

Beckham

VILLAGES EAST & WEST
Bulletin

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The Felbeck Trust is appointed by East and West Beckham Parish Council to manage 2 pieces of common land over a 10 year period to improve the habitat and enjoyment of nature. If you would like to get involved, volunteering or donating to the work they do (in our Parish or further afield at Sustead or Alymerton, for example) or want more information just email them at equiry@felbecktrust.org.uk or visit their website www.felbecktrust.org.uk

If you see any fly tipping please report it to NNDC online by filling out the form at this link <https://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/tasks/environmental-protection/report-fly-tipping/> - or call NNDC Environmental Protection 01263 516085

Solar Community Fund update & news www.eastandwestbeckham.org



Felbeck Trust volunteers celebrate the completion of a picnic table and benches - EBC

The planned work-party at East Beckham Common went ahead on the 12th March despite the threat of bad weather in the wake of Storm Gareth. The seven hardy volunteers knuckled down to constructing a rustic picnic table & benches and started work on a dew pond at the southern end of the site. Two positive developments for The Common - providing additional facilities for visitors and improved habitat for wildlife - making a contribution towards the stated objectives of Felbeck Trust.



Dew pond under construction - providing a much-needed drinking pool for wildlife

Left National Nest Box week was back in February. The Felbeck Trust volunteers are shown fixing the last bat box at West Beckham Common (Green). It was just one of a variety of open fronted and hole nesting boxes and clusters of bat boxes put up.

West Beckham Allotment land - usage?

The land is currently a field that has been sown with nectar mix. It has been cut to try and keep docks from taking over but, we wondered if the Felbeck Trust could take over the management of the land, maybe as a wild flower meadow for the benefit of wildlife and our enjoyment. There could also be a pond established. Have you got any ideas or do you agree this sounds like a good way to manage the land? Please let us know!

Horticultural Show

Bodham and Beckham Village Hall

Time to plant those seeds now for successful produce?

Show date 26th July 2019



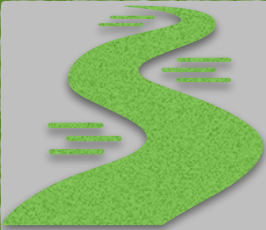
St Helens and All Saints Churchyard water pump at West Beckham church was removed several years ago. It has been waiting for someone to give it the time and energy to restore it to its former glory! We are glad to report that this has now happened. West Beckham residents Tim Driver with some help from neighbour Nigel Roe have worked their magic. The leather valve and the shaft had to be replaced, the pump rubbed down and painted and then mounted onto a sturdy piece of wood. Now we just await the installation back at the well point at the 'Mulberry Tree' end of the church. Excellent work. Well done! (excuse the pun!)



Talking of water.....The new communal rain water collection point in the middle of East Beckham Allotments is also coming along. The roof structure has been 'raised' and the Bulk liquid containers will be lined up to store rain water.



Try this website to report any highway or local problems (like graffiti, fly tipping, pot holes, broken signs, abandoned cars) to North Norfolk District Council



A journey down Memory Lane...

Memories from Hall Farm, West Beckham in wartime by John Stibbons

My father was Steward (now called farm manager) for Major Batt (Robert Batt's grandfather). Prisoners were used to work on the farms as all the young men had gone. I remember the prisoners of war and knew some of them very well. I was a boy of about seven or eight.

One of the prisoners actually lodged with us at Hall Farm as he had to make an early start milking the Friesian cows. His name was Everard, and I remember when he was sent back to Germany. I did not understand what all the sadness was about, but he was sent back to the Russian Zone and we did not hear from him again.

Another prisoner was Hans Henshel, who was training to be a school teacher when he was called up. He was wounded on the Russian front and was lucky to escape to the west where he was captured. He and my parents stayed in touch for the rest of their lives and they regularly came to stay with us and we went to their home in Germany.

Another German prisoner was Franz (Frank) Mayer. He was a torpedo technician on a Uboat. In 1944 he was sent into France to collect some advanced torpedoes and he and the two mechanics with him were captured. So the submarine sailed without him and was lost with all hands. I have all this information first hand because he stayed on in England when he was released and eventually married my sister-in-law.

Franz died only recently, aged 98 years old.

Do you have any old memories to share?
If so get in touch so we can record them.

(This photo was not provided and is for illustration purposes only)





NEW on Facebook you can follow the group of **Bodham and Beckham Community Noticeboard** for local news, ideas and comment. This is voluntarily administrated by John-Paul and Callum Ringer for the use/benefit of the community. It does not necessarily reflect the views of either Bodham or East & West Beckham Parish Councils.

Norfolk Swift Response, Contact on 0344 800 8020

This 24-hour service provides help, support and reassurance if you have an urgent, unplanned need at home but don't need the emergency services. So for example, if your partner or carer is suddenly admitted to hospital, the Swift Response team can assist you with getting up, washing and dressing. Or if you have a fall but are not seriously injured, the team can bring special lifting equipment to help make moving as safe as possible for you.

Who can get assistance from Norfolk Swift Response?

- Older people
- People with physical illness or disabilities
- People with learning difficulties
- People with mental health problems

How much does it cost? Norfolk Swift Response is a **free service** for people living in Norfolk. It comes highly recommended by a West Beckham resident who recently was in need.

Carers Matter Norfolk

This is a service to support unpaid carers across Norfolk commissioned by NCC and 5 NHS clinical commissioning groups. They have local 'Carer Connections' providing face-to-face support within a carers home or a place of their choice. This could be helping to understand local services, benefits, housing and adaptations or providing emotional support and assisting to attend local activities.

- * It offers 7 days a week Freephone advice line
- * Emotional wellbeing support in the caring role (counselling)
- * Education and training through events and sessions
- * An online e-learning portal (designed by carers for carers)
- * Online Community in The Pod, for carer support
- * Live chat support on the website - an advice line
- * Grants for local support groups
- * Membership of Carers Voice - where opinions can be heard and listened to



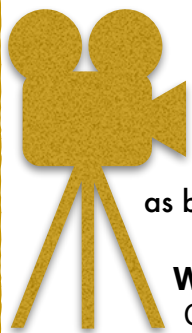
Defibrillators in our community allow someone with no medical knowledge to administer 'electrical shock' to someone who is experiencing a heart attack to restore normal rhythm allowing the heart to pump again. We are looking for volunteers to join an 'emergency network' to collect an AED from its location and bring to the casualty. Would you put your name forward? Get in touch please, the more volunteers there are the better and, selfishly - could it be you who needs to use it?

The initial consultation on the **First Draft Local Plan** will commence as soon as possible following the District & Parish elections in May.

The consultation will run from **Tuesday 7 May - Wednesday 19 June**. A number of promotional tasks will be undertaken to help bring this to the attention of local people.

Location	Address	May date
Sheringham	Room 5 & 6, Community Centre, Holway Road, NR26 8NP	7 th
Cromer	Parish Hall, Church Street, NR27 9HH	8 th
Briston & Melton Constable	Briston Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Stone Beck Lane, NR24 2PS	9 th
Holt	The Lounge, Community Centre, Kerridge Way, NR25 6DN	15 th

The above programme (there will be other meetings further afield too) represents a substantial use of resource for the team at a busy time and therefore they focussed on delivering events in the main growth areas and most populous parts of the district.



BODHAM & BECKHAM VILLAGE HALL FILM CLUB

Grateful thanks go to Mr Rex and Mrs Chris Wheeler from West Beckham who stepped in to take charge of the projections at 'Film Club' at the Village Hall. Just turn up on the night, (first come first serve for the best seats) but all will be accommodated as best we can.

Wednesday 17th April – 7.00pm: A Beautiful Version of a Classic. (GREAT MUSIC TO CHERISH) **'A STAR IS BORN'** 2018 (15) starring Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper.

Cooper helms the film, marking his directorial debut. In this new take on the tragic love story, he plays seasoned musician Jackson Maine, who discovers-and falls in love with-struggling artist Ally (Gaga). She has just about given up on her dream to make it big as a singer... until Jack coaxes her into the spotlight. But even as Ally's career takes off, the personal side of their relationship is breaking down, as Jack fights an ongoing battle with his own internal demons.

Review: A Star Is Born has given birth to two incredibly multi-talented stars. This film stands alone with its raw authenticity, it is a tour de force in every way; heart wrenchingly beautiful and poignant. Best film of the year.

Wednesday 1st May – 7.00pm: A Smart, Supremely Entertaining Film...Unmissable **'THE WIFE'** 2018 (15) starring Glenn Close and Jonathan Pryce.

Based on the bestselling book by Meg Wolitzer, The Wife is a poignant, funny and emotional journey, a celebration of womanhood, self-discovery and liberation, featuring a stunning cast that also includes Max Irons, Annie Starke, Harry Lloyd, Elizabeth McGovern and Christian Slater.

Review: 5 Star Performances and a great story. A Wife Like No Other...

Wednesday 15th May – 7.00pm: A Blockbuster that's out of this World **'FIRST MAN'** 2018 (12) starring Ryan Gosling, Claire Foy, Kyle Chandler, Jason Clarke and Corey Stoll.

Oscar®-winning director Damien Chazelle and star Ryan Gosling reunite for the riveting story behind the first manned mission to the moon, focusing on Neil Armstrong and the decade leading to the historic Apollo 11 flight. A visceral, intimate account told from Armstrong's perspective and based on the book by James R. Hansen, the film explores the triumphs and the cost on Armstrong, his family, his colleagues, and the nation itself for one of the most dangerous missions in history.

Review: First Man lifts off as the perfect biographical leap for mankind.

NOTE: Please accept apologies as there will be **NO SCREENING on 29th MAY.**

The next screening will be **Wednesday 12th June.**

Details in the June Edition of Bodham Link Up, Village noticeboards/websites.

BODHAM & BECKHAM BYO QUIZ

The next BYO (Bring your own drinks and nibbles) **Quiz takes place in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Friday May 17th.** Doors open at 7.00pm. Table of four £3.00 per entrant. Come along and join in the fun and banter – all proceeds towards the upkeep of the Village Hall. For a table please contact Harry Bruford on 58812 email: hbruford@aol.com

Local elections are taking place on **Thursday 2nd May.** The polling station will be changing from the Wheatsheaf Pub in West Beckham to the **Bodham & Beckham Village Hall** where there is easy access for persons with a physical or mobility impairment. There is also a disabled toilet facility which was paid for by the Solar Community Fund. If you need transport this can be arranged.

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