



CATFIELD NEWS

Your village magazine March 2024



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Monday to Friday 8.30am - 5.30pm

Dispensary Hours

Monday to Friday 8.45am - 5.30pm

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Surgery Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8.30am - 6.00pm Wednesday 8.30am - 1.00pm

Dispensary Hours

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Surgery Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8.30am - 6.00pm Thursday 8.30am - 1.00pm

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TABLE TENNIS

We are looking for some more people to join our table tennis group.
We play Monday mornings
10 am till 12 in
Catfield Village Hall.
For more information call
Stacey on 01692 678838.

Come along and have a go.



Looking for somewhere to advertise?

We currently have advertising space available in the Catfield News.

For more information contact

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Come and join the Catfield News Team

Would you like to be part of the team that produces the village magazine?

If you fancy a new challenge and have some spare time we would love to hear from you.

If you are interested please email secretarycatnews1@btinternet.com or drop a note in the Catfield News box in the village shop.

What's on in Catfield

Indoor Cycling

Join us for an invigorating workout in Catfield village hall, **Monday and Thursday evenings 6.45pm to 7.30pm**.

Bring a bottle of water and a small towel. You remain in control of your bike so you can set the resistance to the level that's right for you. Then just cycle along to the music as the instructor guides you through the session.

Class costs £6 and pre booking is required.
Contact Jane Turner to book a bike.

Catfield Village Hall Friday 1st March 10.30 onwards

Come and join us for a coffee, a chat in a warm space and perhaps play a game of scrabble, dominoes or rummikub before finishing with a tasty bowl of soup.

This is a free event and all are welcome. For more information contact Judith on 01692 615807

Litter Pick Saturday 2nd March Meet Catfield Village Hall 10am

Parish Council Meeting Catfield Village Hall

Wednesday 6th March, 7.00pm.

Murder Mystery Evening Catfield Village Hall

Saturday 9th March See page 18 for more info.

Catfield Stitching Group Tuesday 12th March and Tuesday 26th March 2pm to 4pm in Catfield Village Hall

We are a friendly group of like-minded people, all at different levels of experience. If you, like us, enjoy stitching and sharing creative ideas, we would love you to join us. Please bring your own project (embroidery, knitting, crotchet, patchwork or creative sewing). We have occasional, optional group projects and workshops.

Please contact Pat Reid 01692 582978 for more information. £3.00 per session.
Tea, Coffee & Biscuits included.

Norfolk County Council Mobile Library

Route Number CEN 210
Next Visit Tuesday 19th March 2024
Thorn Road 14:45 - 15:05
Village Hall 15:10 - 15:30

Bingo

Catfield Village Hall, Friday 22nd March, 7.00pm See page 4 for more info

Catfield Crafters Wednesday 27th March 1pm to 3pm in Catfield Village Hall

At each meeting members share new ideas and techniques as well as making two card projects. All tools and materials are supplied. The subs for each session are £3.00 which includes refreshments. New members are always welcome.

Contact Jennifer Banham on 01493 740560 for more information

Quiz & Curry Night
Thursday 28th March, The Crown Inn, Catfield
See page 19 for more info

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All current Catfield Parish Councillors reside in Catfield and have been democratically elected. All Cllrs are happy for you to contact them at the above details.

The Museum of the Broads opens for 2024!

We can't wait to welcome visitors again from Sunday 24 March.

Come and discover many stories of the Broads. Families and dogs are welcome, there are activities for all ages, and you can take a boat trip too. We start with a fun, family Easter Trail over the school holidays with themed prizes for children taking part. Don't miss it!

And remember, you can buy an annual ticket for the Museum, so pay once and visit as many times as you want throughout the year. We also have combined boat and entry tickets. See our website for details and to book.

The Museum of the Broads, Poor's Staithe, Stalham, NR12 9DA, 01692 581681

<u>www.museumofthebroads.org.uk</u> @MuseumBroads on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram

CATFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

WEDNESDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2024

Public Update

- A parishioner advised of a dangerous telegraph pole opposite the church clerk to report
- A parishioner advised that noise control and vehicle movement tests had been carried out as part of the Store Galore planning application. However, certain movements had been excluded. Councillor Harris suggested that the parishioner put his concerns in writing to District Councillors Bayes and Taylor and cc to Parish Council.

Councillor Bayes Update

 Councillors Bayes and Taylor have a meeting with the planning department on Friday 9th February 2024 when all outstanding planning issues will be discussed. The file note of the planning meeting with Councillor Harris had now been approved. The next Catfield surgery will be in March. The next Community Day will be Sunday 3rd March 2024. The Internal Drainage Board meeting will be on March 8th 2024.

Councillor Price Update

Confirmed by email that he was awaiting a reply from Steve Blatch regarding a
planning meeting to discuss the Mushroom site. He had also requested detailed
pothole claims criteria from senior highway officers.

Planning

- Siting of mobile home on land off School Lane/Ludham Road
 Response from the NNDC planning enforcement team leader read out together
 with a response a neighbour had received from the planning enforcement officer.
 It was agreed that the responses were contradictory. Concern expressed about
 the delays in this matter. PC to write to NNDC expressing these concerns.
- Store Galore as discussed under Public Update above
- Malthouse Corner, Malthouse Lane, Catfield Change of Use of the land to a caravan site for single caravan for Gyspy and Traveller Residential Use; hard standing, portacabin and installation of cess pit (part retrospective). The site is in a blast zone and the Parish Council had written to the HSE. Further correspondence had been entered into with the HSE and consideration of this correspondence would be deferred until the next meeting. There was now 1 portacabin, I mobile home and 2 caravans on the site.
- Milestones discussed with Brownfield Development
 The Parish Council had an agreed draft letter. Waiting for meeting with Steve Blatch to be confirmed.

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CATFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS (cont'd)

Highways & Road Safety

- Pedestrian verge along the Mushroom Site nothing to report
- Road Blockages/Closures due to farming vehicles

Roads including Wood Street and School Road were being closed due to sugar beet loading and were covered in mud without any signage.

Dr Harris to draft a letter to the farmer on behalf of the Parish Council.

FloGas - high light levels on Long Lane

The Parish Council will write to PEO, FloGas' parent company and to Highways again.

Elderbush Lane Parking

PC Pritty had visited the site but not found any obstructions or hazards at that time. Any complainants were encouraged to call 101 when they were happening so the police could respond swiftly.

Environmental

Catfield Environmental Group

Litter pick scheduled for 2nd March (or 3rd if weather poor). Next footpath walk on February 18th 2024 – 10.30 am from How Hill car park. Next Bingo session on 23rd February 2024.

Flooding and related Sewage Issues

Catfield Primary School—Three Parish Councillors had attended a meeting with the school regarding flooding issues. The risk of transferring to the new academy status had also been discussed at length with Norfolk County Council. The Parish Council to contact the school and Norfolk County Council to advise that the Parish Council is against this decision unless there are operational and financial indemnities in place as the Parish Council wish to see a viable school in the village.

Catfield Staithe— Correspondence had been received advising of the pumping station's inability to cope which had resulted in sewage back flowing. The CUC had responded to the correspondent and had reported the issue to the relevant agencies.

Wood Street/Plumsgate— Dr Harris had written to Anglian Water to notify it of the issue. The Parish Council to write to all the relevant agencies advising of the issues at Catfield Staithe, Wood Street and Plumsgate Road.

Dr Bacon advised of a pollution issue at Catfield Fen - Environment Agency made aware

Dog Fouling - Deferred to next meeting

Cannon Wake Court Compensation

Letter to be sent to the Church and NNDC – letter to be hand delivered to the residents

PLEASE REFER TO THE WEBSITE FOR FULL DETAILS OF MEETING MINUTES

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 6th MARCH 2024



As always, our youngest children have thoroughly enjoyed their forest school sessions. As you can see in the photos below they love getting stuck in, making the most of the messy play! We spend our Friday afternoons playing in the mud kitchen, building dens, bug hunting and lots more. We love our outdoor environment and cannot wait to see the changes that Spring brings!

We are looking for any volunteers who would give up some of their time to come and tend to our very sad looking flower beds. Unfortunately, we are so super busy teaching and learning that we do not have the time to care for them which is why we are reaching out to our community for support. I would also appreciate any support with tending to our pond, it has become rather overgrown! If you are able to help (we would really appreciate it!), please phone or email the school.

Miss Amis (Senior Teacher)







All Saints Church, Catfield and the other churches in the Benefice March Services

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Sunday	3rd March	10am	Benefice Holy Communion	Potter Heigham	Rev'd Gary Noyes
Sunday	10th March	10am	Mothering Sunday Mothering Sunday	Catfield Potter Heigham	April Noyes ALM Judith Gardiner LLM
Sunday	17th March Passion Sunday	10am	Joint Holy Communion	Catfield	Rev'd Gary Noyes
Sunday	24th March Palm Sunday	10am 6pm	Joint Holy Communion Evening Prayer and Bible Study	Potter Heigham Catfield	Rev'd Gary Noyes Judith Gardiner LLM
Holy Week					
Monday	25th March	7pm	Compline	Potter Heigham	Judith Gardiner LLM
Tuesday	26th March	7pm	Compline	Catfield	April Noyes
Wednesday	27th March	7pm	Compline	Ludham	Christine Wall
Thursday	28th March Maundy Thursday	7pm	Compline	Ludham	Rev'd Gary Noyes
Friday	29th March Good Friday	12 noon	Good Friday Walk of Witness	Ludham	Rev'd Gary Noyes
Sunday	31st March Easter Day	10am	Holy Communion Holy Communion	Potter Heigham Ludham	TBA Rev'd Gary Noyes
		3pm	Easter Garden Songs of Praise Service followed by tea and cake	Catfield	Judith Gardiner LLM

Tom Butler

Tom Butler lived in Thorn Road until October 2020 when he moved to live next to his daughter in Somerset. His family would like to pass on the sad news that he died, very peacefully and at the grand old age of 97, on 23 January. Until the last few weeks, he was to be seen on his walks around the village, as had been his custom in Catfield, always interested in the world around him. The garden also kept him well occupied - runner beans, sweet peas and carnations being the priorities!

We are carrying through Dad's wish that he be buried alongside his wife, Maureen, (a founder member of the Paper Crafters, who passed away in April 2010) in the graveyard of All Saints Church. Both Tom and Maureen loved their many years living in Catfield and the family remains ever grateful for the friendship and support they were given by everyone who knew them there.

Easter Day Songs of Praise and garden service on Sunday, 31st March at 3pm All Saints Church, Catfield



Why not join us for a special Easter Day Songs of Praise and garden service on Sunday, 31st March at 3pm. If the weather is fine bring a rug or chairs for all the family to sit on as we are hopefully holding the service outside. Just like the Christmas nativity, there will be modern readings and of course animals and an Easter egg hunt. Easter bonnet competition for both children and adults How could you miss it?

Dear Friends,

As we come into March, and begin to feel the real effect of the lengthening days, and the amazing rate of growth around us in this beautiful part of the Broads, a certain motivation towards creativity begins to take over- it doesn't matter really what form it takes: you might be a gardener, artist, poet, woodworker, or you may just love being outside. Those feelings of winter-induced apathy begin to lift, and latent projects are planned and take shape. You may have heard of the poet Gerard Manley Hopkins, and he wrote this about how he saw Spring, way back in 1877: 'Nothing is so beautiful as Spring- when weeds, in wheels, shoot long and lovely and lush; Thrush's eggs look little low heavens....have, get, before it cloy, before it cloud, Christ, lord, and sour with sinning...'

There's something in that about spiritual reality, optimism and hope. For some of us, it is making the journey from defeat to victory, and what better time than Easter to take a fresh look at how we respond to the events of the cross and resurrection for ourselves? Defeat had been turned into victory for those early disciples, and it's the same for us now- we can step out in faith in the risen Jesus. Here lies new life, new beginnings and new hope. God knows this only too well, because he knows and loves us, and gives us the opportunity on a daily basis of living life to the full, whatever that might mean for us.

May this season prove to be a great blessing to all of us here in the Waterside Benefice, and here's a prayer that you may wish to use: 'Heavenly Father, rekindle my faith this Easter-time. Assure me, through experiencing again the presence of the risen Christ in my heart, that with you nothing is too good to be true, for you are able to do more than anyone could ever imagine. To you be praise and glory, now and for evermore. Amen.'

With all our best wishes for a Happy Easter!

Gary and April



NWT Hickling Broad

As we head into March, signs of Spring are all around us and winter will soon be cast to the back of our minds. Already Bitterns have been heard gulping in air that stretches the air-sacs in their necks that extend to produce the iconic booming call as air is released. Male Marsh Harriers are sky-dancing over the reedbeds too. Lengthening daylight hours and un-seasonally mild temperatures give hope of warm and sunny days ahead. Some of of you may have enjoyed the spectacle of the wintering Whooper and Bewick's Swans close to the reserve. These wonderful birds should be cherished because a phenomenon called 'short-stopping' is threatening their winter arrival in Norfolk. It is caused by global warming and means that northern species are not travelling as far south as they previously needed to be able to survive winter conditions. In the future these swans may not grace our Norfolk landscape.

We recently trialled our first ever 'hearing experience' boat trips in recognition of World Wetland Day. Passengers were furnished with a sleep mask, the boat was taken to a quiet, secluded spot and masks were deployed for up to ten minutes to heighten the sense of hearing and appreciate the sounds of a winter water landscape. Such a success was this venture that more will follow. Keep an eye on our website for more dates.



Our final Winter Water trails are scheduled for March 16th-17th. Booking through the website is essential. Seasonal Water trail boat trips will re-commence in time for the Easter weekend. These can be booked by telephone through the Visitor Centre (01692 598276). Please do come along and see us.

NWT Senior Boat Operator Jon Williamson

Farming News

After the best part of three weeks driving their tractors round France, the French farmers have been given what they wanted. The ability to carry on using Red diesel, if farmers had to use White diesel, it's the equivalent of a food production tax, the removal of family tax when transferring a farm to the next generation but most importantly the Green ambitions from Brussels have been chucked out. This sparked off protests in Germany, Poland, Spain and Brussels. So, we appear to be competing with a two-tier European farming system, we have our Sustainable Farming Incentive to enhance the Environment whereas the French are saying we are in a better position following Brexit as their green credentials are forced upwards. As one French minister put it "we are suffering from the declinology logic of a green wokeism", maybe something has been lost in translation but the message is clear the French have realised that the EU cannot take away subsidies and force farmers down the route of higher environmental standards then having to compete with Ukraine wheat being dumped in Poland, which affects every farmer in Europe, including here in the UK. Something had to give and it wasn't the farmers. The farmers then had the six-hour drive back to Agen, just in time to watch France vs Ireland in Marseille. They were probably too tired to worry about the score and finding their team at the bottom of the table. At least they took on the authorities and won.

Perhaps East Norfolk householders and farmers affected by the flooding should have blocked the opening of the Herring bridge. I do wonder if anyone is listening to our concerns about flooding.

Sugar beet are all lifted and hauled to the factory with minimal disturbance and extremely low dirt tares but now the wet weather has returned, so its back to the office and the dreaded Sustainable Farm Incentive applications. Having done three months' work in the last three weeks, we are up to date - just as lambing begins.

I've just completed the GWCT Big Farmland Bird Count. This is where we hide up for 30 minutes and count all the different birds we see. I think its in direct competition with RSPB's Big Garden Bird Watch. There is always going to be more birds on farmland than in a garden, but this year the count was over 1500 birds which is impressive. Except that there were very few small birds present. The reason for that might have been the 4 Buzzards, a Marsh Harrier and a Sparrow Hawk observed. If I get time, I might do another count on the marshes for over-wintering waders.

I've coppicing another hedge in another village. What really surprised me was that people took the trouble to come out and thank me for how much better things looked. They were interested in what crop would be growing in the field in question, the change in subsidies, the effect on food prices and the amount wildlife on the fields. It really feels like farmers have the Public's support and we won't have to drive our tractors to London.

The over wintering sheep passed their Blue Tongue test and were moved. Its hardly surprising that they passed as they were not in Norfolk when the infected midges flew over from Holland. What is a bit of an unknown is the animals that were grazing on the marshes in September but went home after the midges bit. They don't seem to be a concern for APHA (Animal & Plant Health Agency) who have their control zone in place. However, Schmallenberg virus is back- I do wonder if we should be using fly repellants more in the Autumn to keep these midges away from stock. AWA 10.2.2023

News and happenings – Catfield Environmental Group, March 2024



Litter pick Saturday 2nd March

Please come and help with our first community litter pick of the year, which will take place on Saturday 2nd March, starting at the village hall at 10 am. All equipment is provided, all you need to bring is sturdy footwear and a pair of gloves. If the weather on the day is bad we will run the event the following day assuming the forecast looks better. Follow our Facebook page for up-to-date news.

Footpaths

We have restarted our programme of footpath walks, and our first walk of the year takes place around How Hill on Sunday 18 February. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for notification of the next one. As we walk, we make a note of any problems we encounter on the footpath network, and were recently advised by Norfolk County Council Highways that a missing signpost we reported on FP6, between Longmoor and Plumsgate Road, is being remedied.

Jubilee Corner

Tulips are now coming up in the planters and crocuses should be appearing around them soon. We have ordered various species of wildflower plugs to plant in April in and around the planters and will need plenty of help to get this done, so do get in touch if you can spare a little time. In the meantime, we aim to keep the area looking neat in advance of the daffodils coming into flower.

Sutton Road businesses

We have written to the landowners of business sites along Sutton Road, with the support of our District Councillors Matthew Taylor and Kevin Bayes, to see if there is any appetite for working together to make the area look more attractive and welcoming to residents and customers alike. Some individual businesses have been visited too. One idea being explored is some additional hedging. We hope that the daffodils we planted on the opposite verge last autumn will add some colour to the area in the spring as a starting point.

Fundraising

Our March bingo session takes place at the village hall on Friday 22nd, at the usual time of 7pm. It's always fun and light-hearted and helps raise funds for projects in the village, so do come along and join in. After that, our next event will be the Plant Sale on Sunday 19th May, running in conjunction with the Garage Sale.

Our regular meetings are held at 7 pm at the village hall on every 4th Wednesday, which in March will be Wednesday 27th. All are welcome, just come along, or you can contact us in advance at catfieldenvironmentalgroup@gmail.com or 07932 191558.

TREAT MUM TO A TRIP ON WHERRY AND HELP KEEP HISTORY SAILING

Norfolk charity Wherry Yacht Charter says a trip of one of their boats this summer could be the perfect gift for Mothering Sunday on March 10th.

"The unique experience of sailing on a pleasure wherry allows you to slow down and reconnect with nature as you cruise the beautiful waterways of the Broads National Park. It's very relaxing and would be a wonderful way to give a mother or mother figure some memorable me time," says charity Trustee Judith Keogh.

Booking a place on one of the many scheduled sailings operated by the charity not only makes a great gift, but also helps to "Keep History Sailing" as all the income generated by Wherry Yacht Charter is used to preserve the historic vessels for future generations.

Trips are available between 8th May and 30th September and include sailings with:

- Lunch or supper included.
- Tuition from a professional artist who will help participants create their own artwork inspired by sailing on a wherry.
- A guided tour around a nature reserve only accessible by river.

Others set off from various Broadland locations including Wroxham, How Hill, Ranworth. Stalham and Oulton.

Log on to www.wherryyachtcharter.org to see the full programme of scheduled sailings and make a booking.

Articles and pictures for the Catfield News

If you have an article for the magazine we would love to receive it, but please remember to include your name as we do not print articles if we do not know who the author is. We don't have to print your name, but we need to know who you are.

Do you have a picture that you think would look good on the cover, or maybe an old picture of an area that has been redeveloped. Articles and pictures can either be e-mailed to one of the team or dropped into the Catfield News box in the Catfield Stores.

Tip; To change a hot light bulb that has blown, put on an oven mitt then you won't burn your fingers when you are removing it.

WHO KILLED THE FARMER?



MURDER MYSTERY EVENING

Saturday, March 9th
7 for 7-30 start
In Catfield Village Hall
£10 a head with meal
Shepherds pie, Sausage
Casserole or Cheese and
Potato pie and
Desserts
(Bring your own drinks)



To book choice of meal and seat please ring 01692 615807 In aid of Catfield Village Hall

The Crown Inn Catfield TEL 01692580128



AND CURRY NIGHT

THURSDAY 28TH MARCH 7PM FOR 7.30PM START MAXIMUM 5 PER TEAM BOOKING ESSENTIAL £7 PER PERSON

AN ALTERNATIVE TO CURRY IS AVAILABLE

Chef's Specials

<u>Breads</u>



Brioche Rolls

Ingredients

375g strong white flour 4 eggs, 1 beaten for glazing 50g caster sugar 175g butter, softened 7g sachet fast-action dried yeast 2tsp salt 100ml milk, warmed

12 x 7.5cm brioche tins (muffin tins would work)

Method

- Mix together the flour, sugar, yeast and salt, then add the milk and 3 of the eggs. Mix to a dough and knead for 10 minutes. Add the butter and knead for another 10 minutes. Put the dough in a lightly oiled bowl and refrigerate overnight.
- Grease the brioche tins. Lightly knead the dough then divide into 12 equal pieces. Cut a
 quarter off one piece and form both pieces into balls. Place the large ball in the tin and
 the small ball of dough on top, securing it by pressing the floured handle of a wooden
 spoon through the centre. Repeat with the remaining dough.
- Cover loosely and leave to rise for 30 minutes. Preheat the oven to 170C. Glaze the risen brioche with the beaten egg making sure it doesn't drip own the sides. Bake for 10-12 minutes or until golden brown and cool on a wire rack.

<u>Foccacia</u>

Ingredients

500g strong white flour
7g sachet fast-action yeast
1tsp salt
4tbsp olive oil, plus extra for oiling
3tbsp extra virgin olive oil
½-1tbsp course sea salt

Method

- 1. Tip the flour into a bowl and stir in the yeast and salt. Stir the olive oil into 300ml tepid water and add to the bowl. Mix to a soft dough, adding more water if necessary. Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured surface and knead for 8-10 minutes or until it is smooth and elastic. Cover dough loosely with clingfilm and leave in a warm place for 1 ½ hours or until doubled in size.
- 2. Roll out to a 25x40cm rectangle, brush half of the extra virgin oil over half of the dough, brush water around the edges of the other half, fold the dough in half to give a 25x20cm rectangle. Place it on a baking tray and press your knuckles down into the dough to give it a dimpled surface. Cover dough with a tea towel, leave to rise in a warm place for another 30-40 minutes.
- 3. Preheat oven to 180C, drizzle the extra remaining extra virgin olive oil over the dough leaving it to pool slightly in the dimples. Sprinkle with sea salt and bake in the centre of the oven for 30-35 minutes or until risen and golden in colour.

 D.S.

ThinkWilt on 2084 - or sooner

It was a warm day in April. The temperature was twenty-eight degrees, and would reach thirty by the end of the day, unless there was a cloudburst that would wash everything that wasn't held down into the marshy ground that bordered the village. Later in the year, a prevailing forty to forty-five degrees would make work impossible, so harvest had to be in by the end of May. Winston, feeling the few remaining bartoks in his pocket, was on his way to register with the militia. With luck he would get a few hours of back-breaking labour and receive enough of the "barter tokens" to exchange at the food bank, also run by the militia. Winston remembered faintly that his parents, in his infancy, had told of metal and paper tokens that they had called money. By some incomprehensible process these tokens could also be kept in intangible form and retrieved and transferred at will. None of this had been possible since the UK had lost the short, sharp cyberwar, after which soldiers in strange uniforms had appeared and announced in broken English that they were in charge.

Since the cyberwar, there had been no contact with anything or anybody other than the militia. Former means of communication, or indeed of travel, were but a childhood memory to Winston. He presumed that at least some of these facilities were available to the militia, as their personnel came and went, and tools and materials were sold, in exchange for bartoks, for tilling fields or for mending clothes and dwellings as far as possible. All his life he had lived in his parents' house in the centre of a village shrinking as water levels rose year on year. Such houses as remained had to be shared, of necessity, by men and women alike. Relationships were not discouraged, but any resulting babies were removed at birth. Some believed that they were taken away to be raised and educated by the Rulers; others were more cynical.

There were occasional announcements by the militia. The Rulers had plans to reverse the apparently inexorable advance of climate change, and would soon usher in a new era of comfort and security. It needed only the untiring efforts of those in the village to bring about this desirable end. Meanwhile, relief from the drudgery of everyday life was provided by clandestine gatherings known as ceilidhs, a word whose origins were unclear, but everybody knew what it meant. Songs and tunes had been handed down through the ages, and precious instruments were hidden away and lovingly cared for. The militia took no interest, knowing that the people were powerless, so these ordinary folk clung to their memories, and even to the idea that Someone or Something would deliver them. They lived in hope, even as they died in despair.

ThinkWilt is the pen-name of Richard Reid. The above is fiction, but the debt to current affairs, history and literature is acknowledged.

Following on from last month's cover pictures of Threeways Garage we have received these ariel shots of the garage in situ and post the site redevelopment. They show the garage still in use and The Crown Inn, and then some years later, the housing which replaced the garage site, along with the changes to the pub. The earlier photo is certainly pre. 1971 and the later one is circa 2016-2018.





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Through December, January and February, we have embarked on an extended maintenance programme to try and ensure all the equipment is ready for the up coming season. Salt water and machinery are not best friends and so it is an expensive battle to keep ahead of the game. This together with Station up grades has been very time consuming.

We also had a catch-up meeting with the MCA, with whom we hold a Declared Facility Agreement. All is well and we look forward to working with them this year.

However, we are in need of more crew. We have vacancies for many roles, whether on the boats, the shore or station. If you would like to learn more as to how to help, please message us, call or visit the Station on Thursday evening or Sunday morning and we would be delighted to have a chat, without any obligation to you.

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Tickets are £5 each, which includes tea or coffee in the interval.

One Liner; Memory is a cruel mistress with whom we all have to dance.

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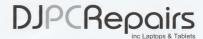
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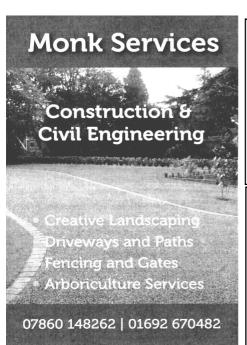


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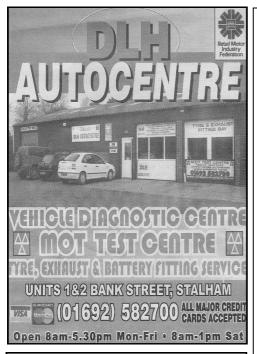
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