

WHAT'S ON

Please come along and support your local activities

If anyone would like their event advertised here please contact the Clerk see below.

East Runton—St Andrews Church - Coffee Mornings;
7th October Apple Pie, 2nd December Christmas. All held from
10am-12noon. All monies raised goes into a “Disaster Fund” to be used
when the need arises.

RUNTON PARISH HISTORY SOCIETY.

The Reading Room at East Runton houses a vast collection of old photographs of both villages. From time to time the society holds a coffee morning and the collection is displayed.

The Reading Room however is open when the Clerk is present, usually on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10.30am to 1pm and 2pm to 3.30pm and anyone is welcome to come in and browse the collection during those times. It is free and information can be given and/or copies of photo's at a small cost.

“Like” our facebook page @ Runton History

Events may be advertised here free, but the Parish Council needs your information. Can be sent by email or post to the Clerk or a Councillor.

FISH AND CHIP VAN calls at The Hurn West Runton Weds 5.15pm.Fridays 11.30-12.45 and at East Runton Half Year Close Wednesday 5:30pm, Buxton Close 6pm

CROMER LIBRARY www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries 01263 512850 Open Mon to Sat.

MOBILE LIBRARY THURSDAYS EVERY FOUR WEEKS

East Runton:	14:20—14:30	HALF YEAR CLOSE
	14:35—14:50	BUXTON CLOSE
	14:55—15.10	ST ANDREWS

West Runton:	12.45—13.00	RENWICK PARK
	15.15—15:25	GOLF CLOSE
	15:30—15:50	CHURCH CLOSE
	15:55—16.10	CHURCH HALL

Next visits: 14th Sept, 12th October, 9th November 2017. Not bank holidays.

The Clerk would be pleased to receive information for the next publication. Any forthcoming events or any reports of organisations. By the 20th November please. Your comments on this publication would be welcomed. All information to the Clerk-Contact details are on page one. Follow us on Twitter @runtonparish

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RUNTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS FROM EAST TO WEST

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Parish Council Website
www.runtoneastandwest.co.uk

PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION—Councillor details are as follows.

West Runton Ward:

Chairman Mr. John Simpson. Wood Rising Sandy Lane West Runton

Vice Chairman: Mr. Bruce Bedwell The Dreys Longacre, West Runton.

Councillors

Mr. Richard. Annis Dawley Cottage Boulevard Road West Runton.

Mr. John Creasey Bransbury Rosebery Road West Runton.

Mr. David. Bakewell Woodlands Renwick Park West Runton.

Mr. M. Brandish Calveswell Barn Calveswell Lane West Runton

East Runton Ward:

Councillors

Mr. Brian Cushion Meadowsett Top Common East Runton.

Mrs. Jane Hodson Fernie House High Street East Runton.

Mr. Ray Spinks Norfolk Cottage, Felbrigg Road East Runton.

Mr. Steve Bacon Albert House High Street East Runton.

Mr. Kevin Jonas Tiddlers Cottage Mill Lane East Runton.

Mr. Chris Hawkins Shoemakers Cottage High St. East Runton.

Councillors may be contacted through the office.

The Parish Council website has links to the District Council and County Council

The local North Norfolk District Councillor is Mrs. S. Butikofer.

The Norfolk County Councillor is Mrs. S. Butikofer

POLICE: Non emergency police number— 101 This is a free service.

The Clerk to the Council is: Mrs. Barbara Emery.

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PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
10am to 4pm with a lunch break from 1pm—2pm. The Clerk will normally be
there to answer questions or help in any way connected with Parish business.

FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS: All held on Tuesdays at 7.15pm

Next meeting: September 26th W. Runton Church Hall

Future meetings: October 24th East Runton Reading Room, November 28th.

W.R. Church Hall, December 19th E. Runton Reading Room.

Written by B. Emery.

Facebook page Runton History

I'm often asked by visitors who come to the Reading Room to browse through our many old photographs, "What is half-year-land"?

The coast road through the villages of East and West Runton is busy especially in the summer, being the through route along the coast on the A149. It is a pretty route if followed from Cromer to Hunstanton. A few hundred metres inland the rural scene becomes quieter with commons, ponds and behind them a bracken and gorse covered moraine, (a ridge formed from glacial debris). At one time although hundreds of caravans adorned the cliff side of the coast road, they were all gone by mid October and the cliff tops stretched in front of you, a green landscape. This is because the land they were on was deemed to be grazing land for the people of the parish for half of the year.

Nine hundred acres of Half-Year-Land covered the seaward side of the coast road and extended inland to the ridge. It was land left over from the Middle Ages exhibiting ancient agricultural methods. So, for hundreds of years, the people of East and West Runton have had the right to feed sheep on Half-Year-Land from October 11th to April 6th. During that time "all gates and hindrances should be removed". There has been no Enclosure Act to prevent this in Runton and it remained the right of the people right up to 1975 when the privilege was revoked. Much of the land had been used for caravans for many years and laid fallow in winter when they were removed.

No houses could be built on the Half-Year-Land, though a few have got through the legislation and the railway cuts through it too. There was a "cullet" (meaning collected or communal) flock looked after by the shepherd. His wages were paid by the owners of sheep in proportion to the number owned. He received about twelve shillings and six pence per week in 1912. That would be sixty-two and a half pence in today's currency. And sixpence (two and half pence) for each lamb born. There were strict rules for the inclusion of sheep in the flock, eg; no sheep which had been taken out of the parish for a night could be returned. After the sheep had had their fill on the land, then cloven hoofed animals could be turned out in the daytime and later the cloven hoof qualification was relaxed and ponies and donkeys were also allowed. Part of the "Cullet" flock remained into the seventies and in 1971 Sir Ivison Macadam who lived at the Old Hall East Runton, in answer to an article in the paper which said that the communal flock did not now exist; stated; "The cullet communal flock not only exists but some 27 lambs had been born as were their mothers in this parish".

Some of the land in summer when the sheep had finished was used for communal cropping but the crops would have to be lifted by Old Michaelmas Day, 11th October.

At the beginning of the twentieth century it was the custom to "beat the bounds" of these Half-Year-Lands annually, which went from the north western boundary point inland to the rough slopes of the ridge, by Inceborough Hill, Davy Hill to Muckle Hill near the Cromer bounds. At Davy Hill the walkers were refreshed with buns and oranges. A man accompanied the party, steering a bicycle wheel on handles, with an instrument attached for measuring the distance.

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WEST RUNTON GARDEN'S DAY

The above was a huge success again this year, largely due to the hard work of Mr. and Mrs. Staras and their small band of helpers. Not forgetting the individual garden owners who not only put a great deal of effort into keeping their gardens lovely, but are happy to open them to the public and in many cases put on tea and very acceptable cakes etc. It was a wonderful community endeavour and raised over £2,300.00 for the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

COMMONS

The state of the commons during the first half of the season has been on the agenda recently. Cuts were not made when they should have been and those commons that were cut were not done satisfactorily. It is hoped now that the problems have been sorted for this year. The contract will be reviewed in autumn. The play equipment on Top Common East Runton is to undergo some maintenance work soon.

ALLOTMENTS

There is a waiting list for plots in the Parish. There are four sites which are being reviewed to see if any of the plots can be relinquished or split to be able to reduce the list. There are still a number which have not been cultivated or which are being used undesirably. There are none free at the moment, but if you are on the list you will be contacted as soon as there is something for you.

PARISH PARTNERSHIP BID

This is a scheme between Norfolk County Council and Parish Councils. There are projects which can fall under this scheme each year for the Parish Council to bid for and receive half the cost of installation. One of these last year was the path across the common. This year we are looking at SAMS (Speed Awareness Mobile Signs). These are known to be more effective in reducing speed through villages than the static illuminated signs. The SAMS pick up a vehicle from 100 metres and will flash up the speed of that vehicle. They are moved around certain locations in the Parish so motorists don't get used to seeing them in one place. If the decision is taken to bid for this project then they would be installed hopefully before 2018 spring/summer.

CLIFF TOP EAST RUNTON

There is a small area of land between the Seaview Caravan Park and the steps to the beach at East Runton. The path through it now leads nowhere as the cliff has fallen considerably and there is now a dangerous drop from the edge. In order to protect the public and the entrance to the park's private dwelling, the Parish Council have allowed the owners of the park to informally adopt this area. It will have a small fence across to prevent access to the unfenced cliff edge and be kept tidy.

WEST RUNTON GAP TOILETS

The toilet block at the gap at West Runton beach have now been renovated to a good standard. There is no electricity to this building and therefore no hot water or lighting. The renovations have provided a reflective ceiling inside which helps with the lighting. A tap has been provided outside. This will save the sinks getting blocked as they did, so often. This is a temporary measure as new toilets and a display area is to be installed under the Deep History Project in the future.

THANKS— to the public spirited people of the villages who; eg; clean the bus shelters, fill holes in the car park, pick up litter, deliver this newsletter and work on the ponds. A seat on Renwick Park is being replaced, also by a kind parishioner. You all know who you are and the Parish council is very grateful for these valuable contributions.