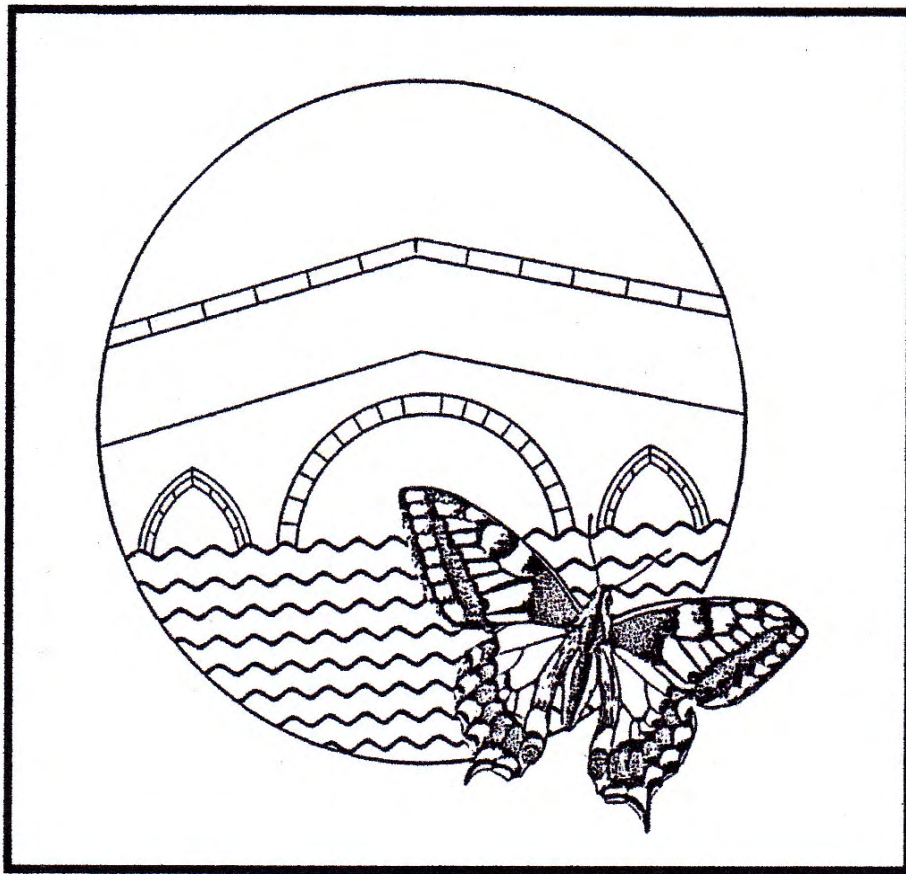


Potter Heigham Gazette



April 2024

What's on in April

Thurs 4th	SOUP & CHATTER	12noon at Village Hall
Wed 10th	MARDLERS & MORE	10am at Village Hall
Wed 10th	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	7.30pm at Village Hall
Tues 16th	TABLE TENNIS See overleaf for details	7pm at Village Hall
Sat 20th	NEW, NEARLY NEW & CRAFT SALE See overleaf for details	10am at Village Hall
Wed 24th	ANNUAL PARISH MEETING	7.30pm at Village Hall
Sat 27th	BINGO See overleaf for details	7pm at Village Hall

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**Weekly at Village Hall**

|           |         |                                             |
|-----------|---------|---------------------------------------------|
| Monday    | 1.30pm  | STITCHERS & CRAFTERS –<br>Sue Harris 670471 |
| Tuesday   | 9.30am  | SLIMMING WORLD - Kim 0798 5184015           |
| Tuesday   | 2.00pm  | SHORT MAT BOWLS – Mick 670616               |
| Tuesday   | 7pm     | TABLE TENNIS CLUB- Andy- 07968 604504       |
| Wednesday | 5.45pm  | BEGINNERS YOGA CLASS                        |
| Thursday  | 11.00am | TAI-CHI Rachael 01603 716522                |
| Thursday  | 6.30pm  | MANNERS4PAWS- Puppy Class                   |
|           | 7.30pm  | -Novice Obedience<br>07932 658925           |
| Friday    | 2.00pm  | SHORT MAT BOWLS – Mick 670616               |
| Friday    | 7.00pm  | MARINE CADETS - Rachael 0751 9019892        |

Rainbows (aged 4-7), Brownies(aged 7-10) and Guides (aged 10- 14) meet weekly in term time For more details go to [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) and follow the links.

## **St Nicholas Church Services**

April

|      |             |                                                                  |             |
|------|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 7th  | 10am        | Benefice Service of Holy Communion<br>at St. Catherine's, Ludham | Rev M Guite |
| 14th | 10am        | Morning Prayer                                                   | Mrs A Noyes |
| 21st | 10am        | Holy Communion at All Saints, Catfield                           |             |
| 28th | 10am<br>6pm | Holy Communion<br>Evening Service at All Saints, Catfield        |             |

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## **Methodist Church Services**

April

|      |        |                                        |  |
|------|--------|----------------------------------------|--|
| 7th  | 11am   | First Sunday Special Service in Thurne |  |
| 14th | 2.30pm | Mr A Turner                            |  |
| 21st | 10am   | Mr G Harding                           |  |
| 28th | 2.30pm | Mr S Cushion                           |  |

## Church

When you see the word church, do you have good feelings? Like laughter? Warmth? Quietness? Acceptance? Happiness? Awe? Love? Closeness to God? Or are your feelings negative? Like boredom? Anger? Confusion? Guilt? Rejection? Does church remind you of arrogance, hostility, manipulation, anger, or irrelevance? Do you think of it as a poor substitute for what is really important in your community and in the world?

The word 'Church' often dredges up memories and emotions from deep within. Some healthy, some painful, most somewhere in between.

But the church is made up of people from our own communities. It is not the rather austere building - that is just where we meet to be with fellow Christians - it is us, the people of our villages who make up God's church here, with all our faults and inadequacies.

And it is changing. In the nigh on 50 years I have been a churchman I have seen so many positive changes. Most importantly, in my opinion, the fellowship and friendliness between people who attend church services, including non-regular attenders, which has become more pronounced and more genuine. We really do try to follow Christ's great commandment to love everyone as ourselves.

Have you been to a normal Sunday church service recently? Give it a try – you may be surprised by what you experience – you will certainly be made very welcome.....

John Savage  
Worship Assistant

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## John Elliott

Doreen, Carole, Hayley, Stuart and Families would like to say a big Thank You to everyone who attended John's funeral on January 30th 2024, for all the sympathy cards, flowers and donations, which the sum of £524.49 was raised and divided between Vision Norfolk (formally NNAB) and the East Anglian Air Ambulance. A special thank you to Murrell Cork and Shaun Cushion for a wonderful comforting service, and last but not least Thank You to Louise and Jenny for the lovely spread at John's wake.

Again, Thank You one and all for giving John the send off he deserved. He would have been so touched by everyone's kindness.

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## Bowls Club

Following what was quite a successful season last year for the Club, we are looking forward to this season. Matches begin at the end of April and continue through to August. There are roll ups (informal games) weekly at 2pm on a Saturday afternoon. A short game followed by tea/coffee, then another short game. Everyone welcome. Anyone wishing to give bowls a try is welcome, the only requirement is flat soled shoes. Bowls etc are available to use at the Club.

The plan is to open the green on 20th April.

For more information ring Martin on 0771 5121931 or Tom on 0795 52202950. We look forward to welcoming all players old and new.

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## Table Tennis Club.

Great news - plans for the new village Table Tennis club have come to fruition. Club nights will be taking place on a Tuesday evening (7 - 9pm) with our first session being April 16th.

£3 a player - equipment provided. All abilities and ages welcome to come and enjoy a game.

Any questions or to simply register your interest please contact Andy - 07968 604504

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## Bingo

The next Bingo evening will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 27th April with eyes down at 7pm sharp. Everyone welcome and please bring your own refreshments.

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## Potter Mardlers & more

Another really enjoyable meeting in March and this time our members found themselves trying to find the "Odd one Out". It was agreed that we send a donation of £200 to the Hillside Farm Sanctuary to help provide hay for the rescue animals. Some of our members are looking forward to a trip to the Theatre to see G4 Live at Cromer Pier on April 18th. Following that on Saturday, April 20th we are holding a **NEW, NEARLY NEW & CRAFT SALE** Saturday, 10.30 – 2.30p.m.

Looking ahead to our May 8th meeting we will be welcoming back David Wright with his new Flower Arrangement "Summer Nights" Demonstration.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, April 10th. Doors open 09.45. See you there!  
Hazel

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## Coach/Theatre Trips Direct From Potter Heigham Village Hall 2024

**Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> BURY ST EDMUNDS ..MARKET DAY** Depart 09.30  
Arrive back 5.00p.m. **£10**

**Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup> BEYOND THE BARRICADE SHOW Cromer Pier Theatre 8.00p.m.**

Ticket £27.50 + Coach £10 We have 4 seats left. Payment for ticket only needed when booking

To book either of these contact Hazel 01692 670616

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### Save The Date!

Potter Heigham's Annual produce and craft fayre set for Saturday August 17<sup>th</sup>. Lots of new activities being planned to make it a fun day for the whole family. More information in next month's Gazette!

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### New, Nearly New & Craft Sale

On Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> April in the Village Hall from 10.30a.m. – 2.30p.m. Including Clothes, Handbags, Shoes, Jewellery, Plants, Jigsaws, Glassware, Cushions, Body Shop and lots more. Raffle, Tea/Coffee & Biscuits available. Come and have a browse and check out the bargains. Tables are fully booked. Cash only....no card facilities

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### It's Spring in Potter Heigham

It's been a real pleasure to walk round our village and enjoy all the spring flowers in the gardens and hedgerows. To those responsible...Thank you! We are so lucky to live in our lovely village!

Hazel

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### Sea Palling Lifeboat

Think of a lifeboat rescue and you automatically think of the boat crew but in fact boat crew are only a part of the team and cannot operate alone. At Sea Palling Independent Lifeboat we are desperately short of shore crew, including boat recovery crew. We also need fund raisers to help sell our merchandise and raise the money to keep the service going. We use outside contractors when we have to but this eats into our much needed funds, our station always needs repairs and badly needs a lick of paint, our steel storage containers also need some repairs and painting. Is this something you could help with? You could play an important part in a life saving service without having to get into a boat!  
To join the team call Dave on 07774 804848.

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## Soup & Pudding Lunch

Wednesday, April 3rd in the Village Hall 12.00 -2.00p.m. Home-made Soup, Rolls & Puddings + Tea/Coffee £5

This is the last one for the season. Booking Essential... call Hazel on 670616

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## Potter Heigham Parish Council

Notes from the meeting held on 13th March 2024

- The Parish Council has been awarded funding for a traffic feasibility study of the Potter Heigham Bridge from Norfolk County Council's Parish Partnership Scheme. Funding covers 50% of the total cost £10,000. The remaining funds are being provided from the County Councillor's budget (£3,500) and the parish council (£1,500). The project will look at ways to make the bridge safer for pedestrians and vehicles. A timescale for the study has not yet been set but the council will keep you updated on the progress of this.
- The Annual Parish Meeting date has been set for 24th April 2024 at 7.30pm in the village hall. Do come along to hear updates from various local groups and there will also be a guest speaker from the Environment Agency in attendance.
- A new Parish Council Facebook page has been agreed so please find 'Potter Heigham Parish Council' page and follow us to keep updated with all the latest parish council information.
- There is currently a vacant allotment pitch available for rent. If you are interested then please contact the clerk at [potterheighamparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:potterheighamparishcouncil@gmail.com) for more details.

**Vicar:** Rev Gary Noyes 678842

**Methodist Contact:** Mr Shaun Cushion 01493 740237  
Rev Andrew King 01493 750799

**Parish Council:**

**Parish Clerk:** Miss Laura Bateman

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**web site** -

<https://potterheighamparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/>

**The Village Hall Bookings Clerk:** Mrs L Parker, 1 Green Lane, 670297

**e-mail** - [potterheighambookingclerk@gmail.com](mailto:potterheighambookingclerk@gmail.com)

**Flood Warden:** Mr Paul Rice 0774 8706544

**Churchwardens:** Mrs Mary Haslam 670429

Mr Donald Pickering 670407

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