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Apply for your Latitude tickets by May 2

Applications for residents' tickets to the ninth Latitude Festival in Henham Park from July 18 to 20, 2014, will be opened at 9am on May 2.

Written applications using the form on Page 3 should be sent to Olive Forsythe, Abbey Cottage, opposite the White Hart by the village hall. They may be delivered before this date but will not be opened until May 2. Email and telephone applications **are not** acceptable.

The tickets are distributed by the Blythburgh Latitude Trust and are available to those living in the parish of Blythburgh with Bulcamp and Hinton thanks to the continued support of Festival Republic, the organisers.

Residents can purchase one weekend ticket each or one day ticket for each of the main festival days, July 18, 19 and 20. Weekend tickets are £45 (Normally £175); day tickets are £16 (normally

£75). The prices include a dedicated minibus service for the three main days of the festival, running from Blythburgh Shop. Only residents with weekend tickets can attend the Thursday evening, when there is limited entertainment.

Children aged between five and 12 require tickets priced at £6.50. These child tickets will be handed over to you at the same time as the normal residents' tickets. The child's name will be required together with the details of the parents or guardians applying for residents' tickets.

In a change for 2014, accompanied teen tickets for those aged 13 to 15 inclusive will be available at £30 for weekend tickets and £10 for day tickets...

A family ticket is for the weekend and gives access to the campsite reserved for families. Normal weekend tickets give access to other sites at the festival.

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Raise a glass to the Villager of the Year 2014

Nominations are invited for the Blythburgh Villager of the Year 2014 to recognise the man or woman who has made a particular contribution to village life. Names should be sent to Jim Boggis, Clerk, Blythburgh with Bulcamp and Hinton Parish Council, Marsh End, Church Road, or by email to blythburghpc@gmail.com, by April 30. The winner will receive a cheque for £50. Members of the Parish Council are not eligible. The presentation will be made at the Annual Parish Meeting in Blythburgh Village Hall at 7pm on Friday May 16. Wine and light refreshments will be served. You will be able to view an exhibition of local associations and meet county, district and parish councillors.

A change of management at the White Hart

Lee and Marie Knight, currently the landlords of the Queen's Head, Blyford, are taking over the White Hart on March 21. The pub will be shut from then until March 28 (for details please see page 4).

Before moving to the Queen's Head nearly three years ago, Lee was senior sous chef at The Crown, Southwold, and head chef at Fritton House. Before training as a chef, Lee was a fisherman in Southwold and Cornwall. Lee and Marie have a three-year-old son, Freddie, and Marie, a former nurse, is expecting their second child shortly. She says: "We must be mad."

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How to apply for Latitude tickets

Applications for the ninth Latitude Festival in Henham Park from July 18 to 20, 2014, will be opened at 9am on May 2. Payment must be made by June 1. Cheques should be made payable to Blythburgh Latitude Trust. Each Blythburgh resident can apply for one ticket.

When residents first arrive at Henham, they must swap their ticket for a wristband before they can enter the site. Once they have the wristband they can come and go freely. Residents are likely to be asked for photo ID or proof of address. Festival details are on www.latitudefestival.co.uk

1. Please apply, using the form below, to Olive Forsythe, Abbey Cottage (the pink cottage opposite the White Hart and beside the Village Hall) stating:

- Contact's name, address and telephone number.
- The name of each resident applying for a ticket (Maximum 1 per resident).
- Type of ticket, either weekend, day (stating day/s required) or child (ages 5 to 12). Children under five go free.
- Camping: family, general or not required (weekend tickets only).

2. Applications by telephone or email WILL NOT be accepted

3. Applicants will be contacted and notified of ticket allocation

4. Applicants' ticket allocation will then be held for 1 month. During this period the applicant must CONFIRM names to be printed on the tickets, the name of the person collecting the tickets and supply payment. If confirmation of names or payment is not supplied then the tickets WILL BE re-allocated

5. Tickets to be collected from Blythburgh Village Hall on Tuesday 15 and Wednesday 16 July between 6.00pm and 7.00pm. Identification and signature will be required when collecting tickets.

Latitude Festival 2014 Ticket Application Form

Resident's name for contact							
Address							
Telephone Number							
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Ticket Application							
Name for EACH ticket	Child (5 to 12)	Accompanied Teens (13 to 15)	Fri	Sat	Sun	Family Camping	General Camping
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CHANGE OF MANAGEMENT

Marie and Lee Knight, the new landlords of the White Hart from March 21, extend a warm welcome to customers old and new.

The Hart will be closed from March 21 for refurbishment and will reopen with welcoming drinks at 6pm on Friday March 28.

Plans are still being finalised but Marie and Lee plan to focus on locally produced steak and fish in the restaurant, which will be renamed *The Farmer and Fisherman*.

The Hart will also be open daily for breakfast and morning coffee.

New email from March 21: leeknight148@btconnect.com

NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY

Farewell Tom – hello who?

Tom Lond-Caulk has decided that the time has come for him to hang up his Churchwarden's stave and he will be retiring at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in the Village Hall at 7pm on April 4.

The post of churchwarden is a very ancient one. You may not realise it, but all residents of the parish may take part in electing a churchwarden. An important part of the role is to be the link between the parish church and the residents of the parish, whether or not they are churchgoers.

Churchwardens themselves need to be on the Church Electoral Roll and regular communicant members of the congregation. Although Tom has served faithfully for more years than he cares to remember, the usual maximum term of office is 6 years – it should not be seen as a life sentence.

The duties of churchwardens divide into two broad areas. The first is clearly Christian in content and intent: for example, caring for the safety, warmth (!) and well-being of the congregation, and supporting the Vicar.

The second, though largely directed towards Christian ends, is more like business administration or housekeeping: for example, keeping records such as the church inventory and being responsible for the cleanliness and overall appearance of the church. These duties are usually shared or divided between the two churchwardens.

So who would you like to see as our new churchwarden? It is not up to the Vicar to approach or even suggest names of people to take up this role, though of course they would need to be able to work with whoever is elected. Jenny Allen has been asked to gather views, so if you are interested or have any ideas

please contact her in confidence by phone 01502 478314 or email jennyanddick@aol.com

Sadly missed: On Thursday 7 March, John Veitch was buried in the churchyard of Holy Trinity, Blythburgh. He died when his car crashed into a shop on the junction of Bridge Street and The Thoroughfare, in Halesworth – he was 88 years old. Although John lived in Southwold – indeed was popularly known as Mr Southwold for his contribution to community life – he was a keen supporter of Blythburgh church, a regular member of the choral evensong congregation, and mid-week services before they ceased. He was church secretary for around 10 years, until 2007, and organised fundraising events such as Blythburgh Open Gardens. He also masterminded a project to produce new kneelers for the altar steps, even stitching one himself. He will be greatly missed.

Let there be lights: Apologies for the erratic performance of the church floodlights, this is due to a series of cable failures in different and unrelated parts of the system which we are working to resolve.

It's all show biz: During March and April the Rev Malcolm Doney, Associate Priest at Holy Trinity, is doing *Pause for Thought* live on the Vanessa Feltz show on BBC Radio 2 at 5.45am on Wed 26 March; Wed 2 April; Wed 9 April; Wed 16 April. If you're not up that early, you can catch them later at

www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p015nm0y/cips.

Blythburgh Easter services: Palm Sunday 13 April, 11am; Maundy Thursday 17 April, 7.30pm. The Blythburgh Singers will be singing *The Requiem* by Herbert Howells; Good Friday meditation 18 April, 12 noon; Easter garden and egg hunt 19 April, 4pm; Easter Day April 20 11am.

SPEEDWATCH: In January this year Blythburgh Community Speed Watch (CSW) reported 54 vehicles exceeding the 30mph limit. The highest recorded speeds were 52mph on the A12 and 37mph on the Dunwich Road. Suffolk Police report that in the first three months of 2014 19 CSWs across the county recorded 363 vehicles exceeding the 30mph limit. The police issued 225 warning letters to the registered keepers.

BLYTHBURGH REFLECTIONS

What Katie did - and what she did next

In late January, just shy of her second anniversary as proprietor of Blythburgh Village Shop, Katie De Thabrew popped round for a cuppa.

It's difficult to believe that Katie has only been at the Village Shop for 2 years and I was intrigued to learn a bit more about her and how she came to live in Blythburgh.

Brought up in Felixstowe in the 70s, Katie was a keen sailor and honed her skills as a member of the school sailing club. She had a mirror dingy at Felixstowe Ferry and was always ready to crew for others when they headed out to sea. Her love of sailing didn't extend to all boats; Katie admits to only being in a canoe once and that was in a swimming pool when she was learning to swim!

She took to swimming like a duck takes to water and swimming has been a lifelong passion. Walking is another passion and comes from holidays spent in Derbyshire; even the trials and tribulations many of us associate with "doing D of E" (that would be the Duke of Edinburgh Awards) didn't dent Katie's love of the outdoors.

Fortunately for Blythburgh, Derbyshire wasn't the place of choice for another, more recent, walking holiday. At the last minute, Katie abandoned plans to walk in Derbyshire and headed instead for North Yorkshire. The rest is history because somewhere not far from Robin Hood Bay, Katie met Alan.

Katie moved to Blythburgh in April 20; initially, travelling to work four days a week, working long hours and with no "hub" in the village it wasn't easy to meet people. But balance that against the upside of the beautiful walks, the good schools for Chloe and Toby and, of course, Alan who had

lived in the village for some time and life was good.

So what made Katie decide to abandon a safe job to take on Blythburgh Village Shop?

There were a number of reasons: the shop had already been shut for 6 months and Katie didn't like it, there was the possibility of being closer to home and spending more time with Chloe and Toby and it offered the opportunity to meet people.

But it was a big move - and a brave one.

Retail is challenging at the best of times but for a new business it can be especially daunting: enticing people through the door, knowing what your customers want, stock control and managing cash flow are top priorities and, bear in mind, that from day one we all knew who Katie was but she had to get to know who we were.

But that was 2 years ago and, having mastered many challenges, Katie is looking

ahead. So what next?

Well, Katie intends to stick with the staples (bread, milk, cakes, and papers) and add new things.

Watch out for new cake flavours, homemade caramel slices, picnic boxes for Latitude and more innovations like the IKEA deliveries. There are changes afoot. But the one thing that doesn't change is Katie's cheery welcome.

So what can we all do to help her? Ordering is one thing that would help; just let Katie know what you need and when, it will be waiting for you.



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NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Faster broadband on its way to Blythburgh

Faster Broadband of 24 megabits per second will be available in Blythburgh by March 2017 but it could be provided earlier once the next stage of the programme is confirmed in July this year, according to Peter Ingram, the Programme Director for Better Broadband Suffolk.

He told Monday's meeting of the Parish Council that Blythburgh was not covered by BTs Commercial programme or the first phase of Better Broadband Suffolk.

Blythburgh is likely to be covered by the second phase which will bring the total coverage in the county to 95% (30,500 premises) by March 2017.

The best speeds are within two kilometres of the fibre optic junction box, which is likely to be placed close to the existing BT green box outside the Custom House on the A12.

In addition to providing improved services to businesses and private homes, faster broadband in the long term may enable delivery of public services and therefore reduced costs for those services and hopefully people will be able to remain in their own homes longer. Follow what is happening on

www.betterbroadbandsuffolk.com

PLANNING: Suffolk Coastal District Council has approved the building of a single one-and-half-storey house in the garden of Westlea, Dunwich Road. The Parish Council had objected to the application on the grounds that the case made by the appellant did not justify building

outside the village boundary. Planning permission has also been given for the demolition of Amberley in Dunwich Road and the erection of nine houses on the site. Suffolk Coastal has refused planning permission for a temporary five-year use of the Pine Lodge Caravan Site. The applicant has been given 12 months to leave.

CHILD PROTECTION: The Parish Council has adopted a policy on child protection and the welfare and protection of vulnerable adults. Where The Parish Council operates events, it will ensure that members involved are adequately checked, and adhere to the policies as set out by the Suffolk Safeguarding Children Board. (www.suffolkscb.org.uk).

The requirements for organisations or people using the hall for children or vulnerable adults are posted in the village hall.

MEET THE CLERK: From 1 April 2014 the Parish Council Clerk Jim Boggis will be in the Village Hall on the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 10am until 11am. If you have anything you would like to discuss with him please go along to the Village Hall.

The first session will be held on Wednesday 2nd April at 10am but please check the notice boards for up-to-date information.

BLYTHBURGH MATTERS: the café and mini-market return to Holy Trinity on the last Friday of the month from Friday March 28 from 10.30am until noon.

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Notes from Daisy Bank LX

Not on my bike yet. Unfortunately still in recovery mode so it's bus or car for the next few weeks but you can still hear me clanking when I walk by. I tried the bike but it was just too painful.

The one thing that gets me through winter which I loath, is the six nation's rugby championship. The one thing that spoiled all that was when England lost against France. Opening match and England are in Paris. After fighting stoically back from a first half deficit, a last minute defeat. Misery! Now I've got to wait for the start of the FI season to get me back together again. And by that time it will hopefully be the beginning of spring and all that nastiness will be a distant memory.

On my last but one visit to see Ray in Southwold, somehow or other we finished up the session with two empty bottles of Gordon's. This wasn't because we'd drunk two bottles but rather circumstance had dictated that we had to finish up dribs and drabs in order to drink our routine quota. Hence, two empty bottles. Shortly after my departure, Ray was visited by Chris Castle with Ray's latest blood test telling him that he'd needed to cut down on his alcohol intake. Imagine Chris's reaction when faced with what appeared to be a marathon gin drinking session. With the possibility that I might get some flack for encouragement and aiding and abetting, I'm going to leave any proposed visit to the surgery for as long as possible. Perhaps by that time, he will have forgotten.

Here comes a moan. This last week on my latest trip to see Ray, I waited at the bus stop for half an hour for a bus that never turned up. This is the second time that I have been let down and once again I rue the day that Mrs T decided to de-regulate and sell off public transport to the private sector. We complained about the trains and the buses then but at least they turned up and what's more they turned up on time. Woe betide a bus driver who wasn't on time. Two of my relatives worked at the coal face of London Transport so I know that was the case. My auntie was a bus conductor and my uncle a bus inspector. So there!

Not a lot more to say really. Daisy Bank is in winter mode with the holiday cottages bereft of holiday makers and the residents have battered down for this period of gloom. Mr Hedgehog occasionally comes out of hibernation and positions himself by the front door for a feed.

Mr Mole is busy ruining the back lawn again and Oscar the pheasant is costing us a fortune in bird seed. The blue tits are getting though the peanuts at an alarming rate and Molly our ginger cat is sleeping through it all.

I asked Ray how his Christmas had gone. Unfortunately, he was ill over the festive period and couldn't have Christmas dinner with Charlotte his daughter.

Me... *What did you have to eat then Ray?*

Ray... *Complan and all the trimmings!*

Celebrate your village and villagers

Everybody in the parish has a very special invitation to the Annual Parish Meeting on Friday May 16 for the presentation of the Blythburgh Villager of the Year 2014. Wine and light refreshments will be served. You will be able to view an exhibition of local associations and meet county, district and parish councillors. Please join the celebrations. You will be very welcome.

The annual meeting of Blythburgh with Bulcamp and Hinton Parish Council is in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Monday May 12 preceded by the Open Forum at 7.15 pm. Please let the council know of any concerns you may have. From July 2014, parish council meetings will be held on the third Tuesday every other month.