

The NIB

Neatishead, Irstead and Barton Turf Parish Magazine



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

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From your Parish Priest

In the 1980's, Sir John Harvey Jones became well-known first as chairman of ICI, one of our largest and most profitable businesses at the time, and then as a TV personality as 'The Troubleshooter', candidly advising struggling firms how to turn their fortunes around. There are many business quotes attributed to him, but he was also fond of the old adage that 'if something's not growing, then it's dying'. Continued growth remains the principle that underpins the policies and aspirations of most western economies, governments, and businesses. If our GDP falls for two trading quarters in a row, that is not just 'negative growth', it is labelled 'recession', with the threat of 'depression' if someone doesn't do something about it. Governments try to avoid it like the plague – and I use the term deliberately. If there is continued growth, with controlled inflation – all is deemed to be well, but recessions have a habit of bringing governments to their knees. As a result of this passion for growth, the world has also grown, or rather its population has – indeed it has tripled in the last 65 years - and this exponential growth shows no real signs of levelling off. But of course that seemed always to be part of God's plan – 'be fruitful and multiply'. And therein lies our current challenge. Nature, intrinsically, is designed to be fruitful and bountiful, to reproduce and for the population to grow, whether it be elephants, toads, humans, - or of course viruses. If unchecked, a virus replicates, reproduces, adapts to its surroundings, evolves, finds new places to survive, new environments in which to thrive, until and unless some other organism outsmarts it, over-powers it, takes it place, in the world order. Does that sound in any way familiar? There are phases in our human history with many, if not all of those characteristics. Even our current population growth rate remains exponential – just like a virus – and we are in danger of outgrowing the capacity of the planet to support us. Urban overcrowding and spiralling population density in much of the so-called 'developed world' is creating environments where we become at risk of being defeated by this microscopic competitor, which is only doing what it is programmed to do, to be 'fruitful and multiply'. Someone viewing our lovely blue and green planet from a distance, might just mistake these 7 billion creatures as some form of infestation, just like a virus. So what's the difference? The difference is our self-awareness, our awareness of each other, and our awareness of God. The sense that we are created, we are loved and we have purpose, and that provides the confidence that collectively we will overcome adversities such as the current crisis. But those benefits also bring responsibility, the understanding that these great advantages of love and awareness must translate globally into much better care for each other, for the environment, and for the planet which sustains us. It's that care and love, reflecting God's love for us, which now needs to grow exponentially, bringing out the very best in human endeavour, and transforming any situation we face.

David

From the NIB Parish Churchwardens

These are difficult and challenging times for us all, particularly with the unfortunate need to close our Churches for the foreseeable future to comply with the government's requirements. We will reopen them as soon as allowed to do so. However, this doesn't mean that the wider Church in our communities isn't still very much open for business. Whilst a video of a Sunday act of worship, and other services as appropriate, can be found on the following Parish websites, Barton Turf - www.achurchnearyou.com/church/8026/, Irstead - www.achurchnearyou.com/church/4739/ and Neatishead - www.achurchnearyou.com/church/8029/, we as Wardens remain available to support and respond to parishioners needs on the following telephone numbers or email addresses, Barton Turf - Barbara Pilcher 01692 536132, barbara.pilcher@btinternet.com; Irstead - David Murrells 01692 631427, davidandgail21@btinternet.com and Neatishead - Pauline Simpson 07818 599303, pauline761@btinternet.com. The Churches have also set up 'A Listening Ear' facility as described in the 'Covid-19 Coronavirus, Community help in Neatishead, Irstead & Barton Turf' flyer distributed with the April edition of the NIB. With so many in our communities in self isolation there may be those who might benefit from practical help/support or perhaps just a phone call. Should you require or know of someone who might benefit from this support then please ring any of the following, Barbara Pilcher 01692 536132, Claire Penstone-Smith 01692 630580, Pauline Simpson 07818 599303 or Sue Gibbons 01692 738893. Do take good care of yourselves and please stay safe. Help is available should you need it.

The NIB Wardens

Covid-19 - Update from your Parish Councils

If you find yourself having to self-isolate and are worried about supplies please don't be. There is currently a system in place and working well to get your **prescriptions** to you if you use Hoveton Medical Centre, Stalham Green Surgery or Stalham Staithe Surgery. All you have to do is to inform the surgery where you live and that you are having to self isolate and ask for your prescriptions be delivered by the team currently working in your area.

There is also a system in place to collect **veterinary supplies** if they have been preordered. The main supermarket chains are doing deliveries for on line purchases but we do understand that obtaining a delivery slot is quite difficult at the moment. For a list of local businesses delivering essential supplies please see the article below.

If you live in Neatishead and have any concerns or collection requests please contact **Caro How 01603 784952** or **Nick Fowle 01692 630249**. If you live in Barton Turf or Irstead and have any concerns or collection requests please contact **Glenn Neave 07885 706493** or **Martin Mills 07501 622068**.

Your Parish Councillors

Delivery/Take away services provided by local businesses:

- **White House Stores, Neatishead:** Open 8.30am to 4.30pm, Sundays 11.30am (closed for lunch 1pm to 1.30pm Monday to Saturday). Card only purchases. One customer at a time. No egg box returns. Personal shopper system where you give somebody a shopping list and they shop for you then the shop contacts you directly to take a card payment over the phone. Follow on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter for new products in store
- **Nelson's County Catering, Neatishead:** Homemade ready meals to take away from Ye Old Saddlery. Minimum 1-day notice. Also delivery service for light lunches and microwavable meals. (07810 874603, food@nc-catering.co.uk)
- **Roys of Wroxham** are doing essentials food boxes for those in most need. To access this service it would be best to contact the Operation Good Neighbour at Hoveton directly by email to hoveton.LCC@north-norfolk.gov.uk (preferred) or call 07949 373985

- **The White Horse Inn, Neatishead:** Through the window, beer and wine sales 5pm to 6pm most days. Fruit and Veg boxes, meat boxes, homemade pies. Advance orders can be collected on Tuesdays or Fridays 4-6pm, Delivery available for most vulnerable. Order through website www.thewhitehorseinnneatishead.com (select 'online grocery shop) or leave voice mail message (01692 630828)
- **Roys of Wroxham Food Hall:** Social distancing in store. Special hour 8am to 9 am, (10am to 10.30 am Sunday) for vulnerable and elderly. No delivery of groceries, plants and perishables.
- **A.G. Meale & Sons Farm Shop and Garden Centre, Stalham:** Delivery and collection service available for any products they stock, including plants as they become available and compost. On line orders for collection outside shop (no charge). Delivery to vulnerable/isolated (£4.50, minimum order £30). Shop is open with limited numbers in shop at any one time. Order forms available at www.agmeale.co.uk (01692 580226)
- **Stalham Shopper** in Stalham are happy to take card orders over the phone for a volunteer to collect. They will also deliver larger orders (01692 581446)
- **Ken's Fish and Chips Wroxham:** Delivery by arrangement. Payment by card over the phone. Open seven days: 11.30am to 2.30pm and 4.30pm to 8pm. Sunday 11.30am to 8pm (01603 783739)
- **Hewitt and Grant Heritage Butchers, Coltishall:** Shop open Tuesday to Friday 8am-4pm, Saturday 8am-3pm. Deliveries can be arranged (no charge). Order via email (www.hewittandgrant@outlook.com), Facebook or phone (01603 737239)
- **Cawdrons Butchers, Stalham:** Shop open. Fresh meat and bread deliveries (no delivery charge or minimum order) Order and pay by phone (01692 580254)
- **Ludham Butchers, Ludham:** Shop open. Orders by phone to collect, delivered to your car boot (01692 678226)
- **Roys DIY Store** is open and is also taking online orders for delivery (www.roys.co.uk/do-it-yourself)
- **Postal Services** continue during the lockdown but if you don't want to visit the post office or shop for stamps you can purchase postage of the appropriate value at www.royalmail.com and searching for the 'Click & Drop' option or by installing the Royal Mail app on your phone

St Swithin's, Ashmanhaugh

Well, looking back at last month's entry I can hardly believe where we are now. I wrote that we had no social events planned for April and that was just as well. But many others have had events that have perforce been postponed or cancelled. We are all desperately missing the regular worship that we enjoy across the Benefice, BUT, how very fortunate we are to have David and Angela and all those who have assisted them who have stepped up to the mark and made sure everyone has been able to join in with services throughout Holy Week and beyond. Monty's reflections were a simple joy to listen to. What I have learnt throughout the last month is how our five villages are welded together through a network of strong friendship and concern for those amongst us. I always knew it was there, but it maybe needed a crisis for us to really appreciate our rural life and the simple pleasures it affords us. Something money or status or position can never buy.

Anne Mulhall, Church Warden, anne.mulhall1@btinternet.com, 01603 784874

Neatishead Poor's or Fuel Allotment Charity/Coronavirus

We, the trustees, would like to remind you that the charity is set up to 'offer relief to those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantages within the Parish of Neatishead.' Should you feel you have reason to seek help please contact our clerk, Pat Ullman on 01692 630997 (in strict confidence). Our funds are limited, but we will always try to help.

White House Stores

Thank-you to everyone for your support of the shop in these difficult times, whether it is by shopping with us more often than you might normally, buying food from us for someone else, or being patient if there is a queue. If you need a delivery, this can be arranged via the Neatishead (01603 784952), Barton Turf and Irstead (07885 706493) Parish Councils. Just give them a call and they can arrange this for you. We will carry on working to keep the shop open for the community.

Margaret Maxwell

Norwich Foodbank Update

With all the churches and therefore all collections points for our foodbank closed I thought it would be good to update you all on recent activity due to the coronavirus pandemic. All distribution centres have closed including the one at The Hub at the United Reformed Church in Wroxham.

All our clients are now having food delivered direct to their homes and left on the doorstep to adhere to the 2 metres social distancing which is a government requirement. At the end of the last working week 194 parcels had been delivered with a few extra to be still accounted for. An extra facility or the packing of boxes has been set up due to the generosity of the Henderson Trust which has meant we can have another two box packers making single boxes.

Donations of foodstuffs have, understandably slowed down but financial gifts are still coming in. If you feel that you would like to send a financial gift please make cheques payable to Norwich Foodbank for the attention of Hannah Worsley, Norwich Foodbank, 51 Ivy Road, Norwich, NR5 8BF. Any amount you can afford will certainly help as we appreciate it is difficult at the present time to give gifts of food.

Well I know we have found the past few weeks difficult but I do hope the beautiful weather over the Easter weekend and living as we do in such a special place in Norfolk has helped us all. Once again thank you for all you have done in the past and I know what you will do in the future. Keep well and stay safe.

Irene Thompson, 536625

Women's Institute

Well, we're self-isolating as is half the world it seems, because of coronavirus – but being a resourceful lot, I'm sure our members are keeping busy. There is always spring-cleaning, gardening, Trauma Teddy Bear knitting, trying out all those recipes you promised to create one day, or even getting ahead by writing Christmas cards! We have a contact system in place, whereby we spread WI information by email, post or telephone but, if any member needs to contact our Institute, please ring me. But it is with great sadness that I must let our members know about the loss of Val Ryall. Val had been a member for many years and had served as secretary but she will be most remembered for running very popular chair-based exercise classes at NVH. She was a life member of the Norfolk Keep Fit Association and drew on her extensive experience of running classes for all ages, particularly those in care homes, to arrange programmes of movement to music to make us more energetic, healthier and happier - her lovely smile of warmth and affection will be much missed and we send our condolences to husband, Paul.

Monica Riley, 630336

New Victory Hall

The NVH is at present closed due to the coronavirus (Covid-19) situation. The trustees look forward to being able to reopen the hall when government advice indicates that it is appropriate to do so. All groups and hirers will be contacted direct when we get to this stage. Meanwhile, the trustees are looking after the premises. All bookings made are still being held in the diary and are being cancelled out a month at a time as we move ahead. If anybody wishes to make a new booking for later in the year I am willing to pencil in advance bookings and 'save the date' for you. We have refunded 76 of the 80 tickets sold for the Shantymen evening but if you still have to claim your refund, please call 01692 630637 to arrange. I am sure we all look forward to being able to meet up again at the many activities that take place in the NVH. Most importantly please stay safe and well and we look forward to reopening the hall and moving on from these very difficult times.

Doreen Dean on behalf of NVH Trustees

The Preston Rooms – Ashmanhaugh

Hello everyone! The nature of this article has obviously changed – we would normally be encouraging you all to come and join us at the next event at the Preston Rooms. Obviously at the time of writing, we don't know if any of the events planned for 2020 will now take place. I can report however, that the refurbishment of the kitchen is complete and it looks amazing! A huge amount of thanks are due to Steve and Andy for all their hard work. Perhaps we should organise an 'opening ceremony' and invite everyone for tea and cake? In the meantime I hope that you are all finding plenty of jobs to keep you occupied or perhaps you are all just enjoying a change of routine. Look after yourselves and stay safe.

Sue Watts, Secretary

Gardening Club and Village Show

At least it has been lovely weather for gardening during lockdown, although some rain would help things along! With everything on hold the only event likely to happen is the Village Show on **Saturday 5th September** and given the current circumstances there are no excuses for not growing or making an exhibit or two! We still aim to have the Village Show schedules ready by the beginning of June. The plant and home produce sections will remain much the same with the addition of new handicraft and photographic classes. Wishing you all a productive and healthy May.

Jane King, 630002, janeelizabethking@hotmail.com

Neatishead Spring Clean

Sadly the spring clean that I was organising on behalf of Neatishead Parish Council had to be cancelled. However I would like to thank, on behalf of the council, those who already walk the roads in our village clearing up discarded debris. There is one area in particular we have an issue with and that is Common Road and the sandpit at the southern end of Common Road. The issue is discarded Special Brew cans on such a scale that we feel it has to be someone who frequents the area and therefore is possibly local. Please take them home and place them in your green bin. I hope to re-arrange the spring clean when circumstances allow.

Michael Godfrey

Neatishead White Horse Bowls Club – Three Hammer Common

When this item is published, we hope we will be more relaxed on self isolation. Some of us will have been in self isolation since the middle of March. Our members are keeping in touch with each other via the media or a phone call. Very fortunately we have kept ourselves healthy. All our members would wholeheartedly give a big cheer and clap for all the volunteers, plus the 'background staff' working out the logistics. WE CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH We will have 'our gate' open as soon as we are permitted. Take care Friends and Neighbours as well as the group!

Cathy Smith, 630602, 07810586551, smithcomptoncroft@btinternet.com

Knit and Stitch

It is very heartening to hear of many of our local organisations and businesses showing kindness and exploring new initiatives to help the many members of the community confined to their homes in this strange and unprecedented world we find ourselves in. Of course knitting and stitching has been around in some form for many hundreds of years and now patterns can be found for just about any object or piece of clothing imaginable through the internet and magazines now available. Looking to the future, we would like to create an alternative Christmas Tree made from knitted or crocheted squares so if you would like to help the squares need to be 15cm (6") square. The interesting bit will be working out how to create the tree! As always I can supply wool and needles. If you are feeling a bit more creative, need to keep yourselves busy and at the same time feeling you can make a difference, lots of other ideas for items needed for many different charities can be found online at <https://www.norfolkknitters.org.uk/> or <https://knitforpeace.org.uk/>.

Keep safe and keep being creative - you might surprise yourself - and we look forward to getting together again as soon as we are able. *Claire Penstone-Smith, 630580, claireps@btinternet.com*

Neatishead, Irstead & Barton Turf Community Heritage Group

As I wrote the NIBCHG item for last month's NIB, we hoped, maybe, our VE Day Anniversary Celebrations might take place. Sadly this is not to be because of the unprecedented situation caused by Covid-19. However, we hope you will raise a "Toast to the Heroes of WW2" at 3pm on **Friday 8th May**, in your homes (as we would have been doing in The White Horse) 75 years since the end of World War Two in Europe was declared, and the country celebrated. With many national events for the celebration postponed or cancelled, there is a suggestion events could be rearranged to coincide with the VJ Day Anniversary on **15th/16th August**. Having been successful in gaining a small grant to help with our event, this money has to be used at a time in line with national celebrations. We will therefore be looking to arrange our postponed event in August too.

Our own research into life during WW2 in our villages continues. The booklet 'A Look at Neatishead' by the late Alice Dennes and memories recalled by her sister Joan Wellsted who were both born and brought up in Neatishead, give us insight into some of the things happening here during WW2. Twenty five evacuees and four teachers arrived here from Bethnal Green and with the school timetable rearranged, the visitors and local children received their education in school taught by their own teachers. The Victory Hall was the venue for many communal activities and fundraising events for the war effort – whist drives with MCs Mr Norman Kittle and Mr John Duffield; concerts when Mr and Mrs Mayes would sing duets and shows when the notable comic Sydney Grapes would tell tales about "Aunt Agatha" and other Norfolk characterisations. Air Raid Wardens advised the community on air raid precautions and enforced the night time 'blackout'. Those men not 'called up' joined the Home Guard and were trained to help protect our villages in case of enemy invasion, this considered a high possibility being so close to the East Coast. So what about VE Day in 1945? At this time Neatishead was featured in the North Walsham and District Parish Magazine and for June 1945 it reported that 'There was a large congregation on VE Day evening in a very full church with a parade of Servicemen, Red Cross, Girl Guides and Cubs.'

Meanwhile, the current situation we find ourselves in, is being likened to that of World War Two with the many restrictions being made on our day to day life and sadly many lives lost. As our communities pull together to help each other in different ways, we need to ensure a record of this time is kept for those who come after us so they will be able to look back and see the effects this crisis has had on our lives. Please may we ask that you jot down anything in your life now, that was different to how it was a few weeks ago, however trivial it may seem, for example, caring for loved ones and neighbours, celebrations, our health, the economy and work patterns, keeping occupied, the internet, education, travel, accessing news – in fact just about every aspect of our lives. And remember to take photos too! Everything will be collated for our archive and a display at some time in the future. We look forward to hearing from you, and also welcoming you back to our meetings and events just as soon as possible. Take care of yourselves.

Claire Penstone-Smith, 630580, claireps@btinternet.com

Wildlife Notes

With all the doom and gloom of the Covid-19 news I thought it was worthwhile trying to look on the bright side as, despite the restrictions, we are very fortunate living in this rural area in that we can get out for our daily exercise and enjoy both our gardens and the countryside in spring.

One of the advantages of the restrictions is that I have more time to look more closely at what is happening in the garden and around the lanes. At the end of March I wandered along King Street on my exercise walk and noticed some small mining bees which were digging out tiny individual burrows on the roadside verge in a dry bare patch of earth. There was a small colony of the bees, some 50 in number and I managed to get some photos on my phone to enable me to identify them later. There are over 60 species of mining bee recorded in Norfolk but eventually I identified them as *Andrena flavipes* or The Yellow-Legged Mining bee, a species which has only colonised Norfolk since 2002 but is now widespread.

Another stroll in my garden led me to my small garden pond where the Yellow Flag Iris plants are rapidly growing their spear like leaves. However, it was a number of tiny, dark coloured beetles scattered individually on most of the leaves which attracted my attention. These turned out to be the Iris Flea Beetle (*Aphthona nonstriata*) which comes out at this time of year to lay its eggs on Iris leaves. If you get too close to them, they hop like a flea hence the name.

This is the time of year to keep a close eye on the garden as during migration you never know what might turn up. I am indebted to a resident at Irstead Shoals who let me know of a Ring Ouzel which arrived in her garden on the 12th March and was busy feeding on the lawn and grassy areas during the day. Ring Ouzels are like a blackbird with a large white crescent shape on the breast and are birds of the mountains and moorland breeding in England in the Pennines, Lake District as well as parts of Scotland and Wales. They are predominantly seen in Norfolk during spring migration when they are sometimes in small groups. Do let me know what you have discovered and let nature ease your pain and worries.

Jerry Simpson, 630674, simpsonj24@btinternet.com

Priscilla Bacon Hospice Fundraising – In Memory of George Stammers

Fundraising events have been postponed until later in the year! The sponsored runs have been rescheduled for October and we still aim to hold a Drop-in Day, probably in September or October. If you would like to sponsor us we will have a sponsor form at Neatishead Farmers' Market when it resumes or you can donate online at: www.justgiving.com/campaign/inmemoryofgeorgestammers. If you wish to be involved in fundraising for this very worthy cause, please contact Mum on 630002 or myself, Rachel Townshend on 581461. Thank you!

Rachel Townshend

Priscilla Bacon Hospice Charity

Firstly may I extend my condolences to Mr George Stammer's family. I am writing to the NIB publication as a response to Mr Stammer's family's intention to help us fund raise for a new, larger Hospice. The fund raising had been forging ahead and was doing very well, however, as result of the pandemic, our shops are closed, so we will be hoping people will help the charity with their individual projects. I can provide fund raising packs if anyone would like one. Also you can log on to our Facebook page, to see what events are going ahead and also to join our community of Hospice supporters. Many thanks and keep well.

Zoe Rothwell, Stalham Store Manager, Priscilla Bacon Retail, zcrothwell@googlemail.com

In Memory of Dr Richard Thompson

There are not enough words for me to express my gratitude to all my friends and neighbours for their support when I needed it most over the last 12 years of Richard's serious illnesses.

The last two years, and particularly the last six months of Richard's life were very difficult (not least because I broke my leg last September!). However, the love and help from those around me enabled me to care for Richard at home for many weeks before it became impracticable. Help came in many guises! Shopping, meals provided, lifts either to the hospital or back and forth to Wroxham for the hospital bus, visiting Richard to give me a break, dog walking and generally making sure I was OK. All this gave me a chance to stay overnight at the hospital beside Richard til the end! Jonno was able to commute from London to help me knowing I was being supported so well.

Special thanks must also go to Reverends David and Angela Smith who were so kind and understanding. The last minute organisation of Richard's outdoor funeral by David was amazing. Richard would have loved it! So, truly heartfelt thank yous to everyone who was there for us. Below is one of many poems written by Richard. He was inspired to write it during the time when fundraising was taking place to install a WC at Neatishead Church. We hope that it makes you smile.

Irene Thompson and Jonno

*Recent researches at Oxford,
Augmented by Harvard and Yale,
Have shown that the average sermon
Is virtually certain to fail,
When despite every phrase that is uttered,
Against the devil and sin, it's
Not going to be heard, if the priest's holy word
Goes on for much more than ten minutes.*

*The reason for this is quite simple,
As the years of the faithful increase;
Each one takes its toll upon bladder control,
And the urge for that instant release,
So there must be some Christian forgiveness,
Both vicars and rectors agree;
Shortly after the Creed, there is often the need
To scuttle outside, for a pee.*

*Oh, why must we hide in the graveyard,
And crouch, behind tablets of stone?
Is there no other way for the faithful to pray,
Without leaving their families alone?
There is surely an obvious solution –
To install in each Church far and wide,....
A loo, down the aisle's so much better, by miles,
Than those Sundays, spent scuttling outside.*

Wroxham & Hoveton Lions Club

Firstly I sincerely hope you are all keeping safe and well. Very little to report this month as we are all abiding by the rules and staying indoors, but having said that we are still open for business using our telephones and emails. In the last week we have made donations of £500 each to Age Concern and Norfolk Community Foundation as well as funding the purchase of items for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital, to help with all their outstanding work being carried out in these terrible times.

At the moment, we are still hoping to hold our village fete in August but this will be kept under continuous review in the light of the government legislation and we will keep you fully updated.

Please try and keep an eye on our elderly and vulnerable neighbours in their hour of need.

Terry Vout, Lion President

WHB Twinning Association

Rather old news now, but our Quiz and Supper evening on 14th March in Wroxham Church Hall at 7pm did go ahead and was the usual fun, social occasion with good food and banter: the last one for a while, unfortunately.

We have postponed our annual flotilla in June till next year and we don't know yet about the visit of our French twinned villages of La Pommeraye and Montjean-sur-Loire in August with excursions including the Neatishead Radar Museum, Stalham Broads Museum with boat trip and the St George's Distillery. We have adopted a 'wait and see' policy for now.

French Conversation is suspended for now and we shall review it later in the year, whenever we can get together again. The format does need changing so we'll see what we can do.

Book club members emailed their thoughts on 'The Pillars of the Earth' by Ken Follet, Joyce's choice, in March and Gill kindly collated these for everyone, which worked very well. We are going to attempt a Zoom book club meeting on Wednesday 22nd for Gill's choice of 'Step by Step' by Simon Reeve, so we'll see how that goes. We will try and keep going and probably have to rely on Kindle books till our library reopens. Pat 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.

Changes on the NIB Team

Wendy Price, who has been on the NIB team for more than 20 years, firstly as editor and then as joint manager, has decided to retire. The team send her their heartfelt thanks for her contribution to the magazine over many years and also wish her all the best for her 'retirement'.

We would also like to welcome our two new team members, Jane King, who has taken over responsibility for postage and Alan Smith, who has taken on the deputy editor role. Their roles, at the moment, are very different from what they expected when they volunteered – the distribution of the NIB has changed this month and there's very little to do for the dates and church services pages. However, they are both helping where they can and are also involved in the important job of proofreading.

Hoveton and Wroxham Medical Centre: extended hours 7am to 8am (Tuesday and Thursday). Otherwise open 8.3am to 6pm Monday to Friday. Phone 01603 782155
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Neatishead	Pauline Simpson	01692 630674
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Neatishead Baptist Church: All services have been cancelled until further notice.

Pastor, Ian Bloomfield pastor@neatisheadbaptist.org.uk

Sue Gibbons, Church Secretary, 01603 738893 secretary@neatisheadbaptist.org.uk

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www.northnorfolkmethodist.org.uk/bartonturf, Rev Sharon Willimott, Superintendent, 01692 218657

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