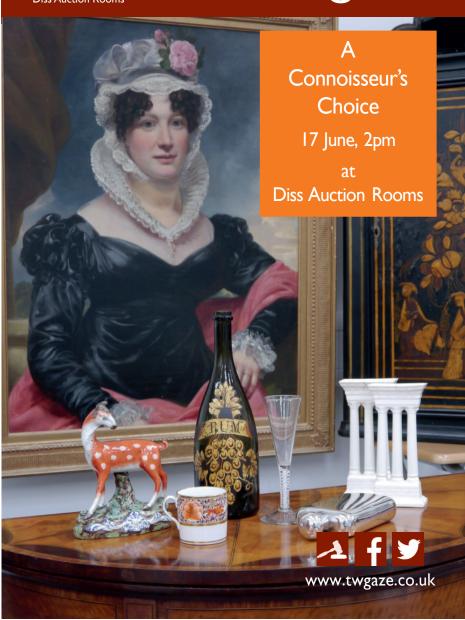
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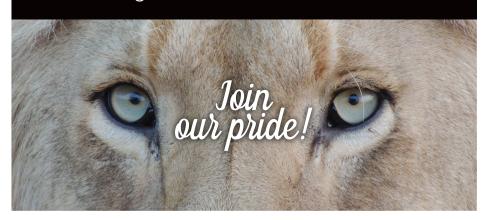


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Welcome to the Tharston and Hapton Newsletter

Welcome to the Summer edition of your newsletter.

This month's newsletter being written with Covid still a factor but 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

The Hapton Community project is moving forward and the grass has now been sowed and should soon have its first cut. The Council is now looking at the make-up of the field with play equipment contractor being named as Vale Sport and Leisure plus we will also be installing a compostable toilet on the field too. Picnic benches with incorporated tables will also be provided. The final piece on step one of the project is to have a community building also that we can use for meetings and events. We would also like to invite all Parishioners to give us their ideas on the siting of the play area, Toilets and building asap. 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.

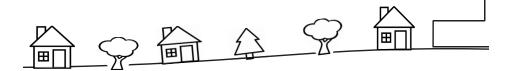
As Parish Clerk it is now great to get around the Parish as I used too and please say hi if you see me and bring me up to speed on any issues you may have. If you do have any issues and do not see me, I would prefer you use the parish email address rather than the website contact form as I see these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

The Parish Council will be installing a new Defibrillator at Victory House with the help of a grant from Saffron for who we are really pleased to be working with and we are also will be providing free defib training to all. Should and parishioners wish to attend please let me know so I can add you to list and inform you of the dates once they 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 unfortunately the mobile shop that currently only tours Flordon and Hapton is 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.

If you feel you have the time and commitment to join the Parish Council, please contact the clerk on the following email for further information tharstonandhapton@gmail.com



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New Police and Crime Plan Priorities Consultation

The Police and Crime Commissioner launched his Police and Crime Plan Priorities Consultation yesterday and it will run until 5pm on Friday 20th August 2021.

Ahead of developing his Police and Crime Plan, The Police and Crime Commissioner has launched a public consultation on his proposed policing and crime priorities for Norfolk and is urging people to share their views by taking a short online survey.

To find out more and share your views with the PCC, visit www.norfolk-pcc.gov.uk



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OUR PRIORITIES

LONG STRATTON SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

On Monday 5th July 2021 the local Safer Neighbourhood Team held a virtual public meeting for Long Stratton and the surrounding Parishes via Microsoft

The setting of local priorities for Long Stratton were discussed and they were agreed as the following:

Speeding

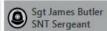
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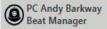
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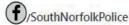
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How unusual weather patterns have affected mammal and insect behaviour this year

During the first half of 2021 in the UK, we have already experienced several periods of unusual weather. A cold, dry spring with regular frosts plus heavy rain, thunderstorms and flash flooding in May and June have all been recorded across the country. These extreme weather patterns also have an impact on our wildlife:

Wasps

Exceptionally cold weather during the spring affected wasp numbers as many queen wasps who were coming out of hibernation were killed off due to the affect of frost and cold weather. Queen wasps can often come out of hibernation too early if there is a warm winter, which leads to their demise. You will have noticed that you have seen very few wasps about until the end of July early August this year. Last year due to the exceptionally warm spring, we were treating wasp nests really early, at the end of April, which was a record.

Honeybees

The cold spring months resulted in honeybees swarming much later than usual, as they look for a new home for their colony during the summer months. Because they have had less time to forage for nectar and build up their honey stores, a colony could be endangered by the time winter arrives. Queen honeybees can survive for 3 or 4 years but their survival relies on worker bees regularly providing them with food.

Moles

A very wet June combined with flash flooding has resulted in an abundance of worms and lots of mole activity. Moles tend to breed in the spring so at this time of year, young moles are becoming active and leaving their nest area. Combined with plentiful food sources, this has led to lots of mole and molehill activity throughout the summer. Because moles are opportunistic breeders they will probably breed again now, resulting in another wave of activity of October.





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THARSTON CHURCH FETE

Having missed out last year, we are pleased to say that the Fete is back and will take place on Saturday September 11th at Wheeler Barn (NR15 2YF) by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Massey, it will open at 2.00.

There will Cream Teas and Prosecco, a BBQ and Beer plus the usual stalls of Books, Bric a Brac, Raffle, Tombola, Cakes, Games for all ages, a display of Vintage Vehicles and hopefully Pony rides.

As usual we need your help and we are looking for Good Quality Books, Children's Toys, items of Bric a Brac, Cakes (on the Day), Bottles for the Tombola and items for the Raffle.

We also need help in setting up the Fete on the Thursday and Friday and also to dismantle it on the Sunday and Monday. Are there any Younger strong people who would like to lend a hand, if so, please contact Chris Lawson

To arrange for delivery or collection of any items please contact either

Chris Lawson or Sue Hubbard

(530055/email@chrisandhelen.co.uk) (531845/suzihubbard@btinternet.com)

CHURCH SERVICES

These will continue to be held on the 2nd Sunday of each month and all are welcome to attend, particularly those Families with young children. We now have a rota of "young readers" and if you would like us to add your child to the list, we will be very pleased to do so.

CHURCH OPENING

The Church will now be open to all visitors daily from 10.00 to 4.00

Sling Your Hook Campaign Launched By Neighbourhood Watch To Tackle Scams

We are excited to tell you more about our <u>SLING YOUR HOOK campaign</u> running throughout July to help tackle scams

WHY 'SLING YOUR HOOK'?

The campaign taps into the psychology that scammers use to hook people in, helping you stay one step ahead and protect yourself and your loved ones against the increasing variety of scams happening every day. We have identified the following five behaviours scammers commonly use:

- They imply they are doing you a favour (reciprocity)
- They indicate everyone else is doing this (social proof)
- They say your only chance is to act now (urgency)
- They act like they are similar to you, so you like them and want to please them (connection)
- They ask you to do one little thing which makes you do more (commitment).

We also know that often victims of scams report that in hindsight they felt something was not quite right at the time. This campaign aims to raise awareness of the tactic's scammers use and encourages people to 'stop and think' if something does not FEEL, SEEM, LOOK or SOUND right. This allows them time to trust your gut instinct and help prevent becoming a scam victim.

"Everyone likes to feel special. But watch out! If a stranger is going out of their way for you, something fishy may be going on instead. Scammers like to offer one-off deals and favours. Don't be afraid to tell them no." John Hayward-Cripps, CEO of Neighbourhood Watch Network

How can you support this campaign?

- LEARN: Visit our <u>scams website pages</u> to learn more about common scams, preventing scams, reporting scams, supporting victims and a scams campaign toolkit
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Community message

Chief Constable Paul Sanford

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I am really proud to be serving as Norfolk's Chief Constable until the Norfolk Police and Crime Commissioner recruits a permanent replacement.

Until that time, I will be focussed on providing an exceptional service to all of our communities and protecting residents from harm, particularly those who are vulnerable.

I have served in Norfolk throughout my policing career and have helped deliver the strong foundations on which Norfolk Constabulary currently stands. I want to continue providing strong leadership which will enable officers and staff to provide that exceptional service and a standard of policing everyone can have confidence in

In order to do that it is vital we are visible and accessible to all. We want to engage and connect with all our local communities to understand their concerns and, where issues are identified, work with those communities to provide solutions and prevent crime from happening in the first place.

Over the coming months, officers will be encouraged to Park, Walk, Talk – parking up in our towns and villages, spending some time walking around the local community and talking to local residents.

I want people to be able to approach our officers within their community and tell us what is happening in your local area. Our officers will then feedback any issues or concerns to the local Beat Managers. If you miss our officers on patrol and you do have any concerns, then I would encourage you to contact your local Beat Manager directly so we can respond to community issues effectively. You can find out who the local Beat Manager is for your area by visiting the Norfolk Police website.

We will also continue with out robust response in tackling criminals and proactively target those who cause the most harm to our communities, such as County Lines drug dealing. Only last week I was proud to honour officers and staff who have been central to closing down these drug lines at source.

However, our work will not stop there and we will continue to work with the Metropolitan Police to identify and prosecute criminals – and with partner agencies under Project Adder, focussing on drug users to combat the demand for drugs.

Looking ahead, I know the past 18 months have been challenging for everyone and as the country starts to open up again, we can expect a busy summer — especially for our coastal and tourist spots as more people are expected to take a UK holiday. However, we cannot be too complacent, we have seen infections slowly rising and whilst we want people to enjoy the summer, please do so responsibly.

We will be there for our communities throughout the summer. Our role is to serve the communities we protect and make people feel safe - and we are committed to working with you to achieve that.







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COMMUNITY PROJECTS

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The Parish Council are looking to install a book exchange in the phone box by Hapton Garage (that houses the defib) and all parishioners are welcome to bring and exchange books once the exchange is up and running.

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 as the phone box for church users to use and a meeting with Tharston PCC is planned to get this moving and sited by (hopefully) the end of September.

The Parish council are always looking at ideas from parishioners to provide facilities or events for the whole parish to enjoy and another idea is to run a firework display on November 5th or suitable date close to this as we have been made aware that neither Long Stratton nor Wacton will be running their popular events this year. Unfortunately, this is still in the planning stage with more information to follow as soon as we have the details and costs, including insurance etc.

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