

Clenchwarton Your Village News

November 2022



ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH



Clenchwarton Church.

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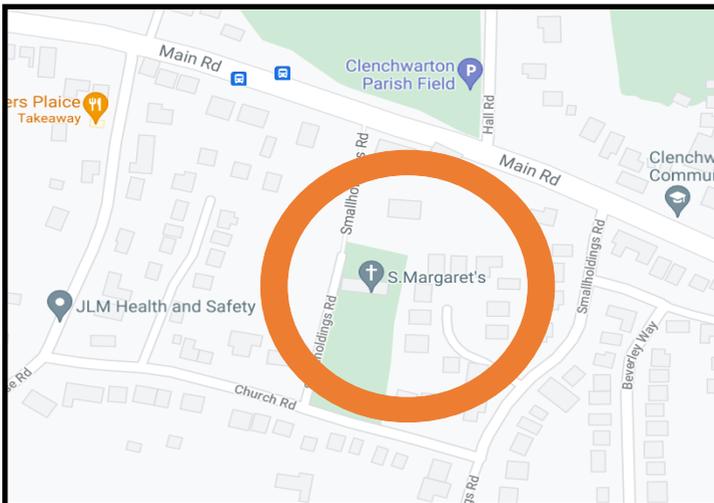
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Welcome to your Magazine

This is a monthly magazine and contains adverts from local businesses near you, village and church news and “what’s on in the village” as well as articles from our parishioners and the church community.

We hope it is a valuable resource for newcomers to the village as well as our long-standing residents.

St Margaret's Church Services

Sunday 6th November Communion 10.00am

Sunday 13th November Remembrance Service.
The service will be taken by the Reverend John Smith and will start at the slightly later time of 10.15am

Sunday 20th November Communion 10.00am

Sunday 27th November Morning Prayer 10.00am.



Everyone is welcome to our services, no matter what their age.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Methodist Chapel Services

Sunday 6th November at Chapel. Holy Communion Service at 10.30am led by Rev Jackie Goddard and we will be joined by Terrington St Clement Chapel.

Sunday 13th November at Clenchwarton Parish Church. Remembrance Sunday at 10.15am led by Reverend John Smith.

Sunday 20th November at Chapel. Morning Service at 10.30am led by Worship Team.

Sunday 27th November at Chapel. Holy Communion Service led by Rev Jackie Goddard.

Services may be subject to change so please check Chapel Notice Boards.



All are welcome at any of our services.
Any queries please ring 07792 677891

Village Diary

Save
the
Date

To all those organising events in the village, please let us know the date place and time so we may publish it in the Village Diary. Thank you.

Parish Council meetings 1st Thursday of every month.

Coffee Mornings St Margaret's Every Thursday 10-12 noon.
On 17 November this will be by local police about scams.

**Walking Group. Saturday 19 November 2pm from
Clenchwarton school**

To all those organising events in the village, please let us know the date, place and time so we may publish it in the village diary.

CHURCH EVENTS

Craft Fair. Saturday 19th November 10am - 2pm.

Tea, coffee and homemade cakes will be available, and Freya the Fortune Teller will also be present.

Christmas Greenery Event Saturday 3 December

At the Church on Saturday 3rd December at 2.00pm.

Cost is £10 per person.

Foliage gets you festive!

We will try this candle arrangement.

What you need is: A wooden board or tray. A candle lantern/ glass night jar/ large battery operated candle (if using a real flame candle ensure that the lantern or jar is taller than the candle). Container for oasis with a reasonably heavy base. Three or four sprays each of yew, variegated ivy, ivy with berries, holly with berries, conifer, laurel, fur cones, Elaeagnus.

If you have not got much foliage, do not worry – Vera will bring some from her garden. If you have any questions about this event please contact Vera on 01553 774698.

Chapel Events

Christmas Bazaar Saturday 5th November 10am - 3pm

Art & Craft Stalls, Cake Stall, Books/Games/CDS/ DVDS/and Jigsaws. Lucky Dip Tub. Light lunch and Refreshments available.

Clenchwarton Lecture Saturday 12th November starting at 2.30pm.

“Three Million Wheelbarrows”

The story of the people of the Eau Brink cut

Talk by local author Kathy Saunders

Free entry. Refreshments available.

Kathy's book is excellent and I know she has done more research since.

She will bring some books with her and it would seem to be a timely opportunity to buy a Christmas present for any relation who has previously lived in the village.

All the lectures are free although any donations will be appreciated. Tea and coffee are available and questions to the speakers encouraged.

Christmas Wreath Making Workshop.

Friday 25th November 9.30am to 12 noon.

Make your own door wreath. Frame, foliage and ribbon supplied.

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Coffee Mornings at St Margaret's Church

**These are on Thursdays between 10-12
noon**

Do come along for a drink and a friendly chat.

Please contact Debra if you require transport to get to any coffee morning. We look forward to seeing you.

(Debra McGowan)

Bible Study Group

Meetings take place on Wednesdays starting at 2.00pm

If you are interested in joining us please contact Penny Snape on 01553 773142.



Craft Fair

We are holding a craft fair at the church on **Saturday 19th November from 10.00am to 2.00pm.**

If you have any crafts that you would like to sell and would like to book a place in

the church for a charge of £5 (non refundable) please contact Debra on 07565 057216 or 01553 773467 after 6pm.

Freya the fortune teller will also be at this event. Tea, coffee and homemade cakes will also be available. Money raised from this event will go towards our kitchen and toilet project

Nature Watch

Since the last parish magazine I have been to Scotland for a family wedding but spent a while on the North West coast at Oban. Whilst there we took a boat trip around the inner Hebridean island of Kerrera. This is a fairly large island and it took two hours to encircle it. On the rocks around the island and swimming in the water were a number of seals. They seemed unperturbed by the boat. Now, you might say, what is so special about seals after all you can often see one in the river at West Lynn and there are a large number at the opening into the Wash. However, I have never seen more than one seal at the same time before this trip.

Seals prefer the colder waters of the Northern and Southern Hemispheres. They spend most of their times in the water but come ashore to mate, give birth, moult or escape from predators. They also like to bask in the sun as they were doing on the rocks when we watched them. They feed largely on fish and marine invertebrates. Pups are born in the Spring and Summer.

There are two main types of Seal that we were able to see. The Grey Seal and the Common Seal and the differences between the two were pointed out to us. The Grey Seal has an elongated nozzle and its eyes are set further apart. The Common Seal is shorter with a more concave forehead. Despite its name the Common Seal is in fact less numerous. There are 55,000 Common Seals approximately but about 120,000 Grey Seals. There are only two places where the Common Seal is more numerous, namely off the coast of Scotland and we saw more Common Seals than Grey Seals, and also around the Wash in East Anglia.

The wedding took place at Loch Lomond and the weather was perfect so the scenery was idyllic. When my sister and I first arrived at the Loch there was a Heron standing sentinel actually in the loch though in fairly shallow water. It stayed there for some time allowing my sister to take a photograph of it. Again you can often see a Heron at West Lynn whilst waiting for the ferry and there is a heronry only a few miles from Clenchwarton where you can see in the early evening plenty of herons silhouetted on the top of a clump of trees waiting for the rest of the colony to fly in separately from their fishing trips. I consider the heron to be a most beautiful, majestic bird although I suspect fish do not have the same opinion!

(GS)

Walking Group

WALKING



Once again we were very lucky with the weather in our October walk at Terrington St Clement. We are back on home ground in November and will be starting at the usual time of 10.30am outside the Clenchwarton village school.

This will be on Saturday 19th November – please note the later week in the month this time.

Anyone is welcome to join us, you can just turn up on the day.
There is no cost. It is good exercise and provides plenty of opportunity for conversation.



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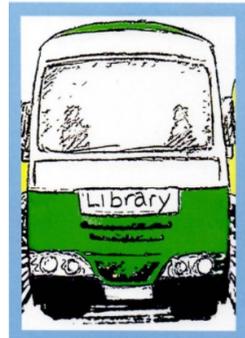
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At the following places and times Clenchwarton:

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| Coronation Road | 9.40 to 9.55 |
| Margaretta Close | 10.00 to 10.15 |
| Rookery Close | 10.20 to 10.35 |
| Rectory Drive | 10.40 to 10.50 |
| St Annes Crescent | 10.55 to 11.10 |
| Linford Estate | 11.15 to 11.30 |
| Hall Road (Junction Robin Kerkham Way) | 11.35 to 11.50 |
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St Margaret's Church, News



Since July the church has been open every day from 10-4, providing an opportunity for anyone who wishes, to come and sit in a quiet space, light a candle and so on. **Thanks to a grant from the Parish Council**, which will enable us to have the heating on every day, during the colder months the church will remain open from 10-4 daily, acting as a 'warm hub' – tea and coffee freely available.

It was particularly important that, following the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II many people were able to come into church to sign the book of Condolence, which has now been sent to the King's Lynn Council, and will eventually be sent to the Royal Archives at Windsor Castle, for posterity.

We now have a new groundsman, employed by the Parish Council, and he has started cutting back the bushes and trees in the alley way from the main road to the church, which should make it easier to walk through. The main grass at the back and front of the church is cut by a contractor, also employed by the Parish Council.

Thanks must go to Debra McGowan, one of our Church Wardens, who keeps the grass cut around the main door, the Pirates gravestone, and the memorial garden at the back of the church. (if you don't know where the Pirates grave is come and have a look around!!).

We have been having Coffee Mornings every Thursday from 10-12, which have become very successful. Lovely cakes, items to buy, great natter and friendship. During the warmer months it has been lovely to be able to sit outside. We will be continuing these Coffee Mornings through the colder months. On the 19th November we will be having a talk by the local police about the dreaded scams, what to do if you are caught out by one, and how to avoid them. If you haven't yet joined us, why not come along one Thursday.

We had a wonderful Harvest Festival in Church on Sunday 9th October. The church was beautifully decorated, and there was a wonderful array of fresh produce, jams, cakes, and other Harvest items. Afterwards, much fun was had by auctioning all the produce etc, **which raised an amazing amount of £145 which will go to charity, yet to be agreed.**

Many of you will be aware, that we have plans to have a toilet and kitchen fitted within the church (the plans are displayed in the porch). We have applied for a grant towards the cost of this, and we are also organising some fund raising events over the next year – see below.

17th November 10.00am, during the Thursday Coffee Morning – Talk by local police about various scams.

19th November 10am-2pm Craft Fair in church. Refreshments available.

10th December -2pm Christmas greenery arrangement. - demonstration by Vera Osborne.

We look forward to seeing you at one (or maybe all) of these events.

(Jan Taylor)



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Pastoral Letter November 2022

Reverend Barbara Burton writes.....



'Every contact counts'. Because I think it really does – the encounter we have in a shop, the smile when we pass someone in the street, the conversation we get into on a bus or the planned chat over coffee, the incidental hours spent with family, the meetings and walks and letters and phone calls, the greeting or welcome we offer, the time we take to say thank you, every lift, wave, smile, or visit can change a person's day or even the course of their life. Every contact really does count. We are shaped by those people and those moments – for good or bad. And as Christians we are called to use those moments to reveal something of God's love.

You may be someone who has looked back with gratitude at certain people who have significantly affected your life. I have attended several training sessions, retreats, and talks where we have been encouraged to either telephone or write to someone to thank them for what they have done and tell them the difference they have made in our lives. I have been grateful for the encouragement and opportunity to do that and have had regret that there are some for whom I did not do it before they died. I still remember them with gratitude.

Remembering and reminding is important. In my younger days in church I heard the names of people being read out and then being mentioned as those whose 'year's mind' fell that week. It took me a long time to realise that 'year's mind' was church-speak for anniversary and, most particularly, the anniversary of a person's death. In Sunday services we name people whose anniversary of death falls that week and also often mention them in our prayers. It is a calling to mind, a commemoration, and a prompt to give thanks. This conscious remembering of people who have been important to us and have died is also an important spiritual practice and an important reminder that death is not an end. It is a looking back with thanksgiving and a looking forward with hope.

November is a month for remembering, to remind ourselves of the people who have shaped and influenced us, nurtured and taught us, reprimanded us and challenged us, cared for us and sustained us. We give thanks for them, and we remind ourselves that we also carry that potential wherever we go, to be an influence for good in the lives of others.

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From the Little Yellow Smart Car



I thought I'd tell you about my little yellow smart car – not the one that you see me driving around the village now, but my first little yellow smart car which sits on my drive in a state of disrepair. Every now and again, someone comes to the door asking me if I want to sell it, and offering to take it away for parts or to scrap. My answer is always the same, 'No thank you, I have plans for her'. And I do – I have grand plans. I have plans that change and move with my imagination. I have plans to give the little yellow and black car a new lease of life and a new purpose. The only problem is that I haven't quite settled on which plan to choose yet! Until I do, the car waits for my attention.

The name SMART is an acronym for Swatch Mercedes Art, in recognition of the parent companies who made them, and to underline the quiriness of the design, but my car is called Agia which is Greek for 'she is holy'. Aggy (as she is known affectionately) was my holy space for nearly twenty years – a mobile office, a prayer room, a study, a sanctuary – and Aggy made people smile. There were not many yellow cars around at the beginning of the century and even fewer Smart cars, so she attracted attention. People stopped and stared as she passed by. Smart car drivers waved at one another and admired the fun things that were done with the bodywork – a ladybird, an ordinance survey map, rainbow combinations of coloured panels.

Aggy has had adventures, picked up some scratches, broken down in some interesting places and is on her second engine. And now she waits for me to reveal the plan I have. If my Smart car could talk, she might tell me that the future is worrying and the present is difficult. She might ask me about my plans and whether they will make a positive difference. She might remind me that the longer I do nothing, the harder it is to do something, and the more expensive everything becomes. She might point out that the spiders have already made their home inside her and the outside is more than a little grubby!. My little yellow Smart car might talk about the past and the things that we did together but can't do any more, she might remember the people who shared our journeys and the conversations we had. She would probably tell me, with sadness, of all the bits of her which don't work properly and how she watches longingly as I go off on adventures with my newer car. It might be simpler to get rid of her, but I have faith that a plan will come together – even though I don't know what it is yet – and I'm willing to wait and see.

There is a time of discernment needed to know when to throw away, to give up, and when to spend resources in repair and renewal. That is not only true of my Smart car, it is true of many other things too. What do we value? Who do we value? What and who do we toss aside? What and who are we willing to fight for, to stay with, to plan with, to have faith in? The God I believe in loves the world and all that is in it. Even though there have been many times when starting again might be less messy, less complicated and cost less, God has a plan and we are a part of it. My prayer for this month – when Autumn brings endings – is that we might wonder at the plan within the season and be willing to wait and work towards what will come in the future.

The **Every blessing**. Rev'd Jackie Goddard
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Clenchwarton Parish Council

Clenchwarton Parish Council – 6th October 2022, 7pm in the Memorial Hall

The meeting began with the Royal Proclamation concerning the passing of the Crown to King Charles; God Save the King said all.

Cllrs Reports – Cllr Kemp's report appears elsewhere in this issue. Borough Councillor Whitby reported that a couple of fly-tippers had been caught and fined, the solar panel scheme was progressing with emails going out shortly and vacancies in the Planning Department were being filled so things could soon be back to normal. As for the CIL grant scheme, the Council had allocated £2.1m to local projects and has paid out £388,510.47 on 125 projects so far. Cllr Pell reported that he had been made aware of a theft of a catalytic converter off a car down Station Road, right in front of the owner's house so advised people to be vigilant. He also mentioned that the PC was on the lookout for a Christmas tree and Cllr Thornalley gave some sage advice on locating one with roots that can be planted and reused every year. Cllr Pell then showed everyone a picture of a tree on his phone for illustrative purposes.

Open Forum – Cllr Lucas asked for permission for the Neighbourhood Watch to put signs up on parish lamp posts. A discussion also took place about various activities that are being planned over the Christmas period, more details nearer the time.

Finance and Planning matters were rattled through and a discussion began about farm traffic down Station Road. The Clerk reported that despite extensive research, he could not find any law that restricted such traffic during late night hours. Cllr Edwards expressed concern about the speeds of some of the farm vehicles and the vibration they caused. Cllr Pell agreed that the PC should approach some of the landowners to make them aware that some drivers were not behaving themselves.

The next item was regarding the **Parish Poll** but there were no further updates from the Parish Council to discuss. Cllr Bell observed that given the current cost of living crisis it may not be the right time to proceed anyway. Cllr Thornalley countered that there were other funding sources out there too.

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An update was presented by the **Play Area Renovation** working party; a new light has been put up in the Jubilee Garden and benches are being purchased too. A new bin was requested and the quoted cost sparked a debate during which (and right on cue) someone's phone went off loudly playing the theme tune to Mission Impossible. Sticking to the subject, a later item concerned dog bin logistics which elicited the reminder that bagged dog poo can be safely disposed of in ALL bins in the village currently.

Turning to the **defibrillator** outside the village shop, it was decided that the PC would assist in maintaining it with regard to inspections and maintenance going forwards.

The next item concerned a **tree** which was happily undermining the Pavilion (the Groundsman had recently lopped off a branch which was having a go at the roof too). It was agreed that although there is no TPO on it, it should be left to its own devices for the time being.

The **Neighbourhood Watch** then asked if they could monetise the flowerbed at the anchor with the aim of seeking sponsorship to raise funds while at the same time planting it up and keeping it looking nice, given that it's looked a bit of a state for the last few years until they decided to plant it up in the summer. Councillors asked for a written proposal.

The last item was about a problem with children wearing football boots in the **play area** and after some discussion, it was decided that some signs should be purchased asking the children to wear appropriate footwear in order to protect the new equipment and keep everyone safe too.

The meeting was closed at 9.05pm.

(SF)

Parish Council meetings are usually the first Thursday of every month.

The Agenda's are published on the Parish Council website go to <https://clenchwartonparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/>

?? Puzzle Page ??



**In November we will have Bonfire night but what do you know about it? Possibly more than you may think?
Answers follow later in the magazine.**

- 1 Bonfire Night came into being because of a certain event? What event?
- 2 In which year did this event take place?
- 3 Who was on the throne at the time?
- 4 Who was the person “caught in the act”?
- 5 Who was the leader of this group?
- 6 The answer to the fourth question was formerly of which occupation?
- 7 In which city was the answer to the fourth question born?
- 8 Two sets of brothers were in the group. What were their surnames?
- 9 Why did the certain event fail?
- 10 There was a firework factory in Norfolk – Brocks – where?

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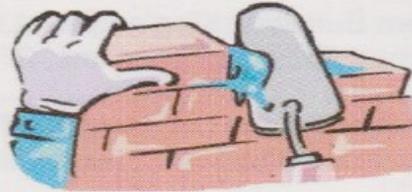


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County Councillor Report

County Councillor Alexandra Kemp, Clenchwarton and King's Lynn
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Incinerator Update

Everyone can now register as an Interested Party, to make representations against the Wisbech Incinerator. You have until 11.59pm on 15th November. You have to register on the Planning Inspectorate's "Registration and Relevant Representation Form". If you google the words; Planning Inspectorate Medworth, this will bring you to the right page where you can also find the Application and Environmental Impact Assessment. If you cannot register online, call the helpline on 0303 444 5000 to request a paper form. It is most effective to give Planning Reasons in your representation. Here are some ideas:

1 All the statutory consultees: Norfolk County Council, King's Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council, Cambridgeshire County Council and Fenland District Council, have objected. Norfolk County Council passed a unanimous motion against the incinerator.

2 There is an oversupply of incinerators in the East of England so the incinerator is not needed. It would be over twice as large as the Saddlebow Incinerator would have been.

3 Waste can, and should be, reused or prevented. Glass, metals, wood, paper and food can be recycled. The Government is going to enforce food collections in all areas, which will further reduce black bin waste. I have asked Norfolk County Council to consider the development of technologies to reuse larger plastics. Incineration is an outdated technology, is against the circular economy and reduces recycling.

4 Incineration is against Net Zero. Every tonne incinerated, puts out at least a tonne of carbon dioxide, sometimes more. So the UK cannot meet its carbon reduction targets, if it builds new incinerators.

5 The incinerator could breach the Proximity Principle. Waste would be brought in from areas of high population to areas of low population like the Fens. London's waste could be brought to the Norfolk border, as travel time of up to two hours for the waste would be permitted. This would affect rural roads.

6 Health – not all particulates or gases are captured or monitored by the filters in the incinerator chimney stack. The residue can lead to acidification of the soil and can contribute to air pollution, affect the environment and human health.

7 The areas around the Ouse, the Nene and Wash are subject to temperature inversion, where colder temperatures near the ground and warmer temperatures above, act as a lid on pollution so it can stay in the air for days. The weather conditions in West Norfolk make it more likely that the incinerator would cause harm to human health.

8 The prevailing winds from the Wash are south westerlies, which could carry the airborne detritus from the incinerator to West Norfolk. The wind direction is wrong.

County Councillor Report continued

9 The tall 90-metre incinerator chimney stack, would put out particulate matter, gases and form secondary particles high over the landscape, which could be more likely to descend over West Norfolk, than directly below around Wisbech. M&V have not provided a contour map.

10 The All-Parliamentary Group on Air Pollution called for a moratorium on all new incinerators on health and environmental grounds in December 2021.

11 Health is a planning reason. Cancer-causing dioxins from nearby incinerators have been found in eggs 10km away. This incinerator could affect the food chain in farms in West Norfolk.

12 Children's health. Matter from incinerators has been found in children's toenails, related to lung conditions.

13 Levelling Up. Incinerators are more likely to be built in deprived areas, as the operators know that the health affects can be masked by deprivation. The population of the area around Wisbech and the Fens in West Norfolk is among the most 30% deprived in the country. So the incinerator would affect the health of already vulnerable residents. Air Pollution already causes 40,000 early deaths in the UK. The incinerator could make this worse. One in ten cases of lung cancer in the UK are caused by outdoor air pollution.

14 Although West Norfolk and King's Lynn could be more affected than Wisbech by airborne pollution from the incinerator from weather conditions, residents in Clenchwarton were not consulted about the incinerator. The firm only consulted within a narrow radius of 5km and this was not sufficient.

Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan.

Make your representations before 11th November.

County has publicised the Pre-Submission version of the Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan (NM & WLP) to allow representations on the soundness and legal compliance of the document to be made, over a 6 week period, between 28th September and 5pm on 11th November 2022. The plan and representations to HM Planning Inspectorate, for public examination by an independent Planning Inspector. The NM&WLP contains policies to determine planning applications for minerals development and waste management facilities in Norfolk and will cover the period to 2038. When adopted, it will replace the existing Norfolk Minerals and Waste Core Strategy and Minerals and Waste Specific Site Allocations documents.

Two failings of this draft Local Plan you might like to tell them – which I pointed out to the Cabinet Member at October's full council – one that (a) Norfolk has not included this council's No Incineration in Norfolk policy which we brought in, in 2015, after we stopped the Saddlebow Incinerator. (b) The draft plan has no ban, or even a policy about fracking, which is known to cause earth tremors. This County Division could be vulnerable to fracking.

County Councillor Report Continued

The Cabinet Member said he “would not change the plan”.

The NM&WLP has been through two public consultation stages; the Initial Consultation in 2018 and the Preferred Options Consultation in 2019. The NM&WLP forecasts quantities of waste to 2038 and contains criteria based policies to determine planning applications for waste management facilities, forecasts quantities of sand and gravel, carstone and silica sand that need to be planned for up to 2038. Two sites are allocated for silica sand extraction, one site for carstone extraction and 16 sites for sand and gravel extraction within the NM&WLP along with policies to determine planning applications for mineral extraction.

Full details of the allocated sites and policies are contained within the publication document. The publication document, background documents and a downloadable and printable representation form are available on Norfolk County Council's website at: www.norfolk.gov.uk/nmwdf on the “Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan Review” page or can be viewed at Council offices. Send your representations to <https://norfolk.oc2.uk/> or Norfolk County Council, County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich NR1 or idf@norfolk.gov.uk
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Multi-User Hub in the old Argos Shop.

Against my advice, NCC has just purchased the old Argos concrete shop, to move Lynn Library into, at the total project cost of £12.4 million. NCC would run the library and adult learning from the hub but first of all, only committed to run the hub for just ten years. This blew the council's financial case to the Treasury out of the crater. NCC were claiming the hub would bring around £32 million of benefits to the town over 30 years, but only committing to run the hub for 10 years? And what would happen to Lynn Library after 10 years?

So I wrote to the Borough's Section 151 Finance Officer and pointed out the original Boroughs regeneration committee papers said NCC would only commit to run the hub for just 10 years (when the Carnegie building has housed Lynn Library for nearly 120 years!). This is disgraceful short-termism for the use of public money. If NCC sells the hub off to a private entity after just 10 years, would the new owners even want the Library there or find it more profitable to rent the whole area out?.

County Councillor Report Continued

The Borough Finance Officer wrote back and said NCC had just committed to run the hub for 25 years. But health benefits claimed for the hub include a decrease in dementia, diabetes and heart disease, because residents will go to the hub, go on courses and take more exercise. What do you think? Write a polite email to Andrew.Jamieson.cllr@norfolk.gov.uk the County Council Member for Finance. Time is running out to save the Carnegie building as the library we all know and love. The Carnegie building should be extended, just like the Grade 1 listed Town Hall was changed to include the Stories of Lynn. Otherwise, before we know it, Norfolk County Council could be selling off the Carnegie Library, and then even sell off the new Library hub to find the shortfall for the new £251 million Norwich Western Link. Lynn needs control over its own destiny.

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Memories of Clenchwarton

Richard Brown

After the war we used to the marsh and play in the concrete gun emplacements on the sea bank and in the old observation post watch tower. There were some old Nissan huts there for the gunners to sleep. There was also an ammunition dump on the river bank not far from the present gate. A long time ago this was covered in overnight, but I think that it is still probably still there although I am sure that the ammunition was removed. On the side of Margaretta Bridge are two large concrete blocks that I was told were to be used to block the road if the Germans invaded and there was a gun placed in the trees on the other side of the road, you can still see the stainless steel swivel.

As many of you know there were a lot of aircrew killed in Clenchwarton and there is a memorial to them at the Memorial Hall. It is not surprising because the main fighter pilot training aerodrome was at Sutton Bridge, I think that there were eight crashes.

Although he lived on the West Lynn side of Clockcase Lane at Jubilee Farm one of the very prominent business men in the area was Jack Hurn and he was used by farmers over a wide area. He was a thrashing contractor and he had over forty sets of thrashing tackle. A set of tackle consisted of a Steam Engine, a Thrashing Drum and a Straw Elevator and other items such as a Chaff-cutter could be added if needed.

This was before the days of Combine Harvesters and all of the corn harvest had to be carted from the fields into the Stackyard and it was a winters job for the farmworkers to thrash the corn stacks. Jack provided the machinery and an operator to set it up and run it and the farmer provided coal and water for the steam engine and the labour to do the work. It was also law to surround the corn stack with wire-netting so it was easier to kill any rats. Most of the men working on the thrashing would tie a piece of string around their trouser legs to stop rats going up!

The corn from the drum would be emptied into coomb sacks and weighed (18 stone) and then either stored in the barn or sold to a merchant. The sacks either belonged to the grain merchant or could be hired. One of the very dirty jobs in thrashing was looking after the chaff, this was kept to be used for adding to cattle and horse food and was very dusty. The straw would be stacked and used for animal bedding or for covering potato graves (clamps).

Many people had plots of strawberries in their garden and these were mostly sold to Marshland and Wingland in Terrington who were Grain and Fruit Merchants. These strawberries were a very important income and many people who did not have their own would go picking on neighbouring farms.

The other occupant of many of the gardens was a pig and the annual pig-killing was a regular event. My mother would spend the day making sausages, haslets and brawns and also rendering the fat into lard to be used in cooking over the winter. Many of her friends would come to help and be given something to take home. My father would cut the pig up and salt the joints which would be left in a large tray for about a fortnight and then packed in sacking and hung up to dry, these would be eaten over the following year.

In the 1950's there were several cattle on farms and we had a large pasture at the Beeches. In the winter these would be kept in yards at Fairfield Farm off the A47 and so we used to drive them along the A47 and then along the A17, down Jubilee Bank Road and then Ferry Road. It was great fun!. Two of the farm workers would go in front making sure that the garden gates were closed (if you did not have a gate it was your fault if the cattle got into your garden) although I cannot remember this happening.

Puzzle Page Answers. How did you do ?



- 1 The attempt to blow up the Houses of Parliament.
- 2 1605
- 3 King James the First
- 4 Percy Guy Fawkes
- 5 Robert Catesby
- 6 Soldier
- 7 York
- 8 Wright and Wintour.
- 9 Due to an anonymous letter being sent to the House of Commons.
- 10 Swaffham

Pepper Fen. Episode 21

(The village of Pepper Fen is fictitious and is not based on any particular village. None of the characters are based on real people living or dead.)

As Freya trudged down the road on her way home from school her interest was aroused by the sight of a police car situated almost outside her cottage, but on closer inspection was outside their neighbours. It was the new neighbours and Freya had no idea who was living there at present. The car door opened and a tall lady in police uniform got out. Freya estimated her to be mid twenties in age. The police car then drew off. Before she opened the door to her cottage, the lady looked round and spotted Freya. She smiled broadly and moved towards the schoolgirl. "I am pleased to meet you" she said in an accent which Freya realised was East European, "You must be Freya. I have met your mother and she has spoken about you". Freya did not know what to say and for a moment there was an awkward silence until the lady spoke again. "You do not, perhaps, have many people of your age to be with. You are perhaps lonely?"

Freya shook her head. "I have friends" she said indignantly. Gabrielle knew she had said the wrong thing. "Pardon me but I see so few young people around here". Instantly she said it she knew she had seen a number of young people nearby, when she had taken her walk and saw all those young people in the barn like building. "I make a mistake, I remember I have seen a number of people, some of whom may have been around your age. In a barn off the road down there and she pointed in the direction. "Perhaps you know them?". "Maybe" Freya admitted defensively. Gabrielle wondered how CID interviewed suspects. This girl was not under any suspicion of committing a crime and yet she was being most defensive in her answers. How was she going to engage her in talk about the man who had been found murdered? Perhaps it was best to just come out with it. "I understand a body was found in the river not far from our cottages." Freya did not even answer this one. She just nodded. "Had you ever met the murder victim?"

Freya looked astonished. "Am I helping the police with their enquiries?" she asked in a little voice. "Oh no." Gabrielle laughed, "You must forget I am a police officer. I am not on duty at the moment and I am just being friendly to a next door neighbour I am meeting for the first time". Freya did not look convinced

Pepper Fen. Continued

"I am not convinced." Fiona folded her arms defiantly, "If she had left voluntarily she would have turned up by now". Rob sighed. "We are wasting our valuable time" he warned, "but very well, put up your posters and tell forces across the country – though the photo we have of her must have been taken years ago". Fiona marched triumphantly from the room. Rob sighed once more. Why was she so difficult? Why could he not have a partner who would just do as she or he was told? He was worried though.

There had been no progress in the murder enquiry and Fiona was right, the missing girl was still illusive. Bang went any hope of promotion, the way his boss was talking he would be lucky not to be fired soon. He needed progress, preferably in both cases, and in another murder case which had landed in his lap. A small town and largely rural area around it and here he was faced with so many cases, and serious ones as well, at this rate he would be receiving interest from even higher up soon. To make matters worse, the press were starting making very embarrassing questions. The local press had been all right at first, but now a national rag had written an article and the local paper were anxious to remain at the forefront of all information regarding the cases. Rob sighed for the third time, who in their right mind would want to work in CID? He knew the answer. Many years ago he had looked forward to transferring to CID and he remembered the time he had been first transferred. He had felt on top of the world. Oh to be young again. Oh to not have all this responsibility. He shut his eyes and breathed heavily once more.

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The History of Clenchwarton

Clenchwarton Chapel

Where the present chapel stands by the Main Road there has been a chapel since about 1833. The land was bought in June 1833 for £6 by nine trustees in order to build a Wesleyan Chapel. A chapel was built and services had started by 1838. In those days there were a number of different chapel groups and also in the village was a Primitive Methodist Society who were holding meetings in the home of a Mr Cunningham. Robert Cunningham, 40, was a Shoemaker in the 1851 census living at 40 Cotton Row. His wife was born at Wrenningham near Wymondham in Norfolk which was also where Mr William Lane who was a leading preacher was born.

By the 1850's the upkeep of Clenchwarton Chapel had become too onerous for the stewards of the Wesleyan Chapel and permission was granted by the Wesleyan Conference for them to sell the property. On 11th August 1856, the chapel and land were sold to Rev Wainwright, a Primitive Methodist travelling preacher for £34 11/6d. The average attendance for Sunday services was 60 but the chapel could accommodate up to 130 people with 86 in pews and 44 in free seats.

On the 9th June 1879, a committee consisting of Messrs Seaman, Lift, Ballard and Lincoln, considered the rebuilding of the chapel as it was now in some disrepair. Eventually permission was given for the chapel to be pulled down and a new one erected.

The new chapel was built and the opening stone-laying ceremony was performed on the 5th October 1881 by Mr William Lift the Circuit Steward. The chapel was opened by Rev J Smith on 22nd January 1882. The cost of the new chapel was £261.

When I first came to Clenchwarton in 1950 the doorway was at the front and there was a vestibule and the pulpit was at the other end of the building in the middle. At that time Sunday School was in the morning followed by afternoon and evening services in the chapel. On the second Sunday in May was the Anniversary. The scholars sang and did recitations which they had been practising during the previous weeks. The place would be full of family members all anxious to see their youngster in best new clothes doing their part.

In 1959 a gift of land by Mr Jack Ogden of Porch Farm enabled a Sunday Schoolroom to be built alongside the chapel. This necessitated the front door of the chapel being bricked in and the pulpit and the seating were reversed and another entrance to the chapel was made from the Schoolroom.

A temporary stage was always erected prior to the Anniversary or a Nativity play and so a stage was included in the new building which at that time dualled as the primary room. Later it was used for plays and pantomimes etc. In 1984 CMEG came into existence and the stage was used a lot. In addition we had a youth club and Junior Christian Endeavour, in addition to other activities. The field at the back of the chapel (by kind permission of the farmer) was used for games including cricket. Morning services were later introduced and later still we no longer had evening services.

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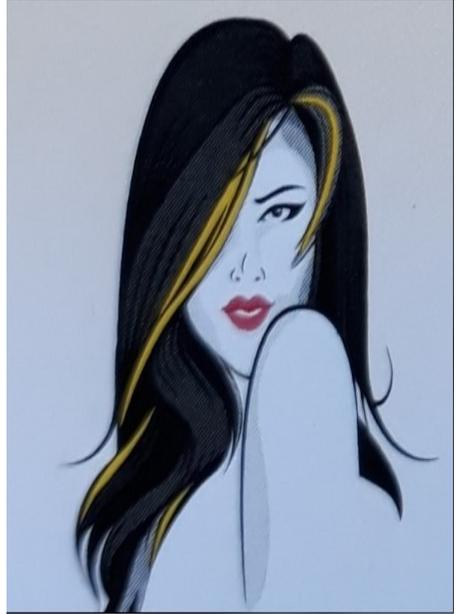
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RAF Memorial Tablet

This was erected at the he Memorial Hall in Memory of the RAF Aircrews who perished in aircraft crashes during the second World War

