
Brandon Parva, Coston, Runhall and Welborne Parish Council Newsletter

Runhall History Evening

In June, Mr and Mrs Miller from The Green in Runhall kindly gave a talk at Welborne village hall, about the history of Runhall.

They shared their many photos and documents from the village and told stories of village life, including a murder which was reported in the local press at the time. It was wonderful to see so many residents attend and be able to add their own stories to the Miller's collection.

Tea and cake for the evening were generously supplied by Clare Miller.

Many thanks go to all Millers for organising such a lovely evening, which raised over £70 towards the restoration of the Runhall telephone box.

The Runhall telephone box renovation project will give new life to the traditional red phone box on The Green by converting it into a book share and much more!

Parish Council Information

Parish Council Meetings

There are 2 further scheduled Parish Council meetings in 2018 on 19 September and 21 November. If additional meetings are required at short notice these will be advertised on village noticeboards and on our website.

All meetings are held in Welborne Village Hall and start at 7.30 pm.

Residents are most welcome to come along to meetings of the Council.

If you would like to propose an item for the agenda of an upcoming meeting, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Further Parish Council information, including agendas and minutes of meetings and much more, can be found on our website:

bpcrwparishcouncil.info

Welborne Church Fawlt Tower Project

Last month, as part of the Welborne Church Fawlt Tower project, a group of interested parishioners met and learnt to repair and build in flint and hot lime, under the watchful eye of William Skinner of Cliveden Conservation.

The free four-day workshop brought people together to repair a wall of the church using William's original mortar mixes and techniques. Plenty of notice will be given should another course run in the Autumn.

Many thanks to Richard Took, Linda Groom, Dr. Dean Sully and William for organising the days and making them so much fun.

Better Broadband Provision

Over a number of months now, the Parish Council has been working with Norfolk County Council to improve broadband provision within our parish. Below we summarise the current plans and hopefully answers some questions.

What is a 'good broadband speed'?

The question is often asked as to what is a good broadband download speed? The government's proposed broadband universal service obligation (USO) requires a download speed of at least 10Mbps/s (Mbps). You can check your current download speed via:

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/home>

or

<https://www.samknows.com>

Who is responsible for ensuring I have good broadband?

The responsibility for implementing this USO has passed from the Government to Ofcom who expect the implementation to take two years. See the Ofcom report **UK Home Broadband Performance** (published 9 May 2018), available on the Ofcom website, for the details. It is important to remember however that any initiatives are aimed at providing an infrastructure that allows improved broadband. It is still up to individuals themselves to take advantage of any infrastructure improvements.

What is happening in this area?

Two local government initiatives are currently being pursued:

1. **Better Broadband for Norfolk** (BBfN) is being run by Norfolk County Council and: "is a multi-million pound partnership funded through Norfolk County Council, BT and the Department of Culture, Media and Sport via BDUK (Broadband Delivery UK) – with additional support from the New Anglia LEP, and five of Norfolk's district councils. It is

transforming Norfolk's broadband speeds across the county by installing high-speed fibre optic networks across the county."

The majority of houses in our parish should benefit from this work by the end of the project (Spring 2020) but some houses will not be covered.

If you want to know what the plan is for your house, then look on the Better Broadband for Norfolk website:

[\(https://www.betterbroadbandnorfolk.co.uk/\)](https://www.betterbroadbandnorfolk.co.uk/)

2. South Norfolk District Council selected **InTouch Systems** to provide wireless Internet to homes and businesses via their ITSWISP Wireless Broadband. This is aimed at those houses that will not benefit from the BBfN project. If you are interested in finding whether this approach will work for your property, please contact the Parish Clerk who will pass your details to SNDC.

Progress on both these initiatives can be followed on the respective Council websites or by contacting them directly (Norfolk County Council 0344 800 8020, South Norfolk District Council 01508 533701). Note that these are planned activities and may change, so it is important that if you wish to take advantage of any of these changes you keep a check on how they are progressing.

Is there anything an individual can do?

You may wish to take action to try and improve your broadband performance such as:

- contacting your own broadband provider to see what they can do now or are planning to do
- contacting alternative suppliers (such as InTouch) directly to see what they can do for you.
- check whether your current provider is delivering in line with any agreed contract and if not then taking up the issue with them directly.

Updates

Footpath Clearing

The public footpath behind Runhall Church and across the field has been cleared so that it is now usable by all. A big '**THANK YOU**' goes to Peter Long and Mrs Banham.

Neighbourhood Watch

A recent summary from our local Norfolk Constabulary Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) shows that crime in the area remains low. However there is always a need for vigilance and good neighbours. So if you see anything that causes concern, please remember that you can contact the police using the non-emergency 101 phone number.

If you would like to read the SNT update, please visit the Parish Council website.

More information about the SNT can be found

at:

<https://www.norfolk.police.uk/your-area/wymondham>

Dog Fouling

Our Countryside Ranger has recently received reports of dog fouling in the Parish. Remember that it is a requirement to clear up after your dog – even in the countryside! There are dog waste bins at various sites in the Parish, although if these are not close by please take the waste home with you.

Meet and Chat

The next Meet and Chat will be on Thursday 16th August at 2pm in Welborne Village Hall. Do please come along for a cup of tea or coffee and a chance to meet old friends and make

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