

BLO' NORTON BUGLE

February 2012



The Blessing of the Refurbished War Memorial on the 50th Anniversary of VE Day. Sunday 7th May 1995

I have written about the War Memorial in previous editions of the Bugle and explained that the monies raised for the upkeep of the Memorial by Peter Davey and others in the 1990s are now exhausted by the cleaning last November and the planned renovation taking place in May of this year. The Parish Council has proposed that a charity be set up to oversee the future care and maintenance of the Memorial and the immediate area surrounding it. As such, the Charity would require a group of people to get together and be willing to run it and to raise funds. I certainly do not expect that this would be an onerous task as the sums of money required over a ten year period are not great, especially if we start now!

To enable the setting up of this group; a meeting for all those interested is to be held in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 20th March. I do hope you will come along and help our village to protect what is an important historical monument as well as a precious memorial to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.



BLO NORTON VILLAGE HALL

"100" CLUB Winners

November
Joan Kibble 44
C Barrett 37
Ann Lambert 91

December
Rosie Dinnen 16
Unclaimed 86
Ann Leigh 14

January
John Dixon 63
Unclaimed 77
Petal Haskins 13



The Village Hall Bar

Will be open again at
7.30pm on the third
Saturday of the month
starting on 18th February.
Everyone welcome!



A COMMUNITY WEBSITE FOR BLO' NORTON

We are pleased to report that Blo' Norton now has a Community Website

<http://blonortonpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk>



Whilst we appreciate that not everyone in the village has access to the internet, we feel this is a valuable communication tool, which hopefully the majority will be able to make use of, and it comes at minimum cost via Norfolk Association of Local Councils.

If you save it as a favourite in your internet system, it will save you searching each time, as currently if you do a Google search, it doesn't appear very high in the order.

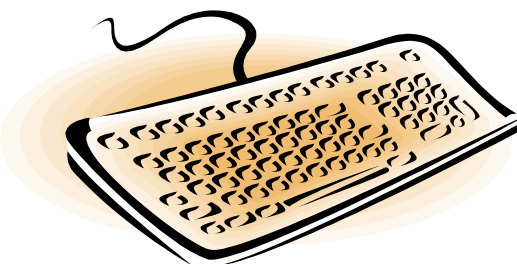
It is intended that all parish council agendas and minutes will be on the site, together with news that is received through the Parish Clerk which is relevant to the Community. We would also like to include all community news including the various social groups within the village together with the Village Hall and Church information.

If you can email your information through to bnparishclerk@googlemail.com, our Clerk will load this to the site for you for no charge. The Bugle will also be loaded to the site, so if you feel you do not need to receive a paper version in the future, please let us know.

Unfortunately, our Clerk was unable to attend the planned website training day, as her full time day job took her to Ipswich that day for various meetings. Therefore, please bear with us, as currently she is "self taught" and still learning her way around the system! Norfolk Association of Local Councils have not planned further training days yet, although they have offered us some alternative training.

We also wish to encourage local businesses to advertise on the website – either with a link to their own website or their details on a page, if they don't yet have a site of their own. The Parish Council would like to charge a nominal fee of £15 for the first year for this advertising, which would cover the (minimal) cost of running the site, as opposed to it being taken out of Precept money. It is intended if there is any "profit" from proceeds they would go towards the Bugle production (currently privately funded). If you would be interested, please contact

bnparishclerk@googlemail.com



Hi. For those of you who have not yet discovered us we are '*DUTCH BARN NURSERIES*'. We are a family run plant nursery and shop located on the top road in Blo Norton village.

We opened for business in April last year and word has spread quickly about our products and low prices. We have a good choice of alpiners, lots of herbs including some unusual varieties and a large range of herbaceous perennials, all of which have been produced by us here on the nursery. By growing the plants ourselves we are able to offer great value for money, for example any 1 litre pot, of any variety, is priced at just £2.50 or you can buy any 5 for £10.

This year, to cater for the ever increasing popularity of Grow your Own, we will be producing a large variety of vegetables, including many unusual ones. The most obvious benefit in growing your own is to save money, but equally important is the amazing taste and feeling of satisfaction you get when you eat something which you've picked straight from your garden. So if you haven't tried it yet why not have a go?

We also have 'The Honesty Shop', packed with an ever changing stock of new and secondhand items, everything from books to furniture - cushions to candles. There is a good choice of craft materials and a selection of handmade products. It's a great place for a browsing without feeling pressured or hurried.

We have many exciting projects in the pipeline for this year, so if you would like to come along and check us out you will be very welcome.

We would like to say a big 'Thank You' to everyone who has supported us in our first season; we couldn't have done it without you. Please continue to recommend us to your friends and family.

Opening Times

Monday 10am - 5pm

Tuesday Closed

Wednesday 10am - 5pm

Thursday 10am - 5pm

Friday 10am - 5pm

Saturday 10am - 5pm

Sunday 11am - 4pm

Till the end of February we will be open the same days but from **11 am** till

4pm

Elle and Bev

Dutch Barn Nurseries



Church Services.

March

4th 9.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 18th Mothering Sunday. Coffee at 10.30 followed by service at 1.00am

April

1st 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 8th 10.00 am Easter Day Holy Communion
 15th 11.00am Morning Prayer

May

6th 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 20th 11.00am Morning Prayer

Dates for your Diary The Annual General Meeting of the PCC will take place in the Church on 25th April at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend. Also we are holding a "Jubilee Afternoon Tea" on Saturday 19th



A Busy 2012 programme for the Local History Group

After presentations on Blo' Norton history in the 18th Century; family history on the web; community archaeology; visits to the Stowmarket Museum of East Anglian Life; Pakenham Water Mill and Dad's Army Thetford. A slide show on Norfolk life in the past; an archaeological field walk; a photograph and artifact exhibition; and finally a much enjoyed 'members' lunch hosted by Jennifer and Eric Davey; 2011 could be a hard act to follow!

However, the 2012 programme is going to be even bigger and better!

On 30 January Derek Palgrave gave a talk to us about Our Ancestors as Rural Technologists. This will be followed on 19 March with a talk on the Hoxne Treasure by Stephen Govier and on 16 April with Sheila Wright telling us about Village Schools 1850-1980. These meetings are in the village hall at members.

7.30pm and are open to non-During the rest of the year, there will be presentations by experts on the 100th Bomb Group (including a visit for members only to the Memorial Museum), Fred Rolfe the King of Norfolk Poachers and Richard Cobbold's Wortham. There will also be a special session (date to be arranged) looking at the finds of the Field Walk near the Hall, a visit to West Stow Saxon Village (members only), a members "Get-Together", and a film or slide show.

Membership is open to anyone at £18 per family or £12 per individual. Most meetings are also open to visitors at £3.

For more information contact Jo Reynolds (Hon Sec) dale-jo@tiscali.co.uk

This is the most ambitious programme yet so please come along on 19 March and bring your friends.

John Dixon

Blo Norton Local History Group Meeting. Mon 19th March

Stephen Govier who has written a book on "The Illustrated History and Antiquities of Hoxne, in the County of Suffolk" will be giving a talk on the Hoxne Treasure. He will bring with him some finds and artifacts that have been found in the area.

Over the past few years, he has been researching Prince Frederick Duleep Singh and his associates and hope to get a book published on him in 2012. He has a lot of material on Blo Norton Hall and village, but would be interested in images of villagers from the 1900s especially those who knew Freddy.



B'Ramblers

Thursday 12th January 2012 saw the first walk of the newly formed 'B'Ramblers Group'. 15 members and one very well behaved dog rambled the footpaths of Wortham for just over 3 miles. The halfway refreshment stop and group photos were taken at Wortham Church. Following the walk 12 members enjoyed a leisurely lunch at The Dolphin Inn Wortham. The group will walk on the second Thursday of every month - the next planned for Thursday 9th February which we hope will be just as well attended.

BLO NORTON VILLAGE HALL

FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY



<u>REGULAR EVENTS</u>	<u>PILATES</u>	Wednesdays at 9.30 am.
	<u>CHILDREN'S DANCE</u>	(3-18 yrs) Fridays: 2.30 onwards
	<u>HISTORY GROUP</u>	Monday 19th March at 7.30
	<u>BINGO</u>	3rd March & 7th April at 7.00 for 7.30 pm.

The "Fete" of the Village Hall

We wish to thank all those involved in providing and attending the Wreath Making Coffee Morning on 11 December and the January Jolly Dinner on 14 January. They provided lots of enjoyment and between them raised £400+ for funds – much needed with oil so expensive! Thanks also to our regular users: The Attitude Dancers Academy, Pilates Group, Bingo and the Local History Group. They keep the hall busy and bring in regular income.

We are currently selling tickets for the Blo' Norton 100 Club 2012. (Winners on the front page) Tickets cost £12 for monthly draws with prizes of £25, £15 and £10 – much better odds than the National Lottery! The January draw will be held at the Village Fete meeting on 26 January, so get your tickets before then. The profits are divided equally between the Church and the Village Hall.

You should all have received notice of the **Village Fete meeting at 7.30pm on Thursday 26 January** in the Village Hall. We want this to be a really good traditional fun event involving all the community that also raises lots of money. To do this we need your help – to come up with ideas, help man stalls, set up bunting, car parking, teas, making cakes, selling draw tickets, etc, on **Saturday 16 June**. We can organise, but we can't run the event without you! So please come to the meeting to show us that we have your support. Incidentally, we would also like a celebrity to open it who is not going to charge us for the privilege. If you know anyone who might be appropriate, please let us know.

With cuts in funding sources, we need to raise more money locally to pay for much needed improvements to the hall and the Fete will bring in outside cash.

After the success of last year, we also hope to have another Yard Sale in May but have yet to sort that one out!



Clare & John of the Village Hall Committee with extra help from Rob & Jack repairing the Village Hall Hut.

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

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

Parish Council Meetings are held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm and the next are on: 10th April 3rd May 12th June Annual Parish Meeting 1st May

Blo Norton Parish Council

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

Ann Lambert

Vice Chairman: John Olley (07720884790)
Dick Edwards

Parish Clerk: Michelle Collins (07857 020667)

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