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Susan Peters Corbett

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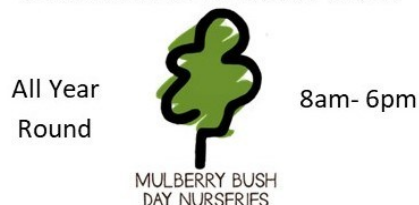
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Parson's Page

As part of my ongoing training as a priest, I had the privilege of joining the Spiritual Healthcare Team at the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital during August.

The team work incredibly hard to ensure that spiritual healthcare is for everyone, regardless of faith, belief or background. They seek to bring meaning, hope, comfort and strength to patients, families and staff, particularly during times of illness, uncertainty or loss.

I was able to see the many ways they do this, ranging from a clothes bank for patients to helping parents during baby loss, from staff teaching sessions to sending bereavement cards. The Chapel and its garden offer a rare moment of stillness and reflection within a busy hospital.

Jeremiah 30:17 says, "I will restore you to health and heal your wounds." The Bible speaks of healing as holistic; connecting physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being. The team at NNUH beautifully illustrate the love God has for the individual in those moments of attentive listening and compassionate presence at a bedside. God sees the whole person, not just a diagnosis or a list of physical symptoms and he cares deeply for them.

Throughout my placement I was struck, once again, by the dedication of our hospital staff. From consultants, clinicians, nurses and chaplains to cleaners, caterers, porters and support staff, all of whom contribute to the healing of body, mind and spirit. If you are one of them, thank you. You're amazing! I pray that God will equip, encourage and enable you each day as you work.

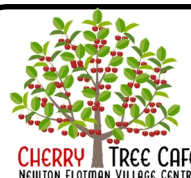
Reverend Rachel Hayden

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Are you unable to get to church but would like to receive Holy Communion at home? There is a tradition in the Church of England that Holy Communion is taken to those at home who are unable to get to church because of illness or other circumstances.

Home Communion normally takes place once every four to six weeks and can be on a one-off or regular basis. If you would like to receive Holy Communion at home or find out more, please contact me on 01508 826971 and I will be happy to have a chat or arrange a visit.

Reverend Rachel Hayden



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Rev'd Rachel Hayden (Curate) revrachelhayden@gmail.com 01508 826971

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On matters to do with the church buildings or churchyards, please contact one of the church wardens:

Kirsten Remer 01508 471580 St Mary's Newton Flotman

Susan Peters Corbett 01508 470539 - St Peter's Swainsthorpe

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Sunday Oct 4th 11:00 Holy Communion - Dawn Davidson
Sunday Oct 18th 11:00 Sunday Space - Kirsten Remer

St Peter's, Swainsthorpe

Sunday Oct 11th 09:30 Swainsthorpe Special - Dawn Davidson
Sunday Oct 25th 09:30 Swainsthorpe Special - Philip Simmons TBC

For services in other churches in the Tas Valley benefice, including Shotesham, Saxlingham Nethergate and Tasburgh, please visit www.tasvalley.org

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ST MARY'S CHURCH Newton Flotman

to parents who supported their enthusiasm! Our 'Christmas Space' will be on Sunday 20th December.

Gavin Broad was back in the saddle, on 12th September, cycling over 70km in aid of the Norfolk Churches Trust and St Mary's, Newton Flotman (50%/50%). There is still time to give https://www.justgiving.com/page/g-broad-3?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=WA

If you have moved into the village over the summer – **WELCOME!** There is a lot going on in the village: we host **Village Café** in our church room 10-12 every Saturday or why not pop along to our **church services on the first or third Sunday** of the month at 11am. Details of other services in our benefice can be found on page 5 or at <https://tasvalley.org/> If walking or crafting are your thing, we've a **walking group** every 2nd Saturday and **Crafting for a Cause** meet every first Wednesday 2-4pm and third Saturday 10am-12pm in the church room - you will find a warm welcome at all these!

Our local heritage group, NFaST, is planning its 2027 calendar and it will be hosting Village Café on November 7th as part of Remembrance Weekend. Tower tours will be available, as well as access to the Newton Flotman village archive and a chance to view the research about those on our village war memorial housed in the church. There will be a Service of Remembrance on 8th November at the church at 10.45am.

The Christmas Wreath Making workshop is on 28th November, 1-4pm in the church room. More details will be in November's Partnership, but I know some of you missed the date last year so we are giving you the heads up!

Kirsten Remer

Crafting for a Cause

We are a small, friendly group who meet to bring and share crafting skills which are put to use to raise money for good causes.



This year we will be raising funds for 'Little Lifts', a Norfolk-based charity which aims to provide thoughtfully handpicked gift boxes to people affected by breast cancer.

We meet twice a month – every first Wednesday afternoon and every 3rd Saturday morning, in Newton Flotman church room. We quite often have the materials needed for items to be made, so there needn't be any cost to individuals.

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Some Fishy Good News

At one time, waters off Scarborough and Whitby were famed for having the giant fish - Bluefin Tuna. Overfishing caused the collapse of herring stocks on which the tuna feed. Tighter international management of fishing has allowed fish stocks to recover and scientists have now tagged five bluefin tuna off Whitby. Bluefin Tuna is a native British species and its return shows the ecosystems underneath the waters are healthy. (Source: University of Exeter).

Climate Friendly Tip

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The application form for community grants from the Parish Council for 2027/28 is now available.

The grants will form part of the 2027/28 budget, therefore the applications are for the period April 2027-March 2028. Funding cannot be applied retrospectively. Grants are usually paid no earlier than the September of the financial year that they have been applied for.

The deadline for applications is Monday 12th October so they can be considered at the October meeting. Applications after this time will not be considered.

The application form can be found by contacting the Clerk on the details below. If you require any assistance with your application please get in touch.

Village Fete

The Parish Council had a stand at the village fete. It was well attended and great to interact with residents and find out what is important to them. Members of the public are always welcome to attend meetings and meet members of the Parish Council.

Historical Walks

A historical walks leaflet has been produced which was given away at the fete. Copies are also in the Church Room and Village Hall; an online version can be viewed via the QR code here:



Old Bridge

Work is continuing to develop the area to make it attractive for residents. Proposals include two display boards which were shown at the fete. The display boards, technical specification and overall display board of how they will appear on the bridge plus the link to the questionnaire can be found on the Newton Flotman Parish Council website under the heading 'Old Bridge'. You can also access this information by scanning our QR code here:



Parliamentary Petition

Thank you everybody who signed the petition - 535 signatures will be handed to Ben Goldsborough to present to parliament in due course.

Meetings

The Parish Council meets every month (except August and December) on a Tuesday evening. Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 20th October, Church Room, 7:30pm**

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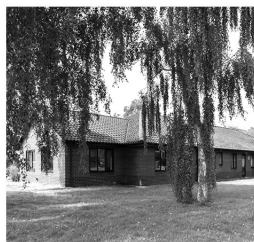
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Maria Hutson, Clerk to the Parish Council

Newton Flotman Bridge Club

New to duplicate bridge? Come along and give it a try!

Newton Flotman Bridge Club is a friendly new club for those who have recently completed a bridge course, are returning to the game, or simply want to enjoy more than the occasional game at home.

Duplicate bridge can seem daunting at first, with unfamiliar scoring, table etiquette and other club conventions. Neil Tracey's new Friday morning sessions are designed to introduce players gently to the world of duplicate bridge, helping them build confidence in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere.

The club meets at **Newton Flotman Village Hall every Friday at 10.00am**. The cost is **£5 per session**, including refreshments.

Come along, improve your bridge, meet new people and enjoy the game! For more information, email newtonflotmanbc@zohomail.eu, visit www.bridgewebs.com/nfbc, or call Neil on **07513 327964**.

I'm also planning on starting lessons from November for folk who would like to learn how to play this wonderful game.

Neil Tracey

Mobile Library for October

The mobile library will be visiting Newton Flotman and Swainsthorpe on Wednesday 7th October. Use it or lose it!

You need to be a library member to use the mobile libraries - remember to bring your library card with you. We look forward to welcoming you on board. For any questions about mobile libraries, email the team at central.mobiles.lib@norfolk.gov.uk.

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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

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Christmas Events

43rd Saxlingham Nethergate Scouts' Christmas Fair

Saturday 21st November - 1-4pm - Scout HQ

Real Christmas Wreaths Workshop - Newton Flotman Church Room

1-4pm Saturday 28th November

Rag Wreaths Workshop - Swainsthorpe

21st and 28th November - 2-4pm

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

Film Night - Newton Flotman Village Centre

Tuesday 20th October - Midwinter Break

Bar open from 7pm; Film starts at 7.30pm

Outreach Post Office

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

Mobile Library

Wednesday 7th October - see page 9 for details

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

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The next edition of Partnership will be for November 2026. Deadline for this will be 14th October. Contributions by email to caroline@uv6.com or call **07855 838553**. The editor reserves the right to edit copy and print as space permits.



Hethersett 'District' Lions' Club (CIO) - Your Local Lions Group: Charity No:1179036

We will be providing car parking again at our charity car park on Lower Clarence Road, Norwich, for all Norwich City Football Club home games. Car park opens three hours before kick-off time for a £5 donation per car. It fills up very quickly so if you want to park come early.

We will be holding a 'Quiz Night' at Newton Flotman Village Centre on Friday October 2nd to raise money for the 'East Anglian Air Ambulance'. There will be a bar and raffle. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start, cost will be £5 per person with teams of up to six people. A food van will be in attendance. To book a table contact John on 01508 570392 or 07979340692.

Recently, donations have been given to several local charities – The Benjamin Foundation, St Martins, Venture Farm Cat Rescue, Norfolk and Suffolk Animal Trust.

We recently had a talk from Rise and Shine, a local not-for-profit business set up by Sara Kennedy from Hethersett after she became aware of a growing number of children without their own bed. It is aimed at tackling bed poverty among children in the local area. The charity Barnardo's estimates that 11% of children across the UK have had to share a bed or sleep on the floor in the past year. A donation was made to Rise and Shine.

We continue to support the Norwich food bank operated by the Trussell Trust by donating £200 per month.

Should you wish to know more about what the Lions get up to, feel free to come along to one of our meetings on the second Monday of the month at Mulbarton Village Hall Committee Room or on the last Wednesday of the month at St. Mary's Church Room, Newton Flotman, both meetings at 8pm.

Club Secretary John Hewitt, phone 01508 570392, email candyjohn@btinternet.com or visit www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/hethersettuk/

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Save the Date!

The Long Stratton Christmas Event will be on
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with all proceeds going to The Lions' Charity.

Some of the amazing attractions include -

Santa & his sleigh!

Rickshaw Rides

Fun Dog Show

Grand Prize Draw - Win A Car! (Sponsored by MF Motors)

Varied Vehicle Show - meet Lightning McQueen & a Salamander Tank!

Local School Choir Groups

Food Market

Football Shootout

Arts - Crafts - Cakes

This year's Light Up Parade theme is DISNEY

From Our Local MP

As children and young people across South Norfolk have headed back to school after the summer holidays, I want to wish every pupil, parent, teacher and member of school staff a very happy start to the new academic year.

The beginning of a new school year is always an important moment. For some, it means returning to friends and familiar surroundings; for others, particularly those starting primary school, secondary school or sixth form, it marks the beginning of an entirely new chapter.

Education is about far more than passing exams. Schools are where young people build confidence, develop friendships, discover new interests and begin to think about their future.

This year alone, I have visited many schools, from presenting Framingham Earl's annual GCSE awards to seeing Easton College students help tackle littering in Bawburgh and being quizzed across all my visits by pupils on everything from the role of an MP to Government policy. I leave every visit inspired by the talent, determination and resilience of our young people.

Education changes lives - it certainly changed mine. To every young person starting a new school year: have a brilliant year, try something new, ask questions and, most importantly, believe in what you can achieve.

Ben Goldsborough MP



Long Stratton Medical Partnership

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Total Triage

We have been operating total triage at our surgery for a few months now, and are scrutinizing the appointment needs daily. For our patients that have not needed to contact us, total triage is a system where patients provide information via an online form available on our website. These requests are triaged by a doctor who looks at their care requirements, before any appointment is booked. This means that patients are seen in order of their clinical needs. Traditional ways to contact the doctor often meant that appointments were given on a first-come, first-served basis with long phone queues. This often resulted in vulnerable patients, or those who needed care sooner, missing out. The total triage system removes this barrier.

By registering all requests through an online form, the doctors can filter, prioritise and action requests quickly and fairly. If there is a faster or more appropriate route to care, such as being asked to go to your local pharmacy or being referred to another service, you may be offered this.

Once your request is reviewed by the doctor, our reception team will either contact you by phone or by text message with advice, a prescription or an appointment, whichever is the most suitable.

If you do not have a smartphone or cannot use the internet, you can still telephone the surgery. Our receptionists will ask questions about your request and fill out the online form on your behalf. The triage doctor will then assess your request in the usual way, and the team will be back in touch with the next step.

All we would ask of our patients is that all requests are clear and as detailed as possible when describing your symptoms. If you encounter any problems when completing the online form our reception team are still on the end of the phone to assist.

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>

In Remembrance - Joyce Florence Masters



Born on 3rd October 1928 Joyce was the fourth surviving child of Florence (nee Tricker) and George Watkins.

Joyce died peacefully at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital on the morning of 18th June after being admitted 14 days earlier at the age of 97.

Joyce was born at Jeckells yard at the top of Ber Street, Norwich and was part of what came to be a large family of 13. Sadly, two other members of Joyce's family were taken soon after birth and her brother Russell James died aged just six years old.

Joyce was born into a tough world at Ber street which at the time was tenement housing and early life was not kind to Joyce as she was diagnosed with rickets at only two months old.

On leaving school at the age of 14, Joyce worked at Harmers clothing factory making army uniforms, mainly working on the buttonhole machine. However after the factory was badly damaged in an air raid, Joyce then went to work for Cohen's clothing works on Pitt Street and then on to Caley's (later to become Roundtree Mackintosh) producing confectionery.

In March 1950, Joyce met her husband to be, Monty, at the Samson and Hercules on a Saturday night out. In 1953, Joyce and Monty were married

at St Margaret's church, Earlham, with the reception held at the Five ways public house, Earlham. They then moved to Newton Flotman, the village that would become her home for the rest of her life.

Joyce had three children, all boys: Edwin, born in 1955, Michael in 1957 and Eric in 1962,

In 1970 with the children now either at school or in work, Joyce joined Norwich City College canteen staff a job which she loved and was happy until her retirement in 1995.

When Monty passed away in Jan 2021 Joyce became a lot more reliant on the family for help for day-to-day living.... but never needed any assistance when it came to opening a can of GHOST SHIP! She did, however, remain throughout her life deeply suspicious of doctors and social services and never had or accepted help outside of the family circle.

Joyce was grandmother to six grand children and was Nanny to 11 great grandchildren.

From the age of 21 Joyce never lived outside of the Parish of Newton Flotman. She never went on a plane, and only once went on a booze cruise to France, which was the one and only time she ever left the UK.

Joyce loved living at Newton Flotman, and in the last years looked forward to her Saturday morning coffee club held at the church, Although she had severe hearing difficulties, she loved to talk with the many good new friends she had made.

Joyce will be dearly missed not only her family, but also by the residents and neighbours of the parish of Newton Flotman.

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