

# The NIB

Neatishead, Irstead and Barton Turf Parish Magazine



## THE BENEFICE OF St BENEDICT

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

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### **From your Parish Priest**

Despite the recent storms, our villages and the much loved Norfolk Broads continue to be popular with visitors well into the autumn season this year. We shall continue to open our churches throughout October, together with our pattern of communion services during the opening times. (Details on back page) In addition, while carefully maintaining all the social distancing rules and Coronavirus precautions, the service at Barton Turf, at 4.00pm on 18<sup>th</sup> October, St. Luke's day, will be a benefice service, with some additional music, but sadly still no congregational singing.

St. Luke is of course one of the four Gospel writers, but St. Paul also refers to him as 'the beloved physician' from which we derive the tradition of St. Luke as the patron of doctors and the medical professions. St. Luke's day is also traditionally observed in many places as a day of prayer for healing, and that will be the theme of the benefice service on that day, when our prayers will be not just for the healing of individuals, but also for the healing of our communities, our nations, and our beautiful planet Earth.

Further ahead, November is our annual time of remembrance and remembering. It will necessarily be constrained in many ways this year, but there will still be ceremonies for Remembrance at or in each of our churches. At Barton Turf, Irstead, and Neatishead on Remembrance Day itself – 11<sup>th</sup> November. At Ashmanhaugh as part of the communion service on Sat 7<sup>th</sup> November, and at Horning the traditional open-air Remembrance ceremony at the war memorial on Remembrance Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> November. Earlier in November, we usually provide an All Souls service, celebrating the lives of those in our benefice who have died recently; this year, we shall incorporate this as part of the weekly video service on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

My thanks to all who have helped with preparing our video services on YouTube, and to all those who have worked hard to make and keep our churches 'Covid-Secure' so that worship can continue. We accept that we may still have to continue in this restricted way for some time yet, but continue we shall, praising and worshipping, and reflecting God's love and care in this place.

With every blessing,

*David*

### **From the NIB Churchwardens**

It was very good to see a number of worshippers from across the benefice get together, outside, at Barton Church to celebrate Harvest. It was also a pleasure to have the choir back, although, of course, the congregation were not allowed to sing! It was the first time in a number of months that we had all been able to meet, which made it a joyful occasion. The foodbank also benefited greatly (see below). On the 12<sup>th</sup> September the annual churches cycle ride took place and, although our churches were not open, they were visited. From the list at Barton it appeared that the number of visitors was much the same as usual which was encouraging for the Norfolk Churches Trust. Because of the success of the harvest offering for the foodbank it has been decided to open the foodbank collections once again. Donations may be taken to the churches at the times when the churches are open, the list is on the back of this magazine. At other times, at Barton and Irstead, offerings may be left in the church porch. Please don't hesitate to contact us as your church wardens if we can be of any assistance. Church services are, at the moment, continuing as advertised. Take care of yourselves and stay safe.

*The NIB Parish Churchwardens*

### **Neatishead Parish Council**

A Zoom Parish Council meeting was held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September with Councillor Rob Hanger tending his apology of absence. There being no other applicants for the vacancy on the council, Catherine Clayton was duly co-opted and welcomed on to the council. County Councillor Richard Price mentioned, amongst other matters, the proposed boundary changes due to come into effect in 2025. A link to these proposals can be obtained via the parish clerk. Matters on the agenda were discussed and noted such as the North Norfolk Sustainable Communities Grant Fund cut off date, the Broads Authority & NNDC Consultation on the Coastal Adaptation Supplementary Planning Document and the application for dance exercise classes on the playing field (which was agreed). The tenant of one of the allotments has been given notice to leave due to not abiding by the agreed terms of reference. This might lead to a vacant plot. Please contact the clerk for details. A letter from a parishioner was read regarding the WildEast initiative and this will be an agenda item for the next meeting. Matters relating to the staithe were discussed and it was agreed to restore the damaged seat and to investigate further the matter relating to unauthorised trading. Financial matters were discussed and agreed as appropriate. Finally the Councillors would like to thank all those who volunteered help during the Covid-19 lockdown. Your help was much appreciated by all in our village and surrounding area; we hope that your services will not be called upon again. The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October**.

*Caro How, Chairman*

### **White House Stores**

Thanks to everyone for their continued support of the shop in these difficult times. The staff and committee are working hard behind the scenes to keep the shop open for you. You may have seen already that we are seeking new volunteers. There are so many ways you can help and in the present circumstances we are asking for just one hour of your time to help run the shop. We can discuss what you would like to do and when. You can share a job with another volunteer, get training from staff or other volunteers, be on a WhatsApp group for immediate help on Wednesdays, the possibilities are endless! Please email us at [info@whitehousestores.co.uk](mailto:info@whitehousestores.co.uk) if you would like us to call you for a chat.

A reminder on our present guidelines: Please wear a face covering and put it on before you come into the shop. One adult customer is allowed in at a time with any children under 16. Card or contactless payments only. Please use the hand sanitiser. Apologies for these reminders but they are necessary for the safety of staff and customers as unfortunately not everyone is on board.

Winter hours: We will revert to shorter winter hours from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September, so we will close at 5pm Monday to Saturday. We are still closing for lunch from 1pm to 1.30pm while we don't have volunteers available to cover staff breaks.

*Margaret Maxwell*

### **St Peter's Church, Neatishead – Fundraising**

Don't miss an opportunity to purchase Christmas cards and other greetings cards at the October Farmers' Market in aid of St Peter's Church. Funds are urgently required in lieu of lost revenue from having no services during the pandemic. Cards can be viewed on the St Peter's 'A Church Near You' website. Thank you. *Pauline Simpson, Church warden, 07818599303*

### **Village Screen**

On **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October** the Village Screen at the New Victory Hall will be showing the 2020 film EMMA (Cert PG, 2hr 12min), a romantic comedy based on Jane Austen's 1815 novel of the same name. Doors open at 7 for 7.30pm and arrangements have been made to comply with government guidelines on Covid-19 precautions, as the safety of our audience is our priority.

- Seating is limited to 30 persons to comply with social distancing but couples and household bubbles can sit together.
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- All payments (£5.00 per person) are contactless by card at the door.
- Refreshments are limited to one complimentary carton of juice per person or you may bring your own drinks and cups/glasses. Sorry no teas/coffees served at the moment. We have discontinued meals for the time being.
- Please do not attend if you or anyone in your household is unwell or isolating with Covid-19 symptoms.
- Please follow all the measures at NVH to keep us safe including social distancing whilst queuing and in the hall, using hand sanitiser on entry etc. The wearing of face coverings is now mandatory.

Despite the challenges of Covid-19, the Village Screen team is confident you can enjoy the evening with a good film. Please come along, you will be very well looked after and very welcome.

*The Village Screen Team*

### **Community Gym – Fit for the future!**

The life changing pandemic which has affected us all this year shows the fitter and healthier you are, the better equipped you are to fight illness and infection; and helping local people get fit and stay healthy are the main aims of Neatishead Community Gym. We're not about body image, but helping ordinary people to improve their lives and longevity. As soon as we were given the green light to reopen, our members began returning, in carefully controlled and organised sessions to keep everyone as safe as we could. Fitness, health and slimming down are just part of the benefits members enjoy, mental health and seeing familiar faces and friends in a safe, well managed space is also a major contribution to people's wellbeing. We're not just for Neatishead either. We also have members from Horning, Wroxham and surrounding villages. All ages and abilities are welcome, and people join to improve their balance, movement, to slim down or to build muscles, it's their choice - no one tells members what they have to do. Gary, our very experienced, helpful and understanding instructor works with people to suggest a programme to help them achieve their own goals and aims. Members can wear any suitable clothing, there's no need for sports outfits or leotards. The Gym meets three mornings a week in Neatishead's New Victory Hall. We offer a free trial for anyone who wants to pop in. Email [gym@victoryhall.info](mailto:gym@victoryhall.info) or call Gary on 07387 876216. *Your Community Gym*

### **Congratulations**

To all students on your exam results. You have worked so hard in these challenging times. Well done to everyone! *The NIB Team*

## Knit and Stitch

Thank you to all those who brought items for the Handicraft Section of the Village Show last month - we have some talented people in our community, it was a lovely display - and thank you to the Gardening Club for going ahead with this event amid strict guidelines. As always, if you would like any patterns, yarn, needles or old magazines to give you some inspiration to pick up those knitting needles, crochet hooks or sewing needles, please get in touch, we can give you lots of ideas. But please, no more squares - I think we have enough! To date, we have been meeting on our usual evenings at the New Victory Hall within the allowed guidelines. For this month, however, we are meeting just once on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October**, from 7.15 - 8.45pm. If you would like to join us and are not on my current mailing list, please let me know, as for the time being we have to limit our numbers. Stay safe everyone.

*Claire Penstone-Smith, 630580, [claireps@btinternet.com](mailto:claireps@btinternet.com)*

## Neatishead, Irstead and Barton Turf Community Heritage Group (NIBCHG)

We have decided to put all monthly meetings on hold for the moment, however we hope to have an AGM on **Thursday 12th November**. Please make a note if you would like to attend, either in person or virtually - more details in November NIB. Meanwhile, thank you to those who have been in touch following our requests on three very different topics that we have highlighted in NIB over the last few months. (1) 'Discovering more about your house' - contact Jackie Simpson ([jackie.g.simpson@btinternet.com](mailto:jackie.g.simpson@btinternet.com)) if you would like some guidance on the sort of information we are collecting. (2) 'Far East Prisoners of War - your family stories' - contact Pauline Simpson ([pauline761@btinternet.com](mailto:pauline761@btinternet.com)) or myself. (3) 'The Impact Covid-19 has had or is having on your life and/or our community in words or pictures' - we are collecting various press accounts but it is important for our archive to include your stories - look back over the last few months and think how life has changed for you and/or what you are doing differently - please contact Barbara Pilcher ([barbara.pilcher@btinternet.com](mailto:barbara.pilcher@btinternet.com)). Thank you all for your continued interest.

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## Wildlife Notes

A phone message from my daughter Anna in mid-September was accompanied by a photo of a small bird which had flown into her patio window and stunned itself. A quick glance at the image of the tiny green bird lying on the patio floor and my first thought was "goldcrest" but when I enlarged the photo a bright white eye stripe was visible and I realised it was the much scarcer "firecrest". These two birds are Europe's smallest birds and only weigh about half the weight of a blue tit so it is amazing to think they actually migrate and in the case of goldcrests can fly across the North sea. Whilst firecrests have been visiting these shores for many years they finally became a breeding bird in the UK in 1962 in the New Forest and have been steadily increasing in numbers especially in the south of England. In Norfolk they can now be found breeding in small numbers in Sheringham Park and at Lynford arboretum in Breckland but are usually encountered as an autumn visitor passing through the county between September and October. Increasingly since 1991, firecrests have remained in the county over the winter and maybe found around the coast especially where there are pine trees. Unlike their cousins, firecrests do not join winter flocks of tits as goldcrests frequently do but remain solitary. Birds of Norfolk records how, in 1843, a Yarmouth naturalist called William Fisher commissioned a man to obtain as many goldcrests as he could, hoping to obtain a specimen of the rarer firecrest. The man had to catch 30 goldcrests before he found a firecrest or "fire-crested wren" as they were then called. A firecrest ringed at Holme in north Norfolk in October 1975 was found at Wick, Caithness, Scotland in February 1976, a slightly surprising record. Since we moved to Neatishead I have seen just two firecrests in my garden, both of which were autumn records. You will be pleased to hear that the patio window casualty was none the worse for its experience and after a little recovery time flew off again. Check out the goldcrests you see in your garden you never know you may be lucky enough to find a fire-crested wren.

*Jerry Simpson, 630674, [simpsonj24@btinternet.com](mailto:simpsonj24@btinternet.com)*

### Something a bit different from the Two Rivers Artists

We are determined not to let Covid-19 stop us bringing the delights of our Annual Festive Fair to you. So it's full steam ahead with preparations for our 'virtual fair' via the internet on **14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> November**. Keep an eye on [www.tworiversartists.co.uk](http://www.tworiversartists.co.uk) and make a date to visit us and our special guest artists that weekend. More details in the November edition.

*Kit Calladine for the Artists of the Two Rivers*

### Gardening Club

The Village Show went ahead with a different format and shortened time scale but still proved to be an enjoyable and sociable occasion. Many thanks to all who supported and helped to run the event in any way. Hopefully, we'll be back to 'normal' next year! Our October meeting is on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October** at 7.30pm in the NVH and, providing circumstances don't change, James and Fan Arthur are going to give a presentation of photographs taken in members' gardens over spring and summer with a commentary. We will have to follow the NVH guidelines i.e. wearing masks and sitting individually or in groups of no more than six. Please bring your own drinks, glasses/cups and nibbles. Please contact me if you want any more information. Keep well.

*Jane King, 630002, [janeelizabethking@hotmail.com](mailto:janeelizabethking@hotmail.com)*

### Neatishead White Horse Bowls Club – Three Hammer Common

Having looked at the article for this month in 2019, there was a resumé of all the matches we had played in the two leagues we were members of. There was no inkling of what was to come. Despite the restrictions the club has been able to carry out certain maintenance jobs. The Covid-19 guidelines changed again in September, meaning our final /closing day 12<sup>th</sup> September roll up and play, could no longer take place. The AGM for 30<sup>th</sup> September was cancelled due to the '6 only' guidelines and no Annual Dinner was arranged. A letter updating members about the status of the club and the way forward was sent to everyone. We are very certain and upbeat that the club will continue at the Three Hammer Green in 2021, albeit in a different manner. Club contacts are: Denver Gurney, 01603 783334 or Bernie Morter, 630505

*Cathy Smith, 630602 or 07810 586551, [smithcomptoncroft@btinternet.com](mailto:smithcomptoncroft@btinternet.com)*

### Save the Children

Barton Broad and local views, 2021 desktop calendars. £8 each. All the money goes to Save the Children Fund. Afterwards the pictures can be used as postcards. Please call me on 536726.

*Anne Wilson*

### Priscilla Bacon Hospice Fundraising – In Memory of George Stammers

Fundraising events have been hit badly this year with many cancelled. However, Run Norwich is continuing as a virtual event which basically means that Mum and I will be running a 10k course of our own choice at some point during the week beginning **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October**. We will have race numbers and submit our times to the event organisers. Please give us a wave if we come your way! If you would like to sponsor us we will have a sponsor form at October's Neatishead Farmers' Market or you can donate online at [www.justgiving.com/campaign/inmemoryofgeorgestammers](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/inmemoryofgeorgestammers). If you wish to be involved in fundraising for this very worthy cause, please contact Mum on 630002 or me 581461. Thank you.

*Rachel Townshend*

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## Diary Dates for October 2020

Thursday	1 <sup>st</sup>	(from 28/9)	White House Stores winter hours (5pm close)
	1 <sup>st</sup>	7.30pm	Three Villages Community Association AGM, NVH
Monday	5 <sup>th</sup>	7pm for 7.30pm	Village Screen <b>Emma</b> (2020) PG 132mins, NVH
Saturday	10 <sup>th</sup>	9-12noon	Farmers' Market, NVH
Wednesday	14 <sup>th</sup>	7.15-8.45pm	Knit & Stitch, Community Room, NVH
Thursday	15 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Neatishead Parish Council Meeting, NVH
Sunday	18 <sup>th</sup>	w/b (own time)	Priscilla Bacon Hospice Fund raising 10K run
Monday	19 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Gardening Club, NVH

## Future Dates

Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup>	November	NIBCHG AGM
Saturday/Sunday	14/15 <sup>th</sup>	November	Two Rivers Artists Virtual Fair
Saturday	5 <sup>th</sup>	December	Christmas Fair, NVH

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## Benefice of St Benedict:

**Churches open times and Holy Communion times:**

	10am-1pm	1pm-5pm
Sunday	Neatishead	Barton Turf (4pm HC)
Monday		Horning
Tuesday		Ashmanhaugh
Wednesday	Irstead (10am HC)	Neatishead (4pm HC)
Thursday	Barton Turf	
Friday	Horning (11am HC)	
Saturday	Ashmanhaugh (10am HC)	Irstead

**Church Wardens:** **Neatishead** Pauline Simpson 01692 630674  
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**Neatishead Baptist Church**, Chapel Road, Neatishead, NR12 8YF

Sunday service has resumed at 10.30 am. Please wear a mask in the church. No coffee at the moment.

Pastor: Ian Bloomfield, [pastor@neatisheadbaptist.org.uk](mailto:pastor@neatisheadbaptist.org.uk),

Secretary: Sue Gibbons, [secretary@neatisheadbaptist.org.uk](mailto:secretary@neatisheadbaptist.org.uk)

**BartonTurf Methodist Church:** Services suspended until further notice., Rev Sharon Willimott, Superintendent, 01692 218657 [www.northnorfolkmethodist.org.uk/bartonturf](http://www.northnorfolkmethodist.org.uk/bartonturf)

**United Reformed Church, Wroxham:** Sunday services at 11am.

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