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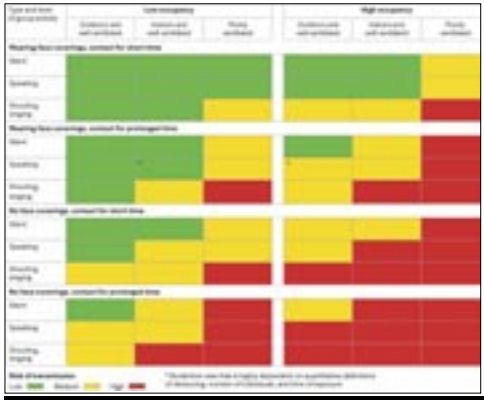
Welcome to The Quay

I am feeling rather helpless in the face of this virus and I don't mind admitting it. I am scared, I am really uncomfortable in groups, I don't want to go out anywhere. I hate wearing a mask, but will continue to do so whenever I am in an enclosed space and I wish, fervently, that social distancing was still 'a thing' which it appears not to be any more.

In fact, I am so uncomfortable in groups that I will probably not attend any more council meetings for the foreseeable future. This month saw the town councillors together in the same room for the first time since March, as well as members of the public – there were probably twenty or so people at the meeting, which was held in the Clore Room at Wells Maltings. The town clerk, Greg Hewitt, had done a good job of spreading everyone out, but we were still all in an enclosed space, and only three of us were wearing masks.



As you can see from the table below, published in *The BMJ* last month, transmission rates are really impacted by the presence or absence of face coverings, especially in enclosed spaces. I know we all look daft in them, I know they are not nice to wear, but PLEASE wear a mask if you possibly can. We are facing a long and probably very horrid winter. We cannot look to the government for leadership so we have to take what measures we can, ourselves.

In happier news – congratulations to the RNLI. The new boathouse and the Shannon class lifeboat, for which we all raised money six or so years ago, are finally on their way. The building work will be a pain, but every effort will be made to keep disruption to a minimum. Hopefully, if the artist's impression of what the new boathouse will look like is accurate, we will have a building to be proud of – see the article and picture on page 5. You can keep tabs on the building on the Wells Lifeboat website – **www.wellslifeboat.org/boathouse** **SP**

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Homes for Wells news

By David Fennell, chair, Homes for Wells

Here's a true story, one that will gladden the hearts of our trustees and donors, who generously give so much unpaid time or money, in order to make affordable homes available in Wells.

Harley and Robbie are buying their first home together and moving on from their Homes for Wells dwelling at the Old School. They both work hard and have been very careful with their money, in order to save up for a deposit. Harley told me they have really enjoyed living at the Old School, and how essential it was to them that the affordable rents charged by Homes for Wells are so much lower than the cost of a private commercial rent. This help has been more important than anything else in giving them the chance to build up a deposit for a mortgage. Harley and Robbie have enjoyed living in their home amongst friends at the Old School. Now it is someone else's turn! And perhaps, when it's the next generation's turn, one or both of their children will put their names on our applicants' list too!

At the end of August 2020, our 'portfolio' of properties comprised 18 dwellings owned by Homes for Wells and a further seven managed by us. The overall total is eight more than it was this time three years ago, four more owned and four more managed, so we can point to steady progress.

It is difficult to predict how things will turn out over the next three years, but we are applying for more grants from the District Council to help us to acquire more dwellings in Wells, where we are given 'first refusal' by Flagship (formerly Victory), before they are offered for sale on the open market. In a way, the properties, which were so solidly built in the 1950s and would originally have belonged to Wells Urban District Council, have almost come back full circle, to ownership by a Registered Social Housing Provider based in Wells next the Sea.

We continue to receive good practical, financial and moral support from the District Council. It is so keen to help us to grow our portfolio.

I would also like to express Homes for Wells' gratitude to Wells Town Council for passing on a donation they received from an anonymous benefactor, for the help of our tenants at this difficult time. It has enabled us to freeze our annual rent increase right though until next April.

I mentioned last month another generous donor, Runners-next-the-Sea, and the group has just told us that it raised £169 for Homes for Wells by their members' efforts. Three cheers for our public-spirited runners!

We're excited to be launching a 'Crowdfunder' in September, so keep your eyes on our social media and website for details. It will be great if we can raise enough to acquire another 'affordable home for rent'. If you would like to support us, the link is you need is **www.crowdfunder.co.uk/homes-for-wells**

Our 2018 Housing Needs Survey results pointed us towards a target of providing at least thirty more affordable homes over the period to 2022. You might say, eight down, twenty-two still to go. However, our list of applicants has grown by more than eight, so it would appear we're not even keeping up with growing demand.

The past twelve months have seen us go up several steep learning curves, as we have tried to tackle a wider variety of projects, in fundraising, site development and management contracts. I hope we can make significant advances in all these areas during the next two years at least.

Last month I mentioned the importance of our new Quality Management System (QMS), on which much work is currently being done. As we hope to grow our portfolio of managed properties, our reputation and experience will be underpinned by having ISO 9001:2015 certification for our systems and procedures. This is all part of our organic growth, from a micro-business, to a Small or Medium Enterprise (SME). We regularly have to re-examine the way we do things, to ensure we are able to cope as we grow.

A micro business meets at least two of the following three criteria – turnover less than £632,000 a year (yes); balance sheet value less than £316,000 (no – Homes for Wells is many times that!); number of full time employees less than or equal to ten (yes, and even if you add in all our unpaid trustees, the full time equivalent is still less than ten, though it doesn't always feel like that!). A small business is defined as having turnover up to £10.2m, a balance sheet value of up to £5.1m and up to 50 employees. I expect it will be more than five years before we have outgrown the 'micro' status.

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Work started on new lifeboat house

Work has begun on the building of a new lifeboat house at Wells. Completion is expected in 2022 and the new Wells Shannon class lifeboat which was part funded by a successful local campaign in 2014 – 2015 will arrive in Wells shortly afterwards.

The new, bigger boathouse is required to house the Shannon class lifeboat which will replace the now 30 year old Mersey class lifeboat, *Doris M Mann of Ampthill*. With the RNLI's newest, purpose-built Shannon lifeboat, the rescue service provided by the volunteer crew at Wells will be using the best equipment available to make their job safer, faster and more effective. The boathouse will be located beside the beach bank near the Beach Café and the Coastwatch hut and will replace the old boathouse, parts of which are more than 100 years old.

The lifeboats will exit the boathouse through the front doors and be taken up and over the sea defences on a purpose-built ramp straight into the channel or, if the tide is out, they will be towed on their carriages to a low water launch site in Holkham Bay.

The first phase of construction involves driving piles into the ground to form the foundations for the boathouse and ramps; building up the ground level with sand and dredged material supplied by the Port of Wells and constructing the concrete floor slab. This 'heavy' construction work will take place between September 2020 and May 2021. Erection of the timber frame building structure will follow.

The RNLI and Wells Lifeboat Station will be working closely with the contractors, JT Mackley and Reside Construction, the Port of Wells and Holkham Estate to ensure that safe access to the beach and the car park is maintained for members of the public throughout the project. Regular updates will be posted on our website as well as being signposted at the beach car park, the Beach Café and Pinewoods. If you would like to keep an eye on progress from the comfort of your home you can check the webcam images and progress reports at **www.wellslifeboat.org/boathouse**

If you have any queries about this project or about how it might affect you or your business please direct them by email to: **boathouse@wellslifeboat.org**

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Artist's impression of new Lifeboat House at Wells. Picture supplied by Studio Four architects

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Even so, if we want to offer a golden opportunity to more local families like Harley and Robbie's (which we do) then we certainly must keep growing.

It is also fair to say, that while we (quite rightly) prioritise local families and key workers on our allocations list, there are inevitably going to be some promising local young people who set off to travel far and wide in their careers. Some may never return. It makes sense to include some new young applicants from outside Wells, who can bring special skills and enterprise to our community, while also balancing out the demographic tendency towards an ageing population in Wells.

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Our Crowdfunder hits £30,000 target!

By Becca Lynn, Marketing & Development Manager

First of all, everyone at Wells Maltings would like to say a huge thank you to all those who donated or shared our 'Road to Recovery' Crowdfunder – we are absolutely delighted to have met our target. It will help us to protect ourselves against future financial crisis and to continue providing arts and heritage events for our community, so we cannot thank you enough.

We have had our first film screening since before the lockdown – *The Personal History of David Copperfield* was well received, and our social distancing measures worked well.

Make sure you arrive in plenty of time when coming to a show – our bar will be serving, and you can take your refreshments into the auditorium! Our new catering and hospitality manager, Steven Smith, has been working on an excellent new wine list as well as sweets, snacks and much more.

The Heritage Centre has also recently reopened. It's still free to enter and it's been wonderful to see people once again enjoying the informative displays.

Our Handa Gallery will be showing the 'Wish You Were Here' exhibition from 15 to 26 September, displaying photographs, art and crafts from our community in lockdown. There will be prizes for the best three photographs, which will be chosen by public vote, so please come down and cast your vote for your favourites. Following 'Wish You Were Here' will be the wonderful Links and Layers with their 'Rhythms' exhibition, exploring the comfort to be found in the rhythms and repetition of making art, with an emphasis on textiles. This will be shown from 1 to 11 October in the Handa Gallery, which as usual will be free to enter.

Oscar winner *1917* has been rescheduled from March and will now be screened on 25 September. *Jonas Kaufmann – My Vienna,* on 26 and 27 September, brings us a personal tribute to the city's music from world famous tenor Kaufmann and the Prague Philharmonia. On 28 September, heartwarming film *Inna Da Yard* follows a group of ageing Jamaican musicians in their attempt to record an album, drawing comparisons with *Buena Vista Social Club*.

New York comes to Wells on 5 and 6 October with the Manhattan Short Film Festival, giving you a chance to view and vote for the next generation of filmmakers.

The National Theatre's Live's *Frankenstein* will screen again on 8 October, but this time we'll show the 'switched' version, with Benedict Cumberbatch as the creature and Jonny Lee Miller as Dr Frankenstein. Soprano Milly Forrest will perform live on 11 October, having been postponed from March. We're very excited to welcome Milly to Wells, and it marks the beginning of a hopefully much fuller programme as we head cautiously into the winter season. We will also be running more craft workshops during October half-term following some really lovely creative sessions during August.

Our resident literary festival, Sea Fever, will return in mid-October with its fourth iteration. The now biannual festival will bring us a myriad real and virtual events, with varied contributors such as Kevin Crossley-Holland, Sally Festing and an exclusive event from author and social commentator Peter York.

Of course, we are still in extremely uncertain times, so you will be seeing programmes from us covering a much shorter period. The next one will be out by the end of September, and we'll have a whole new one for the Christmas period. We have some really exciting projects in the works, so watch this space!

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Wells Maltings seeks new board chair

By Keith Morris, acting chair of trustees

Wells Maltings wishes to appoint a new chair to our board of trustees. We invite applications from individuals experienced in charitable governance, fundraising and leadership with the commitment, qualities and attributes to head Wells Maltings Trust effectively. Having successfully led the board of trustees since its opening, our current chair, Sir Tim Lankester, is stepping down and we are now seeking to appoint an experienced leader dedicated to supporting the board and management team to realise the highest possible vision for Wells Maltings' success including helping to build strong links with the local community.

As most in Wells will already know, Wells Maltings is an arts, heritage and community centre in the heart of the town and it reopened in 2018 after a lengthy fundraising and refurbishment period. The centre puts on a broad selection of performing, on-screen and visual arts including a programme of musical events both classical and contemporary. The history of the town and local coast is represented in a heritage centre that both adults and children find informative and rewarding. The centre, pre-lockdown, was also used extensively by hirers for yoga, pilates and other wellbeing classes and is available to hire for meetings, conferences, weddings and community events at competitive rates.

The board of Wells Maltings Trust, the charity that runs the centre, represents a broad cross section of people from Wells and the adjacent coast. Many of the board members bring special skills including legal, financial and marketing as well as a love for the arts.

This is an unpaid role which will require a commitment of approximately three to four days per month and attendance at all board meetings, fundraisers and cultural events. It is hoped that the candidate will live in or with close proximity to Wells and have strong ties to the community.

To apply or for further information please contact acting chair Keith Morris by email to **applications@wellsmaltings.org.uk** by 25 September. All applications or nominations will be treated in the strictest confidence.

A big virtual thank you

By Pat Weston, Carnival chair

A big 'real' thank you for your support with the first and hopefully last virtual Wells Carnival. The committee, leading up to the week, had been busy planning events to show on our new YouTube channel and on our Facebook and web page. All the concerns that it may not work soon went as you joined us, having and holding events and sending your pictures and videos in for us to show.

We had garden produce to judge, all types of pets from which to pick the best in their classes, rafts to race, amazing sandcastles to pick the best, jokes to hear, your parade and Carnival Day events to look at, some of you took part in a fun run – sorry, but I couldn't find my trainers, not even the virtual ones. The committee showed many workshops and demonstrations. It truly was a fun packed week. No surprise but the Cocktail demonstrations went very well, a few retakes were needed and requested. Desert Island Discs was interesting, I learned a few things.

All these are still available, if you had a busy summer and missed them in the week. Go to our YouTube Channel – Wells Carnival Ltd Norfolk, go on to the link and subscribe to Wells Norfolk.

A big thank you to Fran and Nigel Marshall for all their hard work in editing the videos and preparing all the different formats and then showing the films on social media, it all went very well. Maybe we could add virtual events next year.

The committee did meet once in the week, on the Buttlands at 5pm, Carnival Day to toast the key workers and the amazing NHS. Thanks to you all.

We also want to say a big thank you to all of the businesses that supported the Virtual Carnival with donations and putting collection buckets on their counters. A massive thank you to Carol and her lovely team at the Post Office for helping to sell the 2020 NHS wrist bands, these are still available on our website to order on line:

http://wellscarnival.co.uk/

Also a big thank you to David Jagger and team for the window display before, during and after the

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Alderman Peel High School news

By Alastair Ogle, Principal

Once again students from Alderman Peel High School have achieved superb results. The progress they have made is significantly above the national average and we rightly attracted considerable interest from the press. Students of all abilities made fantastic progress with our most able achieving a large number of grade 9 qualifications, which puts them in the top 2% of students nationally.

Given everything that has happened in recent months, to see them receiving the qualifications they deserved was a joy (and a relief). On behalf of all the staff at school, congratulations to them and thank you to the parents, families and members of our wonderful community who have supported them so well.

With our ongoing success and continuous improvement it is no surprise that we attract more and more students from out of catchment every year. Over two hundred students attend APHS from out of catchment, often travelling considerable distances to benefit from our excellent, caring staff and the wide range of opportunities they continue to provide. In September 126 students joined us in year seven, our largest cohort ever.

We prepared for the return of students for a number of months. We put additional resources and staff in place and we even had a new building waiting. We are also currently replacing a number of windows and frames to provide better ventilation and energy efficiency.

It has been a challenging few months for everyone and while we continue to be vigilant it is time for students to return. Since March over 75,000 pieces of work have been completed by students online, we have supported students and families through daily, weekly or fortnightly emails or phone calls, we have provided laptops to over 80 families and provided Free School Meal vouchers to 92 families. It has been an incredible effort by all staff.

In preparation for the return to school we have distributed guidance to all students and parents regarding the changes we have put in place in response to government guidance. This includes one way systems, different break and lunch time arrangements, use of different entrances into school, additional cleaning and some changes in specific subjects such as PE, science, music and drama to name a few. We have taken all advice on board and our risk assessment and procedures have all been approved.

We are delighted to welcome you all back to school and to see our school community together again.

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week, to display events and prize winners.

My last thank you goes to Joyce and Paul Trett and family. Every year they enter the Carnival parade and they, like us, could have had an easy August and not done anything this year. But no... they brought the carnival to their garden – bunting, marquees and Alice in Wonderland characters appeared and made Mill Road the brightest road in Wells. Also Joyce performed a lovely poem about the Wells Carnival, please check our website to see it and all the other videos from the week.

Last year we managed to give away nearly £9,000 to local charities, this helped the charities to continue and help people of all ages in the town. The committee didn't think we would be able to give away any money this year but once again you have been fantastic with your support. We have nearly reached £3,500 through bucket donations and our Crowdfunding page, and the Committee has also agreed to match your support so we are well on our way to reach over £7,000. You are still able to help, whether you are an individual or a business, we know it's been a strange year but if you are able to support us we can hopefully keep all the very important and much-needed groups in the town going. The Carnival hopes to support as many voluntary organisations as possible, let's make 2020 a better year for Wells.

We normally hold our AGM in October when we present reports, vote for our officials and distribute the grants. The public is normally invited and the night is finished off with refreshments. However this year will be different, as current government guidelines do not permit us to have a public gathering. Details of the AGM will be posted on our website, Facebook page and our YouTube channel.

You can also pick up details and grant application forms from Ele and Me, Bolts Close or Goldings in Staithe Street. They are also available online from **www.wellscarnival.co.uk** The closing date is Friday 25 September.

Clubs, groups and societies

Wells Discussion Group
Having consulted with other members it has been decided that the group meetings are suspended for the time being. This is in line with other local groups. The position will be reviewed in the New Year.

Wells Good Companions (formerly the Wells Pensioners' Association)
We have thought very hard about whether the Club should re-open in September but, taking into consideration the fact that a fair proportion of our members could be considered to be in the 'at risk' group we have decided that it isn't practical to plan another meeting for a while. Also, with social distancing and having to wear face masks, it would probably be a rather uncomfortable get-together.

Should the present situation change for the better and it seems possible to reconvene, we will telephone each of you to let you know. Meanwhile, all of you, please stay safe and well.

Wells Local History Group
In the old normal, as opposed to the new (hopefully temporary) normal, WLHG has a meeting every month from September to May except in January. Because of the continuing uncertainties the committee has decided not to hold any meetings this autumn. At the present time we are planning to run meetings from January to May in 2021. But we will obviously be reviewing this in the light of whatever happens locally and nationally during the coming months.

This doesn't, however, mean that we are all hiding under our beds and doing nothing. The newsletters are continuing to be produced and two new books – *The Wells Murder of 1817* and *The Holkham Murder of 1851* have been published during lockdown. As usual, these are available to the public at the Wells Post Office. Members have been separately notified.

Wells Men's Shed
Last month's excitement about reopening the Shed was somewhat short-lived. It is proving harder than we thought to safely open the Shed and welcome back our members. Fortunately, we are blessed with plenty of outdoor space which makes it easier to social distance but this is only part of the challenge. Many of our members tick a few boxes in the 'vulnerable' categories which means some are still self isolating or at the very least limiting their activities outside their homes. So erring on the side of caution has been the mantra. The concept of Men's Sheds is in total conflict with this lifestyle. Sheds are an ideal place for people who ordinarily live in isolation and they provide a social centre geared to helping everyone's wellbeing. So our default position is to remain closed for the time being.

Even though we are reviewing our operations and doing risk assessments, our Shedders have been busy in their own sheds. Not quite the same experience without the banter and skill sharing but still productive nonetheless. We are still open to building our membership too. Everyone is welcome, as we operate an inclusive membership policy. It's free to join (although we charge a £5 annual fee which helps cover insurance costs and the like). Our activities include working on your own projects or working on community projects where we help various good causes around town. Whilst we can be regarded as a resource for odd projects we are keen not to take work away from local tradespeople, so occasionally we have to say no.

With the recent addition of the 'Carter Group Container' we had hoped to start our metalwork activities. The idea was to convert the shipping container into a metalwork shop as it would offer the safety features required. This is still the plan and if anyone out there is interested in helping us rig out the container for this purpose please get in touch. It could be anything 'metal' from blacksmithing to welding to making 'steam punk' items!

Meantime, we continue to work on the arrangements to reopen. As before, through *The Quay*'s columns and our website, we will notify everyone when we are officially open and if you would like more information please visit us at **www.wellsnext-theseamensshed.weebly.com**, phone us on **07486 524603** or email us at **mensshedwells@gmail.com**

Wells Textile and Embroidery Group
September is always a month of change and nights have started to close in a little earlier each day. Our thoughts are starting to turn to our autumnal projects – it's quite amazing the ideas we can come up with.

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Neighbourhood Plan – getting the evidence

By Cllr Roger Arguile

After a very busy summer with visitors coming in huge numbers to Wells while everything else seems to have come to a halt, it's hard to look to the future with any confidence. Some things, though delayed, have been happening and the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party is looking to the future as best it can.

To remind you: the Neighbourhood Plan is a plan for Wells that Wells people have to agree to. It's about what Wells people want and need. So, the working party must find out, not just guess what that amounts to. Everything has to be, as we are told, 'evidence based'. The website has been delayed but the housing needs survey, in partnership with the Holkham Estate, has not.

Between now and the end of November, a specialist firm called Housing Vision will be undertaking an objective survey looking at the town and its population, at current housing market trends and how Wells can achieve what is called a 'sustainable and balanced community' with housing appropriate to the needs of all, young, old, working, retired, local, incomers and so on. A member of the working party, John Edwards, who is both a local resident and has worked at a very senior level in local authority planning, has been working with the firm to produce the survey.

So, in practical terms, they will conduct telephone surveys of the larger employers in the area to understand the challenges their employees face in accessing suitable housing; the impact on businesses and their suggestions for improving the supply of housing.

They will conduct a confidential postal survey of all residents, not just in Wells but in the three surrounding villages, to identify their current housing situation; their need for housing now and over the next five years, whether homes are too small or too large, for example, for families or older households, so that housing need can be assessed.

Finally they will conduct a confidential online survey of employees of larger employees to identify their housing situation and future needs and the impact of their current housing situation on their working lives.

The working party will benefit from having full access to the survey results which will also be published in *The Quay* and will be making a financial contribution to the project which, hopefully, was agreed at the September meeting of the Wells town council. This will be a major endeavour to do something that the council has been attempting to do at different times for the last twenty and more years.

For that reason it will be important that you have your say so that we have an accurate picture of the needs of the community of Wells which we can then present to the District Council and work towards building the right kind of housing for the town.

Travel matters

Sanders, which operates the Wells/Cromer and Wells/Norwich via Holt services as well as many school services, has been getting a number of calls about school transport. The company wants to reassure everyone that it is doing all it can to enable all students to travel on its services safely. All arrangements have been made in collaboration with Norfolk County Council: for the latest details on this see the 'alerts' section of the Sanders website – **sanderscoaches.com/alerts**. All its school and college timetables can be found by scrolling to the bottom of the timetables section – **sanderscoaches.com/timetables**. The wearing of face masks is encouraged on all services even by school children under 11 although there is no legislation in place for the operator to enforce this.

The Lynx services operating between Fakenham and King's Lynn via Wells started a revised schedule on 7 September. Lynx points out that "Whilst passenger numbers are still considerably lower than normal we've tried our best to add more buses and most routes will once again operate at their pre-April levels. This is to create additional capacity where demand has started to recover".

The original frequency of services has been restored between Hunstanton and King's Lynn and minor changes have been made to weekday services from Wells.

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News from the Anglican churches

By Revd Brenda Stewart

As I write, a most extraordinary summer is coming to an end and our children are preparing to go back to school, all part of the structure of our lives being re-instated but in different ways. My colleagues and I will be providing Collective Worship on YouTube for now until visitors are able to return.

Instead of harvest festivals this year we had a 'celebration of creation' at Holkham St Withburga at the end of August. Forty-four humans were joined by eight dogs, two hamsters and a moth and the service is up on YouTube if you wish to have a look.

In September we are continuing to rotate around the churches and I am now videoing the services to upload later in the day. The services all start at 9.30am in church and the rotation is as follows: first Sunday of the month at Holkham, second Sunday at Wighton, third Sunday at Warham and fourth Sunday at Wells. There is also a weekly service at Wells on Wednesday at 10am. There may be a change in October so keep an eye on the various notice-boards.

In August I had two new experiences. Standing at the front I am not required to wear a face covering but I was in the congregation at the Roman Catholic church in Wells as we said farewell to our friend Prisca Hastings who was very involved in Churches Together. The other was not being able to sing hymns at the crematorium, having sung at services there throughout lock-down! We can still sing at graveside burials because they are outdoors.

This month we remember Colin Dodman from Wells and Bert Plumb from Warham. Last month I said all our wedding couples had moved their dates to next year but it turns out that we will have two couples tying the knot this year after all. We wish both couples well as they prepare for their weddings in October – Joe and Daisy at Wighton and Ben and Alice at Holkham. Their banns will be read in church during September.

Church opening, closing and wiping down

By Revd Brenda Stewart

I would like to thank everyone who has helped with keeping our churches open during the summer.

As life returns to some semblance of normality members of my teams – Nick at Holkham and Louis and Sophie at Warham –have had to stand down. I'm keen to hear from anyone who can help at either church so that we can continue to have the buildings open for people to visit.

The duties are not onerous: at Holkham we require someone to lock St Withburga's church after 6pm and wipe down surfaces (I can do it in 10 minutes).

At Warham, we need someone to open the church by 10am and to lock it up and wipe down the surfaces after the church closes at 6pm.

If you think you can help with either church please contact Revd Brenda on **01328 710628** or email **bas@con-brio.com**

Methodist church news

By Sue Scoles

As a result of the survey conducted by the Methodist church last month, plans are being made to reopen the church for Sunday service. Starting on Sunday 4 October at 11am there will be a short service each week for those people ready to return to communal worship. Chairs will be arranged so that we can maintain social distancing and unfortunately we won't be allowed to sing, but music is permitted. Sadly there will be no social gathering afterwards while we sample Thelma's delicious cakes. It will be very different but life is different now and we all have to learn to adapt to the 'new norm'. Come and give it a try! At the moment there are no plans to return to prayer and praise on a Wednesday. The weekly newsletter will continue to be circulated for the time being.

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Wighton news

You may have noticed that a new flag, the cross of St George emblazoned with a diocesan badge, is flying on the tower of All Saints church. Two identical flags have been ordered, both with webbing on the leading edge to try to slow down their degradation by the wind. There can be few more exposed spots than our tower which dominates both the village and surrounding countryside, and flags tend to wear down quickly in the face of merciless buffeting. Thanks to the sponsors who kindly donated funds and to our PCC treasurer, Graham Able, for organising the purchase.

Wighton villagers would like to take this opportunity to thank all the local shops and their hard-working staff who have helped so much in delivering food to our village during the pandemic and to all those who have been so kind to neighbours in need.

We would also like to thank Revd. Brenda Stewart for the service arrangements since lockdown lifted. The PCC has enjoyed welcoming visiting parishioners from Holkham, Warham and Wells to the 9.30am service on the second Sunday of the month.

The Friendly Phone-Line

Churches Together in Wells is offering a friendly and neighbourly voice on the end of the phone to anyone who is fed-up or self-isolating.

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Margaret **01328 710584** between 9am and 9pm and she will arrange for someone to call you.

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If you know of anyone who needs support at this time, please share this tel. no. with them.

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Church service times

CHURCH	DAY	TIME	SERVICE
Church of England – Rev Brenda Stewart – 01328 710628			
St Nicholas, Church Street, Wells	Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion
	1st Sunday of month	11.00am	Worship for All
	2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays	11.00am	Sung Eucharist
	1st Sunday of month	6.30pm	Taize service
	2nd Sunday of month	6.30pm	Evening Prayer
	3rd Sunday of month	6.30pm	Healing service
	4th Sunday of month	6.30pm	Celtic Worship
	Wednesdays	10.00am	Holy Communion
	1st and 3rd Thursdays	10.00am	Quiet Prayer
	2nd Saturday of month	11.00am	Messy Church
	2nd and 4th Fridays	1.45pm	Little Fishes Parent & toddler group
St Withburga, Holkham (Remembrance Sunday to Easter, services held in Hall Chapel; Easter to Remembrance Sunday in St. Withburga's)	1st Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion
	2nd Sunday	11.00am	Matins
All Saints, Warham; St Mary, Warham (Jul and Aug only)	3rd Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion
All Saints, Wighton	2nd & 4th Sundays	9.30am	Holy Communion
Methodist Churches – Revd. Cliff Shanganya – 01328 862174			
Theatre Road, Wells	Sunday	11.00am	Morning worship
	Wednesday	10.30am	Prayer & praise
Holkham Longlands	4th Sunday	2.30pm	Sunday worship
Wighton	1st and 3rd Sunday	2.30pm	Worship service
Little Walsingham	Sunday	2.30pm	Sunday Worship
Evangelical Congregational Church Centre – Revd. Neil Woodruff – 07891 968966			
Clubbs Lane, Wells	Sunday	3.00pm	
	Tuesday	7.30pm	Prayer & Bible study
Roman Catholic – Father Keith Tulloch – 01328 713044			
Our Lady Star of the Sea, The Buttlands, Wells	Saturday	6.00pm	Holy Mass
	Sunday	9.15am	Holy Mass
Quakers – 01328 711387			
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County council news

By Marie Strong, Norfolk County Councillor

Congratulations to the editor and all involved in ensuring regular readers have continued to receive a copy of *The Quay* – just what we all need, a touch of normality. (*You are too kind! Ed.*) On-line versions are particularly useful when so much information regarding the effects and defence of Covid-19 is presently on offer and cannot be condensed into a single article. And well done everyone who has not only kept up-to-date but has been sharing information with those unable to access websites. The good news is that computer access is being resumed at our libraries (see re-opening details below and note that library users will be able to book a computer for an hour at a time – helpline **01603 774777**).

I hope the links I have supplied previously have been useful. Since they are provided by Norfolk County Council and the Norfolk Resilience Forum they are to be trusted and regularly updated. (Unfortunately some links have proved not to be so easy to access – if NCC links fail type in Norfolk County Council and the topics should appear.) I have repeated some links below – as well as direct information not requiring a computer.

Updated sites and more information

● Norfolk County Council: **www.norfolk.gov.uk** should lead you on to a range of specific sections which are well worth a visit. For instance, **www.norfolk.gov.uk/care-support-and-health/ health-and-wellbeing/adults-health/corona virus/community-support-for-people-at-home/help-if-you-are-self-isolating**. Amongst the many pieces of information is an updated section on the impact of Covid-19 on NCC services – which affect all of us in many ways. Please share this information where appropriate.

● NHS information: Can be found on **www.nhs.uk/coronavirus**

● Government response: the latest government response is to be found on **www.gov.uk/coronavirus** It includes lifting of restrictions – best read very regularly – particularly regarding meeting with who, where, when etc.

● Tracking Coronavirus cases: You can go straight to **www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-track-coronavirus-cases**.

● Coronavirus cases data: The national data on the number of positive cases is now broken down further to local areas. This data will be published weekly. **https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/**

Norfolk's libraries Eight more libraries, including Wells and Cromer, have reopened, taking the total number of libraries open to 28 with plans to reopen the remaining sites in the coming weeks. Library users are required to wear a face covering in line with the latest government guidance. Each library will have a one-way system to allow for social distancing and hand sanitiser will be available to use on the way in and out. Open library access remains unavailable and opening times have to be changed accordingly. Latest information can be found on the Norfolk County Council website **www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries-local-history-and-archives/libraries/coronavirus-update**

Public transport Dr Louise Smith, Director of Public Health at Norfolk County Council, tells us that: "As long as we follow all the guidance and advice whilst travelling on public transport, the risk of catching Coronavirus is relatively low. We must wear our face coverings at all times, continue to keep a safe distance from those around us and make sure that we wash our hands or use hand sanitiser before and after travelling."

For information on public transport visit **www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/public-transport/buses/bus-timetables-and-operators**

Face coverings The guidance on face coverings has been updated to reflect changes on when face coverings should be worn and information on those who are exempt – **www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own**

The Distance Aware initiative The Distance Aware initiative was set up to enable individuals and organisations to politely prompt distancing and respect of individual social space. Badge/poster templates are available to download from the site – **www.bevancommission.org/distance-aware**

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Wells town council – September meeting

A subdued and very different council meeting this month – the first where all the councillors were in the same room since March. There's a new venue, the Clore Room at Wells Maltings, and everyone was very spread out. Sadly, though, there were only a couple of people wearing masks, which caused me personal concern – I may have to rethink my attendance at meetings for a few months. However, other than that, it was business as usual.

The fire station wants to replace its existing hose drying tower with a new, taller fire training tower facility, which was passed with no comment.

The main meeting was concerned with, among other things, traffic management, specifically at the junction of Burnt Street and Two Furlong Hill, where an accident occurred in July, knocking substantial chunks out of the Westgate Tollbar property. A list of requests for changes to the junction was given to the NCC Highways department and they were all refused, mainly on the grounds that they were not needed. However, the white lines at the junction will be repainted, there will be a town 'gateway' erected soon on the Dry Road as you come into Wells and a speed sign has been put in – all in a concerted effort to slow up the selfish speeders who race down into Wells.

The protracted stay of the funfair was discussed and two letters of support were read out, one from the football club and one from the Wells War Memorial Institute – both of whom were delighted that the fair stayed for longer than usual as it gave both places a much needed boost in funds. The councillors recognised that this year was an extraordinary one and that the fair was unlikely to stay as long in a 'normal' year. However, the lack of control that we have over such things was concerning -- two councillors will pursue this and report back.

Another housing needs survey is coming, under the aegis of Holkham and the Neighbourhood Plan group – see page 11 for more information. **SP**

Town council meetings have resumed at Wells Maltings. Next meeting Monday 5 October, 7pm. To contact Wells town council go to wellstc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk or phone 01328 710564 or email clerk@wellstowncouncil.org.uk

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Quite a few of our members buy and look through magazines to get fresh inspiration. When we met before the pandemic we would pass the mags around and share and talk about them. Now, with the aid of our virtual meetings, we can still do this. Flexibility is what our group is very good at. When the time comes and we can meet together again, we will all be ready to start with great relish.

Wells WI

There is normally no WI meeting in August, but we do hold our famous Strawberry Tea in this month. Not this year, of course. Apart from the 'fun' of the baking and preparations it is a lovely social occasion for members and visitors, as well as a fundraiser for local causes. Let's hope that next year will be different.

Members are keeping in touch with each other by telephone, email and the occasional 'distanced' meeting in gardens. How fortunate that the weather has been kind for outdoor things, even if much too hot and humid at times. Not at all 'normal for Norfolk'. We are used to warm and dry.

We shall have to wait and see what develops later in the year, but at the moment it does not look likely that we will be holding our usual monthly meeting in September, but who knows?

To keep the Quay Diary on page 38 up to date, please send dates of your meetings and events (or cancellations) for 2020 and 2021 to editorial@quaypublishing.co.uk

Wells rainfall roundup for August

By Keith Leesmith

The rainfall for August was typical of the month. Many days of bright dry sunshine and a few with downpours. Statistically it is one of the wettest months of the year, although this is because the rain tends to come in lumps, often thundery lumps, rather than those 'wet days with no rain'. The total collected was 75mm against a long-term average of 69mm. On my usual 10% up or 10% down scale this comes out as an average month.

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Protecting yourself in uncertain times

By Peter Barton

Sadly, thousands have died as a result of Covid-19 and many more are having to cope with the effects of this dreadful virus.

Some of those affected will have been the family's main breadwinner. Of course, it doesn't take a pandemic to suffer ill-health or even die. Life's journey throws up many challenges, often not good ones, hence we prefer not to think about them. Maybe that's why many of us insure our phones, TVs and pets but not ourselves. But don't most of those things depend upon us, or more accurately our income – what would happen if that income was taken away?

Income protection is arguably the most important cover, especially for workers with no employer sickness benefits who may only receive Statutory Sick Pay of £95.85 per week. Premiums depend upon several things, including age, smoker status, occupation and health. Once a claim is accepted, benefits either continue to a specific age or, for a lower premium, a set period such as two years. Benefits will stop in certain circumstances so it's important to check the policy's terms and conditions.

Most people with a mortgage have life assurance and sometimes critical illness cover. But the chances of dying during the policy term are far lower than being diagnosed with a critical illness. A critical illness policy is designed to pay out on diagnosis of a specified critical illness (it may not cover certain serious illnesses, for example, some cancers and conditions not listed in the policy; pre-existing medical conditions may also not be covered. You should check the insurer's terms and conditions for the illnesses covered). This type of cover used to receive bad press but, according to the Association of British Insurers, 91.6% of critical illness claims were paid in 2019 and the overall figure for protection was 98.3%. That's a staggering £5.7bn, or around £15.6m per day!

Critical illness cover generally includes children's cover. Surprisingly, claims for children typically represent 3 to 4% of the major insurer's claims. The quality of cover and claim criteria vary between providers so price is only one thing to consider when choosing a critical illness policy, hence advice is recommended.

It's probably fair to say that most people don't wake up in the morning expecting to have an accident, become ill or even die. Sometimes it just happens and we must deal with the consequences. We can't change what's happened but maybe we can prepare better for those situations before it's too late.

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Wells flood warden team news

By Mike and Marie Strong, joint coordinators

Storm Ellen made its presence felt last month, coinciding with spring tides and was a cause of concern, particularly on the south west coast as the sea was driven onto it. The barometric pressure dropped, causing an increase in the height of the water. Fortunately for residents in our region the weather front remained positioned over the south west coast.

On the following day we did receive a Flood Alert (the lowest level of warning) since the winds had not moderated. When south westerly winds blow up the English Channel they drive the water up the Dover Strait, the narrowest part of the Channel, marking the boundary between the Channel and the North Sea. The narrowness of the Strait means the water being driven is squeezed and increases in height, blocking the natural movement of North Sea water down and through the Strait – causing a sea level rise in the North Sea. Fortunately this rise in sea level is not usually of great measure, so our warning remained at alert level since the water's height did not trigger a Flood Warning.

Our tide table gives the following heights for the spring tides of September's new moon: 19 September – 3.59m AODN, 20 September – 3.60m AODN, 21 September – 3.45m AODN. The two highest predicted heights are above the trigger point for a flood alert and this is prior to high winds and low barometric pressure. However if all turns out well these very high tides will simply make for an attractive spectacle.

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News from Wells RNLI

New boathouse build begins! We are delighted to announce that construction of the new boathouse for RNLI Wells Lifeboat Station is underway. The building will house a Shannon class all-weather lifeboat and a D class inshore lifeboat. It will also contain upgraded facilities for the crew and other volunteers and provide extra space for visitor and community engagement. The boathouse should be completed in 2022 and the new Shannon class lifeboat will arrive shortly afterwards. See page 5 for more details.

Recent launches Our lifeboats have been called out six times during August assisting 21 people: the following is a summary of these services:

● Saturday 1 August, 3.55pm – inshore lifeboat launched to search for and rescue four adults and four children cut off by the tide at Cabbage Creek, Stiffkey. Eight people ferried to shore.

● Friday 7 August, 10.56am – all-weather lifeboat launched to assist 10m (32ft) motor cruiser with steering failure at Scolt Head. Vessel and two crew towed to Wells.

● Saturday 15 August, 4.06pm – inshore lifeboat launched to search for and rescue a person stranded by incoming tide in Brancaster harbour. One person ferried to shore.

● Sunday 16 August, 6.15pm – inshore lifeboat launched to search for and rescue crew of capsized dinghy in approaches to Burnham Overy harbour. Seven people assisted, vessel recovered.

● Friday 21 August, 20.27pm – inshore lifeboat launched to search for and rescue two persons cut off in the marshes between Stiffkey and Wells. Two people ferried to shore.

● Sunday 23 August, 9.38am – inshore lifeboat launched to search for and rescue one person cut off by an unusually high tide on a dune on Holkham beach. One person ferried to shore.

RNLI Wells social and fund-raising events The Annual Lifeboat Service, the Lewisham Town Band concert and Wells Christmas Tide will not take place until 2021.

RNLI online shop While the boathouse has restricted access, it is not possible to open our RNLI shop. However, the RNLI online shop is always open and Christmas cards are now available at **https://shop.rnli.org**

Regular updates about the new boathouse build and other news can be found on our website at **www.wellslifeboat.org**

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Wells Health Centre

At Wells Health Centre we are currently operating a telephone appointment system due to Covid. Please do not visit the surgery unless you have been asked to come in for an appointment or need to collect a prescription.

We are now starting some routine appointments – asthma, diabetes, blood tests, etc. so patients will receive letters or telephone calls inviting them to make an appointment for these when they are due. As long as you are well and have no Covid symptoms you will be able to attend for these. Some reviews can be done by telephone and where this is the case a telephone appointment can be arranged.

Please ensure that you wear a face covering when entering the surgery, for our protection and yours. Sadly we have had cases of Covid-19 in our community and it has not gone away so please take care and stay safe.

Flu Clinics We will be operating appointment only flu clinics this year. We are likely to receive the first batch of flu vaccines for the over 65s in mid-September so afternoon appointments will be bookable from 21 September.

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When you leave the library please borrow your items using the self-service kiosk which you can also use for all payments for film and music items.

Cooking with Carla Phillips

Chopped chicken livers, granny-style

My grandmother was not an ambitious cook. An immigrant, a working woman, she only made the few dishes she was familiar with. The most tasty was her chopped liver spread, which was for parties or a family gathering. Served on little slices of rye bread, with nice sour dill pickles, it was always a treat. It is one dish I could probably make in my sleep (from having observed it being made many times). Comprising very few ingredients, its rich texture and fine taste make it an eternal delight.

Ingredients 2 tablespoons of either chicken, duck or goose fat; 1 medium onion, thinly sliced; 1 pack (225g) chicken livers, drained (don't use any chicken hearts if they are included); 2-3 hard boiled eggs; 1 generous handful of parsley; salt; pepper; a branch or two of fresh thyme. Optional: 1 teaspoon of soy sauce; 2 teaspoons of sweet sherry, marsala or port.

Method In a well heated frying pan, melt the fat with the thyme branch and the onion. Add a little salt and pepper and fry until the onions are just starting to soften. Then, turn up the heat a little and fry the chicken livers until they are browned and cooked, but still slightly pink. Now, place these in a food processor, with the parsley and hard boiled eggs. Blitz, taste, then add any seasoning needed. Spoon it into a bowl, cover it well and chill it, at least overnight.

My grandmother, not having a food processor, had a curved chopper and a gently curving bowl, reminiscent of the Italian 'mezzaluna' which she used to chop the whole thing together when cooked, but the modern processor gives much the same effect.

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Remote witnessing of Wills

By Miranda Marshall, Hayes + Storr

The law of Wills in England and Wales is to be amended to allow the remote electronic witnessing of Wills under certain conditions. A Statutory Instrument under the Electronic Communications Act 2000 will implement the change. The news has been cautiously welcomed in the legal press.

Currently, under the 1837 Wills Act, a Will must be executed by the Testator (i.e. the person making the Will), 'in the presence' of two witnesses, present at the same time.

Some Testators have already used remote video-meeting platforms to arrange the execution of their new Will, hoping that the phrase 'in the presence of' would later be interpreted by the courts to include virtual-witnessing via electronic link. There is old case law stating that the witnessing 'in line of sight' is valid.

The Ministry of Justice (MoJ) has now declared that Wills and Codicils witnesses by video link will be upheld, as long as the quality of the sound and video is sufficient for the parties to see and hear what is happening at the time. The new law is to last for two years and is retrospective from 31st January 2020.

Remote witnessing is only being authorised in an emergency, as 'a last resort', and Testators are being asked to arrange the physical witnessing of Wills where it is safe to do so. Strict precautions must be taken to deter fraud or undue influence.

The MoJ recommends that Testators at a remotely-witnessed Will signing should make a formal statement that 'I, full name, wish to make a Will of my own free will and sign it here before witnesses, who are witnessing me doing it remotely'. Signatures must be 'wet'. The whole process should be recorded and the recording retained along with the Will.

The Will, signed remotely by the Testator, then needs to be sent physically to both of the two witnesses, who should sign and write their name, address and occupation in the traditional way.

For a person who is shielding, the question of how to get the Will to the witnesses remains a problem. Either they need to go out of the house to post it, or someone will need to collect it, in which case they could probably have arranged for witnesses to see them sign the Will in person, through an open door or window.

Arguably, it was not necessary to bring in these changes. To meet the demand for Wills, and to stick to social-distancing guidelines during lockdown, solicitors have had to find inventive new ways of getting Wills signed, with neighbours witnessing Wills over the garden fence and documents passed between cars 2 metres apart.

The legal profession lobbied for judicial powers to allow Wills, where formal signing procedures were not met, but where otherwise the legal requirements were met. This would have required primary legislation, which would have meant an Act of Parliament; so rather, these temporary remote-witnessing measures were introduced.

Guidance has been issued to minimise unintended consequences and to ensure validity. However, there are still many unanswered questions, such as: what if the Testator dies whilst the Will is being posted to the two witnesses for them to sign?

The new law will inevitably create an increase in disputes after the person has died, and evidence of remote witnessing is unlikely to be as convincing as it would be in person.

For those with no disability or vulnerability this new option could be a great help, although when you look at the subsequent procedures required, you may well think that it is just easier to find two independent witnesses and sign within each other's 'line of sight' in a single step, in the time-honoured fashion.

Some lawyers have praised the changes to saying that, at last, the legal profession is moving with the times and embracing modern technology. I have severe misgivings should the remote witnessing process be used by the vulnerable, and see too many ways in which abuse could arise.

What is clear is that new robust reforms for the signing of Wills are needed and that making these changes to the law in times of a pandemic is far from ideal.

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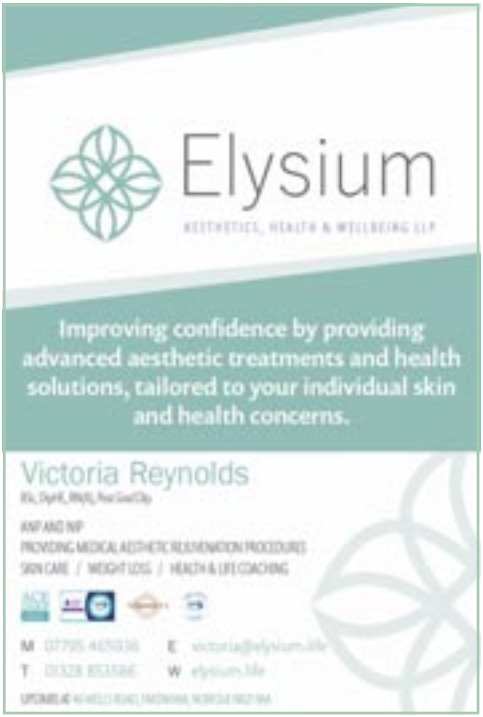

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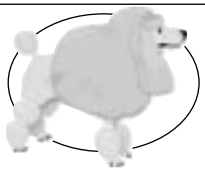

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The Quay Diary

Diary entries for the next issue of The Quay should be received by 28 September. Contact Editor Sara Phillips on 01328 711717 or e-mail editorial@quaypublishing.co.uk

As lockdown is gradually lifted, more of you will be planning events. Please let me know times, dates etc so that I can start updating the Diary. Thank you.

SEPTEMBER

Date	Group	Time	Place	Event
21	Wells Maltings	10.00am	Wells Maltings	Wish You Were Here exhibition
22	Wells Maltings	10.00am	Wells Maltings	Wish You Were Here exhibition
23	Wells Maltings	10.00am	Wells Maltings	Wish You Were Here exhibition
24	Wells Maltings	10.00am	Wells Maltings	Wish You Were Here exhibition
25	Wells Maltings	10.00am	Wells Maltings	Wish You Were Here exhibition
25	Wells Maltings	7.00pm	Wells Maltings	1917 (15)
26	Wells Maltings	10.00am	Wells Maltings	Wish You Were Here exhibition
26	Wells Maltings	7.00pm	Wells Maltings	Jonas Kaufmann – My Vienna
27	Wells Maltings	3.00pm	Wells Maltings	Jonas Kaufmann – My Vienna
28	Screen-next-the-Sea	7.00pm	Wells Maltings	Inna De Yard (12A)

OCTOBER

Date	Group	Time	Place	Event
1	Links and Layers	10.00am	Wells Maltings	Rhythms exhibition (to 11 October)
5	Wells Town Council	7.00pm	Wells Maltings	Monthly town council meeting – all welcome
5	Screen-next-the-Sea	7.00pm	Wells Maltings	Manhattan Short Film Festival
6	Screen-next-the-Sea	7.00pm	Wells Maltings	Manhattan Short Film Festival
8	National Theatre	7.00pm	Wells Maltings	Frankenstein (Encore Live)
11	Wells Maltings	3.00pm	Wells Maltings	Milly Forrest, soprano

Calling moth enthusiasts...

Revd Brenda Stewart got a moth trap for her birthday back in June and has had a wonderful summer seeing what passes through her garden at night, in addition to the hedgehogs! She would be interested to have a chat about moths with anyone else who runs a trap in the area. Call her on **01328 710628** or email **bas@con-brio.com**

Lady Dannatt visits WCH

The visit to Wells Community Hospital on 27 August by Lady Dannatt, Lord-Lieutenant of Norfolk, was a day of recognition and appreciation after the challenge of recent long months. A day in which our many volunteers and small staff team were recognised and thanked for their unstinting dedication.

Lady Dannatt became Lord-Lieutenant in August 2019; amongst her many accomplishments she is a trained counsellor, continuing to use her skills as a volunteer herself, working with survivors of abuse.

Suitably physically distanced, in the presence of members of the Trust, partners and the wider community, Lady Dannatt thanked those present for their work in the Community Hospital and the work of the Wells Central Support Hub, a partnership with the town council, local volunteers and organisations which coordinated urgently needed support for a locked down community, especially during the early days of the pandemic.

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