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Highfields Council Houses
11.05-11.15am

Welcome to the Tharston and Hapton Newsletter

Welcome to the Autumn edition of your newsletter.

This month's newsletter being written with Covid still a factor in the way we live our lives but now have returned to some sort of normal and we can now welcome everyone to our meetings at Hapton School with no restrictions in place.

It has been great seeing some parishioners lately at meetings and getting back to proper dialogue in person which I know our chairman is enjoying immensely. We also hope to have a new councillor coming on board which is fantastic news.

The Hapton Community project is moving forward and the Play Equipment has been ordered and should be installed in mid-October. A cabin has also been ordered so the council and other groups can hold meetings in the cabin and this should be with us around late Jan 2022 to early Feb 2022 Picnic benches with incorporated tables will also be provided. The Council have also sourced compostable toilets that will be installed and will help with holding events on the area for everyone and also Church events. All events are welcome to be held on the new area and please contact The Clerk to register your interests in holding an event in the future.

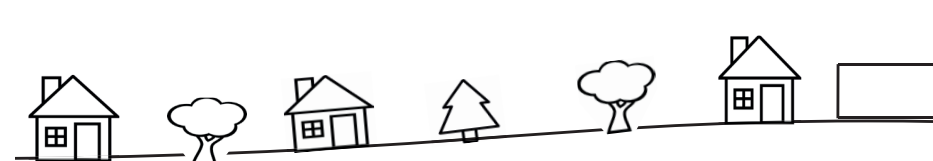
As Parish Clerk it is now great to get around the Parish as I used to and please say hi if you see me and bring me up to speed on any issues you may have. If you do have any issues and do not see me, I would prefer you use the parish email address rather than the website contact form as I see these quicker than the website forms. The email address is tharstonandhapton@gmail.com

The Parish Council has now installed a new Defibrillator at Victory House with the help of a grant from Saffron who we are really pleased to be working with and we will be providing free defib training to all. Should any parishioners wish to attend please let me know so I can add you to list once dates are fixed with the training team at London Hearts.

Finally, in this newsletter you will see details of any Tharston St Marys church events and the mobile shop that currently only tours Flordon and Hapton is unfortunately stopping till late September which is a shame for all the parishioners who have come to use it. It is hoped that when it returns, we can get Tharston added to the stop list.

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The Parish Council





NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS NEEDED

Tharston and Hapton Parish Council have 2 vacancies for Parish Councillors and are looking for local residents to join the council (especially from Tharston).

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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We are also pleased to announce that we are running our weekly outings again. Our October outings are as follows:

- Thursday 14th October – Lunch at The Red Lion, Needham - Fare £7.00
- Monday 18th October – Stowmarket – Fare £10.00
- Monday 25th October – Lunch at The White Horse, Stoke Ash – Fare £7.00
- Monday 1st November – Waitrose and Wymondham – Fare £10.00
- Monday 8th November – Taverham garden Centre – Fare £15.00
- Monday 15th November – Cherry Lane and Goodies farm shop – Fare £7.00
- Monday 22nd November – Highways Nursery – Fare £15.00
- Monday 29th November – Norwich City centre – Fare £15.00

Some outings do have limited space so please book early to avoid disappointment.

For more information or if you would like a copy of our 2021 outings leaflet, please contact us on 01379 854800 or email adminborderhoppa@btconnect.com.

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COMMUNITY PROJECTS

The Parish Council are undertaking some community projects that they feel will benefit the whole parish.

Obviously the big one is the provision of the new community field in Hapton for all to use and as per the update in the introduction notes the parish council have now put the deposit on the paly equipment and the cabin and will soon be ordering the picnic benches and hopefully the compostable toilet.

The Parish Council have now installed a book exchange in the phone box by Hapton Garage (that houses the defib) and all parishioners are welcome to bring and exchange books at their leisure and even put unwanted books into the exchange. We must thank Graham Bleach for all his work on this.

The Parish Council are also keen to work with Tharston Church on providing a similar scheme when the other phone box is installed on the Parish Councils land by the church to allow Tharston residents to run their own scheme.

Other plans are to provide a Compostable toilet on the same site for the church goers to use and also their own book exchange on the site for all parishioners to place old books and maybe take some new ones. The Parish Council have checked with planning and researched the covenants and as the land is owned by the parish council it is fine to do and this information has been sent to Tharston PCC for their attention. We are hoping to arrange a meeting with the PCC very urgently to get this moving forward and agree the actual site of both the compostable toilet and the phone box.

The Parish council are always looking at ideas from parishioners to provide facilities or events for the whole parish to enjoy but unfortunately the plan to run a firework display on November 5th cannot be arranged in time but planning will start for an event next year early in the new year.

Finally, we ask that if any parishioners have any ideas for projects or events to contact the parish clerk on tharstonandhapton@gmail.com

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THARSTON ST MARYS CHURCH NEWS

The Church Fete

We welcomed the Fete back after having to cancel it in 2020 and in an effort to increase numbers attending, several new stalls were introduced such as Vintage Clothes, good quality Toys, an Aunt Sally, Boule for Beef plus a Bar and a BBQ. We also introduced a Games Zone specifically for the younger children and all these played an important part in achieving an amazing result.

We ended up with an amount after all expenses of £2737.18 which exceeded our previous best result by some £900 and this will certainly ease the financial pressure for 2021.

We must once again thank Mr & Mrs Massey for letting us hold the fete at Wheeler Barn, all those who attended, all those who helped with the setting up and dismantling of the Fete and all those who ran the stalls. There were also those who simply made a Donation to the Fete, (financial or otherwise).

We had our sponsors and they were Pete's Pets, The Butchers House, the Foundry Nursery, Simons Landscaping and Farmer Barnes Butchery (Tasburgh & Hethersett), all of whom kindly provided items for the raffle or stalls.

Last but not least there were those Vintage Vehicle owners who proudly displayed their pride and joy for all to see.

We now look forward to 2022 and hopefully you will all be able to help us repeat this result.

Church Services

We would like to welcome you all to attend our special services for 2021 which are the Harvest Festival with refreshments at 6.30 on October 16th and our Carols by Candlelight also with refreshments at 7.00 on December 17th.



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Community	Properties flooded from main river	Properties flooded from ordinary watercourse	Properties flooded from surface water	Properties flooded from combined sources
Fornsett St Peter	7	2		
Hapton	1			
Hempnall	9			2
Lower Tasburgh	1			
Shotesham	1			
Trowse Newton	3			
Wrampingham	2			

Table 1: Number of properties internally flooded where at least 1 property is likely to have been flooded from a main river.

Have you been flooded? – please let us know

We are very keen to know about all the properties that have been flooded internally, so that any data we capture can help inform future decisions. If you have not contacted us to report flooding at your property, please let us know, as we are very keen to know the full extent of the flooding in the River Yare catchment. Please email enquiries_eastanglia@environment-agency.gov.uk. Or ring 0203 0255472. Information relating to flooding from ordinary watercourses, surface water or ground water will be shared with Norfolk County Council as the Lead Local Flood Authority and included in their Section 19 report.

We will communicate with residents of properties known to have flooded internally to investigate options for managing flood risk.

We have created an online survey and would encourage all residents who were flooded to complete it by using the following link. <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/l7HEVS/> if you require a paper copy please call Tina Starling on 07500 884454.

All the data and information we capture is reviewed and the results help to inform our flood warning service, ensuring we provide an accurate and timely warning service for future flooding. We will let you know if changes are made to your flood warning service.

Where can I find out more?

Register with our Flood Warning Service by visiting our website: <https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings> or call Floodline on 0345 988 1188.

You can check if your property is at risk of being flooded by visiting our website: <https://www.gov.uk/check-if-youre-at-risk-of-flooding>

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You can send us any comments or questions on this update by emailing enquiries_eastanglia@environment-agency.gov.uk.

River Yare Winter Flooding Briefing

September 2021

Fornsett St Peter, Hapton, Hempnall, Lower Tasburgh, Shotesham, Trowse Newton and Wrampingham.



Introduction

This is a briefing to inform and advise you of the flooding that took place in December 2020 from the River Yare and associated tributaries. We will explain what happened, what our role is, how we work with partners and what the next steps are for your community. It will not give you all the answers you want at this stage.

What happened?

In December 2020, East Anglia received an exceptionally high amount of rainfall, the River Yare area received 50mm in 18 hours, and a total of 71mm in 96 hours.

Across Essex, Suffolk and Norfolk we issued Flood Alerts to 21 different areas and Flood Warnings to 16 locations during the flooding between 24 December and 2 January 2021.

The widespread flooding and devastating impacts on people, homes and communities was a consequence of heavy rainfall falling on an already wet catchment which was especially sensitive to intense rainfall.

The Environment Agency has a strategic overview of all sources of flooding and coastal erosion. We are also responsible for flood and coastal erosion risk management activities on main rivers and the coast. Lead Local Flood Authorities (LLFAs) are county councils and unitary authorities. They lead in managing local flood risk (ie risks of flooding from surface water, ground water and ordinary (smaller) watercourses).

At the end of December 2020 over 300 properties across Norfolk suffered the devastating consequences of flooding. Within the River Yare catchment we have records of at least 24 properties being flooded internally from main rivers, although this number may be higher if flooding was not reported. Table 1 below provides further information on the communities where we are aware of flooding having occurred from main rivers, with many other properties having suffered from flooding from surface water, ordinary watercourse and ground water across the catchment. Norfolk County Council as the LLFA are producing a Section 19 report (as stipulated by the Flood & Water Management Act) which compiles information on flooded properties across Norfolk and provides recommendations.

Our role during flooding

We cannot stop all flooding, but we work to limit the impact and we do help communities to prepare. We provide 24/7 cover to respond to flooding and pollution incidents. We issue alerts and warnings to help people reduce the impact of flooding from main rivers, reservoirs, estuaries and the sea. Our primary roles during flooding are:

- providing a warning and informing service
- operating the flood defences and structures we own and manage
- being part of a multi-agency incident command and control group

Environment Agency (EA) staff were working in the wider area across Norfolk & Suffolk responding to incident reports and checking defences.

Flood Warnings

We provide a warning and informing service through our Flood Warning Service. We have a network of both rain gauges and river gauging stations to monitor the height and flow of rivers. If a river level is measured or forecast to reach above a typical range this means that flooding is possible, and a flood warning or alert may be issued.



FLOOD ALERT

At 08:14 on 24th December and at 08:10 on 29th December we issued the following flood alerts respectively for the for the upper Rivers Yare, Tiffey, Tas and Wacton, and the River Yare at Norwich from Cringleford to Trowse Newton : *be alert, stay vigilant and make early preparations*



FLOOD WARNING

We also issued the Flood Warning; *flooding is expected, take action to protect yourself and your property, at;*

01:56 on 24th December for The River Tas through Stoke Holy Cross
23:43 on 23rd December for The River Tiffey, from Wymondham to Barford
11:34 on 24th December for The River Yare from Barnham Broom to the A11 at Cringleford
21:12 on 24th December for The River Yare from the A11 at Cringleford to Trowse Newton

If you are in an area able to receive flood warnings from us but did not receive the Floodline warnings issued as listed above, please check that you are signed up to receive them by contacting Floodline on **0345 988 1188** or sign up at: <https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings>

Managing and responding to flooding

During the flooding we worked closely with professional partners to minimise flooding across the Yare River catchment area. This includes working with professional partners, including the police, fire service and the rest of our partners on the Local Resilience Forum (LRF). A meeting of the LRF took place on 28 April to review the incident and we continue to work together on the recovery side of the incident.

For the duration of this event, staff were conducting 'river runs', which are operational checks of the rivers and flood plains. They would check local pinch points and bridges to ensure no debris was holding back flows and clearing any obvious blockages that could impede flows.

Data

We are collating and processing the data received from our flood survey and are reviewing our flood warning service to ensure we provide an accurate and timely warning service for future flooding. We will let you know if changes are made to your flood warning service.

We are in the process of obtaining channel survey for the River Yare and joining tributaries in preparation for us starting to update our flood modelling over the coming years. This will improve our understanding of flood risk and will utilise the information we obtained from the December 2020 flooding.

Later this year we hope to carry out threshold surveys of the properties that were known to have flooded, to help us understand the scale of the flood risk. This, in combination with the updated flood risk modelling, will help us ascertain if there are cost beneficial ways to reduce the flood risk.

