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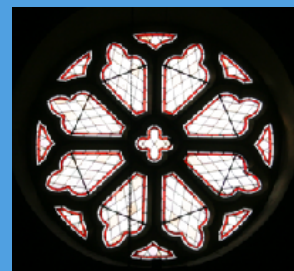
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Solar Fund & Parish News

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Back in 2014 the 'Solar Community Fund' was established by the Beckham Parish Council because of the installation of the 2 solar arrays in Beckham, near by Hall Farm. The Parish Council manage yearly financial deposits contributed by the solar business for the benefit of the Parish. These have occurred over the last 10 year period, as the solar array generated electricity but in 2024 this contribution came to an end.

Future contributions, as result of new wind-farm constructions, cable laying and disruptions maybe possible through [GrantScape](#) who manage grant funding for, amongst many others, 'Hornsea 3 Community Fund Projects' for the developer [Orsted](#). The Hornsea 3 Community Fund will award a total of £7 million over a targeted ten-year period.

Bodham Village Hall have already applied and been awarded £13,200 from the Hornsea 3 Community Fund to install solar panels on the roof of the Bodham and Beckham Village Hall.



A donation has been made by Beckham Parish Council from the Solar Community Fund too. However, most importantly a very successful stream of summer of events arranged by the Village Hall Committee now means they are proud to announce enough has been raised to add solar panels to the Village Hall roof. This is going to make a huge difference to the running costs of the hall and the Committee would like to thank everyone who supported events or donated for their contributions both large and small. (A more detailed release will be available upon completion of the project.) The installation of the solar panels to make the village hall more cost effective, especially with regards heating/electricity, which is vital so the Village Hall remains a viable asset for all of us.

If you would like to join the committee for the Village Hall see overleaf for details.

The new **Broadland Housing** development (affordable homes) on Church Road and Sheringham Road are quickly going up and will be allocated on the basis of the strength of local connection to East or West Beckham or an immediately surrounding parish (Upper Sheringham, Bodham, Matlaske and Gresham). **To be considered you must join the housing waiting list.**

Available Summer 2025
Proudly presenting five unique 1 & 2 bedroom homes at the heart of the local community
For details of how to apply for the five affordable rent homes visit north-norfolk.gov.uk

With funding from the 'Department of Levelling Up, Housing & Communities'
www.gov.uk/homes-england

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You can do this by visiting www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/section/housing - The housing team at the district council will be able to support you from here to demonstrate your local connection. The properties should be available in the first half of 2025.



Local news can be found on Facebook 'Bodham & Beckham Community Noticeboard' or check out 'Bodham & Beckham Village Hall' Facebook page.

Special Events!



If you or your partner are 70 or over don't forget to accept your invitation to the annual **Christmas Dinner on Saturday 14th December.**

The lunch will be supplied by the Red Hart, with a complimentary glass of wine, coffee and mince pies. Our Rural Correspondent will put his own unique spin on local events, and there will be a quiz and a sing along. This year we are asking for a voluntary donation of £5 from those who can afford it, to help us cover some of the costs.

If you would like to accept this invitation please provide your Name, Address and contact number by email to bodhambeckham.villagehall@gmail.com, or telephone **Pat or Rachel on 01263 588394**, or write out your details and post them in the Village Hall post-box. We very much look forward to your company on the day. **Closing date 30th November.**

Showcasing Local Artists

Join us on **Sunday 24 November from 10am to 4pm** for some Christmas shopping. There will be a wonderful selection of work from local artists: paintings, drawings, ceramics, cards, Mandala and more. Entry of £1.50 includes a free drink, accompanied under 16's free.

Launching Bodham Tuesday Afternoon Matinee plus

Introducing a new regular event, starting **Tuesday 19 November**, replacing Wednesday movie night. **3rd Tuesday of the month. 2:30-5pm.** Entry: £3 voluntary donation. Socialise, watch a movie. Cup of tea or coffee & a biscuit 50p. For further information see the village hall noticeboard or email us.

Craft Club

Alternate Wednesdays 2-4pm. Bring any craft of your choosing and join in the conversation. £3 per meeting. Refreshments served. Just turn up or contact Helen Bruford on 01263 588122 or helenbruford@aol.com. Next meetings are **Wednesday 6 and 20 November.**

Community Cafe

Last Saturday of the month 10am-12.30pm. The next event is **Saturday 30 November.** Join us for a drink, a snack and a chat.

North Norfolk Photographic Society

Details can be found on nnps.uk

Village Hall Committee **We need volunteers to join the Committee.** Please contact the Chair Pat Spurgeon **01263 588394** if you are interested.



Did you see the Aurora Borealis in West Beckham or around the area? They have been showing up in North Norfolk quite regularly. Lorraine Marks who lives in Church Road, West Beckham supplied these gorgeous photos 'The Holly Tree' with sky behind, then Morston Creek and Salthouse Heath. Stunning!

The Wheatsheaf Inn in West Beckham

In late September Beckham Parish Council supported by district councillor Callum Ringer sought to have The Wheatsheaf listed as an Asset of Community Value. This involved demonstrating that the pub plays a strong social, cultural and recreational part of village life and supports community wellbeing. If successfully nominated then this would be a material planning consideration should the pub ever be threatened by change of use, and ultimately, give the village the opportunity to buy the pub. Hopefully none of that comes to pass but it is an important insurance policy for the village. Bodham Red Hart has had this listing for a number of years. NNDC will determine the outcome, which has to meet some legal tests and we should hear the outcome before Christmas.

A personal message from the new Wheatsheaf Team!

We are re-opening The Wheatsheaf on Friday 25th October for drinks and from Sunday 27th October for the restaurant also.

(Possibly you will already have been in by the time this goes to press, Ed!)

It has been a busy time since the previous leaseholders left and we have been setting up the new bar, changing the former Bistro to a Pool and Darts room, getting our new equipment installed and doing lots of painting !

A pub is an essential element to any village and we would love to see you all come along to try our excellent food and fine drinks and give us any thoughts on what else you would like to see.

The car park has been revamped as has the front garden and we have lots more in store but we want to get the doors open again and welcome you along.

The rooms will ready soon too so if you have any friends or relatives who want a few days away in a friendly village pub please get in touch.

We have a special menu for Christmas Day as well as the run up to Christmas for your parties and celebrations. Please contact us if you want to check any dietary requirements or special requests. Our amazing chefs will be only too happy to assist.

Mark Ellis will be the General Manager in charge on a day to day basis and the two other directors are Neil Thomson and Paul Fletcher. Many of you will know Mark and Neil as they live in West Beckham and Paul is based in Sheringham so we are all local to the pub.

As locals we wanted to ensure the pub wouldn't close and are making every effort to keep it open and available for you all to use. As with any village pub we really need you to support us in this venture.

We look forward to seeing you soon, including your four legged friends who will be equally welcome.

Best wishes from all at The Wheatsheaf

Telephone 01263 822110



The government's decision to limit the Winter Fuel Allowance to those on pension credits has lead to a push for those who are eligible to make sure they are claiming. It is believed that over 800,000 pensioners are eligible but not yet claiming and some of these could well be in East & West Beckham. To check your eligibility visit www.gov.uk/pension-credit-calculator or call **0800 99 1234**. Please share this information with friends, neighbours and family who may not be online or read the newsletter!

Shirley and Alan Prince have been running the annual **Horticultural & Crafts Show** held in the Village Hall for 5 years now and they are standing down, so looking for new event organisers! Could that be you? Please get in touch.

Shirley wrote "We had a lovely show on Saturday 20th July despite the cold, wet Spring and we raised £940 from the day and sponsorship, after expenses. We have donated the money in equal shares to the Over 70's Christmas Lunch and the Bodham Playing Field Fund.

It was great to see so many of our loyal supporters over the years turn up again this year and a few new faces; Julie Holt has only recently moved to the village and is already taking part and winning prizes. The quality and quantity of entries in the Handicrafts Section was outstanding.

We have been running the show for 5 years and we have decided that it is time for change. We sincerely hope someone with the time and energy will come forward to do the organising and bring some new life to what is a longstanding and much-loved village event. We would support a new organiser in any way we can.

We have had an outstanding team of helpers this year. These include: Tracy Toyn (who has been involved in the running of the show for 40 years), Mike Sayer (who, with Mary, started the show in 1984), Jackie and Peter Bedell, Pauline Harmer, Sandra & John Briers and Paul Clarke. We would also like to thank all the other people who have helped in previous years. We have also had some excellent judges who have a very difficult task."



On Saturday 14th September, our district councillor Callum Ringer and his partner Kathryn took part in the **Norfolk Churches Trust sponsored cycle ride** in aid of the trust and their nominated church which this year was St Helen's and All Saints East with West Beckham. The initial target was to cycle to 40 churches over the day and raise £400 - however they managed to cycle to 50 churches and currently have raised around £950! Callum and Kathryn would like to express their gratitude for everyone's generosity this year, it far exceeded our expectations, in particular John and Judy Wilson for helping to collect sponsorship in the village. There is still time to add to the total www.justgiving.com/page/callum-and-kathryn12

East and West Beckham Allotments – Plot Vacancies

Taking on an allotment can seem daunting but if you take it slowly and work on it with the time you have available there are lots of potential benefits including:

- Being good for your physical health but for your mental health too, providing a sense of purpose and an ideal opportunity to get outdoors and be active at all times of the year
- A great way of connecting with people and nature
- As the cost of living continues to rise, being able to grow your own fresh tasty produce offers a cost-effective way of putting food on the table
- Nothing beats the sense of achievement in growing something from seed and putting food on the table and being able to say 'I grew that!'



The Parish allotments are opposite the Loke in East Beckham and there is a decent car park for visitors. There are 27 generous plots and with some long serving allotmenters thinking of calling it a day there will be some single or half plots available for next year, with the new allotment year starting in March 2025. The plots are available in the first instance for parish residents but are also available for non-parish, availability permitting.

The cost at only £25 a year for a full plot is excellent value for money working out at less than 50 pence per week.

Please contact the Parish Clerk johnstibbons@gmail.com who will direct you to the parish allotment administrator who will be happy to answer any questions or sign people up for next year. Also the advantage of getting an allotment this time of year is that there is plenty of time for clearing or preparation over the winter in time for spring sowing.

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