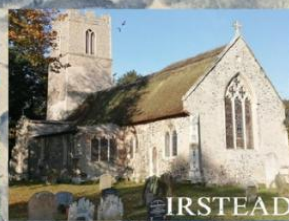


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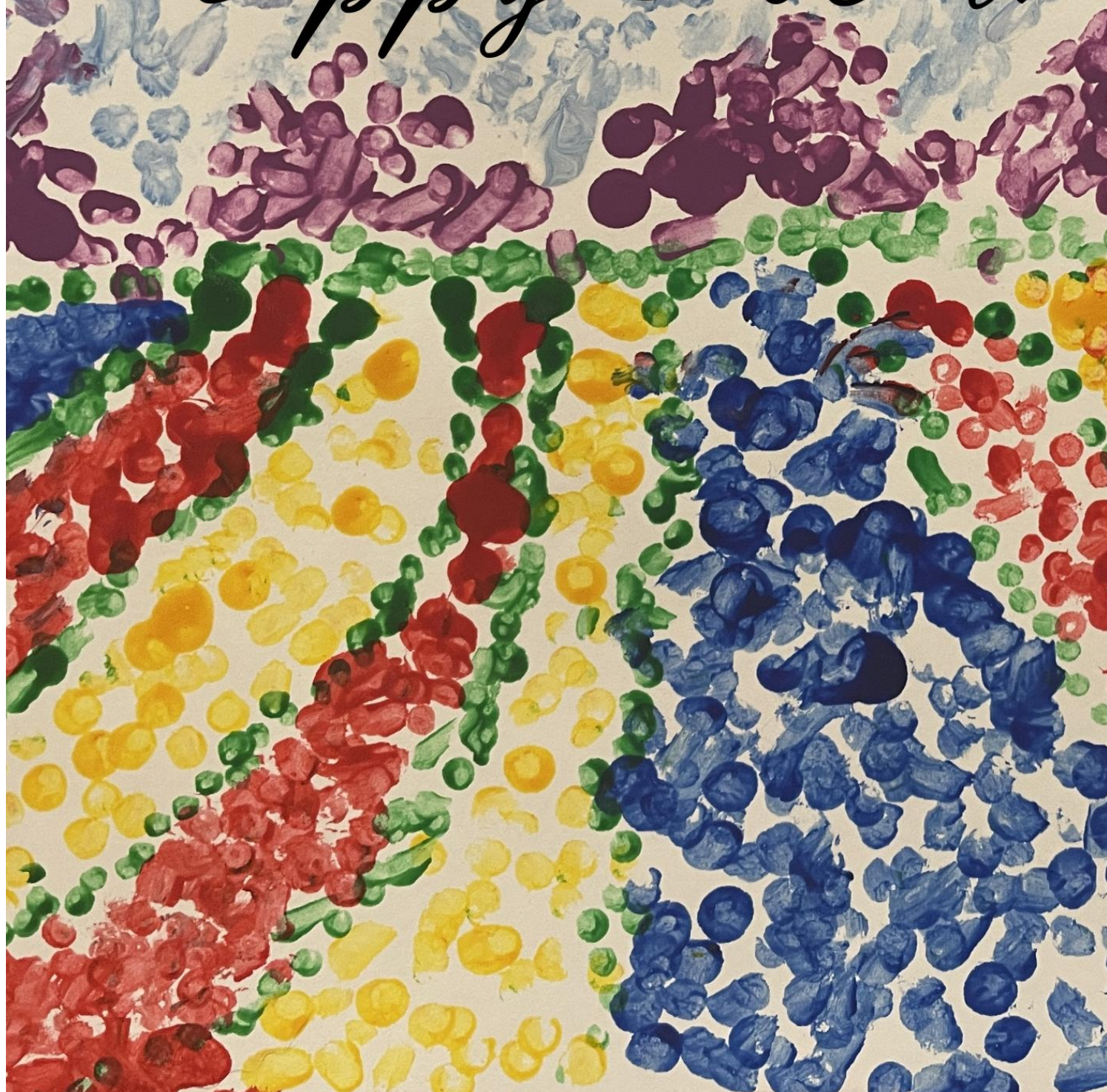
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PARISH MAGAZINE OF NEATISHEAD, IRSTEAD & BARTON TURF

Happy Easter!





Front Cover : Pointillism Study

April's wonderfully colourful cover artwork is by:

Alex: Year 1: Red Skippers class
Neatishead C of E Primary School:

From NIB March edition

Many thanks to several readers who identified 'the mystery man from TV' in our Pancake Day photo! He is Michael Hunt from Anglia TV weather.



NIB readers' reminiscences included:

'Michael Hunt was a local legend! He used to present the weather using all those squiggly lines, high and low pressure, before they used the weather symbols that we know of today.'

The Benefice of St Benedict

Investigating the events of the very first Easter



Christianity is about faith. It is about having a faith that a man living 2,000 years ago did something incredible; something that no one else has ever done before. At the heart of Christianity is the belief that Jesus of Nazareth died on a cross, and yet somehow three days later, he was able to rise victoriously from the dead. The belief that Jesus was able to rise from the dead is one of the biggest stumbling blocks preventing someone from embracing Christianity.

There are other challenges, such as the existence of evil in the world. However, if one can embrace the reality that Jesus did indeed rise from the dead, then all of those other difficult questions are easier to comprehend.

It is natural to be sceptical about the idea that a man could die but somehow come back to life; instinctively we think that is impossible. There is an almost unanimous consensus between historians, both religious and non-religious, that there was a man called Jesus of Nazareth and that this man lived in Palestine during the first century at a time when the Roman Empire controlled the area.

Historians are also in agreement that this man, Jesus of Nazareth, was a teacher; he was a man who gained a sizeable following and caused problems for both religious and secular authorities. There is also a general historical acceptance that Jesus of Nazareth was crucified at some point around 35AD. The big question where people divide is on the events after Jesus' death.

Christians believe that Jesus came back from the dead on the very first Easter morning. We do not believe this for no good reason as there is ample evidence to back it up. If Jesus had not risen, where did his body go? If it was a false rumour then the authorities could easily have produced his body and saved themselves a lot of problems.

Perhaps Jesus' disciples stole his body to start the rumour? The problem with this argument is that Jesus' disciples were not very brave! They frequently lacked faith and understanding. St Peter only a few days before Jesus' death had denied even knowing him as he was so worried about the consequences! What could possibly turn a group of people who lacked faith, courage, and understanding, to suddenly be willing to die for Jesus? Nearly every one of Jesus' first followers and disciples were killed, would they really have done that for a lie? I think not. The only possibility for what could have transformed the first followers of Jesus, the only thing that could have sparked the creation of the biggest religion in the world is if something incredible had happened: Jesus of Nazareth was the Son of God, who died, but the rose again three days later. Praised be Christ.

Revd Ben

P.S. Thank you to everyone who supported my 24 hour prayer vigil. Lots of prayers were offered and so far we have raised over £1,000 for children in Zimbabwe.



St Peter's Church Neatishead

We welcome the return of 'Hexachordia' (www.hexachordia.com) to St Peter's

Church, Neatishead on **Saturday 10th May** at 7pm. Hexachordia will be presenting a celebration of the English garden in music and words called "All in a Garden Green". Playing on authentic copies of original instruments from the Medieval and Tudor eras such as the harp, recorders, gittern, lutes and viols, the group performs music inspired by formal gardens and the English countryside. This music is interspersed with readings contemporary with the pieces, reflecting on the evolution of the English garden through to the seventeenth century. We hope that proceeds from this concert, which is being generously sponsored by a parishioner will bring us to the final conclusion of our bell and tower refurbishment fundraising total. Please come along and help us to do this and enjoy a fun evening too! Thank you – Pauline

Tickets £10 (under 16s £5) to include refreshments available from: Pauline Simpson on 07818 599303 or pauline761@btinternet.com

All in a Garden Green
 a celebration of the garden through the ages
 in music and words
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Easter Fair Cake Stall

St Peter's Church is having a Cake Stall at the NVH Easter Fair on **Thursday 10th April** from 2-4pm in aid of church funds. Please come along and support it. There should be homemade cakes and bakes as well as preserves to tempt you. Any donations for the stall will be gratefully received either beforehand or on the day. For any more information please call me on 01692 630249. I look forward to seeing you.

Jane Fowle

Are you a flower arranger?

If so, Neatishead Church is on the lookout for new volunteers to help with the arrangements in the church. There is a team of six at the moment and we would like to recruit some more people. We each take on two weeks at a time and have a pedestal and two small vases which go behind the altar to arrange. At the moment the 'duty' comes round about three times a year and is on a rota basis, as well as help with the festivals: Easter, Harvest and Christmas. If you think you might like to 'have a go' then please get in touch with me on 01692 630249 or nicholas4567fowle@gmail.com. I am very happy to answer any questions you might have. We can give a little guidance if requested to set you on your way

Jane Fowle



St Michael and All Angels', Barton Turf



April is promising to be a busy month for the church. The first event in the month is the annual spring clean which will be on the **11th and 12th April**, beginning each day at 9.30am. As always many hands make light work. Do come on one, or both of the days, refreshments will be available but if you can bring a duster that would be very helpful. This event is followed by Palm Sunday on the **13th April**. As usual there will be a procession to the church, beginning at the New Victory Hall at 10.30am and the service at the church will be at 11am. As last year the procession will be accompanied by two donkeys, mother and son. This procession is a family event, enjoyed by all ages. For those of you who are unable to walk the distance you will be able to meet the procession at the lychgate so that everyone processes into the church together. Do come and take part in this annual event, either by walking, or joining the church service or by doing both; you will be very welcome. During Holy Week we will be having our usual Maundy Thursday service at 7pm, followed by a vigil.

On **Saturday 19th April** there will be our April coffee morning when we will be serving hot cross buns. The coffee morning will run from 10am until noon, as usual, and we would be delighted to see you. The following day is Easter Sunday when there will be an 11am service for all the family to greet Easter. May I wish you all a Happy Easter. Advance Notice. There will be a service at Barton Church at 11am on **Thursday 8th May** to commemorate the 80th VE Day anniversary

Barbara Pilcher Churchwarden



St Michael's, Irstead

We look forward to welcoming you to St Michael's for our celebration of Easter.

Services at St Michael's this Easter will be the Stations of the Cross at 7pm on **Good Friday 18th April**, and Family Holy Communion on **Easter Sunday, 20th April**, at 9.30 am. Wishing you all a very Happy and Blessed Easter. St Michael's has just been advised of slippage to its thatcher's programme. On site works will not now start until **Monday 5th May** with the scaffolding being erected during the previous week. As stated previously in consultation with the thatcher and with due concern to health and safety considerations, the PCC has decided regrettably that St Michael's and the churchyard should be closed for the duration of the works which, dependent on circumstances at the time, could be for up to five weeks.

St Michael's will however be open for all scheduled acts of worship whilst the re-riding works are on-going. Should you require access to the church or churchyard during the period when they are closed, please contact either Claire Penstone-Smith (01692 630580) or myself (01692 631427) to facilitate access. We will continue to keep you informed on the progress made. Thanking you for your understanding.

From the Register

St Michael's, Irstead, 17th March 2025, Funeral,
Rosemary Elizabeth Barber née Sidell

David Murrells Churchwarden



Neatishead, Irstead & Barton Turf Community Heritage Group (NIBCHG)

Our last two evening presentations have been much enjoyed and highlighted many types of activities across the Broad in times gone by. But now as we turn our attention to VE Day and VJ Day, we are still keen to discover more information about those from our villages who served during World War Two. There are still many on our list that we know very little about. Do get in touch with me or any of the committee if you have any knowledge of those from our villages who served during World War Two. Thank you.

Claire Penstone-Smith, 07760 643739
claireps@btinternet.com



VE Day, 8th May 2025

This year, 2025, marks the 80th anniversaries of VE Day (**Thursday 8th May**) and VJ Day (**Friday 15th August**). While VE Day (Victory in Europe) marked the end of the war in Europe in May 1945, many thousands of Armed Forces personnel were still engaged in fighting in the Far East. Victory over Japan would come at a heavy price, and Victory over Japan Day (VJ Day) marks the day Japan surrendered, 15th August 1945, which then ended the Second World War. At these times, in 1945, people from all walks of life came together to celebrate and our villages were no exception. This 80th anniversary is an opportunity for our special community to come together to honour and pay tribute to the WW2 generation. Two events are being organised to remember and celebrate VE Day. A church service will take place on VE Day **Thursday 8th May**, at 11am at Barton Turf Church and an Afternoon Tea with displays and musical entertainment will take place on **Saturday 10th May** from 2 to 4pm at the NVH. Please make a note of these events and keep diaries free. Tickets (£5) for the VE Day Afternoon Tea will be refundable on the door. Tickets available at the NVH Easter Fair on **Thursday 10th April** and the Community Market on **Saturday 12th April** or by contacting me on 07760643739 or the number below. For more details about both events, see the May NIB. The anniversary of VJ Day will be remembered with an event at the New Victory Hall in August: more details in a forthcoming NIB.

Claire Penstone-Smith, 01692 630580
on behalf of Revd Ben, Parish Councils & NIBCHG



Easter Fair

The Easter Fair takes place at The New Victory Hall on **Thursday 10th April** from 2pm to 4pm. There will be Easter crafts for the children provided by WISE ladies and a lovely selection of stalls with items on an Easter theme. The café will be serving teas/coffees and homemade cakes. Free admission: please come along and join us.



Quiz Night The popular New Victory Hall Quiz Night is here again on **Friday 25th April** at 7pm for 7.30pm. Come as a team of six or book individually and join a team on the night. All very welcome for this fun and informal quiz: all members of the winning team wins a prize! Please bring your own drinks and nibbles. Call Pauline on 07818 599303 to book; payment (contactless card preferred) £5.00 per person at the door on the night.

The NVH Events Team



Friends and Neighbours

Whether you are a club member or not you are welcome to come along to the New Victory Hall on **Thursday 10th April** from 10am until noon for: a cuppa and biscuit, bring and buy, raffle and talk on The Home Front in the 1940s by Lois. Jean will also be collecting names for the members' Birthday Lunch at the NVH which is on **Thursday 24th April**, 12.30 for 1pm. Please can all members let Jean know if they are attending the lunch on or by **Thursday 10th April**. To find out more about Friends and Neighbours or book for the Birthday Lunch please contact Jean Barber, on 01263 721698.

Jane King



Knit and Stitch

Norfolk Knitters and Stitchers is affiliated to the voluntary led organisation www.norfolkknitters.org.uk, who are giving free wool this month to all knitting groups to use for any of their charity projects needing knitted or crocheted items. If you are someone who is not able to get to our meetings but would like to support any of their projects, you can become a member and register as a home knitter to take advantage of this offer of free wool. This is double knitting wool in lots of colours. We can also let you have patterns and needles. If you are interested please get in touch with me. Meanwhile our meetings this month are on **9th and 23rd April** (7-9pm in the Dolly Newcombe Room at the New Victory Hall), but we shall be at the Easter Fair at the NVH on **Thursday 10th April**, so do pop along to see us if you would like to know more. We are a friendly bunch and our meetings very informal. Happy stitching.

Claire Penstone-Smith, 07760 643739
claireps@btinternet.com



Garden Club

Simon Lowes from Natural Surroundings, The Norfolk Wildflower Centre on the Bayfield Estate just NW of Holt, is giving a talk at our meeting on **Monday 21st April** at 7.30pm in the NVH. We have arranged a visit to Natural Surroundings on **24th June** so this will be a great introduction to this wild garden in the Glaven Valley and may inspire us in our own gardening for wildlife.

In the meantime please don't forget the Easter Fair at the NVH on **Thursday 10th April** 2-4pm. We hope to see you there with any spare plants or garden related items that we could sell on our stall. Please contact me by email at janeelizabethking@hotmail.com if you have any

questions about the club. Also if you have any problems with regard to getting to our meetings please contact me or one of the other committee members. Thank you!

Jane King 07423 820228



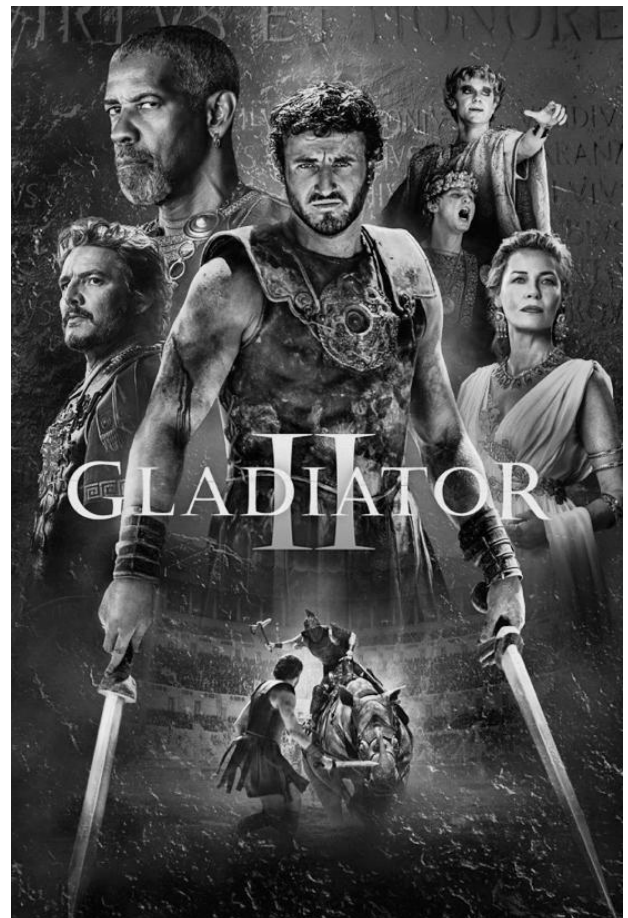
Village Screen

Monday 7th April: 7 for 7.30pm

In complete contrast to 'Paddington in Peru' we are delighted to bring you 'Gladiator II' (2024: Cert 15, 168 mins). Rome, circa 209 A.D. Sixteen years after the demise of Maximus Meridius ('Gladiator' 2000). After his home is conquered by the tyrannical emperors who now lead Rome, Lucius Aurelius, exiled Prince of Rome, is forced to enter the Colosseum and must look to his past to find strength to return the glory of Rome to its people. We look forward to welcoming you to the New Victory Hall where tea/coffee/biscuits will be available for a small charge.

To book tickets (£6), simply visit the New Victory Hall website and click on Box Office - Buy Tickets. Subject to availability, tickets will also be available on the door - Cash or Card.

Village Screen Team





White House Stores

Thank you to all the members who came to our meeting last month. For those who missed the meeting, we would love to see you at the next one! We had enough attending to be quorate, but we also like everyone to come to help us keep in touch with you on how things are going with the shop.

At the meeting, we stressed how important it is to use the shop. We made a loss again last year, which we can't continue to do. As hard as we work to break even, we can't do that without your support. As they say, use it or lose it!

Could you buy something in addition to your newspaper? If the shop only sold newspapers, it would not exist, because we can make virtually no profit on them. Why not have a look around at what else we have on offer. We are often told by visitors to the area that we are the best stocked village shop they've ever seen. But as lovely as they are, visitor sales and compliments cannot keep us running.

We have paid staff and volunteers in the shop but the committee is of course completely volunteer led. We serve on the committee to give something back to the community because we think the shop is an important community asset.

If you would like to join the committee to help out with the decisions we have to make to keep things running, email info@whitehousestores.co.uk We would be pleased to hear from you.

I have enjoyed my 8 years on the committee and will continue to work as a member of staff and a volunteer in the shop and in the background.

Margaret Maxwell



Norfolk Punt Club

The Norfolk Punt Club is not just for people who want to race boats. The Club also has a very active teaching function too. There are both formal training days for sailing and for motor boats as well as designated weeks in the summer where young members improve their skills and have a lot of fun on the water. It isn't all racing either. Most years, groups of members take boats (sailing and motor) off to visit the other parts of the Broads including Norwich, Oulton Broad and along the river Waveney to Beccles and beyond. This is a sociable way to spend time with friends, old and

new. There are lots of other social activities too. In summer, there is a DIY BBQ on the pontoons most Saturday evenings and there are suppers, often held in the New Victory Hall, outside the sailing season. No bar, but bring your own drinks. Again, quite informal and usually the younger members group together and enjoy seeing each other.

Those of you familiar with Barton Broad will know that the club's pontoons and huts disappear over winter (into Cox's yard at Barton) where they are repaired and cleaned. March 15th was 'tow-out day' (see photo) and now you will be able to see the familiar pontoons and huts anchored in the middle of the broad ready for the 2025 season.



Officer of the Day (OOD) hut being towed out from Barton Turf

Sailing will soon be starting with the first event being held at Easter. Why not come and see what we are up to and perhaps consider joining us? You would be made very welcome! Talk to Simon Clayton who lives in Neatishead (01692 630009) to find out more or look at the website <https://www.puntclub.co.uk/he>

Liz Ollier



Community Gym

Spring is here, time to turn over a new leaf! But circuit training? That sounds like hard work. Boot camp, instructor barking at you, no rest, exhaustion?

Not the way we do it in Neatishead Community Gym. Circuit training consists of rotating through several different exercises for a certain amount of time or number of repetitions: a blend of resistance and aerobic exercises to enhance both strength and cardiovascular fitness, with exercises that target different muscle groups. Instructor Gary makes sure everyone is going at a sensible, safe pace for them with rest breaks, recovery and drinks. We've been running our sessions for 6 months now and have a mixed bunch of attendees from age 30s to 70s and ladies outnumber men 2 to 1.



Gary gets us stretching first to warm up the muscles and avoid strains. Then a slow, light jog around the hall to get the breathing up and off we go. We have a wide range of equipment to use, to give everyone options (including easy and harder exercises at each station). A fitness bike and rower are available as well as mats for specific exercises plus the use of dumbbells, bars, stretch elastics, gym balls and balance stations. It's like a mini-gym with 20 stations. You don't have to match anyone else's choice of equipment or station or do as many repetitions as them, just pick the exercises you want to do at your own pace. We finish off with a cool down and final stretching to ease the muscles. It's a terrific, social hour, well spent in the company of like-minded, enthusiastic people who are looking to improve their fitness from whatever personal starting point. In the warmer months we plan to do part of the sessions outside in the sunshine.



PLANT SALE

with cakes & refreshments



Sat 26th April: 2-4 pm

New Victory Hall Neatishead

 Raising funds for Neatishead Community Gym

Do come and try us out: Tuesday evening at 6pm prompt. A taster session is just £5 for a 55 minute session. Contact Gary on 07989 830855 or just turn up. We look forward to having you join us on a path to greater fitness and wellbeing in 2025.

Footnote:

NHS UK recommends that older adults do some type of physical activity every day. It can help to improve your health and reduce the risk of heart disease and stroke.

Gary Forde/Simon Thompson



Barton Turf Bowls Club

The Bowls Club will have a stall, as usual, at the Easter Fayre which will be held at the New Victory Hall on the afternoon of **Thursday 10th April**. This year the competition will involve the best at Bagatelle with Easter Eggs as prizes. Do call at the stall and test your skill. The first bowls event of the year will be on **Monday 28th April** at 6.45pm when we will be hosting a social evening for all families to come and have a go at bowls and then join the club members for drinks at the Cricket Club bar afterwards. We have a range of bowls available to fit all size hands from children to adults. If you have never tried the game before, come along with the family and give it a go. All we ask is that you wear flat shoes. Looking forward to seeing you on that evening.

Barbara Pilcher Secretary



Neatishead Bowls Club

Dear NIBS readers,
Members have been very busy at the club doing spring cleaning ready for the opening day **Saturday 12th April**, 1.30 reception for 2pm start. Looking forward to seeing old and new faces, playing this season. Contacts:
Chair D Gurney 07746 540224
Captain: J Neal 07884 493384

Cathy Smith



Barton Turf, Irstead and Neatishead Parish Council Broadland Futures Initiative meeting

Over 50 people attended a short presentation at the New Victory Hall on 20th February by the Broadland Futures Initiative partnership, about their work to date on preparing a future '100-year Flood risk management strategy and plan for the Broadland area'. Peter Doktor from the Environment Agency explained that they were still at the gathering technical data stage which will then be put through computer-based modelling. This work will be completed in 2027, and they can then move ahead with getting endorsement of the strategy by partner organisations and local authorities. It became evident on the evening that this will need to be an 'adaptive plan' as environmental issues change over the years. Sadly, Peter could not discuss any current plans for flood alleviation in our area.

The BFI Plan document can be viewed in full online: www.broads-authority.gov.uk.

Helen Macfadyen for Barton Turf & Irstead and
Neatishead Parish Council.



Wildlife Notes

April is a busy month for bird watching as not only are the first summer migrants arriving back on our shores but the last of the winter migrants are passing through at the same time on their way out. We will miss the Redwings and Fieldfares which have been on our local stubble fields but will look forward to hearing Blackcaps and other members of the warbler family singing from our woods and fens. February turned out to be very poor in my garden for visiting Siskins (I only saw one on my feeders all month) and I only had one visit from a Reed Bunting, a lovely male bird whereas I usually get several.

On the 16th February I saw a Peregrine Falcon sitting on the ground in a field along Long Lane, Neatishead which was slightly unusual as it didn't appear to be eating anything and they usually sit on a perch such as posts rather than the ground. I was a little concerned that it might be ill (bird flu?) but it seemed quite alert and was keeping a beady eye on me. Anyway, the next morning it had gone so I felt a bit happier. Strangely a couple of weeks later I was down near Neaves Mill on Horning Marshes when I saw another Peregrine sitting on the ground on the grazing marsh again apparently without prey. This one got up to fly and mobbed a passing Buzzard before returning to the ground. Perhaps in the winter they like to rest on the ground but it seemed like unusual behaviour to me.



Peregrine Falcon – Jon Kelf

Late in February I was informed of a sighting of a Black Redstart in the radar outpost at Barton Turf which had been there on the 16th February and was sent a video of the bird. Black Redstarts are passage migrants in the spring and autumn but are rare breeding birds in Norfolk with a handful breeding each year in the Gorleston/Yarmouth area and a couple in the centre of Norwich. They are birds which like derelict buildings and built-up areas but especially like singing from roof-tops which is how they are usually found. They are relatively common in European cities and I have seen them in the centre of Lisbon and Budapest.



Chiffchaff-Jon Kelf

The warm spell at the beginning of March brought out the first Brimstone, Small Tortoiseshell and Comma butterflies and I heard my first Chiffchaff singing on the 8th March. If you want to get to grips with birdsong this spring try using the free Merlin App on your smart phone: it will identify most birds but use it as a guide as it is not infallible. Enjoy the Spring wildlife: let me know what you see.

Jerry Simpson 01692 630674



NABS: Blood Brothers (the play)!

A reminder! NABS are delighted to invite you to attend a performance of the play "Blood Brothers" by Willy Russell. There are three opportunities to see us at the New Victory Hall: on **Thursday 3rd, Friday 4th and Saturday 5th April** at 7:30pm (doors open at 7pm). Tickets are £12 and are available online: www.victoryhall.info and clicking the Box Office button. Alternatively ring Susan on 01692 536240.



Horning Flower Club

A big thankyou to the committee from all the members and guests who attended the club's 62nd birthday lunch at The Hotel Wroxham. The dining room was filled with chatty, happy ladies, most wearing pretty florals, who enjoyed a delicious lunch with excellent service. This was followed by demonstrator Rachael Berenkova, one of the club's regulars, presenting 'If Flowers Could Talk', telling us the traditions and representations of various blooms. She had prepared additional arrangements to go with each of the 5 demonstrations auctioned, so there were many winners. The competition My Favourite Book was won by Rachel Clayton. Regular demonstrator David Wright will be with us on Monday 14th April with 'Those Summer Nights', with the competition being 'What a Lovely Sunset'. If you would like to find out more about the club please contact the secretary, Carole Swan, on 01692 536270.

Rachel Clayton



WHB Twinning Association

Get ready, everyone, for our 'Allo 'Allo themed VE Day celebration with fun, music and supper on Saturday 10th May in Wroxham Church Hall. There will be fun, quizzes, fancy dress encouraged (prizes for the best), music: 1940s tunes, dancing and singalongs and supper-platters of cheeses, cold meats, pâtés, French bread and puddings. Bring your own drinks, glasses and cutlery and let us celebrate 80 years since the end of the Second World War and the liberation of our French neighbours from their occupation. For more information and to book your places at £20 a head please contact Margaret on 01603 783636 or margaretcollingwood0@gmail.com.

We are always delighted to welcome NIB area members. For more information, including details of our forthcoming trip in August to stay with our French twinning partners in the Loire; our book club and French conversation in Wroxham, please contact our chairperson, Liz: 07484 897754 powellea@btinternet.com,

Sheila Milstead



Weather

Dry weather predominates under large anticyclone.

The total rainfall recorded in February was 34.4mm/1.35in which is 86% of average. The highest daily total was 10.5mm/0.41in on the 26th. There were 18 completely dry days during the month. The dry weather returned during the first half of March, courtesy of a large high pressure over Central Europe. The rainfall recorded up to the 14th was just 2.5mm/0.1in which is a mere 5% of average. Temperatures were exceptionally mild/warm from the 5th to the 9th, peaking at 18°C on the 7th. In contrast, Arctic air took over from the 11th with temperatures hovering around 7°C during the day accompanied by light rain/hail showers with overnight frosts.

Peter Mills

Travel by Wherry to a Norfolk Nature Reserve

Our GoGo Giraffe - Flutter, has now been released into the wild!

"Flutter = collective name for a group of butterflies."

During the start of the Spring Term, all the children at Neatishead Primary School digitally designed their very own butterfly. This was printed and cut out and added to our GoGo mini giraffe. Now finished and on its next adventure, our GoGo giraffe looks AMAZING!

Step into a wild adventure this summer with GoGoSafari! For ten weeks Norwich and Norfolk will be taken over by gorillas, rhinos, giraffes, lions and elephants! With around fifty sculptures on display **23rd June - 30th August**. During this time, if you visit the Forum in Norwich you can pick up a trail map and see our very own Neatishead GoGo Giraffe: Flutter.

If you are on social media, please follow our Facebook and Instagram pages @gogoflutter and tag us in your pictures when you find Flutter! #gogoflutter.

We are very proud of all the children who are part of this fantastic art project. We can't wait to have Flutter back with us permanently at school in September!

E. Ferrier

www.break-charity.org/gogosafari



Wroxham Bure Valley Rotary Club

We hope you all enjoyed seeing the lovely displays of purple crocuses last month. We have been planting these around the local villages for several years now to support our international "End Polio Now" campaign, and this year, thanks to favourable weather, saw one of the best displays yet. We recently made donations totalling £1,500 to the Nancy Oldfield Trust (Neatishead) and the Rotary End Polio Now campaign. We also continue to have a great programme of interesting speakers lined up for our weekly Monday evening meetings at Wroxham Barns. 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 – or you can support us directly by visiting our page on the www.totalgiving.co.uk website.

If you fancy joining us for a vibrant, sociable, active, and fun club experience, please contact our president, Kelvin Dore, on 07798 786944.

Peter Milsted



Wroxham and Hoveton Lions Club

I recently had the great pleasure of delivering a donation of £300 worth of toys to the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital Children's Cystic Fibrosis and Respiratory Department, where I met some of the nurses and spoke to them about their work.

March saw our first Craft Fair of the year at Hoveton Village Hall. The event was a great success with all tables taken up. April marks the start of our charity shop's 25th anniversary year. Two logos and bunting, celebrating this and the club's 50th year (which starts in July), are now installed in the shop window. The shop is open 7 days a week and reverted to the summer hours of 9am to 4pm. Mondays to Saturday and 10am to 4pm Sundays, from Monday 31st March. We have a great selection of bric-a-brac, clothes, books and other items, so come along and see what bargains you can pick up. Whilst on the subject of the shop, we are looking for volunteers to help out between 1pm and 4pm, on one or two Saturday afternoons a month. If you are interested, please call into the shop or telephone 01603 783737 and speak to Nadia.

Ron Hill: President



Ashmanhaugh & Barton Wanderers Cricket Club

Encourage, Support, Have Fun

We have a very exciting season ahead, why not join us as a player, supporter or sponsor. We have a place for everyone to feel welcome, including:

- Winter Nets: outdoor training starts soon.
- Girls' Cricket.
- All ages, abilities welcome: with programmes starting from 5yrs to various senior teams.
- Family-Friendly Atmosphere: the club prides itself on being a welcoming, family-friendly environment for players and supporters.

Enquiries: joeeverett333@gmail.com
ABWCC.events@gmail.com

Jayne Everett

Roman Catholic Churches

- St Helen, Hoveton, NR12 8QJ. Saturday Mass at 5.30pm, Wednesday Mass at 9.30am.
- Sacred Heart, Norwich Road, North Walsham, NR28 9JP, Sunday Mass at 11am

For more information, call 01692 403258.

Father Peter Raj, parishpriestfrpeter@gmail.com

Wroxham & Hoveton United Reform Church

Interim Minister: Rev Carole Pearl. For any pastoral concerns, please contact the church secretary in the first instance: Lynne Howard, 01603 738835. lmhoward100@btinternet.com. Please see website for up-to-date information www.wroxhamurc.org.uk.

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

- **Sunday 6th April** 10.30am: Rev Carole Pearl,
- **Sunday 13th April** 10.30am: Palm Sunday, Service led by Rev Zephney Kennedy.
- **Thursday 17th April:** 7pm Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service led by Rev Zephney Kennedy
- **Sunday 20th April** 10.30am: Easter Day Service led by Rev Carole Pearl including Holy Communion
- **Sunday 27th April** 10.30am: Mt Mike Gibbs

JAM (our Sunday School) welcomes all children aged 4 to 16. In our sessions we watch, read, listen, discuss, play, act, sing, chat, pray, cook and create. In March we will meet on the **2nd, 16th & 30th** in the church hall from 10.15 – 11.45am. For more information: <https://wroxhamurc.org.uk/jam> or contact jam@wroxhamurc.org.uk or Chris on 01603 783992.

The Community Café meets for coffee and cakes from 10.30am to 12 noon on Thursdays. All are welcome, there is no charge. We look forward to seeing friends old and new. Please note we are unable to answer queries about Barclays Bank.

Lynne Howard (Secretary) 01603 738835
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The NIB now has a Facebook page.



<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61572165806780>

We aim to use the page to help publicise the local events in the NIB, so do let me know if you'd like something posted. WhatsApp: 07460 740700 or email margaretemmamaxwell@yahoo.com

Please don't forget that we compile a Welcome Pack for new residents. 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. Also, if you know, manage or run a local group or business, please do get in touch if you would like a flyer or an advert included in the NIB.

See page 14 for NIB contact details.

April 2025 Adverts

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DEADLINE FOR THE MAY EDITION – 14th April 2025

Diary dates for April 2025

Wed	2 nd	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
Thu/Sat	3/4/5	7.30pm	NABS: Blood Brothers Play NVH Tickets £12 via www.victoryhall.info
Sat	5 th		Ashmanhaugh & Barton Wanderers Cricket Club Casino Night
Mon	7 th	7-7.30	Village Screen: Gladiator II (2024: Cert 15: 148 mins) NVH
Wed	9 th	7-9pm	Knit and Stitch: Dolly Newcombe Community Room NVH
Thurs	10 th	10am-noon	Coffee Morning and Hot Cross buns at St Michael's and All Angels
Thurs	10 th	10am -noon	Friends & Neighbours Coffee Morning-1940s The Home Front: NVH
Thurs	10 th	2-4pm	Easter Fair. Local group/organisations will have a stall selling cakes and other delights. There will be crafts for children as well: NVH
Sat	12 th	9am-noon	Community Market and Café: NVH
Sat	12 th	1.30	2pm start. Neatishead Bowls Club Open day, beginning of the season
Mon	14 th	2pm	Horning Flower Club. Those Summer Nights with David Wright: NVH
Mon	14th	NOTE	Deadline for the May NIB Edition: Monday April 14th
Wed	16 th	10am-1pm	Textilia Soft Furnishing Making: NVH
Wed	16 th	2-4pm	WI: NVH
Mon	21 st	7.30-9.30pm	Gardening Club. A talk from Simon Lowes: NVH
Wed	23 rd	10.30-Noon	Coffee Morning at Broadacres Care Home All welcome
Wed	23 rd	10.10am 11.15am	Mobile Library: Pitt Corner, Neatishead, NR12 8BT Mobile Library: Council Houses, Ashmanhaugh, NR12 8YL
Wed	23 rd	7-9pm	Knit and Stitch: Dolly Newcombe Community Room NVH
Thurs	24 th	12.30 for 1	Friends and Neighbours Birthday Lunch NVH
Friday	25 th	7 for 7.30	Quiz Night Proceeds to NVH: NVH
Friday	25 th		Ashmanhaugh & Barton Wanderers Cricket Club juniors training
Sat	26 th	10-11.30am	Hope Café: Neatishead Baptist Church NR12 8YF
Sat	26 th	2-4pm	Plant Sale and refreshments : NVH: in aid of Community Gym
Mon	28 th	7.30pm	NIB CHG: Bringing the Broads Alive: George Cooper: NVH
Mon	28 th	6.45 pm	Social event hosted at Barton Turf Bowls Club for families
Wed	30 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
Wed	30 th		White Horse Inn Quiz: proceeds to Neatishead Church

Future Dates

Monday 5th May: NVH Village Screen: TBC

Saturday 10th May: V E Day celebration - afternoon tea with musical entertainment at the NVH.

Saturday 10th May: Twinning Association Allo, Allo themed VE Day Celebration Wroxham Church Hall

Wednesday 21st May: White Horse Inn Quiz: proceeds to RAF Defence Museum Neatishead

Saturday 24th May: Wherry Yacht Charitable Trust Sailings to Nature Reserve, day trips start

Local Services and Contact Details

- New Victory Hall: Street Hill, Neatishead, Norfolk, NR12 8AD www.victoryhall.info.
- White House Stores Community Shop: Irstead Road, Neatishead NR12 8BJ, 01692 631549. To join the Community Shop Membership: info@whitehousestores.co.uk.
- White Horse Inn: The Street, Neatishead, NR12 8AD, 01692 630828: thewhitehorseinnneatishead.com.
- Wroxham Library events: 01603 782560; www.facebook.com/wroxhamlibraryofficial, There are many diverse and interesting events, activities, clubs for all ages throughout the month.

Parish Council Clerks Barton & Irstead: Nicola Ledain, bartonturfirsteadpc@yahoo.com

Neatishead: Laura Bateman, neatishead.parish@gmail.com. Meets every 3rd Thursday 7.30pm NVH

Defibrillator Locations



Neatishead	New Victory Hall, NR12 8AD	The Granary Business Park, School Rd NR12 8BU
Barton	Point Farm (barn wall) NR12 8BB	Cox's Boatyard toilet block NR12 8AZ
Irstead	Staithe Car Park, NR12 8XS	
Pennygate	Berry Hall Lodge (left of gate) NR12 8BE	

Benefice of St Benedict - Church Services – April 2025

Sunday 6th April - St Peter's, Neatishead 5th Sunday of Lent

9.30am Benefice Holy Communion

Sunday 13th April Sunday Palm Sunday

10.30am Palm Sunday Procession NVH from New Victory Hall to Barton Turf with a donkey

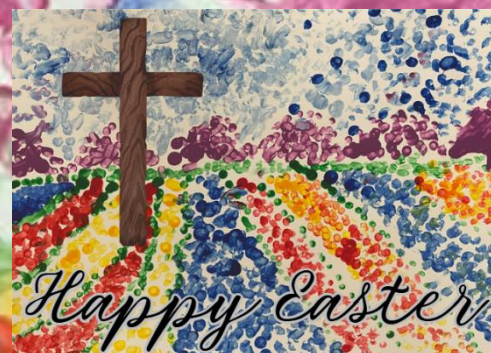
11.am Benefice Holy Communion at St Michaels & All Angels, Barton Turf

Easter Week Programme

Monday 14 th April 7pm	Eucharist and Address St Swithin's Ashmanhaugh
Tuesday 15 th April 7pm	Eucharist and Address St Peter's, Neatishead
Wednesday 16 th April 7pm	Eucharist and Address St Benedict's, Horning
Thursday 17 th April 7pm	Maundy Thursday service and Vigil St Michael & All Angels, B Turf
Friday 18 th April 11am	Good Friday St Benedict's, Horning, on the Green
Friday 18 th April 2-4pm	Good Friday Children's Service: St Swithin's Ashmanhaugh
Friday 18 th April 7pm	Good Friday Stations of the Cross St Michael's Irstead
Saturday 19 th April 10 till noon	Coffee morning with hot cross buns, St Michael & All Angels
Saturday 19 th April 7pm	Easter Eve – Holy Saturday St Peter's, Neatishead

Sunday 20th April Easter Day

6am	Dawn Eucharist service at St Benets Abbey
9.30am	St Swithin's Ashmanhaugh Holy Communion
9.30am	St Benedict's Horning Holy Communion
9.30am	St Michael's Irstead Family Holy Communion
11am	St Michael & All Angels, Barton Turf Holy Communion



Sunday 27th April Second Sunday of Easter

9.30am	St Michael's Irstead Holy Communion (BCP)
11.am	St Benedict's Horning Morning Prayer
11.am	St Michael & All Angels, Barton Turf Holy Communion

Weekday Morning Prayer Services – in our Benefice churches at 9.15am*

Monday: Irstead	Tuesday: Neatishead	Wednesday: Horning
Thursday: Barton Turf	Friday at 9.45am: Ashmanhaugh*	

Latest news from our Sunday Club: What a month March was! Ten of our members made a first ever pilgrimage to Walsingham! Lots of fun was had! The children took part in services, enjoyed arts, crafts: the highlight of the weekend was the disco! Fantastic! We hope to go again next year.

Info about Sunday Club: contact the Rev Ben-brother_ben@btinternet.com 01692 630216

Upcoming Dates and Events

Sunday 4th May- 9.30am Sunday Club at Neatishead Church
 Thursday 8th May 11.am. Service to commemorate 80th anniversary: VE Day St Michael & All Angels
 Sunday 10 May Hexachordia Music Concert 7pm. (For refurbishment of St Peter's Bell Tower)

Parish Church Wardens Neatishead: Pauline Simpson on 01692 630674, Irstead: David Murrells on 01692 631427, Barton Turf: Barbara Pilcher on 01692 536132

Neatishead Baptist Church Chapel Road NR12 8YF

6 th April	10.30am	Val Khambatta Communion	20 th April	10.30am	Easter Sunday Val Khambatta
7 th April	2pm	Fellowship St Mark study	25 th April	10.am	Prayer Meeting
13 th April	10.30am	Palm Sunday Revd N Khambatta	27 th April	10.30am	Marc Grimston
18 th April Friday	9.am	Good Friday Breakfast & Communion	28 th April	2pm	Fellowship St Mark study

Hope Café meets for fellowship, coffee, games etc.10am to 11.30am on the last Saturday of The month. Everyone is welcome. Contact for more details: Sue Gibbons Secretary
secretary@neatisheadbaptistchurch.org.uk