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When...

Sunday 30th August, 12pm onwards

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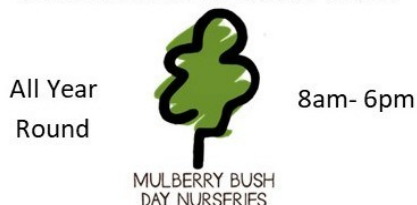
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Parson's Page

Have you ever noticed how August and September each carry their own distinct feel?

August feels relaxed; there's that summer sense of freedom - longer days, children's laughter, time away, a chance to slow down a little. It can be a month of breathing space, with more room to notice what's around us and be thankful for the good things God has given us.

While August pauses activity, September is like 'pressing play.' For lots of people, September feels more like New Year than January does. There's that 'we're back-to-it' feeling as holidays end, summer starts to fade, and everyday routines return. Sorting school uniform, lunch boxes, meetings, school runs and children's clubs mean we're back to clock watching and squeezing as much as we can into each day.

God is there in quieter moments and in busier ones. He meets us in ordinary days, everyday tasks and new beginnings.

As these two months unfold, let's keep an eye out for God's faithfulness in both rest and fresh starts. Let's pray for our children and young people beginning new schools and colleges; as they find their feet in places which are unfamiliar, and for confidence, friendship and peace in the days ahead. Let's pray for teachers and support staff preparing for a busy Autumn Term, asking for wisdom, patience and strength in their demanding role.

Whether life is exciting, messy, busy or uncertain, we're not going through it on our own.

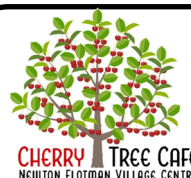
Reverend Rachel Hayden

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Susan Peters Corbett 01508 470539 - St Peter's Swainsthorpe

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St Mary's, Newton Flotman

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Sunday	Aug 9th	11:00	Holy Communion - Dawn Davidson
Sunday	Aug 16th	11:00	Morning Worship - Lesley Cox
Sunday	Aug 23rd	11:00	Morning Worship - Lesley Cox
Sunday	Aug 30th	10:30	Benefice Service at Saxlingham St Mary's - Dawn Davidson

St Peter's, Swainsthorpe

Sunday	Aug 2nd	09:30	Holy Communion - Rachel Hayden
Sunday	Aug 9th	09:30	Swainsthorpe Special - Lesley Cox
Sunday	Aug 16th		No service
Sunday	Aug 23rd	09:30	Swainsthorpe Special - Lesley Cox
Sunday	Aug 30th	10:30	Benefice Service at Saxlingham St Mary's - Dawn Davidson

For services in September in Newton Flotman and Swainsthorpe, and all other all other churches in the Tas Valley benefice, please visit www.tasvalley.org

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If you are interested in church and village history NFaST will be meeting on Tuesday mornings in the church room 10-11 in the Summer holidays. Do pop in - refreshments available. We will be happy to show you what information we have if you have a specific request! Equally if you have photographs or information about the village we could look at, and possibly scan for the archive, come along!



As a church community we are looking forward to Beth and Jordan's wedding on 5th September at St Mary's! Listen out for the bells on the day but ahead of that look out for a chance to be involved in getting the churchyard spruced up!

The refreshment team will be out in force the Village Fete on 30th August, serving their legendary refreshments for church funds! There will also be familiar faces at the Climate Care, stall and NFaST are with the Parish Council displaying details of the village walks that they have been working on.



Gavin Broad is getting back in the saddle for us for the 50th Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride, Walk and Drive on 12th September – see the village Facebook posts nearer the time with sponsorship details.



Come and celebrate!!! Harvest Festival @ Sunday Space on 20th September

Kirsten Remer

churchwarden kirstenremer@gmail.com



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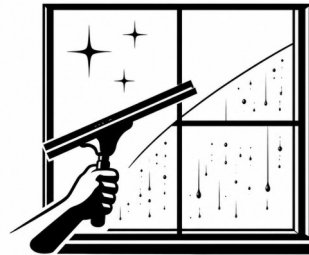
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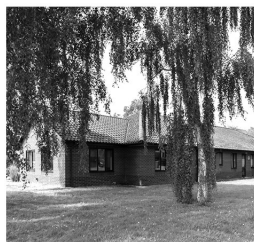
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- Help plan and run patient surveys, health awareness events or information sessions
- Act as a voice for your fellow patients, gathering views and feedback
- Collaborate with the practice team on improving services and communications
- Contribute ideas and help implement agreed actions between meetings

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- Can commit time and energy to making meaningful contributions
- Are willing to listen to others and work collaboratively as part of a team

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- Completing the expression of interest form available at reception, or speak to a member of the reception staff
- Emailing us at longstrattonppg@gmail.com (please use this email if you also wish to have more information on the PPG)

Join us and help us build a stronger, more patient-centred practice for everyone.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Martin Lander
PPG Chair

Newton Flotman Parish Council Notes

*****REMINDER*****

Parliamentary Petition Concerning the A140/Flordon Road Junction

Discussions regarding the improvement of the A140/Flordon Road junction have been ongoing for some years. In late May a traffic flow study was commissioned and carried out by Norfolk County Council Highways.

Following conversations with MP Ben Goldsborough he has put together a parliamentary petition as follows;

"To the House of Commons.

The petition of residents of the constituency of South Norfolk,

Declares that the junctions on the A140 with Flordon Road, Short Street, Old Street and Cargate Lane are unsafe and pose a risk to motorist and pedestrian safety; and further declares that upgrades are needed to improve the safety of these junctions.

The petitioners therefore request that the House of Commons urge the Government to encourage Norfolk County Council to commit to upgrading the junctions on the A140 with Flordon Road, Short Street, Old Street and Cargate Lane, and to improving safety for road users."

Residents are encouraged to sign the petition. It can be signed at Parish Council meetings, the Cherry Tree Café (Wednesdays 10-12 in Newton Flotman Village Centre), The Village Café (Saturday 10-12 in Newton Flotman church room), the doctor's surgery, the social club (Friday evenings in the Village Centre) and at the village fete on 30th August.

Councillors will also take the petition to the residents of Newton Flotman, knocking on doors so they can be given the opportunity to sign the petition if they have not done so already.

It is hoped that the petition will be submitted to the House of Commons in September, subject to timetabling.

Land At Lowland, Newton Flotman

At the June Parish Council meeting a presentation was given by Woods Hardwick and Colecar Strategic Land regarding a proposed development at Lowland, Newton Flotman. It is proposed the site will have 27 dwellings, of which 9 will be affordable housing (33%) and sits within flood zone 1 (low risk). Biodiversity, ecology and water were discussed. Members of the public asked a number of questions:

Are you aware of past flooding in 2020? further work to be undertaken, houses and gardens are outside of flood zone 2 using 2025 flood zone maps. Woods Hardwick said that local authorities will not allow houses that may be liable to flooding.

Access and egress to the site – Further conversations to be had with Highways before submission

Garages and car parking spaces – the site drawings are in the early stages and not final plans



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Susan Peters Corbett

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NEWTON FLOTMAN	GROVE DALE	12:00	12:20	NR15 1QG
NEWTON FLOTMAN	JOY AVE	12:45	13:05	NR15 1RD
NEWTON FLOTMAN	SCHOOL ROAD	14:20	15:30	NR15 1PR

Affordable housing at other developments have not had the prescribed 33% of properties – it is assumed the development will have the correct percentage

Councillor Paul Weeks also raised that the site is outside the settlement boundary. He also mentioned the previous reasons it was not allowed; highways and flooding.

The presentation raised a number of issues that Woods Hardwick were unable to fully answer at this time.

It was suggested that the piece of land will be submitted as a future area for development in the next "Greater Norwich Local Plan" (GNLP). However for the land to be successfully considered for future development the issues above would need to be mitigated. The Parish Council will wait to hear if it is submitted as a potential area of growth in the GNLP. The Parish Council has limited influence in relation to commenting on the plan.

Village Green

For a number of years, the Parish Council has worked with the Climate Care Group and grass contractor to promote the growth of wild flowers on the village green. As part of this, paths are cut around and within the green to allow wild flowers to become established. The paths are generally cut around every two weeks (weather dependent) with others areas following different cutting patterns to work with growing seasons.

The Parish Council hopes that this grass cutting will continue in future years to further encourage wild flowers to establish, and eventually dominate the green.

Meetings

The Parish Council meets every month (except August and December) on a Tuesday evening. Forthcoming meetings are being held on;

August – no meeting

Tuesday 29th September Village Centre, 7:30pm

The public are very welcome to attend parish council meetings and there is always an opportunity for you to ask questions and to have your say. Minutes of all meetings are posted on the Parish Council website – www.newtonflotman-pc.gov.uk

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Maria Hutson, Clerk to the Parish Council

What's On In Our Villages

Social Club - Newton Flotman Village Centre

Friday 7th Aug - Peaky Pizza

Friday 14th Aug - Claridges

Friday 21st Aug - Tatos

11th Sept - Peaky Pizza

25th Sept - Bingo and Tatos

Youth Club - Newton Flotman Village Centre

For 8 -16 year olds - Wednesdays 6-8 pm (term time)

Cherry Tree Café

Wednesdays - 10am to 12 midday - Newton Flotman Village Centre

Village Café

Saturdays - 10am to midday - Newton Flotman Church Room

Summer Space

Thursdays in August - 9.30am-12midday - Newton Flotman Church

Film Night - Newton Flotman Village Centre

Tuesday 18th August - H is for Hawk

Bar open from 7pm; Film starts at 7.30pm

Summer Events

FIGS Afternoon Tea - at 'The Croft', Swainsthorpe - Saturday 23rd August

Sunday 30th August - Newton Flotman Village Fete - 12-4pm

Including Wacky Walkies Dog Show from 12pm

Swainsthorpe Church History Evening - Friday 4th September 7.30pm

Swainsthorpe St Peter's

Jill & Andy's Coffee Morning - Saturday 19th September 10am-12pm

Swainsthorpe St Peter's

Outreach Post Office

Wednesdays 11:30am -12:30pm - Newton Flotman Church Room

Mobile Library

Wednesday 15th July

Crafting for a Cause

1st Weds of the month, 2 - 4pm, Newton Flotman Church Room

3rd Saturday of the month - 10-midday at Village Café

Village Walks

2nd Saturday of the month

For more details contact Richard Beach 07963006091

Parish Council Meetings

Tuesday 28th September, 7:30pm - Newton Flotman Church Room

Wednesday 9th September, 7.30pm - Swainsthorpe St Peter's



Little Hands Toddler Group

Welcome to Little Hands Norwich, a Parent, Baby, Toddler, Early Years Group. Join us weekly on Tuesdays at 10:30am-12pm and 1pm-2:30pm. Our sessions are led by Annaliese, an experienced Early Years Practitioner at Newton Flotman Village Centre.

Little Hands Norwich is a welcoming, nurturing stay and play group, providing opportunities for children aged 0-5 years to explore, play, and discover through both indoor and outdoor spaces, and engage in holistic, sensory, imaginative play experiences.

Secure your space via our booking system 'BookWhen' and pay for your session on: <https://bookwhen.com/littlehandsnorwich>



New food waste collections coming to South Norfolk

A new free weekly food waste collection service is rolling out across South Norfolk, helping households reduce waste and recycle more food. The service is being introduced in two phases:

Phase 1: Collections start week commencing 27 July 2026

Phase 2: Collections start week commencing 28 September 2026

Not all households will begin at the same time. Residents can check which phase they are in and find their collection start date using the postcode checker on the Council's website.

Before collections begin, households will receive a leaflet with further information, along with a kitchen caddy, outdoor food waste bin and liners.

The new weekly service can be used for all food waste, including peelings, leftovers, tea bags, coffee grounds, meat, fish and bones. Food waste will be collected on the same day as rubbish and recycling collections, using a separate vehicle.

Collected food waste will be recycled into renewable energy and nutrient-rich fertiliser, helping to create a cleaner, greener South Norfolk.

Find out more and check your collection start date at:

www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/food-waste-south-norfolk