

# The Holton Post

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## YOUR VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

### VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

At our last committee meeting some exciting plans for fund raising and social get togethers were made. Our new member, Wendy Mendham, has some great ideas and these are being put into practice as soon as possible. By now you should have received a flyer outlining activities over the next few months. More details of these are printed elsewhere in these pages. Do please support events. Without your support the hall will have to close – probably next year. This would be extremely sad and yet another feature of the village will be lost. We can't let that happen.

Our next fundraisers are The Big Breakfast on 4<sup>th</sup> September, Pop-up Pub on the 10<sup>th</sup> and the Fashion Show on the 15<sup>th</sup>, which promises to be an exciting evening. Tickets are £6 (to include a glass of wine or soft drink with nibbles) and are available from Helen Fensom on 873575.

Unfortunately we've had to postpone the Backwoods Band gig which should have been held on 26<sup>th</sup> November but this date clashes with the Christmas Lights Switch-on in Halesworth and Southwold. It is now anticipated to hold this event in the Spring. Watch this space!

We have a good number of Tote members but we always welcome more so if you missed joining, or re-joining in July please complete the form on page 11. You can join at any time during the year and only pay for the months left to run in the Tote year (July to June), eg if you join in November you only pay £8 (£1 per month).

Please do support the Village Hall. It may not be around much longer. The situation is very serious.

Jim Watts – Chair: 835752

Philip Mills – Treasurer: 875932

Helen Fensom – Secretary: 873575

### VACANCY

Cleaner required for Holton and Blyford Village Hall. To apply for this paid post, please contact Helen Fensom on 01986 873575.

### QUIZ NIGHT WITH HARVEST PLOUGHMAN'S SUPPER HOLTON VILLAGE HALL THURSDAY 13TH OCTOBER

7pm for 7.30pm start  
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### 35<sup>th</sup> RIDE AND STRIDE FOR SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST



Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> Sept 9am – 5pm

Thousands of individuals, families and groups of all ages, will take part in the annual "ride and stride" on Saturday 10 September 2016, and are planning their routes and signing up sponsors from now until bike ride day. Sponsor forms are now available in Suffolk churches or from the Trust ([www.shct.org.uk](http://www.shct.org.uk)), and riders and walkers choose which local church will receive half of their sponsor money. The remainder goes to SHCT to be given out as grants for essential repairs. Riders can also collect sponsorship via Just Giving at [www.justgiving.com/](http://www.justgiving.com/)

Routes are decided by each cyclist (or walker), incorporating stops at some of over 500 Suffolk places of worship that will be open to receive them and cyclists and walkers can get more information from their local church or by contacting the SHCT Secretary on 01787 883884. Alternatively find out more by going to [www.shct.org.uk/](http://www.shct.org.uk/)

Jackie is your local contact for Holton. She can provide sponsor forms and a list of churches open in Suffolk. If you would like to ride in a group, you are very welcome to join Jim and Jackie for the day. We aim to visit about 10-15 churches and cover approx. 20 miles. Ring us before the day please!

If you would like to take part and need to know more about the event, please contact me on 01986 835752.

Jackie Watts

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### HOLTON VILLAGE HALL

ON

### SATURDAY 15TH OCTOBER

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Light Refreshments, Books, Bric-a-brac,  
Toys etc.

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your support

Thank you

# HOLTON AND BLYFORD VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

Holton is a great village – I have lived here for over 30 years and am proud of the friendly people who live here and their attitude to others.

As a community we lack some of the traditional elements but we do have a quite splendid Village Hall which together with the residents of Blyford was the subject of a major fund raising effort to get in the first place!

Which is why I have joined the VH committee – to try to do something about the situation, as explained by Helen elsewhere.

Together with Alison Cackett we have got together a programme of events and “happenings” to try to persuade you to join in!

Kicking off with The GREAT HOLTON BREAKFAST on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September from 9.30am, why not try someone else’s cooking and just enjoy! Full English Breakfast just £7 - children under 13 - £4.

We may have lost our Pub but we can still get together as a Village at the Pop up Pub on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September with some great live music too thanks to Stuart Holman.

Then there is the Fashion Show on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September with great bargains from Top High Street Stores. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

Finally in September, on 22<sup>nd</sup> we are delighted to welcome the River Hundred Folk Band for a Ceilidh, there will be a bar, refreshments and a raffle.

So we have catered for your inner “person” with the breakfast, your thirst for music with the Pop up Pub, clothed you from the Fashion Show, then danced the excess weight of at the Ceilidh all in one month.

The full future programme for the three months September – November is below, however, if there are things you would like to have put on at the Hall just let me know!

Wendy Mendham  
872590

## **HOLTON’S BIG BREAKFAST**

### **SUNDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER**

### **FROM 9.30AM**

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## Events Programme

### SEPTEMBER

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> - Holton Big Breakfast 9.30 – 11.30am  
Adult £7, Child £4

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> - Pop up Pub with live music 7p.m.  
till late £3

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> - Fashion Show £6 7.00 for 7.30p.m

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Ceilidh with River Hundred Folk  
Band – 7.30 – 10.00p.m. £5

### October

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> - Pop up Café – with HCN, Dementia  
Care and Active Waveney stalls 2p.m.

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> - Bingo with John 7.30pm

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Ballroom Dancing with Corinna -  
£5 - All Welcome 8.00 – 11.00p.m.

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> - Fancy Dress Halloween Disco 5-  
9.30 p.m.

### NOVEMBER

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> - Jumble/Book Sale 10 - 12

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> - Pop Up Pub with live music 7.00p.m.  
till late £3

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> - Bingo with John 7.30p.m

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> – Craft Fair 10 – 4p.m. £12 per table

## Holton & Blyford Village Hall

Come and join in the New Programme for Holton & Blyford Village Hall. We hope the mix of events and “happenings” will appeal – but if there are other things you’d like to see in the future just let us know. These are just for the next three months so there are lots of opportunities in 2017!

The Hall is available for letting – at great low rates – for your own celebrations/events – you just need to call/email the Lettings Officer on 01986 874442 or email [holtonandblyfordvillagehall@hotmail.com](mailto:holtonandblyfordvillagehall@hotmail.com).

Check out your local venue for easy access to entertainment!

HOLTON AND BLYFORD VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE



## HOLTON SCHOOL NEWS

KS2 pupils worked very hard towards their summer performance of *The Tempest* which was performed on 2 successive days to appreciative family and friends. The actors from Red Kites were incredibly confident and were ably supported by the lovely singing from Kestrels.



To celebrate their leaving the school all Year 6 pupils along with 3 staff attended Latitude on the last Friday of term. They all had a great day and many thanks to Friends for helping with the cost.

The following Monday Friends paid for the whole school to go to Southwold for the day and we all set off in glorious weather and spent the day on the beach digging holes, paddling and generally enjoying ourselves before having an ice cream and returning to Holton, tired and sandy! Again thanks to Friends for paying for this trip. Many thanks too to Friends who have also agreed to donate £1,500 to buy new books for classroom and library use for the whole school.



On the Wednesday of that week Sports afternoon was held and again we were blessed with good weather and a good turn out from supporting families.

On the last day of term we sadly said goodbye to Miss Pignon who is leaving Holton to move on to teach at a school in Brazil. At a moving assembly Mrs Righton paid tribute to the hard work, dedication and sense of fairness to everyone that she had brought to the school. Various gifts were presented including some very useful new luggage, a paperweight with the school logo on it and a "leaver's" hoodie.



Later in the day we held the traditional leavers' assembly when all the Year 6 pupils gave us a wide range of performances, showcasing their individuality – including comedy, sport and music. Following their time at Holton we hope they are all well prepared for the next stage in education and we wish them all well in their various high schools.

Many thanks to everyone who supported the recent sponsored cycle/walk in any way, over £1,000 was raised. Friends are already planning a quiz for the new term, which as before will be held in Chinny's (possibly in October) – look out for posters.

We hope all our families have enjoyed spending quality time together during the holidays and have made the most of the good weather. Many thanks too to all the staff at school who work so hard throughout the year and who have also been at school during the holidays preparing for the new academic year. As you may have notice there has been work carried out on the school buildings during the holidays with some energy efficient windows being fitted and a new entrance door to Red Kites class which gives access to our new small group area in that room.

For more information and photos about the school please visit the school website.

Alison Hyden 3

## CHURCH SECURITY

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August there was an unsuccessful attempt to break into the key-safe which houses the church safe key, as well as minor disorder in the church. This has been reported to the police. There have been occasional disturbances in the church during the past year, which have usually been attributed to children but may not be caused by them.

We have therefore agreed that the key will no longer be kept in the key-safe.

The church is a valued village building which is available for anyone who wants to go in and be quiet for a while. We hope to be able to keep it open during the day for this purpose, as well as for regular worship. If you pass the church, we would be grateful if you could go in to check that there is nobody there who means mischief. Children are welcome, but preferably not in groups who are unattended by an adult.

Thank you for your support and concern.

Jackie Moulson, John Hewlett, Churchwardens



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## HELL IN THE STREET, HOLTON

On the night of the 20th July the village and surrounding districts suffered at the hands of the most violent wind and rain storm in living memory. In the space of fifteen minutes the rainfall was so torrential it blocked all of the drains on the Beccles Road down to the junction with Bungay Road. The road became a river and the water was nearly 250 mm deep at the road junction. Local residents are aware that self-help is required to prevent household flooding. Thunder and lightning together with incredibly strong winds had deterred residents from venturing out to clear the drains which should have stopped their houses flooding. I was soaked to the skin just running to my shed to get essential tools and had gone indoors to put on swimming trunks and garden slip-ons, as there was no point in wearing anything else in such conditions, when there was a frantic knocking on my window which turned out to be Maxine Ellis summoning help to prevent further damage to property. Miraculously the rain stopped after 15 minutes. The gull was two thirds full and the road was a raging torrent. So I joined in with my neighbours and began systematically clearing the drains and in five minutes we had the situation under control. The water subsided very quickly once the drains were cleared and the Highways Department of the County Council have undertaken to install improved drainage as a priority. Clearing all the road drains up the Beccles Road took a little longer with a volunteer assisting me.



I don't intend to mention properties but at least 4 houses reported internal flooding. This is the first such event in twenty or so years, but the road drains block every time there is a torrential downpour due to tree foliage from the trees in Beccles Road quickly clogging up the drain inlets.



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I would like to thank the several volunteers who came out to help and extend my sympathy to those of you that had the water in. Unfortunately the water was contaminated with sewage because the foul drains were issuing sewage as they couldn't cope with the flow of surface water. Everyone involved was advised to take a shower when they went home.

To finish on a plea: motorists should not drive through flood water regardless as this raise the water level between 100 and 200mm and can be the difference between a home being flooded and staying safe. A big thank you to those that drove sensibly and to the thoughtless few, please try harder next time, (heaven forbid).

### Local footpath no.2 - the Pit.

The County Council are apparently dealing with this.



A thank you to the person who took the initiative to fill in the ravine in the footpath. However the Contractor reported he was abused on site by several persons which never helps as a contractor is just an agent acting on behalf of the Council. Also he intended to bring in large hardcore as infill in attempt to mitigate the problem in the future. If this happens the job will cost even more when Councils have cut expenditure to the bone.

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# ST PETER'S CHURCH, HOLTON



## CHURCH SERVICES

### SEPTEMBER

4th Sept	9.30am Team Eucharist and St Mary's Church Patronal Festival, Halesworth 6.30pm Evening Prayer
11th Sept	6.30pm Team Evensong
18th Sept	11.15am Iona Morning Worship
25th Sept	11.15am Eucharist

### OCTOBER

2nd Oct	9.30am Team Eucharist at St Mary's Church, Halesworth 6.30pm Evening Prayer
9th Oct	11.15am HARVEST FESTIVAL
16th Oct	11.15am Iona Morning Worship
23rd Oct	11.15am Eucharist
30th Oct	All Saints Sunday, service times and venues TBA

*Please check the latest 'Team Times' for full Service details as these can change.*

## CHURCH NEWS AND EVENTS

### POP-IN PARLOUR

Summer is over and Autumn is upon us which means that Pop-In Parlour is back! Our first lunch is on Friday 2nd September in St Peter's Room from 12 noon until 1pm, and again on Friday 7th October. Come when you want and we will serve you soup, bread, cheese, pickles & chutneys, and tea or coffee all for only £3.00. Enjoy our homemade soups in good company, you may even make new friends.

### HARVEST

On the 9th October we will be celebrating the Harvest, not just the obvious grain harvest but all the vegetables and fruits of the earth, animal husbandry and the meat, milk and eggs that gives us, the harvest of the sea, and also the mineral harvest of the earth. And we give thanks to God for all those involved in supplying our needs.

After the service we will be having a bring-and-share lunch; if you would like to join us please contact Jill Hewlett on 01986 875 913.

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### FLOWER FESTIVAL REPORT

John and I missed the Flower Festival week-end although we did manage to each do an arrangement, so on the Monday we went to church to check out whether all was well with our arrangements. Well, we were quite amazed at how wonderful the church looked. Every year seems to be better and better. The theme, Childhood Memories, had really got the little grey cells working and everyone had excelled themselves. It was interesting to see that so many memories were connected with the great outdoors! Climbing trees, being at the sea-side, camping, cycling and so much more. I wonder what today's youngsters will remember most?

Everyone we spoke to said that it was such a happy two days with so much pleasure being given and all rounded off with a Songs of Praise service on the Sunday evening conducted by Revd Jan Bunday.

Thanks must go to Dot Booley and Helen Knevet who got everyone organised and to all who arranged flowers, served teas, made cakes, and staffed stalls and all of you for coming to enjoy it all.

All this effort and enjoyment raised over £1,000.00 for St Peter's Church funds!

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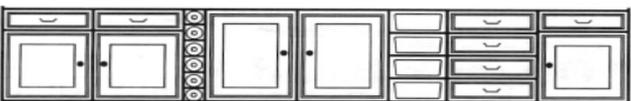
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# HOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

## DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13TH JULY 2016

**PRESENT:** Councillors D Fosdike (Chair), M Hart, R Stephenson, G Cackett, N Kerridge. Cllr A Cackett (WDC). 1 member of the public.

### PUBLIC FORUM

Concerns regarding grass cutting and the fact that when cut it was messy and not collected.

Problems with vision impairment when turning left up Beccles Road due to cars parked.

However, the drop off zone at the school seems to be working.

**APOLOGIES** – Cllrs D Davis, M Jones, Tony Goldson (SCC),

### MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS

25th May 2016 Annual Parish Council Meeting

25th May 2016 Annual Council Meeting – both approved, all in favour.

### INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

The Internal Audit Report was discussed, the only issue was the requirement for the Business Saver Statements to be obtained monthly, currently quarterly. External Audit information to be sent of in the next week. It was agreed that signatories would approach the bank to rectify this. The Internal Audit report was agreed and accepted.

### CLERK'S POST

The Chairman advised that an advert has been submitted to the Community News and also been placed on their website as well as being submitted on the SALC website, the closing date being 19<sup>th</sup> August 2016. The process was agreed for the Panel and that they would decide on interviewees. Panel to be composed of Cllrs Fosdike, Jones and Cackett.

### PARKING ISSUES AROUND THE SCHOOL

The Clerk advised that a letter had been received from the PCC explaining that they would not be happy for the Paddock to be used for parking. The village hall grassed area had been damaged by builders parking. Clerk stated that she would contact Wellington and ask them to rectify the damage. Some discussion was had regarding double yellow lines in Beccles Road, and waiting restrictions in other areas, some discussion had already taken place with the School and Country Council with regard to action to be taken.

The Parish Council agreed to propose to Suffolk County Council that double yellow lines be placed on Beccles Road up to the church entrance, and also requested a letter to parents advising of the dangers of parking in this area due to poor visibility at the junction. Cllr Fosdike to contact the school regarding the letter.

### PLAY AREA UPDATE

Remedial works were discussed and still awaiting a quote from Waveney Norse. The fencing around the site was discussed and Land Registry documentation had been obtained to establish ownership of the fencing. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact WDC Housing regarding the ownership of the fencing next to the bungalow fronting Bungay Road and also write to the owner of the Bungalow at the top of the site advising that the documentation advised that they were responsible for the fence and it could set a precedence if HPC paid towards it.

### PLANNING APPLICATION

DC/16/2679/TCA – Halfpenny, Bungay Road, Holton Reduce Bird Cherry, remove cross branches and dead branches. No objections subject to neighbours comments.

Reminder that all grant applications should be in for September meeting

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Wednesday 7th September 2015. Future meetings: 9th November, 4th January, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017.**

Alison Cackett  
Clerk to Holton Parish Council

## DISTRICT EYE VIEW

Well the summer holidays are nearly over, and like some of you, I have had my family to stay. I hope you have all enjoyed your summer breaks. But the summer holidays unlike government does not mean that we Councillors stop working.

I am glad to say that the unsightly containers have now been removed from the Old Sawmill Site. I have also been supporting your District Councillors, and Town Council in Halesworth as regards the Free 1hr Parking. Please do not abuse this as you will ultimately be paying for it, whether you live in Halesworth or the Villages and we would like it to continue.

There have been various Council meetings including the Planning Committee, in fact due to so many applications we have had two meetings in August.

The process of consultation on Parish of Lowestoft and the possible merger with Suffolk Coastal are still ongoing and also the Devolution of Government funding etc down to Councils in East Anglia.

If anyone should wish to discuss any of these issues or anything else for that matter that I may help with then do not hesitate to contact me, I will do my best to assist you.

Regards  
Councillor Alison Cackett  
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## LATITUDE 2016

I am a great music lover as my hundreds of vinyl albums (starting with Sandie Shaw's Greatest Hits in 1969 for 15 shillings!) and hundreds more CDs since the late 1980's will attest. Unsurprisingly it follows that I've seen many of these artistes in concert over the past 4 or 5 decades. But I've never been to a Festival. Why would that be? I have to say none of the following appealed: the loos, camping, bad weather and mud, the loos, the crowds, the performers mere pinpricks on a distant horizon, the sound lost in the open air, oh, and the loos...proper misery, eh? So, when the chance to go to Latitude arose I had mixed feelings – it's just down the road, there looked to be some interesting acts on the bill, there's no need to camp or glamp pitted against all the above negatives.

Well, I have to say I was mega impressed. Luckily with some very pleasant weather in this erratic summer of ours, it really did come across as a well organised and chilled event. We went twice over the weekend, the first time by bike, both times just for a few hours so we could sample Latitude's wares for the first time. True, the promised bike racks were nowhere to be seen and the stewards had no idea when asked (probably because they were from all parts of the country bar Suffolk) but it was no problem to find a safe and secure place to lock them up. Encouraged by the non-existent queues of traffic on the A145 and A12 and large areas for parking once inside Henham Park, we drove on our second visit. On the 20 minute walk through to the main stage area it became evident that this was a festival for all generations, young through to the not so long young let's say. And the range of diverse stalls and food outlets was immense – little chance of going hungry or dry here. As for the performances themselves, there was a big selection to choose from. I hadn't realised and was pleasantly surprised to find how rigid the show timings would be. This allowed for some pretty accurate pre planning pre arrival to ensure one didn't miss a chosen act. Highlights for us were Christine and The Queens, hi octane electro pop, good songs well sung with hi energy dancing thrown in for good measure – a star in the making. And over on the comedy stage the more established Mark Steel proved most entertaining, mining the rich seam for comics currently of post Brexit England. He was followed, though, by our other highlight, Bill Bailey. His performance bordered on genius – funny, topical, musical, alternative, mainstream...often all at the same time! I'd also give honourable mentions to Laura Mvula, even if she had to compete with a nearby, far rockier, stage and Michael Kiwanuka, whose songs suited the mellow Suffolk summer mid-afternoon.

All in all then, a good experience which pleasantly surprised me and one which we'll hope to repeat in future years. But...I cheated, didn't I? I didn't camp, it didn't rain, it wasn't muddy....and I didn't sample the loos!

John Beckett

## BLYFORD & SOTHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

**DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 4TH JULY 2016**  
**PRESENT:** Councillors G Walker(Chair), S  
Macdonald, G Dunsire, J Beckett and Cllr A Cackett  
(WDC)

**APOLOGIES** – Cllr M Jackson, R Parry, B Martin  
and Cllr T Goldson, Police

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON:**  
23rd May 2016 Annual Parish Council Meeting  
23rd May 2016 Annual Council Meeting – both  
approved, all in favour.

### CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

Mr John Beckett, Blyvue, Southwold Road, Blyford.  
IP19 9JU agreed to stand as a Councillor. He was co-  
opted onto the Parish Council and signed his  
Declaration of Office. Proposed by SM/Seconded by  
GD. All in favour.

### INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

The Clerk advised the Council that there were a few  
issues with the audit which had now been rectified. An  
explanation letter and documents would be sent to  
BDO in the next week or so.

Internal Audit accepted. Proposed by GW/Seconded  
by JB.

### ROAD INVESTMENT STRATEGY

Documentation had been received from the Highways  
Agency with a consultation regarding the trunk roads  
in the area. The main problems were with the A12  
between Ipswich and Lowestoft which are not  
included.

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS/DECISIONS

DC/16/1937/LBC – Sotherton Hall, Kings lane,  
Sotherton. Adaptation of existing outbuilding for use as  
an artist's home studio including addition of two  
windows and a roof light. No objections.

### HIGHWAYS ISSUES

Various discussions regarding road works proposed,  
there was a hope that these would be completed before  
Latitude started so as to reduce disruption on the  
Sotherton Corner.

### REPORTS

**Cllr A Cackett** – She explained about Devolution, and  
the implications and consultation. She also explained  
about the possible merger between Waveney/Suffolk  
Coastal, discussions were still on going.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016.**  
**Future meetings: 14th November, 10th January**

Alison Cackett

Clerk to Blyford & Sotherton Parish Council

## GREAT NEWS!

One hour free parking has  
returned to the Thoroughfare  
car park as of 1st August  
2016.

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fairly, purchasing additional  
parking time if required.



## THE ONGOING B1123 SOUTHWOLD ROAD SAGA

Since my article in the March/April Holton Post things have been moving apace on this issue.

Following the meeting last November 2015 at the Queen's Head and a subsequent discussion at a Parish Council meeting this spring, a further gathering was convened by Alastair Macfarlane, Vice Chairman, Four Town's Crime Prevention Team, Suffolk Constabulary. This took place on the 9<sup>th</sup> July again at The Queen's Head and was attended by over 20 local residents. Whilst the main issue of concern is the speeding through the village, the other related issues of safe cycling and walking from one end of the village to the other and the flouting of the weight limit by heavy vehicle drivers on the road were also discussed.

Many specific instances were proffered displaying a real level of concern regarding safety. These included the vibrations, often at early hours, of heavy vehicles affecting houses close to the road as well as damage to property (whether by displaced flood water because of blocked drains or strewn gravel as a result of the ineffectual surface dressing) were described. The efficacy or otherwise of VAS Signs (Vehicle Activated Signs) was pondered. It was agreed that VAS signs did slow traffic down, in that you it makes the driver think and be aware of their speed. However if they become permanent the effectiveness of the sign diminishes with familiarity. The data collected from these signs can be accessed from the police and residents should be able to see the results enabling all to ascertain if there is a pattern at certain times of the day when vehicles are travelling at inappropriate speeds. It was decided to ask the Parish Clerk of Blyford and Sotherton Parish Council to produce the data for perusal by Parish Council members and public.

Suggestions that gained a lot of traction included the following:

- Extending the 30mph speed limit from Holton to the Blyford sign, near Church Farm. Although, it is understood that to alter the position of the 30mph sign would need a Traffic Regulation Order to make it legal. This is likely to prove expensive and would need a proposal from the Parish Council to County Council. This expense could be borne by an increase in the annual precept of the Parish Council.
- A 40mph speed limit from Holton to the existing 30mph in Blyford and 40mph to the Blyford sign near Church Farm.
- More than one VAS sign to record speeds and data.
- There was a strong feeling from those attending this meeting that all attempts must be made to enforce the speed limit, as the sense of community and quality of life of the village is being compromised
- The necessity of safe passage to the church and pub was also strongly expressed
- Other villages have adopted a speed watch group, to capture speed of traffic with a hand held camera. Why not Blyford?

Amongst the conclusions:

- It was agreed to ask Blyford and Sotherton Parish Council to access data from the VAS sign from the SNT (Safer Neighbourhood Team).
- To ask the Parish Council to put together a report asking for a survey by County Council engineers on

road safety in Blyford, with a view to extending the speed limit from Holton to Blyford sign near Church Farm.

- To research viability of a footpath to the Church and Pub.
- It was agreed to compile a questionnaire to be distributed to all Blyford residents (and other local people who use the church/pub) on speeding issues and any other concerns about village life they have. The questionnaire was available from a stall at Blyford Fete at the Queens Head on Saturday 13 August. Over 20 were completed and an analysis of the responses will follow. If you missed completing one and would like to do so, do contact me via the Holton Post or via email johnbeck55@gmail.com

One excellent upshot of this campaign has been how it has brought the residents of Blyford together. Many of us had not met before even if we only live a stone's throw apart. It was agreed that we needed to meet again in September to discuss any progress, hopefully with the Queen's Head happy to host this.

The date of next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 5 September 2016 at 7.30pm at the Holton and Blyford Village Hall (upstairs).

It is essential that as many members as possible of the locally affected public attend these meetings, so that we all keep informed and can raise relevant issues. Minutes and Agenda of meetings are posted on the notice board near the council houses in Blyford a few days before the meeting. Minutes can also be read in this organ.

I sense the campaign has gained real momentum now with many having long suffered with the dangers of the road. Of course, we could be cynical to think that little will be done but I think there are some determined voices shouting aloud now making positive progress and change inevitable.

John Beckett



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## WHICH GEAR



This month I am writing a very short review on the Ford Focus Titanium as I wish to pass on a report on my recent visit to British Columbia.

I am grateful to Messrs Hammonds (Ford) for finding me a niche model, the TITANIUM, equipped with the 1500 cc Eco engine. Basically the Eco bit means that the engine has been designed to reduce harmful emissions to the environment. Most of my readers will be familiar with the recently face lifted model which reminds me of the Aston Martin look from the front.

Ford now offer a selection of engines ranging from 1000cc to 2300cc. I was looking for a sporty performance without the ostentatious look. I wanted to be reminded of my Escort Mexico I owned in 1974 (which had I kept it would have been worth £10000 more than the Focus) . On paper the the Focus should have been extremely quick - 0-60 somewhere in the region of 7 seconds from a 180 HP petrol engine, with a top speed of around 140 mph. Hardly worth buying the Focus ST I thought.

The drive demonstrated the cars muscle: it was fast, but not so furious you wouldn't lend it to you mother, but too fast for an ambitious teenager. The engine had so much torque that you need not change gear that often around here. Personally I would not bother with the optional automatic gearbox. Economy on my short drive is difficult to assess: the gauge said 31.3 mpg but that was all my 1.0 litre focus recorded when driven on short journeys. But the increase in power is really satisfying and the overall finish of the car is now up with the best of them. Until I get the opportunity to drive the ST version I am unable to state which I would go for as there may not be a great deal of difference in the price, which of course depends upon how you specify your vehicle.

Once again, my thanks to Messrs Hammonds, Halesworth.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

This trip proved to be extremely interesting as I had no previous experience of huge mountain ranges and high altitudes that would make me breathless.

Arriving at Vancouver, which was memorable for its cute water taxis and English type climate and cleanliness, we were introduced to the red hand, white walker light, and the seconds countdown to cross the road. No jay walking here! Of course the modern city is comparatively young and as yet unspoilt. We moved onto Victoria Island via an interesting ferry trip and visited the most beautiful gardens I have ever seen. The Butchart Gardens. Discreet views down to the sea. Then back to the mainland and up to Whisler, a

famous ski resort. Second week in June and people were still skiing!

Saw the bear in the photo which had come in from the wild (hence the light fence). There were two rescued cubs



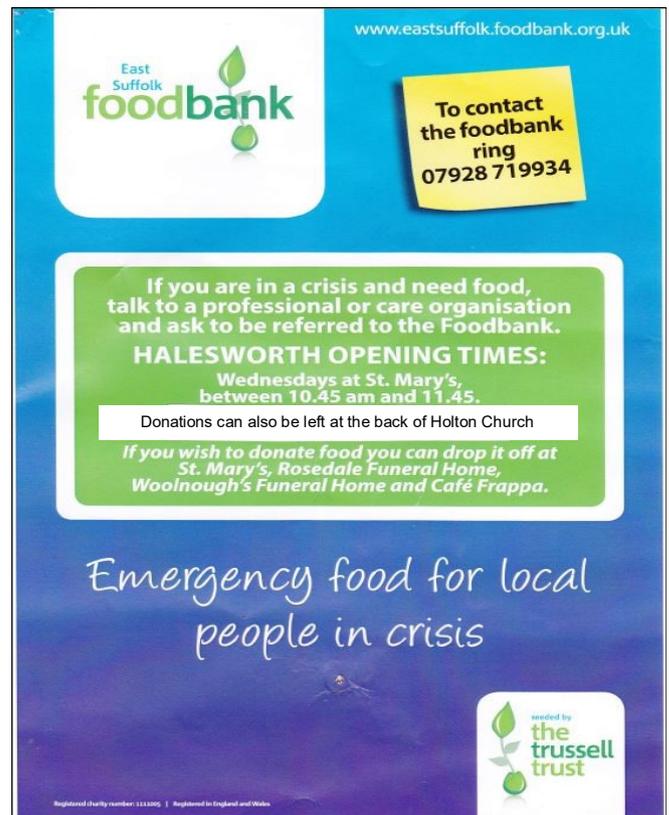
who lived in a huge acreage with a safety fence for the public. The children were asked to sing and they wandered over to graze by us!. And it snowed . So if you visit, dress for all seasons. Trees: no shortage, you need never buy fuel for your wood burner: piles of it on river banks, beaches, and in the forests. Visited mountain resorts on the journey through to Banff and saw Brown Bears, Grizzly Bears, moose etc. Apparently we were extremely lucky (and also lucky not to get poked in the eye with a selfie stick!) to see our range of wildlife, but then we had clear weather. Be warned, if you get mist you will not see much in the mountains.

For the motorist, I picked up on the fact that European cars sell for less there Ford and other manufactures make an interesting collection of vehicles unseen here, and there is a culture of "my truck's bigger than your truck" with 5 litre vehicles being nothing unusual. But the petrol is so cheap at 60 pence a litre. So cheap in fact that only transport trucks seem to run on diesel.

No Simon Ford this issue. He's off in search of the sun!

PS. Suggest you go online to see these pictures in colour.

From Our Motoring Correspondent



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It's important for each individual to be shown on the voters list, also known as the 'Register of Electors', so that they can take part in elections. The Register is also used for credit reference checks, meaning your credit rating can be affected if you're not registered to vote.

Each year the Elections Team at Waveney District Council send every household in the area a form to update the details for the voters list. It is a requirement for a form to be returned from each property so that the team can produce an up-to-date version of the Register of Electors for the coming year.

'Household Enquiry Forms' were sent to every property in Waveney on 8th August. Each form lists the current registered voters for the address and a response is required either to confirm the information is still correct, or to make changes. If no return is received, then a reminder form will be sent followed by a personal canvasser visit. Returns need to be made as soon as possible so that a new Register of Electors can be produced by 1st December.

If you have yet to make a return for your form, please do so urgently. If the information shown on the form is correct, a member of the household can confirm this using one of the simple automated systems (telephone or online), or by post. If there are changes to make to the information on the form then amendments can be made online, or on the form itself.

Residents are urged wherever possible to make use of the automated and online systems to save time and increase efficiency, and to respond as quickly as possible to the form to avoid extra reminders having to be sent.

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3rd No. 116	Philip Chapman	£5
4th No. 127	Mr J Martin	£5

Result of the draw on 9th August was as follows:

1st No. 75	Margaret Veasey	£25
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Lecturer: Janet Canetty-Clarke.

All lectures are held at 2pm in St Edmund's Hall, Southwold and visitors are welcome. Other events are also planned so if you would like to join the society, please contact me on 01986 874000 or email [southwoldfas@gmail.com](mailto:southwoldfas@gmail.com)

Anne Holland  
Membership Secretary

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