Little Snoring Parish Newsletter
October 2021

A message from the Parish Council

Dear Resident

Welcome to the first edition of our revamped parish newsletter. The last couple of years have not been what anyone expected and the global pandemic has made many of us realise the importance of community. We are aiming to extend and develop community links within Little Snoring. This newsletter is the first step in the process. We are looking to use the newsletter to provide greater information to residents, support local business and provide some general interest pieces.
We aim to reinstate the newsletter as a bi-monthly publication, following the pattern of the Parish Council Meetings.

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The Village SAM

Did you know Little Snoring has a SAM (a Speed Awareness Monitor)?
The SAM has been monitoring speed around the village since 2018. It provides a record of the number of vehicles daily, hourly numbers and the speed recorded. There are 6 sites where the camera is placed, with the main one being near Crossways shop as that is considered the most dangerous point within the village. The camera is moved to different positions so drivers do not get used to it. It is also possible to move the camera to positions requested by parishioners. Once in position the data recorded tells us that most drivers adhere to the speed limit although occasionally the speed recorded is frightening. Since the ending of COVID restrictions the volume of traffic on the main road has increased significantly.
The last position for the camera was on The Street coming from Great Snoring.
It recorded 16,840 vehicles, giving a 5-day average of 434 vehicles and a 7-day average of 415 vehicles.

SAM report cont…

Peak times for vehicles were between 10 -11 am and 3- 4 pm. The average speed across all vehicles was 28mph. The average speed for those recorded as speeding was 39 mph. The fastest speed recorded was 70mph on 25/07/2021 at 16.25.

Parish Council Meetings:

Parish Council meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of alternative months in the Community Room, 7.30 start. Village residents are welcome to attend the meeting. There is space on the agenda for residents to raise matters of concern.

Next meetings:

08.11.2021 – main item on the agenda, setting the budget and precept for 2022 -23

10.01.2022

News from the Parish Council

Website: http://littlesnoringparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/

Investigation: Erection of a bus shelter near The Green Man
Following a request from a resident, the Parish Council investigated the possibility of erecting a bus shelter on Holt Road for passengers waiting for the bus into Fakenham. The cost of purchasing and installing a bus shelter was in the region of £4000 - £5000. Advice was sought from Highways regarding the position. The Engineer thought that there would not be enough space as the front panel of the shelter has to be set back 450mm from the edge of the road and then there needs to be at least 1500mm to get past with wheelchairs, double buggies etc. It would only be possible if the footway could be widened to 2 metres and the hedge maintained so that it didn't encroach. On measuring the pavement, it was discovered that those conditions could not be met, so unfortunately there will be no bus shelter near the Green Man.

Parking
Problems with parking on Kettlestone Road, by the school and on London Patch was discussed at the recent meeting. The best solution would be for the school to have a carpark on one of the adjacent fields. In the meantime, it is hoped that parents and staff will walk to school where possible and park responsibly and safely avoiding London Patch as much as possible so that the grass is not damaged.

Creating wildflower areas
The Parish Council is exploring the possibility of creating wildflower areas around the village to support insects and wildlife. Advice is being provided by Norfolk Wildlife Trust. During a site visit, the two advisers were greatly impressed by the variety of wildflowers in the Roadside Nature Reserve (which runs along the churchyard wall on the road to Great Snoring) and also by the meadow plants in the churchyard. With permission from St Andrew's Church, they will be carrying out a survey next year. They will provide a little plaque stating that it is conservation churchyard and also suggest a management plan: for example, identifying a patch to rake after cutting and spreading the seed in other areas and gradually increasing the number of the patches. The management is to prevent courser grasses and plants (like nettles and thistles) taking over. The work be manageable by a group of volunteers (please contact the Parish Clerk if you would be interested in joining a working group – cutting the grass and raking hay in the summer).

The Village Sign
The Village Sign is to be cleaned and repainted – so it will be away from its post by the bus shelter at The Hill / The Street for a few months.

Do remember that the minutes of Parish Council meetings are available on the Parish Website

Thank you to …

- the resident who trimmed back the cherry tree that was overhanging the sign
- those who have trimmed back various overgrown verges,
- those who have cleaned signs and picked up litter

It is much appreciated.

Can you help?
The notice board on Holt Road needs to be repaired. If you would be able to replace the Perspex and adjust the bolts do contact the Parish Clerk.

Norfolk Dialect Quiz

1.What would you do with a cushie?
2.Who is a mawther?
3.What sort of person is a lummox?
4.Hold yew hard! … What are you being asked to do?
5.What is a dickey?
6.What is a Bishy Barnebee?
7.Who or what is a bor?
8.What is a dodderman?
9.We are going to the midder – where is that?
10.What is a guzunder better known as?

Are you a local business?

We are keen to support local businesses by offering them advertising space in the Newsletter for a nominal fee to help with printing costs.

Advertising rates:

	1 issue	6 issues
½ page	£10	£50
¼ page	£5	£25

Please contact us on: littlesnoringnewsletter@gmail.com

Your village needs you! - We would love to hear from you!

Please contact the editor (littlesnoringnewsletter@gmail.com) if you have;

- articles to sell or donate to others, free advertising for Little Snoring residents
- a recipe to share in Recipe Corner
- plants, seeds, cuttings you would like to swop with other gardeners
- an event or local group that you would like to promote
- ideas for community events and groups
- a contact for local advertising
- times of church services, opening times etc.

All submissions for the next edition need to be received by ***Friday 19th November 2021***

We'd love to hear from anyone who would be keen to help with the production and delivery of the newsletter.

Covid Memorial Plaque

Every parish and town in Norfolk will receive a plaque, commissioned by Lady Dannett, Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Norfolk, to recognise the work of communities during the Covid - 19 Pandemic.

The plaque has been designed by an art student from Norwich University and will contain the wording:
'live your best and act your best and think your best'

(A quote from Harriet Martineau, a Norfolk born sociologist)

Macmillan Coffee Morning

The Macmillan Coffee Morning hosted by Celia raised a total of £280 for the charity. Celia sends her thanks to all who attended.

Cuppa in the Community - beginning in October

Come and join us on the **first Monday** of the month at 2 – 4 pm in the Community Room. All are welcome.
(The Community Room now has sound absorbing panels on the ceiling to reduce background noise and make it easier to hear when people are talking.)

Recipe Corner: Norfolk Shortcakes

Ingredients:
450g self-raising flour
175g unsalted butter, cubed
160g sugar
275g currants
1 large egg - beaten (keep a little back for glazing)
small amount of milk to bind
extra sugar for sprinkling

Method:
In a large bowl, rub the butter into the flour until you have breadcrumbs, then stir in the sugar, currants and most of the egg. With a knife, bind together with a little milk until you have a dough ball.
Roll out the dough on a lightly floured surface until it's roughly 1cm thick. Cut into equal sized pieces. Place on a greased baking tray and glaze with the leftover beaten egg. Sprinkle with sugar and bake in a pre-heated oven for around 20 minutes, 190°c, gas mark 5.
Allow to cool on a wire rack and store your Norfolk Shortcakes in an airtight container. Then enjoy with a nice cup of tea!

In the Garden: Jobs for November

1. Clean up fallen leaves, especially from lawns, ponds and beds
2. Raise containers onto pot feet to prevent waterlogging
3. Plant tulip bulbs for a spring display next year
4. Prune roses to prevent wind-rock
5. Plant out winter bedding
6. Cover brassicas with netting to keep the pigeons off
7. Insulate outdoor containers to protect from frost
8. Put grease bands on fruit trees to stop damage from winter moths
9. Put out bird food to encourage birds into the garden
10. Then put your feet up in front of the fire after a job well done!

Norfolk Tourism Survey
Norfolk residents are invited to take part in a survey to gather their views on tourism in the area.
It is part of the Norfolk County Council EXPERIENCE project. It will be carried out every six months over the next 2 – 3 years focusing on winter and summer tourism.
To take part go to:

https://surreyfbel.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0GvxicG7WnmWsB0

The survey closes at midnight on the 15th October 2021

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee will be celebrated over the weekend of the 2 – 5 June 2022.

If you have any ideas for events in the village to celebrate the Jubilee please contact the editor or any of the parish councillors.

As part of the celebrations nationally, a chain of beacons will be lit. This will be the last chain during the Queen's reign. Currently the nearest Beacon sites are at Holkham Hall and Houghton Hall – but more will be announced over the coming months.

Quiz Answers:
1.Eat it (sweets), 2.girl, 3.clumsy or ungainly person, 4.hang on a moment, 5.a donkey, 6.a ladybird, 7.a boy, 8.a snail, 9.a meadow, 10.a chamber pot.

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