

THE QUARTERLY RUNTONIAN

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At East Runton Village Hall and beyond.....**

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MINGLE AND MARDLE COFFEE MORNINGS

**Include occasional talks about the history of the parish.
Details on the back page.**

PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION—

Your Councillor details are as follows.

West Runton Ward:

Chair

Ms. Carole Davidson

Councillors

Mr. Richard. Annis

Mrs. Clare Rennison

Mrs. Beverly Memish

Mr. Mark Lerego

Ms. Alex Debacker

East Runton Ward:

Vice Chair

Mr. Stephen Gurney

Councillors

Mr. Phil Nichols

Ms. Teresa Edwards

Mr. Kevin Jonas .

Mr. Gerry Baker

Mr. Chris Hawkins

The local District Councillor is Kim Toye

The Norfolk County Councillor is Eric Vardy.

POLICE: Non emergency police free number—101

Norfolk Swift Response Team—for assistance 0344 800 8020

The above is a non emergency service to help with minor instances in the home, perhaps just assistance with mobility etc.

The Clerk to the Council is: Ms. Barbara Emery.

The Office is at: The Reading Room, Felbrigg Road, East Runton Cromer NR27 9PE. **Tel: 01263 512214.** or mobile **07422 665978**

Email: runtonpc@aol.com — twitter @RuntonParish

PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10.30am to 3.30pm with a lunch break from 1pm—2pm. The Clerk will normally be there to help in any way connected with Parish business or the history of the villages.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS—usually held on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Alternating between East Runton Reading Room and West Runton Church Hall

Next meeting is 25th June ER then July 23rd WR No meeting in August.

Full calendar 2024 is now on the website.

WEST RUNTON TRAFFIC CALMING

Update on the safety measures planned for West Runton.

We have been told that subject to the consultations, the Traffic Regulation Orders should be secured within four months.

With work to be carried out by

the end of 2024 or early 2025.

The Parish Council will keep checking progress and give as much information as possible to the community. We hope that our input will be taken into consideration.

ALLOTMENTS

Work is continuing to bring plots into order and tidiness. A formal allotments committee has been set up to administer plots and oversee the work. However **all** requests or questions can still be made through the Clerk But any decision will now be made by the committee.

FLOODING IN EAST RUNTON

The Parish Council is pleased to report that after some time and effort the flooding in Greens Lane East Runton has been alleviated. We very much hope that the area will continue to be flood free. It will be monitored.

“NEW—YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU”!

Having recently agreed a ten year plan for the management of our Commons we are keen to recruit volunteers to work on various small projects around the parish. These tasks will include such things as pond clearance, footpath clearance, litter picking, and other things that aim to support the improvement of our parish, and improve its biodiversity.

Come along - meet new people and have a laugh! If you're interested please email cgd1959@gmail.com

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE RUNTON PARISH

The above was held at East Runton Reading Room on the 30th April 2024. Attendance was poor from the electorate with just two parishioners attending along with the Parish Councillors.

We take that as an acceptance that the residents are on the whole happy with the work the Parish Council are doing for them. There is a lot more pro-active work going on plus events being staged for your enjoyment.

CHAIR'S REPORT FOR 2023-2024

The Chair's report spoke about the various activities carried out by the Parish Council during the year thanking Councillors and the Clerk. Much thanks was extended to the volunteers, litter pickers, bus shelter cleaning, newsletter deliverers, grass cutters and toad patrollers. Their help is greatly appreciated.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

By the time this edition of the newsletter is read, the Parish Council will have had their Annual Meeting. Accounts will be available to inspect. This will be advertised on notice boards regarding the dates, but is likely to be between the 3rd of June until the beginning of July. Members of the public are always welcome at Parish Council meetings.

Also there are regular **"Meet Your Councillors"** surgeries. They alternate between West Runton Church Hall (during the coffee mornings) and East Runton Reading Room.

The dates for these are: West Runton: 26th July, 25th October, 20th December for 2024. and at East Runton: 25th June, 24th September, 26th November 2024. All from 10am for about an hour. Everyone is welcome and it's very informal with refreshments served.

MONEY MATTERS FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

Money received for the 2023-2024 year amounted to £55,819.00. A large slice of this comes from the rent of the caravan site of £30,000 which is under review this year, plus a communications site on the playing field. Allotments bring in £1735 and the precept last year was £15,000.

The rest is a commons grant and interest and we reclaim vat which is included.

Payments made amounted to £69,406. Much of the deficit is made up from payment for the path between the bridges and the £8,000 paid on account to push ahead with traffic calming at West Runton. There is a considerable amount paid for utilities, insurance and salary for the Clerk, also admin. The full accounts are available for inspection.

NEW WEBSITE

A new website is under construction for Runton Parish Council. It will have a more user friendly look and will be available soon.

The old website is still live and as soon as possible there will be a link there to take you to the new one.

STREET LIGHTING

There have been one or two requests that our street lights could be turned off overnight in various locations. It is something the Parish Council could consider for the lamps that they own and are responsible for. They cannot be responsible nor have any rights over highway lighting or the ones in Half Year Close or any that belong to housing associations. If anyone has any comments, or feel that there is a benefit from having any lamps turned off overnight, then the Parish Council would like to hear from you. Please contact the clerk or any of your Parish Councillors. Come along to a Councillor surgery and voice your opinion there.

Follow and like our facebook page Runton History

COMMEMORATIONS AND CELEBRATIONS

Many of us are thinking about “D”Day this year, the 80th anniversary being on 6th June. 1944—2024.

Runton History Society is also marking a milestone of 110 years since the Montessori school was set up in the Old Hall Cottage at East Runton. We will be talking about it at our Mingle and Mardle coffee morning in July with photographs on the screen.

As many of you know, the Buxtons owned much land in Runton including the farms of the Old Hall. They gave a lot of it to Runton. The school was built by Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton 3rd baronet eventually taken over by County Education also the Reading Room and lands given for the use of the community, still in use today. The school having closed in 1958 now St. Andrews Church.

Sir Fowell Buxton 3rd baronet, was a politician and at one time High Sheriff of Norfolk. In 1895 he was appointed, governor of South Australia. There was then a certain Bertram Hawker in Adelaide. Although born in Llandudno, he was an educationist and was helping to form the Kindergarten Union of South Australia and had donated £500 to it.

During this time he met and married Constance Buxton, daughter of Sir Fowell Buxton. They travelled to England and in 1908 took up residency at Runton Old Hall. Bertram Hawker then travelled to Rome and there he met Dr. Maria Montessori. He was so impressed by her schooling methods that he brought her to England in 1914 and organized a conference in the barn at Runton Old Hall on 25th July 1914. No one had at that time any thoughts of war which broke out soon after. The Conference went ahead, attended by 250 delegates and addressed by Maria Montessori herself. The delegates included five from Australia, two from Lahore Pakistan and many from Scotland Ireland and the length and breadth of England. Travelling must have been quite precarious at that time and taken quite a few weeks especially the return during war.

In 2014 the Runton History Society were contacted by a representative of the New International Education Fellowship to say would we like a cake for our celebration of the conference. They were having their own in London. We had no idea that it was so important to them. We accepted gratefully and the cake was sent with some memorabilia.



It just so happened that the Macadam family were having an open day at their home, Runton Old Hall, and we were pleased to be invited to join them to have our own celebration of the Montessori school in Runton which

we believe to be the first one in England.

Madame Montessori believed that world peace could only be achieved by giving children their rights to choose their education and learn to be successful people, through play with respect for their needs, abilities and each other. They chose where to work and learned to use their hands and help each other. They were taught to wash small items of clothing and prepare simple meals, even at a very young age and to go at their own pace. It was a very innovative principle in schools at that time.

It was a lovely celebration at The Old Hall and the representative of the NIEF attended from London to open the event. The Chairman of the Parish Council spoke to the gathered company and the Macadams were excellent hosts providing tea and coffee.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SUMMER?

Runton Allotment & Garden Show will be at East Runton Village Hall with events on the common. Saturday 29th June. With a 40s feel acknowledging the D Day anniversary and also falling on Armed Forces Day. We are lucky to have Jeff and Sue Short bringing their vocal talent in the afternoon with songs of the era. Afternoon teas will be available. We are especially encouraging local people to take part in the produce show and cake competition. Entry forms will be available soon. **Follow us** on Facebook/Instagram.

Search - The Runtons Allotment and Garden Show.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

RUNTON CHURCHES

Holy Trinity and St Andrew's East Runton Services:

Every Sunday in both churches (see notice boards for times.”).

ST ANDREWS COFFEE MORNINGS. EAST RUNTON

August 10th “**Summertime**” All welcome.

GRACE CHURCH HIGH ST. EAST RUNTON, Strawberry

Tea Saturday 22nd June at 3pm. Free admission. All welcome.

“**MINGLE AND MARDLE**” history Coffee Mornings continue on first Thursday in each month. **Next ones at East Runton Reading Room July 4th, Aug 1st, Sept 5th at 10.30. Admission free.**

THE WEDNESDAY ART GROUP

Do you enjoy a bit of painting, in either oils or water colour? The Wednesday Art Group would like to welcome any new members.

They meet between 10am and 12 noon at East Runton Village Hall. There is a good sized car park and facilities. It is a very informal group of like minded people. No particular tuition, just enjoyment of the activity and helping each other. If interested please contact Margaret on 01263 513215

DON'T FORGET—June 29th Allotment show and 40s event.

LIBRARIES Cromer Library opening times:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 10.30am-7pm.

Saturday 12-4pm Wednesday: Closed. Sunday: Closed.

Out of hours “Open Library Access” see website.

MOBILE LIBRARY 13th June, 11thuly, 8th Aug 5th Sep

West Runton operating as follows. Subject to change.

Correct at the time of printing.

West Runton Church Close 15:50-16:05

West Runton Renwick Pk 16:10-16:25

West Runton Golf Close 16:30-16:40

**For enquiries about
the routes please**

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