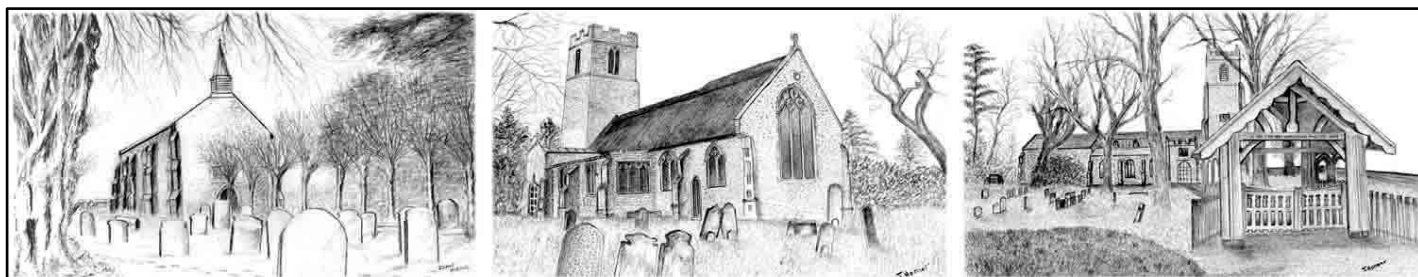


# The NIB

Neatishead, Irstead and Barton Turf Parish Magazine



## THE BENEFICE OF St BENEDICT

The Parishes of Ashmanhaugh, Barton Turf, Beeston St Lawrence, Horning, Irstead and Neatishead

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### From your Parish Priest

Since the middle of June, we have been able to open our churches for individual private prayer, on a rota basis across each week. Following further government announcements in July, we are now able to conduct baptisms, weddings, and funeral services in church, but with attendance limited to a maximum of 30 people (or even fewer in our smaller churches). Other regular church services are now permitted, but limited by the capacity of each church. Also, while we can play recorded music, singing and the playing of wind instruments is not permitted. As from 24<sup>th</sup> July, face coverings became mandatory in shops and other enclosed spaces, although the legislation did not extend this to places of worship. However, in common with our sister churches, the Church of England 'strongly advises' everyone attending our churches to wear a face covering while inside the building, except briefly if receiving communion.

Given all the various restrictions, advice, and guidelines, we have agreed that it is not currently sensible to try to re-establish our previous patterns of worship, especially where folk from different parishes were encouraged to come together for benefice services. Conscious that some folk remain wary of public gatherings, we shall continue to prepare a weekly worship video, released each Sunday nominally for 9.30am, though it remains available to be watched at any later time if more convenient. In addition, the churches will be open for individual prayer, as shown below, and we shall also provide a short said communion service in each church, to coincide with one of the opening periods for that church, as shown in the table below. We shall follow this weekly pattern throughout August and then review again in the light of any feedback from parishioners, and any further direction from government and/or church authorities.

| August 2020 - Church Opening Times And Holy Communion Times |                       |                      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
|                                                             | 10am – 1 pm           | 1pm-5pm              |
| Sunday                                                      | Neatishead            | Barton Turf (4pm HC) |
| Monday                                                      |                       | Horning              |
| Tuesday                                                     |                       | Ashmanhaugh          |
| Wednesday                                                   | Irstead (10am HC)     | Neatishead (4pm HC)  |
| Thursday                                                    | Barton Turf           |                      |
| Friday                                                      | Horning (11am HC)     |                      |
| Saturday                                                    | Ashmanhaugh (10am HC) | Irstead              |

With every blessing,

David

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## **NIB News**

**Cut-off date for contributions:** The NIB team has decided to move the monthly deadline for contributions to **21<sup>st</sup>** of the month so that, by the time the NIB is published, the information it contains is as up to date as possible. This new deadline is a hard deadline – any articles received after this date will not be included in the next month's NIB unless this has been agreed with the editor.

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*The NIB Team*

## **From the NIB Churchwardens**

As we take the first steps towards re-establishing a pattern of worship in our parish churches, may we on behalf of the NIB parishioners thank the Rector, his ministry team and all those who have contributed to the maintenance of a Sunday act of worship throughout the coronavirus pandemic with the weekly videoed online services. As circumstances permit we look forward to supporting the Rector as we seek to move forward towards re-establishing a schedule of worship throughout the benefice. Do take good care of yourselves and stay safe.

*The NIB Parish Churchwardens*

## **New Victory Hall News**

The New Victory Hall opens its doors again on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2020**. Trustees and volunteer helpers have been busy putting in place all the necessary safety measures to comply with government advice so there will be social distancing, lower capacity numbers, hand sanitiser, special cleaning arrangements, etc. as keeping everybody safe is the priority. All the groups that hire the NVH regularly have been notified of the arrangements and each group will be making its own decision about when to resume bookings so please make contact direct with the group or organisation. There have had to be changes but trustees feel confident that, by working closely with hirers, we can now take safe steps forward to gradually establish a 'new normal' that includes most of the activities that have previously been popular at the hall. However, it doesn't seem likely there will be any large social gatherings in the near future. Please look out for notices about what is running and do come along and support YOUR village hall - you will get a very warm welcome. For further information call 630637.

*NVH Management Committee*

## **Farmers' Market**

The Farmers' Market returns **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August**, 9am – 12 noon and **YES** we will be serving bacon rolls and coffee! The stall holders did not hesitate to take up the opportunity to come back and we have worked out how to run the cafe and comply with all the safety advice. It will be different and we now ask, like most shops, for contactless card payments if possible; there will also be separate entrances and exits. Couples and household 'bubbles' can sit together. All we need is customers so please come along and browse the stalls, have a coffee (perhaps a yummy bacon roll) and a socially distanced wave or chat with friends old and new.

*NVH Events Committee*

## **Neatishead Community Gym re-opening!**

We are delighted to say that your local gym will re-open on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July**. Things will be a bit different but our fantastic instructor Gary will be there. To ensure that we meet hygiene and distance requirements for indoor gyms, attendance will be by a limited number of pre-booked slots with clear rules for those attending. We will be taking bookings very shortly and existing members will be informed by email about the booking system. Once we are happy that the new arrangements are working appropriately, we will open up to potential new members. We look forward to seeing you again!

*Neatishead Community Gym Committee*

### Winners – 200 Club Draw

After holding a meeting in the Victory Hall we have been able to pick the winners of the 200 Club:

**April:** £50 M Adams, £10 Messrs Sellick & Robinson, £5 I McFadyen

**May:** £50 J & A Moore, £10 W Shubrook, £5 S Drake

**June:** £50 B Plummer, £10 S Tyrell, £5 J Plummer

**July:** £50 G & J Neave, £10 V Kendrick, £5 D Dean

### Village Screen

Village Screen returns to the New Victory Hall on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September**, doors open from 7pm for film at 7.30pm. The film is Military Wives (12A 113 mins). This 2019 comedy was inspired by the global phenomenon of military wives' choirs. The story celebrates a band of misfit women who form a choir on a military base. Arrangements have been carefully reviewed and adapted to comply with government guidelines on Covid-19 precautions, as the safety of our audience is our priority.

- Seating is limited to 30 persons to comply with social distancing but couples and household bubbles can sit together.
- Please book your seat(s) by calling Christine on 631347. Tickets are not on sale at the shop. Any unsold tickets will be on sale at the door on a first come first served basis but please help by booking in advance which will also avoid disappointment at the door.
- All payments (£5.00 per person) are contactless by card at the door.
- Refreshments are limited to one complimentary carton of juice per person or you may bring your own drinks and cups/glasses. Sorry no teas/coffees served at the moment. We have discontinued meals for the time being.
- Please do not attend if you or anyone in your household is unwell or isolating with Covid-19 symptoms.
- Please follow all the measures at NVH to keep us safe including social distancing whilst queuing and in the hall, using hand sanitiser on entry etc. The wearing of face coverings is voluntary in this setting at the moment but we will advise you if this changes.

Despite the challenges of Covid-19, the Village Screen team is confident you can enjoy the evening with a good film to celebrate our return. Please come along, you will be very well looked after and very welcome.

*The Village Screen Team*

### Gardening Club and Village Show

There remains a great deal of uncertainty with regard to the lifting of lockdown procedures and many horticultural shows have been cancelled for the rest of this year. However, in an attempt to have some form of 'normal' we still aim to have the Village Show on the **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September** with a modified format as a fun and social event. As things stand at the moment we will not have official judges or award cups, etc. Sadly, the exhibiting and sale of any home produce will not be practical as regulations stand at the time of writing this article. Hopefully, with all the time we've had to tend our gardens we will be able to put on a good display of flowers, fruit and vegetables, perhaps with some form of popular voting. Knit and Stitch are happy to continue with the handicraft classes and there are also the new photographic classes to enter. Possibly by sometime in August the NVH procedures and the overall situation may be clearer so things could change by the time we get to the actual show date. **Please look out for an update in the September NIB.** If you want a copy of the schedule please contact me by phone or email and I will ensure that you receive one.

*Jane King, 630002, janeelizabethking@hotmail.com*

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

The New Victory Hall is booked in anticipation of being able to hold the Macmillan Coffee Morning on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September**. Hope you will be able to come and join us in whatever format we will be able to run. Look out for more details in September.

*Cheryl Pell, 07387 267729*

### **Barton Turf & Irstead Parish Council**

Now the government has started to ease restrictions, it's good to look back at the positives of the last few months. This seems to be an opportunity to thank the volunteers for all the sterling work that they have done so far to help those in need of a little help, from prescription deliveries to grocery shopping and so much more. Thank you. However, it would be dangerous to think this is all over and that we will soon be back to normality. It is largely for the economy (which is vital) and our mental wellbeing that the restrictions are being eased. The risk from Covid has not gone away. Experts tell us that there is a very high probability that there will be a second wave. We should stay vigilant, be sensible, use hand sanitisers and masks where necessary and, above all, stay safe.

*G Neave, Chairman of Barton Turf & Irstead Parish Council*

### **Neatishead Parish Council Report**

Our Zoom meeting held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June discussed a wide range of subjects from an update on the replacement hoses and taps on our staithe as well as erecting the shop and pub sign within the boundary of the staithe. A visit from highways has alerted the council that several households are infringing the law regarding kerb side obstructions and that action will be taken. The council's understanding is that any obstruction within a metre of a paved adopted highway could lead to prosecution as they form a traffic hazard. The clerk will investigate. Another complaint was received regarding parking opposite house entrances creating difficulty when either entering or departing. Two persons have signified their wish to stand for the council. This will be discussed at the next meeting. It was noted that the White Horse will be improving its outside seating area off their current car park in order to ensure social distancing. Finally, following a suggestion from a local parishioner, the introduction of swift boxes in The Street is under consideration to further encourage their presence in the centre of the village. Finances, both income and expenditure were noted and, where necessary, formally adopted. The full minutes will appear on the parish council website. Date of next meeting will be on the website and take place via Zoom. *Charlotte Hummel, Parish Clerk and RFO to Neatishead Parish Council, 01493 718128*

### **Neatishead White Horse Bowls Club – Three Hammer Common**

In January I try filling in my online calendar with bowls fixtures and other related events for the coming year. Since March we have been unable to hold our pre-season committee meeting. Home and away fixtures kept popping up in reminders with a little sigh from myself visualising which green we would have been at. However, with further easing of restrictions we are pleased to announce the official roll ups resumed on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2pm to 5pm with the continuation of roll ups on Tuesdays, 2pm to 5 pm. There is also the possibility of arranging friendly matches with our neighbouring clubs. We are now into August with only one month to go before CLOSING DAY. Do come and try us out. Contact captain Bernie Morter 01692 630505 or

*Cathy Smith, 630602 or 07810 586551, [smithcomptoncroft@btinternet.com](mailto:smithcomptoncroft@btinternet.com)*

### **Knit and Stitch**

Little by little things are starting to get going again; let's hope this continues and we can all meet together soon. As I write we are still only allowed to meet in groups of six people from different households - we are lucky the summer months are here and we are able to enjoy some time together outside. Before lockdown our evening meetings were on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month - if you would like to know more about our plans to meet up, please get in touch with me directly by phone or email. Norfolk Knitters, of which our group is a member, is keeping us all in touch electronically with quizzes, recipes, fun things to make and charities to support - find more info about them at [www.norfolkknitters.org.uk](http://www.norfolkknitters.org.uk). The Gardening Club are planning that our Village Show will go ahead in some form on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September**. We have expanded the Handicraft Section so we hope many of you will find a class in which to show something you have made. There are opportunities for children to enter too. We are sure they must have been busy and creative over the past few months. Schedules can be obtained from me or from Jane King, 630002.

*Claire Penstone-Smith, 630580, [claireps@btinternet.com](mailto:claireps@btinternet.com)*

## **Neatishead, Irstead & Barton Turf Community Heritage Group**

Back in January when our talk on the staithes of the villages took place, this was followed in February by a Research Meeting, but at that time we had no idea what the following six months were going to bring as the coronavirus pandemic took hold across the country. Sadly, planned talks and our VE Anniversary event had to be cancelled. There has been much sadness in the last few months, but also much gratitude to keyworkers and the NHS. We hope you have been keeping well, safe and been able to enjoy your gardens and the beautiful countryside around us. As I write this, although there has been a slight easing of the lockdown, we are unsure when our meetings will be able to resume. When they do, careful consideration of all government guidelines will be needed and maybe a 'new normal' adopted before anything can take place. The management committee has met via Zoom a few times since March to try and keep momentum going. We still hope to organise an event to replace our VE Anniversary weekend but currently have made no plans as to when this may be. Our WW2 research has continued though with some interesting discoveries. Meanwhile we will be talking about the events of 2020 for many years to come, but can we trust our memories? We want to leave something for future generations of life in the NIB villages during the coronavirus pandemic of 2020. May we have your photos of the unusual, your jottings of how things have been for you, new pastimes you have taken up - and what about the children, how has it been for them? Please help us to capture how it has felt for you before time and nostalgia dilute our recall of the experience. Any contributions, hand written or emailed will be most welcome. We look forward to hearing from you.

*Claire Penstone-Smith, [claireps@btinternet.com](mailto:claireps@btinternet.com), 630580*

## **Wildlife Notes**

I have previously written about the three species of Egret which can be seen in Norfolk but we now have another breeding species in the county with Cattle Egret confirmed as having bred this summer in the Holkham area. Many of us are used to seeing Little Egrets with their distinctive bright yellow feet feeding in wet areas around the broads, often paddling in water to catch their prey. Cattle Egrets are slightly smaller and as the name suggests are often associated with cattle so are more generally seen on grazing marsh or pasture where they feed on insects disturbed by the cows. If you see small white, heron like birds, feeding amongst the cows you maybe seeing Cattle Egrets rather than Little or Great Egrets.

When I first moved to Neatishead we had a small colony of House Sparrows living and nesting in our road but over the past 30 years their numbers have declined and I now rarely see one in my garden despite the fact that there are two small colonies (that I know of) only a short distance away. In the 1970s the House Sparrow was Britain's most common bird with a population of around 12 million pairs, but since then the population has decreased by nearly 70%. In the 19th century however there were so many House Sparrows that their sheer numbers were a threat to the annual harvest and it was considered a civic duty to kill them. Sparrow clubs were formed and there were annual dinners where prizes were awarded to the person who killed the highest number. In those days it was the job of the church warden to pay out the reward money for the killing of vermin, a custom which had been in place since the Middle Ages. Although the drop in House Sparrow numbers is not fully understood the decline seems to have levelled out with some signs of recovery. However, the reward of £5,000 offered by the Independent newspaper in 2010 for a scientific explanation to explain the decline remains unclaimed.

Enjoy the summer butterflies and dragonflies in your gardens but be prepared for the numbers of garden birds to decrease as the adult moult begins and early migrants leave our shores.

*Jerry Simpson, 630674, [simpsonj24@btinternet.com](mailto:simpsonj24@btinternet.com)*

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Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> 9-12noon Farmers' Market, NVH

## Future Dates

5<sup>th</sup> September Village Show, NVH - **TO BE CONFIRMED**  
7<sup>th</sup> September Village Screen, NVH  
25<sup>th</sup> September Macmillan Coffee Morning, NVH  
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|           | 10am-1pm                               | 1pm-5pm                               |
|-----------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Sunday    | Neatishead                             | Barton Turf (said Communion from 4pm) |
| Monday    |                                        | Horning                               |
| Tuesday   |                                        | Ashmanhaugh                           |
| Wednesday | Irstead (said Communion from 10am)     | Neatishead (said Communion from 4pm)  |
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| Saturday  | Ashmanhaugh (said Communion from 10am) | Irstead                               |

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