

TORC of SNETTISHAM

Autumn 2017

Welcome to the Autumn edition of the Torc newsletter, with the usual mix of articles from local organisations and details of events planned for the coming weeks. Articles include a delightful poem on page 6 by a village resident.

We hope you enjoy reading the Torc - spare copies are available at the Parish Office for visitors and new residents, along with audited accounts for the past year.

We would like to welcome to Lesley Marriage who has joined the editorial team.

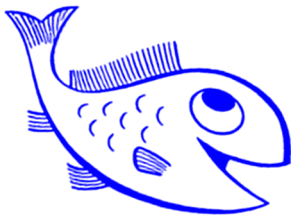
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*Pictures from the 2017
Village Fete*



Remembrance Day 2017

The Snettisham Branch of the Royal British Legion are pleased to confirm arrangements for Remembrance Day, Sunday 12th November 2017:



- 10.30 Parade & wreath layers gather at Co-op
- 10.40 Parade steps off
- 10.45 Parade forms up at War Memorial
- 10.50 Service starts

All other details are on the Order of Service which will be distributed on the day. Members of the public are asked to be in the Market Square by 10.40 am. The Salvation Army Band will play from 10.30 am, and there will be a collection for the Poppy Appeal.

Deadline for next Torc of Snettisham:

The deadline for the Spring edition is 1st February 2018. Please send your submissions in good time to avoid disappointment. Thank you.

Snettisham Parish Council

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Village Diary

*Please contact the relevant organisation for more details on any of the following, or see their entries in this newsletter, especially for **Christmas Services**. There are many more events around the village - do read all the articles, and let us know if you wish to publicise your event in the next edition.*

Date	Event & Venue	Organisation
Sat 4th Nov	Indoor Fireworks Party, Salvation Army Hall	Salvation Army
Sun 12th Nov	Remembrance Day Parade and Service	Royal British Legion
Weds 15th Nov	Village Cinema, Memorial Hall	Friends of St Mary's
Sat 18th Nov	Pie & Mash Dinner Dance, Memorial Hall	SPAM
Sun 26th Nov	Advent Activity Afternoon, St Mary's Church	St Mary's
All December	Advent Wreath Festival, St Mary's Church	St Mary's
Fri 1st Dec	Lights and carol service, Market Place	SVEC
Sat 2nd Dec	Hunstanton Community Choir, St Mary's Church	Friends of St Mary's
Wed 6th Dec	Christmas Market, Market Place	SVEC
Sat 9th Dec	Christmas Afternoon Tea, Salvation Army Hall	Salvation Army
14th/15th/16th Dec	Christmas Tree Festival, Salvation Army Hall	Salvation Army
Tues 19th Dec	Children's Christmas Party, Memorial Hall	Memorial Hall & Playing Field Trustees

Clerk's Notes - November 2017



A lot to get through in little space – please excuse style this issue!

Huge thanks to Barney Sheldon for her efforts on the **fete**. A great day was had by all and we have had many positive comments. There is still an issue with getting volunteers however - those who were there worked their socks off – massive thanks to them also; if the Village is to continue to have events like this it needs people to be prepared to help for a few hours! We thank Barney also for her work in the Office; hopefully we will have a new **Admin Assistant** in place soon.

We were able to recruit volunteers following a fascinating meeting looking at the natural history and geology of the **Common**. Thanks to Cllr Westwood for her work, and Tim and Helen for their excellent presentations. (Two more days are set aside for volunteer activity – please ask!)

Details of **Remembrance** Day are elsewhere. If your group has not yet been invited and you wish to take part, please contact the Office asap! Please excuse any omissions as the personnel involved in organising this have changed.

Neighbourhood Plan – after recent consultation this needed extensive re-wording to translate it into planning-speak! We are hoping that a consultant will now be able to produce the final document the Parish deserves. As before, keep your eyes open for news on the referendum in due course.

Several councillors have taken part in **surgeries** we hold at the Old Bank - on the last Wednesday of the month at 2pm. We have had a few people visit to have their say, but it is important to take advantage of this opportunity - as they say, “use it or lose it”! The **facebook** page is another way of keeping in touch – search for “snettishampc”.

Horse poo – a reminder that horses should remain on the road where possible, not the pavements. Dog poo - the Common volunteers reported that there is a lot of dog poo away from the tracks – remember that it is just as important to monitor your dog and clear this up – it is not fair to expose our volunteers in this way.

Please remove any **staples** from notices you post when you remove them – better still do not staple! Reports of strange letters, **calls** and visits relating to previous occupants - please take care and report anything suspicious to Police.

Meeting with **Highways** has led to some improvements (markings, signs etc.) but not everything is possible! The new **TROD** will arrive very soon. Please take advantage of the winter to cut back **hedges** over pavements – our second most frequent complaint! Memorial Hall seeking votes on Aviva website for their new **Multi-Use Games Area**; please ask for details.

Simon Bower, Parish Clerk

Broaden your horizons - become a School Governor

Snettisham school is a thriving primary school with a ‘Good’ Ofsted rating. We are part of the West Norfolk Academy Trust and all involved are committed to ensure our children have a great start on their academic journey. With Bobtails preschool now onsite and the new classrooms up and running the school offers a safe, inclusive and engaging learning environment ensuring the limits for our young people are endless.

To ensure the school continues to grow and move forward we need a committed board of governors who along with the Executive Head play a key role in the life of the school. We currently have two vacancies on the governing body and are looking for people from the commercial or public sector to come on board and share their knowledge. Being a school governor is an excellent way to get involved in the local community and help the young people of the village.

If you are aged 18 or over and can attend 8 meetings a year then consider applying. You don't need to have any special qualifications - just a real desire to help your local school. Free training is provided to help governors develop into their role.



Church Times

St Mary's Church, Snettisham

1st Sunday	8.00 am	BCP Holy Communion
	11.00 am	CW Worship for All
3rd Sunday	8.00 am	BCP Holy Communion
	11.00 am	Morning Prayer
2nd & 4th Sundays	11.00 am	CW Holy Communion

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

Rev Veronica Wilson
01485 570697
Snettisham.vicar@gmail.com
and see diary below

Snettisham Methodist Church

Sundays	10.30 am	Sunday Worship
1st & 3rd Wednesdays	2.30 pm	Ladies Fellowship
Last Saturday	10.30 am	Monthly Coffee Morning
2nd Wednesday		Luncheon Club (at Queen Vic), ring Margaret on 01485 543704 for details

Rev 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	9.00 am	Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday at Hunstanton in the Convent
	10.15 am	Wednesdays at Dersingham

Parish Priest
Fr Peter Rollings
01553 772220

Salvation Army

Morning Worship	11.00 am	Sundays at Alma Road
Mondays	10.30 am	CAMEO (Come and meet each other) Club
Wednesdays	2.30 pm	Friendship Group
Thursdays	10.00 am	Coffee morning
3rd Wednesdays	7.30 pm	Men's Fellowship
Last Tuesday	10.30 am	Bible Study

Enquiries to
Alison Kirby on 01485 579079
See page 5 for more information

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

Enquiries to
Richard Pennington
tel: 543315

St Mary's Church

For enquiries about Baptisms, Weddings or Holy Communion at home please contact:

The Rev Veronica Wilson, 12b Church Lane, Heacham, King's Lynn PE31 7HJ.
Tel: 01485 570697
Email: snettisham.vicar@gmail.com
Website: www.snettishamchurch.org.uk

Rev Captain Paul Niemiec ~ Part time team Vicar and Rural Dean, Friday to Monday
The Rectory, Park Lane, Snettisham King's Lynn PE31 7NW ~ 01485 541855
pkniemiec@gmail.com

Christmas Events

- Sunday 26th November: ADVENT ACTIVITY AFTERNOON 2-4 St Mary's Church, Snettisham, A fun, creative afternoon for all the family.
- ADVENT WREATH FESTIVAL all December.

Christmas Services at St Mary's

Monday 4th December:
UNIFORMED ORGANISATION CAROL SERVICE 6pm

SUNDAY 17th December:
LIVING NATIVITY AND CAROL SERVICE
3pm St Mary's Church, Snettisham with animals from Snettisham Park Farm.

SUNDAY 24th December (Christmas Eve):
3pm **CHRISTINGLE** St Mary's Snettisham
11.30pm **MIDNIGHT COMMUNION** at both St Mary's Heacham and Snettisham

MONDAY 25th December (Christmas Day)
10am **HOLY COMMUNION** - a reflective said service for Christmas Morning

Historic Snettisham

This is the first in a series of articles from Thelma Bradley, celebrating the history of our village:

Built on the site of a previous Norman Church, St Mary the Virgin has looked out over the village of Snettisham since it was built in the 14th Century. Constructed of flint and free-stone, it was cruciform in shape, with a tower in the middle, and no spire.

It has seen many changes, including the loss of the 43 feet long chancel that fell into disrepair in the late 17th century, the loss of the north transept and the addition of an octagonal, 175ft high spire, which housed six bells. The spire is a conspicuous landmark and also a seamark for vessels in the Wash.

Did you know that St Mary's provided a model for two Canadian cathedrals: Christ Church Cathedral in Fredericton, New Brunswick, and Christ Church Cathedral in Montreal, Quebec?

However, St Mary's is a mere 'youngster' in Snettisham's history. Where did the name, Snettisham, originate from? It is thought it might have started out as Netesham (derived from the Anglo Saxon word 'Ham', meaning dwelling place of people who looked after the local herds of cattle (Neates). Another suggestion is that it started out as Snetesham, referring to those dwelling on the River Snet. This version is recorded in the Domesday Book and has probably just corrupted into Snettisham.

Did you know that:

- Snettisham's history of human habitation has been evidenced by discoveries of flints from the Mesolithic and Neolithic periods;
(According to the British Museum, at least 12 separate hoards of artefacts including torcs, coins, rings, bracelets and ingots have been discovered. Collectively they are known as the 'Snettisham Treasure' and form the largest deposit of gold, silver and bronze artefacts dating from the Iron Age found in Europe);
- Remains of a Roman villa are sited on land at Park Farm;
- In the 11th century, Snettisham was the third-largest town in Norfolk with seven mills, three fisheries, salthouses and 440 sheep. In medieval times business thrived and six guilds boasted their own guildhall?

If you would like to know more about Snettisham's history, **Snettisham Heritage** has interpretation panels on permanent display in the north west corner of St Mary's Church that provide information covering periods from the Stone Age and Bronze Age through to recent centuries, as well as a range of Heritage Display Folders.

We would love you to visit!



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Heritage News

The Heritage Folders are gradually increasing in size thanks to those of you who have shared information, photographs and stories with us. Do remember, you can visit the display any day, in St Mary's Church.

Many visitors to the church have commented favourably about the local history that is on display and we know there is much more 'out there'. If you think you can help us build up the Snettisham Heritage Folders, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact the Heritage Committee via:
Penny Taylor, on: 01485 572539
email: heacham.church@googlemail.com or
Simon Bower on: 01485 543721
email: snettishamparish@btconnect.com

Salvation Army Events

- Nov 4th Indoor firework party at 7.00pm Tickets £6.00 incl buffet from Tel 01485 541978
- Dec 9th Christmas afternoon tea at 3.00 pm Admission by ticket £5.00 from Tel 01485 541978
- Dec 14/15/16th Christmas tree festival.
Refreshments available. Admission free
- Dec 17th Carol Service at 3pm. All welcome

See notices at the hall for more details

“Our Beloved Snett”

The grand old church stands high and proud,
The cockerel on top almost in cloud.
Saturday morning a big car boot
Hoping to find a bargain to suit.
Saturday afternoon a cricket match
Loud roars of joy - what a catch!

A beautiful view from the church seat
Where friends and neighbours often meet.
Walking downhill past Rose & Crown
Towards the village - this is not a town.

Again on another seat to take a rest
Seeing the centre at its best.
Buses aplenty to take you away;
I much prefer to sit and stay.

Lots going on in a village so small
Especially in the Salvation Army hall.
Quiz nights, beetle drives, sixties night too,
Summer teas and Christmas, lots to do.
WI and Midis for ladies of leisure,
Painting classes, Cameo, home league for pleasure.

The Memorial Hall, dancing, bingo- eyes down,
look in;
You never know, you may have a win.
A brand new park for children to play
Which they made need as it's school all day.
People have time to stand and talk,
Sometimes takes hours taking the dog to walk.

At the end of the village a babbling brook
So pretty with flowers, worth a look.
A watermill stands with water so vast,
Gushing and rushing on its way past.
I love living here, you've guessed I bet,
It is indeed our beloved Snett.

Marion Smith

The Hall's Exhibition Foundation

We are now well into the Autumn and most pupils and students entitled to educational grants from the Foundation have applied and already received their grants. If you have lived in the village for at least 1 year and have children moving to Secondary education or are moving onto Further education at school or college, or are on an apprenticeship or are attending Higher education at University it is still not too late to apply for a grant.

The trustees are pleased to inform you that grants at 11+ and 16+ were increased this year from £200 to £250 per applicant. The University grants remain at £1600 per student per year.

Forms and further information can be obtained from the Administrator Chris Holt at 4 Bewick Close, Snettisham PE31 7PJ or by downloading forms from our website : www.hallsfoundation.co.uk

Snettisham Village Events Committee

SVEC has had a busy summer and enjoyed successful events such as the Jazz and Hog Roast evening in the new marquee, shortly followed by the Wine Tasting evening. We would like to thank the Co-op for their support of this event. We even hosted our first car boot sale that hasn't been rained off!

Future events are the Carol Service with Christmas Lights Switch On which this year will be on Friday 1st December at 6pm on the Market Place. The service will be conducted by the Revd Paul Niemiec and the singing will be boosted by the Pocahontas Players singers. The primary school children will sing Away in a Manger and there will be complimentary mince pies and mulled wine at the end.

The Christmas Market will be held on Wednesday 6th December between 5pm and 8pm. Applications for stallholders can be applied for by emailing 'snettishamevents@gmail.com'

We hope to hold another quiz in the Rose & Crown at the end of November.

Please keep looking at the Facebook group 'Snettisham Events' to see what is happening and when.

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SPAM

SPAM (Snettisham Pensioners Annual Meal) is a small working group of volunteers dedicated to raising funds to provide a subsidised annual meal and entertainment event for the pensioners of Snettisham. The next annual meal event will be held on Saturday 24th March 2018.

The regular SPAM monthly "Coffee Mornings" are held on the second Tuesday of each month in the village Memorial Hall, between 10am and noon with various craft and bric a brac stalls. Entry is free, and we provide a good social environment for chatting with friends/making new friends over a cuppa and cake while browsing copies of free literature on such subjects as avoiding scams, safeguarding your home, living with Dementia, befriending, and other support services that are available. A "service or subject" specific representative is present each month to explain, and answer questions on how they can help to improve peoples' "quality of life" experiences.

We plan to organise short "information" seminars, with invited speakers taking questions on subjects such as how to deal with nuisance callers, phone and financial fraud scams, safety in the home, living with Dementia, befriending services and community care services.

SPAM intends using a Comic Relief grant of £1000 to further the provision of "living well and living safely" information towards the more vulnerable, elderly and those who live alone in the village. A first step is the funding of local transport for the "less ambulant/lonely" villagers to be able to attend the monthly SPAM Coffee Mornings and seminars. Anyone wishing to use this service should call Eric on 01485 541515.

The next SPAM evening entertainment event will be a Pie & Mash Dinner and Dance at the village Memorial Hall on Saturday 18th November 2017 with all profits going towards the annual meal event. Tickets are £10 each and are available from Dee on 01485 541335.



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The Friends of St Mary's - A very successful year!

2017 has seen St Mary's alive with a variety of concerts, recitals and other fund-raising events. Norwich Cathedral Choir, international young performers, a truly enjoyable Flanders and Swann tribute evening, a Barn Dance and Auction of Promises at Snettisham Park, innumerable films are just some of the events that have contributed further funds being raised to maintain and enhance our beautiful church. Many thanks to all those performers who have given us such pleasure and of course thank you to The Friends' team for organising it all and raising around £7000 in 2017. The programme for 2018 is well advanced so if you want to be kept up to date with all the future activities please contact us at info@thefriendsofstmarys.co.uk.

There is no film in December but on **November 15th** at 7.30pm we shall be screening the film "**Denial**" which is a courtroom drama about the libel case brought by Hitler apologist David Irving (played effectively repellent by Timothy Spall) against historian Deborah Lipstadt after she described him as a "Holocaust denier." Rachel Weisz brings a barrelling energy to her performance as the academic who finds herself in the unaccustomed and decidedly uncomfortable position of having to let her legal team fight her battle for her. Andrew Scott and Tom Wilkinson play solicitor Anthony Julius and barrister Richard Rampton respectively. It's an unconventional dynamic for a courtroom drama - Lipstadt's team refuses to call her as a witness so the principal character is mute throughout the key scenes.

To conclude our season of events, we shall be welcoming again **The Hunstanton Community Choir** to St Mary's to perform "Seasonal songs and more...." This event is on **December 2nd** at 7pm and entry will be £5.00 and payable on the door on the night of the concert. What a glorious way to end a very successful year. Looking forward to seeing you at this event and of course what is proving to be another exciting year of events in 2018. A very happy Christmas from The Friends of St Mary's.



Memorial Hall & Playing Field

Since the last issue of TORC, the Trustees of the Hall & Playing Field have been working on a five year plan to make improvements to the Hall, Pavilion and repairs to the heritage wall alongside the field. Work will start on new toilets in the Hall in January 2018. The Pavilion has had a few coats of paint, new flooring in the kitchen and work is ongoing on the roof with the kind help of members of Snettisham Cricket Club and volunteers. Repair work has also been carried out on the Playing Field with both Cricket Club and Trustees carrying out the work. With the anticipation of receiving grants, we hope to undertake major work on the Pavilion with the view to making it an attractive venue for such events as children's parties – ideal with the playing field to spill out onto on fine days; a place for groups to meet such as a painting group – what better place with the wonderful view up to the Church? - and maybe a local person may want to run a youth club. We are also looking at plans to make better use of the tennis court area by turning this into a multi-sport area incorporating nine different activities. We have been working with the Parish Council who feel, like us, the facilities are in a good location to meet the varying needs of the community and their support is greatly appreciated.

Following on from our appeal to local businesses for help towards the cost of maintaining the playing field, we received a very kind donation from Ronan Lesley, Anchor Park. We are in the process of trying to fund a more robust grass cutting machine with the intention of reducing our contractors bill next year by doing the work ourselves. If any local business are able to help us with a financial contribution it would be much appreciated.

As reported in a previous issue of TORC, there will be no children's Halloween Party due to previous poor attendance. The children's Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday 19th December – 4.00-8.00pm. It is open to children aged between 2 – 10 years and they must live in the village or attend Snettisham Primary School. Tickets will be available at the school or at the Memorial Hall on a Friday night (6.00-8.00 pm) from 13th November until 6th December 2017.

St Mary's Church are continuing to use the Hall for their Cinema Club – it is run on the second Wednesday of the month and the bar is open prior to the screening. Look out for details of forthcoming films around the village. As usual, Friday night is Bingo night in the Hall. Doors open at 6.30 for a 7.30 start. Teas, coffee and snacks are available and everybody is welcome.

If you are interested in volunteering or wish to know more about the work of the Trustees please contact one of the following: Peter Bradshaw (Chairman) 01485 528206; Lynda Standeven (Bookings) 01485 541139; Jean Parkes (Treasurer) 01485 545869; Jan Sexton (Secretary) 01485 544580

Snettisham Art Group

Our late summer exhibition proved a great success, with many of our members selling a number of paintings and craft items. There were a great many visitors who all seemed to like our work.



The group meets at the British Legion Hall on Church Road on Tuesday and Thursday of each week from 10.00 am until 12.00 noon and we welcome anyone with an interest in painting at any level on either or both mornings. The group does not meet for a couple of weeks over the Christmas and New Year period. We periodically have demonstrations and workshops which are much appreciated by members. Should you be interested in joining the group please telephone Les. on 01485 572370 for further details, or come along

Hunstanton and District Lions Club Turkey and Tinsel Xmas Dinner

It is only October and here we are already preparing for Christmas. By popular demand we are again holding our "Turkey and Tinsel" Christmas dinners for the Senior Citizens of Hunstanton and outlying villages.

Venue: The United Services Social Club, Homefields Rd, Hunstanton

When: From Monday 27th November for 7 consecutive weekdays (two sittings a day)

How Much: £8.50 per head for an excellent 3 course meal with tea/coffee.

Application Forms: From Lion Chris Holt (541534) or collect from 4 Bewick Close Snettisham or from the United Services Club.

Get in early to avoid disappointment as last year we were oversubscribed!

Hello from Snettisham Scouts & Guides Group



GOOD NEWS. We now have full planning consent for the new meeting hall on Jimmy's Field, Beach Road. Thank you to all who contacted Kings Lynn Planning to support our application. It really help our resolve to keep going for the youngsters of the village.

Jimmy's Field has had many scout groups visit this year for their summer camp. Other groups that also support young people in the community camped there. They all said that they can not wait to enjoy the modern facilities we will be able to offer them after the new build.

We went on a activity day at Wolverton and joined other groups for a fantastic time. One of our evenings we tried to imagine how blind people coped with their disability so we were blindfolded and had to make a jam sandwich, you can imagine the mess.

The lottery is going well and 2 winners are receiving their cheque each month and please do not forget by being a shareholder in the lottery shows everyone that we have a strong support for our youngsters.

Thanks Again

Hospice invites the community to Light up a Life this Christmas

For many years The Norfolk Hospice has been hosting Light up a Life during December. Light up a Life is a national appeal organised by Hospices across the country to celebrate the memory of loved ones at Christmas time. This year, the appeal is being supported by East of England Co-op Funeral Services. This support means that every penny donated to the appeal goes directly to supporting people living with life-shortening illnesses as well as their carers and bereaved families.

The Hospice would like to give members of our local community the opportunity to remember loved ones this Christmas by dedicating a light on the Hospice's Christmas tree, and/or making a donation in memory in the hope that this may offer some comfort. The Christmas tree will be brightly lit at the Hospice in Hillington throughout December and people are welcome to visit to view it.

This year the Hospice will once again host four Light up a Life events. The events are open to everyone and help families and friends to come together to remember and celebrate the lives of loved ones:

Monday 4th December at Sandringham Parish Church (4pm)

Thursday 7th December at The Norfolk Hospice, Hillington (5.45pm)

Sunday 10th December at King's Lynn Minster (3pm)

Sunday 10th December at St Edmunds, Downham Market (3pm)

Anyone who wishes to make a dedication or would like more information about Light up a Life should visit the Hospice website www.norfolkhospice.org.uk/LUAL17 or call the Hospice fundraising team on 01485 601701.

We were delighted to see that the new development on Common Road East by Hopkins Homes has been named Tapping Close, in tribute to the long standing connection between the Norfolk Hospice and our village.

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SNETTISHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Snettisham WI is a friendly group which welcomes members old and new, visitors too. We meet at the Church Hall, Station Road, Snettisham on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm.

We have a busy programme of speakers as well as regular social events. We run stalls at the village fete and the Christmas market, and each year we select a charity to support. This year we have chosen Leeway, the women's refuge, and we collect items such as toiletries and household goods as well as raising money with our quarterly bring and buy stall.

Our new Craft Club is growing in popularity. It takes place at the monthly SPAM coffee morning (2nd Tuesday) at the Memorial Hall, and you can be sure of a warm welcome if you wish to join us. You don't have to be a WI member, just bring along your knitting sewing etc and join us for a cuppa and a chat.



**Why not come along and find out more
about the WI? Anyone is welcome,
you don't have to live in Snettisham.**

Call Janet on 545989 or Anthea on 541515 if you would like further details.

Rainbows

Rainbows are for girls aged 5 to 7. They take part in lots of different activities with girls their own age - arts and crafts, cooking, playing games etc. See what Rainbows do at www.girlguiding.org.uk/rainbows

We meet at the Scout Hall, Snettisham on Wednesdays from 4.15 to 5.25 pm. Call Sarah for more information on 07909 658066.

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A Club for the Visually Impaired

Meetings held monthly at 2.00pm in the Church Hall, Station Road, Snettisham



27th November ~ Christmas Lunch
18th December ~ Christmas Party
22nd January ~ To be decided

*Each meeting has refreshments and we hold a raffle.
Transport can be arranged if necessary at a small cost.*

All enquires to Diane Snelgrove 540753

Snettisham Allotment Association

Summer is now over and the evenings are beginning to draw in. Most allotment owners are now reaping the last of the summer crops and preparing for the onset of winter. This year has been good despite the early frosts in spring, the drought in May and June and the very wet July with excellent crops of runner beans, potatoes, courgettes, rhubarb, beetroot, sweetcorn among many others.

September was the time for renewal of rents and as a result a few allotments became vacant. These proved very popular, and we now have only one half allotment looking for a new owner. If you have got green fingers, want to grow your own veggies and have the commitment to manage an allotment then either contact Dave Bocking (541208) or myself, Chris Holt (541534).

Bingo at The Paddock

We invite you to join us for Bingo on Thursday evenings at The Paddock, the sheltered housing unit off Canada Close, Snettisham. All proceeds go to residents funds.

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Village News

Snettisham Gardening Club

Our Open Show held in July was a great success. Many thanks to everyone who entered and made this such an excellent show – many of the classes were won by a very small margin. The Junior class exhibits were much admired by all visitors. We slightly changed our format this year and gave out prize money and certificates, with rosettes for the junior classes at the end of the show. This seemed very popular with our entrants and will be seriously discussed as the option for next year too. We have already booked the Memorial Hall for next year's show – Saturday July 14th, when we hope many in our village will take part.



A bonus for this year was a 25th Anniversary celebration Garden Party which we planned in a marquee in the garden of Anchor Park, kindly offered by Ronan Lesley – everything going great until the BBC weather report raised warnings of heavy rain and a serious drop in temperature, but fortunately the Memorial Hall reservation team were able to come to our rescue at the very last minute and we transferred - the bunting and the decorations were all in place in time for a very pleasant gathering and our President Neville Warnes was kind enough to cut the cake, ably assisted by Gail Lees, our chair. Although just a little disappointing having to move indoors, it was definitely the right move as showers and a decidedly cool afternoon proved. The next day of course, bright and sunny – we won't go into a discussion about our typical British weather!

The November meeting on Wednesday 29th will be our last for 2017 when we will have a representative of Welney Wildlife Trust to give a talk on our Scandinavian visitors. We all know we get our own share with the pink footed geese on our Snettisham beach, but there are many others who come to our island for winter shelter. As usual that meeting will be at the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm and we will be having a bring and share party to finish our year.

The AGM on Wednesday 31st January 2018 will be the next meeting, when the new committee will be agreed, subscriptions paid and the 2017 Programme distributed. We are already have confirmation from very interesting speakers and there are also plans for outings. If you think you would like to join us you would be most welcome at the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm.



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