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Frettenham Parish Council



Frettenham in Focus



Welcome to the autumn edition of the Frettenham Newsletter and our first digital format.

You can find copies of the newsletter on the Councils website, as well as the back copies, where available. There will also be a few printed copies available at various locations around the village.

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Parish Council Meeting dates 2026.

Starting at  7.30pm at Frettenham Village Hall:

 12th October (Allotment AGM at  6.30pm)

 9th November

* No meeting in December.

Autumn 2026

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Parish Council News

This month, we share progress on the Buxton Road trod path, plans for a village neighbourhood plan, the council's response to concerns about Willow Farm and details of the mobile Post Office service.

Village Connectivity: We have secured the remaining funding for the trod path on Buxton Road, so the project can now proceed. Highways will schedule the work, which we hope will begin by the end of 2026.

Projects for 2027/28: We are beginning to plan the projects the Council hopes to deliver in the next financial year. A longstanding ambition is to prepare a neighbourhood plan for the village. As housing targets continue to increase, the plan will help shape future development and identify the infrastructure needed to support existing and new residents. Most of the funding will need to come from the precept, requiring a small increase for one year, and we also intend to apply to Broadland District Council for a grant. If you have views on the process or would like to get involved, please contact the Clerk.

Willow Farm, Buxton Road: The attendance at our last meeting showed that many residents are concerned about the operation of a turkey farm in the village. We are in contact with Broadland District Council to ensure that residents' views are heard. The Council will discuss the retrospective planning application when it becomes available; please check the meeting agenda on the website to find out when it will be considered.

Frettenham Mobile Post Office Service: The mobile Post Office visits the Village Hall car park every Wednesday from 10.30 am to 11.30 am. It offers a wide range of services, including the option to collect benefits in cash through everyday banking services or a Post Office card account.

County Councillor Report

It has been said that you shouldn't believe everything you read in the newspapers. There have been a couple of recent examples where the headlines have been somewhat misleading. The first one was a recent EDP front page raising the possibility of an Incinerator being built in Norfolk. On this one we can say with some certainty that there is no prospect of this happening in the foreseeable future. The truth of the matter was that a senior Councillor was asked in a meeting if he would rule out an Incinerator ever being built and he said he said something on the lines of, he wouldn't rule out anything.

The second area was the headline that Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) has been "scrapped". What has happened is that the government has withdrawn the decision it made in March that Norfolk would have three new unitary Councils in 2028 when the existing Broadland and County Council are abolished. This is not just about Norfolk as it also withdrew the decisions it made about Suffolk, Essex and Hampshire. As matters stand a reorganisation is still going to happen in Norfolk, we just don't know what the government will now decide regarding the number of new Councils Norfolk will have. It is very possible that they may decide to go with three Councils anyway. We just don't know. In the meantime, all Councils will carry on work as usual and part of this will mean that Broadland will have elections next year for the District Council as originally planned.

There is ongoing work about a new Local Plan for Norwich, Broadland and South Norfolk to decide possible areas for building and development over a ten-year period. It is not very long ago that a new Local Plan was agreed for our area but since then the

government has raised housing targets. One stage in a new Local Plan is there is a 'call for sites' where landowners are invited to put land forward to be considered for inclusion. This has happened and a list has been published of all the sites submitted on the Greater Norwich Local Plan [website](#). The next steps are that all sites will be assessed and a shortlist put out to public consultation next autumn. The reason for raising this now is to give assurance that just because a site is on the list it does not mean it will be built on. Many of the sites are unrealistic and are a case of landowners trying their luck.

On highways matters wheels do seem to be turning regarding the County Council looking at an alternative route for the Western Link even if this has to be a single carriageway to cross the Wensum valley. The big test will be if the government will fund whatever new route is put forwards. In other news the Council is trialling (for free) a new JCB pothole repair machine. We shall have to see how this works out as there are reports it can only be used in certain areas given the noise, smell and risk of flying debris. If it works, it will be a good thing but let's see.

As always if we can help on any Council matters, please do get in touch.

Dan Roper, County Councillor

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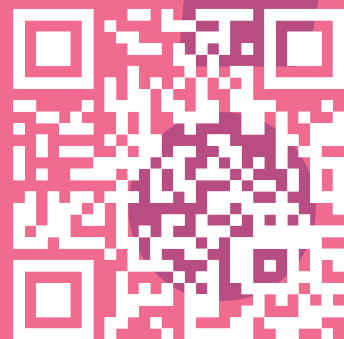
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Beck Farm Diary

In my last post, I mentioned that our vines had suffered frost damage, at the end of April. We were told by our advisor that they would regrow, some from their base and the bigger ones from the point of damage. Sure enough, this was exactly what happened when the sun shone, and the temperatures soared and soared. Some reached as high again as the top wire and had to be trained horizontally or pruned where needed.

Of course, this was a formative year; not many grapes expected, and pruned back to create a strong base; nevertheless it was good to see the recovery, and how well they survived the drought!

The frost had set back the vineyard at least 3 weeks, but we were able to gather 5 kilograms of grapes-which produced 2 litres of “wine”, currently “resting” in a demijohn. A few weeks yet to our first tasting!

We now know that the April frost has killed 40 percent of the willow trees planted on the marsh. These will be replaced in due course. Apparently plantings in other locations were completely destroyed and we are relatively fortunate.

In other places on the farm I am cutting back the environmental crops. The Government Scheme for these finishes in December. These fields will be replaced with renewable energy maize; shelter-belt trees, and new environmental crops. 2026 will be remembered for months of drought and devastating fires; oh, and two nights of frost!

Philip

Rev'd Joanna Haywood



Remembering, belonging and building for the future

October and November are months when we naturally find ourselves looking back. The colours of autumn remind us of the passing of the seasons, while November brings Remembrance Sunday and the quiet opportunity to remember those who have gone before us, around the War Memorial in the Churchyard at 2pm.

For Christians, remembering is an important part of our faith. We remember not only those we have loved and lost, but also the story of God's faithfulness – through good times and difficult ones, through generations of ordinary people who have sought to live out their faith in their own time and place.

And perhaps remembering can also make us think about what we are doing with the time and opportunities we have been given.

Our church of St Swithin is part of that story. It has served our community for generations. People have been baptised here, married here, said goodbye to those they love here, celebrated festivals here, prayed here and found comfort here. The buildings themselves hold memories of countless generations.

But buildings need people. And at the moment, there is a huge amount to do if we are to bring this building back into use and give it a future at the heart of village life.

That is why we are launching a **Friends' Group** – bringing together people who care about this place and want to play a part in its future. You don't need to be a regular churchgoer, or even a churchgoer at all. Perhaps you have family connections here,

memories of the building, an interest in local history, or simply a desire to see this important part of our village brought back to life.

There will be plenty to do, and not all of it will involve wielding a paintbrush! There will be practical work, fundraising, planning, spreading the word, caring for the building and thinking creatively about how it can once again serve the community.

Jesus calls us to love God and to love our neighbours. Caring for a building might not immediately sound like a particularly spiritual activity, but stewardship is about exactly this: taking care of what has been entrusted to us and making sure that it can be a blessing to others.

And we do this with hope. We don't know exactly what the future will look like, but we believe that God is already at work in our communities. Bringing this building back into use isn't simply about restoring bricks and mortar. It is about creating possibilities – for worship, for welcome, for community, for connection and for generations yet to come.

So, as we remember those who have gone before us this autumn, perhaps we might also look forward and ask: **what part could I play in writing the next chapter of this story?**

There is a lot to do. But we don't have to do it alone. Together, with God's help, we can begin to breathe new life into this place and make sure that its story continues.

Do be in touch with me, and we'll get together and plan next steps.

Blessings,

Rev'd Joanna

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Coltishall Group of Parishes

*serving the communities of Coltishall, Frettenham,
Hainford, Horstead and Stratton Strawless*



Services across the Group - all are welcome

October/November 2026

Sunday 5 October

- 8.00am Holy Communion (said): Horstead
- 9.30am Holy Communion: Hainford
- 10.00am All Age Worship for Harvest: Coltishall
- 4.00pm Pet Service: Frettenham

Sunday 11 October

- 9.30am Morning Worship for Harvest: Hainford
- 11.00am Holy Communion for Harvest: Horstead

Sunday 18 October

- 9.30am Holy Communion: Hainford
- 11.00am Holy Communion: Coltishall

Sunday 25 October

- 9.30am Morning Worship: Hainford
- 11.00am Holy Communion: Horstead

TUESDAY 27 October

- 10.30am Community Activity Day: Horstead Church and Centre
- 3.00pm - free, fun activities with crafts, art and games inside and out

SATURDAY 31 October

- 10.30am Messy Church Light Party with lunch: Tithe Barn, Horstead
- 12.15pm - free, fun activities with crafts, art games and song

Sunday 1 November - All Saints

- 9.30am Holy Communion for All Saints: Hainford
- 11.00am Holy Communion for All Saints: Horstead
- 4.00pm Service of Remembrance for the bereaved: Coltishall

Sunday 8 November - Remembrance Sunday

- 9.30am Holy Communion then War Memorial: Horstead
- 10.45am Morning Prayer Remembrance service: Hainford
- 2.00pm Remembrance service: Frettenham
- 3.00pm Remembrance service: Coltishall War Memorial

Sunday 15 November

- 9.30am Holy Communion: Hainford
- 11.00am Holy Communion: Coltishall
- 4.00pm St Margaret's Patronal Festival: Stratton Strawless

Sunday 22 November

- 9.30am Morning Worship: Hainford
- 11.00am Holy Communion: Horstead

Sunday 29 November

- 10.00am Benefice Holy Communion: Frettenham

Sunday 6 December

- 9.30am Holy Communion: Hainford
- 4.00pm Christingle: Coltishall

Each Wednesday

10.00am Midweek Holy Communion: Coltishall

Morning prayer said daily at 9.00am across the Group at:

Horstead (M), Hainford (T), Coltishall (W), Stratton Strawless (Th),

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Pet Service



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FRETtenham VILLAGE HALL

FILMS FOR OUR AUTUMN SCHEDULE



Friday 30th October

Is This Thing On?

Romantic Comedy 15 (2025)

As their marriage quietly unravels, Alex (Will Arnett) faces middle age and an impending divorce, seeking new purposed in the New York comedy scene, while Tess (Laura Dern) confronts the sacrifice she made for their family, forcing them to navigate co-parenting, identity and whet er love can take a new form.

Friday 27th November

Tuner

Thriller 15 (2025)

Niki (Leo Woodall) works as a piano tuner under the mentorship of Harry (Dustin Hoffman) and the two of them bond over their shared love of music. Niki has hyperacusis, an allergy to lud noises and when Harry falls ill, Niki, desperate to help pay the hospital bills, gets tangled up in crime, discovering that his condition qualifies his as an exceptional safe cracker. Meanwhile, he develops feelings for Ruthie (Havana Rose Liu) and aspiring composer.

Friday 18th December

The Christophers

Drama/Dark Comedy 15 (2025)

Julian Skiar (Ian McKellen) was once a star of London's 1960's and 1970's pop art explosion but he hasn't painted in decades and has been broke for years. His two estranged children (James Corden and Jessica Gunning), desperate for an inheritance, hire Lori (Michaela Coel), an art restorer and former forger, to pose as a prospective assistant in order to access eight unfinished canvases Julian has buried deep in storage. The plan is to complete them, then return them to storage, where they are to be 'discovered' upon Julian's death

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When I rode my bike to the first assembly of this term, I had my hi-vis vest over my shirt. When I ride to the last one, just before Christmas, I will probably be wearing my waterproofs, a scarf wrapped around my neck and a jumper over my shirt (probably with a vest underneath as well). The first ride was in summer, and the last one will be nearly in winter. Autumn will have come and be almost gone.

This is the term when I think most about the seasons. But they are there through all of life. My youngest turns seven this month and it has struck me that I am no longer the father of young children. My oldest will take her GCSE exams in the summer, and I will soon be the dad of a college student. Seasons.

We talk about the autumn of life; we talk about a new start; being in a tough season. Things come and go; they have their time. It is part of both the joy and the sorrow of life. In the Bible, wise King Solomon wrote that, “for everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven” (from the Bible book of *Ecclesiastes*, chapter 3, verse 1). Throughout his wisdom he wrestles with a life that is fleeting, passing like the wind and the sense we have that our lives and especially our loves have an eternal weight.

The way he holds these thoughts together is to see that under heaven there is a fragility to life. We cannot hold onto anything

good for as long as we would like or shake off the bad as quickly as we want. But all of life is not lived under heaven. For there is a heaven as well as an earth. There is a God who made us, who came to die to save us and who will receive us home at the end of this life. There is a future hope of rising from the dead with Jesus, there is help from heaven for our lives on earth – peace, joy, hope and love that flow from God to us.

We live on this earth, and we enjoy and endure the changing seasons. But the wise person lives also in heaven. They live with God. I am wondering whether this season is one where Jesus is calling you to find out a bit more about him, to look into the wisdom of Solomon, to see if there is a life of heaven as well as a life of earth? Have you been meaning to pay God some attention for some time now? Have you got tired of pushing back those nagging questions of what it is all about?

If you would like to explore heaven and earth, the wisdom of Solomon and the even richer wisdom of the Lord Jesus, then we would love to help. The churches are simply gatherings of people who are seeking God and finding that he is also looking for us. We have found a peace, joy, hope and a love deeper than we could have hoped for. Come along to one of the local churches on a Sunday, or get in touch with me or Revd Joanna, who cares for the Church of England parishes. We would like to help you in this season of wondering, exploring and seeking the God who loves us.

John Hindley



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Broadgrace is a welcoming, family-friendly church for people who live in the towns and villages of Broadland and North Norfolk. We meet at *The River Rooms* in Coltishall (the home of *A Piece of Cake* tea rooms) each Sunday at 10am. Our services are for all ages and all sorts of people, including those who have never been to church before. We would love to meet you this Sunday.



NEW TIME!
From 13 September,
we are moving to
10am on Sundays.

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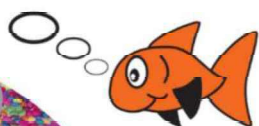
Tiddlers

Baby and Toddler Group

Our friendly baby and toddler group meets weekly during term time.

10-11.30am on Wednesday mornings at
The Tithe Barn in Horstead.

Parents, carers and grandparents of
under 5s all welcome. No need to book,
just come along.



Starfish



**Starfish is our new club for children
from Reception to Year 4.**

**Tuesdays 5.30-6.30pm - fortnightly at
The Tithe Barn in Horstead.
Games, crafts, Bible stories and lots of fun!**

**We have a parents' corner if you would
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