings about lockdown and the Covid vaccination process and how glad we are that this is now getting underway and how well the local surgeries are dealing with this crisis. We miss seeing everyone and are looking forward to meeting up safely soon.

Katherine

Chair, St Germans Ladies Group

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Ladies Group Recipe Corner

I have taken an idea from the "Antiques Roadshow" this time around - - this is a 'basic' recipe, next edition's will be 'better' and hopefully after that will be 'best'.

Bacon and Onion Pudding

Ingredients

For 2 people	3/4 people
2ozs Suet 4 ozs Self Raising Flour 2/3 rashers of bacon chopped 1 medium onion finely diced 2 fluid ozs water Butter/lard for greasing basin 1 pint pudding basin	3ozs Suet 6 ozs Self Raising Flour 3/4 rashers of bacon chopped 1 large onion finely diced 4 fluid ozs water Butter/lard for greasing basin 1 pint pudding basin

Makes a slightly wet mixture.

Grease the pudding basin well and drop in the bacon and onion mixture. Wrap the basin very well. I use a wrap of grease paper and then another wrap over that of tin foil. This will stop the pudding getting too wet in the cooking process.

Place the wrapped basin in a large saucepan and fill with water to about 3/4's up the side of the basin. Bring to the boil and then reduce to a simmer, leave to steam on the top of the stove for about 3 hours. Alternatively use a large pressure cooker, which will cut down on the cooking time.

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Folklore about February and March

I heard an interesting thing about February recently, apparently locally it is called “Fill Dyke February” due to the excessive rainfall expected in that month, well, we’ve certainly had plenty of that lately and not just in February!

This month’s full moon is known as the “Frost Moon” as traditionally it is accompanied by a heavy frost, and I can attest to that, the frost on that night was really heavy.

It set me thinking about other things that are related to the February and March and came up with these:

February

- Anglo Saxons called February “Sol-monath” (cake month) - - I’m all for that!
- If it thunders in February, it will frost in April (hope not)
- Snowdrops became the symbol of hope when Adam and Eve were expelled from the garden and when Eve was about to give up hope that the cold winters would never end, and angel appeared and transformed some of the snowflakes in to flowers, proving that winter does give way to spring.
- The name snowdrop does not mean a drop of snow, it means drop as in eardrop, the old word for earring.

March

- Originally the first month of the Roman calendar, named after the God of War “Mars”.
- The fourth Sunday in Lent (3 weeks before Easter) is when Simnel cakes should be eaten, which also coincides with Mothering Sunday, which is also 3 weeks before Easter.
- If Easter falls on Lady Day (March 25) then some disaster will shortly follow.
- One of the flowers most associated with March is the narcissus, also known as the Lent Lily.
- A dry March and a wet May fill barns and bays with corn and hay.
- As it rains in March so it rains in June.
- The 30 mile an hour speed limit was imposed on built up areas in 1935
- In 1888 the English football league was formed.
- In 1891 goal nets were used for the first time in English football.
- Heathrow airport opened in 1948
- Coca-Cola was introduced in 1886

I’m pretty sure there are many more traditional sayings which are probably more local than the ones above and as an “incomer” I’m looking forward to hearing some of them.

Katherine White

Memorial Hall News

It is with true sadness that we announce the passing of Rose Storf, she has been a long standing member of the Memorial Hall Committee as well as our Booking Clerk. Her contribution has been outstanding and words cannot express our gratitude for all the years of service.

She will be greatly missed in the village and her selfless attitude is to be commended. Her advancing years were no barrier to her endeavours.

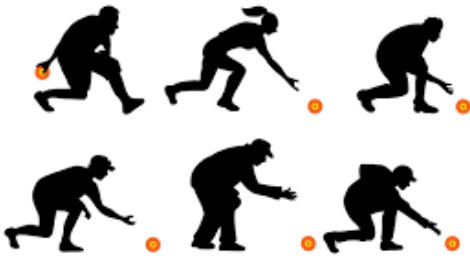
The Memorial Hall have had quite a few problems over the last year – beside the lockdowns. The Hall was broken into last year and recently we had a burst pipe in a toilet so quite a lot of work is in hand and CCTV has been installed for security. It has been a particularly trying time without income for the past year and the hope is to secure funding to do vital works.

We will aim for restricted opening in June following the COVID safety rules and government permitting.

We look forward to welcoming back our regular groups and small bookings.

Any enquires can be directed to the Secretary - Robyn Press on KL 617208.

Wiggenhall Bowls Club



At time of writing it looks as if we may be able to start bowling again over the coming summer. Cheers! All being well, apart from entering our usual league matches, we are planning to continue our regular Saturday afternoon informal 'roll-up' sessions between roughly 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. This is a good time for anyone to come along to try out the sport. We have spare bowls of various sizes for you to borrow, and the only requirement is to wear flat soled shoes to preserve the bowling green.

Lockdown restrictions took away any chance of us holding our normal annual Christmas Bingo evening, and this, compounded by problems in the St Germans Memorial Hall, means that we haven't been able to get going with the carpet bowls sessions, and it looks as if this activity will now have to be put on hold until the autumn. If things change, we may try to have some carpet bowling over the summer to keep us going.

We look forward to the better weather and to seeing our old friends and hopefully to meeting some new ones. In the meantime:

For any information about the Bowls Club please contact:

Margaret Blackburn, Club Secretary: 01553 617418
Lords Bridge Toll House, Lords Bridge, Wiggenhall St. Mary the Virgin, King's Lynn PE34 3BW

Rose Storf

From the Wiggenhall Bowls Club

We were so sorry to hear that Rose passed away over the winter. Rose was a great friend to the Bowls Club – for many years she supported our annual Christmas Bingo, not only coming to the event but regularly providing the supplies for the drinks served at the interval. Rose's special reserved table was one of the traditional elements of the bingo evenings!

When the Club started playing carpet bowls in the Memorial Hall over the winter months, she was always ready to help out with hall bookings, cheerfully dealing with the extra demands on her time. She not only took the bookings, but did her best to make sure that the heating was on in the colder weather, and when she was more mobile was always ready to come down and sort out any hiccups.

When I first took over as Secretary of the Bowls Club, and was starting to find out how the hall system worked, she was extremely patient with my first attempts to make bookings and deal with The Keys.

She was so much part of the Hall and our village lives that it is difficult to imagine her not being there. She will be very much missed.

Margaret Blackburn
Secretary
Wiggenhall Bowls Club

Wiggenhall St Germans Low-Lights

Parishioners, an appeal for your help to bring our Parish back from the brink of falling onto the list of undesirable place to live! Please if you know of people involved in the Anti-social or illegal activities please use your influence to educate them or report them to the relevant authorities. The front cover shows the result of ASB getting out of hand and could have led to a loss of life; and took place during a lockdown, do you know what your kids are up to when they go out? We all need to take responsibility to keep the Wiggenhalls and Saddlebow a pleasant and safe place to live and work.

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- ◆ Applications for the grant, limited strictly to one per child, and must be made on the application form published.

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As you read this we have entered the wonderful season of Spring and with it comes the optimism for a brighter rest of the year. The bright yellow of the daffodils bring a spring to each step and reminds us of happy times and leaves winter behind us.

Here at WMC we have been working hard to roll out the national campaign of Covid vaccinations, working both at the surgery and with our PCN practices at Terrington St John Surgery. It has been a logistical challenge, but an enjoyable one. Giving a vaccine gives a person increased hope of ending this pandemic and of being able to hug our loved ones and enjoy a meal out with friends.

Parents and children have had their own challenges during this pandemic, with parents becoming teachers as well as trying to hold down their day jobs and running the home. Schools have had to come up with new ways of supporting their pupils as well as providing education to children of key workers. I am in awe of you all. Please take this time to congratulate yourselves on a job well done in such unprecedented times.

None of us could have anticipated the changes in the way we have had to live over the last 12 months, that masks have become the new fashion outfit and fist pumps and elbow knocks are the new handshake, that GP appointments start with phone calls, that text messaging and photographs could become such an integral part of our medical care. We have had to change our way of working to keep our population as safe as possible, but hope you feel supported enough to contact us with any concerns you may have.

Thank you for your patience, your kindness and understanding. Have a healthy and happy spring time and as the Late Sir Captain Tom always said; "Tomorrow will be a good day"

Amanda Moss
Partner

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Wiggenhall St. Germans Church News

After being unable to hold our usual Sunday services due to the situation with the Covid-19 we are very pleased to announce that **the church will be open for public services from Sunday 28th March**. This will be Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week, which will lead us into Easter. It is planned to have our usual Palm Sunday procession (safe distancing of course) from the Memorial Hall to the church at 9 a.m. which will be followed by a service of Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m.

The following week there will be a service of **Good Friday Meditations at 11 a.m. on Friday 2nd April** at when we remember the crucifixion of Jesus. On **Easter Eve (Holy Saturday)** a service of **Prime will take place as usual at 9.30 a.m.**

On **Easter Sunday there will be a service of Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m.** when we shall be celebrating the resurrection of Jesus and all that it means for each individual. Services will then continue to take place each Sunday at 9.30 a.m. Please see the church notice boards for full details of the services. The church members would like to thank Mark for continuing to say 'Prime' in the church every day throughout the period when the church was not open for public services. We look forward to welcoming you back into the church once again. We will of course continue to follow the government guidelines regarding safe distancing, the wearing of face masks and the use of hand sanitiser as before. The guidelines regarding singing does mean that the choir can sing but members of the congregation are not allowed to join at present.

The church will still be open for private prayer and you are very welcome to use the church for prayer. The church will be unlocked on a Sunday between 9.30 a.m. – 2 p.m. (the service should finish by 10.30 a.m.) and on a Wednesday from 2 p.m. until dusk.

We were very sad to hear of the passing of Rose Storf in February. Rose used to help out at church events (often alongside Beattie and Ray Lewis) and could be found setting up or preparing the Harvest Supper, or serving refreshments at the annual flower festival. Rose also continued to support the flower festival with a flower arrangement each year when she was no longer physically able to come to the church. Rose was involved in many committees and organisations in the village and will be greatly missed.

Food Bank

We would like to thank everyone who has continued to support the Foodbank throughout the lockdown, when there has been an even greater demand for their services. The Food Bank at King's Lynn are always pleased to receive donations of non-perishable goods and the collection point continues to be available in the church (a black bin at the back of the church). Donations can be deposited in the bin whenever the church is unlocked, the times are shown above, but if you are unable to bring them to the church please let Mark Wright know and alternative arrangements can be made (KL 617689).

Jigsaws

The church had a good supply of jigsaws which have proved very popular during the recent lockdowns. If anyone has any jigsaws they would like to donate to the church for people to borrow or buy (£1 each), then please leave them on one of the tables in the church during the times it is open (as shown above) or contact Angie on KL 617518, or Carolyn on KL 617986 to make other arrangements.

Stamps

The church is also still collecting used postage stamps to send to the Royal National Institute for the Blind for their fundraising. If anyone has any used stamps they wish to donate please place them in the collection box which is on the table, near the hand sanitiser, just inside the church door.

Candles

The church has a collection of candles which we are unable to burn right down, due to the candle holders. If anyone has a use for beeswax church candles for melting down or using some other way please contact Angie on KL 617518. It would be a shame to waste them if they can be used elsewhere.

We look forward to being able to welcome you back into the church with the easing of restrictions over the next few months and the continued rollout of the vaccination programme. Take care and stay safe.

Best wishes from Mark, Angie & Carolyn

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