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Hapton St Margaret Church

Tharston St Marys Church

Welcome to the Tharston and Hapton Newsletter

Welcome to the Autumn edition of your newsletter.

Tharston and Hapton Parish Council saddened to learn of the death of H M Queen Elizabeth and have sent their sincere condolences to everyone in the royal family at this sad time and have put a page in this newsletter with details of where the books of condolence are and where flowers can be laid. Our clerk Alan has been busy updating the website with all the necessary information around the queens death and the protocol that occurs at such times.

On a brighter note our chairperson Nick Potter has continued to work hard on the project and has recently installed LED strip lights that run from a solar panel and small battery attached to the project and we should soon see the installation of some cupboards to store the cleaning equipment for all to use. We are also looking at a booking system for the facility which will see prices cheaper for parishioners to use it than others.

Should you want to hold an event as a parishioner just contact Alan directly on the parish email and he will book it in asap.

We will now hold all the parish meetings at the cabin to save costs on booking the school rooms for such events and we are also looking at other events to run during the year such as a Fete, Christmas Fayre and maybe a local farmers market for local parishioners to sell their locally grown goods and local crafts to sell.

Phase 4 information is in the newsletter for all to see and there is some interesting information from Councillor Tim Ward on this.

This edition of the newsletter will be printed before the Tharston Fete and we all hope the weather is kind and it's a wonderful day for all to enjoy.

There is also a recycling quiz included for the children to enjoy and learn about recycling at the same time.

We also look forward to receiving your entries to the photo competition ready to be judged in early November so we can get the Christmas cards design out for you all to see

Finally we have included a list of important contacts from South Norfolk District Council for your attention.

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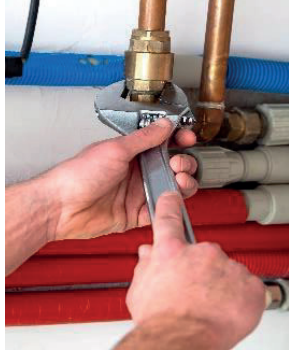
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The Parish Council will provide all the necessary training to help you learn about the roles and what is expected when you join the council. These sessions are run by a local company and are held in a fun and friendly way.

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WINTER PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

To celebrate the area we all live in Tharston and Hapton Parish council are looking to run a winter Photography Competition for local residents to enter and the winners will have their photos made into Christmas cards printed by the council for sale to parishioners and friends.

Entry criteria:

- Photos must be taken in the Parish
- Entrants must live in either Tharston or Hapton
- Photos must be taken in Tharston or Hapton
- Photos must be in good quality digital format (300 dpi or greater)

We ask all keen photographers to submit their entries to the following email address tharstonandhapton@gmail.com.

The photo entries will be judged by local residents from both Tharston and Hapton and if you would like to be considered as one of the judges, please email the clerk at the above email address. We are looking for five judges if possible

We cannot wait to see the first entries and enjoy your photos of our amazing villages.

Details of the timescale for entries and printing will be included in the September Newsletter with the winning entries also being featured in the Christmas Newsletter

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DURING THE CURRENT DIFFICULT TIMES, WE WOULD URGE ANY FAMILIES WHO ARE EXPERENCING HARDSHIP ALSO TO APPLY, AND MAYBE THE CHARITY COULD HELP IN A SMALL WAY.

***PLEASE CONTACT ANY ONE OF THE TRUSTEES –
HELEN LAWSON, SUE HUBBARD, GERALD BARNES, JIMMY MILLS
HELEN LAWSON: SECRETARY 01508 530055***

Then in early June a couple of locals, Greg, and Sue, told me they had heard noises from one of the boxes. On their description it sounded like the owlets.

It was! So, under a monitoring license, I ascertained there were four chicks. Unusual number but not unheard of, I've had two broods of four elsewhere. They seemed healthy and there was obviously plenty of food around. I set up cameras to monitor and safeguard the nest.



At about 7 weeks old - each chick is hatched 3 days apart, I had them ringed by a BTO ringer. This was an opportunity to view them closely and I was joined by some of the locals who learnt a bit about them.

I started observing and photographing the owls and when the owlets started to fledge, I used hides and lights. I've done this carefully many times over the years and they are not bothered or affected. The important thing is to keep your distance and be very discrete. The owlets start by getting to the hole and then onto the ledge flexing their wings. After a few days they will start to jump on top of the box and then onto branches. Then they will take a short flight – on a wing and a prayer! It is often crash and burn at this stage, but they usually manage to get back to the box eventually, you have to leave them to do it if they can. It is often worrying as you become more attached to them, only the odd occasion in the past I have had to catch them and put them back in the box. I try to provide perches and suitable branches to aid them. As each owlet is 3 days different in age, all this happens over a period of time and stages.

Many locals joined me to witness and enjoy the experience. It was basically open house to anyone and became a community thing. All agreed it was a magical time and – a word I often use with wildlife – a privilege.

Simon Hurwitz

If anyone wants me to assess putting up a Barn Owl (or Tawny, Little Owl, Kestrel) box, call me on 07808684723



The Hapton Owls 2022



I've been a RSPB volunteer for many years but now mainly concerned with a Beaver re-introduction Project in Essex and my own Barn Owl Project. I advise, make boxes, erect boxes, and monitor for Barn Owls – also Tawny's etc. Had appearances on BBC and ITV in conjunction with these. I do a lot of Wildlife Photography too!

Since I moved, I have put up a number of boxes in Flordon and Saxlingham Nethergate areas. Last September I put up 2 Barn Owl boxes on the edge of my garden which adjoins Meeting House field. I was reasonably hopeful as I have seen Barn Owls near there and the site had most of the requirements. The church had some nesting in past years but they always fighting off Jackdaws and unfortunately the site was not ideal and often resulted in the owlets falling out.

It is rare that a new nest box site attracts the owls straightaway and the fact that the last 2 years have been bad breeding years because of the cold, wet springs, and lack of voles. This has meant that fewer Barn Owls are around, sightings have been well down.

Keeping an eye on the boxes in Spring, I noticed that Jackdaws appeared to be nesting in them. I took my eye off the ball as was extremely busy elsewhere.



Beef & stout stew with carrots



Sweet, slow-cooked melty carrots and beautifully tender meat, this dish is comfort in a pot

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- 1kg stewing beef, cut into large chunks
- 1 onion, roughly chopped
- 10 carrots, cut into large chunks
- 2 tbsp plain flour
- 500ml can stout
- 1 beef stock cube
- pinch of sugar
- 3 bay leaves
- big thyme sprig
- Creamy parsnip mash, to serve (see recipe below)

Method

- STEP 1**
 Heat oven to 160C/140C fan/gas 3. Heat the oil in large, lidded casserole dish, brown the meat really well in batches, then set aside. Add the onion and carrots to the dish, give them a good browning, then scatter over the flour and stir. Tip the meat and any juices back into the dish and give it all a good stir. Pour over the stout and crumble in the stock cube. Season the stew with salt, pepper, and a pinch of sugar. Tuck in the herbs and bring everything to a simmer.
- STEP 2**
 Cover with a lid and place in the oven for about 2½ hrs until the meat is really tender. The stew can now be chilled and frozen for up to 3 months – defrost completely before reheating until piping hot. Leave the stew to settle a little, then serve with Creamy parsnip mash for a true celebration of winter vegetables.

RECIPE TIPS

CREAMY PARSNIP MASH

Boil 900g potatoes with 3 peeled, chopped parsnips for 15 mins until tender. Drain well, then mash with a large knob of butter and 4 tbsp crème fraîche or double cream. Season with salt and pepper and serve piping hot.



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Hapton Meadow: Phase IV



By now hopefully many of you will have experienced the meadow in some way, whether attending events, taking children to the play area, or simply a relaxing walk around. This is truly becoming a great asset for the parish.

Work on the cabin continues at pace and now it's time for us to turn our attentions to the field itself. To that end, we will shortly begin work on two distinct areas – one at the bottom and one at the top. We have already planted some walnut trees, which have an historic connection to the area.



At the bottom of the field (where the grass has been disturbed for the works that have taken place on the cabin and path) we will soon begin clearing some of the trees near the fence and preparing the ground for wildflower seeds to be

sown. This will run along the length of the fence and turn at a right-angle to continue right up to the cabin.



At the top end, you may notice in a few weeks that we start marking out a horse-shoe shape, which will also be sown with wildflowers. What's more, this will be an area for contemplation with benches for seating and some sensory elements included.

The field has been agricultural for at least two centuries, so the soil will need some conditioning work to reduce the nutrient content. This will dictate our early planting and means the full complement of wildflowers may not bear fruit for a couple of years. Please bear with us while nature takes its course.

Once complete, families will be able see some of our local wildlife in its full glory as bees and butterflies flit from one flower to another, presenting great learning opportunities and doing our bit to help boost pollinator species in the area.



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We are also looking for more volunteer drivers and trustees to support our vital community transport service. Tom Clarke, Borderhoppa manager, said “Our services really do provide a lifeline for some of the most vulnerable people in our community so anyone who can help us would be making a massive contribution to local life. If you have some spare time and would be interested in helping us we would love to hear from you”.

For a copy of the 2022 outings leaflet and for any other information regarding the services we provide please call the office: 01379 854800, email: adminborderhoppa@btconnect.com or visit our website: borderhoppa.org.uk