

Hemsby



Herald

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FLU CLINICS



FOR ALL THOSE OVER 65 YEARS OF AGE IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU HAVE A FLU VACCINATION. YOU ARE ALSO ADVISED TO HAVE THE VACCINATION IF YOU HAVE DIABETES, ASTHMA, HEART OR CHEST PROBLEMS.

PLEASE ATTEND ONE OF THE CLINICS TO BE HELD AT:

MARTHAM HEALTH CENTRE
SATURDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2008
9 – 12 NOON

HEMSBY MEDICAL CENTRE
SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2008
9 – 12 NOON

NORTH CAISTER SURGERY
SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2008
9 – 12 NOON

ORMESBY VILLAGE SURGERY
THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2008
5.30 – 8PM

NO APPOINTMENT IS NECESSARY

WHILST ATTENDING THE CLINIC WE WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE PATIENTS TO HAVE A BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

www.coastaldoctors.co.uk



Hemsby Harlequins
Present

Cancelled

(A musical Pantomime, fol-

National Concessionary Bus Passes: Companion Passes for Disabled Users

As part of the Norfolk Concessionary Fares Group we will be issuing companion passes for qualifying disabled holders to enable their carer to travel for free whilst escorting the disabled user.

Unlike previous companion passes the companion will not be issued with a pass of their own. Instead the disabled user will have a slightly different pass to other users, with a C displayed in the corner of the card. When travelling on a bus they will then be able to have their carer accompany them on the bus free of charge.

The criteria for being eligible for a companion pass is as follows:

1. They are blind OR
2. They have the middle or higher rate care component of DLA OR
3. They have a doctor's letter that supports the need of a carer (this is only accepted in exceptional circumstances when there are clear reasons for the applicant having not applied for the care component of DLA).

Please note that GYBC cashiers are now producing the bus passes and so if you have any future queries regarding the scheme please contact Glen Platt (Chief Cashier) or Sam Clark (Senior Cashier).

If you are made aware of customers who believe there has been a problem with a bus pass (e.g. it has not been received), then please ask them to call our enquiries line on 01493 856100. They will be asked a couple of questions then the cashiers will look into what has happened and call them back with an update.

Tricia Guin

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Circus

For all those who were looking forward to the Circus coming to town and are now wondering why it never arrived, our sincere apologies.

The owners of the circus advised us on the Thursday before the planned event, that due to commitments and the lack of any time to do their advertising (which they had advised they would do themselves), they were unable to fulfil their commitment.

Keep Fit

Keeping fit with Movement and Dance has a lot of bonuses. Not only do we dance our way to being fitter but have the additional benefit of making friends in the village, whom we might never have otherwise met.

For the timid it gives confidence, for the unsteady a surer step and for the puffed a better heart rate !

Dancing is not a new way to achieve fitness. There was a gentleman called Rudolf Laban, who brought 'free' dance from Austria to England in 1939. This type of dance has been used in many schools for years, it is what our work is based on today. We do routines which change, sometimes easy, sometimes more challenging. They work the whole body and are a great help towards flexibility, for all ages. Most of all it is fun !

Hemsby Village Hall on a Tuesday morning is our venue and if anyone who would like to 'try us out' can attend the first time for free.

New members are always welcome and we really hope they will stay.
Ring Jeanie on 01493 384 097

Don't Forget

More information about Hemsby Village Life & the Hemsby Herald is available on the village web site at

www.hemsbyparishcouncil.org.uk

HELP US MAINTAIN OUR HEMSBY BEACH AND DUNES.



Everyone who values the beautiful coastal dune and beach environment of Hemsby will be keen to see its continuity. There is much they can do to preserve this natural environment by treating it with the respect that it merits, particularly in safeguarding the dune system, which is all that stands between the sea inland and marine inundation. In the past twenty years Hemsby has lost many metres depth of sand stripped off its beach and three major dune systems, and now only has half of one remaining.

The mean tide line has encroached so much since offshore aggregate dredging began that every major high tide now reaches and undermines that half dune still remaining, with a sea breakthrough now threatening the low lying Winterton Great Valley.

Where once there were ninety-eight bungalows in the Hemsby North Marrams dunes, now only six remain. The once extensive sandy beach is now seriously foreshortened, far more stony, and with a much greater slope. Other than the attempts of a very few bungalow owners to maintain the dunes there are no sea defences, nor are any likely. The government, the Borough Council, the Environment Agency, Natural England and the land owners have done nothing to protect Hemsby from the sea. Great Yarmouth Borough Council's 'Hemsby Marrams Management Plan' to protect the dunes was never put into prac-

tice. Central Government's latest policy of 'Managed Retreat' and/or 'Making Room for Water' promote the loss of this area to the sea, whilst Offshore Aggregate Dredging, the prime cause of the loss of beach material, continues unabated. Thus, the loss of the beach and dunes is inevitable. And when the beach is lost, the amenities, the infrastructure, businesses and housing will go with it.

There is much that can be done by the local residents and holiday makers to at least postpone this. By avoiding walking in and on the existing dune system and banks, by keeping off the newly formed growth at the base of the dunes, by keeping strictly to the existing footpaths and by avoiding digging holes in the dunes, the dune face or the dune base, it might even be still possible to promote further marram growth and at least maintain that natural defence system still remaining.

Much of the coastline from Caister-on-Sea to Sea Palling, has no concrete wall or rock armour placement to help prevent erosion, sea flooding and further land loss. The Marram Dunes form a natural shoreline defence system.



Marram grass is a unique saline-tolerant plant. It has high fronds and roots deeply, seemingly growing without nutrient on nothing but sand and moisture. It functions by trapping the wind-blown sand to form dunes such as those fronting the Great Winterton Valley. The plants produce their own water supply in the dry summers by the run down of the dew collected by the condensation of damp air

coming off the warmer sea each night. This then reaches the root system in the porous but otherwise rapidly drying sand. The grass then grows through this new topping leaving a mesh of deep roots which eventually form a formidable dune that then acts to provide a natural defence from the sea, erosion and flooding. But if the fronds are flattened by trampling, the plants will cease to receive sand deposit. Further, they will dehydrate and the roots also become damaged, leading to blow out in dry conditions. Marram grass is very sensitive to 'people pressure', in that walking on it only three or four times crushes the root system and flattens the fronds

Periodically, undermining of the dune front by very high tides will free rooted plants, which can then be tidally carried to wash up onto beaches and grow to form further protective dunes. But this cannot happen if the growing plants are trampled or dug out, as often is the case in the summer holiday months.

Thus, you can do your bit to maintain Hemsby by avoiding activity on the dunes; by keeping to the established footpaths leading to the beach and sea; and by ensuring that any digging, sandcastle building and the like are restricted to the beach itself, at least five metres from the base of the dunes.

For further information on coastal protection and the reasons we are losing our beaches, please visit

the MARINET website www.marinet.org.uk, in particular viewing 'Why Canute Failed' at <http://www.marinet.org.uk/coastaldefences/canute.html> and our briefing on the main cause at <http://www.marinet.org.uk/mad/madbrieff.html>

Pat Gowen, MARINET, the North Sea Action Group and Friends of the Earth

Hemsby Village Festival

PRESS RELEASE

Hemsby Village Festival co-ordinator Barrie Thornton on behalf of the Hemsby Village Festival committee would like to thank all the villagers and visitors for their support with the new Hemsby Village Festival. The event was a great success. Approximately £ 250.00 profit was made which will be held on account for the next event.



The next Hemsby Village Festival is planned for Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th July, 2009. Headlining the Saturday night entertainment will be the ska and reggae band MONKEY SPANNER. There will be two themes throughout the weekend the Saturday will be a traditional Family Fun day whilst on the Sunday we will be having a 50's and 60's theme.



We are hoping to have a car rally and possibly a tractor rally too!

The Hemsby Village festival committee will be holding an open meeting on Monday 13th October at 7.30pm in the Hemsby Sports and Social Club. If any body would like to get involved please come along to the meeting.



The next event organised by Barrie Thornton in association with the Hemsby Sports and social Club is the November 5th Guy Fawkes Night. This event "THE GUNPOWDER PLOT" will take place on the playing field and will start from 4.30pm. There will be children's rides, sideshows and entertainment and the firework display (played to music) will bring the evening to a close around 8.30pm.

See page 5 for more about forthcoming events

ALL WELCOME TO THESE EVENTS.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
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A Halloween Spooktacular



Saturday 1st November

7.30 pm until 10.30 pm

Hemsby Sports and Social Club



The Gunpowder Plot

Fairground & Musical Firework Spectacular

Wednesday 5th November

5.30 p.m. until 9.00 p.m.

Hemsby Playing Field

children's rides, sideshows and
entertainment



Christmas Festi- ties



Come and join us for the first ever lighting of
the Hemsby Village Christmas Tree
In front of the Village Hall



The Hemsby Harlequins will be performing a special Christmas show, the local Vicar, Father Adrian R. Ling will officiate, plus the church choir will be singing Christmas carols and there will also be a visit from Father Christmas.

Hot toddies and mince pies will be available to all and there will also be a food outlet selling hot burgers and Bacon baps.

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Planning Applications

The Parish Council cannot grant or refuse a Planning Application. The Council is consulted on all applications in Hemsby, but can only comment and offer advice. All actual decisions are taken by the Borough Council. No objections were raised unless stated otherwise.



1. One barn style dwelling, one cattery and one stable - Fengate Farm.
2. Use of land for temporary storage of top and sub soil, Common Road

3. Double garage with laundry/wc and guest accommodation within roof space - 1 Beach Road - various objections have been raised
4. 3 bedroom bungalow - 37 Mill Road - objections raised
5. Enlarged conservatory - 3 Springfield Road
6. Grain and machinery store - Common Road

Useful Telephone numbers

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| Bus Enquiries | 0845 717273 |
| Citizens Advice Bureau | 01493 856665 |
| Crime Stoppers | 0800 555111 |
| Fire Safety Advice | 0800 9178137 |
| GYBC (all depts) | 01493 856100 |
| GYBC (light faults) | 01493 846440 |
| Hemsby Dentist | 01493 732433 |
| Hemsby Doctors | 01493 730449 |
| James Paget Hospital | 01493 452452 |
| Police | 01493 336200 |
| Non Emergency Police | 0845 4564567 |
| Train Enquiries | 0345 484950 |
| Village Hall Bookings | 01493384228 |
| It's your call | 0845 6052222 |
| Carlink | 01603700657 |
| Grt Yarm door to door | 01493 332253 |
| Community Transport | 01603 223956 |
| or | 01603 430594 |

Remember

Only call 999 in an **EMERGENCY**