

## Little Snoring Parish Newsletter December 2023



The Parish Council wish all residents a very Happy Christmas! Look out for Santa and his sleigh on the 19<sup>th</sup> December as he does his Charity Run through the village.

Please remember we are always happy to hear from villagers who have articles for the newsletter, items to sell or donate to others and information about local events. Contact: [littlesnoringnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:littlesnoringnewsletter@gmail.com)

### Newsletter submissions

Date for submission of items	Delivery – week beginning
12 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2024
15 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	25 <sup>th</sup> March 2024

### Fakenham Carers' Group

Are you an unpaid carer?

Do you help a friend or relative to manage on their own? Shopping, collecting prescriptions, taking them to appointments?

If so would you like a little break once a month to come and chat with other carers, enjoy refreshments and relax?

We are an offshoot of Carers Voice offering information and advice and a listening ear when things get too much. (Careline Freephone 0800 083 1148)

We get a yearly grant to run a local programme of social events starting next year with a chat from our fire officer on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024, in the Community Room, Little Snoring. She offers free services to check your alarms etc. and lots of good advice.

We also offer a Christmas Lunch at The Gallow on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December with a grant of £10 towards it for every carer. You will be very welcome at these events – for more information please contact Celia on 01328 878789.



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Festive  
Cuppa, Cake and Chat  
in the Community  
Monday December 4th 🌲 🌲

2-4pm

Tombola raffle. Prize every time!

A warm welcome to everyone.

Your hosts are Sally&Steve Jones, Jenny&Hans Tiisler

(For more details contact Sally 077925 48221)

in The Community Room, Stevens Road, Little Snoring.



## SAM Report

The SAM2 unit was on The Street, near the bus shelter during Sept and Oct monitoring traffic speed and the volume of vehicles travelling from Great Snoring. It is now on Holt Road.

From 10 Sept to 16 Oct 2023:

- An average of 368 vehicles were recorded daily (10,717 in total)
- The peak times of travel are 9-10 am and 3-4 pm
- The maximum speed was 60 mph at 2:25 pm on 29 Sept.
- The majority of vehicles were travelling below the speed limit which is 30 mph. The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed (i.e. of 9,109 vehicles) was 33.1 mph; and the average speed was 25 mph.

## Can you help?



We have a large increase in demand at our Foodbank centres recently.

Please help local people in crisis by shopping from the list below and donating items to the instore Tesco Foodbank collection point:

Tinned meat/fish	Teabags/coffee
Tinned fruit	Pasta sauce
UHT milk	UHT fruit juice
Biscuits and jam	Nappies

Thank you very much, the Mid-Norfolk Food Bank

## CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

Raffle and cake stall

Donations of cakes to sell and raffle prizes welcome.

TUESDAY 12 TH DECEMBER at  
10.30 am

To be held in the Community Room

In aid of funds to repair our parish church and prevent further damage from the elements. To access grants we need to show that we have raised some fund ourselves.

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### Puzzle corner: Track Word

How many words of 3 letters or more can you find by tracking from one letter to the next in any direction? You can only use a letter square once in each word.

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The **Community Room** is available for hire at £5 an hour. For a booking form or more information please do contact the Clerk: [littlestnoringpc@googlemail.com](mailto:littlestnoringpc@googlemail.com) or telephone 01328 822366.



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**How much do you know about your family history?**

**Would you like a family tree?**

Genealogist with more than 30 years' experience would be pleased to help anyone interested in exploring his or her family tree. I offer assistance particularly in respect of genealogical research in the UK (Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales), Eire, Isle of Man, Jersey Guernsey, Germany and Belgium. Other territories considered. Reasonable charges.

**Anthony Cooper MA**  
(tonyr.cooper@googlemail.com)

## Recipe Corner: Christmas Rocky Road



### Ingredients:

100g butter cut into cubes + extra for greasing	75g Christmas sweets or Marshmallows
250g Christmas biscuits	400g chocolate
75g shelled nuts	140g golden syrup
100g mixed dried fruit	2tbsp sprinkles or sweets to decorate.

1. Butter and line a 20cm square tin. Break the biscuits into small pieces, about the size of a pea.
2. Halve any large nuts and combine all the nuts with the biscuits. Do the same with the dried fruits and sweets.
3. Melt 300g of the chocolate, the butter and the golden syrup in a pan over a low heat, stirring occasionally. Pour the mixture over the nuts, biscuits etc. and mix so that the chocolate covers everything.
4. Tip the mixture into the tin and level the top. Melt the remaining chocolate and drizzle over the top then sprinkle with decorations. Chill for at least 3 hours before cutting into squares.

## St Andrew's Little Snoring

Revd Robin Stapleford email: [rev.hindringhamgroup@btinternet.com](mailto:rev.hindringhamgroup@btinternet.com)

Tel: 01328853226

**Services** [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com)

Sunday 17 December 10:30 am Communion

Saturday 23 December 2:30 pm Short Carol Service

Sunday 21 January 10:30 am Communion

**Everyone is welcome to attend**

Puzzle Answers:  
Did, dig, din, dindling, ding, dwindling, gild, gild, gin,  
dilling, lid, lig, ligin, lin, ling, linn, nidi, nil, wig,  
wild, wilding, win, wind, winding, wing.  
*Chambers English Dictionary*

## News from the Parish Council

Thank you to all those who responded to the question in the previous newsletter regarding a possible increase in the precept to purchase new playground equipment. A total of twenty-seven responses were received all objecting: 22 emails (two signed by couples), 2 telephone messages, 3 letters (Facebook comments: 7 in total of which 3 also sent emails to the Parish Council). In light of this response it was agreed to leave the playground as it is and not to add new equipment.

The budget and precept for 2024-25 was discussed at the meeting in November. The current year 2023-24 has a projected overspend of £8,366 which has come from reserved funds. This is largely due to the maintenance costs of the playground equipment, upgrading the fuse box and emergency lighting in the Community Room, and repair to the bus shelter roof.

The main outgoings for 2024-25 (in addition to core costs for employment, insurance, audit, admin, subscriptions, inspections and utility bills) are

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|----------------------|-------------|
| • Grass cutting      | £4,800      |
| • Maintenance        | £3,000      |
| • Churchyard mowing  | £ 350       |
| • Newsletter         | £ 650       |
| • Dog waste          | £ 670       |
| • Rubbish collection | £ 350 (new) |
| Total                | £9,820      |

In order to cover the expected costs (and allow for £825 to be returned to the reserves), it was agreed to set the Precept for 2024-25 at **£16,500**: an increase of £2,750 (20%). This leaves the reserves quite low at £5,830, and it was agreed to they would need to be built up gradually as it is recommended that reserves are in place to cover about a year of expenses.

As the funds are stretched this year, it was decided to make just one donation to St Andrew's PCC of £325 which covers half of the cost of mowing the grass in the north west quarter of the church yard where the more recent graves are. The rest of the church yard is being managed for conservation – with one cut a year carried out by volunteers. This provides a habitat for wild plants, insects, butterflies, birds and small mammals in which to grow and flourish.





## **Your Parish Councillors:**

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07776320342

Vacancies x 2

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Catherine Redford

Liz Spanton  
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Gary Brown (Vice-Chair)  
0879355212

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There are currently two vacancies on the parish council – if you are interested in becoming a councillor, please contact the clerk.

## **Parish Council Meetings:**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7:30 pm in the Community Room. Village residents and members of the public are always welcome to attend the meeting. There is a space in the agenda for people to raise matters of concern. Do contact the Clerk (details above) if you wish to bring anything to the attention of the Parish Council.

Next meetings:

08.01.2024

11.03.2024

## **Parish Council Website**

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