

Minutes of **Parish Meeting** of Salhouse, on Saturday 20th April 2013, held in Jubilee Hall at 6.00pm

## **PRESENT**

Chairman Mr. C.Dady and Mrs. D.R.Wyatt (Clerk)

Residents = 33

## **INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME – Chairman Mr C.Dady**

Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen. Welcome to the 2013 Salhouse Annual Parish Meeting. My name is Chris Dady and I am Chairman of Salhouse Parish Council. I welcome you all and thank you for coming tonight. As required I inform you that the Fire Exits are at the end and side of the Hall. I also report that there will be tea and biscuits at the end of the meeting.

Chairman explained the Agenda for the evening to those present.

## **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Minutes of 20<sup>th</sup> April 2012, are available in copy form on the seats and available from the Clerk.

Chairman called for any comments:-

There were no comments and the minutes were proposed and seconded and unanimously agreed to be a true report and duly signed by the Chairman

## **MATTERS ARISING from the minutes**

None

*The first part of the meeting having been completed I would like to welcome you all to the 2013 Parish Meeting*

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (Parish Council)**

The Annual Parish Meeting started in 1894, as a forerunner to the Parish Council which was formed in 1895. The first meeting was chaired by the newly appointed parish clerk, but traditionally it has been chaired by the Parish Council chairman, so this year it is my turn!

The Parish Meeting is a residents meeting, which can inform the Parish Council of villagers views and perhaps a wish list too – we have a number of Parish Councillors here so the reports and discussions will be listened to. That was one purpose of the exhibition this afternoon – and thank you all who attended that and gave their views. We have captured those to help us as a Parish Council take the agenda forward on behalf of the village.

Since last year's meeting we inevitably have seen some things change – thank you to the outgoing Village Hall committee members and Parish Councillors, and welcome to the new members to both those bodies. We are very sadly poised to see the loss of the shop, but we hope that the Post Office facility will continue successfully at the Bell P.H.

Fortunately we retain many village groups, clubs and facilities, and we will hear reports from some of those later in this meeting. I would certainly like to say heartfelt thanks on behalf of Salhouse to all those volunteers who work tirelessly to make each of those a success, and the village a pleasant place to live. Regardless of any political persuasions, we should also say thank you to our District Councillors who work to represent our views to the District Council.

We are very lucky to be located in, and have some excellent access to, a beautiful part of the world. The broad is a fantastic facility afforded to us, as are the extensive network of public and permissive footpaths we can enjoy. The access we have to the countryside around us is the envy of some of our neighbouring parishes, and we are grateful to the local landowners who support that access.

The estate of Henry Cator has involved pupils from the school in planting the new Diamond Jubilee wood, a really fantastic opportunity for those children to connect with and appreciate the countryside.

We certainly hope the weather is kinder this year to agriculture than last, and although early signs may not have been promising it has been very nice to enjoy some sunshine recently – which has also been a real boost to our local garden centre too.

Finally I must mention the endless consultations on planning issues that we have been subject to – the Joint Core Strategy (open for comments until June 10<sup>th</sup>), the Northern Distributor Road and now the Conservation Area (open for comments until June 30<sup>th</sup>). It requires dedication to keep responding to these things, and thank you to all who have.

I personally am not against seeing changes – it is inevitable with the growth in population we are seeing. Let us hope it can be based on some real local consultation and in a more balanced way than is currently proposed.

**Mr. H.Cator** informed those present that he had enjoyed his year as Norfolk Sheriff, it had been a privilege. Mr. Cator also stated that it was the work carried out by the volunteers that was the glue that kept society together.

He too expressed his concern about the impending loss of a shop in the village and called for a show of hands from those present who wished for a shop to remain. Approximately 30 votes were counted.

**ALL SAINTS PARISH CHURCH – forwarded by Lorna Allies – Priest in Charge and read by Jenny Blake.**

I appreciate the opportunity to report on the work and life of our Parish Church of All Saints.

### **Events**

We had two tremendous events during 2012. The first was our Flower Festival which celebrated The Olympics. It was a wonderful few days with lots of visitors, fantastic flower arrangements from very talented people in the village and music from several excellent organists. We are truly grateful to all the talented flower arrangers who took part. We hope that everyone from the village took the opportunity to come and enjoy it. The second event was the 24 hour Singathon, which was attended by choirs from all over Norfolk, supported incredibly by our community here and was an unforgettable weekend.

Our pantomime this year was Snow White and everyone, including the actors, thoroughly enjoyed it.

We are grateful for the constant generosity of Salhouse village. We will be at the Salhouse Broad Day on 25th August with our Teatime Church and are looking forward to it.

**Services and the Ministry Team**

Once again at Christmas and at Easter we had a full church and it is good to have villagers attending All Saints for these special Festivals. We continue to offer regular services each week, including a Morning Prayer on Friday morning and an evening service of Compline once a month. Linda Stone is now a licenced Reader Minister and, with our Commissioned Lay Worker, Nina Gregory, leads a regular monthly Morning Prayer on the third Sunday. We hope to have a further Reader Minister in training this year and we are in the process of appointing a part time Youth Worker to work with our Ministry Team.

### **All Saints Church**

We continue to have an Open Church policy and All Saints is open during the day every day. We are really glad to have the help of both churchgoers and other community members who take care of the maintenance, cleaning and Church flowers. The way the Church is looked after makes it an excellent place for visitors to call in when they are in Salhouse. We have a beautiful Church to be proud of.

The Classic Car Rally will be visiting us this year during Open Churches Week in August and we are looking forward to that.

The school visits at least twice each year for Christmas and Harvest and we are very glad to see them. Some Church members are being trained in 'Open the Book' which takes Bible stories in dramatic form into schools and we hope to offer this at Salhouse and Rackheath.

We also had six Weddings and a Renewal of Vows during 2012 at All Saints Church.

### **Friends of Salhouse Church (FOSC)**

FOSC has done a lot in the past year to raise funds and awareness for the planned extension to the church. Our Singathon last September raised over £11,000 and attracted on-line viewers from around the world and choirs from all over Norfolk. Now we are starting to look for grants, and in support of this we are anxious to involve the community in our plans. We will shortly be circulating a flyer to every house in Salhouse asking for ideas as to what community uses the church could be put if it had more up-to-date amenities. Any ideas, however way out, will be welcome. For example, it has been suggested that we could have star-gazing evenings, taking advantage of the location – it is beautifully dark out there. We hope that as many residents as possible will respond..

### **Churchyard**

The Churchyard has benefitted from help from the Parish Council, Team Salhouse and Church members who keep it as clear as they can.

We want to thank everyone in our community for their support and encouragement. We have an amazing medieval Church and I sincerely hope everyone takes the time to call in and appreciate its peace and beauty.

### **SALHOUSE UNITED CHARITIES. Forwarded by Mrs. Doreen Dye.**

The Salhouse Charity was originally 4 Charities but in 1963 they were amalgamated into one. The money the Charity receives comes from renting:-

6 acres to the Parish Council for the Playing Field

17 acres to Mr. J Fielder

Shooting Rights to Rotac Farms

Wayleaves (Electricity poles across the land)

The original idea was it was for the poor of the Parish and they used to receive 1 cwt. of coal at Christmas time. However, when coal rationing came in 1914 and again in 1939 they received money instead of coal.

Nowadays it is done differently and people in need or on a low income can apply either in March or September for help towards hospital visits to say Papworth, Addenbrooks or London. Heating, repairs to the home, help with educational books or school uniforms etc. when they would be considered and grants made providing funds were available.

In 2012 income from Rents etc. amounted to £933.11. Grants made totalled £1,700.00, which included help in bereavement, industrial accident, medical equipment and heating. leaving a balance in the Bank of £4143.10 at the end of 2012.

The present Trustees are Rev.Lorna Allies, Chairman, representing the Church, Mrs Carol Knell, Mr. Peter Jefford, Mr. Robert Cooper and myself Mrs Doreen Dye, Secretary/Treasurer.

### **CHOOSE YOUR CHARITY – decision on donations to outside charities.**

The Chairman explained that this year, the residents would be asked to vote for where the money set aside for outside Charities was to go.

The Charities who had asked for help are listed on the board to one side of the Hall and we would be grateful for your feedback. There are also leaflets provided by the Council explaining this in greater detail. We hope that you will take the trouble to read them.

### **NORFOLK CONSTABULARY –PCSO 8238 R. Hall**

Dear Parishioners

I have researched the crimes for the Parish of Salhouse for the Year from 1st April 2012 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013 and there has been 24 recorded crimes in the parish.

Compared with 37 for the same period last year.

I have broken these down into the following groups.

The group other refers to Domestic etc.

	Salhouse 2011-2012	Salhouse 2012-2013
Other	5	8
Burglary Dwelling	1	1
Burglary Non Dwelling	1	1
Crime Other	1	1
Criminal Damage	3	
Drugs Offences		
Fraud and Forgery	3	3
Robbery		
Sexual Offences	2	
Theft From Motor Vehicle	3	3
Theft of motor vehicle	1	
Theft Other	9	3
Violence Against Person	8	4

Total	37	24
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If there are any concerns or queries please contact myself or a member of the Safer Neighbourhood Team at Acle Police Station, we will be pleased to help. We are contactable on 01493 333262 this number goes straight to Acle police station and may not be answered, but there is an answer phone facility which will be listened to at the earliest opportunity. You can also contact me on the above E-mail.  
PCSO 8238 Bob Hall

**DISTRICT COUNCILLOR STEVE BUCKLE – read by Cllr. C.Dady.**

I apologise for my absence at today's meeting

Your Parish Council continues to work hard for the residents of the Community and liaising with your neighbouring parishes at Rackheath, Wroxham and Belaugh.

New personalities and new ideas have continued to maintain the management of the parish council and there is ample opportunity for others to join to share their individual expertise for the best interest of Salhouse.

Mill Road garage site is on course for the new build and where Mill road will be closed on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Broadland continues to target evidence of fly tipping at Muck lane

The footpath or trod is a most welcome addition to pedestrians waiting for the bus at Salhouse Rd, Station Road end.

The winter has been endless but in the last week, the hard work of the parish councillors past and present is a pleasure to behold as one enters Salhouse from the north the Wroxham end and along Salhouse Road west towards Rackheath  
So well done

I recommend and fully support the Neighbourhood Plan as this is the opportunity for all members of the Community to gauge the future needs for all residents of all ages, both young and senior!

Central Government has encouraged this initiative by paying a cash incentive and the subject of Localism raises its head where decisions here in the Salhouse Community may be debated and agreed democratically by your Parish Councillors.

The value of your free time volunteered is invaluable and most worthwhile and I urge residents to take ownership of the decision making process and to apply to Mrs Wyatt, Parish Clerk for any vacancies that may be available now or in the immediate future.

There are as we know many decisions waiting including the Public examination of the JCS Joint Core Strategy to be held on May 21<sup>st</sup> at NCFC Conference Suite.

This is long awaited and will have far reaching implications unless the Residents of Wroxham ward round on the leading Conservative Group at Broadland DC to be sure their thoughts are actioned and complied with to the best mutual Community advantage.

I have spent hours in the Community as we lead up to the County Elections on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

It has been a pleasure to meet many people and listen to their expressed concerns across the board and I can assure you the details have been logged and actioned.

Speeding is a continuous concern and I would acknowledge the efforts of Cllr Mackie to oversee the vast improvement to providing excellent visibility at the Brick Kilns cross roads.

Needless to say please contact myself 07811 165026 or Ben McGilvray 07772 752668

#### **VINTAGE VIGOUR – by Mr. Clive Willet.**

I run and organise this fitness club for the more mature people of Salhouse and the surrounding areas. Our meetings are held on a Thursday afternoon 4.00pm – 5.00pm in this very Hall and we try to make it a fun event. Take up has been quite good with quite a bit of activity. Interested parties are asked to contact me (details in the Saga)

#### **SALHOUSE BAPTISTCHURCH .**

Simon Gay, pastor of Salhouse Baptist church, sends his apologies as he has a prior appointment this evening, but the brief report is as follows:

We give thanks to God that we have been able to meet every Sunday throughout the year for worship at 11am and 5.30pm. We also hold a Bible study and prayer meeting every Wednesday at 7.30pm.

During the past year, we have started a Sunday School, meeting at 10am every week; this in its early stages with seven children attending.

We held our carol service on the Thursday before Christmas and we were delighted to see the chapel full for this occasion.

The annual Holiday Bible Club has just taken place during the Easter holiday and this year we had over 20 children present, mainly from Salhouse with one or two from neighbouring villages.

Since October half-term, two of our members have run a weekly lunchtime Bible club – called Allsorts – at the school. This has proved popular with around 20+ pupils attending. We are grateful to Ann Gripton for her help with this.

We have been maintaining the chapel building this year; all five windows at the front of the building have been replaced in keeping the Broadland Council regulations and we have renovated the front door and replaced the porch.

#### **SALHOUSE COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH – read by Mr. S. Piper.**

Speedwatch roadside observations have continued at approximately 10 day intervals although activities have been severely constrained by the long period of cold weather and icy road conditions over recent months. However during the winter period some 10 vehicles were logged and advised to the Safety Partnership as exceeding the set limits.

However, it should be reiterated that the purpose of Community Speedwatch is to deter people from speeding within the village and not to catch as many as possible. Along with deployment of the warning signs and our presence by the roadside it definitely has the desired affect and only a few persistent speeders, particularly motorcycles, choose to ignore it.

It is very noticeable how the first hint of warmer weather brings out the speeders in the form of motorcycles and sporty cars on to our village roads with many totally

disregarding the speed limits thus creating a danger as well as impacting the village environment with a high noise level.

In addition to the regular monitoring sessions using the 'speed-gun' we also have access to a roadside speed signing system known as SAM, (Speed Activated Messaging). This displays the speed of the vehicle to the driver as a reminder of the limit in force. Deployed without pre-warning signs this device clearly indicates that a relatively high percentage of vehicles exceed the limits within the village, particularly after having sighted the derestriction signs but still within the prescribed limits.

In December 2012 an annual meeting was held at Dereham involving all of the relevant officials from the Police and Safety Camera Partnership teams responsible for road safety and attended by Norfolk Speedwatch group coordinators. Presentations were given on Norfolk safety statistics and other matters of Speedwatch administration. It was noted that the figures for Norfolk were very favourable compared to other regions some of which was attributed to the major effort being undertaken within the county including Community Speedwatch systems in some 60 villages.

Currently we have 9 volunteers and operate with 3 teams of 3.

As ever, we continue to call for further volunteers so that we are able to increase the frequency of roadside monitoring as well as providing sufficient cover in the event of a team member not being available. All necessary training will be provided and times are flexible to meet with the availability of all team members. If you feel that you could give some time to this activity please contact Malcolm Prestwood on 01603 721110.

#### **SALHOUSE AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB.**

The Gardening Club was established in March 2008, initiated by a demand shown in the Parish Plan. We are now starting on our 6<sup>th</sup> year of operation and I am pleased to say, thriving.

We have a membership of nearly 60 and regularly have attendance at our meetings of over 40 members and guests.

I am able to report that we are financially sound. The committee at the outset took the view that we needed to build sufficient funds in hand to enable us to pay for all speakers for the year ahead. In addition to membership fees we have raised money with raffles, plant sales, and refreshments at meetings. This has been achieved, and, despite the rising costs of speakers and transport we are able to continue with unchanged subscriptions ( £12 p.a.) and guest fees £3.00 per session) We are also able to subsidise our outings to keep them at a reasonable cost.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month we meet at the school, with speakers providing entertaining talks on a variety of topics. We have two garden visits each summer on our regular meeting days and also a day trip.

Our day trip last year was closer to home –a visit to Corpusty Mill gardens, followed by a short ' free- time' in Holt with an afternoon visit to the new kitchen garden at Holkham. As this proved popular and successful we are repeating the format this year with a morning visit to Wyken Vineyard, time for lunch in Bury St Edmunds and an afternoon visit to a garden in Hoxne. The day trip is planned for Thursday June 13<sup>th</sup>.

As always, in addition to our regular meetings we have taken part in village fund raising and social events such as the village fete and will continue to do so. As this

year there will be no fete we instead held a Spring Plant Sale. This proved to be very successful and was a fairly easy thing to run from the committee's point of view as we arranged for suppliers to have their own stands and we took 10% of takings towards our funds. The Church were invited to organise the refreshments for their funds and we were all pleased with the amount raised. This is something we will consider again for next year.

Now that we are based at the school we still have room for more members. We feel that the success of the club is down to the friendly social atmosphere as well as the interesting programme. If anyone is interested in joining they can contact me or just come along to a meeting. The programme for the year is shown in Saga.

### **Salhouse & District Gardening Club: Speakers for 2013-14**

**Apr:** Frank Lambert, Growing Fuchsias my way.

**May** Howard Norton, The secrets of Delphiniums. Techniques from an award winning grower.

**June** Sue Robinson, The Gardens of Italy.

**July** Evening visit to the Bishops Garden in Norwich, tour of gardens followed by refreshments and time to wander.

**Aug:** Evening visit to Lionel Ponders Garden in North Walsham, tea & cake, plants to buy, large conservatory to sit in.

**Sep:** Alan Gray, The Creation & Development of East Ruston Old Vicarage Gardens.

**Oct:** Jim Paine from Walnut tree, Interesting & unusual Shrubs climbers.

**Nov:** Mellissa Sheldrake from NAFAS, the language of flowers: the true story.

**Dec:** Social Evening, Christmas Quiz, refreshments, mulled wine and more.

**Jan:** Shelagh Ashe, The gardens & plants of Gertrude Jekyll.

**Feb:** Richard Hobbs, Springtime in the Garden.

**Mar:** Graeme Proctor from Crown Nurseries, Trees for the smaller garden.

### **SALHOUSE WEBSITE – [salhousevillage.org.uk](http://salhousevillage.org.uk)**

Salhouse Village Website has been in operation for some 9 years now during which time it has been designed and maintained by Malcolm Prestwood.

It has undergone various technical changes and is now on its third iteration.

Hosting of the system takes place in Hertfordshire and has proved to be reliable.

Whilst the site is formally owned by the Parish Council, which also meets the basic costs, the Webmaster has the freedom to include other content as necessary so long as it is not at variance with the Parish Council.



Its purpose is to put Salhouse on the map and provide details for a range of village activities, groups and businesses. Also, general information about the village infrastructure and environment for the purpose of tourism or geographical and historic research. Links are included to other village websites , such as All Saints Church, The Primary School and Salhouse Broad, as well as to other governmental organisations.

The website complements the village magazine but is better suited to the distribution of shorter term notices. It also provides a central platform suited to the ease of viewing and retaining documentation such as the Minutes of Parish Council meetings. An electronic copy of the current Salhouse Saga is also on the Website.

Similar to the village magazine information is always needed to keep the website up to date and accurate. Therefore through this meeting I appeal to members of the village to provide appropriate information about their groups and any other relevant changes. Suggestions are also welcome as to the inclusion of other information on the site.

Contact Malcolm on 01603 721110.

### **SALHOUSE SAGA MAGAZINE**

Saga village magazine has been in operation for some 29 years since 1984. Started by Mrs Sheila Bullers, who continued to edit the magazine for 14 years, it then passed to Sarah Lomax for 4 years and to the current editor, Malcolm Prestwood, in 2002. It is an independent magazine that is self-funding.

Throughout this time the magazine has been delivered free of charge to all households in the village via a dedicated group of volunteers which is currently coordinated by Carole Woodward.

Funding for the magazine is obtained solely through advertising for which we are indebted to

Mrs. Doreen Dye who has carried out this role, and that of treasurer for many years.

Additional local editorial content, including the regular Quiz is also sourced by Juliette bendy.

Despite the recent difficult times for those in business we have maintained a steady throughput of advertising even to the point of having a waiting list as we try to balance the number of advertisements against adequate space for articles. Readers will also note that many of our advertisers have supported the magazine for many years for which we are very grateful.

As a result of the advertising and through controlling our costs we have also been pleased to support village activities such as Team Salhouse, All Saints Church and the Jubilee Hall.

It is currently printed in Hertfordshire on a full digital printing system and returned by courier for delivery typically 4 to 5 days after being electronically uploaded to their site. The latest version of the magazine utilises a coloured front and back cover and is now folded with a squared edge which creates a nicer 'book' style of finish as well as reducing the cost of those copies which go out by post.

At present some 720 copies are produced which is expected to increase as new housing developments in the village are completed.

Over the years the magazine has undergone gradual change as appropriate technologies become available but in many ways retained its original identity. The basic intent is to reflect village based activities but with the changes in general demographics it has become necessary to include more regional information and this still remains the most reliable means of circulating information within the village despite the electronic age.

This report also constitutes a call for more articles from the residents of the village. We currently rely on the same people to provide reports of club activities and even other historical or items of local interest. It would therefore be nice to see a wider range of contributors.

Similarly, input on what villagers would like to see in the magazine would be useful in order to shape it to their requirements. It would also be useful to be informed of any changes that take place in respect of the organisational details of activities and clubs.

With sincere thanks to the members of the Saga team including all of the deliverers, it is hoped that the magazine will continue for many more years to provide information and reflect life in Salhouse.

#### **AFTERNOON TEA AND MARDLE – Read by Juliette Bendy.**

The Afternoon Tea and Mardle is aimed at the more mature members of our community, providing a chance to make new friends or meet up with old ones. We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month in Jubilee Hall and have a loyal group of regulars, some of whom have supported us since we started 5 years ago, one of the groups formed as a direct result of Salhouse Parish Plan. Numbers are growing steadily with new members joining us not only from Salhouse but from surrounding areas as well.

We have regular quizzes and organise occasional lunches which are always popular. Last July, following on from our previous year's 1940's themed fundraiser, we celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee with a 1950's party. From these 2 events we have managed to donate over £1000.00 to Friends of Salhouse Church Extension Fund. Our plan to hold a 1960's themed fundraiser this year has had to be postponed to sometime in 2014 but please look out for the posters as it's going to be a fantastic trip down memory lane for all Baby Boomers and anyone interested in sixties culture.

Thank you to all those villagers who come along and help to make our monthly 'Mardle' so successful. We look forward your continuing support and to welcoming any newcomers who would like to join us.

#### **SALHOUSE YOUTH CLUB.**

Mrs. Tessa Brewster announced to those present that she was no longer going to run the Salhouse Youth Club and was handing it over to the capable hands of Tobi Baker who has been assisting for some time.

Tobi, then reported the situation of the Salhouse Youth Club, what had been achieved during the past year and their forthcoming advents. The Club was very well attended, with a variety of ages and financially sound. There was of course always the need for helpers and everyone would be most welcome.

All we require is just under 2 hours for the Thursday evening session – and it doesn't have to be every week- once a fortnight, or once a month all helps.

#### **SALHOUSE BROAD. – Tobi Baker.**

The 2012 season was successful with ever increasing visitor numbers both on land and water.

We had a few new events which were all well attended and hope to improve upon those for next year.

Our existing events remain popular with the Dawn Chorus being held on the 5<sup>th</sup> May, leading the way, always being fully booked and our other walks looking at Trees and Flowers attracting reasonable numbers too.

We have tried to resurrect the Friends of Salhouse Broad, without much success but are still very happy with the volunteer situation. Without the volunteers the events would not be able to take place.

The Easter Egg Hunt did well exceeding our previous total of 350, pushing it to 476 this year, will it be topped next year I wonder. The Green Boat Show also was well attended

The Bluebells are looking lovely again this year but we have an increase in the Himalayan Balsam, despite all the hard work the volunteers have put in

Tobi continued to inform all present of future events and looked forward to seeing them all there.

#### **SALHOUSE READING GROUP –read by Jenny Blake.**

I am pleased to report that the Reading Group is alive and well. We remain a fairly small group so that we can continue to meet in each other's houses, but I am pleased to report that one of our members who has been absent due to studying, has now re-joined.

During the past year we have read a fairly wide selection of books, all of which have been provided through the kind offices of Wroxham Library (thanks are due to the patience of the staff there).

Readers of Salhouse Saga may have been following our reports, so I will just run briefly through the authors or titles which come to mind. Back as far as last April we read on of John Grisham's books. 'The Associate' set in the American legal world.

That was followed by quite a contrast – 'The Riddle of the Sands' by Erskine Childers, which tested some of our members particularly those without an in-depth knowledge of sailing, or of the events leading up to the beginning of the First World War! A modern classic, which was helped by memories of an excellent film.

A light-hearted contrast was 'Love in the Cold' by Nancy Mitford, a delightful and light read of life in the 1930s. My own battered Penguin copy was called upon as the Library had limited copies available. Another relaxing read was 'The Mango Orchard', which was followed by E.M. Forster's 'A Passage to India', which received mixed reactions. We then moved on to more modern authors, first 'Daniel' by Henning Mankell, which was concerned with a boy from Africa, in contrast to his Nordic offerings on television. This was followed by a book by Rosie Thomas and one by David Nicholls, the first receiving unanimous acclaim, but the second with some reservations. We finished the year with a light-hearted account of Yoga in Norfolk, which contained references to familiar places.

It has been an interesting year's reading, with many contrasts and some lively discussions. We are grateful for the initiative which resulted in the setting up of this Group, and hope to ramble happily on for some time to come.

#### **SALHOUSE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE– supplied by Mollie Thompson, President-read by Doreen Dye.**

Members of Salhouse Evening W.I enjoyed another busy year with a varied programme of events – interesting speakers and outing as well as fund raising events.

Our membership remains at just under 40 with a Committee of 10 willing ladies. Fund raising events such as our Tombola stall at the Village Fete and a table at the Village Hall Committee Village Fair were very successful. Our internal fund raising also continues to be well supported and our funds therefore remain healthy.

Our programme for 2012 was, as usual, varied with talks by local charities – PACT Animal Sanctuary and the Vidiyal Trust. This is a Trust set up by Reverend Pat Atkinson to help the families living in the slums of India – a very moving talk indeed. Other evenings were spent watching slides of New Zealand and the Norfolk Wherries, we enjoyed the magic of Roy Davenport, a local magician from North Walsham, and sang along to the songs sung by American lady, Linda Scoles. Another interesting evening was the origins of Nursery Rhymes and the dark stories behind many of our favourite nursery rhymes. Our birthday and Christmas parties are always well attended and most enjoyable.

Members enjoyed outing to Beale's Roses, Alby Crafts, May's House at Wells, Lavender Farm and Hunstanton Flower Festival as well as a tour of the BBC Look East studios at the Forum.

Flower arranging W.I members enjoyed partaking in the Church Flower Festival and seven members rose early Sunday morning to take part in the 24 hour Singathon.

Our Craft session on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month continue with a few more members enjoying a friendly and inspiring afternoon.

Salhouse Evening W.I continues to be a popular and friendly Institution and new members are always made very welcome.

### **CARERS' GROUP REPORT**

The Carers' Group are befrienders who are registered with Voluntary Norfolk. We have in the past attended very useful training sessions and are grateful for the support of the organisation. We visit people in the Salhouse area and we meet together regularly with our co-ordinator for informal sessions to support and encourage one another.

### **TEAM SALHOUSE – PROUD OF OUR VILLAGE**

#### Litter picking

The village remains relatively clear of litter and throughout the year members of Team Salhouse regularly litter pick their allocated areas around the village and from time to time arrange group picks to tackle other areas such as the playing field, Bell Lane, Howletts Loke and Stonehouse Road.

An incidence of graffiti on the bus shelter in Thieves Lane and on a wall by the footpath from Thieves Lane to Cheyney Avenue was dealt with with help from PCSO Bob Hall and a can of graffiti remover.

### Flower bed maintenance and grass cutting

We continue to maintain the flowerbeds and two flower tubs at the church with seasonal plants. At the request of the village hall committee we agreed to also look after the bed outside the village hall. Last summer we had a theme of red, white and blue in celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and winter pansies were planted in November along with daffodil and tulip bulbs. Grass verges at the roundabout and in Cheyney Avenue were trimmed, if needed, between visits by the Highways maintenance team, and brambles and undergrowth were cleared from the verge by Streetwood House last September.

2 members helped with the planting of the Jubilee Tree at the playing field and checked regularly on watering during the summer months.

### Pond maintenance

The pond at Bell Lane has become choked by a non-native weed called cressula helmsii. This is a very invasive weed and we have been seeking the advice of the Ecologist at Norfolk County Council on how we can tackle this but it seems as if it will not be an easy task. However, frog spawn has been seen in the pond recently so it is not yet affecting the wildlife – if only we could get the frogs to eat the weed we'd be on to a winner!

### Team Salhouse membership

Currently we have an active membership of 18 and we are always looking for new members. We can promise new members the opportunity to make a difference to the village whilst having an enjoyable time and good company.

**SALHOUSE V.C.PRIMARY SCHOOL.** – Reported by headmistress Mrs. Dukes.  
Thank you for the invitation to this meeting.

Mrs. Dukes continued with a long and varied report about the School and its activities.

Also commented on the Osted report and the suggestion that Salhouse should amalgamate with Neatishead. This would be very difficult and her time would have to be split between the two schools.

Extended provision – The Fledglings is Ofsted registered childcare provision from 2 and a half yr olds in the afternoons. The school operates childcare from 7.45am (Breakfast club) to 6pm (after school club). The school also uses their facilities to offer childcare support when the school is not in session – ie. half term and end of term breaks as well as during the summer holidays.

### **Questions from the floor**

Mr. John Fielder asked that consideration be given to supplying a defibrillator for the Village. Chairman accepted that it was a vital consideration and would place it on the next P.C. meeting agenda.

Jenny Blake asked for more information – contacts, be placed on all communications.

There being no further reports or questions, the Chairman Cllr. Chris Dady thanked everybody again for coming and invited them to take refreshments and join in our very own 'mardle' social evening.