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## Super-fast fibre broadband arrives

After many weeks of road closures, temporary traffic lights and holes being dug, CityFibre have completed their work to install Super-fast Fibre Broadband to Bawburgh.



Traditional Broadband internet relied on copper cables from the telephone exchange to people's houses.

This type of internet gave speeds of around 2Mbps

This was upgraded a few years ago so that fibre-optic cables took the signals from the exchange to the telephone cabinets which sped up the service roughly 10 times, so most Bawburgh residents could get speeds of up to 24Mbps.

However, this service relied on old copper cable to get the signal from the telephone junction boxes to houses. The further away from the boxes, the slower the speed.

Now, new fibre-optic cables have been installed.

This type of cable can deliver speeds of 2.5Gbps.

This is 1000 times faster than the original full-copper cables and 100 times faster than the current service.

This super-fast service is only

available from some companies. Others are offering a 1Gbps service, which is still forty times faster than the current service.

As well as being faster, fibre-optic cable is less likely to get interference as it works using light travelling along the cable and not electrical signals.

If you want to see what offers are available and what packages different companies will offer, you can visit the CityFibre page at:

[cityfibre.com](http://cityfibre.com)

And enter your postcode.

You will be offered a list of different providers and indicative prices and speeds.

If you are quite happy with the internet speed and service you currently have, you do not need to do anything.

The current copper cables will still work for a few years yet.

Though eventually all houses will move over to fibre-optic cables.

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## Planning application for new school submitted

Plans for the new 300-place school on land next to the Park and Ride on Long Lane have recently been submitted to South Norfolk Council.



The plans for the private school show the design is for a part-single and part-double building.

As well as the main building there will be a multi-use games area, external play areas and pupil drop off and collection points.

The site is currently used as a pig farm.

As explained at the recent consultation display in the Village Hall, the pupils will all be bussed from other parts of Norfolk meaning there will be no need for parents to drop children off in cars, substantially reducing the level of traffic around the school.

As part of the planning application, the developers have provided information about the risk of flooding to the site, which they consider to be low, how they selected the site from a number of possible choices, the impact on traffic and an assessment of the historical nature of the site.

They also provide a number of drawings to show what the school might look like and how it fits into the landscape.

The plans can all be found on South Norfolk's planning website: [southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/planning/planning-applications/find-planning-application](http://southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/planning/planning-applications/find-planning-application)

The planning application reference is 2025/1952.

If you wish to make representations either to support, object or just raise questions, you have until Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August.

You can enter comments directly in the website.

*Rob Anthony*





## Talks for Everyone

Entrance, including tea or coffee: £3

Do come to our talks. There's a wide range of topics – something for everyone!

**Tuesday, August 12th 7:30pm in the Village Hall**

### **Helen Murray: Newhaven Court: Love, Tragedy, Heroism & Intrigue**

Norwich historian and author, Helen Murray, tells the story of Newhaven Court, Cromer, an elegant Victorian mansion, built in 1884 by an American baronet.

For almost eighty years many famous and fascinating guests stayed there. Helen describes Newhaven Court as "a home where poets rubbed shoulders with politicians and aristocracy with artists and authors".

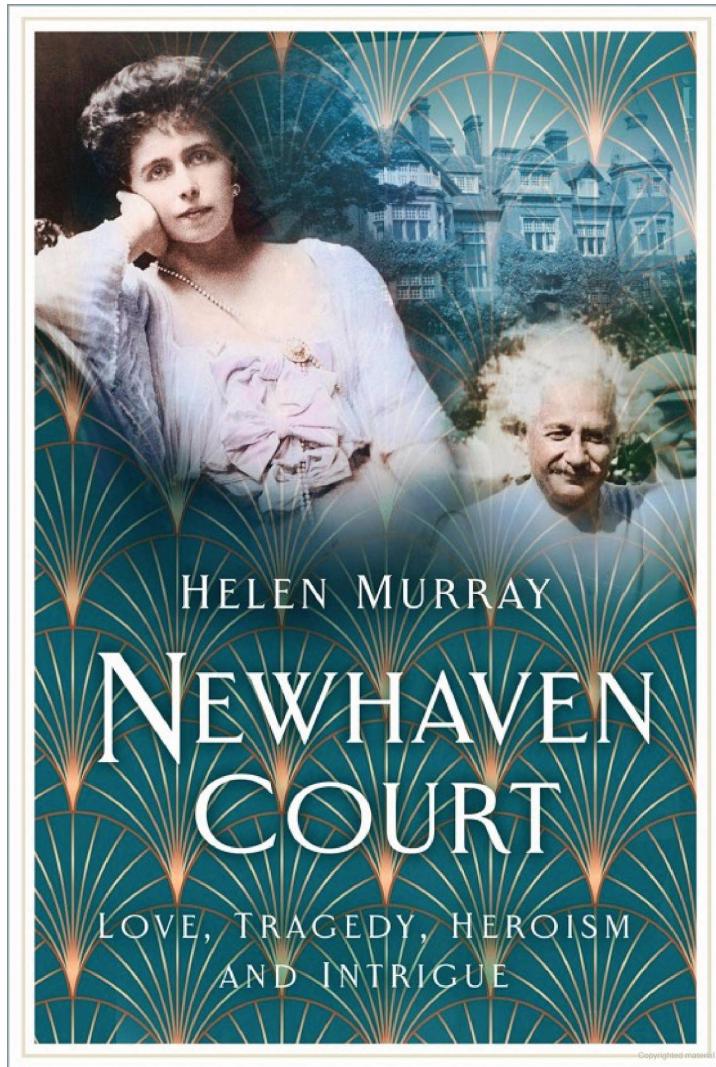
Helen researched and wrote her book, 'Newhaven Court', during the Covid lockdowns of 2020-2021. Copies of the book will be for sale.

**Tuesday, September 9th 7:30pm in the Village Hall**

### **Jan Bird: A Conservator's Work**

Jan Bird is a retired Ceramics and Glass Conservator who spent 10 years working at one of London's biggest museums. She will tell us about her work at that museum, and also, more recently, with the Caistor Roman Project here in Norfolk.

*Jenny, Lin & Mary*



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## MP's Month

It was an absolute pleasure to join the Bawburgh Village Fete and Duck Race this year – what a day! A huge thank you to the organisers, volunteers, and everyone who turned out to support such a fantastic community event.

The sun shone, the ducks bobbed (some faster than others!), and the village green was full of life, laughter, and local pride.

I was really grateful to have a stall at the fete and spend time chatting to so many of you – both familiar faces and new ones. Events like these remind me just how strong our community spirit is here in South Norfolk, and how much we can achieve when we come together. A particular highlight was seeing children get stuck into my free “Spot the Difference” competition – congratulations to those who managed to spot all the changes and to the lucky winner who took home the cuddly House of Commons Teddy Bear!

These conversations aren't just enjoyable – they're important. It's through events like the Bawburgh fete that I hear directly from you about what matters most: from NHS access and local policing to planning concerns and, increasingly, road safety.

That's why I want to use this month's column to launch a new campaign, inspired by the voices of Bawburgh and beyond: a Rural Road Safety Review for South Norfolk.

Too often, it's only after a serious collision or even a fatality that action is taken on dangerous stretches of rural road. I think we can – and must – do better. Norfolk is sadly one of the few areas in the country where road fatalities and serious injuries are actually increasing. That's unacceptable, and I want to understand why.

Over the next few months, I'll be gathering your views on the condition, signage, speed limits, and safety of our rural road network. There are two ways you can get involved:

1. Complete my short online survey – it takes

just two minutes and you can find it here:

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/SouthNorfolkRoads](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SouthNorfolkRoads)

2. Come along to one of my rural roads roundtable events – these will be taking place across the constituency in the coming months, with dates and locations announced soon.

Your experiences, ideas, and concerns will help me build a detailed report to present to Norfolk County Council, our Police and Crime Commissioner, and the Minister for Roads. I want to make the case for tighter, smarter highway safety laws – and for a shift away from the current reactive approach. We shouldn't have to wait for a tragedy before we act.

Together, let's push for safer roads and stronger protections for all who use them – drivers, cyclists, pedestrians and riders alike.

Thank you again to everyone in Bawburgh for such a warm welcome at the fete. I'll be back again soon – and in the meantime, do fill in the survey and keep an eye out for my next road safety event near you.

*Ben Goldsborough, MP*

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## Churchyard update

Mark Tudor has provided some more information about the work being done to keep the churchyard tidy.

He said, "We have left it well alone with the mega daisies in full colour, and our work has just been some simple path trails being cut so visitors can walk around unimpeded.

Norfolk Wildlife Trust explain that a "hard cut" can begin in June or July where we really go to town after the Spring flowers have had their time in the sun; that work began today in earnest. We have also worked hard on trimming back the hedge.

We will spend about three more days cutting back the rest of the grasses but I'm going to spend quite a bit of time preserving the conservation areas and creating "wildlife zones" around the entire Churchyard. You can see one of them developing at the rear of the church where I've not cut back at all."



## Church Services - August

3rd	10am	Service with Holy Communion, Easton
10th	10am	All Age Service with Holy Communion, Easton
17th	10am	Service with Holy Communion, Marlingford
24th	10am	Service with Holy Communion, Marlingford
31st	10am	Service with Holy Communion, Easton

Communion at home can be arranged for those who because of illness or frailty are unable to come to the Sunday service.

If you have any queries about services, baptisms and funerals, you can contact Laura on 01603 744551 or by email at:

**eastonbeneficeoffice@gmail.com**

In the absence of Rev. Laura, please contact Lin Gibson, acting church warden, by email

**lin.gibson34@gmail.com**

Or ring

**07785 258519**

## Church remains closed

Please note that Bawburgh Church will remain closed during August. The first bat survey showed the presence of some bats in the tower that may be impacted by the building work scheduled to be carried out. Therefore, a second bat survey of the tower is required, together with the application of a Low Impact Licence before building repairs can be undertaken.

It is hoped that repair work on the tower will start in late August.

The church have apologised for any inconvenience this may cause.



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## Doin' Different : The Mid Norfolk Railway

Down the lane, just past Wymondham Abbey and over the little bridge is a small railway station. This is not the Norwich to London line; the trains that run from here travel from Wymondham Abbey Station to the centre of East Dereham, where there is a café and gift shop.

Wymondham Station opened in 1845 and soon after that freight was being transported, followed the next year by passengers. New houses started to be built around Dereham Station, then a malting, storage for agricultural goods, factories, iron foundries, breweries, a saw mill and sacking factory soon opened. All these were being encouraged by this easy new form of transporting goods from place to place.

And there was a connection from Norwich to London! The Reverend Armstrong noted that he had caught a train in London at 8am one morning and



### 50 / 50 Club Winners

In July, the 50 / 50 Club winners were:

- Alexander Faris
- Janet Baker
- Ian Tait
- Anne Laubscher
- Wally Gould

If you would like to join the 50/50 club, just talk to Tishy Bayne at the next Coffee Morning.

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amazingly had reached his destination in Dereham by 3pm!

Sadly, in 1964, many railway lines were being closed by the Beeching cuts. In 1968 the line to Kings Lynn was lost and the following year the section between Dereham and Wymondham closed after a fire which gutted Dereham Station, although the line was kept open until 1989 for transporting goods.

Meanwhile an action committee was formed in 1974, hoping to reopen the line as far as Fakenham. It is now owned and operated by a charity, The Mid-Norfolk Railway Preservation Trust and is mainly operated by volunteers. The ownership was transferred to the charity in 1997 when they started to run their first trains. Work is still ongoing, signal boxes and automatic level crossings are also being repaired and there are plans to reopen the line as far as North Elmham. The Mid Norfolk Railway is now the longest heritage railway line in East Anglia and the third longest in the country. It operates between March and October using both steam and diesel locomotives. There are also special events through the year, including The Polar Express at Christmas. To find out more see [www.midnorfolkrailway.co.uk](http://www.midnorfolkrailway.co.uk)

*Jenny Press*

### Coffee Morning

A lovely sunny Coffee Morning a week later than usual, due to the village Fete and Duck Race on the 5th July and the takings for the Coffee Morning were £98.50.

The next Coffee Morning will be on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August from 10:30am.

Everyone is very welcome.



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## Bawburgh Cooks

### Hannah's Honey Mustard Dressing and Spinach Salad

This month Hannah Bhardwaj gives us two recipes which combined are perfect for summer meals.

She begins with her special dressing:

"We've been on a farm-bought honey spree since learning that supermarket honey is often not honey, and doesn't have all the health benefits. This salad dressing is a great combo of honey and other ingredients."

#### Honey Mustard Dressing

##### Ingredients

1 tbsp Dijon mustard

1 tbsp honey (the more natural the better. Avoid supermarket honeys where possible in favour of local farm honey!)

1 tbsp apple cider vinegar or lemon juice for acidity

1 clove garlic, peeled and crushed with pestle and mortar or similar

6 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil

Salt and pepper, any other seasonings of choice - to taste

##### Method

One pot method

1. Combine the honey, Dijon mustard, garlic, salt, vinegar, and oil in a small bowl or cup, and whisk to combine.

Hannah has chosen spinach for her salad: "We have a lot of perpetual spinach, lettuces and other herbs doing well in the garden and in need of eating!"

#### Spinach salad

##### Ingredients:

Perpetual spinach or baby spinach

Cucumber

Onion (red or spring)

Walnuts

Goat cheese or Feta

[Quantities depend on number of people and preference. Be sure to wash the spinach if it's not pre-washed to avoid grit]

##### Method

1. Toast the walnuts in a pan for a few minutes, on a medium heat (be careful not to let them burn).

When they start to brown and become fragrant, take them off the heat.

2. Dress a salad bowl to taste with the other ingredients (toss or mix as preferred) - sliced cucumbers, spinach, diced/sliced onion, broken chunks of feta or goats cheese on top.

3. Dress with honey mustard glaze, or any other dressing of your choice.

If you'd like to contribute a recipe please get in touch with me at: [mary01@clara.co.uk](mailto:mary01@clara.co.uk)

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#### John Innes

In over 35 years working with cereal crops this year has seen the earliest start to harvest that I have experienced. Our winter oilseed rape harvest was completed by 18th July and this was without desiccation of the crop as we would normally. Hand harvesting of the pea experiments is also well under way and by the time you are reading this we expect to have made good progress through the wheat trials. We are expecting some good results from experiments looking at root structure and drought effects this year.



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## Wild about Bawburgh - moths

The day-flying Hummingbird Hawk moth is a favourite of mine.

After Peter sent me the photo of the one in his garden, I saw one in the churchyard attracted to the



**Hummingbird Hawk Moth in garden, June - Peter Markham**

Honey-scented Ladies Bedstraw found growing there. (Unfortunately, I wasn't quick enough to take a photo of the moth, although hopefully the photo of the Ladies Bedstraw will make up for it).



**Ladies Bedstraw in the churchyard, June - Lin Gibson**

I have spotted several stunning day-flying Six Spotted Burnet moths, feeding on the nectar rich flowers on the John Innes Wildflower Meadow.

Neita's porch continues to be a source of moths; attracted to her night light; the Scalloped Oak moth sleeps during the day.



**Six Spotted Burnet moth in the wild flower meadow, John Innes Land, July - Lin Gibson**

Peter's photo of the Yellow Tail moth is a bit of a mystery, why did it lay its eggs on the glass windowpane? Any ideas? Peter also took a photo of the underside of the moth and its distinctive yellow brown tail was clearly visible.



**Yellow Tail moth plus eggs on glass window, June - Peter Markham**

This year has been a good one for moths and butterflies, and a range of different insects. I would love to see your photos of the interesting wildlife you have captured on camera this year. My email address is

[lin.gibson34@gmail.com](mailto:lin.gibson34@gmail.com)

*Lin Gibson*

## Youth Club

In the Village Hall

Meets on the last Friday of every month from 6:30pm – 8:00pm (for children of 6 years and above). £2.50 entry per child.

Friday 29th August



Facebook Group: 'Bawburgh Youth Club'  
Contact: Bawburghyouthclub@gmail.com

## Bawburgh playgroup

Takes place every Friday during term time at the Village Hall from 9:30am to 11:00am.

Entry £1.50 (£2 for two children) includes snack for the children and tea/coffee for parents

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## The Garden Shed - August

**CUT LONG GRASS** – Areas of long grass (especially if planted with bulbs) should have been left uncut to allow bulb foliage to die back and flowers to seed. Cut a flowering meadow as short as possible to expose areas of bare soil so that fallen flower seeds can make contact and germinate.

**HEDGES** - It is safe now to trim hedges as the vast majority of nesting birds have fledged. Summer pruning results in slower, less vigorous regrowth than a winter trim so clip hedges to the height and shape that you wish them to remain for the rest of the year. Start with the sides, creating an outward slope from the top to the bottom. This ensures that the lower section is not shaded by the top growth - which is always bushier as it gets more light - and the hedge remains 'full' right down to the ground.

**DEADHEAD DAHLIAS** – An emerging bud is rounded, whereas a spent flower is pointed and cone-shaped.

Cut back to the next side shoot - even if it means taking a long stem – to stimulate new flowers.

Top tip - deadhead anything and everything daily - nothing else is so effective in keeping summer flowers from lasting as long as possible.

**TOMATOES** - Strip off the bottom leaves on each plant so that the growing fruits get more sun and also the extra ventilation will reduce the risk of disease. Continue weekly until there are no leaves left at all. Reduce the watering but keep up a weekly feed to maximise fruit production.

**CONTAINERS** - Any plants in pots need regular watering and feeding to sustain their summer display. Try feeding all containers weekly (on "Feeding Friday") to help the display going strongly right into autumn. If you go away, water well and move pots into the shade as much as possible.

**TAKE CUTTINGS** - semi-ripe cuttings taken from current season's wood that has started to harden off are ideal and likely to root quickly. Choose healthy, strong, straight growth, free from any flowers or flower buds. Place in a damp polythene bag and pot up immediately. Strip off all lower leaves and side shoots so that only an inch of foliage remains. Cut the bare stem to size with a sharp knife or secateurs and bury in a container of very gritty or sandy compost or even pure perlite – it must be loose, drain well and not dry out. Put them

somewhere warm but not in full sun as they may scorch. Water well and then keep moist with a daily spray from a hand mister to help stop the leaves drying out. Once the roots are formed and you see signs of growth (check for thread-like roots on the underside of the pots) they will need potting into better compost.

**SOW AUTUMN SALAD CROPS** - Sow hardy salad crops such as lettuce, rocket, purslane, mizuna and Mibuna now for harvesting in October and November.

**PRUNE LAVENDER** - To avoid woody, leggy plants, lavender should be pruned every year. Cut back hard to a good compact shape but be sure to leave some new shoots on each stem - lavender will often not regrow from bare wood. These new shoots will grow fast and provide an attractive and healthy cover to protect the plant in winter and provide the basis of next year's display.

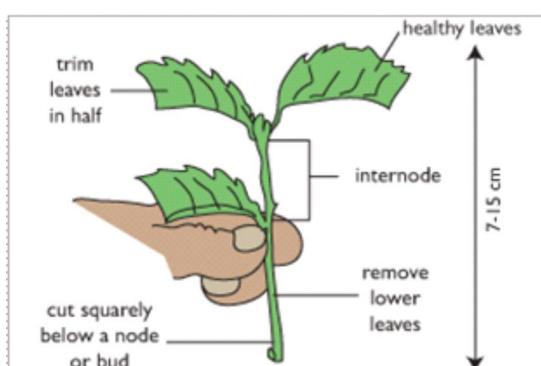
**MOVE PERENNIALS** - The roots will continue to grow and become established by winter so that next spring they will grow with extra vigour. Having moved them, it is a good idea to cut them back so that the plant has a rest and can recover from the trauma of being uprooted.

**CAMELLIAS, AZALEAS AND RHODODENDRONS** – all form their flower buds now. That is, the display they give in spring will be determined over the coming weeks. If they are too dry the buds will not form properly and those that are made quite often drop off in the spring before flowering as a result of dehydration the previous autumn. Give them a good soak - with rainwater if at all possible - especially if they are growing in a container, and do so each week for the next couple of months.

**COLLECT SEEDS** - Cut the seed heads and upend them into old brown envelopes. Label each envelope clearly with the date, name of the plant and store them in a cool, dry place.

**ORDERING BULBS** - Order your spring flowering bulbs now for planting in September or October (although tulips should not be planted until November).

*With thanks and acknowledgements to Monty Don. For more tips and advice visit his website [www.montydon.com](http://www.montydon.com)*  
Marion Malone



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#### Tuesday and Thursday

On a Tuesday and Thursday, the 808 leaves the Kings Head at 9:06am. It travels to Longwater and arrives at 9:32am in time to catch a connecting bus to Norwich City Centre. There are two return buses. The first leaves at 11:15am and gets back to the Kings Head at 11:37am. The second bus leaves Longwater at 12:50pm and gets back to Bawburgh at 1:10pm.

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## Diary dates

### August 2025

Fri	1st		■ Brown bin collection
Sat	2nd	10:30am	Coffee Morning (Village Hall)
Tue	5th		■ Green bin collection
Thu	7th		Mobile Library: 9:55am Stocks Hill 10:15am Church Street
Fri	8th	6:30pm	Social Evening (Village Hall)
Tue	12th		■ Grey bin collection
Tue	12th	7:30pm	Talks for Everyone (Village Hall)
Fri	15th		■ Brown bin collection
Tue	19th		■ Green bin collection
Tue	26th		■ Grey bin collection
Fri	29th	6:30pm	Youth Club (Village Hall)
Fri	29th		■ Brown bin collection

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