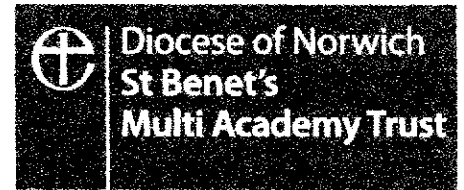




Archbishop Sancroft High School

(A Church of England Academy)



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REPORT TO PARISH COUNCILS

May 2022

The Harleston Federation is a community that flourishes, through God's love, to live 'Life in All its Fullness' (John 10:10 and John 13:34). We are a foundation of **Hope**; a family of **Love**; a school of nurture guided by **Faith**; promoting a unique, personalised journey towards excellence.

The Senior Leadership Team and Governing Body would like to thank Councillors for their continued interest and support of the school(s). We are incredibly proud of our school communities where our number one priority is to provide an excellent standard of education, and a wide range of experiences that prepare our young people for a successful and fulfilled life beyond school.

In August 2018, ASHS was a founder school as part of the St. Benet's Multi Academy Trust (MAT). St. Benet's is the second MAT within the Diocese of Norwich and currently comprises 8 schools (soon to be 11) including Garboldisham, Newton Flotman, Harleston Primary Academy, Dickleburgh, Diss Infant and Junior, St. Mary's Long Stratton. In addition, Alburgh with Denton is an Associate Member. The Trust has enabled excellent opportunities for collaboration between the schools as we learn from each other and develop a consistent, joined up approach to learning from age 3-16.

I was appointed as Head of School upon Academy conversion in 2018 and more recently as Executive Headteacher of the Harleston Federation, which comprises ASHS and Harleston Primary Academy. In September 2022 we see the closure of these 2 schools and the opening of a brand-new school, The Harleston Sancroft Academy. For further information regarding this, please see the recent press release (<https://www.edp24.co.uk/news/education/new-name-confirmed-for-merged-harleston-schools-8947042>). This represents a significant milestone in the history of education for Harleston, where we will be providing education from ages 3-16. In practical terms, we will continue to operate across the current 2 sites (School Lane and Wilderness lane). However, we have already developed a team that works across both sites and phases, delivering a curriculum that builds from ages 3-16. This year has also seen the introduction of a shared vision (see above) with a clear focus on the Christian values of Love, Respect, Faith, Hope, Perseverance, and Wisdom. Relationships are at the heart of this very special community and as we look ahead, we continue our journey towards a transformational educational experience for our community.

We always welcome visitors to the school and would be delighted to take Councillors on a tour. Should you wish to take us up on this offer, please contact the school office.

Rob Connelly
Executive Headteacher

0% of Norfolk streetlights converted, or work underway to convert to LED
6.7% of highways inspections completed within timescale
9.6% of dangerous highway defects dealt with within timescales set out in the Transport Asset Management Plan
4% of Looked after Children (LAC) with an up-to-date Personal Education Plan
Completed 51,000 Adult Social Care Assessments for 20,700 people.

The 2022/23 Budget

A £464 million net revenue budget, a **£25m increase** from last year, with increased spending across key service areas and capital programmes, along with a 2.99 per cent Council Tax rise has been agreed to enable Norfolk to build back better after the pandemic.

Adult Social Services will see an additional **£35.4m** of investment, against savings of **£10.5m**, **Children's Services** will receive **£23.2m** of further investment, with a **further £10m** this year for the **SEND School Programme**, with **£12m** against planned savings and **Community and Environmental Services** will see an additional **£11.2m**, against savings of **£3.5m**.

Within Community and Environmental Services there will be the **£10m pothole fund** to draw upon, **new recycling centres** across the County, **£5m on library upkeep** and extension of services and **£12m on the Better Broadband project**.

There has been substantial **Beryl Bikes and E-Scooters** uptake during the past year, with the average journey being over 3.5km (taking multiple car journeys out of the City) and multiple Local Cycling, Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPS) plans being developed across the County (including Greater Norwich, King's Lynn, Great Yarmouth and Dereham).

These commitments are in keeping with my Conservative Groups 2021 Manifesto pledges to deliver a better future for Norfolk through:

- Protecting valued services
- Investing in care services
- Strengthening community resilience
- Leading on economic development
- Supporting families and young people
- Caring for our environment

Regards Barry

Cllr Barry Duffin

Tivetshall St Mary
Fuel Allotment and Town Land Charities
No: 213141

Town Lands: Constitution states funds can be used for general benefit of parishioners in Tivetshall St Mary – donations for Parish events etc; The last donation made in March 2012.
Barclays Bank Account: 10675490 – Account Closed.

Fuel Allotment: Constitution states funds can be used for parishioners suffering hardship in Tivetshall St Mary – to give financial relief of a personal nature, Life Lines, educational books, school uniforms etc;
Lloyds Bank Account: 00695272 – total funds £454.88

Lloyds Bank Account: 00695388 – total funds £10,050.02
This is a locked account arising from sale of land to the Old Ram in early 1990s. The Charity Commission rule this a Permanent Endowment – the interest of which can only be used – we cannot touch the core amount.

The Charity is all but dormant and donate towards 2 lifelines for Parishioners.

During 2020 funds from Account: 00695272 had dropped to £135.71 only enough to pay for one Lifeline. In order to pay for the other Lifeline a cheque was drawn from the Barclay account in June 2020. We had tried contacting the Charity Commission for approval but due to Covid/ working from home no response from the Helpline or when writing.

On 15th September I was informed by Saffron that the cheque had been returned as the account was no longer active. This had slipped through Saffron's system!

My husband had been very unwell during September and on 20th he died which put everything on hold.

On making enquiries some weeks later we were informed by Barclays that the account had been closed in April 2015 which we were not aware of.

Despite letters to Barclays requesting the account be reopened there was no response at all – no doubt due to staff working from home.

In March 2021 the Trustees wrote to Richard Bacon for his help. In April Paul Playford called at Barclays but the bank was closed.

In June 2021 Barclays transferred £1192.77 to Lloyds Account 00695272. This took 6 painstaking months.

During this time, there have been many letters to the Charity Commission requesting advice regarding the release of funds in Account: 00695388. There is also the problem with the accounts only being used for specific purposes albeit the Trustees had no option but to use funds from the Barclays account to pay for the Lifelines.

There has been conflicting advice depending on who we have spoken to at the Charity Commission. Saying that, despite letters etc; we have heard nothing for well over a year now.

Lloyds Bank have been contacted regarding their procedures as the account is a Charity account. We await hearing from them.

The Trustees are meeting on Thursday 26th May to discuss the way forward.
There is enough in the Lloyds account to pay for the 2 Lifelines for the next year.

We have written to the two Parishioners regarding their Lifelines to inform them of the current situation.

Friends of Saint Mary's Tivetshall

Annual Report

The ruin of Saint Mary's and its Churchyard continues to receive many visitors who enjoy the ambiance of this very special place and the wildlife which live there.

Paul Dack has done a wonderful job in clearing the Churchyard over the past few years which has allowed a wonderful showing of snowdrops (exceptional this year), daffodils and bluebells.

We are grateful to the volunteers who look after St Mary's Ruin and its Churchyard.

Our funds stand at £251.72

Maggie Rowan

Maureen Drury

Claire Kirby

Tivetshall St. Margaret with St. Mary PCC 2021 Report

Review of the Year

Because Covid restrictions remained in place for long periods of 2021 conducting even minimal Church activity again proved challenging. 3 (socially distanced when necessary) PCC meetings were held at the home of Peter and Maggie Rowan, and we are grateful to them for their hospitality. In addition, the annual PCC meeting was held in the Church in May 2021.

During the year the legal formalities relating to the transfer to the Diss Team Ministry were completed and the new group of 11 parishes was formed on 1st August 2021.

When possible, the Church remained open for private personal prayer and when restrictions allowed, bi monthly services were held in the church. Sadly, there were 5 burials / funerals / interment of ashes throughout the year.

In September we were delighted to welcome many visitors to the church for a combined Harvest and Flower Festival on the theme of 'Life beyond Covid'. It was a pleasure to be joined by talented flower arrangers from other parishes in the Group and the church looked beautiful. Proceeds from the event provided a welcome boost to finances but even with this we were not able to meet the Parish Share commitment in full with £3900 of the £4500 commitment paid.

In November Remembrance events took place at the War memorials at both St Mary's and St Margaret's. Thanks to Kevin Hegarty for playing at both events adding much to the poignancy of the commemorations.

A Carol Service was held by candlelight in December and a Christmas tree was placed in the church, kindly donated by Peter and Maggie Rowan

Church Fabric and Maintenance

With the financial constraints and continued lockdown restrictions, maintenance of the Church, the churchyard and St Mary's was carried out by a small team of volunteers. We are grateful to them for their continued support.

We also wish to record thanks to the small group of volunteers who help with flower arranging, cleaning and day to day maintenance tasks.

Many challenges, not least financial, will face us in 2022 but we are grateful for the many blessings we enjoy and know that with faith we will be able to meet those challenges 'head on'.

Tivetshall Village Hall Management Committee

Report to Annual Parish Meeting – 12 May 2022

Trustees David Parsons has joined the committee from the Parish Council. This brings our Trustees (Committee Members) to 5.

Financial Balance: Current Account £4744.48 and Savings Account £17 546.33

Re-Opening in 2021 was set by the Government at 17th May.

22 May Craft and Food Fayre 30+ stalls attended each paying £10 fee. The hall also served refreshments. After costs the net amount raised was £500. In addition FOTS made £200 from their bottle tombola. All traders reported good sales figures. Many traders booked in for the event on 18th September.

The Parish Council stand was attended to by the Clerk Alan Arber. He had prepared introductory packs for potential councillors. The Neighbourhood Plan display was attended by Rachel Leggett. Both were popular and very useful information. The Neighbourhood Plan boards stayed on display in the small meeting room.

TTJ Pop Up Café re-opened on 2nd June. Two new volunteers have come forward. Thanks to Fran and Pete who volunteered for the day. Very professional and hard work getting back into the swing. A number of visitors came from outside of our village. We closed through August for the kitchen refit and reopened on 31st August with the weekly Art Group and on 1st September with the Café and crafters. The 3 bakers for the Café (Ros, Julie and Alyson) have completed their Hygiene Certificates. The Volunteers (Sue, Nicola, Audrey and Denise) have all signed off their compliance with Hygiene standards.

During October we spent several days were spent reorganising storage. Aware that any enquiries from potential new group hirers always seem to be accompanied with request for storage of their equipment. We conducted a clear out of Boiler house (old used paint cans), the Pavillion of junk and sorting the signage and repairing as appropriate, selling of unused folding wooden chairs.

18 September 2021 Village Fun Day – Huge success. The scouts helped with car parking and using a bucket collection raised £95 towards the defibrillator for the Community Building in Diss; FOTS ran games and a tombola raising £120; the craft stalls reported very good sales. Phoenix charity stall achieved highest ever takings from any event.

The refreshments served from the hall itself and the stall fees raised £788.60 less expenses. The first opportunity to use the exterior serving hatch.

In future we will plan all stalls on the field to ensure fair walk through of visitors. (A couple of stalls felt isolated due to cancellations of those planned to be next to them nearer the hall).

Any Bouncy Castles areas to be cordoned off in future will be by using mesh fencing (snow fencing).

Organising stall holders is a mammoth task and involves part of every day in the weeks leading up to this type of event. The weekend itself began on Friday with the field layout and at 7.30am on

Saturday morning. Several residents helped from 7.30am on the day right to the end and were greatly appreciated.

27th November – Christmas Craft and Food Fayre – due to the nearness to the Village Fun Day and the amount of effort required to organise it has been decided the event would not take place.

TTJ (Tivetshall Tea Junction) Pop Up Café – 15th December was our last of the year and had a Christmas theme. Attendees were offered a small complimentary sherry or warm mulled wine. A raffle had also been organised by Julie and Ros. 3 craft stalls were there too.

The Café re-opened in 2022 on Wednesday 19th January. Thereafter it has continued on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 10-12.30. Orders for takeaways are requested in advance where possible. Regular crafters still attending.

Improvements and Maintenance 2021/2022

Stage alterations – completion of electrical work.

Kitchen Refit -End July-August. Including installation of external serving window and installation of all new cupboards, fridge, freezer, oven, hob and extractor (enabling cooking on site).

Hall and kitchen redecorated. New curtains and blinds fitted.

Extra cupboards has afforded two of the week club hirers to have their own kitchen cupboards.

Purchased saucers to match with mugs and the latte glassware. Also purchased extra tables.

Fitting of electricity smart meter.

Refurbishment of external noticeboard.

Installation of Hive system for remote heating control

Removal of sodium external lights and installation of 3 LED sensor motion lights with integral cameras on rear, side and front. More economical, environmentally friendly and improving safety and security.

Exterior pathways cleaned, white edging reinstated.

Oil Tank Protective fencing refurbished and repaired.

2 Table trolleys purchased

Replaced air hand driers in toilets.

Garden – Two new rose bushes to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee donated (and planted) by Sue and Brian Fletcher. They have also funded the work of a gardener to control weeds and remove overgrown plants.

All fire extinguishers tested, all electrical items PAT tested. A Fire Risk Assessment is underway.

Projector and screen project – 2 Quotes obtained to complete an audio/visual facility. Achieved a very generous grant of £3000 from The R C Snelling Charitable Trust. Installation has taken place and final adjustments and training for Committee members to be arranged very soon. First usage is planned for showing the TV coverage of the Platinum Jubilee throughout the Community Lunch

event on 5th June. The showing of films and for use by hirers at parties, funeral receptions and even business training or meetings.

Hall Hirers – A steady flow of bookings for birthday parties (young and older) have taken place. We also had an urgent request from someone let down with table hire a couple of days before their wedding reception. They made a donation in return for the loan of some of the hall tables.

Weekly hirers are the Art Group on Tuesday afternoons; the Line Dancing group were meeting every Wednesday evening. Due to work commitments of the organiser they are currently suspended. We hope they will return into the future. We were especially pleased to see the return of the Bowls club every Friday evenings and other days for match fixtures. Amanda Pilates has yet to resume on Tuesdays – She is continuing running on line as some of her venues are smaller and attendees are wary of being too close.

Advertising of Events – Contributions are written regularly for CockCrow magazine and frequent updates via Facebook and our web page.

Events for 2022 –

Craft Fayre – 5th March: Very successful day for the hall funds. Unfortunately weather was grey and damp. 34 craft stalls plus Kebab Van and Gin stall. Many visitors from outside the village. Raffle raised £149; The stalls £310 and the Kitchen refreshments brought the total takings to £680. A small amount of expenses to be taken from this for refreshment ingredients. We were joined by a number of residents who helped make this the success it was. From advertising, to setting up, parking, to running raffle, baking, serving and clearing up in kitchen and clearing down the hall.

Jazz night 14th May 2022

Saxophonist and Pianist Duo 14th May

7.30pm start with a break half way through for refreshments; 80/20 split on tickets sold, so no risk to village hall; £10 per ticket, under 15s free.! The village hall will run a bar to raise funds and is selling tickets at TTJ café or on the door.

Queens' Platinum Jubilee a village multi organisation event 5th June 2022; - Community Lunch

It is proposed that an afternoon tea for adults and children be held at the village hall Menu items will be home prepared. Tickets to be sold to identify catering numbers. The 'no charge' Bouncy Castles funded by the Parish Council at the September Family Day was hugely popular and well received by families.

Craft/Food Fayre – Saturday 24th September 2022

Volunteers Without them the committee members would not be able to run all the events. Setting up tables, chairs, washing up, putting tables and chairs away, post event cleaning, car parking, serving at tables, sweeping floors, emptying bins, putting bins out for collection, gardens, putting up notices ... the list goes on A big thank you to each of them.

Alyson Read

On behalf of the Tivetshall Village Hall Management Committee