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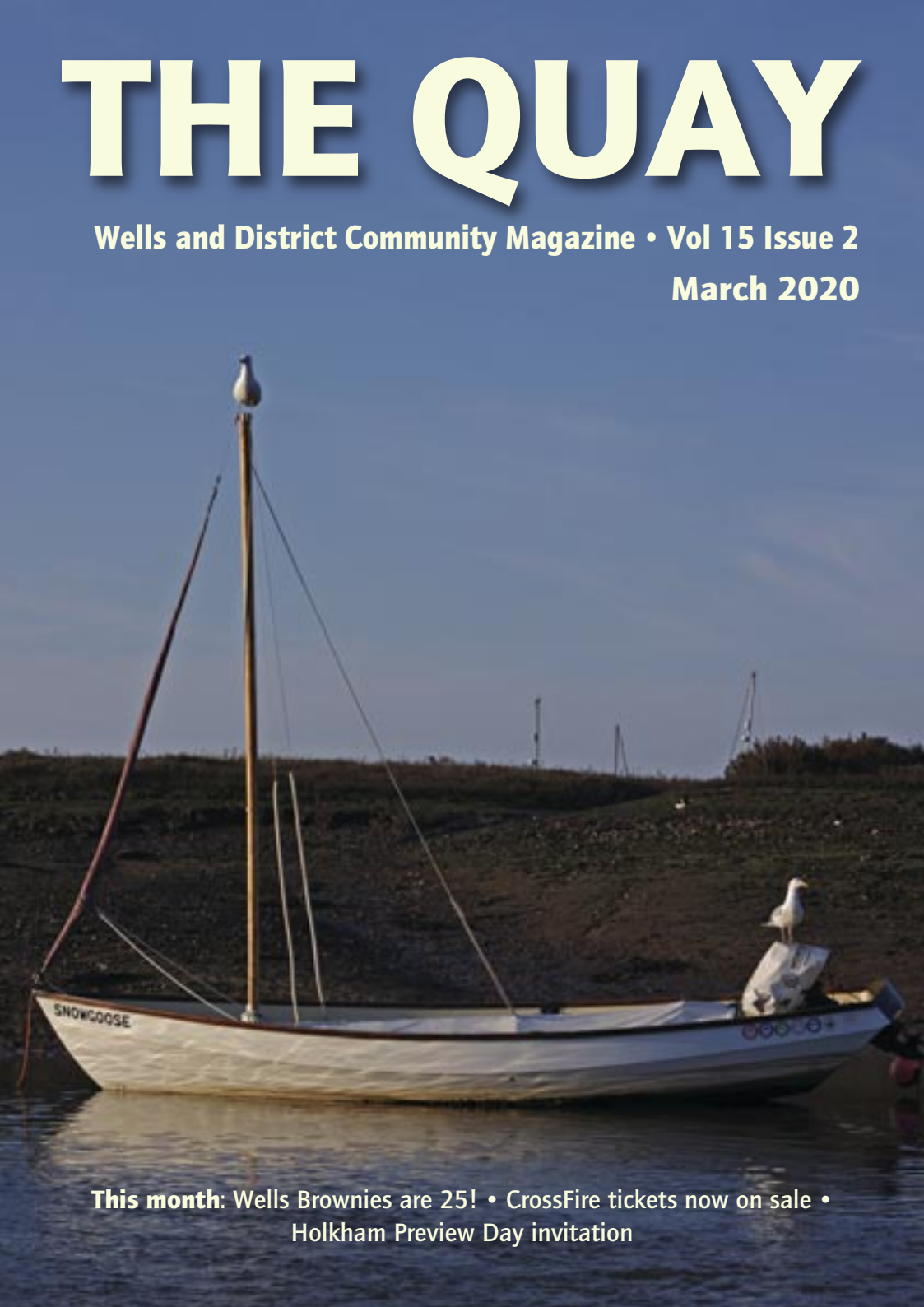

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Welcome to The Quay

Is the arrival of a major international chain on Staithe Street the thin end of the wedge or a reflection of how attractive Wells is to retailers and their customers? If you have no idea what I'm on about, then let me explain. The old Martin's newsagent shop on Staithe Street is to become a branch of Trespass. Trespass, to quote its website, is "one of the UK's most successful outdoor clothing retailers. We currently have a large number of stores across the UK and in mainland Europe as well as a network of wholesale clients across the world and a thriving e-commerce website."

I know it's not the first such 'chain' store to come to Wells. We already have the Co-op on Polka Road, a Joules clothing store at the beach, Leftley's which, although independent, buys much of its stock from the Co-op and one or two others. But Wells has a proud and wonderful tradition of having quirky, independent shops selling all sorts of stuff, from wet fish to bars of soap! It would be a real shame if Staithe Street homogenised over the course of the next few years and became interchangeable with all other high streets everywhere. But at least the speculation over what exactly is going into Martin's is over... now we know!

I'm on the lookout for a weather guru to take over the mantle of weather reporting in *The Quay*. Pete Lynn, who has provided me with a monthly round-up for almost ten years, has decided that he has better things to do with his time (and who can blame him) so he will not be doing the 'Wells weather' piece in future. I really like the weather information and will be sorry if it goes away, so I wonder if there's anyone who would like to take over from Pete. If you would like to speak to me about it, please drop me an email – **editorial@quaypublishing.co.uk**, or phone **01328 711717**.

The proposed use of the Croquet club land still rumbles on. It was the major subject under discussion at the town council meeting this month (see page 25) and there is a statement from the ex-secretary of the Croquet club, Lindsay Dew, on page 10. It will, eventually, all get sorted out, one way or another, but its been pretty controversial so far.

And if you were looking forward to filling in the latest Housing Needs survey as promised last month, then you need to read Roger Arguile's piece on page 6 about why it hasn't shown up in this month's issue. Further and bigger plans are afoot, involving Holkham, Homes for Wells and an independent survey company. So there will be something to complete, but not yet... **SP**

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Homes for Wells news

By David Fennell, chair, Homes for Wells

Some months ago, Homes for Wells started discussions with the trustees of the Religious Society of Friends – the Quakers – about taking over the day to day management of their four residential properties in Quaker Yard next to Wells Quaker Meeting House.

Sam Peel, himself a Quaker, is buried in the Meeting House grounds and has a memorial plaque on the front wall of the building. He played an inspirational role in developing the provision of affordable homes in Wells. You could say he was doing our job many decades before us! So it seemed to the Quakers that Homes for Wells was a good fit to provide a locally based property management service for its tenants in Quaker Yard.

Homes for Wells thought this would be an excellent agreement for them too. The management fee will help support the cost of our office in Wells. It would also give us an opportunity to strengthen our systems and procedures, as our total portfolio would grow from 21 to 25 homes. We already manage several properties owned by other people (besides those we own ourselves) and we appreciate this sign of confidence in us.

Our board agreed to go ahead. We have since met with the local Quaker Meeting to explain our background and organisation and to answer their questions. We have also held a meeting with the Quaker Yard tenants, to introduce ourselves and get properly acquainted. We are now preparing for the formal transfer of tenancies to take place early in April. I would particularly like to thank David Reason, our vice chair, and Lotte Wynder, our administrator, for their help in attending the meetings and organising the transfer of tenancies.

A change of this sort gives us a good moment to review our existing agreements and update them if necessary. Within a volunteer-led organisation, it is vital to ensure continuity and consistency in our systems and procedures, and keep them up to date with the law. Our trustees come and go over the years and bring different skills with them. This is why we are currently preparing our Quality Management System to comply with ISO 9001. It will help us to ensure that we get things right first time. If ever anything goes amiss, it will help us to put it right swiftly and learn from what happened. Our management systems and performance will be audited, internally and externally. It will give us a framework for reviewing our strategy and for planning the resources needed to make the strategy successful.

If this sounds a bit 'grand' for an organisation as small as Homes for Wells, my answer is that any organisation, no matter how small, can operate a Quality Management System to ISO 9001. Although we cannot control what happens in the outside world, any more than a global enterprise can, we can at least do our best to ensure that what we do is done in the best way possible. This means that people can continue to have confidence in us and that we will make the best of whatever opportunity comes our way. Our thanks go to the Norfolk Community Foundation for granting us the funds to make our Quality Management System possible.

May I, in closing, encourage anyone who can, to come to our 'Auction of Promises' at 7pm on Friday 20 March at the Maltings. It should be a very entertaining evening, in a good local cause!

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An Invitation to Holkham's Preview Day

Holkham would like to invite local residents to a Preview Day on Saturday 21 March to see what's new for 2020. You'll get to visit the Walled Garden, Holkham Stories Experience (the new name for Field to Fork), and of course Holkham Hall itself. The attractions are open 10am-5pm (hall 12noon to 4pm) and the Courtyard Café and Gift Shop will be open too. Bring this invitation along with you (no photocopies please) to gain complimentary entry for up to two adults and three children.

Fairyland Trust charity needs helpers

Worried about the state of our planet and want to help children and nature?

Can you spare a few hours to help Wells-based family charity The Fairyland Trust? Volunteers are needed to help with the annual Fairy Fair at West Acre on Sunday and Monday, 24 and 25 May (Bank Holiday).

The Fairyland Trust teaches families about nature through arts, crafts, folklore, storytelling and theatre. Volunteers are needed for a few hours each day to help in the café or pub, manning stalls or helping with workshops.

The Fairy Fair is a popular fixture for families with young children, likened to a magical Country Fair or an 'Organic Disneyland'.

Volunteers can camp on site and bring their children who will then get into the Fair for free both days.

Attractions at this year's Fair include workshops to make: Fairy Gardens; Fairy Pets; Bumble Burrows; Wildflower Crowns and Woodland Wings. The more adventurous can take part in Fairy Training; Elf Training, the Wildlife Hospital and the Pirate Fete or try maypole dancing or boogie in the Bug Ball. You can also walk in the beautiful woods to find the Fairy King and Queen, meet the Walkabout Fairies, colour in a post card in the Pixie Post Office or seek out the Storytelling Hut. There's also live music, craft and vintage stalls, face painting and local food traders. Dressing up is popular and this year the theme for the no-new-plastic home-made Fancy Dress Competition is Beautiful British Bugs.

Call Ben on **07837 815452** or email **ben@fairylandtrust.org.** If you can't volunteer, tickets are £7.50 in advance, £12 on the gate. Full details and tickets at **www.fairylandtrust.org**

CrossFire tickets now on sale

'CrossFire' is a community play and is a St Nicholas church project in aid of the church's restoration appeal.

Performance dates are Thursday 7, Friday 8, Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 May. All performances will start outside the church at 6.30pm and the event returns back outside where there will be a hog roast (veggie alternative available) and live entertainment! Bar available all evening.

Please note that the hog roast is not included in the price of the ticket.

The play starts with a Fayre, in the year 1088, marking the arrival of St Nicholas of Myra, patron saint of fishermen and the coming and escape of Hereward the Wake and his henchmen.

This first scene is set outside (if the weather is wet there are 'arrangements' thanks to the Carnival team!). The action moves into the church and continues the story of the townspeople of Wells through nine centuries... using word, music and song.

The centre aisle will be transformed into a theatre, enclosed by drapes. Proper staging will be in place, courtesy of the Yorke Trust complete with set, thanks to Wells Men's Shed.

Seating is limited to 130 tickets per performance and it is advisable to book early!

Tickets for this event are now on sale, available from the Wells Maltings Visitors Centre, on line at **www.wellsmaltings.org.uk** or by phone on **01328 710885**. All tickets are £5.

Inspired by Wells

Two local artists, Linda Pattrick and John Richter, will be holding an exhibition at the Handa Gallery, Wells Maltings, from 4 to 16 April, 11am – 4pm daily. Don't miss this opportunity to come and admire their very individual take on your local surroundings! Admission is free and the artists will be on hand to talk to you about their work.

Wells schools news

By Alastair Ogle, Principal

We are already more than half way through the school year and GCSE exams for our Year 11 students are only eight school weeks away. It has been a short but very busy half term since Christmas which has included trial exams for students, providing them with the essential experience so there are no surprises in May or June.

Students have attended a number of events including: numerous sports fixtures, Poetry Slam at The Maltings, Cluster Tri-Golf, a Physicality Workshop for Year 10, He can – We can event for Boys at the UEA and a Bash Percussion Performance.

The students have also competed in the District and then County Cross Country Championships from which two students were chosen to represent Norfolk and hopefully soon will compete at the English Schools event. A group of girls also competed in the School Games Dance Finals. Year 7 students have also participated in a silent Reading Challenge. At the end of February we hosted the Cambridge Science Fair at APHS which was also visited by our local Primary Schools. Students have also raised money to support others facing Mental Health Challenges.

Our partnership with Wells Sea Cadets continues to flourish as cadets attend a vast range of opportunities and gain valuable accreditation. Four students recently achieved a Level 2 qualification from the Institute of Leadership and Management.

Our Eco Council has been very active, ensuring we are as eco-friendly as possible, using recyclable materials whenever possible and conserving energy. They are also investigating the possibility of a small wind turbine to provide electricity to school (and sell back whenever possible).

Once again, I would like to thank all the staff for the additional opportunities they provide. Staff do not get paid for the extra-curricular activities they provide, but they are fully committed to providing our students with an holistic educational experience.

We have had a record year of admission requests for September with parents of 126 children choosing APHS as their first choice school for their son or daughter. We know a large number of parents spend a significant amount of money transporting their children to APHS because of the excellent education we provide.

To all the parents reading this – *please* keep us informed of any changes to mobile phone numbers or email addresses so we can keep you informed of events.

Wells police station open mornings

Pc Jason Pegden will be in attendance at the Wells police station on Polka Road on 15 April from 10am to 12noon and on 11 May from 10am to 12noon. These open mornings are your opportunity to come and have a chat with Jason about any policing matters that are important to you. No appointment is necessary, just drop in. All welcome!

Neighbourhood Plan... no survey?

By Cllr Roger Arguile

Wot! No survey? By the time you read this the Neighbourhood Plan Group will have put forward to the town council the idea of working jointly with Holkham and Homes for Wells. The intention is that the survey will be undertaken by an independent firm to which the group will make a serious input. One of the problems with surveys is that if there is a poor response the results are useless; and the more detailed the questions the less likely people are to answer them. Even so when Peter Mitchell from Holkham came to make the proposal at the group meeting we had serious questions to put to him, particularly about the impartiality of the survey. After he left we discussed it at length and came to the conclusion that it was a good idea.

The survey in its new form is due to be discussed at the March meeting of Wells town council to seek its approval for such a survey to be carried out. If the council is not in favour, we shall have to think again. Neither Rome nor the Neighbourhood Plan was built in a day!

NB The new survey is to be an agenda item at next month's town council meeting on 6 April at 7pm. **SP**

Wighton news

Thoughts are with the family of Fred Clark who passed away peacefully in January. According to his wife, Barbara, he loved every day of the 25 years he lived in Wighton and all the people he met along the way. She is grateful to everyone who attended Fred's funeral service at All Saints church in early February and for the cards and condolences she has received.

This year's change to the May Bank Holiday dates, due to VE Day on Friday 8 May, means that Wighton's annual Scarecrow Festival will be held over the weekend of Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 May (a two-day event this year), with the Children's Scarecrow Competition on Sunday 10 May at 2.30pm on the common and village refreshments available from the Methodist Chapel.

In turn, this also means the Scarecrow Festival will coincide with the annual Crank-up day and vintage tractor run which will take place as usual on the second Sunday of May in the village hall and on the recreation field.

More details in next month's issue of The Quay and on village Facebook sites but the Wighton Fundraising Committee kindly asks villagers to start displaying the usual fabulous array of scarecrows in the days leading up to this busy weekend.

The upshot of last year's fundraising activities, and in particular the Scarecrow Festival and Crank-up, is that the Fundraising Committee has recently been able to distribute a total of £2,000 (£500 each) to the church, playground, village hall and chapel committees. In addition, £500 was donated to the new village hall project funds. A fantastic contribution – and a direct result of the efforts and generosity shown by villagers and visitors over the last 12 months. Huge thanks to all.

Congratulations are also due to all who helped raise total profits of £704 from the Christmas pantomime after meeting expenses and two £25 donations made to the church and chapel. Another great result.

Monthly quiz nights continue to take place in the village hall on the last Friday of each month. The next one will take place on Friday 27 March. Doors open at 7.30pm and the questions start at 8pm, finishing at around 9pm. Come with a ready-made team or on your own to be introduced to a friendly group on arrival. Entrance is £1. Snacks, soft refreshments and a raffle are on offer and you are welcome to bring your own drinks.

Finally, good news: carpet bowls is back as a regular fixture in Wighton. Drop-in sessions are taking place every Monday in the village hall from 7pm until 9pm at £2.50 per person. All are very welcome to join in the games.

2nd Wells Brownies 25th birthday celebrations – join us!

By Jill Craske

To anybody who was a Brownie, leader or helper during the last 25 years, we are having a party to celebrate turning 25. The date is Tuesday 28 April, from 5.30pm to 7.30pm at the Wells Scout Hut, Great Eastern Way, Wells.

The evening will comprise of first hour tea and cake, served by our Brownies, second hour Campfire. Photo albums will be on show.

I started 2nd Wells Brownies on 27 February 1995 and I am still a leader!

So please come and help us celebrate and share memories.

Please note that parking is limited, so if possible, please leave your vehicle down Maryland or on Polka Road and walk up to join us.

Just to give us an idea of numbers, if you would like to come please email **jillcraske@btinternet.com**

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News from Wells RNLI

News from the boathouse On Saturday 8 February HM Coastguard paged Wells Lifeboat after the local Coastwatch team had reported that four persons were cut off by the tide on the sands to the west side of Wells harbour approaches on the incoming tide.

The crew were paged at 2.19pm and the inshore lifeboat launched outside the boathouse at 2.30pm. The lifeboat was soon on the scene, where four women were cut off and surrounded by deep water with the water level rising every minute. The water was life threateningly cold. The lifeboat picked up the women and returned them to the boathouse.

A prestigious award recovered John, the uncle of a former member of the lifeboat crew, Mark Trett, spotted an RNLI award in a charity shop in Norwich. Mark's father, Paul, encouraged John to purchase it and the family has donated it to Wells RNLI. The citation reads: 'At a meeting of the committee of the management of the RNLI for the Preservation of Life from Shipwreck held at their offices London on the 14th Day of May 1953 the following minute was ordered to be recorded on the books of the Institution.

'That the thanks of the RNLI be accorded to George Jay in recognition of his courage and determination at Wells, Norfolk, in the early morning of the 1st February 1952, when at great personal risk, he manned a fourteen feet rowing boat with Frederick Ellender and Frank Smith and landed the Station Officer of HM Coastguard who had been marooned in the look-outpost on Wells Beach in a whole northerly gale with a very rough and confused sea.'

Wells RNLI is delighted to receive this and it will be included in the catalogue of memorabilia, which is being prepared for moving to the new lifeboat house

Lifeboat Open Day and annual Lifeboat Service The date for these events is confirmed as Sunday 16 August.

Practice launches Sunday 15 March at 9am and Thursday 26 March at 5.30pm, subject to operational requirements.

Visit our website at www.wellslifeboat.org

Wells flood warden team news

By Mike and Marie Strong, joint coordinators

Storm surge forecasts The website **www.ntslf.org/storm-surges/surge-forecast**, frequently used by people with properties in areas of risk of flooding, is produced by the National Oceanography Centre (NOC) and until recently forecasts for the town of Wells were listed. However, without notice, the town was de-listed from the web page. One regular viewer contacted NOC and received this response from the web co-ordinator:

'Apologies for the delayed response to your enquires regarding the return of the storm surge model for Boygrift, King's Lynn and Wells-next-the-Sea.

'The UK Operational Storm Surge Forecasting Model has started using a new model called NEMO (replacing the CS3X model). With the new model surge forecasts are available for tide gauge locations only. Unfortunately that means there will not be surge forecasts for Boygrift, King's Lynn and Wells-next-the-Sea. However we have provided some advice and instructions on how to use the available surge forecasts and adapt them to fit your particular location. Visit **www.ntslf.org/surge-model-changes**'

There are those in Wells who are confused by this response since it has been stated that the Wells tide gauge is still functioning. We have reported this to the Environment Agency and are awaiting a response. We have also reported the situation to NNDC Emergency Planning Team who are liaising with other coastal teams. We will keep you up to date.

Flood barrier maintenance During the construction of the mini roundabout at the top of Beach Road, NCC Highways liaised with the Environment Agency and enabled its staff to test the flood barrier whilst the road was closed. This enabled the barrier to have the required maintenance carried out during daylight hours, something which can rarely be achieved.

Clubs, groups and societies

Wells Action for Fairtrade

The very bad weather did not put off thirty or so hardy people attending the very successful and enjoyable Fairtrade wine-tasting evening in the WI Hall on Friday 21 February. There were eight wines from each country: Chile, Argentina, South Africa and the Lebanon to taste, accompanied by very delicious 'nibbles' made by members of the group and Mrs Temple had also kindly donated some of her wonderful cheeses to add to the tempting table of food.

Two staff members from the Co-Op, Jenny and Danny (who is member Ambassador) attended and were able to answer questions about all the many Fairtrade products which they stock. Those present were very interested to learn how the Fairtrade premiums received by the growers are used to the benefit of their respective communities.

The event marked the national Fairtrade Fortnight.

Wells Croquet Club

The Wells Croquet club, which informed you of its closure in the May 2019 issue of *The Quay*, would like to make the following statement. At that time the club had *no idea* that a planning application would be made for the Croquet club land, indeed we believed that this could not happen because of the way this land was conveyed in the lifetime of Rachel Chamberlain – that it was never to be built on and was only to be used as recreational land, which it is classed as in the local plan, and there was a covenant on this conveyance to that effect.

The club thought the land would be offered by the Trustees to any other recreational club if they were interested, but that we would not be able to do this ourselves. Indeed we were notified that such an enquiry was made and the trustee involved said that they would have to discuss this with the other trustees and the result was that they had another interested party – apparently Homes for Wells – and that was that.

This has meant that we have had some enquiries from local people plus some of our members who would like to return and restart the Croquet club. Indeed we have had support from Karl Read (Leisure and Cultural Services Manager at NNDC) and he has offered us some help and advice. We have 14 to 16 people very interested and always had 14 paid up members although how many people attended each week was variable as it is in all clubs.

We will have to wait and see what the outcome is over the revised Planning application which has already been submitted and was discussed at the March town council meeting (see the Council report on page 25).

Wells and District Royal British Legion

At an EGM in January the branch appointed Bill Smith as chairman for a further term. Abi Woodruff continues as treasurer, and Sue Woodruff moved into the position of branch secretary. Sue is now the first point of contact for all enquiries and can be contacted on **07469 186208** or by emailing **suewoodruff@outlook.com**.

David Woolgar was welcomed back to the branch as a member and continues as Poppy Appeal organiser.

The branch has agreed to focus this year on recruiting new members. Did you know that you don't have to have been a member of the armed forces to join us, and that membership costs as little as £17 per year. Why not pop along to a branch meeting to find out more about what we do?

The branch meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 2pm in the Gordon Barrett Memorial Hall, Clubbs Lane, Wells. We enjoy a variety of visiting speakers and occasional outings.

The speaker at our April meeting, on Tuesday 14 April, will be Aliona Derrett, CEO of Norfolk Deaf Association.

Wells Good Companions (formerly Wells Pensioners Association)

As you can see, we now have a new name and a club that is open to any adults – not just pensioners – and we would love to see some new members who would like to join us once a month on a Tuesday afternoon. We have interesting speakers from both the local area and further afield. At February's meeting, which was our AGM, we had an extremely informative talk from Aliona who came to us from the Norfolk Deaf Association. Even those of us already using hearing aids learnt something new.

On Tuesday 17 March we will be welcoming

Joyce Trett who most of you will know. It should prove to be a very light-hearted and entertaining afternoon. We meet at 2pm at The Sackhouse and our membership is only £5 per year. There's no entry fee each month, just £1 for a raffle ticket, a cup of tea and a biscuit. Every July we have an outing and a party in November, both at a very small extra charge. If you're interested in joining us, please phone Lynne on **01328 711425**, Pat on **01328 710193** or Lesley on **01328 711906.**

Wells Ladies Probus Club

Our meeting on 10 February was not as planned due to the speaker's illness but Maureen Dye brought forward her proposed presentation from later in the year. In spite of the late notice, we had a very interesting time, being transported back to northern Nigeria in the mid 1960s.

Maureen accompanied her husband, who taught at a secondary school, and eventually she herself taught at a girls' school. We learned about the very different culture and saw the colourful clothes and craft wares. It was a time of political tensions and their time was cut short by the onset of the Biafran war.

Our next meeting will be on 20 April, a week later than usual due to Easter. For this meeting we will be meeting at the WI Hall to be entertained by the Fakenham Ukes Band followed by lunch at the Bowling Green.

Wells Local History Group

Norfolk is very well served with a good selection of stately homes. On our doorstep Holkham is always worth a visit, and Houghton is not too far up the road either. But if you fancy a change, Blickling Hall is close enough – only a smidge over 20 miles away. On Wednesday 1 April Robert and Liz Scott will visit to talk about their work at Blickling Hall. Liz looks after the 1930s cooking in the below-stairs kitchen, and gives talks and demonstrations to visitors. As it is the closed season for visitors, we are lucky enough to have her visit us here in Wells, but she may manage to inspire a few to take the trip to Blickling. At the WI Hall, Church Plain, 7.30pm, members £1, visitors welcome – £3.50.

We had a very successful day in our new Archive Room at the Maltings Community Open Day on Saturday 1 February. This was despite the fact that we were not quite ready to open, but we had lots of interested local visitors. From Tuesday 14 April (the day after Bank Holiday Monday) we will be opening regularly to locals and visitors alike every Tuesday morning between 10.30am and 12.30pm and every Friday afternoon from 2pm until 4pm.

Wells Men's Shed

As we alluded to last month we were waiting for confirmation of a grant and we are pleased to report it's now been confirmed that the Central England Co-operative has kindly donated £2,000 to the Wells Men's Shed from its Community Fund. The money will be used to purchase a selection of trade rated cordless power tools so we can boost our productivity, creativity and attract new members. We continue to operate without electricity so the cordless tools will be put to good use. A big thank you to the Central England Co-operative for its support, it's truly appreciated.

On a more practical note some of the Shedders have been back to 'Skool'! We have been offering support and guidance to Year 11 students at the Alderman Peel High School who are engaged on their Design and Technology GCSE practical projects. The students have created some imaginative ideas and we wish them well with their projects. The Shedders really enjoyed the experience and note how things have changed since their school-days!

During the month we also hosted some Shedders from Holt who are looking to start up a Shed. Sharing experiences and supporting one another is very much in the ethos of the Men's Shed Association. It's still early days for Holt and we wish them well.

We are keen to expand our membership so anyone interested please get in touch. We have expansive plans including starting a metalwork shop. The whole idea is to improve our wellbeing and make new friends so come along and have a chat over a brew. If you'd like more information please visit us at **www.wellsnexttheseamensshed.weebly.com**, phone us on **07486 524603** or email **mensshedwells@gmail.com**

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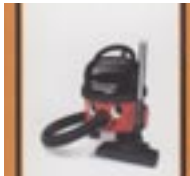

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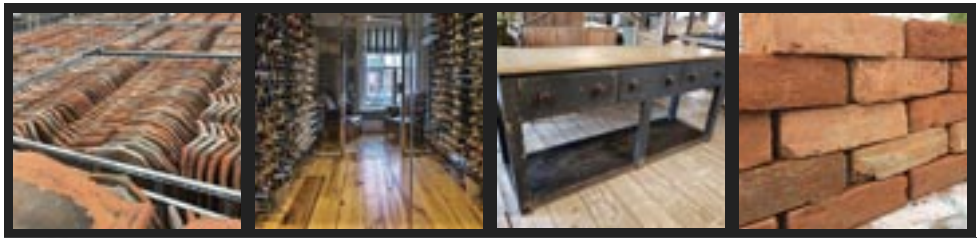

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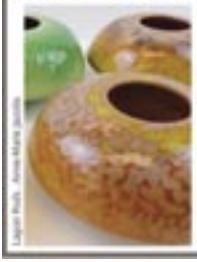

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News from the Anglican churches

By Rev Brenda Stewart

Although we're still being battered by storms, there's a real feeling that spring is on the way. I was reflecting, as I drove through the Holkham estate, on how many trees have been damaged or toppled by the winds but that it isn't necessarily a negative thing because the winter storms weed out the old and weak trees and allow space and light for the understory and new young trees to grow and flourish. It's all part of the wonder of God's creation, constantly renewing itself.

I'm just back from a holiday in Florida and there fire plays an equivalent role to the storms here. Without fires sparked by lightning strikes (or these days controlled by wildland 'firefighters' who do controlled burns) the habitat would be unable to renew itself. Fascinating!

My thanks to Peter and Trevor for holding the fort while I was away and to Tony Douglas for taking a funeral.

This has been a period of preparation and now we are into the season of Lent, a time for us to weed out the dead wood and be renewed, and it was launched by our Shrove Tuesday supper and quiz night at Wells and our Ash Wednesday services at Wells and Wighton.

Folk from across the denominations have signed up for our Churches Together Lent study groups and I'm pleased to be hosting a group this year.

Don't forget that you are welcome at our Lent lunches at the Quaker Meeting Room at 12 noon on Fridays 13, 20, 27 March and 3 April, all proceeds to Christian Aid and CAFOD.

Our sympathies go to the families of those whose funerals have taken place in January and February – Fred Sharp from Wighton and Leslie Rush, Jim MacDonald, Eileen Rout and Bryan (Dusty) Abel from Wells.

Methodist church news

By Sue Scoles

Please mark Friday 17 April on your calendar. It's the date of our annual plant sale in the Methodist church from 2pm until 4.30pm. You can fill your garden, pots and planters for a fraction of the price you would pay elsewhere, and fill your stomach with tea and delicious home made cake.

The food bank has asked specifically for tinned vegetables and shower gel this month, as that is what they're short of, but of course any donations are gratefully received.

Easter services this year: on Good Friday Rev Colin Garwood will take the service at 10.30am. This will finish in time for those who wish to join the walk of witness from the Roman Catholic church at noon.

Easter Sunday's service will be taken by our minister, Cliff Shanganya, at 11am and will include Holy Communion.

All are welcome to all our services.

Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic church

By the time you read this, Lent will be well under way, and together with all the other churches in Wells, we'll take our turn preparing the Lent Lunches, served on Fridays at the Quaker Meeting House on Church Street (see dates above). Delicious home made soups! Why not come along? All welcome.

St Nicholas church Easter celebration

St Nicholas church invites all families to our Family Easter Celebration on Thursday 9 April from 3pm to 4.30pm in St Nicholas church.

The Easter story will be told through activities, games, songs and an Easter Egg Hunt. All children must bring an adult who is responsible their children.

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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,	1st Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion
services held in Hall Chapel; Easter to Remembrance Sunday in St. Withburga's)	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			
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 821353			
Our Lady Star of the Sea, The Buttlands, Wells	Saturday	6.00pm	Holy Mass
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County council news

By Marie Strong, Norfolk County Councillor

Update on the Independent Local Government Commission Review of Norfolk County Council Divisions This is my eleventh year as county councillor and I have never known such confusion over an important issue. Whilst I have managed to check that local councils have received updates obviously I could not circulate the repeat changes of date and procedure to all residents. The following details, hopefully, will not be further amended: 'The Commission has asked Norfolk County Council to provide updated electorate forecasts by 11 February and will extend the existing consultation period by six weeks to 24 March. Any party that has already made a submission based on the existing electorate figures is invited to make another submission once the updated electorate figures have been published. When they have been received, the new electorate forecasts will be published on the Norfolk review site at **www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/eastern/norfolk/norfolk-county-council**. As a result of this, the public consultation on the draft recommendations will now take place from 2 June to 10 August 2020.

Norfolk County Council Budget 2020 I am writing this newsletter on the evening of 17 February having returned from a long and contentious session at county hall regarding the county budget. Details can be found in the following press release: **www.norfolk.gov.uk/news/2020/02/council-budget-agreed**. To learn about the debate which took place access the NCC website for the minutes of the meeting (or attempt to find the video recording also on the website).

Speeding To deter speeding several parishes now have 'village gates' – letting drivers know they are approaching housing and pedestrians. Instead of gates, or as well as, local councils such as Wells have opted for SAM2s with flashing lights indicating speed. The cost of village gates will be dependent on width of verge, height and style of gate with costs likely to be between £500 and £1000 per individual gate, fully installed. Purchase only price of gates can be found on the 'Glasdon' website. The cost of AM2s will be dependent on requirements but is likely to be in the region of £4,000. Both gates and SAM2s are acceptable for application to the NCC Parish Partnership – 50% paid by town or parish and 50% by NCC. Details of the Partnership are likely to be sent to local councils this spring for applications by December. The outcome will be known by March/April 2021 in time for installation in the following 12 months.

Speed Watch Whilst some parishes have tried Speed Watch and been disappointed, other parishes continue to have volunteer groups and are satisfied with the outcome. Raise the possibilities at local council meetings with your local police officer.

Reporting Highways concerns Rather than wait to attend a parish council meeting to report highway problems (potholes etc) speed up repairs by reporting issues direct to **highways@norfolk.gov.uk** or telephone **0344 800 8020**.

Broadband Checker More and more residents now have the ability to access fibre broadband but are not up-to-date with how to check what is available to them. Therefore I have copied below a checker which for the vast majority of properties will provide an accurate result. However, occasionally there are properties where the data is inaccurate. If the checker shows availability contact your Internet Service Provider (ISP) which in turn will contact Openreach. If Openreach identifies that the checker has given incorrect information the ISP will advise you accordingly. I am assured that most properties will return correct information so it is worth doing.

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Wells town council report – March 2020

The ongoing debate over the future of the Wells Croquet club grounds took up much of the time at the March meeting of Wells town council planning committee. If you recall, the Croquet club has closed, due to increased costs and falling membership and the land has been offered to Homes for Wells. A statement by Lindsay Dew, ex-secretary of the Croquet club, can be found on the Clubs, Groups and Societies pages of this issue of *The Quay* – see page 10.

Planning permission had been sought by HfW last year (see *The Quay*, November 2019) but it was withdrawn due to objections by the highways department at Norfolk County Council over access to the planned starter homes that HfW wanted to build there. Further discussions have taken place and a new planning submission has been made.

The new plans still provide for four homes, to be bungalows let to disabled or elderly people on the HfW list. No real controversy there. However, what did cause disquiet was that the parking spaces outside the bungalows have been removed on the new plans, to make way for a larger outside space for each dwelling. To provide parking, HfW has been in discussion with North Norfolk District Council with regard to 'reserving' four car parking spaces on Stearman's Yard car park for the use of tenants of the new bungalows. The spokesman for HfW said that this would happen: feeling in the room suggested that it was not a given and may well not reach fruition, leaving the bungalows with no guaranteed parking spaces in what are two of Wells' narrowest and most congested roads – Gales Road and Gales Court. This subject was the basis for some of the objections to the scheme voiced at the meeting – members of the public who live in the vicinity were not happy about the buildings going ahead, were very concerned that even with dedicated parking spaces, the likelihood is that there would be more journeys up and down the road to get the residents to and from their houses, especially if they should be disabled. And 'ring-fencing' four parking bays on Stearman's Yard could set a precedent which could have repercussions in the future...

Objectors were also concerned about noise – the plans specifically refer to a large hedge separating the tennis club from the proposed development site which, it is inferred, will keep the noise down. The plans further state that the tennis club is not much in use. The chair of the tennis club attended to say that the hedge is incomplete between the club and the site of the new bungalows and it does not provide a noise-muffling barrier. Also, she pointed out that, contrary to what is said in the plans, the tennis club is very well used throughout the year, and heavily used during the summer. She also said that the height of the hedge will not stop players mis-hitting tennis balls fairly frequently and the balls ending up on the wrong side of the hedge. Easily recoverable from the Croquet club, not so easily recovered from private gardens.

The loss of a green recreational space is also causing concern, especially as it appears that the original donator of the land wanted it to remain unbuilt on. The feeling was that Wells does need affordable housing, but it needs green spaces too.

The main problem though, voiced by almost all objectors, was the parking and congestion around the proposed site.

Two votes were taken. The first, to support the new planning application, was defeated by seven votes to three. A new vote on a counter proposal – to reject the plans – was carried by the same margin, seven votes to three. **SP**

The next town council meeting will be held on Monday 6 April 2020 at 7pm in the Peter Collingwood Hall, Theatre Road. For information and the agenda see the Wells town council website – wellstc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk

Wells weather is no more...

Sadly, Pete Lynn is bowing out of doing the weather report each month, so last month's report was the last one from him. If anyone would like to step into his shoes you would be most welcome – I need figures for the previous month by the first of the next month so that I can squeeze it into *The Quay* at the last minute.

Meanwhile, I'm sure you'll join me in thanking Pete for his unfailing service over the last 10 years – his first report was published in the June 2010 issue of *The Quay*!

Thank you Pete!

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Wells Sailing Club

I'm sure the sailors amongst us are getting itchy feet now, the sailing season is almost here. Boats are being dragged out of barns, dusted off and rigging checked. Folk are checking their wetsuit still fits and that their lifejacket is still seaworthy... well, hopefully they are!

The WSC Kayakers have been out already enjoying a paddle around our lovely harbour so they are all ready to go.

Sailing races start on 11 April as we have a training weekend on 4 and 5 April. The launching supper starts our season's social events off on Saturday 4 April.

As always we'd be pleased to welcome anyone who would like to join us on or off the water for a taster. Please contact our secretary or any committee member for information or look at our website – **https://wellssailingclub.co.uk**

Wells Textile and Embroidery Group

This month we were talking about: the Sheringham museum and its Gansey knitting project and a print of one of John Craske's wonderful embroideries that he made whilst ill in bed. Changing from painting to sewing must have been a whole new world. His work is being shown in the museum as well as the eight metre long Sheringham sea scape being worked in his style. We agreed that textile crafts as well as other crafts can help when you are unwell or even just have a bit of winter blues.

We meet every Monday from 1.30pm to 4pm at WI Hall behind the youth hostel on Church Plain in Wells. If you would like to have a free taster you would be most welcome. Just come along.

Wells United Charities

Wells and District League of Friends (Charity No 259709) and Wells United Charities (Charity No 236897) have now merged to become one charity – to be known as Wells United Charities. This process has been approved by the members of Wells and District League of Friends, the Trustees of both charities and the Charities Commission. All assets from Wells and District League of Friends have now been transferred to Wells United Charities. All monies held by the League of Friends as at 31 May 2017 have been ring-fenced to meet the primary aim of The League of Friends – relief of sickness, ill health, disability and old age.

Both of these local charities had similar aims so it made sense that they should join forces.

The aims and objectives of the newly combined charity are as follows: To relieve poverty and further the advancement of education, particularly but not exclusively by supporting the elderly to include relief of sickness, poor health, disability and old age in the community by the provision of (1) Financial assistance and (2) Facilities, amenities, buildings, equipment and services. The 'community' means the geographical area within the Alderman Peel High School catchment area.

All the trustees of both Wells and District League of Friends and Wells United Charities will become trustees of the newly merged charity, giving a total of nine trustees: Cheryl Crawford, Stephen Tuck, Jean Terrington, Jean Davies, Alastair Ogle, Linda Pattrick, Bob Brownjohn, Rodney Crafer, Stuart Rangeley-Wilson.

Wells United Charities has a Charities Commission approved constitution which requires a membership. The members of Wells and District League of Friends will be invited to become members of Wells United Charities and the charity is seeking new members.

Please contact Wells United Charities at **clerk@wellsunitedcharities.co.uk** for further information or to become a member. The clerk you contact has changed. Very sadly Gwen Woodhouse decided to retire from Wells United Charities and left us at the end of December. Trustees were delighted to present Gwen with vases and flowers, but will miss her knowledge, gathered after so many years of supporting us. We are very pleased to have found a very competent replacement in Lynn Pigney and look forward to working with her.

Wells United Charities now has all the tools and assets to be a major source of good within the town and the greater catchment area.

Wells WI

Our February meeting speaker was Nicola Porter, a holistic practitioner specialising in Chinese and complimentary treatments. She is highly qualified in acupuncture, but practices other therapies such as aromatherapy, massage and reflexology, depending on what is suitable for a particular client – definitely not one treatment suits all! She

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What shall I do with all of this money?

By Peter Barton

Are you ready for it? I don't mean the end of the tax year and what you can do to become more tax-efficient, although that might be on your minds. No, I'm referring to the Great Wealth Transfer. According to a recent report by probate and estate administrators Kings Court Trust, over the next 30 years £5.5 trillion is due to be passed between generations in the UK. The rise of wealth in the UK has been phenomenal. Data produced by the Office for National Statistics shows that between 1995 and 2015, the total net worth of UK households increased from £2.8 trillion to £10.2 trillion, driven largely by house prices.

You may be a beneficiary, or sadly a benefactor. Those inheriting these sums within the next 10 years are likely to have very different lives from those of their parents in several ways. For example, most will inherit later because their parents are living longer; property and university education are much more expensive so debt is a bigger burden and pensions will be less generous for people below the age of 50. They are called the 'sandwich generation': caring for both elderly parents and still supporting older children.

As a result, they will be far more dependent on inheritances and lifetime gifts than their parents. This huge transfer of wealth will effectively create an 'inheritance economy'. But it's important that the basics are in place beforehand. Writing a will helps to ensure that your money goes to those you intended it to. In England and Wales, if somebody dies without a will, joint property and bank accounts automatically pass to their spouse or civil partner but the rest of the estate will not. As per current Intestacy rules, only the first £270,000 (with effect from 6 February 2020) of assets owned solely by the deceased and half of the remainder go to the spouse; the rest will be split equally between any children (known as "Issues" in legal terms), depending on where in the UK you reside. Where there are no children, seek legal advice, as different Intestacy rules may apply. Importantly, a partner to whom you're not married will get nothing whereas a spouse, from whom you're separated but not yet divorced, will.

Inheritance tax may also be another issue to address. If everything is left to a spouse or civil partner there is nothing to pay but if money is left to children, relatives or friends, for example, there may be a 40% IHT liability depending upon the value of the estate (as per the 2019/20 tax year). There isn't room in this article to discuss this area in detail but there are several options available to help reduce any IHT liability, such as trusts, gifting and even pensions.

It's important to be organised, whichever part of the wealth transfer you're likely to be affected by, so please get in touch if Continuum can help.

Source: **www.kctrust.co.uk/partners/inheritance-economy** and **mycontinuum.co.uk/taxation/the-great-wealth-transfer/**. Please note source data is from 2015.

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was careful to make it very clear that she never uses Chinese herbal medicine, which uses animal products obtained by very dubious means. She also emphasised the fact that her treatments should give temporary relief without side effects, and the body is encouraged to heal itself where possible. One of our members, who was suffering pain around her shoulder blades and spine, had a brief treatment as a demonstration. She found considerable relief – slightly to her surprise it seemed!

Nicola has a clinic at Wells hospital, where she sees people by appointment. The 'needles' used in acupuncture are the thickness of a hair, or even less: there is no bruising or blood involved.

The next meeting is on 2 April when we are to hear about Millicent Garrett Fawcett – the Quiet Suffragette.

We meet at 2.15pm in our hall behind the Youth Hostel at the bottom of the High Street, and any woman is more than welcome to come to our meetings, you do not have to be a member.

To keep the Quay Diary on page 42 up to date, please send dates of your meetings and events for 2020 to editorial@quaypublishing.co.uk

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You asked, we listened

By Becca Lynn, Marketing & Development Manager

We'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who gave us feedback at the Community Open Day and throughout the previous month. Many of you left constructive comments on our post-it wall at the open day – vital feedback!

One suggestion which comes up often is to install a handrail in our auditorium. We are thrilled to announce that we have found a suitable solution for this! We will have a handrail installed within the next few months, which will still allow the seats to be rolled back when we need the full space. This brings me on to the next comment, which is the lack of available ground floor space. While our upstairs rooms are all accessible by lift, we do have two large ground floor spaces. The auditorium seats can be fully packed away, giving us a floor space of 11 by 9 metres which is fully wheelchair accessible; you can also hire this room with the seats set up for film screenings etc. The other ground floor space is the Sackhouse, which is also fully wheelchair accessible.

Feedback also told us that there is not enough information around the local area about what we have coming up. So we need your help! We rely on volunteers to distribute our posters, so if you are able to take any posters around Wells or the surrounding villages please get in touch with me at **becca@wellsmaltings.org.uk** – even if it's just putting up a poster in your window!

We had several people asking for the comedy nights to return, which unfortunately we had to stop running due to a lack of audience numbers. If you'd like to see these return, please let us know so we can gauge the level of interest. We do have a comedy show coming up on 2 April – *Patrick Monahan: Started At The Bottom, Now I'm Here.*

Our programme for March and early April is packed with variety. Live from the Met Opera for the first time on 14 March comes *Der Fliegende Hollander*, a spellbinding new vision of Wagner's tale of The Flying Dutchman. Our classical performance this month is from soprano Milly Forrest on Sunday 15 March. We have three fascinating talks coming up on 19, 20 and 21 March with Arthur Howell, Jon Lawrence and the BBC's Jules Hudson hosted by our director, Simon Daykin.

Parasite (15), on 23 and 24 March, and *1917* (15), on 26 and 27 March, have both gained an extra screening as we almost sold out within days of the Oscars announcements. March is rounded off with live screenings of big-hearted musical *Kinky Boots* on Saturday 28 March and the Bolshoi Ballet performance of Prokofiev's *Romeo and Juliet* on Sunday 29 March.

The following month begins with comedian Patrick Monahan on Thursday 2 April, then Maltings favourites fEAST are back with *The Canada Boys*, set in 1912 at the J&J Colman factory in Norwich. There are three performances on 3 and 4 April. We have Latin jazz group Trypl with us on 8 April, followed by a screening of *Tosca* live from the Met on 11 April.

Our next art exhibition, Inspired By Wells, is by local artists Linda Pattrick and John Richter from 4 April to 16 April, open 11am to 4pm in the Handa Gallery.

Don't forget, our Pay What You Can scheme is available to all local people to help our community access everything we have to offer. If you live locally and feel you would benefit from this new scheme, simply let the box office know when you book and just pay what you can afford (min. £1 per ticket). It's that simple! Certain conditions apply (ask the Box Office for more details) and we will run the scheme as long as funds allow. From this year, additional funds have allowed us to extend the scheme to room hires. Information on spaces and rates are available online but contact administrator Laura Crane on **01328 711378** or email **laura@wellsmaltings.org.uk** to discuss how the scheme might contribute to your booking costs.

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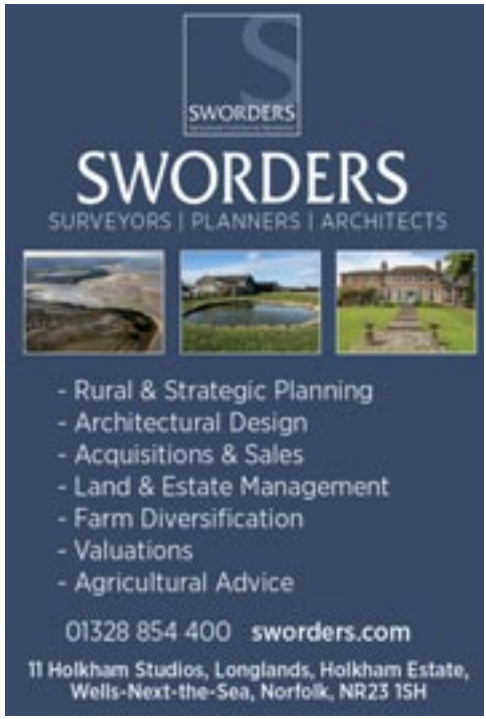
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Intergenerational fairness

By Miranda Marshall, Hayes + Storr

The All-Party Parliamentary Group for Inheritance and Intergenerational Fairness (APPG IIF) has published a report recommending the abolition of Inheritance Tax (IHT) in its current form, replacing it with an entirely different regime.

Various leading policy research organisations and expert tax bodies gave evidence to the Group during its deliberations. If adopted, its conclusions would replace the current array of IHT reliefs and exemptions, which contribute to frustration for families, as well as the perception that IHT is complex (most certainly the case) and unfair (I suppose it depends on your point of view).

The APPG proposals would tax both lifetime and death transfers of wealth (i.e. gifts at any time), at a low flat rate of 10%, compared with the 40% levied at present on estates above the £325,000 Nil Rate Band (NRB). The Report also recommends abolishing most reliefs, including agricultural and business property reliefs, and the capital gains tax (CGT) uplift on death. The current IHT gift allowances would be replaced with one annual tax free allowance per person of £30,000, over which immediate tax at 10% would be payable.

The proposals are that on estates of over £2million, the IHT rate would rise to 20%, which evidence suggests is the rate at which people begin to resort to tax-planning. The thinking is that by cutting tax rates, there would be less tax-avoidance but the UK would remain an attractive domicile for wealthy people. The NRB would be replaced by a 'death allowance', set at a similar rate to the current NRB, irrespective of previous lifetime giving.

The current IHT system of Potentially Exempt Transfers (PETs) allows large amounts of wealth to be passed tax-free by lifetime gifts, if the donor survives seven years. The Report proposes the ending of PETs and instead there would be no tax on gifts up to £30,000 and 10% tax due immediately on gifts over £30,000. No further tax would be payable on death, and the idea is that this will incentivise families to pass wealth down the generations as people like certainty.

Let me make it clear that this is only an addition to the debate on reform to Inheritance Tax.

In the spirit of establishing intergenerational fairness in my own domestic sphere, I shall be introducing a policy of everyone putting their own plate in the dishwasher.

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Wednesdays – Knit and Natter, 10.30am to 12.30pm. Meets every three weeks – next meeting 1 April.

Wednesdays – Games Afternoon from 1pm to 3pm.

Fridays – Just a Cuppa from 11am to 12 noon.

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● Andy Robertshaw – Filming the Great War.

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Cooking with Carla Phillips

Pink sauce transformed

Usually, I plan to make one or two things to tide me over a week: a soup or a vegetable casserole, perhaps a salad with varied ingredients, some cooked. When I am limited for time, or with lack of ambition, I simply supplement these with either a sandwich, baked potatoes or simple pasta, an omelette or something fishy or shell fishy, requiring no cooking. Thus, I am furnished with one decent meal each day.

If I have some prawns, peeled shrimp, crab, cold cooked fish, I know that there's enough for a decent salad or sandwich. Accompanied by bright, light pink sauce, 'Marie Rose', it's quite a treat.

That sauce can be quickly titivated into something grander. In New York Irish bars, when they serve prawns (or, as they call them, 'shrimps') they add a little bottled horseradish sauce to the mayonnaise-ketchup mixture. Very pleasant indeed!

But, experimenting with the tiny jar of 'White Miso' I bought last week at Tesco, I discovered something even better. To the standard sauce of one tablespoon of mayo to which I added a single teaspoon of ketchup, I also added a single teaspoon of that miso. Now, miso is a Japanese condiment and the white variety is made from fermented bean curd. Other, darker misos are made from fermented rice or wheat. These are all particularly rich in 'Umami' – which means a savoury taste. Other examples include parmesan cheese, very well aged cheddar, Thai fish sauce, anchovy essence.... You may get an idea of what this adds up to.

Anyway, add a little miso to your pink sauce and it will be elevated to the food for the gods. Try it, and see what you think.

Wells in bygone years

Scarborough House, Clubbs Lane, Wells

By Mike Welland

Scarborough House in Clubbs Lane was erected in 1876 by the Congregational church as a manse for the minister, Rev. Stallworthy, and a Sunday school for children of its congregation.

At that time there were 151 children attending the Sunday school together with 29 teachers. Its original name was 'The Manse'. Unable to meet the mortgage costs the church sold the property to Stallworthy in 1881, and he lived there until 1883 when it was sold to John Haycock. In 1912 Dr. Whitlock purchased the house which he renamed 'Scarborough House'. Dr Whitlock was born in Scarborough, Yorkshire in 1856.

A collection of archive photos of the town and its characters can be found in the newly opened Local History Group archive room in the Maltings. The group is always looking for photos to scan, and stories to add to the collection, and would welcome your contributions.

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Wells Community Hospital news

What's on at your hospital.....

● **Go with the Flow Therapies**

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For years sound therapy has been used for healing, it has multiple benefits and is suitable for all. Sound-bath sessions use a variety of healing instruments (drums, chimes, crystal bowls, rattles, singing bowls) to create a feeling of peace, balance and harmony as well as deep relaxation. You can sit or lay on cushions or mats (please bring what you will need to be comfortable) and let the sounds wash over you as you are re-balanced, de-stressed and experience serene calmness. For more information about sound-baths and to book, please call Sally on **07748 618077** or **email carter.sally1@sky.com**. The cost is £10 per person.

● **Tai Chi & Chi Gong Classes** Golden Wings Chi Gong/Tai Chi is a series of unique, gentle exercises that promote the flow of life force, or 'chi', within the body. These classes are suitable for everyone (novices and the experienced are all welcome). Suitable for all ages and fitness levels. On Mondays from 10am to 11am, booking essential – call Jools Bond on **07572 206078.**

Services and Clinics

Anglia Asbestos Disease Support Group Friday 20 March from 11am to 3pm. Free of charge, with refreshments provided – meet others who understand what you are going through, and learn more about your condition and the help available. For more information email **admin@wellshospital.co.uk** or call **01328 711996**.

Training Hub

Upcoming dates for your training needs 1 April – Emergency First Aid at Work (Level 3). One day course suitable for people who work in low hazard environments (e.g. restaurants, offices or shops). Contact us to book your place and for more details on **01328 711996.**

Fundraising and Events

Spring Prize Bingo – join us for a great night out on Friday 3 April. Doors open at 6pm with eyes down at 7pm. Ten great games with top prizes Free parking and pop up café.

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First prize is £120 per calendar month, second prize is £40 per calendar month. For an application form please call **01328 711996** or email **admin@wellshospital.co.uk**

'Give As You Live'

'Give as you Live Online' is the free and easy way to raise funds for Wells Community Hospital Trust, simply by shopping online. Go to **www.giveasyoulive.com/join/wellscomhospital**

Dates for your diary

Open General Meeting Our OGM will take place on Thursday 23 April at 7pm at Wells Community Hospital. Everyone welcome. Do come along and be involved in our future plans. To book your place please call **01328 711996** or email **admin@wellshospital.co.uk**

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Tuesday 17 March, 2.30pm. Andy Robertshaw, military advisor for films *1917* and *War Horse*, will be giving a talk on his film work at Wells Library. Tickets £6, includes refreshments, payable on booking. Booking essential. To book visit the library during staffed time.

Join the Wells Library Friends! The Wells Library Friends help fundraise for the library and also run events. If you have a few hours to spare each month contact the library for details of the next meeting.

Community Room for hire! Wells Library has a lovely community room available to hire at very reasonable rates. Projector and screen can be provided, along with table and chairs (these can be folded away if not needed). Access to refreshments also available. To find out more contact the library.

Volunteers needed! Could you make hot drinks and talk to people at our Just a Cuppa group? Could you spare some time to help with after schools events and Stay and Chat? Could you help develop ideas for events held at the library as a Library Friend and promote the library and its services within the local community? Please contact the library on **01328 710467.**

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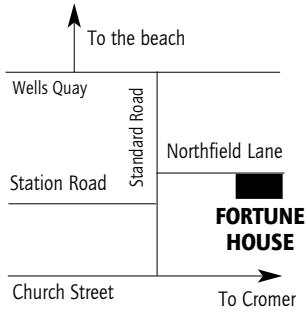

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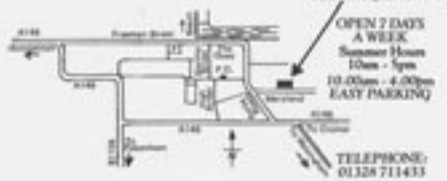

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MARCH

Date	Group	Time	Place	Event
13	Churches Together	12 noon	Quaker Meeting Room	Lent Lunch – all welcome
14	St Nicholas church	10.30am	St Nicholas church	Coffee and Chat – all welcome
14	St Nicholas church	11.00am	St Nicholas church	Messy Church
14	Met Opera	4.55pm	Wells Maltings	Der Fliegende Hollander
15	RNLI	9.00am	Wells boathouse	Practice launch
15	Wells Maltings	3.00pm	Wells Maltings	Soprano Milly Forrest
16	Textile & Embroiderers Group	2.00pm	WI Hall, Church Plain	Weekly meeting
17	Wells Good Companions	2.00pm	The Sackhouse	Monthly meeting. Speaker Joyce Trett
19	Wells Nelson Club	2.00pm	Wells Community Hospital	Bi-weekly meeting
19	Wells Maltings	7.00pm	Wells Maltings	Saltmarsh – Talk with Arthur Howell
20	Churches Together	12 noon	Quaker Meeting Room	Lent Lunch – all welcome
20	Homes for Wells	7.00pm	Wells Maltings	Auction of Promises – all welcome
20	Wells Maltings	7.30pm	Wells Maltings	Talk with Jon Lawrence
21	Community Craft Market	10.00am	St Nicholas church	Community Craft Market
21	Holkham Estate	10.00am	Holkham Hall and park	Residents' Preview Day – see invite on page 4
21	St Nicholas church	10.30am	St Nicholas church	Coffee and Chat – all welcome
21	Wells Maltings	7.30pm	Wells Maltings	An Evening with Jules Hudson
23	Textile & Embroiderers Group	2.00pm	WI Hall, Church Plain	Weekly meeting
23	Screen-next-the-Sea	7.00pm	Wells Maltings	Parasite (15)
24	Screen-next-the-Sea	7.00pm	Wells Maltings	Parasite (15)
26	Wells Police	10.00am	Wells Police station	Open morning – all welcome
26	RNLI	5.30pm	Wells boathouse	Practice launch
26	Screen-next-the-Sea	7.00pm	Wells Maltings	1917 (15)
27	Churches Together	12 noon	Quaker Meeting Room	Lent Lunch – all welcome
27	St Nicholas church	1.45pm	St Nicholas church	Little Fishes Parent/Toddler Group
27	Screen-next-the-Sea	7.00pm	Wells Maltings	1917 (15)
27	Wighton village	7.30pm	Wighton village hall	Quiz Night – all welcome
27	Warham Reading Room	7.30pm	Warham Reading Room	Bingo for Easter
28	St Nicholas church	10.30am	St Nicholas church	Coffee and Chat – all welcome
28	Wells Maltings	2.00pm	Wells Maltings	Kinky Boots musical
28	Wells Maltings	7.00pm	Wells Maltings	Kinky Boots musical
29	Bolshoi Ballet	3.00pm	Wells Maltings	Romeo and Juliet ballet
30	Textile & Embroiderers Group	2.00pm	WI Hall, Church Plain	Weekly meeting

APRIL

Date	Group	Time	Place	Event
1	Wells Library	10.30am	Wells Library	Knit and Natter Group – all welcome
1	Wells Library	2.30pm	Wells Library	Monthly book club
1	Wells Library	5.30pm	Wells Library	Monthly crime book club
1	Wells Local History Group	7.30pm	WI Hall	All about Blickling Hall
2	Wells Nelson Club	2.00pm	Wells Community Hospital	Bi-weekly meeting
2	Wells WI	2.15pm	WI Hall, Church Plain	The Quiet Suffragette
2	Wells Maltings	7.30pm	Wells Maltings	Patrick Monahan
3	Churches Together	12 noon	Quaker Meeting Room	Lent Lunch – all welcome
3	fEAST Theatre	7.30pm	Wells Maltings	The Canada Boys
4	St Nicholas church	10.30am	St Nicholas church	Coffee and Chat – all welcome
4	Linda Pattrick & John Richter	11.00am	Wells Maltings	Inspired by Wells art exhibition
4	fEAST Theatre	2.00pm	Wells Maltings	The Canada Boys
4	fEAST Theatre	7.30pm	Wells Maltings	The Canada Boys
5	Linda Pattrick & John Richter	11.00am	Wells Maltings	Inspired by Wells art exhibition
6	Linda Pattrick & John Richter	11.00am	Wells Maltings	Inspired by Wells art exhibition
6	Wells Town Council	7.00pm	Peter Collingwood Hall	Monthly planning and council meeting
7	Linda Pattrick & John Richter	11.00am	Wells Maltings	Inspired by Wells art exhibition
8	Linda Pattrick & John Richter	11.00am	Wells Maltings	Inspired by Wells art exhibition
8	Wells Maltings	7.30pm	Wells Maltings	Jazz from Trypl
9	Linda Pattrick & John Richter	11.00am	Wells Maltings	Inspired by Wells art exhibition
9	St Nicholas church	3.00pm	St Nicholas church	Family Easter Celebration
10	Linda Pattrick & John Richter	11.00am	Wells Maltings	Inspired by Wells art exhibition

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