

Heritage House Summer Newsletter



July 2018

Diary dates

Saturday 14th July

CAKE & PRODUCE STALL

Burnham Market 9.00 - 1.00

Thursday 26th July

TEATIME TEASER

The Courtyard Café at
Holkham Hall 10.00 - 4.00

Friday 27th July

HERITAGE HOUSE STALL AT
HOLKHAM'S 'NORFOLK DAY'

Holkham Hall 10.00 - 4.00

Sunday 29th July

HERITAGE HOUSE STALL AT
WELLS CARNIVAL FETE DAY

The Buttlands 10.00 - 4.00

Monday 30th July

THE HERITAGE HOUSE
CARNIVAL QUIZ

The Carnival Marquee,
Clubbs Lane, Wells 7.30pm



All hail the Heroes

As you all know our big fundraising news this year has been Heritage House's selection as Norfolk Superhero's 'Charity of the Year 2018'. After months of planning 210 brave souls, competing in pairs, turned out to swim, cycle, run and kayak a gruelling quadrathlon course at Burnham Overy Staithe on June 16. The Superhero has raised significant funding for Heritage House and we are extremely grateful to the Heroes who took part and to the event organisers for their very generous support. Thanks to them we will be able to retire at least one of our older ambulances in the near future and replace it with something more modern.

Another recent event of note was our Annual General Meeting last Saturday. Adrian Underwood, who has been Chairman of Trustees for the past year stood down at the meeting and his place has been taken by Nicky Milner from Holkham (there's more about them on page 2). Three new Trustees were appointed: Adam Bunkle from the Creakes, who is a Director of Hayes & Storr Solicitors; Bee Hopkins who lives in Wells and co-owns the Hoste Arms in Burnham Market; and James Platten, who is manager of the Wells Beach Café (and part-time Christmas quizmaster!).



Ready, steady, splash! Superheroes take to the water at the start of their one mile swim at Burnham Overy Staithe

A new hand on the helm

An appropriate headline so far as Adrian Underwood is concerned, he being a keen yachtsman. Adrian has been involved with Heritage House for 12 years, initially as an ambulance driver and later as a committee member, transport manager and Trustee. And he has also been responsible for all our ambulance driver (MiDAS) training, a role that he will be passing on to a certain A.N. Other in the next month or so.

Adrian's retirement as Chairman and Trustee is something of a watershed moment for Heritage House. He (and of course Pam) have done - and continue to do - so much for us. But don't despair, after a well-earned break Adrian plans to return to his HH roots by rejoining our merry band of volunteer ambulance drivers.

Our new Chair of Trustees, Nicky Milner lives in Holkham village. She spent the first 10 years of her working life with the John Lewis Partnership, ending up as Central Fashion Buyer for all 25 of their stores. After leaving to raise a family she spent six years in Australia and on her return to Norfolk set up an online business importing cricket training aids from Australia.

But Nicky's obvious forte is fundraising. She is a keen supporter of 'Wellbeing of Women' and has organised fundraising events for the charity in London and in Norfolk. Locally she has supported St Withburga's Church at Holkham and EACH and even closer to home Nicky has co-organised two highly successful fundraisers for us, a Champagne & Diamonds



lunch at Monica Vinader's studios in 2016, which raised £6,000, and the Jane Austen evening at Holkham in May which raised over £11,500. Amazing! We're lucky to have such a successful fundraiser in the HH family.

Fundraising & Events

Being the beneficiary of this year's Norfolk Superhero is a wonderful thing but we have to remember that it's a 'once in a blue moon' occurrence. Most of the money we receive from the Superhero will be reserved for such things as new ambulances and specialist equipment - and of course the proverbial rainy day. It won't be used to supplement day to day running costs; for that we need to keep on fundraising and this year, thanks to the efforts of a great many people, we've been both very busy and very fortunate in that respect.

First there was the very successful Easter Bingo that the staff organised. Spearheaded by Karen Beck and Kate Taylor Nevill the event raised over £800. A big thank you to them and also to the very kind people who did the half-time catering. And thanks too to the Wells Co-op and other local stores who generously donated armloads of Easter eggs as prizes.

Next there was the charity fashion show in Fakenham that Moira Wright organised with M&Co, which raised £340, and then came May and no fewer than three fundraisers. The first was 'An Evening with Jane Austen' at Holkham, which was kindly organised by Lady Leicester and Nicky Milner and raised a magnificent £11,500 and then there was our wine tasting evening at Heritage House which raised £330. Our thanks to Lee Newstead at Adnams and to Trevor and Moira Wright who organised things, and to the Co-op and Leftleys for the nibbles.

We ended the month at Stody Lodge where Heritage House provided the teas for their May Bank Holiday Open Gardens. The weather was kind which meant that we had a frantically busy afternoon and we're very grateful to all our tea and cake makers, helpers, car park attendants and washer-uppers (Adrian claims to have worn out his famous Marigolds he was so busy!), all of whom worked like dingbats.

We're also grateful to Charles and Kate McNicol for choosing us as one of their 2018 charities, to Juli for her industrial scale cake making and to new Trustee James Platten for letting us store cakes in the Beach Café freezers. A great effort by all concerned and a great result as well; we raised over £1,660!

What's on next door

These are the dates of the hearing clinics that the NDA (Norfolk Deaf Association) will be running in Wells Hospital over the next few months. They're held between 1.00 and 3.00 pm and they're the place to go for free hearing aid batteries - double rations if you show them your N&N Audiology Department card:

July 18; August 7 & 21; September 4 & 18; October 2 & 16 (all Tuesdays)

Standing room only

Not literally, but thanks to Michelle's recruiting skills Heritage House is now pretty much full most days - and so are the ambulances. The largest of these has 12 seats - nine in the back and three up front - and every so often all 12 seats are occupied, which makes things very cosy indeed!

200 Club

It's never too late to join the 200 Club, just give Rachel or John a ring and they'll tell you what to do.

We've talked before about the luck of the Lewises; well this time it seems to be the turn of the Underwoods to strike lucky twice in the same draw - as you can see in the full list of June winners below:

£50	Colin Rattee	No. 73
£20	Mervyn Norman	No. 60
£10	Emily Milner	No. 252
£5	Pam Underwood	No. 42
£5	Alice Underwood	No. 209
£5	Madam Farquarson of Invercauld	No. 336

And coming up

Looking ahead, our next Cake & Produce stall in Burnham Market is being held earlier than normal, on the morning of Saturday the 14th of July, to coincide with the Burnhams Flower Show and Carnival which begins as our stall closes at 1.00pm. So far this year the stall has raised nearly £2,000 and we are hugely grateful to Sally, her suppliers and helpers and of course to the kind people who buy from the stall.

Two weeks later, on Friday the 27th, we've got a cake and children's game stall at Holkham's 'Norfolk Day' event (www.holkham.co.uk/event/norfolk-day) and then, at the end of July, we have two events planned during Wells Carnival. The first is a bottle stall on the Buttlands on Carnival Fête Day (Sunday the 29th) and the second is the Heritage House Carnival Quiz in the Carnival marquee at the top of Clubbs Lane, Wells at 7.30pm on the 30th. Come along why don't you?

And then of course there's the draw of our Grand Summer Raffle in Heritage House on August the 1st. There are some great prizes to be won. Tickets are available from Heritage House (711333), Moira Wright (712158), the cake stalls on July 14th and 27th, and from our mystery pop-up stall, which may appear anywhere and at any time during Carnival week.

And finally ... an update on the Teatime Teaser quizzes being run by the Courtyard Café at Holkham as a fundraiser for Heritage House. The format of these has changed. To enter all you need do now is turn up at the Café anytime between 10 am and 4 pm on the last Thursday of the month, buy a list of questions for £1, answer them (not so easy) and then hand in your entry. There's no limit to team sizes but the prize on offer is a cream tea for two (the scones are scrummy - we know!) so if yours is a team of three or more it might be worth investing in more than one entry form. The next Teaser is on July 26th; please support it if you can. And our thanks to Lily, Laura and their colleagues at the Courtyard Café for choosing Heritage House as their 2018 charity.



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