

THE QUARTERLY RUNTONIAN

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The Parish Council needs you!
Runton is looking for a new
enthusiastic member for the team
of councillors.
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Parish Council Website:
www.runton-pc.gov.uk
Telephone: 01263 512214
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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. 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, or just to change a light bulb.

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: clerk@runton-pc.gov.uk — X @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 at 7:15pm
Next meeting is Sept.24th, then Oct 22nd, Nov 26th Dec 17th
Full calendar 2024 is on the website.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

Do you want to give more to your parish?

What about giving some of your time to the work of Runton Parish Council! It would only take a few hours of your time each month. You can be involved in the management of allotments, commons and ponds. Perhaps your interest lies in history or I.T. There are events to help organise. Perhaps none of those things but just a general interest in being able to make a difference in the whole community and listening to the needs of the parishioners.

The criteria is simple:

You just need to be on the electoral roll for Runton, or have lived or worked there or within three miles for at least 12 months and be a citizen of the UK.

Do come along to a Parish Council meeting. Take a look at the website www.runton-pc.gov.uk Contact one of the councillors listed there and have a chat.

If you feel you want to know more please contact the Clerk on 01263 512214 or email: clerk@runton-pc.gov.uk

RUNTON ALLOTMENTS AND GARDEN SHOW

Another successful show this year at East Runton. Plenty of local entries even though it had been a difficult growing season due to the wet weather. Some fantastic entertainment from Jeff and Sue Short giving the whole thing a 40s inspired feel. Total raised on the day was £226.00 which was made up to £300 by the Parish Council and donated to the Royal British Legion Cromer.

A big thank you to all the volunteers who came and helped on the day Next year will be in West Runton so please do come and join us. Watch out for posters and social media advertising for details.

Teresa Edwards and the event team.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

MEETINGS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Members of the public are always welcome at Parish Council meetings. There is always an opportunity for members of the public to address the council and it is welcomed. There are a lot of things that a parish council has no powers for. Roads, speed limits and parking are causing concerns for many of us.

Parish councils are unable to tackle any of these. All that can be done is to report problems to higher authorities. Planning applications are sent to the parish council for consultation, but the planning authority is not obliged to take on board the comments of parish councils. However councillors are keen to get things done which are within the scope of the small team. We are still awaiting information about the speed limit reduction for West Runton and will keep residents informed as soon as we hear.

ALLOTMENTS

The allotments committee are working hard to bring plots into good working areas. Many areas have been neglected over the years and slowly but surely these will be much better managed and usage will increase for the better.

Wyndham Park is getting some attention and some trees which have become overhanging and far too big, plots which have been lost and boundaries blurred are being surveyed to tidy and clean up the whole site eventually. This is a big project which will take some time.

COMMONS

This year some of our commons have caused concern not least the cutting programme.

It is unfortunate that we lost the work of the contractor part way through the summer.

A wonderful party of willing volunteers is working to tidy certain areas and a new contractor will be appointed for next year for the general cutting.

NEW for 2024 WEBSITE—runton-pc.gov.uk

Our new website is well under way. There are still some pages and a bit of tweaking to be done, but it is largely complete.

Minutes of meetings and agendas plus other documents can be downloaded at a click, which will make it easier for you to read.

Please take a look.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

At West Runton, switching on the lights, carols around the tree with a band to help you sing.

Refreshments will be served with mulled wine.

December 7th 5pm. Come and enjoy.

East Runton also hoping to have an event. Date and time to be determined.

Watch out for posters for both events.



CROMER CARES

Please just contact if you need help. You lose nothing by asking. 01263 686999 Julie Chance. info@cromer-cares.co.uk

Originally set up to help during the Covid crisis.

We are continuing to help those who need help due to economic hardship, ill health, and social care need.

We will assist residents in Cromer and surrounding villages.

For help with economic hardship, ill health and social care. Not means tested.

<https://communitydirectory.norfolk.gov.uk/Services/12094/Cromer-Cares>

FIFTIETH EDITION OF THIS NEWSLETTER

When the newsletter was first formed by the Clerk on behalf of Runton Parish Council it was simply “News From East To West”. In recent years it has received a makeover as Councillors decided that much more could be made of it.

Renamed The Quarterly Runtonian after the “Runtonian” magazine produced by the school in 1924, a copy of which can be seen at the Reading Room.

Since it's first edition many items of history have been covered within these pages. From the brick kilns to the mill, from the Runton House and the Links hotel and the many professional golfers who played there to details of census' and public houses with rock bands. The subjects have been numerous.

Many people these days research their family trees and history using a computer which we take for granted. It is quite easy. You find a website, download a programme and there, is a lot of information now available including census' up to 1911.

We have moved on quite a bit since world war 2, not least the dawn of that home computer and all that the internet opened up.

It was 1952 and rationing was still in place after the war. Not many houses had television and those that did would have enjoyed the BBC but not all day as it is now. No morning TV. Most families would gather together in the evenings to listen to the radio, read or play cards and board games. The radio broadcast “Listen with Mother” was for the children and later this progressed to “Watch with Mother” on the television. “Take it from Here”, and the “Archers”, still going today, were radio favourites.

The main TV programmes began with the news at tea time. Children had children's hour and that was it. No-one I knew, had a telephone and certainly not a calculator. The first space craft had not yet got off the ground and ipod and lap-top were words that we had not heard of but are now part of our language.

The working man earned around £5 per week depending on the nature and skill of the work and he lived in a small cottage worth about £400 or less if there was no electricity or running water. If his boss was a wealthy farmer, he could buy a new tractor running on paraffin, petrol or diesel for about £550 or a new Austin A40 Somerset for £467 plus £260 purchase tax! His holiday to Nice by "Special Train", through the Co-op Travel agent, would cost him £22.00 per person and a new coat for his wife £2.50 (49/11 in old money for those who remember it).

The ABC cinema in Norwich was showing "The Lady With a Lamp" starring Anna Neagle and Aladdin was on at the Theatre Royal. The death penalty was still in force and the EDP carried news of a poultry farmer from Huddersfield being executed at Leeds prison for the murder of a policeman, a Detective Sergeant.

One of my children once asked me what was a significant happening in my childhood. He was astounded when I said "running water from the tap and an inside toilet". We had lived in the country for a time and our house had no electricity or water. We had a well shared with the five houses in the row.

I started school there. The school also had no inside toilets or running water. Most places had a well. It was bliss when we moved into my grandfather's bungalow back in East Runton and I could go to Runton school.

Quite a few residents still remember those days and especially the School at Runton.

Barbara Emery.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Holy Trinity West Runton and St. Andrew's East Runton
Everyone very welcome to join all our services and events.

Holy Trinity, each Sunday at 11 am .St. Andrew's, each Sunday at 9.15 and each Wednesday at 10.30am.

See the notice board for details of Harvest, Remembrance Sunday and Christmas.

Events: Coffee Mornings in The Church Hall, West Runton, every Friday 10 – 12noon.

St Andrew's Coffee Mornings: Saturday 5th October, Saturday, 7th December, 10 -12 noon.

All sorts of delights will be on offer: homemade cakes, raffles and much, much more. Come and enjoy a good old natter over a coffee and something yummy to eat!

“MINGLE AND MARDLE” history Coffee Mornings continue on first Thursday in each month. **Next ones at East Runton Reading Room Oct 3rd, Nov 7th, Dec 5th which will be our Christmas special, all at 10.30. Admission free.**

Christmas at West Runton, on the Hurn December 7th with Refreshments and a band to help you sing the carols around the tree 5pm. East Runton to be announced on posters.

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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