

TORC of **SNETTISHAM**

Autumn 2013

Hello and welcome to the latest issue of our newsletter, distributed to every house in Snettisham.

Inside you will find lots of information about the Parish Council, and we hope you find this useful. There are also articles about a variety of activities in the village, and we would like to thank all the organisations who have contributed.

Thanks also must go to the advertisers who make this newsletter possible - please support them if you can.

With best wishes from
Janet, Addie, Elizabeth, Eric and Phryne
Newsletter Editorial team

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Remembrance Day 2013

There will be a Service of Remembrance at St Mary's Church, Snettisham on Sunday 10th November, starting at 10.45 am. This will be followed by the usual parade to the War Memorial in the Market Place.

Royal British Legion

Legion Hall, Church Road, Snettisham

We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7.30 pm, and new members are always welcome. Forthcoming events, eg coffee mornings, quiz nights, jumble sale etc will be publicised around the village.

After the Remembrance service and parade on 10th November, we will be serving hot soup, tea and coffee in the Legion Hall. Everyone is welcome.

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Our County Councillor:

John Dobson	534989
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Office Hours:

The Council office is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 10.00 am to 12 noon.

If you need to contact the Parish Council outside these hours, please ring and leave a message, email or drop a letter through the letterbox.

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Support Groups

The Parish Council operates Support Groups, run by a Lead Councillor with 3 or 4 support Councillors. The present Lead Councillors are:

Planning:	Ian Devereux
Personnel:	Eric Langford (Acting)
Amenities & Services:	To be confirmed
Beach:	Maria Fountain
Governance:	Ian Devereux

The Lead Councillors report to the Council at each monthly meeting to ensure that all Councillors are fully informed before any decision is made.

REGISTER OF ELECTORS

The Government is requiring all Electoral Registration Officers in England to publish a revised Register of Electors on 17th February 2014. A form and reply paid envelope has been delivered to every property in West Norfolk. You must complete and return the form. This is important because the Register is used not only for electoral purposes but also by many financial service providers dealing with mortgages, loans or new accounts etc. Anyone whose name is not on the Register will be unable to vote at future elections, and is also likely to have problems using any service that involves a check of the Register.

The form is intended for the present occupiers of an address. The name of anyone aged 16 or over who is resident at the address needs to be on the form and the names of anyone no longer at the address crossed out. The date of birth of anyone aged 16 or 17 is also required.

Forms received by owners of empty properties need to tick the "Property empty" box and return the form. This will avoid the issue of reminders.

A REPLY IS STILL NEEDED IF THE ADDRESS ON THE FORM IS A SECOND HOME OR HOLIDAY LET

Second home owners may register if at least 3 months of the year in total is spent at the second home. This would give a right to vote in local elections (possibly by a postal vote), although at national elections only one vote would be available and a choice of areas to cast it would need to be made. If residence is for less than 3 months, if a person does not wish to register in West Norfolk as a second home owner, or if a property is used solely for holiday letting, the "Second home – Registered elsewhere" box should be ticked and the form returned.

In the event of any queries when the form arrives, householders can telephone the Helpline where any of the electoral staff will be happy to assist. The telephone number is 01553 616773.

Prompt return of the form or, better still, confirmation by freephone, internet or SMS (details on the form) would be very helpful. It will also avoid the need for reminders and help to keep costs down.

Council News



Report from the Clerk

As you are probably aware, we have vacancies on the Council; we are always keen to hear from anyone interested in taking up such places until the next election in May 2015. It is in the best interests of the Village to have a full and active council with a variety of viewpoints. Please contact the Office for an overview of what is involved and how to apply. Since the last edition we have welcomed Sandy Codd as a new councillor.

The War Memorial renovations should be complete very soon. This is most appropriate given the increased interest there will be in the significance of next year's anniversary. You will probably have seen the work to tidy up, and make safe, the lime trees in Lodge Walk. Along with the planting that councillors and other volunteers have been doing, the Village is looking much more impressive, and we hope to continue and develop this over coming months.

There have been many comments about the wildlife in the Goose Green Road area. The Council requests most forcefully that people avoid feeding the chickens in particular, as they are proving to be a considerable nuisance to local residents, and are regular victims of collisions with cars. We would prefer not to have to spend the time and money involved in setting up by-laws to deal with this. We cannot do much about the speed limit in the area, as this requires casualties to occur before NCC reacts; however, we can urge people to drive carefully.

A lot of information passes my desk from government agencies. Much of this could be useful to parishioners, and in future I will try and keep you aware of such information through these notes. Recently there has been much talk of the "Green Deal", a way to make energy efficiency more affordable by arranging loans against potential savings from e.g. insulation or solar panels. Try an internet search or call into the Office. There are other ways of saving on fuel costs which I have information about.

Finally, a note to those who have maintenance businesses in the Village. The Council regularly has small jobs which need doing, and I am trying to build up a list of local contractors so that we can call on them when needed, and also have a variety of quotes for work. Please contact me if you are interested.

Though it seems a long way away, Christmas is rapidly approaching. The Office will be closed in the week of Christmas itself, but will re-open on New Year's Eve. I hope you all have a good time over the Christmas period.

Simon Bower, Parish Clerk

Beach Footpath - An Important Message to All Parishioners

Following an application from the Parish Council, Norfolk County Council (NCC) decided to award "Public Right of Way" status to the beach footpath from the beach car park to Dersingham. However, objections from some beach Chalet owners have resulted in NCC referring their objections to a Government planning inspectorate enquiry which has been scheduled for June 2014. This will be similar in format to the "incinerator" enquiry with the presentation costs falling on the parish council. NCC have informed the Council they will not support or contribute to the Council's costs in this matter.

This footpath has been regularly walked by generations of families and visitors to the beach and the Council has committed to securing its future as a "Public Right of Way". In the meantime, no Chalet/caravan owner has any right to prevent you walking on the beach footpath and any threats of trespass prosecution must be referred to the Police.

Furthermore, over a dozen beach Chalet owners have applied to Land Registry for ownership of the land, beyond their title boundary, and under the sea defence wall (ie the land under the beach footpath). Snettisham Parish Council has raised a formal objection to each land claim application, to protect the future of the beach footpath.

If you feel strongly about this please let the Parish Clerk know - we need your support.

Church News

The United Benefice of Snettisham, Ingoldsthorpe and Fring

St. Mary's Church, Snettisham:

1st & 3rd Sundays	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	11.00 am	Morning Service
2nd & 4th Sundays	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Wednesdays (during term time)	1.30-3.00 pm	St Mary's Toddler Group in the Church Hall

*Rev. Geoff Suart
tel: 541301*

Snettisham Methodist Church

Sundays	10.30 am	Sunday Worship
1st & 3rd Wednesdays	2.30 pm	Ladies Fellowship
Last Saturday	10.30 am	Monthly Coffee Morning
2nd Wednesday		Luncheon Club (at Queen Vic), ring Margaret on 01485 543704 for details

*Rev Kim Nally
tel: 570232*

Catholic Parish of Hunstanton

Sunday Mass	9.00 am	St Cecilia's, Dersingham
Sunday Mass	11.00 am	Our Lady of Perpetual Succour & St Edmund, Hunstanton
Weekday Masses	9.00 am 10.15 am	Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday at Hunstanton in the Convent Wednesdays at Dersingham

*Parish Priest
tel: 543818*

Salvation Army

Sunday Worship	11.00 am	Sundays at Alma Road
Mondays	10.00 am	CAMEO Club
Wednesdays	2.30 pm	Home League
3rd Wednesdays	7.30 pm	Men's Fellowship
Thursdays	10.00 am	Coffee Morning

*Enquiries to
Alison Kirby
tel: 579079*

Snettisham Christian Fellowship

Sundays	10.45 am	Family Service at the Memorial Hall
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Visit the website at www.scfonline.org.uk for more details

*Enquiries to
Richard Pennington
tel: 543315*

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Monday 2nd December	7.00 pm	Family Carol Service
Sunday 22nd December	11.00 am	Ecumenical Christmas Service (in the Memorial Hall) - see below
Sunday 22nd December	6.00 pm	St Mary's Carol Service
Tuesday 24th December	3.30 pm	Christingle Service
Tuesday 24th December	11.00 pm	Holy Communion Service
Wednesday 25th December	11.00 am	Holy Communion Service
Sunday 29th December	10.30 am	3-in-1 Carol Service at Fring Church

ALL WELCOME - Sunday 22nd December

11.00 am in the Memorial Hall

Ecumenical Christmas Service with congregations of
St Mary's, The Salvation Army, Snettisham Methodist Church and
the Snettisham Fellowship Church



Village News

Snettisham Gardening Club - Annual Show 13th July 2013

We were very pleased with our exhibition this year, with a good selection of entries and many new prize winners. We had entries from non-club members which were very welcome, some of which were winners in their classes. Our raffle, which also served as entry to the show, was drawn at the end of the day and had some excellent prizes. The Presentation and Chairman's evening was held on Wednesday 28th August and prize winners were as follows:

Junior Trophy Winners:

Juniors – Floral Section	7-9 years Memorial Hall Trophy	Erin Tasker
	Sadly no entries in the other age groups	
Juniors – Cookery	4-6 years Gardening Club Trophy	Leah Yeldham
	7-9 years Olive Hunt Trophy	Erin Tasker
	10-12 years R & A Thompson Trophy	Ellie Bracewell
Juniors – Craft	4-6 years Gardening Club Trophy (joint)	Kiera Edwards/Zak Rush
	7-9 years Heather Ebbs Trophy	Erin Tasker
Best Junior Exhibit	Derek Ebbs Trophy	Erin Tasker, Bug House in Craft

Adult Trophy Winners:

Vegetables	Snettisham Parish Council Trophy	Chris Holt
Best Vegetable in Show	P Hunt Trophy	Neville Warnes
Fruit	J & J Savage Trophy (joint)	Pauline Rigby/Chris Holt/ Neville Warnes
Flowers	Sydney Hunt Trophy	Pat Milliner
Sweet Peas	Doreen Godfrey Trophy	L & M Godfrey
Open Floral	Arthur Massen Trophy	Pat Milliner
Cookery	Does Stores Trophy	Reg Milliner
Preserves	Stockley Trophy	Ros Pugh
Cacti/Succulents	Memorial Hall Trophy	Ruth Harlock
Single HT Rose	K & I Shipp Trophy	Neville Warnes
Craft Section	Memorial Hall Trophy	Ann Rush
Art/Photography	Gardening Club Trophy	Chris Holt
Best Exhibit in Show	D & H Ebbs Trophy	Rosemary Gunn, Quilt in Craft

We look forward to 2014 being even bigger and better. Our AGM will be on Wednesday 29th January at the Memorial Hall starting at 7.30 pm – do come along and see what is on offer for the programme.

Snettisham WI

What have we been doing this summer? Members are still going around Snettisham removing out of date notices. The result of this is a much tidier village. We had a stall at the village fete selling out of produce, bakery and craft items.

Our Knit and Natter group thrives, with many members knitting squares to make knee blankets for the Norfolk Hospice. Members saw the summer show at the Princess Theatre in Hunstanton; and some also went to the W.I. Norfolk Western Area Craft Day in June and came away with the knowledge for a new craft.

Our speakers have included David Drewery who brought along a comprehensive collection of village photographs which provided much interest. In August Mike Press spoke to us about the Patients Participation Group.

How lucky we were in September when the programme said the meeting was a late summer lunch to be held in the garden of our secretary. For several days prior to the meeting the weather had been cold and wet, but on that Thursday the sun shone. Many sat in the garden to enjoy lunch, while a few of us who don't like sharing food with the wasps sat in the conservatory. A talk from Alex a retired London Fireman entertained us in October and we look forward to our Annual General Meeting in November. After the usual business we have Jean Crane giving a flower arrangement demonstration.

At most of our meetings we have two competitions. One is for Flower of the month and members bring a flower from their garden for judging. The other varies each month. For November we are sticking with tradition and it will be something on a theme of bonfire night.

We meet at the Church Hall, Station Road on the second Thursday of the month and the doors open at 7.00pm. Do come along, visitors are most welcome. Call Elizabeth/Pauline on 542002/542294 for more details.

Local News

From the Hospice: Volunteer Complementary Therapists

We are your local Hospice. We care for your patients and support your families. One of the many strengths of this Hospice is that it is supported by volunteers who live in the area.

We are developing our services and want to recruit a team of volunteer complementary therapists who would be willing to provide a service to our patients living locally. This would enable those people, who find travelling difficult, to benefit from our service wherever they live. There is no minimum amount of hours required; support and supervision will be provided.

For further information, or for an informal visit, please contact Nichola Child, Therapy Team Lead, on 01485 543163. For an application form please contact us via our website at www.norfolkhospice.org.uk or by email: volunteers@norfolkhospice.org.uk

Finally, we have started to build the new hospice. You can see the progress we are making via our web site and the web camera on site.



HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

The Hunstanton & District Lions club would like to give forward notice that they will be holding their popular Senior Citizens "Turkey and Tinsel Dinner" during the week commencing Monday 2nd December, at the United Services Social Club, Hunstanton.

Application forms will be available from Chris Holt (541534) from early November.

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Exciting News from St Mary's Church



- Sir Nikolaus Pevsner described St. Mary's Snettisham as "the most exciting decorated church in Norfolk".
- The congregation of Snettisham Parish Church is looking for the enthusiastic support of the village community to help raise part of a minimum sum of £250,000 for essential repairs to our stunning 14th Century St Mary's Church and to enhance its development as a centre to celebrate Snettisham's significant and unique heritage.
- This £250,000 Appeal is fully endorsed by St Mary's Parochial Church Council to enable essential repairs to the building and to develop St Mary's further as a Heritage Centre with new display and hospitality areas.
- In order to meet the £250,000 target, applications will be made for Heritage Lottery Funding and Trust Fund Grants, but the village will need to show its support if these are to be realised. If we exceed the target then more work can be done in the years to come.
- The £250,000 appeal will be launched in due course but YOU, the residents of our historic village, get a preview here in the Torc of Snettisham!
- Two Canadian Cathedrals at Fredericton and Montreal are Victorian copies of St. Mary's Snettisham, and their support for our project will be actively sought.
- Watch out for further details of the Worldwide Appeal Launch.
- The Village Organisation - Friends of St Mary's Snettisham - was formed in Spring 2013 and is steadily growing in membership to give financial support to this exciting project. It is hoped that many more people within Snettisham and across the world will become Friends to give their financial support to this significant appeal.

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Probus Club

Local resident Tony Sverdloff has written in to say that he is the membership secretary of the mens Probus Club of King's Lynn, which has been in existence for 35 years. Probus Clubs are to be found in towns and cities nationwide. They provide social activities in a convivial atmosphere for retired and semi-retired professional and business men and women.

Tony says: "Our club meets for coffee and biscuits once a week in a pub, and has a monthly lunch with a speaker. We also organise various outings to places of interest during the year. We are very keen to attract new members who would care to join and make new friends."

To contact Tony, call 01485 544190 or
email tonysverdloff@btinternet.com

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Snettisham Allotment Association

This autumn has seen the 60+ allotment holders reaping the harvest of a difficult year following the cold, wet start and then the long dry summer. Those that managed to deter pests, birds and the caterpillars were surprised by how well the crops finally flourished. The potatoes were smaller but fruit harvests were very good.

The community spirit was evident at the annual barbeque held in early September when over 60 people attended. The newly instigated "Best Cabbage" competition was won by Rodney Forster with a weight of 24lbs closely followed by newcomer Roger Bone. Highly commended was Dave Bocking whose cabbage (or was it a Brussel Sprout) weighed in at 2ozs!. The competition raised £100, which Rodney is going to donate to MacMillan Nurses.

If you are interested in having an allotment (and you have the time and commitment to manage it) or even a half allotment then contact Dave Bocking (541208) or Chris Holt (541534).



Who are the Rainbows?

- Rainbows are aged from five to seven and are the youngest members of Girlguiding UK
- Rainbows have fun - we play games, have parties, do craft activities and make yummy food
- We meet at the Scout Hall, Snettisham on Wednesdays in term time from 4.15 pm to 5.15 pm
- We also take part in special activities and events throughout the year with other groups in our area
- We charge a weekly subscription of £2.00 to cover costs. First meeting is FREE

If you have a daughter, granddaughter or niece who would like to join our group or have any questions, please contact me on 07909 658066.

Sarah Melton, Unit Leader



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Village News

Snettisham Village Events Committee

Christmas Lights and Carols

Tuesday 3rd December at 6.00 pm. Switching on of the Christmas Lights and Carols by the Christmas Tree in the Market Place

Victorian Christmas Market

Wednesday 11th December, from 6.00 pm in the Market Place. We are returning to the Victorian theme this year so please feel free to dress up and enter into the spirit of Christmas

If you would like to have a stall please apply to snettishamevents@gmail.com

If you have any ideas for events or would like to offer any skills or assistance, please contact us either by sending an email or calling David Bocking on 541208 or Suzanne Everingham on 541067.

Snettisham Excelsior Bowls Club

Another bowling season has come and gone. The club has not won any honours again but the spirit and friendliness continues and we are one of the few clubs that can say we have juniors coming through to help the less younger ones in club matches. Thanks must go to Keith Pearce who retired as greenkeeper this year. In his short time with us he has spent many voluntary hours getting the green into tip top condition and now visiting clubs no longer complain of our "bumps".

The inaugural "Beano Richardson Memorial Trophy" was fittingly won in July by Beano's best mate, Andy (Have you heard this one?) Grange. Andy was presented with the trophy by Beano's wife Helen, son Steven and daughter Jemma.

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Local News

HALL'S EXHIBITION FOUNDATION

Can you help to secure the future of Hall's Exhibition Foundation?

Just over Three Hundred years ago, a far-sighted Yeoman of Snettisham made a bequest in his Will of a parcel of land, the income from which was to provide for the education of twenty poor boys of the Village. That man was Anthony Hall who died in 1708 and the land was the site of the Carr Stone Quarry. The stone extracted from the quarry has provided an income to the Hall's Exhibition Foundation which is the Charitable Trust that has managed the legacy since 1915.

The 'Frimstone' Quarry operations have provided a direct income to the Hall's Foundation. It has also provided an indirect income from the interest on the sale of Carr Stone accumulated in a Charitable Investments Fund that protects the capital value. These income streams have enabled the Trust to provide grants for the children of Snettisham residents at entry to secondary school (£200), sixth-form/College at 16+ (£200), University and associated courses up to the age of 25 at up to £2000 per year. In recent years the Annual value of grants was in the order of £50,000.

This year the stone from Hall's Foundation Quarry was exhausted and sale of stone completed. Therefore the Foundation has lost a major source of income. It is now seeking alternative uses of the restored land which might provide income, however, this is unlikely to be anywhere near the same as that received from the sale of Carr Stone.

The Board of Trustees is now seeking help from those who have benefitted from grants to assist in setting up an Alumni Association of past and current beneficiaries. The purpose of the Association would be to help future beneficiaries by providing a support organisation, Mentors, social events, fund-raising and to stimulate endowments by other far-sighted people all of which will help to replace lost funding due to exhaustion of the Quarry.

If you would like to know more or, to get involved please contact either:

Chris Holt, HEF Administrator, on 01485 541534 or
Ian Devereux, Project Leader for the Trustees on 01485 544102

Many Thanks for your interest.

Note: Most grant applications for this educational year have now been processed. If you have not yet applied, forms are available from Chris Holt (541534 or from our website at www.hallsfoundation.co.uk

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Village News

Memorial Hall Update

Christmas Craft Fair

To be held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday 23rd November, 10am to 2pm

Children's Christmas Party

Wednesday 18th December – Time 4pm to 9pm – Ages 2 to 12 years

Price of tickets will be £4 per child

Tickets available from the Memorial Hall on a Friday evening after 5.30pm or from Miss Sam Rix (School), Mrs Lynda Standeven (94 Station Road, tel 541139) or Mrs Jean Parkes (11 The Avenue, tel 545869). **Please book by Friday 13th December.**

New Year's Eve Dance

Dancing to Happy Daze – 50/60/70's music

Time 8pm to 1am – Tickets £10 each

Licensed Bar – Please bring your own Food

Tickets available from Snettisham Memorial Hall on a Friday evening or contact the Committee Members.

Playing Field

Unfortunately this is still an on-going problem. The football clubs were unable to use the pitch this year, but we are trying our best to rectify this for 2014 football season .

New Trustees for 2014

New Trustees will be needed in March 2014 – if you have a few hours to spare to keep the much needed Village Hall & Playing Field running viably, then please come along and chat to us. The present Trustees have worked hard and achieved lots of improvements, and shown that the Village Hall with the various organisations that use it, has proved that it is self sufficient. The Pavilion and Playing Field is a big asset to the village, and used constantly by the clubs, and school, and to maintain this we need people with ideas and enthusiasm to help fund raise, and keep this valuable asset for the use of the whole village.

Calling all local organisations!
Would you like to see your news in our next issue? Please send contributions by 1st February 2014.



CAROL CONCERT

There will be a Christmas Carol Concert in the grounds of The Old Hall, Snettisham on Saturday 21st December at 4.00 pm.

Tickets cost £10 each, and can be bought from The Grapes Picture Framing & Gallery, Lynn Road, Snettisham, tel 542480.

Refreshments are included (mulled wine, mince pies, sausage rolls), and all proceeds will go towards much-needed roof repairs at St Mary's Church, Snettisham.



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Next issue planned for Spring 2014. Deadline for contributions (subject to available space) is 1st February 2014. If you have any news or suggestions for future issues, please email or hand in to the Council office.

Websites

The council website contains information about the Council, a list of Councillors and copies of meeting minutes, as well as back copies of this newsletter. The address is:

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

There is also an independent website for the village at www.snettisham-on-line.co.uk. If you have any events, news or items which you would like to publicise online before the next edition of Torc of Snettisham, please email details to admin@norfolk-on-line.co.uk



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Please be a responsible dog owner

There are many dog bins around the village, and once again we must remind people how important these bins are, for our own health's sake as well keeping the village clean and tidy. Please ensure you carry and use bags which can be obtained at £1 for 300 from the village newsagents on the market square (sold as nappy bags) and also available from the Council Office.

There is a fine of up to £1,000 which will be applied to offenders. If you see an incident, do please report it to the Borough Council on 0500 2532687.

Help us keep our village clean and attractive -
PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG!



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