

TORC of SNETTISHAM

Spring 2020

SPRINGTIME IN SNETTISHAM!

For such a small village (pop.2,570 in 2011) there's a huge amount going on, as you'll see within these pages. So many clubs, groups and societies catering for all ages and inclinations, it's quite astonishing! And mostly run by volunteers who do so much to bring the community together.

In particular there's a whole weekend in May dedicated to celebrating the 75th anniversary of VE Day—Victory in Europe—and events will be taking place all over the country. Winston Churchill declared that May 8th 1945 should be a public holiday. You can find out more about our own celebrations on page 9.

Visit the Art Group's Easter exhibition—see page 4

Stride out with the Walking Group—see page 5

Take some gardening leave—see page 6

See what's on at the village cinema—page 7 and maybe join the Midi ladies—a sort of renegade WI so I'm told!

The Salvation Army have some lovely events coming up (see p.8) and of course the tireless Friends of St Mary's Church have masses going on—just keep reading!

A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW EDITOR —

Well, here is my first attempt at producing an edition of the Snettisham Torc magazine!

I feel a bit like one of those ducklings down at the beach, making its wobbly way around a totally new world, trying to appear all confident, untroubled and serene on the surface while paddling like mad underneath in these strange new waters, doing my best to get to grips with all this new technology. I'm sure the rest of the editorial team have been biting their nails, wondering what will emerge. I hope I won't disappoint them.

My predecessor, Janet Lane, has been at the editorial helm ever since the Torc first appeared ten years ago, and has been a great help in getting me started - I'm most grateful for her help and patience.

I hesitated before putting myself forward for the post of Editor, as I don't live locally - my husband Tim and I have had a holiday home down at the beach for 15 years or so and are often here, although mostly in Norwich and elsewhere - but these days it's possible to do so much remotely via the internet.

I worked as a sub editor and journalist on a local newspaper in Swindon for several years, so I do have proper experience - but that was in pre-digital times, and times have changed since then. Desk top publishing was in its infancy, and we were still using rulers and pencils, and cutting and pasting meant just that—with scalpels and glue!

What I (and everyone else) must remember is that the Torc always remains firmly rooted in Snettisham—not forgetting the community down at the beach. Village gatherings and events appear within its pages, editorial from local groups, churches and clubs, plus paid adverts for local businesses and services. Things that concern both Snettisham and places close by can be included—but Snettisham must be at their heart.

I'm not planning to make any particular changes to the magazine until I've had more experience, but I would very much welcome feedback, suggestions and contributions. Please contact me using the details below.

Snettisham Celebrates

Friday May 8th

Concert in St Marys

Saturday May 9th

1940s songs and
village tea party.

Come dressed in 1940s clothes

Sunday May 10th

Special ecumenical service with
talk and village lunch

**Exhibitions and display throughout
the weekend. Do Join us!**

VE DAY

75TH ANNIVERSARY

A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION

8 - 10 MAY 2020

Contributions and adverts for the next Torc of Snettisham:

The deadline for the Summer edition is 15th May 2020.

Please send your submissions in good time to avoid disappointment. Thank you!

Email torcofsnettisham@gmail.com

Snettisham Parish Council

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Council meets monthly on the 1st Wednesday, 7.00 pm at the Memorial Hall. All welcome to attend.

Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer:

Simon Bower

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The Council office is open on Thursdays from 10.00 am to 12 noon. (Please note, no longer Mondays)

If you need to contact the Parish Council outside these hours, please ring and leave a message, email or drop a letter through the letterbox.

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Ian Devereux 544102

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Stuart Dark 544339

Village Diary

Many events are mentioned elsewhere in this magazine so for fuller details and contacts look for the article or listing on the relevant page. There are all sorts of things going on around the village - do read all the articles, and let us know in good time if you wish to publicise your event in the next edition. You can find the full Village Diary on the Parish Website, see above.

Dates in 2020	Event & Venue	Organisation/contact
18/03	Village cinema, Memorial Hall, 'Judy', 7pm	FoSM
21/03	Community Breakfast, 9am	Salvation Army
28/03	Concert, St Mary's, 5pm	FoSM
01/04	Parish Council meeting, Memorial Hall, 7pm	SPC
03/04	Children's music workshop	FoSM
03/04	Concert, St Mary's, 7pm	FoSM
04/04	SPAM pensioners' meal, Memorial Hall	Contact Dee Burak, 01485 541335
10 - 13/04	Easter exhibition, Art Group, British Legion hall	Art Group
15/04	Village cinema, 'Official Secrets'	FoSM
18/04	Fleamarket, 9am, Memorial Hall	Contact Debbie Rand, 07790 789235
18/04	Concert, St Mary's, 7.00pm	FoSM
20/04	Quiz night with buffet, Salvation Army hall, 7pm	Salvation Army
02/05	Concert, St Mary's, 7pm	FoSM
03-04/05	Gospel Choir weekend	FoSM
06/05	Parish Council AGM, 7PM, Memorial Hall	SPC
08-09-10/05	VE Day celebrations all weekend	FoSM
11-06	Fashion Show, British Legion Hall, 7.30pm	Snettisham WI

Council Notes

Council is again at full strength, as we welcome David Baxter. He has already taken a full part in our work and is now leading on finance, and looking at further options for the Townlands Trust. We also welcome our new MP, James Wild, and wish him well.

On finance, we recently donated £2,700 to the Memorial Hall to help with the Tennis Court, as well as sums to several other local groups, and funding work on the Pavilion Memorial Stone. A precept rise of 3.7% was set in January; Band D properties will now pay £1.63pw. Costs inevitably rise, and we have had to budget a lot more in certain areas. In July I will present the Annual Report, with more details of how the precept is spent.

We are extending further the Trod on Beach Rd (this will help link with the Coastal Footpath which will soon reach further around the Wash, and give a safer route for those visiting the new Scout Hut - well done to them on progress there).

We have just heard that Pigeon have submitted the Planning Application for the Poppyfields site, which many of you will have seen at their presentation last year. This includes a large tract of land to the East, which Council will preserve as green space. Over a long period, they have taken on board many suggestions from Council and the Public. Our recommendations will be made at the March meeting, and the Borough will then make the final decision.

The A149 speed cameras now seem to be operating, and we are soon to be asked our views on the by-pass speed reduction and possible junction changes in the Village. Also on transport, we are working with Ingoldsthorpe PC on improving late bus provision.

We will be holding an event as part of the county-wide Dark Skies festival in September looking at bats, followed by a walk at the Common – limited numbers. We are lucky to have such natural delights here, and also those who help maintain them; Council wishes to thank Diane Westwood and husband Steve for their work leading on this over recent years.

I am determined that we should have a really helpful and comprehensive Village Diary – there is so much going on the Village (see the VE75 Weekend information elsewhere). This does, however, require that I am made aware of what is going on; a plea to groups to contact me so that we can help publicise your events etc! The Post Office van is now visiting four times a week, though the Council Office will now only be open for drop-in visits on Thursdays.

Many of you were disappointed at the lack of the Christmas Market. We are still not certain of what will happen with the Events Committee; Council has agreed in principle to help with Christmas events on an admin level, but does not have the manpower to run them. Please consider helping by volunteering, as with the Fete (July 18th) – a regular observation from me that things do not happen without people!

My notes would not be complete without the familiar cry on dog mess! It has been noted that people are not clearing up away from the paths at the Common which is very unpleasant for contractors and volunteers, and Station Rd has also been very bad. We congratulate children from the School (winner Emily Dry) who have designed posters in our competition, many of which you may see displayed around the village.

POST OFFICE NEWS

The travelling Post Office, which is aboard a specifically designed vehicle, delivers vital Post Office services to people in 12 villages including Snettisham. Mark Eldridge, Postmaster for Great Massingham is operating the service.

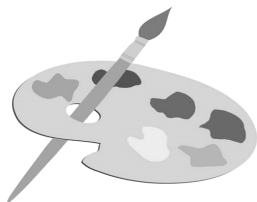
The service in Snettisham has been extended and details are now as follows:

Location: the Market Square

Day: Mon, Tue, Thu 12.50–1.50, and Friday 13.50–14.50



Snettisham Art Group



EASTER EXHIBITION
FRIDAY 10th - MONDAY 13th APRIL
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All donations to British Legion funds

We meet at the British Legion Hall on Church Road on Tuesday and Thursday of each week from 10.00 am until 12.00 noon and welcome anyone with an interest in painting at any level on either or both mornings.

We currently pay membership quarterly and sometimes have demonstrations and workshops which are much enjoyed by members. There is an additional charge for these, dependent on how many participate. We also obtain art materials on a regular basis for members. Should you be interested in joining please telephone Les. on 01485 572370 for further details, or come along and meet the group on either morning at the hall.

We are holding two informal mornings on Thursday 23rd April and Tuesday 28th April between 10.00 am and 11.30 am when you can meet us and see what we do, have a cup of tea/coffee and decide if our group is for you. We look forward to welcoming you.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

SNETTISHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We meet on the second Thursday each month, and from July this year we will be at our new venue, the British Legion hall. We look forward to seeing everyone there, and visitors are always welcome - you may find old friends and make new ones. Do come along - we offer so much more than just tea and cakes!

We have an active Book Club, Tenpin Bowling Club and Ladies' Lunch Group. Our programme this year includes our popular **Fashion Show** on Thursday 11th June.

Why not come along and find out more about the WI? You can be sure of a warm welcome. For further details call Janet on 545989, or Lesley on 544009.

Helena Anderson

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We meet in the **Playing Field Pavilion car park** to leave at 10.00 am, generally on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. We share transport to the chosen destinations, which offer some lovely local Norfolk landscapes. Full details of the walk starting point are given by the leader on the day. Due to the sometimes variable terrain, suitable footwear is strongly advised, particularly in the colder months. Distance is usually around 3.5–4.5 miles.

Walks planned for the next months are:

March 18th – Wootton Woods and

Castle Rising

April 1st – Grimston Heath

April 15th – Courtyard Farms

(hoping for the cowslips to be out)

May 6th – Dersingham Bog to Sandringham

May 20th – Castle Acre area

There is no charge, just turn up on the day. For any further information call Mrs. Anne May on 01485 544169.



Snettisham Bobtails Pre-School

We are pleased to say that our OFSTED inspection in December 2019 resulted in a GOOD rating again. Comments made included 'The quality of education is good,' 'Children feel safe and secure'. 'Children develop a positive attitude to learning' and that 'Children are encouraged to be independent' The full report can be viewed on the OFSTED website.

Bobtails is based at Snettisham Primary School, with places for 2, 3 and 4 year olds in morning and all day sessions. We guide our children to learn through play and encourage

them to explore through their own

experiences, respecting and valuing their

contributions. For further information please

contact the Office on 01485 541274 or email

snettishambobtails@gmail.com



SNETTISHAM FLEAMARKET

28th March, 18th April,

16th May.

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SNETTISHAM GARDENING CLUB

We welcome 2020 with a new programme of events and will be pleased to see anyone who would like to join us.

The first meeting after publication of the Spring Torc will be our March meeting on **Wednesday 25th at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall when Jenny Sparks will regale us with Further Farming Tales**, which is always enjoyed by members.

Wednesday 29 April will see **Gary Bocking of Heligan House Flowers** give a talk and demonstration from Garden to Arrangement.

On Wednesday 27th May Mrs. Robin McDonald will speak about Orchids and other House Plants.

We will also be holding our **Annual Open Show in the Memorial Hall on Saturday 11th July when everyone in the village is invited to take part.** There are classes for many vegetables and fruit as well as cookery, preserves and crafts, including photography, art and handicrafts. There are also free classes for our younger members. **Schedules will shortly be available at the chemist;** there is a small entry fee for adult classes, but if you win you more than double your money!

We have trips out during the year and there is a short break to the Hampshire area scheduled for 14th September. Our meetings continue until November when we finish the year with a Hog Roast and membership is currently £5.00 per year with £1.00 entry to most meetings (includes tea and biscuits)

For further information please contact
Gail on 01485 541279 or Addie on 01485 544754



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Bar and car park open from 6.30pm
Film starts at 7pm.
Tickets are £5.00 each.
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**March 18th:** "Judy", the story of Judy Garland which of course recently won an Oscar for Renee Zellweger

**April 15th:** "Official Secrets," a thriller starring Keira Knightley, Matt Smith and Ralph Fiennes. One of the most historic events of the last century when the British Government invaded Iraq. Edge of the seat stuff!

**May 20th:** "Another Mother's Son," a true-life tale of a Channel Islands mother who hides a fugitive Russian during WW2. Jenny Seagrove, Julian Kostov, Ronan Keating

The Village Cinema is organised by  
The Friends of St Mary's.

## Snettisham Midi Group

The Midi Ladies Group meets in the hall at the back of the Methodist Church on Lynn Road, on the second Wednesday evening of the month at 7.30 pm. Membership is £6.00 for the year 2020 with a charge of £1.00 at monthly meetings, to include refreshments. Occasionally there is a small extra charge according to the cost of speakers or any materials needed for the subject.

- ◆ Wednesday March 11th – "Surprise Adventure" speaker Jean Crane
- ◆ Wednesday April 8th – Visit to Bodyshop, High Street Kings Lynn for a talk and makeup demonstration.
- ◆ Wednesday May 13th – "Nursing in the 50's" speaker Jenny Shoebridge

For any further information or details our contact is Anne May on 01485 541649

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Snettisham Salvation Army

From Alison Kirby, Corps Leader

It seems a long time ago since Christmas but I hope you managed to get to at least one of the events we held at The Salvation Army.

Our Christmas Afternoon Tea was well attended! Or maybe you visited our Christmas Tree Festival with village businesses and organisations decorating a tree and raising money for their nominated charity, if so, I hope you enjoyed both the trees and the welcome.

Or maybe you attended our Carol Service - so many of you did that it was a bit of a tight squeeze but we had a good time celebrating the birth of Jesus.

I would like to thank you all for your generosity in regards to donations received for our Toys and Tins Appeal. The Toys and Tins Appeal is run by The Salvation Army in Norfolk in conjunction with BBC Radio Norfolk and aims to provide food hampers and toys for those who struggle to cope at Christmas time. This year we were overwhelmed with the amount of toys and food donated to our appeal through our Community shop in Hunstanton and also left at our hall in Alma Road Snettisham. Because of your generous donations we were able to help over 50 local people this Christmas time with food hampers and toy parcels.

The Salvation Army is often called 'Christianity with its sleeves rolled up.' In other words our faith is worked out in actions, but much of what we do can only be achieved because of the generous support we receive from you, the general public.

If you didn't visit us at Christmas then there will be plenty of opportunities in the coming year to come and visit us. We have plenty going on over the next few months!



Dates for your diary

On 21st March we have a Community Breakfast from 9am-11am.

No tickets needed, just pop in for a full English Breakfast and some good company for £5.

On Monday 20th April, there's a quiz night with a buffet, starting at 7pm, £5 per person.

On 5th and 6th of June we have our Afternoon Tea complete with 1940s style live entertainment.

Starts at 3 pm, £6 per person

On the 4th July there's a great treat— with the visit of one of the Salvation Army's top brass bands, The Household Troops Band.

The event starts at 7 pm, £10 admission.

Look out for details on our noticeboard or website.

Contact details: -

Alison.Kirby@salvationarmy.org.uk

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The Friends of St Mary's Church, Snettisham

2020 looks to be another exciting year of music at St Mary's.

From "An evening in Vienna" with familiar waltzes that might get you dancing in the aisles, to Gilbert and Sullivan in costume, an international Japanese pianist, a children's orchestra and music from Bach to Beyoncé with an electric string quartet.

The 2020 calendar of events leaflet is now out and available from church or the parish. And if that is not enough, how about a finalist from The Voice and a wonderful ladies group singing 1940s songs during our VE weekend celebrations!

And an exhibition of 1940s memorabilia in the church - do you have anything you could lend?

Our events fund the maintenance and ongoing improvements of the building that has been at the heart of our village for over 700 years. This year at Harvest Time we will celebrate 680 years of the present building and in the next few months, the major Spire project will be making progress - so watch this space for some exciting news in the coming weeks! The Friends enjoy advance notice of events and invitations to special launches.

If you would like to become a Friend, for as little as £12pa, call Edward Stanton on 01485 541244 or visit our website, www.thefriendsofstmarys.co.uk

UPCOMING CONCERTS

March 28th at 5pm
West Norfolk Jubilee
Youth Orchestra :
No admission charge.

April 3rd at 7pm
Kavoelectrica String Quartet
Music like you have
never heard it before
from Bach to Beyoncé
Tickets £10.00 each.
Children free

April 18th at 7pm
Neil Colledge : Piano
Music includes Haydn,
Chopin and Schuman
Tickets £10.00 each

May 2nd at 7pm
Peterborough Community
Gospel Choir
Joyous music from
Peterborough.
Tickets £10.00 each

AT ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH

May 8th: VE Weekend
Benjamin Lake (tenor),
Hayley Moss (soprano)
A finalist from The Voice.
Tickets £10.00 each

May 15th at 7pm
Joo Yeon Sir (violin)
Irina Andrievsky (Piano)
The famous duo returns for
the third time.
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and piano music
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May 30th at 2pm
with afternoon tea
Serenata Female Voices
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before them.
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afternoon tea included!
£10 admission

WANTED!

Do you have any items you would be willing to lend for an exhibition of wartime memorabilia in the church?

Throughout the weekend of May 8th—10th there will be an exhibition of 1940s memorabilia and pictures on display in the church.

Anyone willing to lend special wartime memorabilia, 1940s items or photographs of the period is asked to contact Debbie on 07368 558921 or the Church Warden, Marian Abramovich, on 07989177079.

These are the numbers to ring about any of the events arranged by the Friends of St Mary's.

SPAM stands for

Snettisham Pensioners' Annual Meal!

Come along to our fundraising coffee mornings at the Memorial Hall on the second Tuesday of each month. There are some craft stalls and a bring and buy table and the opportunity to meet new friends or old over a cup of coffee (or tea) and a great selection of home made cakes. If getting to the Hall is a problem then please give me a call and we may be able to assist as we have free transport available. Also, please contact me on the number below if you have a craft to sell and would like to book a table.

The annual meal will be on Saturday 4th April 2020.

Please look out for the lists to book your place - they will be in the Co op, Memorial Hall and The Paddocks until the closing date of 20th March.

The first 90 names will take priority. The caterers are booked and Waddo will be providing the music, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Please contact

Dee Burak - Tel: 01485 541335



SPECIAL EVENTS FOR VE WEEKEND

Friday May 8th

Bells ring out at 7pm!

Special concert, see above for details. Children go free.

Saturday May 9th

1940s Concert by The Samphires at 2pm followed by village tea party. Come in costume and join the vintage fun!

Sunday May 10th

Special ecumenical service at 10.30am with a talk by an ex RAF chaplain. Refreshments after the service, and a talk from Paul Durham from the War Graves commission about First World War veteran Sir Peter Strickland, who spent his retirement in Snettisham. Followed by a buffet lunch served at 12.30pm

**No charge for either meal,
but an indication of numbers would be appreciated!**

Church Times

St Mary's Church, Snettisham

Services can be subject to change - see notices in village and in church for details

Sundays	8am	BCP Holy Communion
1st and 3rd Sundays	10am	Common Worship, Morning Praise
2nd/4th/5th Sundays	10am	Common Worship Holy Communion
Last Sunday each month	4pm	Contemporary Evening Praise Service

See below for contact details

Snettisham Methodist Church

Sundays	10.30 am	Sunday Worship
3rd Wednesdays	1.30 to 3 pm	Ladies Fellowship
Last Saturday	10.30 am	Monthly Coffee Morning

*Revd Stephen Oliver
01485 570232*

Catholic Parish of Hunstanton

Sunday Mass	9.00 am	St Cecilia's, Dersingham
Sunday Mass	11.00 am	Our Lady of Perpetual Succour & St Edmund, Hunstanton
Weekday Masses	10.00 am	Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday at Hunstanton (in the Convent during winter, in Church during summer)
	10.15 am	Wednesdays at Dersingham

*Parish Priest
Fr Peter Rollings
01553 772220
Information and changes
to Mass times can be
found at both churches*

Salvation Army

Morning Worship	11.00 am	Sundays at Alma Road
Mondays	10.30 am	CAMEO (Come and meet each other) Club
Tuesdays	10.00 am	CHAT prayer group
Last Tuesday	10.30 am	Bible study
Tuesdays	7.00 pm	Band practice (for all brass players)
Wednesdays	2.00 pm	Friendship Group
3rd Wednesday	7.30 pm	Men's Fellowship
Thursdays	10.00 am	Coffee morning
3rd Thursday	1.00-3.00pm	Craft Club (bring your own projects)

*Enquiries to
Alison Kirby on 01485 579079
See page 8 for main article and upcoming
events.*

Snettisham Christian Fellowship

Sundays	10.45 am	Family Service at the Memorial Hall
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Visit the website at www.scfonline.org.uk for more details

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St Mary's Church

Rev Rachel Alexander
The Vicarage, 18 Park Lane,
Snettisham
snettisham.vicar@gmail.com
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Sunday

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Social and Outreach

Church Hall, Station Road. Snettisham
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An update from the Memorial Hall Trust

Happy New Year! – the year has started well for the MHT with the work beginning on the Multi Use Sports Area. A few dedicated Trustees and volunteers braved the cold in December to remove old fence panels along the sides and paint all metalwork and posts - some damaged metal was repaired and some missing parts replaced. The contractors then arrived in January to erect the floodlights and in just over a months' time the work on laying the new base; installing low impact end fence panels and drawing up the court lines will commence. Finally, we will need to purchase and fit the remaining fencing and await delivery of all the new posts and nets. We are very excited to see this project taking shape after many frustrating months raising the funding and tweaking the plans to fit into the environmental needs and our budget. We hope with the variety of sports this will now support the MUSA will be used and enjoyed by many. With the large investments in our facilities on the sports field the MHT will not be able to subsidise organisations as it has in the past, especially on the sports side of the operation - we hope we can trust in your understanding in this matter. At this point, we wish to apologise for the closure of the Pavilion car park for several weeks during January and February but this was necessary for

H&S reasons while the lighting was being erected and, due to the wet weather, this work was unfortunately delayed. Whilst the field and car park are for the use of the people of the village, they are not maintained as public places by the Council but by the MHT who have to raise money to pay for such expenses as grass cutting; car park maintenance, etc. It was for this reason we felt the car park should be locked to avoid any possible accidents.

The solar panels have been installed and any excess power we generate goes back into the National Grid, so we are now very 'green'. We are also looking at having a working party to carry out works to prepare the pavilion for the summer season - if you feel you would be able to help with this project please contact one of the names below. Recently, we have endured a spate of vandalism on the field – large stones down the drains; the Pavilion meter cupboard door and meters smashed, and the Cricket Club has had nets and covers damaged. If you see any suspicious activity in the vicinity, please call the police as these acts are proving very costly to all concerned.

The children's Christmas party was a great success with over fifty village

children attending. It's a very noisy affair with Father Christmas arriving on his sleigh and Barry providing entertainment and music (and encouraging the noise!!) but we enjoy organising this and 2020's party is already booked!

Bingo continues on Friday evenings in the Hall with doors open from 6.30pm for a 7.30 start.

Refreshments are available and all are welcome not only to play but help would be appreciated to call the numbers or to serve teas/coffee.

If you have any queries regarding the Hall, Pavilion or Playing Field or have some spare time and wish to volunteer we need help from carrying out decorating to general repairs, grass-cutting and strimming or if you would like to join us on our Committee then please contact one of the following:

Chairman- Peter Bradshaw on 528206; Jan Sexton on 544580 or Linda Standeven on 541139.

You can also contact us via our website www.snettishamhall.com

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An ode to the shops of yesteryear in Snettisham – a piece of nostalgia by Andrew Grange

The shops of our village were a joy to see,
They were used by everyone including me,
Billy Lord with his window full of pork,
It all looked delicious and people would talk,
Percy Doe a great baker to behold,
If you weren't there by ten the bread had all been sold,
The Army and Navy with clothes and boots to wear,
A gorgeous selection for people to share,
Ray Hunt with his tellys black and white,
You couldn't get out of the door try as you might,
Betty's and Jack's the best fish and chips you could buy,
No one could match them even though they would try,
Hunt's groceries sold by Olive and Shirley,
They sold everything including Curly Wurly,
Titch Norwoods along Station Road,
They would do deliveries and bring your food,
Fred Coleman would trim your Barnet fair,
Then take your bet on the greyhounds who chased the hare,
Joy Bockings with bouquets and flowers to sell,
Always lovely flowers people would tell,
Lamberts ironmongers and Iris in the shop,
You could buy floor cleaner to go with your mop,
The post office the best one around,
You could buy two stamps for under a pound,
Mr Smalls would repair your shoes,
Always a good job you couldn't lose,
Mr Bowden's who would sell all the papers,
Run by Mrs Thompson she wouldn't take any capers,
Mr Williamson's with his infamous chair,
You could sit to have your hair cut if you dare,
Poor old Hilly was the landlady of the Vic,
Of all the pubs it was the pick,
So as you can see it was a thriving place to grow,
And I love it more now than you'll ever know.

Advertising in the **Torc Newsletter**

This magazine is delivered by volunteers to every home and business in the village, including the beach. Copies are also available in some local shops and businesses. All production costs are covered by the sale of advertising space.

For more information please contact us through the Parish Office (see page 2) or by email to torcofsnettisham@gmail.com

Current prices for advertising per issue are
1/4 page = £35, 1/8 page = £18

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Did you read Andrew's poem on the Snettisham Village Facebook page? I did, and so did lots of other people, and there were many comments and more memories of the 'olden days' in the village. It's hard to imagine all the thriving shops and businesses that used to be here, and sad knowing they have practically all gone—overtaken by 'progress' and supermarkets, and everyone having a car, and these days the internet as well.

I asked Andrew if I could put his poem in the Torc, and he kindly said I could.

It would be interesting if someone could put together a map of the village showing where all these shops used to be - anyone fancy having a go?? - Ed.

Something you'd like to see in the Torc?

If you'd like to highlight your local club or organisation

If there's something you want to say

If you've got an event coming up

If you have a bit of history or a story you'd like to tell —SEND IT IN!

Hand it in to the Parish Office, or email:

torcofsnettisham@gmail.com

Torc of Snettisham

Community newsletter and magazine

The Torc is published three times a year: Spring, Summer and Autumn/Winter. **Deadline for contributions for the next edition is 15th May 2020** (subject to available space and limited to village organisations, businesses and events please). Do send submissions early to avoid disappointment. If you have any news, contributions or suggestions for future issues, please email jillryanbrowne@aol.com or hand in to the Council office.

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If you have any comments please send them via the Parish Clerk, marked for the attention of the Newsletter group, or by email to torcofsnettisham@gmail.com. Also if you know of anyone or any street which is not getting a copy, do please let us know.

The Torc is also available on the council's website - see page 2 for the address.

