



NEATISHEAD • IRSTEAD • BARTON TURF PARISH MAGAZINE

THE BENEFICE OF ST BENEDICT

'If you are not buying the product, you are the product!' The dangers of smart phones and social media.

The first time I ever heard the quote above was on a documentary about the dangers of social media and it really caught my attention. It is incredible really, and perhaps a little scary, when we reflect on just how quickly the world has changed in less than 20 years. As a society we walked into a new technology whilst failing to appreciate that what social media companies were actually doing was making huge profits by selling our minds; selling our attention span!

The topic of whether young people should have access to smart phones has been in the news in recent months and there was even some talk about whether they should be banned for anyone under the age of 16. For parents, this topic is a real minefield to navigate. No young person wants to be excluded, and therefore the pressure on parents to provide smart phones and allow access to social media for their children can feel overwhelming.

However, as a society we are starting to become much more aware of the damage that smart phones and social media can do to young people. We are aware that they damage concentration levels and scupper the ability of young people to communicate with one another without the use of a keypad. We are aware that social media is designed to be highly addictive (there is a reason why when you scroll down it never ends!) We are also aware that social media is designed to influence our thoughts and opinions by showing us certain videos specifically selected by a computer due to the fact they are the most likely ones that will hold our attention.

We are also too sadly aware of the horrendous damage that excessive social media use is doing to our young people's mental health and well-being. Young people are often left chasing instant gratification via 'likes' but afterwards feeling utterly inadequate having viewed yet another digitally edited and curated photo of some idealised image.

It is sadly not unusual for an 11-year-old without a smart phone to change from being active and productive with their studies and hobbies to then receiving a smart phone and losing their former productive ways to social media use instead.

Social media and smart phones are not going away and for all of their dangers, they do also have benefits. All we can do as a society is continue to educate ourselves and future generations on the pitfalls of social media and try our very best to ensure that neither ourselves or our loved ones fall into the horrible trap of social media addiction.

This modern day issue was not something that Jesus or the Early Church had to deal with 2000 year's ago. However, the Bible does still offer some appropriate wisdom that we can apply when reflecting on this dilemma. In the first Letter of Saint Peter we find these words:

'Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by others throughout the world.'

And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you'.

It is only by being humble and comfortable in the knowledge that we do not always have to be better than everyone else that we can find peace; online 'likes' will never work. If we can accept that we are perfectly made in the image of God, and that we are loved by God for exactly who we are, then we will be at ease. When we come to the end of our earthly time, it will not matter what people on social media think or said about us, all that will matter is that we have loved the God who made us, loved our friends and family who cared for us, and loved, served, and supported those who rely on us.

Praised be Christ,

Revd Ben

**St Benet's Abbey
Annual Service**
Sunday 28th July 2024 at 3.30pm



Do join us for this unique service in the presence of the Abbot of St Benet's-
The Right Revd Graham Usher, Bishop of Norwich.

Be part of history as we come together to worship at this historic site where
many centuries ago, Christians gathered together to sing praises to God.

For more information please contact Revd Ben Bradshaw
brother_ben@btinternet.com

Directions

By road: Off the A1062 at Johnson Street, Ludham, signposted for St Benet's
By water: Downstream from Ant mouth on the River Bure
By foot: Along the Three Rivers Way from Horning and Ludham Bridge.

Parking is available, including Blue Badge holders: please follow the
directions of the stewards.

Christian Aid

£600 was raised at the service in Barton Church in May which, with the Gift Aid of £100, is a very good amount to send to help people in Burundi like Aline to become leaders in their communities.

Thanks to all who gave so generously.

Sue Gibbons, Co-Ordinator

St Michael and All Angels', Barton Turf

We were delighted to welcome members from the Baptist Church who joined us for our ecumenical Christian Aid service on May 12th. At that service £492 was raised for the work of Christian Aid with more to come from those who gift aided their contribution. Many thanks to all who contributed.

Our May coffee morning was on 18th and £77 was raised for the care of the church. The June coffee morning will be on **Saturday 15th June** at 10am until noon, as usual. Also in June we will be having our annual Friends evening which will be held on **Friday 28th June** from 6.30pm until 8.30pm. Do drop in and enjoy some strawberries and cream, something to drink, a sort of a treasure hunt and a time for a good chat. The tower will be open for those who wish to go up, weather permitting.

Finally it is with great sadness that we learnt of the death of Wendy Price. Wendy contributed greatly to the running of the church, from being on the PCC through to her involvement with the bells, her organisation of the flower rota and the part that she played in the choir. We will miss her so much.

Barbara Pilcher, Churchwarden

**Barton & Irstead
Fete**



Sat 1st June, 2-4pm
Barton Hall Gardens

St Peter's, Neatishead Tulip Saturday

The day promised to be wet and cold, it was cold but thankfully the rain held off and the temperature did not put people off from visiting the wonderful display of tulips grown by Louis and Fran Baugh at Neatishead Hall and those that provided the tent, plants, lunches, cakes and tombola at The Paddock. Thank you so much to all who helped and came along, which resulted in the magnificent sum realised at just over £1,100. St Peter's Church has to raise so much money, for urgent repairs as well as just the day to day running expenses, that this amount is so appreciated. Thankyou.

Nick & Jane Fowle plus the team.

On **Saturday 21st September** in the NVH there will be an auction of promises to raise money for Alzheimer's Research and St Peter's Bell restoration fund. This event will be similar to the hugely successful auction in aid of Parkinson's Research held in 2019. So please, even at this early stage, contact either myself, Pauline Simpson or Monica Riley. We have already a substantial 'promise'!? More information to follow.
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 Pauline Simpson (pauline761@btinternet.com)
 Monica Riley (Monica@applewood.email)

Nick Fowle



Knit and Stitch

It is Knitting in Public Day this month - look out for us outside the White House Stores on **Saturday 8th June** from 10am to 12pm - let's hope for a sunny day - or you will be most welcome at one of our meetings on **Wednesdays 12th or 26th June**, 7pm at the New Victory Hall.

Claire Penstone-Smith



Gardening Club

(Not just for members! Guests are welcome too for £4 per person).



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, IRSTEAD
Roofing Appeal

OPEN GARDEN

Saturday 15th June, 2-5pm

**Grove House,
 Irstead, NR12 8XP**

Entry £5, children free

Free Car Parking
 Refreshments, Plant Sales



It was with great sadness that we learnt of the passing of Wendy Price in May. As one of the founding members of the club in the early 1980s, Wendy always supported the club, acting on the committee for a number of years. It was only until very recently that she wrote these articles for the NIB in an informative and readable style. We shall all miss her very much as she was a gifted plants woman and flower arranger who inspired us all with her quiet enthusiasm. Our thoughts are with her family and friends at this time.

We are not having our usual Monday meeting at the NVH in June. Instead we are joining the WISE Ladies on a visit to East Ruston Old Vicarage Gardens on **Wednesday 12th June** meeting in the NVH car park at 1.30pm to car share. Admission to the gardens is £13, payable on arrival. There is a tearoom for refreshments and a plant sales area. Seating is to be found around the garden which should be looking at its best at this time of year. If you need transport to or from the NVH please get in touch – we don't want to leave anyone behind!

*Jane King, 07423 820228
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On 3rd May, Wendy Price died peacefully at her home surrounded by loved ones. We will be celebrating her life at Barton Church on **Saturday 22nd June** at 2pm. All welcome.

Laura Jarvis

Walking Neatishead parish paths during the summer

If you would like to join us walking some parish paths, please join us on Sunday 9th June at 2pm and Sunday 7th July at 2pm, meeting at the recreation ground opposite Neatishead Primary School. The walk will take up to an hour. Make sure you wear suitable clothing.

Maggie Philipps



Bridge Club

I suppose we all have those situations where you think "I'm pretty good at this. I've been doing it for a long time and I've got it sorted". And then... something comes along and slaps you round the face with the sharp shock of reality.

Bridge isn't the sort of game to be too complacent about – even the best players get their come-uppance. The important thing, though, is to recognise when that happens and learn from the

experience. I think that one of the reasons that people like me get hooked on Bridge is that you are always finding new ways to go wrong and trying to figure out how not to.

Bridge is a partnership game, and it is quite usual for partners to discuss a hand they have just played – called the post-mortem. This is an essential part of becoming a better player and requires a degree of trust and honesty between partners. I have to own up at this stage to having been, on occasions, too honest with my bridge partner and not displaying my usual degree of tact. Another life lesson.

Numbers at Neatishead remain buoyant and we have a jolly band of brothers and sisters who turn up every Friday for their mental workout. We have welcomed a new player this month, who used to play “social” bridge many years ago and wanted to try getting back into it. I think he’ll be alright. If you’re in the same boat, remember you’ll always be welcome to try us out.

For more information about either Neatishead or Horning Bridge Clubs contact Jim Fletcher on 07565 507060 – I’m on WhatsApp too.

If you want to learn Bridge from scratch or need to brush up, contact Matt Jackson on 07845 658131.

Jim Fletcher



Village Screen

On **Monday 3rd June** we will be showing *The Holdovers* (2023:

Cert 15: 133 mins). With no family and nowhere to go over the Christmas holidays in 1970, unpopular classics teacher Paul Hunham (Paul Giamatti) is stuck at school to supervise Angus, a bright teenager whose bad behaviour always threatens to get him expelled. Joining Paul and Angus is head cook Mary (Oscar-winner Da’Vine Joy Randolph) – an African American woman whose own son was recently lost in Vietnam. These three shipwrecked people form an unlikely Christmas family, sharing comic misadventures during two very snowy weeks in New England.

Tickets at £6 (cash only, correct change please) from White House Stores Community Shop. Advance booking is preferred by calling Christine on 01692 631347. Card payment is an option for unreserved tickets on the door, numbers permitting. 7pm for 7.30pm where drinks and biscuits will be available for £1.

Future film dates:

Monday 1st July - Wicked Little Letters

Monday 5th August - The Zone of Interest

Village Screen Team



Neatishead, Irstead and Barton Turf Community Heritage Group

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Exhibition

*Commemoration of the 80th Anniversary
of D-Day + Normandy Landings*

Remembering those who served in WW2

Life in the villages

Local WW2 Incidents Map

Hands-On Community Chest

Memories

Sunday 9th June 2024, 2-5pm

New Victory Hall, Neatishead, NR12 8AD

What 3 words: *coder.access.visions*

Free entry, refreshments, parking

www.nibchg.org.uk

Image : <https://en.normandie-tourisme.fr/highlight/80th-anniversary-of-d-day/>

ANNIVERSARY

OF D-DAY AND BATTLE OF NORMANDY

Thank you to all those who have been in touch with information and photographs of relatives from our three villages who served their country during World War Two. Whether it was guarding the docks at Great Yarmouth or landing on the beaches of Normandy everyone had a part to play and will be remembered for their service at our exhibition on **Sunday 9th June** at the New Victory Hall, 2-5pm. So far we have a list of 80 names, men and women, who served, a few of whom were actually involved in D-Day. There will be an opportunity to read their stories, discover what happened on D-Day, what happened in the villages during those war years and what life was like for families. If you have found photos or other information that you think may be of interest, however small, do please get in touch or bring it along on 9th June. We look forward to seeing you.

Claire Penstone-Smith, claireps@btinternet.com

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NABS

****CALLING ALL THEATRE ENTHUSIASTS****

NABS are holding an open audition for this year's Pantomime. In line with the 50th year of NABS, we will be performing a new adaptation of Cinderella and invite you all to gather on **Thursday 6th June** at 7.30pm at The New Victory Hall for an open reading of some script excerpts. Everyone is welcome, within and outside of the membership. If you would like to attend, please let us know by emailing thenabs74@gmail.com or if you would like to just turn up that is ok too. We will be starting at 7.30pm sharp.

Lisa Seager, NABS Secretary



Neatishead, Barton Turf & District WI

Our May meeting took place on a rainy afternoon and we were grateful to spend it in the warmth and dry of our village hall. Steve Smith gave us an exceptional talk about the role of women in Norfolk during the World Wars. Our competition table displayed medals and badges that our members had received, with Jo Macdougall winning first prize. After a cup of tea and delicious homemade biscuits (thank you Lyn), members were told of future events including our day out to Dedham, our monthly walk, our Hippodrome visit and our summer lunch. We continue to raise funds for the Benjamin Foundation on our trading stall. If you are having a clear out you may like to donate small items to us. Please contact us on our email at neatisheadwi@gmail.com.

Sally Church



Barton Turf Bowls Club

The club enjoyed the first match of the season which was the friendly against Chedgrave. The weather was perfect, the bowls were enjoyed by all, followed by excellent refreshments held in the cricket club. The weather by the Friday completely packed up and the first league match had to be cancelled! However, the season is now underway. A reminder that Roll-ups are on a Monday evening at 6.45pm so if you haven't yet been able to attend but wish to do so it is not too late. You will be very welcome. More information from Glenn Neave on 01692 536690.

Barbara Pilcher



Neatishead Bowls Club

We opened The Green on Sat 13th April. The turn-out was really good, followed by a grand match and a wonderful tea. With the call of the cuckoo in the background, the weather has started to improve and we are now playing league matches. We have welcomed two new members. Thanks to the NIB, the flyer drop paid off! Our Wednesday evenings are also proving to be popular, gates open 6pm. There's lots of good fun and laughter to be had, so please bring the family and check us out.

Cathy Smith, Chair, 07810 586551



Ashmanhaugh & Barton Wanderers Cricket Club

We are at the beginning of the 2024 cricket season, arguably the biggest one the club has seen in its history. The renovations are virtually complete thanks to a great team of volunteers, a new dressing room, a larger social space in the pavilion and refurbished umpires building.

And we are delighted that The Recruiting Sergeant will be supplying the food for the 1st team home matches in the East Anglia Premier League. Colchester Inns have sponsored the club for many years now and we are enormously grateful for all the support Matthew & Nicola give to the club, the opposition teams are in for a treat!

We now have 4 Saturday teams, Sunday teams, T20 teams, Cup teams as well as junior teams in every age group. We have teams covering every age group and every ability: it's never too late to take up cricket!

Junior training has commenced on Friday evenings at Barton Turf, new members are always welcome. Registration at 6pm before the coaching begins. All our coaches are ECB qualified and DBS checked. Friday evenings are very much a family event, the licensed bar is open and we usually have the BBQ fired up. Come along and see what you think, we have great teams for every age group.

We are once again participating in the All Stars scheme, a fun introduction to cricket for those aged 5-8, for this you need to sign up online – www.ecb.clubspark.uk, select All Stars and choose Ashmanhaugh and Barton Wanderers CC as your provider.

As ever we are grateful for the volunteers we have but are always looking for more! If you feel you could help at all please get in touch.

Our 1st XI need an occasional scorer to fill in a few dates where the usual scorer is away (remuneration & lunch included).

All fixtures are published on play-cricket or pop in for an ABWCC fixture book. We welcome your support from the boundary, the bar is open on match days serving draught lager, bottled beer from Lacon's brewery and currently guest beers from the local Wolf Brewery. We look forward to seeing you and fingers crossed for a successful season.

Jayne Everett



The Farming Year: A seasonal snapshot

As you walk around our lanes on a balmy June evening, have you ever wondered whether the leafy crop growing beside you is wheat or barley?

The autumn sown cereal crops have now grown well above knee height and are starting to show their seed-heads. Winter barley is the earliest, and is developing long, spiky seed-heads, or awns. Not far behind will be the winter wheat. The wheat seed-head is very different; quite square-looking from above and without awns. Barley in the UK will be mostly used for malting or animal fodder, whereas wheat goes towards the food industry: bread, cereals, biscuits etc.



Next time you look at the field as a whole, you will notice that all the plants are pretty much identical in height; very uniform and relatively short. Such uniformity and short stems are some of the wonders of modern plant breeding. I can remember as a young child, in the Glaven Valley in the '40s, getting lost in a field of my grandfather's wheat which would have been a good five feet tall! When the wind and rain occurred together, the whole field fell flat (lodging), significantly reducing production.

During the 'Green Revolution' of the 1950s and '60s, semi-dwarfing genes were introduced into wheat and barley varieties making them less prone to lodging and helping to increase yields. East Anglian plant breeding centres in Cambridge and John Innes in Norwich, were global leaders in this research.

Peter Dickie

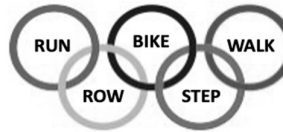


Community Gym

Neatishead Community Gym have an energetic new mascot, Gyminny (with huge thanks to the very talented knitter and gym member: Marion Skinner).

Gyminny is starting a 'virtual' journey on **Sunday 2nd June**, travelling to Paris and back home to Neatishead: that's a total of 1300 km!

Gyminny will follow a map of the Neatishead to Paris route (on display in the gym), moving forward according to the number of kilometres collected by gym members in June and July. Members can complete their kilometres using any of the distance-measuring machines: the two treadmills, three rowers, four bikes or single cross-trainer.



Participants can choose to ask friends and family to sponsor them for the km they complete. Any money raised will go to equipment purchase and maintenance.

Watch out in next month's NIB for details of Gyminny's progress ... or come and join us in our endeavours!

For a free gym trial, email: gym@victoryhall.info or call Gary, our instructor, on 07387 876216. For photos, video and more information see: www.neatisheadcommunitygym.com.

Joan Dickie



White House Stores Community Shop

A Place to Volunteer!

A recent Google review reads, "Super friendly small village shop run by community volunteers, I understand."

Of course it is true that we are a super-friendly shop, but we do have paid staff as well as volunteers. However, volunteers are just as important and more are always welcome!

I started at the shop as a volunteer around six years ago, because I thought it would be a good way to meet people. It certainly was! Now I do a little bit of everything – a paid member of staff, a volunteer and a committee member.

If you'd like to join our team in any way, pop in and see us or email info@whitehousestores.co.uk – we'd love to see where you could fit in.

Margaret, shop & committee 01692 631549
margaret@whitehousestores.co.uk

Barton Turf and Irstead Parish Council

The defibrillators for Barton Turf and Pennygate have been installed by the Parish Council at the locations below:

Point Farm (wall of barn)
The Street
Barton Turf
NR12 8BB

Berry Hall Lodge (left of entrance gate)
Berry Hall Road
Pennygate
NR12 8BE

An information session on using the defibrillators will be held on **Saturday 29th June** at 10am at The New Victory Hall.

Please call Lynne Walls on 01692 536479 to book a place. As numbers are limited, another session will be arranged if necessary.

The defibrillators are in bright yellow cabinets and illuminated at night. They are registered with the Ambulance Service which issues the access code on appropriate 999 calls. Signs to identify the locations will be added in due course.

When out and about, why not check the location of your nearest unit.

Doreen Dean

Neatishead Parish Council

Neatishead Parish Council held their annual meeting on 16th May 2024. Cllr Michael Godfrey stood down from the position of Chairman, of which he has done an amazing job leading the council for the past three years. A new Chairman, Cllr Robert Ferrier-Hanger was elected with Cllr Godfrey, elected as Vice-Chairman. Their efforts and capabilities were reflected in a unanimous vote of support from the rest of the council.

The installation of the new defibrillator was approved and (if all goes according to plan!) by the time this edition goes to print it should be fitted at the industrial site! The council would like to give a huge shout out to the following businesses from the industrial estate who have been so supportive in helping source a suitable location and also funding a shortfall in the funds for the installation cost. Andy from Flexitog and Brendon at Dunham Washrooms could not have been more supportive and the council are extremely grateful for all their help. Thanks goes out again to the New Victory Hall Management Committee raising funds through The Big Breakfast event and The White Horse pub raising funds through their quiz night. It is a fantastic representation of community spirit within our wonderful parish.

There are two vacancies for parish councillors available so please do not hesitate to get in touch with the clerk if you are interested in learning more about the role.

Laura Bateman, Parish Clerk



Smallburgh Tennis Club

Did you know that Smallburgh has a tennis club? We are a small friendly group with two grass courts located next to Smallburgh Village Hall and Bowling Club (postcode NR12 9ND, find us on Google Maps). We play from May until September and individual membership is £35 per annum this year. We also offer family memberships and discounts for youngsters. We have club afternoons once a week (usually Monday at 3pm) and social gatherings for tennis, tea and cake on some Sunday afternoons. We encourage people with all levels of ability. Once you become a member you can access the courts and equipment at any time. If you are interested text me on 07443 658265 or email madcanary@gmail.com.

Duncan Hale-Sutton



Horning Flower Club

At our May meeting members took part in a workshop led by Jennie Barker, a recently retired demonstrator. The title was "Vertically Challenged", and the workshop was well attended, enjoyed by all and some lovely and varied results achieved.

Our next meeting is on **Monday 10th June** when the demonstrator will be Crystal Dyball, who was unable to be with us earlier in the year. Crystal is a local favourite and is bound to entertain us.

July brings an outing to Bury St Edmunds followed by a visit to Fuller's Mill Gardens, the visit to this garden is a first for many of us.

The new year for the Horning Flower Club starts in October when the AGM will be held followed by a normal meeting with demonstration. New members are always welcome, we meet on the 2nd Monday in the month (except July and August) in Horning Village Hall, further details can be obtained from the Secretary Carole on 01692 536270.

Rachel Clayton



NIB Wildlife Friendly Villages

Jerry Simpson's wildlife walk on **Saturday 8th June** is now fully booked. If you've reserved a space but are unable to come, please let me know by texting me on 07443 658400 so I can give your place to someone else.

Sophia Hale-Sutton



Wildlife Working Party

The standout news for the Wildlife Working Party has been the finding that great crested newts are present in some numbers in Hayletts Pond, Barton Common, and that they are breeding. Aaron Brown, NWT, myself and Bella Sinclair (ecology undergraduate) carried out a netting and torching survey on the evening of 29th April. I was amazed at how using a torch at nighttime can reveal stunning views of underwater life. It's like looking into an aquarium! The survey revealed at least 5 great crested newts and we were able to watch their behaviour, including males courting females. We also saw the more common smooth newt and good numbers of invertebrates including water stick insects. We were unable to sample Dale and Forge ponds because of extensive growth of duckweed. The

plan is to remove as much duckweed as we can to remove nutrients and enable future newt surveys. The build-up of paths carried out at the last working party has proved very successful. The mower can now be used to keep them clear which gives them a good definition and saves me having to use the strimmer. Thanks to everyone involved in improving biodiversity on the common. It's been all very worthwhile in creating perfect great crested newt habitats in and around the ponds.

*Neil Sanderson nesanderson@yahoo.com
07788 787149*



Norfolk Punt Club

Sailing every Sunday and on Tuesday evenings are now regular events on Barton Broad. June is always a busy month for the Punt Club with weekends dedicated to competitions for specific classes including the spectacular River Cruisers on **8th and 9th June**, Keel Boats such as the Yare and Bure One Design shown in the photo on **15th and 16th June**, and the exciting Norfolk Punts on **22nd and 23rd June**.

In addition, members will participate in external events such as the Thurne Mouth Open Regatta and the famous Three Rivers Race.



Our second Social Saturday of the season is planned for **29th June** when anyone interested will be welcomed onto the Club's pontoons on Barton Broad; boats will be available to try under the helm of one of our experienced members and there will be a regular shuttle service from Barton Staithe. And, of course, there will be the famous Punt Club cake. More details of all our other activities can be found on the website www.puntclub.co.uk.

Frances and James Arthur 07779 339893



Wildlife Notes

Last month I wrote about the great tits nesting in my camera nestbox and at the time of writing on 14th April there were 4 eggs. By the end of the day this had increased to 7 eggs. We were away from the 15th – 20th but on checking the camera on my return the female was sitting on 8 eggs and was clearly incubating them. On 28th April, 7 of the eggs hatched out leaving 1 egg which duly hatched the following day resulting in 8 naked chicks in the nest. Much of the feeding was done by the female which popped out and received



Grasshopper Warbler
- Jon Kelf

food from the male in-between bursts of keeping the chicks warm by sitting and brooding them. Sadly, I have to report that we do not have a Disney ending to our story as when I checked the camera late at night on the 30th April there was no sign of the female brooding the chicks and they were left exposed to the elements. As the nights were chilly I feared the worst and my fears were founded as when I checked again the following morning all 8 chicks were dead. I don't know what caused the female to desert the nest – it's possible that she was the victim of a sparrowhawk or another predator but it would be unusual for them to abandon a nest of chicks at that stage. Let's hope for a better outcome next year. On a more cheerful note, at the end of April I was contacted



Juvenile Green Woodpecker
- Jon Kelf

by a Neatishead resident who had a strange bird calling on her bit of marsh. It turned out to be a Grasshopper warbler which tends to call at dawn and dusk and although easy to hear is difficult to see. The song is a continuous drawn-out reeling noise not unlike a fishing reel being wound in or out and tends to come from the middle of a bramble patch or small bush. Grasshopper warblers or

“gropers” as they are known by birders are small streaky brown warblers and although not uncommon are often overlooked. Another Neatishead resident contacted me to report a sighting of a Green Woodpecker on his lawn. These birds feed on ants during the summer so if you have a dry patch on your lawn with ant nests you may be fortunate enough to see one using its long sticky tongue to Hoover up the insects. They are quite bright green on the back with red caps on their heads and a black facial patch, and can be mistaken for a parrot by some townies. They have a loud laughing type call with a series of descending notes leading to their country name of a “yaffle”. Look out for the brown grassland butterflies this month as Meadow Brown and Ringlets emerge as well as Norfolk Hawker dragonflies. Enjoy the summer.

Jerry Simpson 01692 630674
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Weather

Wet and cool April followed by drier and warmer May.

The total rainfall recorded in April was 66.4mms/2.6in which is 147% of average with a total of 21 rain days. The highest daily total was 14mms/0.55in recorded on the 28th. There was a notable cool spell between the 15th and 28th with an average maximum temperature of just 11°C. However, May has ushered in much warmer and drier weather culminating in a high of 24.3°C on the 13th. The total rainfall to date (up to 18th) is 22.4mms/0.88in being about 50% of average with over half of this falling on the 3rd (12.8mms/0.5in). There then followed a very welcome period of 10 consecutive dry and warm days from the 4th to the 13th.

Peter Mills



A gentle reminder regarding submissions to the NIB

Please make sure that both articles and dates are sent to nibeditor1@gmail.com. If your article contains dates for the diary dates page, please also send it to nibdeputyeditor1@gmail.com. We try to spot the dates but it helps us if they are also sent to the deputy editor – thanks.

Margaret Maxwell - Editor

WHB Twinning Association

Our "Call my Quaff" wine quiz on 11th May in Wroxham Church Hall was a great success and 70+ members and guests enjoyed a lovely social evening, drinking wine, laughing at our "experts" amusing descriptions of the five vintages, only one correct, of course, tucking in to generous platters of cheese, cold meats, pate and French bread etc and we also made some money to entertain our French contingent this summer from La Pommeraye and Montjean-sur-Loire. All still on course for their visit from 11-16th August and we'll be sending out notes shortly to members to ask if they'd like to join their guests on their visits to Somerleyton Gardens, Great Yarmouth Hippodrome Circus, our dinner and ceilidh evening and Norwich tour.

Before then, we are still hoping to have our Flotilla on **20th July**, as long as we have enough members' boats available on that day. If not, we will try again in September. A definite date though is **26th July** at Robert and Margaret's for our annual social gathering and visit briefing. All members very welcome.



Maggie has chosen "The Pull of the Stars" by Emma Donoghue for our June reading. Pat can get copies of most of our books from Wroxham library, who are always very helpful, and can supply more information for now on 01603 782375 or pat.barkergreen@btinternet.com. For any more information please contact us, via Peter, on 01603 782733 or peter_c_milsted@talk21.com.

Peter Milstead

Wroxham Bure Valley Rotary Club

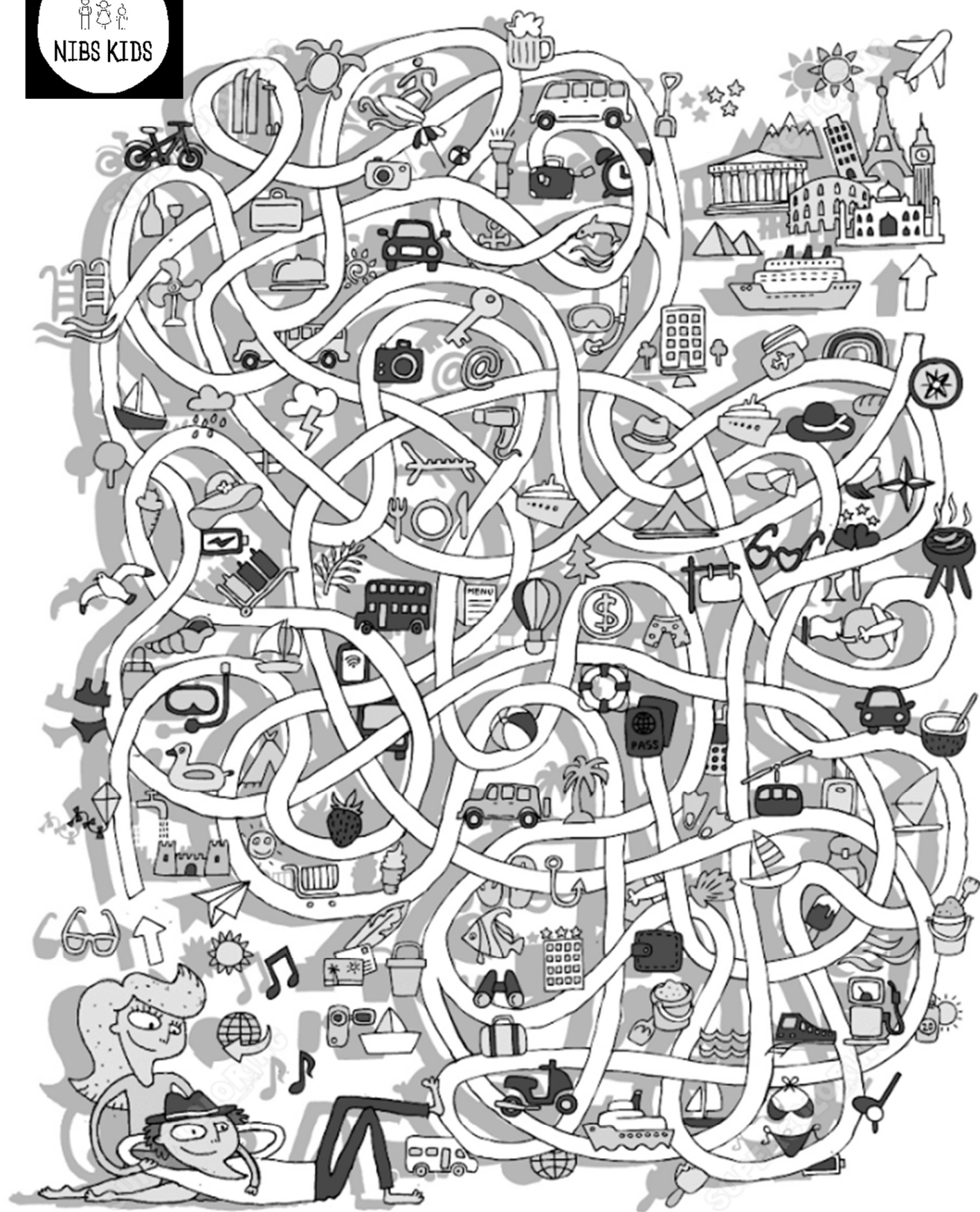
Here we are at the start of June, looking back on a very busy May. We had a stand at the Horning Boat Show, where we met lots of new contacts, including some potential new members and also raised money through our 50/50 raffle. Two weeks later we were prominent helpers at the Wroxham Barns "Meet the Farmer" two-day event, and we finished the month collecting entrance money at the Strumpshaw Steam Fair, over the bank holiday weekend.

Looking ahead we have some interesting speakers coming to our Monday evening meetings in June including Patsy from the charity New Beginnings on the 3rd and Pat Atkinson from the Vidiyal Trust on the 10th. At the end of June we have our handover meeting and barbecue when outgoing president Kelvin Dore hands over to the new incoming president...Kelvin Dore!

If any of this sounds of interest then please contact us, come along to one of our Monday night meetings to find out more about us, or chat to us when we are out and about. You can also support us and the many local and international charities we donate to, through the Broadland Council Lottery Scheme – simply go on line at www.communityatheartlottery.com and sign up, selecting Wroxham Bure Valley Rotary Club as your chosen cause. You can support us directly by visiting our page on the www.totalgiving.co.uk web site.

Meantime, we hope everyone stays safe, happy, and healthy. Remember, in the true Rotary spirit of "Service above Self" we have members ready and willing to help out in the local community wherever the need arises. If you fancy joining us for a vibrant, sociable, active, and fun club experience, please contact our president, Kelvin Dore, on 07798 786944.

Peter Milstead



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Welcome Pack

The NIB team have created a package to welcome newcomers to the villages. This package contains a range of useful information and leaflets, including a NIB (obviously!) and details of the shop, village hall, pub etc. If you are aware of a property which is due new residents, please let us know.

If you know, manage or run a local group or business and would like your flyer included, please do get in touch.

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DEADLINE FOR THE AUGUST EDITION – 19th July 2024

Regular Activities Programme (Spring/Summer 2024)

For details of all bookings and more information visit www.victoryhall.info and select hiring hall and diary.

	Times	Activity	Contact
MONDAY	8.30am – 12.30pm	COMMUNITY GYM	Gym enquiries 07387 876216
	1.45pm – 3.45pm (Community Room)	UKULELE CLUB	Mike Gower 01692 536452
	4.15pm – 5.30pm	PILATES	Boo Williams 07717 473600
	7pm – 10pm 3rd week in month	GARDENING CLUB	Christine Breden 01692 631317
	7.30pm 1st week in month	VILLAGE SCREEN CINEMA	Christine Warren 01692 630347
TUESDAY	9.30am – 11.15am	YOGA	Clare Badham 01692 598022
	1.30pm – 4.30pm (Sept – April only)	INDOOR BOWLS	John Riley 01692 630336
	7.15pm – 10.00pm	NORFOLK WHERRY BRASS BAND	Carole Carman 07917573898
WEDNESDAY	8.30am – 12.30pm	COMMUNITY GYM	07387 876216
	9.30am -12.30pm (Community Room)	TEXTILIA (Textiles and fibre crafts)	Anna Ovenden 07817 635996
	2pm – 4pm (3rd week in month)	WI	Sally Church neatisheadwi@gmail.com
	6.00pm – 7.45pm	YOGA	Clare Badham 01692 598022
	7pm – 9pm (2 nd and 4 th week in month)	KNIT & STITCH (Community Room)	Claire Penstone-Smith 01692 630580
THURSDAY	9.30am – 12noon	FRIENDS & NEIGHBOURS	Jean Barber 01263 721698
	4pm – 7pm TERM TIME ONLY	BROADLAND SCHOOL OF DANCE	Katy Carroll 01263 649548
	7pm – 10pm (not 3 rd week in month)	NEATISHEAD AND BARTON SOCIETY – Amateur dramatics	Lisa Seager 07805 050627
	7pm – 9pm (3 rd week in month)	NEATISHEAD PARISH COUNCIL	Laura Bateman email; neatishead.parish@gmail.com
	7pm – 9pm (Community Room)	ART GROUP	Jim Clinch 01692 536890
FRIDAY	9.45am – 1pm	BRIDGE CLUB	Jim Fletcher 07565 507060
	10am – 12.30pm Last Friday in month	CRAFT GROUP (Community Room)	Jan Cuss 01692 630190
	4pm – 6.45pm TERM TIME ONLY	BROADLAND SCHOOL OF DANCE	Katy Carroll 01263 649548
SATURDAY	9am – 12noon 2 nd week in month.	COMMUNITY MARKET & CAFÉ. Not held in January	Pauline Simpson 07818 599303
SUNDAY	8.30am– 12.30pm	COMMUNITY GYM	07387 876216

Diary Dates for June 2024

Sat	1 st	2.00pm	Barton and Irstead Fête, Barton Hall
Mon	3 rd	7-7.30pm	NVH: Village Screen: the Holdovers (2023, Cert 15, 133 mins)
Thurs	6 th	7.30pm	NABS Open reading of Cinderella, NVH
Sat	8 th	9am-noon 10am-noon 10am – noon	NVH: Community Market and Café Knit & Stitch Knitting in Public Day, White House Stores WFV wildlife walk, Barton Turf Norfolk Punt Club River Cruisers, Barton Broad
Sun	9 th	2-5pm	NVH: NIBCHG: Community Heritage Group Exhibition: 80 th Anniversary of D-Day and Battle of Normandy Norfolk Punt Club River Cruisers, Barton Broad
Mon	10 th	2pm	Horning Flower Club: Rachel Barnard: Flowers make a home
Wed	12 th	1.30pm 7-9pm	Gardening Club and WISE: visit to East Ruston Old Vicarage Gardens: 1.30pm departure from NVH carpark Knit and Stitch: Community Room NVH
Thurs	13 th	10am-noon	Friends and Neighbours: Coffee morning: Rev Sue Seeley
Sat	15 th	10am-noon 2-5pm	Barton Turf Church Coffee Morning Open Garden: Grove House, Irstead, NR12 8XP (Irstead Church Roofing Appeal) Norfolk Punt Club Keel Boats, Barton Broad
Sun	16 th		Norfolk Punt Club Keel Boats, Barton broad
Wed	19 th	10.10am 11.15am 2pm	Mobile Library: Pitt Corner, Neatishead, NR12 8BT Mobile Library: Council Houses, Ashmanhaugh, NR12 8YL WI: NVH Deadline for JULY edition of the NIB
Sat	22 nd		Norfolk Punt Club Norfolk Punts, Barton Broad
Sun	23 rd		Norfolk Punt Club Norfolk Punts, Barton Broad
Wed	26 th	10.15am 10.35am 10.55am 7-9pm	Mobile Library: Pennygate, Barton Turf NR12 8BE Mobile Library: Ex-Post Office, Barton Turf NR12 8BB Mobile Library: Staithe Road, Barton Turf NR12 8AZ Knit and Stitch: Community Room NVH
Thurs	27 th	10am-noon	Friends and Neighbours: Mardle & Quiz
Fri	28 th	6.30-8.30pm	Barton Church, Annual Friends Evening
Sat	29 th	10-11.30am 10am	Hope Café. Neatishead Baptist Church NR12 8YF Defibrillator Info session, Barton & Irstead PC, NVH

Future Dates

Mon 1st July: Village Screen: Wicked Little Letters (2023: Cert 15: 100 mins)

Wed 8th July: 7pm: Community Gym AGM: New Victory Hall

Sat 20th July: 2-3.30pm: NVH: Village Show

Mon 5th August: Village Screen: The Zone of Interest (2023: Cert 12A: 105 mins)

Sat 21st Sept: St Peter's Auction, New Victory Hall

Defibrillator Locations

- New Victory Hall, Street Hill, Neatishead, NR12 8AD
- Cox's Boatyard, Toilet Block, Staithe Road, Barton Turf, NR12 8AZ
- Irstead Staithe, Car Park, Shoals Road, Irstead, NR12 8XS
- Point Farm (wall of barn), The Street, Barton Turf, NR12 8BB
- Berry Hall Lodge (left of entrance gate), Berry Hall Rd, Pennygate, NR12 8BE

Benefice of St Benedict

Date	Time	Service	Church
2 nd June	9.30am	Benefice HC & Sunday Club	Neatishead
9 th June	8am 9.30am 9.30am 11am	HC (BCP) MP HC HC	Irstead Horning Barton Turf Ashmanhaugh
16 th June	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6pm	HC HC MW & Sunday Club EP	Irstead Horning Neatishead Barton Turf
23 rd June	11am 4pm	Benefice HC Summer Church*	Ashmanhaugh Horning
30 th June	11.00am	Benefice HC	Barton Turf

HC: Holy Communion MW: Morning Worship
BCP: Book of Common Prayer MP: Morning Prayer
BHC: Benefice Holy Communion EP: Evening Prayer

*NB: You are invited to join Revd Ben and the Children's Ministry Team for Summer Church in the Sun! BBQ, games, ice-cream and lots more fun activities

Weekday Morning Prayer Services in our Benefice churches at 9.15am*	
Monday	Irstead
Tuesday	Neatishead
Wednesday	Horning
Thursday	Barton Turf
Friday *9.45am	Ashmanhaugh

Sunday Club

Please do join us at Neatishead Church for our new and exciting Sunday Club for all children aged 3-11. On the first Sunday we meet at 9.30am, on the third Sunday we meet at 11am. Parents are encouraged to stay for the church service whilst the children will go into the next room to participate in fun teaching, engaging activities, and exciting games. Sunday Club is led by an experienced team of youth workers who have completed safeguarding training and DBS checks. For more information please contact Revd Ben - brother_ben@btinternet.com

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- St Helen, Hoveton, NR12 8QJ.
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Wednesday Mass at 9.30am.
- Sacred Heart, Norwich Road, North Walsham, NR28 9JP.
Sunday Mass at 11am.
01692 403258, parishpriestfrpeter@gmail.com

Neatishead Baptist Church

2 nd June	10.30am	Marc Grimston: Communion
9 th June	10.30am	Sue Seeley
10 th June	2pm	Fellowship Meeting
14 th June	10am	Prayer Meeting
16 th June	10.30am	Marc Grimston
23 rd June	10.30am	Lesley Nelson
29 th June	10am	Hope Cafe
30 th June	10.30am	Keith Dennis

Hope Café meets for fellowship, coffee, games etc. 10am to 11.30am on the last Saturday of the month. All welcome for fun and fellowship.

Fellowship Meeting: bible study, worship, prayer.

Prayer Meeting: Friday 14th June. Please contact the secretary for more details: [Sue Gibbons](mailto:SueGibbons@neatisheadbaptistchurch.org.uk)

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Interim Minister: Rev Carole Pearl. For any pastoral concerns, please contact the church secretary in the first instance.

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

Please see our website for the most up to date information (wroxhamurc.org.uk)

Do join us for any or all of the following services:

2 nd June	10.30am	Rev Zephny Kennedy (eco theme)
9 th June	10.30am	Rev Carole Pearl inc. Holy Communion
16 th June	10.30am	Rev Alex Jacob
23 rd June	10.30am	Songs of Praise
30 th June	10.30am	Rev Carole Pearl

The Community Café meets for coffee and cakes from 10.30-12 noon on Thursdays. All welcome, there is no charge. We look forward to seeing friends old and new.

