

THE NAB



NEATISHEAD • IRSTEAD • BARTON TURF **PARISH MAGAZINE**

THE BENEFICE OF ST BENEDICT

Revd Rob's Ramblings

Hi, everyone. While in one of our fine local hostelrys recently, I was waiting at the bar next to a woman, who had two rather unruly children, who turned to me and said she would be glad when the Easter holidays were over and they returned to school. As a former teacher I actually loved the holidays. Summer holidays were great for me with six weeks stretching before me without a teenager in sight! Mind you in my past role as a parent of a teenager myself I do have some sympathy with parents especially during the school holidays.

Although our children are now back at school after the Easter break, now is the time to start thinking about the long summer holidays. Start planning what you might do once your teachers are lying on the beach with a tequila and you are tearing your hair out trying to cope with a child who keeps telling you that he or she is bored! Mind you, we live in such a beautiful part of God's creation, that many of our visitors have paid good money to be part of, I wonder whether we, or our children, truly appreciate our surroundings here?

Rivers, boating, seaside nearby, country walks, nature studies and fine old buildings too. Norwich is on our doorstep with a beautiful cathedral and castle and a mysterious 'bewildered' wood not far from here! Plus lots to do suggested in the pages of local magazines. Our beautiful surroundings offer us boundless opportunities for enjoyment and many activities cost little or nothing at all.

As for me, I am pretty content with a country walk, ending up with a pint of foaming real ale in one of our fine village pubs, chatting to locals and visitors alike. A pub seems to be a great melting pot for peoples of all ages and walks of life to meet and pass on their stories. Give it a try sometime. Another thing I enjoy is the company of my little dog Charlie. He loves exploring all the splendid country walks we take together. He rarely has the look that says, "It's boring" on his little face. And that is true of all our pets that rely on us for their food and warmth and in return give us unconditional love and affection. That's why Rector Ben is holding a Pets and Animals Service in Horning church on **28th April**. (The Vicar of Dibley was not the only one to run one!)

So for now, have a great time planning for your summer and if I don't catch you in one of our pubs, perhaps I'll see you at one of our services in one of our fine old village churches. They are not scary at all and you and your children will be made most welcome, especially at the Sunday Club in Neatishead Church which is already attracting a good number of children (aged 3-11). There are engaging and fun teaching activities and games (details inside). So what's not to love living here?

With blessings,

Revd Rob



St Michael and All Angels', Barton Turf

Thanks must go to anyone who had a hand in organising the procession to, and the service held in, the church on Palm Sunday. The donkeys were a great hit with the children and the game "pin the tail on the donkey" was another highlight. A very happy day for everyone. Easter Sunday was also enjoyed with the annual Easter Egg hunt.

On 4th April we had a most interesting plant survey carried out in the churchyard when several plants were highlighted that we were not aware that we had. The challenge for us now is to manage the areas where the plants are thriving.

Thursday 9th May is Ascension Day with a benefice service at 9.30am to which all are welcome. On **Sunday 12th May** there will be an ecumenical service for all for the start of Christian Aid week, again beginning at 9.30am.

The May coffee morning will be on **Saturday 18th May** from 10am until noon as usual. All are welcome to join us for coffee and a browse through the bookstall.

Barton and Irstead Church Fete

Saturday 1st June is fast approaching when the fete will take place at Barton Hall. A reminder that all the stalls still need plenty of contributions. Refer to last month's NIB for details.

We are also hoping this year to have some children's races and the Ukulele Band will again be entertaining us. Help is needed with the putting up and taking down of tents. If you can give a hand please come to the Hall at 6pm on the Friday night, weather permitting, or at 10am on the Saturday.

We are always on the lookout for good raffle prizes so if you have anything that you feel would make a valued prize please get in touch with me. Please also get in touch with me if you have any queries about contributions for any of the stalls.

All that is needed now is good weather!

Barbara Pilcher, Churchwarden

St Peter's, Neatishead

St Peter's Mothers' Union Banner

On Sunday 7th April Revd Ben Bradshaw dedicated a Mothers' Union banner at a service at St Peter's Church. This original Mothers' Union banner was located by Celia Scott at Norwich Cathedral's Diocesan Office at Easton in 2015. It was in a very sorry state. Taking advice from Maria Jordan, an expert in textile conservation through her work with the Historic Royal Palaces and the National Trust, Monica Riley, a local resident, undertook to stabilise the fragile material. It was then professionally framed and following advice from the Diocese, the banner has been presented to, and hung at, St Peter's Church in Neatishead

courtesy of John and Monica Riley, both Friends of St Peter's Church. The PCC presented Monica and John with a small gift to thank them for their generosity and particularly to Monica for her dedication in restoring the banner so beautifully.

On behalf of the Children's Society, thank you to those who attended the Crib Service at St Michael's Church Irstead and also at St Michael and All Angels for the Christingle Service, for the amazing, combined donation of £393.

Your support changes lives - standing alongside young people and letting them know that a brighter future is possible.

Pauline Simpson, Churchwarden 07818 599303

Christian Aid Ecumenical Service

This will be held on **Sunday 12th May** at 9.30am at Barton Church. The theme this year is 'Pushing back against poverty' and we will be hearing stories from Burundi where Christian Aid has been working for nearly 30 years helping the people to push back against the inhumanity of poverty to build a better future. One way is by providing community-based training so that families can come together to set up small businesses and support one another financially.

Sue Gibbons, Co-ordinator

St Michael's, Irstead

Our most grateful thanks to those who kindly helped to spring clean St Michael's recently. Our beautiful church now stands ready to welcome our worshipping congregations and summer visitors. Amongst these we were pleased to be able to welcome to St Michael's the Kestrels (Scripture Union Sailing Flotilla aboard Hunter Fleet craft) on Monday 8th April for their evening prayer and fellowship.

St Michael's annual vestry and parochial Church meetings will be held on **Sunday 12th May** at 9am following our 8am Book of Common Prayer/Holy Communion service. All parishioners are welcome to attend the vestry meeting which is to elect the Churchwardens for the coming year. This is followed by the annual parochial Church meeting when PCC Members are elected and the PCC's annual reports for the previous year formally received. A booklet containing these annual reports is available in the Church. All those on the St Michael's Church electoral roll are invited to attend.

David Murrells, Churchwarden



Your NIB Editorial Team (Clockwise from top left – Joan Dickie, Jane King, Mandy Parks, Sue Clayton, Margaret Maxwell)



Dogs and Cats - Lost and Found

This group now has over 25 members and I'm happy to say we have helped to reunite a couple of dogs with their relieved owners recently. It is a really good idea if your dog (or cat) has a name tag because it makes the reuniting much easier but also, the more people on the group the more successful we may have. Please message me on the number below if you would like to join.

Sue Clayton, 07850 436211



NIB Magazine Adverts

As you will all be aware, the magazine also contains two pages of local ads each month, see pages 13 and 14 this month. Please remember to always have a look through and see what is new and what has changed. You will notice a slight difference this month - any new ads will have a double box around them and any ads which have been amended will have a dotted box around them - this is to make it easier for you to see them.

If you are interested in advertising with us, do please get in touch. Further details can be found on page 14.

Sue Clayton, 07850 436211

NIB Villages 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.

nibeditor1@gmail.com



New Victory Hall Quiz Night

Friday 10th May 7 for 7.30pm

A reminder! If you haven't already done so, make a date to join us for a fun quiz evening in the NVH on **Friday 10th May**. Tickets are £5 and there is a prize for the winning team. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles. There will also be a raffle.

You can make teams of up to 6 people or simply come along and make a team up on the evening. Please contact Pauline Simpson on 07818 599303 to book your place.

Jane King NVH Events Committee



Knit & Stitch

Among the many fantastic exhibits at the Makers Festival in Norwich last month, I discovered Re-Do Norfolk. We all want to help stop so much waste going to landfill. Their vision is a world where everyone and everything gets a second chance and where nothing goes to waste.

Their mission is to be a flexible organisation promoting and providing alternatives to landfill through education and information as well as hands-on projects and events, using profits to

further develop the organisation through both short and long-term community-based projects as well as to provide people, who may otherwise be struggling, to get a foot into the job market – a place to learn and grow.

Check out their website to find out how you can help and dates of events www.redo-norfolk.co.uk/ They are based at 44-48 Magdalen Street, Sackville Place, Norwich. On their stand at the Makers Festival they were crocheting 'upcycled t-shirt baskets'. We will be having a go at this at Knit and Stitch - more details in next month's NIB.

Meanwhile our regular meetings this month will be Wednesdays **8th and 22nd May**, 7-9pm, at the New Victory Hall. All welcome. If you would like any more details do get in touch or pick up a leaflet in the New Victory Hall.

Claire Penstone-Smith, claireps@btinternet.com
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Gardening Club

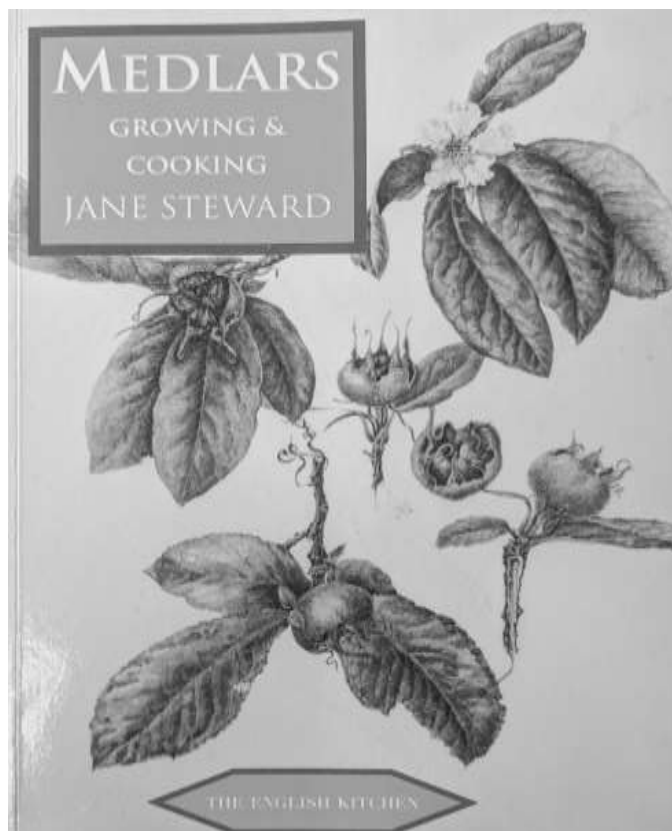
(Not just for members! Guests are welcome too for £4 per person).

Geoff Freeman gave a highly entertaining and informative talk about sweet peas at our April meeting and he will be judging the flowers, fruit and vegetables at the Village Show which takes place on **Saturday 20th July** in the NVH. Schedules will be sent to members this month. Please remember that entry to the show is open to everyone in the three villages and beyond. If you are not a member, please contact me and I will send you a copy. We are a very friendly group, certainly not experts, but we do enjoy gardening and welcome visitors to our meetings and activities.

Our next meeting is on **Monday 20th May** at 7.30pm in the NVH when Jane Stewart will be telling us about medlars, an unfamiliar fruit to many but with an interesting history. It is a large shrub or small tree in the rose family which has been cultivated since Roman times.

The fruit is usually available in winter and eaten when bletted. It may be eaten raw and in a range of cooked dishes. Jane has an orchard of over a hundred medlar trees and uses the fruit to make jelly and other products. She has written a book which has just been shortlisted in the Debut Food Book category of Fortnum's 2023 Food and Drink Awards. Jane will have copies of the first edition of the book, together with product for tasting and buying. Do come along for what should be a very interesting evening.

Jane King, 07423 820228
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Bridge Club

The Neatishead Bridge Group has a Good Friday tradition of having an Easter Bonnet competition. There is really only one rule – you must have made the bonnet yourself. This year we had a good show of creativity. I was sporting a rather fetching panama with bird's nest adornments. We had a vote for the best bonnet and I didn't win – the quality was that high! Congratulations to Julia Brown for her masterpiece.



We have started to have occasional charity events. The group members have selected a number of charities to support and we will devote a session every 6 weeks or so to raising money for a specific cause. Our first event was on 5th April and was in aid of Prostate Cancer UK; we raised a total of £52.

I had an interesting conversation with one of our group last Friday. She is 88 and lives alone and was saying that she really relies on playing bridge to keep her mind sharp and able to problem solve. Our oldest member is 94 and is really on the ball. It is never too late to learn or improve your bridge and the benefits are huge.

Remember that if you are curious about what a bridge session looks like, you are more than welcome to come along on a Friday morning to spend some time with us – please contact me if you would like to do this.

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 6th May** we will be showing *One Life* (2023: Cert 12A: 110 mins). The incredible, true story of Nicholas Winton, later dubbed "Britain's Schindler", who helped save hundreds of children's lives from the Holocaust. Anthony Hopkins gives a subtle, emotionally powerful performance as the elderly Sir Nicholas Winton appearing on the live BBC television show, "That's Life", where he is introduced to some of the surviving children - now adults.

Tickets at £6 (cash only, correct change please) can be purchased from White House Stores Community Shop. Advance booking is preferred by calling Christine on 01692 631347. Contactless payment is an option for unreserved tickets on the door, numbers permitting. We look forward to welcoming you to the New Victory Hall at 7pm for 7.30pm where drinks and biscuits will be available for £1.

Future film dates:

Monday 3rd June - Holdovers

Monday 1st July - Wicked Little Letters

Monday 5th August - The Zone of Interest

Village Screen Team



Neatishead, Irstead and Barton Turf Community Heritage Group

Let's put the record straight! Despite its name, the Bayeux Tapestry is actually an embroidery in wool thread on linen cloth. Now, back to "proper" tapestries! At our April meeting, Maria Jordan brought her expert knowledge and vast experience of textile conservation to give a fascinating talk on "The Long and Winding Road:

Wool, Tapestries and the Medieval Global Economy". We heard that tapestries were commissioned to demonstrate political power by the monarchy and wealthy patrons – and often portrayed religious, pastoral or allegorical scenes. East Anglia became a very prosperous area in the medieval period because of the black-faced Norfolk Horn sheep that grazed on light shady heathland and our marshland. At this time the sheep had no predators as wolves, which were a major problem across Europe were hunted and culled systematically, so that by the 15th century were all but extinct. The consequent sale of fleeces to satisfy the home market and for export made, for a limited time, fortunes for the landed gentry or the Church. Maria went on to explain the process of commissioning tapestries for palaces and stately homes – identifying flocks of sheep, pre-ordering the wool, using a drawing or cartoon, which was enlarged to fit a room (perhaps 70m wide x 6m high as per Hardwick Hall), dyeing the wool, warping a high-warp or low-warp loom, and then weaving the design from the back using the cartoon as a guide, perhaps using a mirror to see the front of the tapestry. Tapestry weaving is very time consuming and is one of the many reasons it was, and remains, expensive. It is estimated that weavers could produce up to one square metre of figurative tapestry per month. Maria was part of the National Trust team involved in taking down, conserving/repairing, cleaning, and re-hanging the 13 Gideon tapestries purchased by Bess of Hardwick in 1592-3 for Hardwick Hall from the original owner, Sir Christopher Hatton. This was a 24-year project that was completed in July 2023. Thank you, Maria, for a most fascinating presentation.

Monica Riley, NIBCHG Secretary

Earlier in April it was good to meet some residents who found their way to The Stable (building adjacent to the Baptist Church) at our open morning. Valuable information was shared and exchanged. We will be open again on **Tuesday 14th May** from 10-12 noon. Do pop along to say hello, ask questions, see our archives, and have a coffee. We hope this will become a monthly event. May will also see us organising a local walk following the Pennygate section of John Yaxley's book 'A Jam Round Barton Turf'. NIBCHG Friends will be contacted by email with details as numbers will be limited. This will be followed by an exhibition at the New Victory Hall on **Sunday 9th June** 2-5pm to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of D-Day and the Normandy Landings - an event that played such a pivotal role in the outcome of WW2. Our research has been focussed on the

involvement of those from our villages who served during WW2 as well as everyday life here at that time and in the following years. We look forward to sharing these stories which should never be forgotten. Everyone welcome - refreshments will be available.

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FONS Friends of Neatishead School

The White Horse Inn is kindly holding a quiz night for FONS. Please join us to raise funds to contribute to educational trips for the children.

23rd May at 8pm, max 6 people per team, £4 per person. Please book your team directly with the pub. 1st prize £150 pub voucher, 2nd prize £50 pub voucher. Plans for the Summer Festival BBQ are underway and we have been receiving some wonderful prizes for the event.

Lisa Seager & Kerry Smith



NABS

The Golden Years of NABS

The time has arrived for the 50th Anniversary Celebrations of NABS. Join us all as we celebrate the past 50 years and recreate some fantastic scenes and songs. We hope to see you all at the New Victory Hall on **Saturday 4th May**. Doors open at 7pm. Curtain up at 7.30pm.

Keep your eyes peeled for news of the upcoming members only Summer Soiree, as we start to prepare for this year's pantomime.

Lisa Seager, NABS Secretary



Neatishead, Barton Turf & District WI

INSPIRING WOMEN

I started our April meeting by welcoming even more members, totalling 46 in all from our surrounding villages. There were so many events to look forward to with our Women Walk the World walk at Blickling and various trips out for members to enjoy. Our speaker was the creative writer Jeni Neill, who wowed us with her knowledge of Norwich and parts of Suffolk in the mid 1600's. She also inspired us to write our own book, just as she had done, and took us through the stages of self-publishing.

We were delighted with our Salver Cup team who gained 4th place this year, an excellent result as we were competing with the whole of Norfolk. Also,

congratulations to Celia Scott and Betty Palmer for their results in the individual entry of a decorated cushion.

Our monthly competition was won by Celia Scott. Our next meeting is on **15th May** at 2pm. Please email us at neatisheadwi@gmail.com for further information if you would like to join us.

Sally Church 07917 540538



Barton Turf Bowls Club

The "guess the number of Maltesers in the jar" proved very popular at the Spring Fair. The winner was Keith Copperwheat.

The season started with the first roll-up on 29th April and the first game of the season is a friendly against Chedgrave on **1st May** to be followed by the first league game against Mundesley on **3rd May**. A reminder that roll-ups are normally on a Monday evening at 6.45pm and all are welcome to come and have a go.

More information from Glenn Neave on 01692 536690.

Barbara Pilcher



RAF Neatishead Museum

The RAF Air Defence Radar Museum celebrates its 30th anniversary this year. Based on the site of the former RAF Neatishead, the museum tells the once-classified stories of the development of the UK's air defence systems and the people who served here – some of whom volunteer with us and share their experiences. First established in 1941, the base was designed around the new concept of Ground Control Intercept radars and Fighter Controllers to direct allied fighters, day and night, to intercept enemy aircraft. Neatishead was critical to the defence of the UK, but also sent its experienced personnel abroad to support the allied advances in Europe and the Far East as part of mobile radar units. You can find out more about these in a new exhibition at the museum.

After the war the site was redeveloped to prepare for the new threat of nuclear war with the Soviet Union, with larger and more powerful radars, an underground command and control bunker and personnel trained to direct faster and more capable fighter aircraft. A tragic fire in 1966 caused the site to lose most of its capability, but in 1974 a new command centre was established in the 'Happidrome' where the museum stands today,

and where you can experience sitting in the original Operations Room.

The museum volunteers present talks each day about the RAF in the Cold War and Second World War, and you can explore rooms of artefacts which cover the development of radar technology, the Bloodhound missile, the work of the Royal Observer Corps and the nearby RAF Coltishall. We also have a café with delicious cakes and snacks, a shop of souvenirs, books and gifts, and regular events through the school holidays. We're always looking for volunteers to join us in engaging and supporting our visitors, of any age or experience, so please get in touch if you would like to be part of the museum.

Contact manager@radarmuseum.co.uk to find out more.

Matthew Parrott, Manager



White House Stores Community Shop

Shop trip to Norton's Dairy

On 19th March, a group of 18 staff, volunteers and committee members went on a farm tour at Norton's Dairy.



The visit was a very pleasant surprise! We had expected to see a 'state of the art' set-up, but instead, what we saw was a traditional set of farm buildings housing a breed of cow we had not heard of before, but a breed that fitted in with the fantastic ethos of the business, quality and not quantity. Nortons is a family run dairy farm, the milk produced is in turn processed on the premises into yogurt, cream, soft cheese and butter.



We do not think any of the group visiting Norton's Dairy last month could resist the beautiful Swiss Brown cows. Not only are they beautiful, but also calm, inquisitive and very friendly. The automatic milking machine was a fascinating piece of equipment. The cows enter the robot which automatically recognises each one, a laser guided robotic arm locates and cleans the teats, and then milks the cow. The milk then goes to the cooling tank and after treatment goes off to be made into



Horning Post Office & Shop

It is with regret to report that Horning Post Office will close on **Saturday 11th May 2024** at 12.30pm; it is hoped that the Shop part will remain open through to Friday 17th May.

After twelve very enjoyable years in Horning, this hasn't been an easy decision. We are genuinely sorry that the village will be losing an essential service, but over the last few years the financial pressures of running a small traditional model of post office have made the enterprise uneconomic: the make-up of Post Office products has changed, often to our disadvantage, and the way people deal with mail and banking has altered, sometimes not always for the better.

We wish to thank our local customers, both personal and business, for your support, and for all those who have used our services and bought many souvenirs, books, antique maps and prints etc. We have tried to make our shop appealing to visitors and locals alike.

Closing reductions have already started, so please pop in and pick up a bargain and say goodbye.

Looking to the future, the management at Post Office will be reviewing what level of service the village requires, so please keep an eye on the local news.

With many thanks and best wishes.

Adrienne and Andrew Seddon

the various dairy products all of which can be purchased from the White House Stores. It certainly was a very interesting and informative visit. Our next trip will be to Javabeen Coffee Roastery, as we have just started serving their locally roasted coffee in the shop.

Susan and Roger Lamb

A message from the shop committee...

We still desperately need a Committee Secretary! Our Treasurer, Amanda Brooks is temporarily covering the tasks but is a very busy lady! Could you help us? Please email info@whitehousestores.co.uk. Thank you.

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



Community Gym

GYM INTERVIEW of the MONTH

In what decade were you born? 1980s

How often do you come to the gym?
 Twice a week at least

What are your favourite gym activities?
 Resistance equipment and the rowing machines

What are your fitness goals? To lose weight

Key fact about Neatishead Community Gym? It's such a friendly and accepting place.

Gym Fundraising

The gym had two fund raising events in April. The White Horse Inn charity quiz on April 16th had a good turnout (on a wet and cold April evening) and proved a fiendishly challenging and hugely enjoyable evening. A big thank you to the pub staff, especially Matthew our quiz master.

Shortly afterwards, Saturday April 20th saw gym members rallying together to run a Plant and Bake Sale at New Victory Hall, again with great attendance; big thanks to the bakers, the seedling and plant growers, raffle prize donators and all attendees. Between the two events, more than £800 was raised to go towards the repair and renewal of the gym's equipment.

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

Joan Dickie



The 6pm Club

Ever since the White Horse was re-opened, a group of us locals, not all retired (!) have been meeting up every Friday at 6pm for around an hour 'social', which might or might not involve a beer or something similar! Numbers vary greatly from sometimes as few as 6 to over 15 and the only 'rule' is that you buy your own drinks! So please come along and enjoy the chat, or as they say in these parts "have a good mardle".

Nick Fowle



10th Birthday Beer Fest

Free Entry!

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 MUSIC // QUIZ
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Neatishead Parish Council

Neatishead Parish Council would like to say a big thank you to The White Horse pub who raised a fantastic £269 from their pub quiz night, which was split between the two parish councils towards the defibrillator funding! With the defibrillator purchased, the council have now identified a suitable location and are just working on the finishing details before an announcement is made on the installation of the device.

On Thursday 18th April 2024 the normal parish council meeting was preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting which welcomed reports from local councillors, Norfolk Police, The New Victory Hall Management Committee and The Neatishead, Irstead and Barton Turf Community Heritage Group.

The Parish Council regretfully received the resignation of councillor Alex Craker, whose invaluable efforts supported the Queen's Jubilee street party as well as the commemorative tree planted at the recreational ground. Her attention to detail and diligence for high standards has supported the discharge of the council's functions enormously, she will be greatly missed. This has created a second vacancy on the council for anyone interested in volunteering their time to a fulfilling and worthy role. Without the support of the local residents the parish council would not operate and this level of democracy, that is closest to its community, would be lost. Please get in touch with the clerk for more details at neatishead.parish@gmail.com.

Laura Bateman, Parish Clerk



Smallburgh Tennis Club

Are you interested in playing tennis this summer? 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 through the summer months from May until September and individual membership is likely to be £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. Why not give us a try? We encourage people with all levels of ability. Once you become a member you can access the courts and equipment at any time during the week. If you are interested text me on 07443 658265 or email madcanary@gmail.com.

Duncan Hale-Sutton



Horning Flower Club

At our April meeting, a perennial favourite demonstrator, Brenda Tubb, had us all in stitches about anything and everything. She raced through her demonstration entitled Magic Moments due to there being a fault with the hall's heating and feeling sure that we just wanted to warm up with a cuppa.

We would have been quite happy shivering away for longer, enjoying her unique humour and watching her construct her arrangements in a seemingly effortless way as she told her stories. She had generously prepared several extras before arrival, so that rather than the usual 6 arrangements to be raffled off to the members there were 13.

The monthly raffle for arrangements brings in good income for club funds as well as providing enjoyment to the lucky winners. The competition Box of Colour was won by Jo McDougall. **On 13th May**, when there will be no competition - we will have a workshop entitled Vertically Challenged run by Jenni Baker.

Members will need to bring a couple of mixed supermarket bunches, but everything else will generously be provided by the club. For more information on this, and also if anyone is interested in finding out more about the club, please contact the secretary, Carole Swan, on 01692 536270.

Rachel Clayton



NIB Wildlife Friendly Villages

Jerry Simpson will be leading a wildlife walk at Roger Lamb's marsh, Barton Turf, on **Saturday 8th June**. Start time will be 10am and the walk will last for approximately two hours. Places will be limited so, if you wish to take part, please book by email (wfv.nib@gmail.com) or by texting Sophia on 07443 658400.

Sophia Hale-Sutton

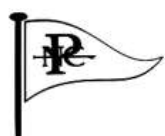


Wildlife Working Party

Thanks again to the wildlife volunteers. We used the wood from coppicing to build up paths through the wildlife areas near Dale and Forge ponds on Barton Common. In places these were very low and prone to becoming muddy and inaccessible. The common remains waterlogged after prolonged rainfall over the winter.

Now that it is warming up, evaporation should restore it to its former glory. It is amazing that the grass can survive and grow even after long periods under water. Dale and Forge ponds remain covered in a thick layer of duck weed. I carried out a bit of pond dipping to discover that underneath there are plenty of invertebrates, in particular huge swarms of phantom midge larvae. Interestingly, Hayletts pond has no duckweed. Aaron Brown from Norfolk Wildlife Trust and I will be carrying out some amphibian surveys in the ponds over the next month, so if you see us with torches on the common in the evening come and say hello!! I'll report back any findings in the next article.

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Norfolk Punt Club

The season opened on Easter Saturday with the Barton Bunny pursuit race in uncharacteristically good weather, pictured here with our pontoons in the background and cormorants looking on. This was followed by Powerboat training for the essential safety boats and a splendid Fitting Out Supper in the New Victory Hall.

The regular Sunday sailing started on 21st April. This will be followed by regular evening sailing on Tuesdays from **7th May** to set the pattern which we follow through until late summer.



Our first Social Saturday of the season is planned for **18th May**. This is an opportunity for anyone to visit the Club's pontoons on Barton Broad. A number of boats will be available for you to try under the helm of one of our experienced members and there will be a regular shuttle service to ferry visitors from Barton Staithe. And, of course, there will be the famous Punt Club cake. More details of both this and all our other activities can be found on the website www.puntclub.co.uk.

Frances and James Arthur 07779 339893



Wildlife Notes

May is recognised by most nature lovers as the best month of the year as we have returning migrant birds, new flowers coming into

bloom, mammals coming out of hibernation and insects emerging.

This spring my camera nestbox has attracted a pair of Great Tits which is the first time this species has attempted to nest in my nestbox having always previously had Blue Tits. I had thought that the metal plate fitted around the hole at the front of the box to keep predators out was too small a hole for Great Tits to get into the box, but this pair have proved me wrong.

I first noticed nesting material being taken into the box on 3rd April and from the 4th there has been a Great Tit roosting in the box every night since. The bottom of the nest box was full of nesting material by the 6th and on the 11th there were at least 4 eggs although she is not incubating them yet (14th) and leaves them during the day covered in dried grass and moss. I will update you with their progress next month.



Great Tit – Jon Kelf

At the end of April many people notice and comment on a type of shiny black fly with dangling legs which sometimes emerge in great numbers around woodland edges, fields, and wetlands. These are St. Mark's flies so called because they usually emerge around the 25th April which is St Mark's Day. They are also called Hawthorn flies and can look a bit intimidating but rest assured that they do not sting or bite humans and are great pollinators for fruit trees and other plants.

The Bitterns have continued booming at Irstead and at How Hill and can even be heard on a still night in the middle of Neatishead.



Bittern – Jon Kelf

They are recognised as being the UK's loudest bird as the male foghorn sound can carry as far as 3 miles. The RSPB and Natural England monitor the numbers of Bitterns by counting the number of "booming" male birds each spring. The latest survey results from 2023 recorded 234 birds "booming" around the UK, a massive increase from just 11 males counted in 1997.

Hopefully the "Bog bumper", as it's known locally, will continue to flourish this year. The beginning of May is a time to look out for the first Swifts and Hobbies overhead and, if you are lucky, Spotted Flycatchers in your garden.



Spotted Fly Catcher – Jon Kelf

Black Terns and Little Gulls may pass through on the broad but won't stop for long so get out and enjoy the sights and sounds of the dawn chorus.

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Weather

Dry March followed by April showers

The total rainfall recorded in March was 32.4mms/1.28in which is 65% of average and the lowest monthly total since June last year. This offered some respite to the waterlogged conditions.

However, April has been typically changeable with most days seeing showers. The total rainfall to date is 43.6mms/1.72in which is already 97% of average. The highest daily total to date is 10mms/0.39in on the 16th.

Temperatures have been well above average in the first two weeks with two notable warm spells on 5-6th and 11-14th where temperatures reached 20°C. The warmest day was on the 11th with 22.2°C recorded. The third week has been much cooler, however, with blustery north-westerlies and temperatures below average.

Peter Mills



Palm Sunday walk from New Victory Hall to Barton Turf with the Bishop.

Photo supplied by Rev'd Ben Bradshaw.

Animal Quiz!

1. Read, match the texts with the pictures and write the names of the animals.



1

It is a white animal with long ears. It loves carrots.

It has got four legs. It lives on the farm and gives milk.

2



3

It is a small insect. It makes honey.

It has got a big body but short legs. It lives near or in rivers.

4



5

It has got black and white stripes. It can run very fast.

It is a very small animal. It is red or black. It likes sugar and works very hard. It has got six legs.

6

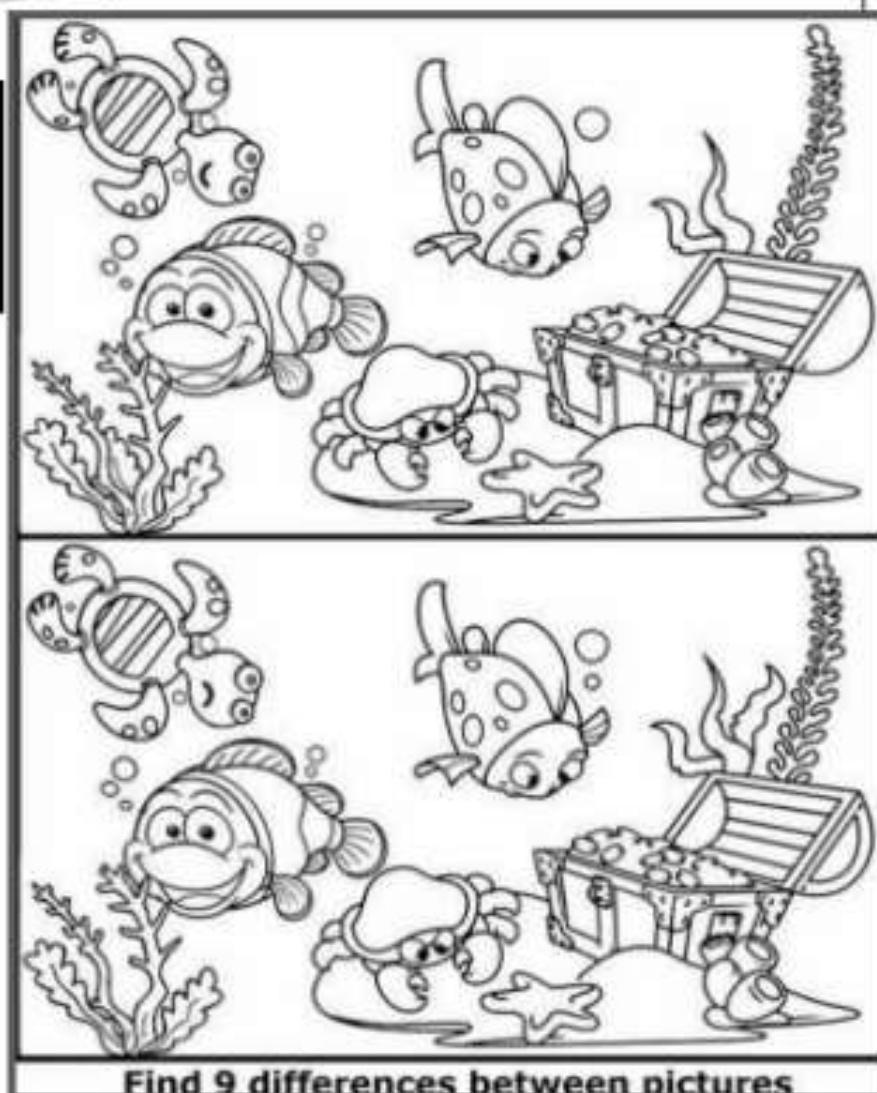


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It is not a bird but it can fly. It is black. It sleeps during the day.

It is a farm animal. It has got two legs. It lays eggs.

8



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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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Diary Dates for May 2024

Wed	1 st	10.15am 10.35am 10.55am	Mobile Library: Pennygate, Barton Turf NR12 8BE Mobile Library: Ex-Post Office, Barton Turf NR12 8BB Mobile Library: Staithe Road, Barton Turf NR12 8AZ
Sat	4 th	7 for 7.30pm	NABS 50 The Golden Years: Anniversary Show: NVH
Sun	5 th	10am-3pm	Hoveton Village Hall: Wroxham & Hoveton Lions Craft Fair
Mon	6 th	7 for 7.30pm	NVH: Village Screen: One Life (2023: Cert 12:110 mins)
Wed	8 th	7-9pm	Knit and Stitch: Community Room NVH
Thurs	9 th	10am-noon	Friends and Neighbours: Toys & Games, Angela Bishop
Fri	10 th	7 for 7.30pm	Quiz Night: NVH
Sat	11 th	9am-noon	NVH: Community Market & cafe
Mon	13 th	2pm	Horning Flower Club: Jenni Baker: Vertically Challenged!
Wed	15 th	2pm	WI: New Victory Hall
Sat	18 th	10am-noon	Barton Turf Church Coffee Morning
Sun	19th		Deadline for MAY edition of the NIB
Mon	20 th	7-10pm	Gardening Club: NVH: History of the Medlar: Jane Stewart
Wed	22 nd	10.10am 11.15am 10.30am 7-9pm	Mobile Library: Pitt Corner, Neatishead, NR12 8BT Mobile Library: Council Houses, Ashmanhaugh, NR12 Coffee Morning, Broadacres Care Home. All Welcome Knit and Stitch: Community Room NVH
Thurs	23 rd	10am-noon 8pm 23 rd - June 1 st	Friends and Neighbours: Mardle & Quiz White Horse Inn: Quiz Night (for Neatishead Primary Sch) White Horse Inn: 10-year anniversary! 10 days of events!
Sat	25 th	10-11.30am	Hope Café. Neatishead Baptist Church NR12 8YF
Wed	29 th	10.15am 10.35am 10.55am	Mobile Library: Pennygate, Barton Turf NR12 8BE Mobile Library: Ex-Post Office, Barton Turf NR12 8BB Mobile Library: Staithe Road, Barton Turf NR12 8AZ

Future Dates

Sat June 1st: Barton and Irstead Church Fete

Mon June 3rd: Village Screen: The Holdovers (2023: Cert R: 133 mins)

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

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

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Benefice of St Benedict

Date	Time	Service	Church
5 th May	9.30am	Benefice HC & Sunday Club	Neatishead
9 th May	Thursday 9.30am	Ascension Day Service	Barton Turf
12 th May	8am	HC (BCP)	Irstead
	9.30am	MP	Horning
	9.30am	HC: Ecumenical	Barton Turf
		Christian Aid Service	
	11am	HC	Ashmanhaugh
19 th May	9.30am	HC	Irstead
	11.00am	HC	Horning
	11.00am	MW & Sunday Club	Neatishead
	6pm	EP	Barton Turf
26 th May	11am	BHC	Irstead
	4pm	Children's Church	Barton Turf

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

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NIB deadline for June edition is 19th May

Neatishead Baptist Church

5 th May	10.30am	Mark Taylor
12 th May	9.30am	Christian Aid Service, Barton Church
13 th May	2pm	Fellowship Meeting
17 th May	10am	Prayer Meeting
19 th May	10.30am	Marc Grimston
25 th May	10am	Hope Cafe
26 th May	10.30am	John Leaf

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

Fellowship Meeting: bible study, worship and prayer.

Prayer Meeting: second Friday of the month at 10am, in church usually. Please contact the secretary for more details: *Sue Gibbons*
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Do join us for any or all of the following services:

5 th May	10.30am	Rev Alex Jacob
12 th May	10.30am	Rev Zephany Kennedy
19 th May	10.30am	Pentecost Service led by Mr Mike Gibbs
26 th May	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.

JAM: (Sunday School) welcomes children from 4-15. We watch, read, listen, discuss, play, act, sing, chat, pray, cook, create & have a great time!
12th May: Wroxham Church Hall from 10.45-11.45am <https://wroxhamurc.org.uk/jam> ;
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