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WALCOTT INDOOR COLLECTORS FLEAMARKETS 2016

We have now attended and benefited from two of these indoor fleamarkets on 15 May and 19 June, both were well attended and raised funds towards the new building. Thanks to Margaret Thwaites and Jennifer Crofts for running these. There are two more dates left for this year they are as follows:

Sunday 17 July 2016 & Sunday 21 August 2016

at The Lighthouse Inn, Coast Road, Walcott, NR12 0PE

9.30 – 3.30 admission to the Poppy Centre Trust, Stalham.

If you would like further information please contact DK Fairs on 01933 311313

POPPY CENTRE CHARITY SHOP

The shop has now raised in excess of £265,000 toward the Poppy Centre building project. We are now pleased to advise that most of this income is now being saved towards the ground source heating system. We would like to once again, thank all the volunteers and customers who have made the shop so successful, and it will celebrate its 4th birthday on 2 July 2016.

POLITE NOTICE

Please do not leave donated items outside the shop when it is closed. If it rains they get damaged and we have to put them in our bins, we have also been made aware of items being left but taken by people who might be passing the shop. Please note our opening hours are 0900 – 1600 Monday to Saturday.

BUILDING UPDATE

The building is virtually complete, so now most of the Charity Shop income is being saved towards the ground source heating system, which is the final piece of the jigsaw for what has been a long journey for the Trust. The building cannot be opened without heating in place. We have also applied to the People's Postcode Trust for funding towards this. We should hear sometime in July. Be patient, we are nearly there and once open this will be a fantastic asset to the community of Stalham.



*If you wish to contribute to our newsletter please write to: Stalham News c/o Poppy Centre Charity Shop, 76-78 High Street, Stalham, Norfolk, NR12 9AS or telephone 01692 581775 or email the editor **raywoolston@hotmail.com**.*

Copy deadline for the next issue is 25th August.

Car Link Volunteer Drivers needed in your area

Car Link is a partnership between ERS Medical and Voluntary Norfolk, providing non emergency patient transport throughout the majority of the county. Our volunteer drivers provide an essential service, transporting up to one hundred patients to their destination each day. We are looking to recruit new volunteer drivers to join our busy team, and would love to hear from caring, calm and reliable individuals with their own car. As well as drivers to do journeys to hospitals in Norfolk and East Anglia, we are also looking to find volunteers happy to go above and beyond the usual, by taking on early morning appointments, and appointments in London. All expenses are reimbursed, and training is provided. Please call Jules on 01603 883860 or email:

jules.alderson@voluntarynorfolk.org.uk. If however you would like to book transport for a medical appointment, please call 0333 240 4100 for further information. We are particularly short of drivers in your area, so any support you may be able to give, would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions about the service, please do not hesitate to contact me, either by email, or by calling 01603 883860.

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU & FOOD BANK

I have been asked to remind anyone who is finding things difficult just now (and it happens to everyone at some time) there is a lady from the Citizens Advice Bureau ready to help or answer questions, at the Stables at the Baptist Chapel in Stalham on FRIDAYS at 1.30 until 3p.m. in the room beside the C.A.B.

*You will also find our area **FOOD BANK** which can give up to five bags of food free, on production of a food voucher. These vouchers can be obtained from the Rev. Simon Lawrence at the Rectory on Campingfield Lane, Stalham or from Rev. R. Skivington, 56 Brumstead Rd. Stalham and Stalham Academy.*

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- Clothes (any condition) • Books (any condition) • Bric a brac
- Basically anything you no longer need, which may be of use to someone else but **please good condition – we are not a substitute for the local dump!** Even though we are nearer!

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On Tuesday the 30th August the Town Hall committee will be hosting a market in the hall, if you would like to have a table to raise money for your charity or to sell goods, please contact the bookings secretary.

Regular events in July – Bowls Club Monday & Thursday 2 - 4 pm.

Good Fellowship Over 55's Club meets on the 2nd & 4th Fridays 2 – 4 pm.

Slimming World Wednesdays at 9.30 am

Zumba Class every Thursday 7 – 8 pm

Various Markets Tuesday & Saturday & 2nd & 4th Friday's 9 -12 noon.

Town Council Open Mornings are on Thursdays 10 – 12 noon

By supporting the events and hiring the hall, not only helps run the hall it also helps towards the much needed repairs.

If you would like to hold an event in the Town Hall please call the Bookings Secretary Phyl Eden 01692 582170.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH SUMMER EVENTS

Fête

Saturday 23rd July at 2p.m.
in and around St. Mary's Church
(not the Rectory!)

All the familiar activities, Stalls,
Tombola, Games, Raffle
and Delicious Refreshments,

TUESDAY STALL

Don't forget the annual stalls
outside the Church Every Tuesday
the weekly plant stall, books, cakes,
savouries, knick-knacks, fruit & veg

PLUS refreshments of course!

9.30 a.m. – 11.30 p.m.

Norfolk Open Churches Week

RURAL, WILD URBAN



**PHOTOGRAPHIC
EXHIBITION**

Free Entry

August 6th – 14th 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

*Please see advert on page 8 for
information on two August events*

STALHAM PLAYER PRODUCTION

On Friday 1st July & Saturday 2nd July Stalham Players present an enjoyable evening of theatre at Stalham High School - The Two Faces of Theatre. Joined by friends The Buccaneer Players, who are fresh from a successful time at the Royal Air Force Theatrical Association Festival these two sets of passionate local actors will deliver two very different one-act plays. Stalham Players will be performing Whodidit? A ridiculous yet hilarious comedy written by Neil Harrison and directed by Emma Furness. Think Blackadder meets murder mystery! Inspector Story's arrival at the Darling's home coincides with a number of mysterious occurrences. Can the Inspector save the day? Will Mr. Bonecrusher live up to his name? Will we all get to enjoy a large selection of cakes? Anything's possible as we all ask 'Whodidit'?

The well loved local amateur dramatics group will then be joined by good friends The Buccaneer Players for Cold Sweets, a clever and chilling drama written by local writer Paul Foot and directed by Caroline Jenkin. Ellen and her guests are enjoying a perfect end to a wonderful lunch - but is it just a play?

Tickets are £5 and are available at stalhamplayers.co.uk and from The Poppy Centre Shop in Stalham.

Please note: The performances contain language and themes not suitable for those under 14.

Message from County Councillor Nigel Dixon

Devolution (Devolving Central Government Responsibilities to Local Government)

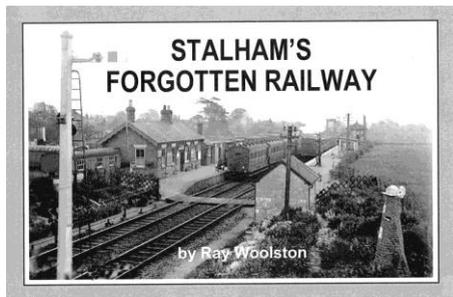
Devolution is about transferring important decisions about housing, health, transport infrastructure, economic development and other key functions from Central Government to a more local level (County & District Councils) to help reflect local needs and constraints. Further to my last mention of this topic, you may be aware of media announcements that the proposed Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Devolution deal has radically changed to a split deal for Norfolk and Suffolk together and Cambridgeshire on its own. While this might relieve concerns that Cambs would dominate a 3 county deal there are equally serious viability and cost benefit concerns over 2 new Combined Authorities each led by an elected Mayor. Currently, I am very doubtful whether the current Devolution deal will benefit either Norfolk or North Norfolk because there are still several major concerns to be resolved, for example: If this would add another layer of 'regional' government then this would add significant cost which would be reflected in higher Council Tax - in my view, another layer wouldn't be acceptable and is totally unnecessary, even if there was a forecast net financial gain. An elected Mayor as the Norfolk & Suffolk Combined Authority leader would vest too much power and influence in one person. Currently, there's no reliable clarity over precisely what's on offer and whether the Combined Authority will be expected to solve serious problems without the resources and freedom to choose the best solution.

Discussions will continue and the process will take several months. The current timescale suggests there will be a public consultation during July and August with the prospect of a Mayor being elected and a new Combined Authority being formed in May 2017. There's much doubt over whether this will happen. The theory sounds good but the practice may be much more difficult. I believe the principle of Devolution is good but the content of the current deal isn't such that I can recommend it; however, I am trying to keep an open mind until I have all the facts but I will give a further update at the July meeting of Stalham Town Council and give further updates as the situation unfolds.

I welcome your views on these and any other issues. My contact details are: telephone 783885 or email: nigel.dixon@norfolk.gov.uk or NigelNDD@aol.com.

As an ordinary resident of Stalham I would like to thank those householders and organisations who mow the grass verge outside their property. It is deplorable that the County Council disregard their obligation to keep the road verges tidy and have downgraded verges in residential streets to the status of country roads that warrant only 2 cuts a year. I see particularly Campingfield Lane and Brumstead Road which have been residential streets for many years. No doubt this state of affairs appears elsewhere in Stalham too, and the twice a year cut is not consistent. Verges outside the telephone exchange and the vision splays to Brecklands are sometimes missed and those opposite the graveyard and beside St Mary's church wall are never cut. Would those who consider the grass verge was put there for them to park on, please desist. We pay taxes for what little amenity the County Council do provide and are taxed by Government to pay for our roads. Much more suitable parking. Or park on your driveway! *John Hare* p.s. You could join me and complain to our County Councillor, Nigel Dixon.

HAVE YOU GOT YOUR COPY OF THIS INTERESTING BOOK YET?



Stalham News' Editor Ray Woolston's third book about the railway and Stalham Railway Station has been extremely well received. It has photographs of all the stations on route from Yarmouth Beach Station to North Walsham's Town Station. It tells the story of how the railway opened up The Broads and the East Coast to thousands of holidaymakers from all over the country in the 1930s to 1950s and allowed local growers to get their perishable

goods to markets all over the country. It is available from the Poppy Centre Shop, Forrester's Newsagents or from Ray. It is priced at £7.95 and at least £1 from each copy sold will go to the Poppy Centre.

STALHAM IN BLOOM

Many thanks to all of you who supported our annual Plant Sale in the Town Hall on 14th May. A grand total of £195 was raised for our funds. And thanks also to June and Steve White who raised a magnificent £180 when they opened their garden and sold plants on the 1st and 2nd May. Despite the best efforts of the weather to scupper our hanging basket display this year, the baskets are now looking good and ready to be put up in the High Street. By the time you read this they should be up. The boat on The Staithe has also been spruced up and in honour of our long-serving, inspirational Chairman, Flicka Henwood, the boat has been named 'Fair Flicka'. Look out for the date of the official boat naming ceremony in the summer. Our thanks are due to Brian Hodgeson for his generous offer to pay for the paint, to Margaret Poole, Ray and Jan Miller for doing the painting and to Ray Woolston for providing the boat name vinyl lettering signs. At our last meeting we were delighted to welcome a new member, Matthew Southgate onto our committee. We are a small, friendly group helping to make Stalham a brighter place and new members and offers of help are always welcome. Please contact Flicka Henwood, Chairman on 584298 for more details.

Ringword Competition to win a £15 Tesco Voucher

Find and ring in grid opposite the Car Manufacturers names below and find the missing one not on the list, put form in an envelope add your name, address and phone number and send or drop into the Poppy Shop by July 12th. First correct out of the hat wins.

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FERRARI DAIHATSU FIAT**

The missing word is _____

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Last time's winner was: Mr. J. Bartlett, High Street, Stalham

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Stalham Community Gym

Keep-In-Touch

Age Concern North Norfolk runs three Keep-In Touch (or KIT for short) Groups. They are local social groups for the over 55s, where people can meet new friends, learn new skills and get more involved within their local community. The groups are, essentially, coordinated by their own members, and those members can vary in age and circumstances. We have members who are widows, carers, married or single and we are always on the lookout for new members to join any of the groups at any time; many of our members go onto volunteer for our charity with a great range of volunteering opportunities available. The Three groups consist of, in no particular order, The **Pop-In** Group at Cromer who meet every Friday morning at The Cottage on Lounden Road from 10 a.m. A warm welcome always awaits you here, so go along for a cup of tea/coffee, a chat and make new friends. **For more info contact our key volunteer at the Pop-In, Ann, on 01263 761508.** Then we have the **Voyager KIT** who meet at St. Nicholas Room on Vicarage Street in North Walsham; a friendly group that meet every Wednesday from 2 – 4 p.m. The group takes part in various fun activities and offer a great way to meet new friends. **For more info contact our key volunteer at the Voyager, Linda, on 07541 795133.** Lastly, but by no means least, we have the **KIT Club** that meet every fortnight in the Community Lounge at Anchor Close in Sheringham from 10am. All our welcome and the next group meeting is on the 9th of May. **For more info contact our key volunteer at the KIT Club, Ann, on 01263 761508.** We arrange outings, go for lunch, organise activities and trips as well as inviting speakers to all our groups.

Just a couple of the things we have planned for the coming few months include . . .

- Learn more about one of the countries most beautiful and iconic landscapes, the Broads, with our trip to the Broads Museum in Stalham (with optional boat trip) on the 14th of July.
- Or Join us for a day in Norwich on the 3rd of August to take a look around the Cathedral and enjoy some of the city's more hidden delights.

Some of regular events include a pub quiz, held every month at the New Inn at Roughton. We also organise creative writing workshops, art groups, reminiscence and relaxation sessions, open gardens, tea parties, and poetry reading groups as well as gentle exercise classes in conjunction with Cromer Library. There's more to **Age Concern North Norfolk** than what you might think so come on, what are you waiting for, pop-in or give us a call and join one of our clubs **TODAY!** In fact, why just join one; you are free to join them all if you wish!

a celebration of

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Interpreted in textiles, art and crafts by the 'Inspired Group' plus an exhibition of Patchwork Quilts and lovely knitted Teddy Bears at their picnic. Also celebrating work by Stalham Academy Art Group.

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12 noon – 4 Sunday

Tuesday 10 a.m. – 12 noon

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27th – 30th August
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Stalham Town Council News

Street Lights

You can report problems regarding street lights in Stalham by telephoning or emailing the Clerk (details below), alternatively you can tell any member of the Council and they will pass on the message. The lights on the A149 are the responsibility of the County Council and these can be reported directly or via the Town Council.

Overgrown Hedges

It is the responsibility of all land owners to ensure hedges and trees are cut back to allow pedestrian access to pavements and footpaths. Also so that vehicle visibility is not impaired and to ensure the light from street lighting is effective. Please keep your trees and hedges from becoming a nuisance to others. In extreme cases the County Council Highways Department can cut back hedges etc. and charge the land owner.

Open mornings

The Town Council open mornings continue. The Hall is open most Thursdays from 10am until noon. Do call in to meet the Councillor on duty and the Clerk. Comments and queries or reporting problems around the Town- you are always welcome.

Millside Play Area

The Leisure Committee is considering what equipment to install to replace the old equipment that was removed for safety reasons. The new equipment will be aimed at young children and will improve the play space greatly.

Stalham DVD

A DVD of Stalham "now and then" has been produced as part of the Town Trail project and copies will be available in return for a donation of £7 towards the continued project. Watch this space for more details of the Town Trail. **Map** - copies of the Town Trail walk leaflet are available at various places around the town – including the Poppy Centre Shop.

Contact details for the Town Council: Clerk Susan Wellerd. **Tel:** 01692 670531

Email: clerk@stalhamtowncouncil.org **Address:** Flint House. Low Road. Repps with Bastwick. NR29 5AH **website:** <https://stalhamtowncouncil.wordpress.com/>

MUSEUM OF THE BROADS CALENDAR 2016

Saturday 09 July **Jazz and Beer Evening** – *Bring friends, chairs and a picnic! Savoir Faire Jazz Trio, Tipples Brewery Beer Tent and Falcon. 6.30 p.m. – 9.30pm*

Sunday 17 July **Toys and Models Day** – *Nostalgia and fun for all with Falcon.*

August **'Falcon' Sunday – Friday** – *Take a river trip daily (except Sats) in August.*

Sunday 14 August **Family Pirates Day** – *Activities and our Pirate Steam Boat. Dress up and make a day of it!*

Sunday 21 August **Tour de Broads** – *Afternoon drinks stop. Free entry after 1200.*

Sunday 28 and Mon 29 August **Barton Regatta 'Falcon' trips** – *Arrive in style to watch the racing on Barton Broad.*

Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 September **Heritage Open Days** – *Discover the Museum for free! See our website for more details and activities.*

Thursday 20 – Sunday 30 October **Hallowe'en Trail** – *Family fun around the Museum.*

'Falcon' runs for all events except Boat Jumble, Shantymen and Art Challenge, and from Tues to Thurs for Trails. See our website for full details.

Don't miss our 2016 Exhibition, 'Broadland's High Streets Through Time'.

A note from the Editor:

I would just like to say a big **'thank you'** to everyone who has bought a copy of my latest book **'Stalham's Forgotten Railway'** and the kind comments I have received about it. So far it has raised £500 towards the Poppy Centre Appeal.

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELL DONE

Very well done to Julie Smith and her friends Sam and Wendy who organised, worked extremely hard for, and raised the fantastic sum of £325 at a lovely evening this summer with family and friends in Stalham. A great evening, well supported and the money went to the most worthy of causes, the Macmillan Fund. Well done to ALL concerned.

WHAT'S ON AT STALHAM LIBRARY

Bounce and Rhyme – Songs and Rhymes for babies, toddlers, parents and carers. Every Thursday 10.30 a.m. – 11 a.m. All families welcome

Chatterbooks – A group for older children and young people on the second Saturday of every month. Come and talk about books you've read and hear about books you might like to read! 11a.m. -12 p.m.

Stalham Library Book Group – Join us at 6.15 p.m. on the 1st Thursday of every month.

Scrabble Group – Join us for a friendly game on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month at 2 p. m.

Get Crafty – Come along to our group on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month and share your crafty skills with others- don't forget to bring your latest project! 11 – 12.30 p.m.



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BIG SCREEN CINEMA at Stalham Town Hall

Films coming up!

'The Theory of Everything' 12 Friday July 1st

Little was expected from Stephen Hawking, a bright but shiftless student of cosmology, given just two years to live following the diagnosis of a fatal illness at 21 years of age. He became galvanized, however, by the love of fellow Cambridge student, Jane Wilde, and he went on to be called the successor to Einstein, as well as a husband and father to their three children.

'Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel' P.G. Friday August 1st

As the Best Exotic Marigold Hotel has only a single remaining vacancy - posing a rooming predicament for two fresh arrivals. Sonny pursues his expansionist dream of opening a second hotel.

'The Choir' P.G. Friday September 2nd

An imperious choirmaster (Dustin Hoffman) reluctantly takes a troubled 11 – year old (Garrett Wareing) with the voice of an angel under his wing in this delightful musical drama.

**Doors Open 6.30 p.m. Film Starts at 7.00 p.m.
£4 Donation**

FREE REFRESHMENTS

Phone: Elizabeth F. Jackson 581389

Stalham First Responder Group, from North Norfolk recognised with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service for 2016

A voluntary group from North Norfolk which works in the community to treat casualties in life threatening situations has been honoured with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the highest award a voluntary group can receive in the UK. It is the MBE for volunteer groups. They are trained by the Ambulance Service to treat casualties with breathing difficulties, chest pains, fitting, diabetic shock, stroke, unconsciousness and cardiac arrest. The awards were created in 2002 to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee and winners are announced each year on 2nd June – the anniversary of the Queen's Coronation. Group Coordinator Linda Darby, Chris Hole and Mary Beck from the Stalham First Responder Group attended garden parties at Buckingham Palace in May. Tim Thirst and his wife Tricia have been invited to the Patron's Lunch on June 12th. Members will receive the award from the Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk, Richard Jewson, later this summer.



Some of the members of Stalham Ambulance First Responder Group celebrating their award.

l to r: Tim Thirst, Mervyn Hardingham, Malcolm Tipler, Mary Beck, George Cooper, Linda Darby.

BROADS AUTHORITY– STALHAM STAITHE CONSERVATION AREA

The Stalham Staithe Conservation Area re-appraisal consultation has received a very good level of response with approximately 50 people attending the open afternoon on the 5th March. A number of issues were raised during the consultation particularly around the area of the Staithe, these included Flooding, parking and the condition of the verges and quay heading to the Staithe, dredging and waste from boats as well as more general littering and traffic on Mill road. Responses also included factual and historical information which can be fed into the draft document. There were also comments received on the boundary of the area and suggestions that it might be extended. As a result of the open afternoon and at the request of the Town Council a follow up meeting was held on 14th June with invited representatives to discuss following up some of the issues raised as part of the consultation. This was hosted by the Town Council who invited representatives of residents the Broads Authority and Norfolk County and North Norfolk District Council. It is the intention to hold further sessions in order to work towards the resolution of some of the issues raised as a result of the consultation. We will now be proceeding with reviewing the content of the appraisal as a result of the consultation and will be sharing final draft with the Town Council in the next couple of months. The final draft will then go before our planning committee and North Norfolk's planning committee for a decision on adoption. These dates will be published in the normal way and are likely to be at the end of summer / autumn. All responses to the consultation will be reported to committees as is our usual process. We will also contact all those who responded to inform them of process.

Ben Hogg Historic Environment Manager, The Broads Authority. Tel: 01603 756074 / Mobile: 07952 084423 Email: ben.hogg@broads-authority.gov.uk