

Small Talk

Welcome to Small Talk, your local newsletter with all the news, events and information for your area!

Ward Talk

We are pleased to find that the two trial editions of Small Talk covering both Tunstead & Sco-Ruston and Ashmanhaugh Parishes have been well received! So much so, that we are linking up on a permanent basis, so please look forward to sharing more news and events in the coming months.

In the meantime, you may have heard that NNDC are changing Ward Boundaries.

From May, Tunstead will be part of the "Hoveton & Tunstead" Ward which will also encompass our friends in Ashmanhaugh, Barton Turf, Dillham, Neatishead, Sloley and Smallburgh. The review of wards was undertaken to ensure electoral equality in terms of numbers and recognising different rates of development across the District since the last change in 2002.

RACE NIGHT REPORT... A massive thank you to everyone who sponsored, raced and cheered on the Race Night on 23rd March. A wonderful £675.33 was raised toward the village hall funds. Special thanks, also, to Mr Place and everyone at Place UK for allowing us to use their facilities.

The craft fair held at Tunstead Primary School raised £220 for the East Anglian Air Ambulance! Well done to everyone involved!

Police Connect

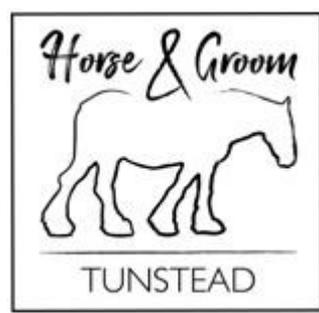
If you have anything to report, please contact Norfolk Constabulary on 101 or in an emergency always dial 999.

SCAM Awareness

Sadly, notices of new and varying scams are coming through thick and fast now. The best place to find up to date notice of these is via Norfolk County Council Trading Standards Rogue Trader Alert emails. If you see anyone selling door to door, from vans or anything you find suspicious please report to the Citizens Advice Bureau consumer helpline on 03454 04 05 06



There will be no bingo on 25th April. Eyes down again for Bingo on 9th May at 7.30pm in the portacabin!



Please don't forget to support your local and in turn your village by using the bottle banks at the Horse & Groom!

COMMUNITY YARD



12th May 2019

9am - 12pm

**£5 per pitch to be
included on the
Map!**

**Please call
Wendy on 01603
783377 to book.**

200 Club

The April draw will be rolled over to May as there is no bingo night on 25th April.

There are vacant numbers to be bought! For only £1 per number, per month, which you can pay annually or monthly, you can support the village.

We pay out 6 cash prizes (half the income) so it's well worth the investment! Contact Derek on 01603 737097 or Wendy on 01603 783377 if you'd like to buy a number.

Tunstead Parish Council's Year in Brief

Parish Clerk - Last June our clerk, Eileen Oliver, died after a short illness. With us since January 2016, her sudden passing meant that the parish council (TPC) had no opportunity to perform a hand-over to our new clerk, Caroline Purdy. This meant that we have had to rebuild the council's clerk and financial systems from scratch.

Speeding - Speeding remains a concern of the residents of the village with Market Street & Anchor Street being a particular focus. These locations were selected with the assistance of NCC Highways for the SAM2 Speed Awareness Messaging device. The sign has now been in place for 18 months, working as a reminder to drivers that their speed should be managed. However, there is still some education opportunities, as 15% of the drivers that pass the SAM2 sign can be regarded as speeding.

There was concern over what impact the NDR might have on Tunstead. The sign can count the traffic, as well as indicate speed. The council have used this information to determine the Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) flow passing the sign. Market Street has an AADT of around 900 vehicles a day, and Anchor Street around 300. There is little evidence of either an increase or even a decrease in traffic in Tunstead.

Noticeboard - In June, a vehicle collided with the Village Hall notice board, that stood at the entrance to the lode of the recreation ground. The matter was reported to the police, but as there were no witnesses, there was nothing they could do. A Facebook appeal for witnesses on the community page was not fruitful. However, the insurers were quick to respond and remunerate TPC for its loss. A replacement notice board has been purchased and will be installed soon.

Parish Councillors - This year, May 2nd is the day for local elections. TPC is allocated 9 parish councillors. However, only five people came forward, so they will be returned unopposed. It is a great pity that Tunstead cannot fill all the parish council positions. This means that the five councillors will have to cover the responsibilities of all nine.

War Memorial & Bell Ringing - With great pride, we received notice that the Tunstead War memorial was given the status of a Grade 2 listed structure. The war memorial resides in the churchyard of St Mary's Church, which is a Grade 1 listed building. The Chairman of TPC was able to obtain the services of a stonemason to refurbish the war memorial. Work was completed in time for the commemoration of 100 years since the end of the hostilities. The stonemason gave his services free of charge, as he was honoured to be invited to undertake the work. On the day of the commemoration, wreaths were laid at the base of the memorial. Later that day the eight bells of St. Mary's were rung by local bell-ringers, to further mark the day.

Defibrillator - Residents of Tunstead have raised sufficient funds to purchase a defibrillator. Due to the sudden death of the parish clerk, the purchase of the defibrillator's supporting equipment was delayed. We are now in possession of the unit, and all the supporting training material. Two training evenings were arranged and hosted by the Horse and Groom. The next step is the refurbishment of the phone box then an electrician will install the special security unit that will hold the defibrillator. Once completed the defibrillator will be ready for use.



News from Ashmanhaugh and Barton Wanderers

The u14 indoor side missed out on winning the zip league final finishing third out 24 teams with very good performances from all the players involved.

Nets have been under way already and things are shaping up nicely for the forth coming season. If anybody wants to come along please contact me or any member of the club.

There will be a new girls only team with a dedicated training night so if you haven't played before and you would like to give it ago there is a open night on the 1st May at Barton please come along - don't be shy! This is aimed at ages 9 to 16.

All stars cricket start again with new leaders aimed at children 5 to 9 please contact Rachel Buxton or Ian Castle for further details or go on line.

Junior cricket is as strong as ever with training starting on the 27th April and first games played at Ashmanhaugh throughout the year.

Finally, all players are wanted & needed - however good or bad - come along to the club! There are games designed for all abilities!

Dates:

All stars starts 17 May please book in advance

Junior cricket 27th April

Senior cricket 24th April

Girls trial night 1st May

Any queries contact Harry Buxton on 07825517637 or harry@hovetonhallestate.co.uk

Ashmanhaugh Light Railway - April 2019

We are pleased that the kind weather over this Winter has enabled us to press on with lots of jobs that we normally can't get on with, so the painting and staining of buildings, fencing, gates, posts etc is coming along!

Grass is being cut and we have successfully laid our first sections of plastic sleepers track down by the lake, which now just need a few trains over it so it can settle.

Thunderbox now has its 'refurbished' engine back on its chassis, woodwork has been treated, and we are about to start the rewiring so we, hopefully, will have the loco back in action for our first Open Day on Sunday May 5th.

All the signals and CCTV cameras are serviced and back in position and the track circuiting is being commissioned ready for the new season.

We will soon be getting the steam locos out and fired up ready for their insurance tests and the remainder of the locos and rolling stock will be serviced this month, ready for some practise days so we can all get into 'operating' mode again!

We hope to see you all on May 5th!

Best wishes from the ALR Gang!

The Preston Rooms – The Village Hall

Firstly I must just thank everyone that attended and contributed to the Soup and Pudding Lunch. We raised £137 for the Preston Rooms and it was a really enjoyable event.

The next event in the diary is one of the most popular! Pam's Quiz Night on May 18th . It will follow the usual set up of Teams of 4. Places need be booked for this event as the quiz is followed by a buffet. If you would like to enter a team, please ring Pam on 01603 782041 no later than May 15th . Cost is £5.00 per person. There will also be a Raffle.



Further events for your calendar are:

July 20th /21st - Flower Festival at St Swithin's, teas and light lunches at the Preston Rooms.

August 8th – Potato Night at the Preston Rooms.

September 7th – Village Show.

Just a reminder of the groups held -

Gardening Group, every fourth Wednesday of the month, 1.30pm – 3.30pm.

Knitting Group, every Friday 1pm – 3pm.

Sue Watts, Secretary

St Swithin's News

Eucharist is held every first Sunday at 11am

Morning Prayer is held every fourth Sunday at 9.30am

Services last approximately 1 hour.

Did you know that St. Swithin's, has the smallest and shortest round tower in the county? Or that some parts date to Saxon times and there are 12th century remains in the North and South doorways? No? Well, now the weather is warming up, why not take a walk around the village and pause to take in our beautiful church?!

Preston Room Committee Contacts:

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