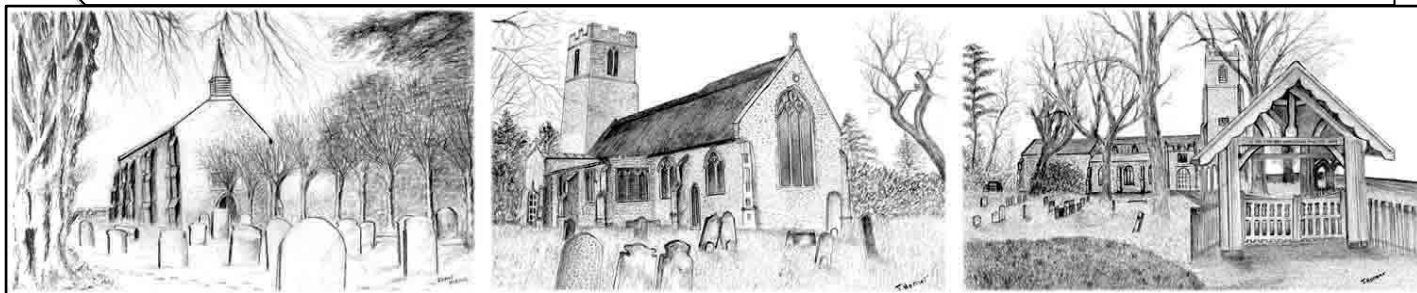


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Neatishead, Irstead and Barton Turf Parish Magazine



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From your Parish Priest

Much of our wonderful countryside is still agricultural and, despite many modern farming methods, many of the much loved rural Gospel stories still have a resonance today. Jesus talks of being the Good Shepherd, and there is the story of how the good shepherd values even one lost sheep, leaving the flock in a place of safety to go and search for the one that is lost, whatever the danger. It's a story about our Christian understanding that each of us, individually, is precious to God. It reminds us that we are loved, and cared for, and valued. It reminds us that when we stray, and lose our way, we are nevertheless forgiven, loved and redeemed. However, knowing that we are cared for that much also helps us in the difficult times not to be driven down to worrying solely about our own most basic needs. It helps us to continue to trust God, and to continue to think of and care for others. That's what we have seen over the last year. Many, many individuals during this pandemic setting aside what might be their understandable concerns for their own health, their own security, in order to continue to serve others, and serve the community.

Traditionally in Lent, it's a time for us to recover that deep sense of being loved, forgiven, and cared for by God, even if we feel more like lost sheep. There is of course the tradition of giving things up in Lent, perhaps to focus more on God's love and forgiveness.

More recently, we may have also tended to make positive efforts in Lent in some direction, to take on some new discipline or commitment. That would seem to be even more important this year. We have all spent nearly a year giving things up; sacrificing freedoms necessarily for the good of the wider community; a year experiencing a severe threat to our individual and collective health and security. But we have also seen how people can cope with that threat, set their own safety aside to help others. Perhaps this Lent we might reflect on the things we have missed, the things we have already had to give up, and reflect on their value – or otherwise – in our lives, but then to look forward. To look forward knowing confidently the love that God lavishes on us all individually – the love in which Jesus the Good Shepherd seeks to rescue every single lost sheep, the love that will win through in the end. To begin to look forward to the things that matter, which we shall be able to do again, and to be clear which are really most important to us. The love for those around us, the love and care for our world, the things we had forgotten were most valued until they were taken away from us, so that we come to Easter with a genuine sense of confidence in God's love for us, and of hope for the future.

With every blessing

David Smith

New Victory Hall

In line with recent government announcements, the New Victory Hall expects to re-open as part of the 'Stage Two' easing of restrictions, which will be no earlier than **Monday 12th April 2021**. It is not currently possible to be specific about the exact return date for every individual activity or event so please monitor the web site www.victoryhall.info or contact your activity group direct or call me on 01692 630637. It should be possible to give more precise information in the coming weeks. Social distancing measures will continue to be in place in accordance with the latest government and public health advice as safety is still the priority. The Trustees are delighted that the hall can re-open and look forward optimistically but cautiously to seeing the hall busy again as the programme of events and activities gradually return to normal in the months ahead. A warm welcome awaits all at the hall. Meanwhile, please stay safe and well.

Doreen Dean on behalf of NVH Trustees

Here are the winners of January 2021 200 Club Draw: £50.00 J King; £10 M Fowler; £5 J Bould. February 2021 £50 Sellick & Robinson; £10 P Palgrave Moore; £5 C Scott.

White House Stores

Thank-you to everyone who has continued to support us, your Community Shop, through the latest lockdown. In what is usually a very quiet time for the shop it is encouraging to see that there is so much support out there. We have seen people buying more essential groceries from us than they might normally have done, adding a few items to their daily newspapers, and we are very grateful for that. We have had some lovely compliments from people who have become regular customers and it is lovely to hear that our hard work as a team of staff, committee members and volunteers is appreciated.

One particular local customer told me recently they have decided to continue buying particular items from us in the long term, so that they know they are doing their bit to help the shop to continue to run. They are going to always buy their milk, eggs, ham, and bread on Saturdays (well, the bread is amazing, how could they not?!), and add the odd other item as they need something, to supplement their supermarket

shopping. Another regular local customer has even told us that we stock items that can't be found in even Waitrose! Praise indeed - so do have a look around while you pop in for your newspaper, you may be surprised at what we stock!

We are pleased to see that our customers feel safe shopping with us. Rest assured we will continue to work hard to keep things that way, and we really hope it won't be long before you can also have a coffee outside and meet friends at the shop for a chat and a cake. There is warmth and hopefully optimism in the air!

Margaret Maxwell

(Just one of a great team at the White House Stores)

FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCILS

A reminder to all parishioners of Neatishead, Barton Turf and Irstead that the help line that was set up in March 2020 in response to the coronavirus pandemic is still active. We can be contacted on:

Glenn Neave (Barton Turf)	07885 706493
Martin Mills (Barton Turf)	07501 622068
Helen McFadyen (Irstead)	01692 630150
Caro How (Neatishead)	01603 784952
Nick Fowle (Neatishead)	01692 630249

Neatishead Parish Council Meeting

A meeting of Neatishead PC was held via Zoom on Thursday 18th Feb. It was noted that the parking prohibition signs on our staithe have been vandalised. Richard Price, our County Council rep., reported on budget balancing, including an increase for Highways. Concerns over the flooding issues, both inland and coastal, were mentioned. The refusal by the Broads Authority to allow Nelson County Trading operating as they wished was noted; due, we understand, to highways issues. The Parish Council would consider supporting any appeal. Speeding issues were again discussed and it is hoped that moveable speed warning signs would be fully subsidised, if permission granted. The proposal for a footpath along a section of School Road is on-going. The Village Green Application for the staithe has been completed and submitted by the Clerk. Councillor Catherine Clayton reported, as PC representative, on the setting up of a 'Wildlife Friendly Village' committee. Please contact her for more information. Councillor

Mike Godfrey, PC NVH representative, gave a positive report following a recent meeting. It was noted that a vehicle was using the playing field car park for overnight parking. Mention was made of the Alderfen public footpath in conjunction with the clearing of the 'main drain' by the Inland Drainage Board and the hope that they would improve the path while they were there. Finally, donations were agreed for St. Peter's Church maintenance and, following a request, for First Responders. The full minutes are available online and are on both council noticeboards. Please note the new noticeboard at the junction of King Street, School Road and Church Lane. Date of next meeting is Thursday 18th March via Zoom.

Our Parish Magazine

I'd like to thank Yvonne and her team at The NIB for doing such a great job, and wish Alan good luck for the coming year as Editor.

I'm very fortunate over the years to have acquired lots of things to do with Neatishead, as many of you may know I put together 'Neatishead Nostalgia' in 2008 and have been collecting ever since – it also helps that my husband's family have constantly lived in the village since time began (or so it feels like, having managed to trace them back for centuries). Whilst looking for something, I came across a collection of 'scrap books' I was given, all with clippings very carefully cut out and glued in order from 1893 to 1971, and the very first page the following article made me chuckle. Remember the 'Reading-room and Club' is the original name for the Old Victory Hall, before the villagers bought it as a memorial to those who died in WW1.

If you have anything that you would like to add to the village archives, please get in touch.

March 1893 – North Walsham & District Parish Magazine – Neatishead Article

The Vice-president of the Reading-room and Club has received the following: -

"We have got a Reading-room up at the Street. I don't belong to it, but my brother does. I know what it is like though, because they won't mend the lock on the door, and you can get in, and creep up to the curtain across the room and have a look at them. They do have a jolly fire. My brother says they have a lot of papers at the club, two every day and three funny papers, and a paper called

the Graphic every week, and some London papers as well. And my brother says the president says he can't understand why more members don't come every night. And my brother says the president is a muff and can't play bagatelle a bit, and my brother says there's a bagatelle match on now with sixteen players and the president hasn't a chance, but some of the men can play and some are lucky. And my brother says there's a clock in the room and it is a good one to go. It got to twenty minutes past two before eight o'clock last night, and if the club goes by that clock it will start the winter season about a week after spring ends – that's what my brother says".

We have shown this to the president and he expressed his surprise, that with a comfortable room, a good supply of papers, and a very fair library, there was not a larger number of members in the club. He also desired to become personally acquainted with the promising youth who wrote the notice. He did not say why! – The Vice-president.

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Spot Vernon the Vole in a garden on Irstead Rd. 15.02.21

Jon Kelf

Neatishead, Irstead & Barton Turf Community Heritage Group

This last year has brought strange times for us all. In addition to the more mundane jobs, it has also given us a chance to enjoy more of the countryside nearer homes and also to try new hobbies. As mentioned before we would like to be able to record what life has been like in our villages during the past year of the pandemic for our NIBCHG Archive - please let us have your stories and photos. For NIBCHG Friends, John and Monica Riley have been delving into their family history. During our WW1 project we researched Monica's grandfather who, at the age of 41 years signed up and went to war. Fortunately he was one of those who returned. Over this past year John and Monica researched further into both their family histories and the next paragraph is a brief synopsis of what they discovered. I hope this may inspire you to look into your own family history - you never know what you might find!

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What did you do in the 2020 COVID lock-down?

Well, in answer to the question 'What did you do in the 2020 Covid lock-down?' John and I can answer 'Family Tree Research' – you can't keep cleaning the house! We had dabbled with this some time ago but last year we took out subscriptions to Ancestry UK and Find My Past and set to.

It was so fascinating – many of husband John's family harked from Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire or Yorkshire, as they were involved in coal mining (his grandfather aged 14 was driving pit ponies underground). My lot came from Kent and Hertfordshire or the Bristol area. Apart from the odd farmer, most of our relatives were workers – agricultural or general labourers, plumbers, steam engine drivers, a straw plaiter – even a sausage maker and tripe dresser. A few on my side worked in a paper mill in Apsley, Herts and we had envelope cutters, a rag sorter, envelope black borderers (a fashion in stationery started by Queen Victoria on the death of Prince Albert). I had a great great uncle who worked in the Chatham Dockyard as a labourer who was killed there by a lightning strike! John had a relative "born at sea" (his Dad was an English soldier in the Royal Staff

Corps serving in Canada in 1819, who met and married a young lady from Montreal, brought her to England and she obviously gave birth on the ship!). As well as a shepherd/drover aged 77 falling off a cart laden with hay and breaking his neck, a suicide, a couple of base born or "spurious" children, a couple of deaths in lunatic asylums, a mother dying in childbirth and other "skeletons in cupboards". Doing family tree research is better than reading Agatha Christie!

Monica Riley

Knit and Stitch

Our Tree Decoration Knit-Along is underway. The first challenge was a knitted bauble - one pattern fits all - using different sized needles and different thicknesses of yarn you will create a different sized bauble - a great way to use up your oddments of yarn. When visiting the White House Stores for your shopping, take a look at the window display to see some of the completed baubles as well as some knitted trees - our second challenge - again different colours and yarns create different effects. The pattern for the knitted tree is now available with easy to follow instructions. Anyone can join in, no need to be a Knit and Stitch member, just drop me an email or give me a call, to get your copy and to find out more. Crochet patterns are also available and if you prefer embroidery, that is possible too. We have purchased some plastic canvas pre-cut in different shapes to be embroidered. These are between 3" and 5" in diameter and can be hung outdoors. Again get in touch if you would like one of these - we can supply wool or embroidery silks. At the time of writing it is unclear as to when we will be able to get together again, so we are continuing to meet via 'Zoom' on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month - **for March this will be 10th and 24th** - if you would like to join us please let me know. Meanwhile keep safe and keep knitting!

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I say, what's the difference between being locked up and being locked down?

Dunno.

Being locked up, all meals are inclusive.

Gardening Club

As there are more positive signs regarding getting back to 'normal' we are hoping to hold The Village Show on September 4th, using the same schedule and format as last time for the time-being. At least it will be something to aim for and, hopefully, restrictions will be even less onerous than last September. I will forward the schedule to members and friends who participated previously. Please contact me if you miss out!

Julia sent me the following details about the Cambridge moonflower. *The plant was acquired six years ago from Bonn Botanic Garden in Germany and was attached to a water chestnut tree, where it climbed 12ft (3.5m) above the ground in a glasshouse before putting out its first bud.*

Mr Summers, who planted it, said it was "very rare to have this plant in our collection and we believe this is the first time the moonflower has flowered in the UK".

If you missed this piece of fascinating horticultural news please go to this site www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-cambridgeshire-56139243 or follow this link - [Cambridge moonflower: Wait over for 'UK's first' bloom - BBC News](#)

If anyone else has anything of interest to share please send it via email to me or Julie julie.walls@yahoo.co.uk and we can forward it to members and/or put it in the next NIB. Don't forget anyone thinking of joining the Garden Club in 2021 please feel free to contact me and I can put you on the membership list to receive news and information from the club. Keep well and enjoy Spring!

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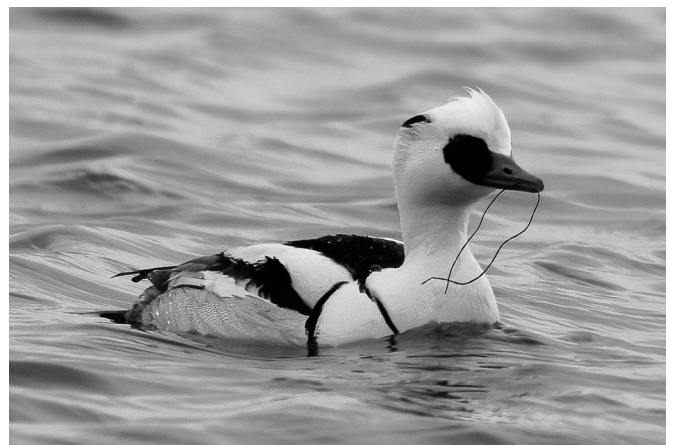
Wildlife Notes

The week of snowy, cold weather last month brought some interesting birds into my garden with the first yearly records of siskin and reed bunting, the latter a nice male bird. I was also visited by two starlings, which sadly, are not a species I record very often. Whilst out walking around our local lanes it was noticeable how many more blackbirds, redwings and fieldfares were about and I noted more bullfinches in the hedgerows as well.

Another bird, which was suddenly being seen, was the woodcock as apparently thousands of

them came across from the continent when the harsh weather forced them further south. Some recorders on the north Norfolk coast were reporting seeing up to eight woodcock in their gardens and many birds which did not survive the trip across the North Sea were found washed up on beaches. Woodcock are chunky, brown coloured birds that feed in woodland, probing areas of damp ground with their long beaks although during the night they will feed in open grassland looking for worms. If you are walking through damp woodland they will suddenly rise up from the floor and fly off silently using their broad wings to twist and turn between the trees. They have a habit of turning up in strange places and can be found in suburban gardens amongst the flowerbeds and even in shop doorways in city centres. Whilst we are joined by continental birds during the winter, we have a local population which breed in small numbers around the broads. They have a strange territorial flight called "roding" which occurs at dusk where the male bird flies over the wood just above tree level making a series of noises best described as grunts and clicks. Listen out for them this spring especially at places like Alderfen. Hopefully some of our winter visitors may stay to swell our local numbers.

The harsh weather also brought some interesting wildfowl onto Barton broad where despite large sections being iced over, I recorded a beautiful male smew and a drake red-breasted merganser, both birds more



Male Smew From Boardwalk Barton Broad 20.02.21 Jon Kelf

usually seen at sea or in estuaries. A peregrine made a fleeting visit flying over the broad one afternoon probably on the hunt for small species of duck such as teal. Look out in March for the first signs of spring – the first migrant

chiffchaffs calling in the woods and the first butterflies of the year, the bright yellow male brimstones.

Wildlife Friendly

I am pleased to hear that our respective parish councils have agreed to the proposal to make our three villages wildlife friendly areas. In order to know whether the ideas and plans introduced and implemented by the group are working we will need to have some idea of what wildlife is already here and what is missing. I have decided to do a 2021 year list of birds that I have seen whilst walking from my home in Neatishead especially as, during the pandemic, the numbers of my walks has increased significantly. I will keep you informed of the progress of my list but suffice to say by the end of January I had seen 57 species and as I write this in late February the number has swelled to 73.

As we progress into the spring the numbers will be greatly enhanced by the returning summer visitors but inevitably there will be birds that I miss and gaps that need filling. This is where I may need some local knowledge from our residents, so for example, does anyone know where in our villages I can see Little Owls? There used to be a resident pair in Neatishead by Ivy Farm but sadly I have not seen them in the last couple of years.

Congratulations to local wildlife photographer Jon Kelf from Neatishead whose photograph of a brambling was used by the BBC Winterwatch programme last month. His work has also appeared in the EDP (and now in NIB! Ed.) More of Jon's images can be seen on his Facebook page: Stiff Person Snaps, or Instagram Vernon the Vole.

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RAF Air Defence Radar Museum, Neatishead

With the Museum closed throughout 2020 due to COVID-19 (to ensure the complete safety of all the volunteers and visitors) we are really looking forward to opening as soon as it is permitted to do so. As such, we are seeking additional volunteers to run our onsite café serving light snacks and drinks, on a Friday or a Saturday. We decided to open an additional day this year (Fridays) from 10am-5pm so if you have some time to spare, would like to meet

more friendly people, help support your local Museum, then please call 01692 631485 and leave a message. For further details email manager@radarmuseum.co.uk
We hope to hear from you!

The Museum plans to open in Spring, 2021. Our open days include each Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday in addition to each Bank Holiday Monday, 10am-5pm (provided it is permitted to do so under Government COVID-19 guidelines). We are taking group bookings now. For further information email:

manager@radarmuseum.co.uk.

Lynn Kerslake, Manager

From the Norfolk Wildlife Trust

What's good for the goose...

Reserves Officer at the Trust, Robert Morgan considers himself lucky to live under a flight path.

Regularly at dusk at this time of year a strange distant noise begins to build, then emerging from the gloom huge skeins of pink-footed geese appear, their classic V-formations marked out against a darkening sky.

Maybe a thousand or more come over my house, each uttering their high-pitched honk of *wink-wink*. Norfolk has become, once again, important winter quarters for this species. From a low in the 1950s of only a few thousand, counts of well over 150,000 birds have been noted in recent years and this represents a large proportion of the world population.

This 'grey' goose is predominately brown, and relatively diminutive, its chocolate coloured head and small brown, orange banded bill are its defining features. They can often be seen in large groups on inland grazing marshes or winter wheat-fields, and in recent years they have learned to enjoy the discarded sugar-beet tops that are left lying on muddy fields after harvest. Breeding in Iceland and Greenland, successive poor summers and heavy predation of goslings can affect the population, but it is disturbance, changes in agriculture and land development in Norfolk that is their greatest threat, so their protection needs constant vigilance and like many migratory birds, a global strategy.

Norfolk's other true wild goose is the Brent (although a few hundred white-fronted and

bean geese spend the winter with us too). Brent geese tend to prefer coastal habitats, often loafing among saltmarsh creeks, up-ending occasionally to graze on eel-grass. When gathered on coastal pastures, and unlike the pink-foot, they can be quite confiding, allowing bird-watchers close views. The Brent, along with their wintering relative in Scotland the barnacle goose, are termed 'black' geese due to the colouring of their head, neck and chest, this ends abruptly in a bold breast band against a lighter belly. There are two distinct groups, the dark-bellied Brent and the pale-bellied Brent, with the dark-bellied from northern Siberia being by far the most numerous in Norfolk. A few of the pale form, from the Greenland and Spitsbergen population, are often found among Norfolk flocks (the niceties of our language insists, flock when geese are on the ground, skein when in the air).

The casual observer may argue that there are several other species of geese living 'wild' in Norfolk. This is true, and it is very likely that most people have seen Canada and grey-lag geese, and in Broadland, Egyptian geese too. The Canada and Egyptian geese, as their names imply, are non-native resident birds, and in the case of the Canada, semi-tame. Both are descended from escapees of formal park lakes and estates. The grey-lag, in past centuries, was an indigenous breeding species over much the UK. After extensive land drainage and former uncontrolled hunting, it was pushed into the remoter parts of the Scottish Western isles. In the 1930s it was re-introduced into Norfolk as additional quarry for wildfowlers, however, its recent population increase and resulting ecological impacts has divided opinion among wildlife conservationists.

The sight of wild geese is a spectacular winter experience, and they can be highly mobile this time of year, constantly moving around the county in search of food. Despite lockdown curtailing trips out, you never know, a skein of wintering Greenland pink-foot geese may find their way over your local walking route, in fact it's not uncommon for them to pass over Norwich city centre.

Thanks to NWT and Robert Morgan for consenting to let us use this article previously published in EDP.

Wroxham Hoveton Lions Club

The exciting news this month is that we have become part of the Broadland Council Community Lottery Scheme. In these difficult times, our ability to raise funds is severely limited. With your kind generosity, this is an ideal way to enable us to continue our work in helping those less fortunate than ourselves.

By purchasing tickets for the weekly draw, you can support our club and have a chance of winning prizes of up to **£25,000!**

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where full details can be found, then search for the Wroxham and Hoveton Lions Club page. If you wish, you can set up a monthly direct debit and you also have the ability to alter your numbers for the following draws at any time.

Please consider purchasing a ticket. You never know, you might be a jackpot winner!

We are always on the lookout for new members. If you would like to take those first steps into joining a marvellous, forward thinking, internationally renowned organisation, we'll be happy to see you on one of our Zoom meetings. Just let us know your email address and we'll send you an invite to join us online. Our meetings are on 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. For more information please ring me on **01603 781310**, or our Membership Chairperson, **Lion Lydia Spight** on 07503221485.

Due to the lock down, we are unable to accept any good quality bric a brac or clothing for our shop in the Hoveton precinct at this time.

Please do not leave anything outside the shop as, however well intentioned, it is considered to be fly tipping. Please consult our Facebook page or our website for details of when our shop will be open to accept goods. Would you like to volunteer to help in the shop? If so, when we're open, drop in and talk to a member of staff or ring **Lion Terry** on **01603 784093**.

You can, as always, follow us on Facebook or our website. We look forward to seeing or hearing from you.

Lion Mick Holden, President



Health Matters February/March 2021

*An occasional update from
Hoveton & Wroxham Medical
Centre.*

Covid Vaccination Programme – an update

In collaboration with five other practices in our area, we have been operating our Covid vaccination clinics since 15th January. By 16th February we have managed to deliver over 10,000 vaccinations!

The Hoveton Village Hall has proven to be an excellent venue to host our clinics and the feedback from patients and carers has been positive. We do get occasional IT problems that slow us down but generally we manage to avoid queues and get people through and away very efficiently. Even a couple of blizzards haven't stopped us.

You may be aware of the Governments prioritisation system where the over 50s have been divided into 9 cohorts. With a few exceptions we have completed cohorts 1-4 and are now vaccinating the over 65s and those defined as clinically vulnerable. Further information can be found by searching for 'JCVI Cohort 6' on the Internet.

Increasingly we are integrating our operations within the mass vaccination centres. These are currently in North Walsham and the City's Castle Quarter. You may have been written to by the NHS offering options. It is your choice of course where you wish to have your vaccine but we do offer free parking!

Booking Appointments. We are working our way through our lists and will contact eligible patients as quickly as we can. Please do not call the surgery because it delays our unwell patients from accessing our normal services. We have a separate team booking patients for vaccination. If you do have a particular clinical question regarding your vaccination, you can contact the Surgery through our website. We will soon be calling patients back for their second dose at the 12 week point.

Business as usual. We remain open and we are here to help you, just as we did during the first wave in the spring last year. However, we do rely on the continued cooperation from our staff, patients and carers to keep infection risks

to an absolute minimum. There are extended hours 7am to 8pm to see prescribing clinicians and nurses.

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March Dates

Wednesday 10th 7.30pm Knit and Stitch (Zoom)

Thursday 18th 7.30pm Neatishead PC (Zoom)

Wednesday 24th 7.30pm Knit and Stitch (Zoom)

Future Dates

Village Show Saturday 4th Sept (provisional)

Mobile Library

Due to coronavirus restrictions, our mobile libraries service is **suspended** until further notice. All items currently on loan will be automatically renewed and no further charges will be incurred until further notice. Visit our Library Service coronavirus update page for further information on service closures and what you can still access from home

Benefice of St Benedict

Welcome!

Revd Taylor Wilton-Morgan will be joining us in the benefice for a 3-month ministerial placement starting on 7th March. Taylor is a first-year curate, ordained as a deacon last summer, and will be working with us in the benefice in the coming weeks as part of his curacy training.

Church Services and Church Opening Times

Whilst technically it has been permissible to gather for worship in church during this latest lockdown, we have considered it safer and more responsible to suspend collective worship, in line with the 'Stay at Home' policy, and continue with our weekly video worship services. The recent publication of the government's 'Road Map' towards the relaxation of the COVID precautions, aims to lift the 'Stay at Home' direction with effect from 29th March, subject

to continued reductions in COVID infection, hospitalisation, and death rates. In line with this, we aim to resume limited services in church from Easter Sunday, with a communion service in each of our churches on that day. Details of times and further services will follow.

In the meantime, weekly video services will continue, and our churches will also be open for individual private prayer, as follows:

Winter timetable – until 28 Mar 21:

Tuesdays	Neatishead	10.00am-3.00pm
Wednesdays	Irstead	10.00am-3.00pm
Thursdays	Barton Turf	10.00am-3.00pm
Fridays	Horning	10.00am-3.00pm
Saturdays	Ashmanhaugh	10.00am-3.00pm

Summer timetable – from 29 Mar 21:

Mondays	Horning	1.00pm-5.00pm
Tuesdays	Neatishead	10.00am-3.00pm
Wednesdays	Irstead	10.00am-1.00pm
Thursdays	Barton Turf	10.00am-1.00pm
Fridays	Horning	10.00am-1.00pm
Saturdays	Ashmanhaugh	10.00am-3.00pm
Saturdays	Irstead	1.00pm-5.00pm
Sundays	Barton Turf	1.00pm-5.00pm

We shall also need to continue to maintain the churches as COVID-secure environments and ask that you continue to observe all such precautions and directions when visiting the churches, as shown on the posters and notices in each church. Thank you.

Church Wardens:

Neatishead Pauline Simpson 01692 630674
Irstead David Murrells 01692 631427
Barton Turf Barbara Pilcher 01692 536132

Easter Lilies We will again this year be decorating our churches with altar lilies at Easter. If you would like to make a donation towards their cost in memory of a loved one then please contact:
 Gail Murrells 631427 Irstead
 Jane Fowle 630249 Neatishead
 Wendy Price 536183 Barton.

St. Swithin's Church Currently we are still not conducting any public church services in the benefice. However, St. Swithin's will be open on Saturdays between 10am and 3pm for private prayer. I know a lot of walkers take a route via the churchyard so you may like to go in for a sit down and a bit of quiet contemplation even if you don't normally come to church. Just follow the Covid rules please!

I am delighted to tell you that we raised £225 for the East Anglian Children's Hospices from our floral and Christmas tree display. Many thanks to everyone. Anne Mulhall Church Warden 01603 784874 anne.mulhall1@btinternet.com

Neatishead Baptist Church, Chapel Road, Neatishead, NR12 8YF. Services suspended until further notice. Please wear a mask in the church.

Pastor: Ian Bloomfield, pastor@neatisheadbaptist.org.uk
 Secretary: Sue Gibbons, secretary@neatisheadbaptist.org.uk

Barton Turf Methodist Church:

Services suspended until further notice, Lay Pastor, Mrs Ros Peedle, 01692 405591 www.northnorfolkmethodist.org.uk/bartonturf

United Reform Church, Wroxham

Minister: Rev Ian Bloomfield. E mail: minister@wroxhamurc.org.uk

Secretary: Lynne Howard, 01603 738835. lmhoward100@btinternet.com

Due to the Covid virus pandemic, the church is currently closed for worship. However, please see our website, wroxhamurc.org.uk, as we have online worship available every Sunday.

JAM (our Children's Church) is still not running for the same reason, but we do provide online talks, stories and activities through our facebook page JAMWROXHAM. Please contact Chris Billing chris.billing@ukbis.com or phone 01603 783992 for more details.

Please note slight changes to our website address and our ministers email – there is now no dot between wroxham and urc.

Thank you

What a NIB year it has been for our recently retired editor Sophia Hale-Sutton. Nothing could have prepared her for the different way we proof read, printed and distributed the magazine. Sophia coped with all of this calmly and efficiently. Thank you so much Sophia for all your hard work during this challenging time. We, the NIB team would like to wish you a happy NIB free year ahead and good luck with the new initiative WFVI.

Yvonne Kendrick

Contributions welcome to The NIB, but please note the Team reserves the right to amend or omit items. We also start the magazine from the 1st of the month, and therefore events in the previous month will not be advertised. Views expressed are those of the named author. No responsibility can be accepted for any errors. Everybody who sends in articles, including advertisers, automatically consents to having their details published on the Internet, unless they specifically request otherwise, in which case we will endeavour to omit details before uploading onto the churches' websites.

Editor's Notes

We are trying a different format this month and are looking forward to including more photos from our talented residents. Please let me know what you think of it. We have introduced columns because it makes it easier to read and frees up the layout so we can fit in photos and the like.

We would really like to hear news from our farmers and farm contractors on how things are going in the rapidly changing financial and market conditions they are facing. Also the impact on wildlife of changes in land management and farming practices across local farms.

On a very different note we would like to include your drawings/sketches and photos that would work in our format. They could be relevant/timely cartoons or illustrating local features. We retain editorial control! We are very open to local stories or anecdotes, depending on space.

We are hoping to revert to door-to-door deliveries soon but we will also improve our online offer for those who prefer to read NIB off their phones.

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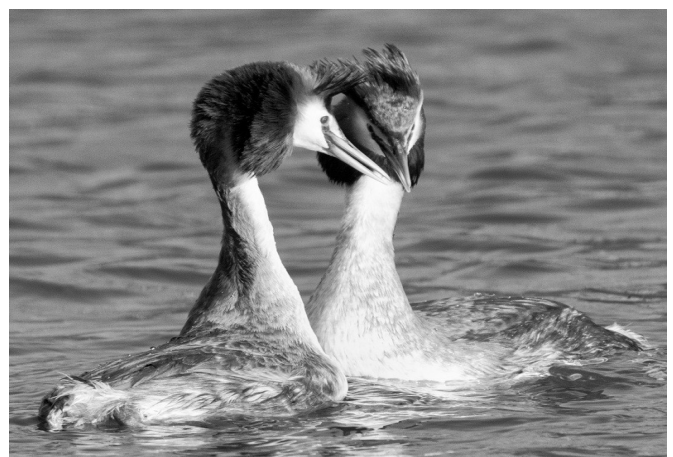
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