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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

A year ago, I wrote in this magazine:

“When we don’t have an answer to a question or problem, many resort to simply saying, it’s complicated”. Well, as we all now know, life has just become particularly complicated and we shall continue to face and deal with the Coronavirus threat for weeks, if not months, to come. It will impact our individual lives, nations, and economies around the world, and the after effects will persist long after we have conquered the virus itself.

Even though there were scientists suggesting worst-case scenarios of a UK COVID death toll in six figures, I suspect most of us still welcomed and favoured the more up-beat predictions of ‘a vaccine by the autumn’. It was reminiscent of those wartime expectations: “The boys will be home by Christmas.” We didn’t expect to be still in lockdown mode a year later, with another disrupted Easter, but here we are – and that is perhaps the point. Here we are! We must mourn the loss of those who have died, and commiserate with those grieving for loved ones taken prematurely. We must give thanks for those still caring for the sick despite any risk to themselves, and celebrate the achievements of research teams and companies providing the vaccines that will protect us and ultimately release us from these

COVID constraints. It will not go away, but it is our human nature – our God-given human ingenuity – which when faced with a mortal threat will confront it head-on, and not give up until it is overcome.

The Easter season and the Easter story is always about new life, new opportunities, new hopes, new futures, emerging from even the most hope-less of situations. The despair of the disciples on Good Friday is never forgotten; it doesn’t get airbrushed conveniently out of the picture to make everything sweetness and light again. The shadow of the Cross is permanent, for all time, because the memory of the transition from the despair of Good Friday to the hope of Easter Day is exactly what sustains us, even in the darkest times. Whatever we suffer, God in Christ has been there, done that, got the T-shirt – to use that flippant modern phrase – and God is with us now. Yes we must mourn, and commiserate, and give thanks, and celebrate and never forget, but most of all be hopeful and communicate and share that Christian Easter hope with those around us, near or far.

With every blessing, for a hope-filled Easter.

David Smith, Rector

New Victory Hall

The NVH expects to reopen on Monday 12th April but in line with government restrictions **only** the Community Gym, Children's Dance and Children's Parties are permitted to operate indoors at Stage 2 of the Roadmap. Pilates will be held outside weather permitting. It is hoped to run the Farmers' Market on Saturday 8th May but limitations on hospitality venues mean refreshments can only be served outside or as takeaway. At this stage, social distancing and Covid measures will continue to be in place in the hall premises so please wear face coverings etc. It is understood the hall will still be used as a Polling Station for local elections on **Thursday 6th May** with Covid precautions put in place by NNDC.

At **Stage 3 of the Roadmap on 17th May**, most regular activities should be able to resume at the hall but the exact detail on which prevention measures will be kept, eased or abolished is still awaited. I understand this information will not be published by the government until early May so it will be best to contact your group organiser direct for plans on specific activities. At **Stage 4 of the Roadmap from 21st June**, the government plans to remove all legal limits on social contact so hopefully the hall will operate normally again. I can assure you that all arrangements at NVH will be in line with current government and public health advice as the safety of all who come to the hall is the priority. The hall will have a deep clean in early April including all kitchen and other equipment so it will be fresh for those groups returning and our excellent cleaners will keep it that way.

The Village Screen Cinema hope to show a film on **Monday 7th June**, more details next month. The Events Team have also booked the Sheringham Shantymen for Saturday 16th October - you will recall they were cancelled last year due to the first lockdown, so there are things to look forward to.

As momentum for using the hall picks up again, we need a few new volunteers to assist us particularly with things like the Farmers Market and events so **if you can give a little help please get in touch.**

Hire income has taken a severe knock whilst the hall has been closed but government grants have been pretty generous so I am pleased to say the hall continues to be in good financial shape as long as we can return to normal levels of use by the autumn, so it is important to support

YOUR village hall and I do hope you will resume using the hall whenever the time is right for you. Bookings are being taken for future events including private parties with deposits and cancellation charges waived for the time being.

Finally, one of the most frequently asked questions is "Will you run a Community Breakfast again?" The answer is we hope to when the time seems right and as long as we can get enough volunteers!

Best wishes from all the Trustees for a healthy and peaceful Easter.

Doreen Dean on behalf of NVH Trustees



Three Villages Community Association - Report of AGM

The Three Villages Community Association Ltd, which operates The White House Stores in Neatishead, held its Annual Members Meeting on Thursday March 18th via Zoom and 28 members logged in.

The minutes of previous meetings were approved and then the Chair, Liz Powell, in her report paid tribute to the work of the Management Committee and the shop staff who have kept the shop open and serving the community throughout the pandemic crisis. Amanda Brooks the treasurer presented an overview of the financial performance of the business, which had held up remarkably well as the shop had enjoyed strong local support. The report and accounts are available to view in the shop. Company Secretary, Mark Clayton, reported that there were currently 233 members of the Association adding that there will be activity to promote membership once the lockdown restrictions are lifted. In the meantime if anyone is interested in becoming a member, please contact him using the details below.

Finally, a number of members were elected or re-elected to the management Committee which now consists of 8 people: Liz Powell (Chair), Amanda Brooks (Treasurer), Christine Breden, Margaret Maxwell, Hugh McGill, James Mickelburgh, Christine Warren and Mark Clayton (Company Secretary). If any existing member is interested in joining the committee, then please contact the secretary.

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Translations for us non-native speakers (1)

'He dint ortera dun it': He ought not to have done it

'Oi hent nart gort none': I have not got any.

FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCILS

A reminder to all parishioners of Neatishead, Barton Turf and Irstead that the help line that was set up in March 2020 in response to the coronavirus pandemic is still active. We can be contacted on:

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Helen McFadyen (Irstead)01692 630150
Caro How (Neatishead)01603 784952
Nick Fowle (Neatishead).....01692 630249

Neatishead Parish Council: New Pavement?

Neatishead PC wishes to canvass your opinion following a decision to investigate the feasibility of a footpath adjacent to School Road from as near to the School as possible as far as the King Street/School Road crossroad (Pit Corner). In the last few years the school has grown as has the Dunham's factory site and as a result traffic has greatly increased both motorised and on foot, especially in the case of children. Before submitting an application to the appropriate authorities we do need to first gauge the level of support. Please email comments on this proposal to nicholas4567fowle@gmail.com or any member of Neatishead Parish Council.



Neatishead CoE Primary School

Thank you to all the children at Neatishead Primary School

We have always known that our children are capable of extraordinary things. Each and every one of them are super stars through our eyes.

The potential for greatness lies in each of them. They can do and be what they dream of.

As adults, we cannot change the fact that they will face challenges, disappointments and difficulties in their lives. What we can do is give them the skills, knowledge, understanding and values to face those challenges, manage those disappointments and overcome those difficulties. We can help build their resilience.

This year many of our children have faced challenges, disappointments and difficulties that few of us faced at their age. We are so proud of how resilient they have been. It can feel heart breaking when you know children are struggling or missing out on things they want. This year they may have missed family, friends, teachers, school, birthday celebrations, trips, clubs and so much more. At times they may have struggled.

Even the most resilient of warriors struggle at times!

We have huge trust in their capability to cope. They will be okay. They will bounce back.

As they all return to school once more, they don't need high pressure and stress to 'catch up'. What they need is to continue their learning journeys in an environment where there is time and space to play and be creative. That is what we seek to offer at Neatishead Primary.

I would like to think that everyone in our community takes time to reflect on what this year has been like through the eyes of a child and to do what they can to make the world a little less wobbly for our children.

They have indeed been extraordinary. We have much to learn from them.

Julie Church
Executive Headteacher



Who said Easter Eggs?

Kate's layers Barton

Ye Olde Saddlery- Planning 'Hitch'

As many of you know, we have served wood-fired pizzas from our garden during the summer of 2019 and 2020. We were hoping to bring this service back in future seasons but our planning application to the Broads Authority has been refused because of highway objections relating to traffic, proximity to the junction and on-road parking, causing a danger to pedestrians.

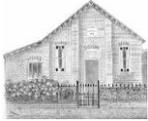
We are applying to trade May-September on Thursday & Friday (10-2pm for tea/coffee/cake and 5-8pm for pizzas/bbq) and hope to continue to be able to offer outdoor seating or take-away facilities. We are not licenced, so anyone eating here is welcome to bring their own drinks or purchase from the shop or pub.

We'd like to hear your opinion. This was a much-used service for locals and holidaymakers alike. If you are in support and would like us to continue then we would be grateful for your written support: please email cheryl.peel@broads-authority.gov.uk, and copy to:

john.packman@broads-authority.gov.uk,
stuart.french@norfolk.gov.uk,
duncan@duncanbaker.org.uk,
info@yeoldesaddlery.co.uk

We will use these to form part of our appeal. Equally, if you have concerns, we would like to hear these too. Thank you for your on-going support.

Jamie & Mary Thompson
Ye Olde Saddlery, The Street, Neatishead



Neatishead, Irstead & Barton Turf Community Heritage Group – Census 2021

Seven years ago on 24th March 2014, NIBCHG was awarded a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund to undertake a two year project to commemorate the centenary of WW1 entitled 'Living through World War One in three Norfolk Broadland Villages - Neatishead, Irstead and Barton Turf'. One of the outcomes from this project was the commemorative plaque in the New Victory Hall in memory of the 136 men from the villages who served during WW1. The group was born out of three individual village history projects: Irstead Memories, Neatishead Nostalgia and the Barton Turf History Project which had begun researching the history of the villages a few years before this. Since then there have been many successful events, talks, displays and projects undertaken across the villages but suddenly on 16th March 2020 our meetings and future plans were halted, initially for just a few weeks, but sadly then months because of the 'coronavirus pandemic' and the year that followed, none of us will forget. We do hope to be able to get together again later in the year.

Meanwhile, as I write this on 21st March 2021, it is 2021 Census Day and I hope you will have completed your 2021 Census. A census has been taken in England every ten years since 1801, with the exception of 1941. One hundred years ago the 1921 census was the first to be conducted following the Census Act of 1920. This consists of more than an incredible 28,000 bound volumes of original household returns containing such valuable and detailed information on close to 38 million individuals. This is being digitised by The National Archives and is planned to be published on the Findmypast website in early 2022. The 1921 census will provide greater detail than any previously published, as in addition to the questions asked in 1911, the census returns also asked householders to reveal their place of employment, what materials they worked in and their employer's name. Those aged 15 and older

were required to provide information about their marital status, including if divorced, while for those under 15 the census recorded whether both parents were alive or if either or both had died. The 1841 census is considered to be the first 'modern' census undertaken and it is thanks to the late Colin Gilbert who founded the Barton Turf History Project, that we have digital copies of all the census returns for the three villages from 1841 through to 1911. This proved invaluable for the research we undertook for our World War One project and we look forward to discovering much more about our community as it was in 1921.

If there are any particular aspects of the villages' history you are interested in that we might be able to help you with or if you would like to undertake your own village research, please get in touch with any of our committee members who will be happy to help.

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Knit and Stitch

Our third tree decoration, for our Community Tree Decoration Knit-Along, could be made in time for Easter (or to celebrate all things Norwich City!) - a wreath - 8" (20 cm) or 3" (7cm) in diameter in yellow and green (or red and green for Christmas) - the choice is yours. Just contact me if you would like a copy of the pattern with easy to follow instructions. Joan Wellsted, a former resident of Neatishead, who many of you will remember and now lives in Lincolnshire saw my article in NIB and has very kindly donated some wool for the project - thank you so much Joan. Please let me know if you need wool, I am happy to deliver or you can collect if you are passing during your daily exercise, just give me a call.

Although restrictions are being eased slightly, Knit and Stitch will still be meeting during April on Zoom at 7.30pm - Wednesday 14th and 28th April. If you would like to join in please let me know. Let's hope some warm weather in May will allow us to meet outside.

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Want to Join a Ukulele Group?

We have recently moved to the area and would like to start a fun and enjoyable Ukulele group. If you are interested in joining us playing and singing popular songs please email or telephone. Beginners are most welcome!! No previous experience required!!

First meeting is scheduled for Monday May 17th 2-4pm in the New Victory Hall. Due to Covid-19 restrictions numbers may be limited initially so please telephone/email to book a place. 07736 613569 mike.gower2016@outlook.com.



Great White Egret

Jon Kelf



Wildlife Notes

April is one of the most exciting of wildlife months as with the arrival of migrant birds the dawn chorus increases in species and volume and the insect world really starts to hot up with the early species of dragonfly and butterflies on the wing. An insect which many of you will be familiar with by sight is the St. Marks fly, swarms of which emerge in late April just in time for St. Marks day on April 25th. The male flies are black and look like a large mosquito with dangling hind legs as they drift slowly around over damp vegetation with an up and down yo-yo flight pattern looking for females. They are only around for about a week but are quite numerous and cause a certain amount of consternation to any early holidaymakers as they fear they are going to be bitten alive. Fortunately, these sky dancers do not sting and are a welcome food source for arriving swallows. A bird which has been attracting a fair bit of attention locally in the past two months is a Great White Egret (*Ardea alba alba*) which has been moving up and down the Ant valley and has been seen at Irstead. Great white egrets, also known as great egrets, are one of the largest white birds you can see in Britain, second in size



only to swans, but are a very recent colonist only being recorded in Norfolk since 1979 when the first one was seen at Hickling. When *Birds of Norfolk* was published in 1999 it was described as a very rare vagrant with only around ten sightings in the county but now it is described as scarce with regular sightings and has bred on the north Norfolk coast at Holkham. Great whites look like a large heron with long dark legs stretching out behind them as they fly with slow wing beats. In winter the long dagger like beaks are a straw coloured yellow but during the breeding season the beak changes colour to black on adult birds. Like herons it feeds on fish and other aquatic insects usually on flood meadows or along rivers and breeds in colonies at large swampy shallow lakes where there are bushes and trees. Siskins have continued to visit my feeders on a weekly basis during March and I know that they have been seen by other residents in their gardens, the males now looking very splendid in their breeding plumage. Look out for the first orange tip butterflies and first large red damselflies this month as well as the returning warblers.

My 2021 bird list had reached 82 species by the end of February and as I write this in late March the number has increased to 86, the highlights being a male Hen Harrier and some White-Fronted geese I spotted on the marshes at the back of Browns hill. As the summer migrants arrive then the number of species recorded should shoot up again. As the birds start to nest in April it is the time of year to remind dog walkers to keep their dogs on leads whilst walking on local

footpaths especially through Alderfen as ground nesting birds can easily be disturbed by roaming dogs. The WFV will be meeting up with representatives from the Norfolk Wildlife Trust this month to seek advice on possible projects. If anyone has special wild plants in our villages which

they think should be protected then please let me, or other representatives of WFV, know where they are situated.

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Shibboleth for Broad Norfolk

'He yer fa got a dickey, bor?' Has your father got a donkey, boy?

Response: *'Yis, an'he want a fule ter roid 'im, will yew cum'* : Yes, and he wants a fool to ride him, will you do it?

'You will hetter keep a dewun' : No alternative but to keep going.



Barn Owl

Jon Kelf



Wildlife Friendly Villages News

Tree planting in our villages - then and now

Norfolk County Council have an ambitious scheme to plant 1 million native trees (and hedges) in the county over the next few years to help tackle biodiversity loss and climate change, see www.norfolk.gov.uk/what-we-do-how-we-work/campaigns/1-million-trees-for-norfolk. The NIB Wildlife Friendly Villages group would like our villages to benefit from this scheme and have registered our interest with the County Council. The scheme will rely on community groups, farmers etc. to come up with a plan as to where trees/hedges should be planted and also to commit to caring for any trees and hedges planted.

Did you know that there was a big roadside tree planting project in our villages in the early 1980s? The following article is from the NIB, edition 49, April 1980:

'Anyone planted a tree lately? There's certainly going to be plenty of spadework afoot on the main roadsides around our villages in the near future as the Jubilee Committee's 1980 Tree Planting Campaign branches into life. The day organiser Alan Wrigley went missing from the village post office and was spotted in his wellies planting six three-foot oak trees on the main Neatishead road, people started talking. That was the day the Committee officially launched their major scheme to improve the local landscape for future generations by replacing the scores of felled trees.

They want to mark all the main roads around Barton, Neatishead and Irstead. But funds are very low and the Committee have launched their scheme on a meagre budget of £50, which won't

buy many new trees. They have written to the Forestry Commission, the Men of Trees, and Norfolk District Council, asking for advice and help. They hope they may get a grant to assist.

Within days of the first oak tree planting, and a story in the local press, the phones were ringing for Committee-man Alan Wrigley. First offer was for the Committee to take their pick of trees from land belonging to two local ladies. Next was a phone call from an Aylsham man - offering 200 trees. Then local man Mr. Bean just delivered his own offering, half a dozen assorted young trees. And the Committee would like to thank Mr and Mrs Cawston and Captain Moodie for generous donations. Messages have been coming in from tree-planting volunteers. Now the workers are needing stakes to support the new trees. Immediate plans are to plant a few more trees, but the major project of actually planting will go ahead in the autumn.'

Thank you to Claire Penstone-Smith and Michael Brandon-Jones for retrieving this article from the NIB archive.

Nesting boxes - request for help

A supporter has purchased two double nested swift boxes and two three nested sparrow terraces which Helen and Ian McFadyen have very kindly agreed to let us put up on the east wall of the White Horse pub, underneath the eaves. We have the boxes but we need someone to attach them to the wall. The swifts that nest in the area of the pub every summer will be returning from Africa in early May so we'd like them to be in place by the end of April. Is there anyone who is willing and able to affix the boxes to the pub wall during April? Please contact Sophia on 07443 658400 or email us if you can help us.

NIB Wildlife Friendly Villages Group
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The Barton Broad Water Story

Since the 1950s the underwater ecosystem in the broads and rivers has changed from one characterised by abundant and diverse aquatic life to one dominated by algae, as a result of nutrient enrichment from wastewater treatment works and agriculture. The algal growth blocks out sunlight, with the result that underwater plants and the nature habitats they provide are lost. Barton Broad is an example of a degraded ecosystem. By the 1970s its turbid waters had no aquatic plants, a poor fish community and summer blue-green algal blooms.

Lake restoration began on Barton Broad in the late 1970s when improvements to waste water (sewage) treatment works meant less phosphorus was discharged into the River Ant, upstream of Barton Broad. This resulted in considerable water quality improvements, however vast quantities of nutrient remained locked in the sediment at the bottom of the broad, which had also become too shallow for boats. **Clear Water 2000** was the Broads Authority's £3 million millennium project to try to restore clear water to Barton Broad, encourage the wildlife abundance back, and improve and expand access to this beautiful broad. It is owned by the Norfolk Wildlife Trust and is the second largest of the broads. Barton is a national treasure, as a National Nature Reserve and international site for wildlife conservation, and as an important site for boating and sailing for many local people and visitors.

In 1995, the Broads Authority set about removing 300,000 cubic metres of silt to farmland. Although the project was over 20 years ago, the water space and water depth remain good, making it navigable for all Broads craft.

Despite Barton's greater depth the project did little to improve water quality and another technique called 'biomanipulation', the temporary relocation of some selected fish species (roach and bream), is being used to create naturally clear water bays filtered by daphnia.

At Barton Broad, it was never going to be possible or desirable to move fish from the whole of the broad, since the river Ant flows through it, and thousands of boats cross it every year. Instead, four fish-free bays, around the margins, isolate areas using specially designed fish-proof curtains.



Success of the clear water areas was measured by 20 species of water plants growing from the natural seedbed, and quiet refuges for wild water birds away from boat disturbance. The novel design of fish curtain was developed by the Broads Authority and has since been used by Natural England and Norfolk Wildlife Trust.

Research and monitoring has formed an essential part of the Barton Broad restoration project. I have been part of that research and restoration effort since 1994! Investigation of nutrient status is critical to any further restoration and its success.

The water nutrient (phosphorus and nitrogen) targets for Barton and Cromes Broad show that large reductions (up to 66% for phosphorus) are needed to meet the standards.

A predictive environmental model shows the likely sources or origins of nutrient. For phosphorus it is likely that 40% comes from Sewage Treatment Works (STWs), 15% from agriculture, 14% from industry, and 21% from urban sources (defined as run-off from all non-agricultural areas – which includes roads).

For nitrogen, the majority comes from agriculture with small contributions from STW and atmospheric sources.

This model of rivers has been used to identify the STW improvements needed to meet the environmental targets for Barton. For Cromes Broad, which is unconnected to the river, other models are used. Finally, in order to assess which actions farmers need to take to effectively lower nutrient coming into the river a model called Farmscoper is run to help justify support for farmers taking appropriate areas of land out of intensive production or using winter cover crops to minimise soil nutrient loss to the groundwater.

A 'fair share' approach has been used initially where each sector/business/individual tackles their share of phosphate contribution to comply with the 'polluter pays' principle.

Work is still on going, but modelling results so far indicate that to meet the necessary targets for phosphate, 7 STWs require improvement, all to the tightest limits currently possible, and also a reduced volume at one STW. For agriculture, the Farmscoper model outputs indicate that 100% uptake of all phosphate capturing actions by farmers would be required. Urban measures, including sustainable drainage from roads and housing areas, and tackling sediment run-off from local roads, will reduce the urban contribution of phosphate. Phosphate from industry will be tackled via the Pollution Prevention Control process.

The area around Barton and Cromes Broads are already part of a Nitrate Vulnerable Zone and the addition of all other possible voluntary nitrogen mitigation measures gives sufficient reduction of nitrogen.

The next step is further modelling to refine the results and then discussions with the Broadland Catchment Partnership and stakeholders.

As a resident, if you want to help lower the nutrients in the rivers and broads and help nature recover there are a few things that you should consider doing:

1. Use low phosphate washing and cleaning products in your home – have a go with white vinegar in the bathroom or what about the eco washing balls or simply reduce the amount of product, saving money too
2. Fertilise only the plants that need it in your garden when they are growing and can take it up
3. Share your tips with your neighbours about lowering your phosphate and nitrogen output – did you know that meat-based diets are higher in phosphate!

Andrea Kelly

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St Peter's Church Neatishead

'Walk and Shop' - May Bank Holiday 1st – 3rd

During the year long lockdown many of us have taken to walking round our villages for exercise and a breath of fresh air. On the first May Bank Holiday of 2021 I am inviting you to continue to take your walks but to look out for some stalls along your route. These stalls will have items for sale to raise some much-needed funds for St Peter's Church, which has been without a source of income for over a year due to its closure caused by the pandemic. There will be a plant stall outside the home of Nick and Jane Fowle at The Paddock, Hall Road, Neatishead and others (books, cakes, cards, bric a brac etc), locations with a map to be confirmed. Draw tickets will also be available to purchase on the weekend. More details in next month's NIB.

Many thanks to everyone who purchased our Christmas cards – approx. £250 raised.

Pauline Simpson 07818 599303
Church warden



WROXHAM AND HOVETON LIONS CLUB

About Lions Clubs International. Lions Clubs International has 1.4 million members in over 200 countries, making it the largest service club organisation in the world. Wherever you live, work or travel, you are likely to come across members of Lions clubs and the projects we support. Lions are ordinary people who do extraordinary things to help others and support good causes. Globally we have more volunteers in more places than any other service club organisation. We love to help others and make things happen. Every day Lions are having fun by organising remarkable and memorable fundraising activities. Every year, in Europe alone, Lions Clubs members volunteer almost 6 million hours of service, and raise £88 million annually to support the needs of local communities.

Community at Heart Lottery results are in! A winning ticket is potentially a week away, we thank you for your continued support. If you haven't signed up yet visit our page www.communityatheartlottery.com/support/wroxham-and-hoveton-lions-club.

Our club has supported local and international causes for over 44 years and will continue to do so with your help. If you would like to take those first steps into joining our team, we'll be happy to see you on one of our Zoom meetings. Just let us know your email address and we'll send you an invite to join us online. Our meetings are on 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm. For more information please ring me on **01603 781310**, or our Membership Chairperson, **Lion Lydia Spight on 07503 221485**.

Hopefully this month our shop in the Hoveton precinct will be open if the Government roadmap out of the Pandemic goes to plan. Fingers crossed. We will then once again be accepting good, clean clothing and Bric a Brac. However, as I've previously mentioned, **please do not leave anything outside the shop as it is considered to be Fly Tipping. Please consult our Facebook page or our website for details of when our shop will be open to accept goods.** Would you like to volunteer to help in the shop? If so, when we're open, drop in and talk to a member of staff or ring **Lion Terry on 01603 784093**. Please follow us on Facebook or visit our website. We look forward to seeing or hearing from you. As always, Stay Safe

Lion Mick Holden, President.

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Thank you & farewell from Helen

I just wanted to say thank you for welcoming us to the village over 17 years ago & for all the kindness shown to us in the years following. It really is a very special place to live & we take with us many happy memories of our time living here. Thank you.

Helen Cartwright



Vernon is still watching!

Jon Kelf

Diary dates for April 2021

Tuesday	6 th	7pm	BTIPC Annual Parish meeting (zoom) followed by Parish Council meeting (zoom)
Tuesday	13 th	7:30pm	Wroxham & Hoveton Lions meeting (zoom)
Wednesday	14 th	7:30pm	Knit & Stitch (zoom)
Tuesday	27 th	7:30pm	Wroxham & Hoveton Lions meeting (zoom)
Wednesday	28 th	7:30pm	Knit & Stitch (zoom)

Future dates all to be confirmed and subject to Covid-19 regulations.

Saturday - Monday	1 st -3 rd	May	Walk & Shop to raise funds for St Peter's Church
Thursday	6 th	May	Local elections, NVH & St Michael and All Angels Church
Saturday	8 th	May	Farmers' Market, NVH
Monday	17 th	May	Ukulele inaugural meeting, NVH
Monday	7 th	June	Village Screen Cinemas, NVH
Saturday	4 th	September	Village Show, NVH
Sunday	12 th	September	Wroxham Bure Valley Rotary Club - Classic Car Show, Wroxham Barns
Saturday	16 th	October	Sheringham Shantymen, NVH

Mobile Library services remain suspended due to Covid-19, see latest and current library services at www.norfolk.gov.uk.

April 2021 Services and Church Opening Times

On Easter Sunday, 4th April, there will be short Holy Communion services in each of our churches:

Ashmanhaugh	9.30am
Irstead	9.30am
Horning	9.30am
Neatishead	11am
Barton Turf	11am

With effect from Sunday 29th March, the Summer opening times for our churches will be as follows:

	10am-1pm	1pm-5pm
Sunday		Barton Turf
Monday		Horning
Tuesday	Neatishead	Neatishead
Wednesday	Irstead	
Thursday	Barton Turf	
Friday	Horning	
Saturday	Ashmanhaugh	Ashmanhaugh Irstead

Church Wardens:

Neatishead Pauline Simpson..... 01692 630674
Irstead David Murrells 01692 631427
Barton Turf Barbara Pilcher..... 01692 536132

Subject to the government's further easing of COVID restrictions, from 12th April there will be short Holy Communion services each week in our churches as follows:

Tuesday	Neatishead	10am
Wednesday	Irstead	10am
Friday	Horning	10am
Saturday	Ashmanhaugh	10am
Sunday	Barton Turf	4 pm

Neatishead Baptist Church, Chapel Lane, NR12 8YF

I am very pleased to say that we will be holding a communion service on Easter Sunday, 4th April, at 10.30 am. Current regulations apply, ie we must wear a mask and sanitise our hands, the chairs will be well spaced and we can't sing. Sorry, no coffee or Easter eggs this year!

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

Barton Turf Methodist Church:

Services suspended until further notice. See website.

Lay Pastor, Mrs Ros Peedle 01692 405591
www.northnorfolkmethodist.org.uk/churchopeningsta.htm

Wroxham & Hoveton United Reform Church

We are pleased to announce that the church will reopen for worship on 18th April, 2nd May and 16th May at 10.30 am. These services will be led by our Minister, Rev Ian Bloomfield, and will be also live on Zoom. Afterwards they will be available online, please see our website, wroxhamurc.org.uk, for details.

On the Sundays in April and May when we are not open, there will still be services online.

There will be services on Maundy Thursday, 8pm, and Good Friday, 3pm, also online.

From 23rd May we will have services every week, in the church.

The church will be Covid secure, in line with Government guidelines.

JAM (our Children's Church) we hope will restart in June. In the meantime we provide online talks, stories and activities through our facebook page JAMWROXHAM. Please contact Chris Billing (chris.billing@ukbis.com) or phone 01603 783992 for more details.

We hope to reopen our Community Café on 1st July.

We look forward to seeing friends old and new, after this difficult time.

Minister: *Rev Ian Bloomfield*
minister@wroxhamurc.org.uk
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A Huge Thank you to Yvonne Kendrick

Ever since it began, our parish magazine has been free to every household in the three villages. The person we have to thank for keeping that going in recent years is Yvonne, NIB manager.

Each year Yvonne has encouraged your kind donations (for which we are always grateful!) and has ensured a regular income from the ads. If you needed a plumber, an electrician or someone to cut the hedge, the ads were usually a great help.

Yvonne's local knowledge has also been invaluable, as has her ability to spot faulty grammar or spelling when proof-reading the magazine. She was also one of a long line of editors back in 2002.

Now, sadly for us, Yvonne is retiring from NIB. She will most certainly be missed, and we would like to thank her most warmly for all she has done and, in particular, the support she has given the editors over the years.

Contributions welcome to The NIB: please note the Team reserves the right to amend or omit items. Magazine starts from 1st of each month, so events in previous month will not be advertised. Views expressed are those of the named author. No responsibility can be accepted for any errors. Everyone, including advertisers, who send in content, automatically consent to having their details published on the Internet, unless specifically requested otherwise, in which case we will endeavour to omit details before uploading onto the churches' and parishes' websites.

Editor's Notes

Thank you for the warm welcome you gave last month's layout changes and photos. Comments on content and design are always appreciated.

We would like to welcome the two new members of our team this year, Mandy Parks as Deputy Editor and our latest recruit, Sue Clayton, taking over the Adverts and Manager role from Yvonne.

We are still looking to hear from our farmers and agricultural landowners in the post Brexit world. Do give them a nudge!

The NIB used to have a monthly local rainfall figure provided by the late Jonathan Peel. In these times of very irregular weather we are looking for someone to take this on. If you are interested please contact me.

Yvonne's last contribution was to re-establish the door to door deliverers list, so we are now on standby for the Bishop to give the go ahead.

Please do submit suitable drawings, cartoons or sketches to enliven the NIB. We are very open to local stories or anecdotes, depending on space.

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