

# THE NAB



NEATISHEAD • IRSTEAD • BARTON TURF PARISH MAGAZINE

## THE BENEFICE OF ST BENEDICT

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### From your Parish Priest

Give yourself a medal! No really! Each of the churches in our Benefice has received a Bronze Award from the Eco Church initiative, run by the global Christian environmental charity *A Rocha*. This award recognises the many ways in which each of our churches seek to care for the environment and foster a healthier, gentler, and better-informed pattern of life in the world we honour as God's creation. The award also points the way towards developing even better practices and undertaking new commitments: next in our sights is the Silver Award, which will require us to think hard about improving our environmental care, and placing sustainable living on our agenda in worship, teaching, the maintenance of our buildings, and our engagement with our local communities. Underpinning all of our efforts is our faith that God's creation is purposed for good through full and flourishing life. Central to the human vocation is the Christ-like stewardship and care by which all the world may indeed be 'filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord', as the Prophet Habakkuk proclaims. (For more information, see the website, at:

<https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/how-eco-church-works/>).

Seeing and perceiving the love of God in all creation is of course at the heart of the Church's observance of Lent, a time of penitence and

things of your law', says Psalm 119, encouraging us to adopt that posture of patient attention through which God's love may be encountered and adored in all things, especially in what we have learned to

posture of patient attention through which God's love may be encountered and adored in all things, especially in what we have learned to ignore, neglect, or take for granted. The sacraments of which we partake in Church equip us to recognise that 'grace is everywhere' (as said the Curé d'Ambricourt); through them we are awakened to what St Paul called 'the mystery of God' (1 Cor. 2:1), by which a new life is brought to birth within us. But what did St Paul really mean by this word, 'mystery'? And what does that suggest for Christian life today? That will be the subject of our Deanery Lent Course, *The Meaning of the Mystery*, which will take the form of four sessions, each repeated three times around the Deanery, along with a recorded version online. See below for further details!

With every blessing



Revd Taylor Wilton-Morgan

### St Benet's Deanery Lent Course – 'Meeting the Mystery'

Join us in four sessions throughout Lent, as we journey deeper into the 'mystery' of Christianity and the beating heart of the spiritual life: a meeting with the living God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Sundays – 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> March, 10<sup>th</sup> April at the Mill Suite, Horning Village Hall

Tuesdays – 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> March 2pm at Happisburgh Rectory or 6pm at North Walsham Church Hall

## World Day of Prayer at Barton Turf

This year we hope to be able to join together in person in church for the World Day of Prayer service (formerly the Women's World Day of Prayer) hosted by St Michael & All Angel's, Barton Turf, on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 9:45am**. The country that we are focusing on this year is our own, England. All are welcome, both men and women! These annual services are always very enjoyable.

This year's service has been prepared by Christian Women of England, Wales, and Northern Ireland and takes as its theme Jeremiah 29:11 – *“For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.”*

## St Michael and All Angels, Barton Turf

I am happy to tell you that on Christmas Day we were able to send £166 to EACH from the collection. Our Christingle service and tea party that followed was much enjoyed. It was lovely to welcome families of three generations. As a result of the collection on that day we were able to send £130 to the Children's Society.

Following the re-start of our coffee mornings, the March coffee morning will be on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March from 10am until noon**. Do come along and meet your friends, or if you have not been before come and make some new friends.

**Mothering Sunday this year is on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March**, the day the clocks change! Having been asked by families when our next event for children is to be, we thought this would be a good day to have another tea party. We will begin by having a short service at 4pm and follow that with tea. There will be a simnel cake of course as this is the traditional day for one. All are very welcome to join us, young and old!

Hoping to see you at the March events.

*Barbara Pilcher, Churchwarden*

**THANK YOU!** Can I say a big thank you to all the kind people who provide flowers for the altar at Barton Church throughout the year? Sadly, one or two members of the team have now retired. Their skills in arranging and growing flowers will really be missed. So if you like flowers and enjoy working with them, why not join the team? You only need to help out for just two weeks of the year, but can do more if you like.

Details from *Wendy*, 01692 536183

## St Michaels, Irstead

### Spring Clean

I write as St Michael's Churchwarden and on behalf of its PCC to thank the local community for its on going active support of the church. Your help with the cleaning of the church, with flower arranging and more recently clearance of the churchyard is much appreciated. It was gratifying to see so many of you giving of your valuable time on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February to assist with the clearance works. Thank you. We look forward to welcoming you to St Michael's on **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March** for our Mothering Sunday service at 11 am.

*David Murrells, Churchwarden*

We will be cleaning St Michael's on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March** from 9.30am. If you can spare an hour or so to help clean our beautiful little church it would be much appreciated. There will be tea and coffee along with chocolate biscuits! If you are able help could you kindly let Gail know on 01692 631427. With our most grateful thanks.

St Michael's PCC

### Easter Lilies

We will again this year be decorating our churches with altar lilies at Easter. If you would like to make a donation towards their cost in memory of a loved one, then please contact, as appropriate, Wendy on 01692 536183 for Barton, Gail on 01692 631427 for Irstead and Jane on 01692 630249 for Neatishead.

*Gail Murrells*

### Coffee Morning in Horning Village Hall

The February Coffee Morning was a great success and raised £214.50 towards the upkeep of the fabric of St Benedict's Church. The next one will be on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March** at the usual time of 10-11.30am in Horning Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to come for coffee and a scone, to chat with old and new friends. There will be cakes etc and of course a raffle.

*Gillian Jeckells*

### Neatishead Baptist Church

All welcome to Hope Café. We will meet on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March** 10-11.30am (and the last Saturday of every month). You can help knit or make banners for St Martin's Trust (for the homeless in Norwich) or bring your own art, craft or sewing activity or play games or just chat. There will be refreshments too. Lifts available.

Queries to Christine or David 01692 631540.

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

### **'Cycle/Walk and Shop' – Sat/Sun 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> May**

Following on from last year's successful event we invite you to once again cycle or walk and shop to raise much needed funds for St Peter's Church. As last year there will be a trail (a map will be provided) to follow around the village and a variety of stalls to browse and purchase from along your way. If you would like to have a stall, please get in touch with Pauline on 07818 599303

In addition to the stalls, lunch will be served at White Rose Cottage, King Street, Neatishead. There will be more details of this event which now replaces our annual fete in the April and May NIB.

*Pauline Simpson*

### **Plants for our Sale - Sat/Sun 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> May**

The plant stall will be at Nick and Jane Fowle's, The Paddock, Hall Road, Neatishead, as it was last year. Please when you are splitting plants, taking cuttings or sowing seeds, spare some for the sale. In the meantime, if you would like any more information, please contact me:

*Jane Fowle on 01692 630249.*

## **Neatishead Parish Council**

The parish council met on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February at the New Victory Hall. It was confirmed that David Church and Caro How had decided to retire from the council after the meeting held in January. We are incredibly grateful for the commitment and service that both David and Caro have given to the parish over the years and we wish them all the best. The parish council also co-opted Alex Craker at the meeting in January and look forward to working with her. There are currently two vacancies on the parish council. If you are interested in learning more please contact the clerk.

Items that have been discussed are the Sam2 speeding figures after its recent installation on School Road. Some of the figures recorded are of concern. These will be fed back to Norfolk County Council. The SAM2 is shared with Barton Turf and Irstead so will be back in two months where it will be placed on Irstead Road.

The Queen's Jubilee preparations have been discussed, the celebration committee have a variety of events planned for the village, please see special item on page 6. Neatishead Staithe has also been discussed. A Working Party has been formed, who are looking to get the staithe smartened up with works already taking place. It has been noted that there has been a significant increase in the number of people using the staithe. Whilst this is positive it has meant that the

carpark area has suffered as users are parking on the grass area as you enter the staithe. The parish council will be looking at options to fence this off and look at reintroducing a swing or play equipment on this area, some of you will remember a swing was previously situated here. Plans are also being looked into picnic benches for users to enjoy. The parish council's application to give the staithe village green status is now with Norfolk County Council so a judgement should be given imminently.

In January the parish council welcomed Elizabeth Cooper and her team who have been working on the Radome Replacement Project at RAF Neatishead. They gave a presentation at the meeting about the project. The team have been working with NNDC prior to a planning application being submitted and wished to give the parish council some information about the project. When the parish council are notified by NNDC that the application has been submitted a planning meeting will be held so residents can attend to view, ask questions and pass on their comments regarding the plans. Further details will be found on the noticeboards, website and Facebook.

*Charlotte Hummel*

Clerk to Neatishead Parish Council  
[neatishead.parish@gmail.com](mailto:neatishead.parish@gmail.com)

## **Norwich Foodbank**

Christmas seems such a long time ago and yet it is only eight weeks. We are all aware about the cost of living and the soaring energy prices for electricity, gas and oil. For those already living on the poverty line it is literally heat or eat. This affects especially the disabled who account for 6 out of every 10 people who visit a foodbank; something for us all to think about.

The Foodbank collection points are in all our local churches, please be as generous as you can in this time of need for those who are not as fortunate as ourselves. Financial donations are very welcome and many thanks to the WI who after their Christmas lunch donated £120, and to Barton Church's donation of £242 after the Hunger Lunch. Many thanks Dolly Newcombe and Barbara Pilcher for organising these events.

The Christmas appeal was fantastic, thank you everyone who donated you really helped to bring a smile to lots of faces. The Foodbank is open every Thursday 10.30am to Midday at Wroxham & Hoveton United Reform Church and the Community Cafe where all are welcome for coffee and cakes.

*Irene Thompson, Barton Turf  
Foodbank Coordinator*

The Annual General Meeting will be held on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm** at the New Victory Hall. If you would like to serve on the Management Committee, please contact me at [doreen.dean@victoryhall.info](mailto:doreen.dean@victoryhall.info) or call 01692 630637 for a nomination form which must be returned by 12 noon on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March**. An election for the five elected trustees will be held as part of the meeting. There are also two co-opted places and seven places which are filled by representatives from user-groups. It would be great to welcome some new trustees to bring new ideas, refresh how the hall is run and help plan for the hall going forward. Committee meetings are held about six times a year plus you can involve yourself in as much of the general running of the hall as you wish.

If you would like to know more about joining the Committee then please give me a call or speak to any serving trustee. There are also opportunities to help as a volunteer on Premises, Events and Village Screen Committees.

Please come along to the AGM and hear how the NVH did in 2021 and find out about the plans for 2022/23. After the AGM business, light refreshments will be served giving time to chat.

*Doreen Dean, Chair,  
NVH Management Committee*



**The Farmers Market** returned to the NVH last month after a New Year break and although a slow start the hall was soon buzzing with people

eager to return to shop locally and enjoy catching up with neighbours and friends. The café area was full for much of the morning and we were delighted to welcome visitors and new residents as well as our regular stallholders and the NIB Heritage Community Group. As things begin to return to normal it is planned to have more table seating available for refreshments.

Please continue to support and ensure this facility remains available for the community to enjoy. If you would like to help in any way and increase the number of volunteers providing refreshments please do get in touch. I look forward to seeing you at the next market on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March**, 9am – 12noon.

*Pauline Simpson, 07818 599303*

## Bingo at NVH! Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March

Bring all the family, don't forget Granny and Granddad and your neighbour. We have plenty of space for prams, walkers and wheelchairs, it's accessible to all.

Doors open 2pm Eyes down at 2.30pm

£3 per person. Lots of prizes to be won!

Tickets at shop or call 01692 630637

Tea, Cake and Raffle

**200 Club** - why not join and give regular support to the NVH. Pick up an application form in the hall or contact [cheryl.pell@victoryhall.info](mailto:cheryl.pell@victoryhall.info) or call 07387 267729.



## Village Screen

On **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March**, Rotary Club of Wroxham Bure Valley and the

Neatishead Village Screen Team will host a special charity showing of the film *Breathe* at New Victory Hall to raise money for Rotary's *End Polio Now* project. All takings from the ticket sales will be donated to *End Polio Now* as permission has been granted by the film's distributors for this screening.

*Breathe*, is a very moving, romantic and sympathetic story, stars Andrew Garfield, Claire Foy, Tom Hollander, Steve Mangan and Hugh Bonneville. It tells the true story of polio victim Robin Cavendish, condemned to a life in a hospital bed with months to live, who together with his wife Diana moves out of hospital and finds a way to live a near normal life against all the odds helped by Diana's twin brothers and their inventive friend Teddy.

*Polio* is a virus that sometimes causes paralysis and death. Rotary started this project in 1985 to eradicate polio worldwide and together with the WHO, UNESCO, many governments and latterly the Gates Foundation eliminated its presence from all but two countries – Pakistan and Afghanistan. Although close to total eradication, fundraising is still needed in the fight against this terrible disease.

We look forward to seeing you at the New Victory Hall, Neatishead at 7pm for 7.30pm when coffee/tea will be available before the film. Tickets are £5 and **may be bought from the Neatishead Village Shop** or reserved by contacting Christine on 01692 631347. Unreserved tickets will be for sale on the door, numbers permitting.

Rotary Club of Wroxham Bure Valley and the Neatishead Village Screen Team



NIBSKIDS Crossword (see page 10) Answers:  
Down 1 weather 2 rabbit 3 Easter 4 daffodil 5 tulips 6 beach 9 fun  
Across 6 bee 7 butterfly 8 picnic 9 friends 10 sun



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## Neatishead, Barton Turf & District WI

January and February have been busy months. In the January meeting we discussed and voted on Resolutions to decide what is taken forward to the Annual Meeting. There was a trip to Norwich's Theatre Royal to see *The Sound of Music*, which was much enjoyed – however, nobody at the February meeting offered to sing their own version of *The Hills are Alive with the Sound of Music* and skip around the stage in their dirndl dress and stripy pinafore, much to our disappointment (or perhaps relief!). And we were given a splendid slide presentation by Gavin Bickerton-Jones on *Norfolk Wildlife through a Lens*. At the meeting and were shown stunning photos of barn owls, hares, kingfishers, buzzards and all manner of other animals and birds, many of which we are lucky to see in our gardens or on walks in the local area. The March meeting will be our birthday tea (our Institute is 88 years old) so we're looking forward to a full cream tea with Committee-made cakes, sandwiches and scones - and nobody will be counting the calories!

Monica Riley, 01692 630336



## Thank you and Welcome

As you know, Alan has now finished his tenure as NIB editor, a year which saw more Covid restrictions and a newly revamped NIB front page. I know you will all join me in thanking Alan for his hard work over the last two years and wishing our new editorial team of Mandy Parks (editor) and Carol Horner (deputy editor) a good year.

And from me an apology! The little brown envelopes traditionally enclosed with the February edition were missed last month. The NIB has been published since 1974 and it is a wonderful resource for our villages. Please support us by giving a donation, however small. There is a collection box in the White House Community Shop, Neatishead. Many thanks to all who have already made a contribution.

Sue Clayton

**Contributions welcome to The NIB**, but please note the Team reserves the right to amend or omit items. We also start the magazine from the first of the month, and therefore events in the previous month will not be advertised. Views expressed are those of the named author. No responsibility can be accepted for any content or errors. Everybody who sends in articles, including advertisers, 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' websites



## Knit and Stitch, Wednesdays 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 7-9pm

We are friendly, informal group who get together on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month in the Community Room at the NVH. If you would like to know more do get in touch or just come along on the evening. We look forward to seeing you.

Claire Penstone-Smith

[claireps@btinternet.com](mailto:claireps@btinternet.com), 07760643739



## Gardening Club

This month things can begin to get busy in our gardens and greenhouses. So maybe it would be good to put tools away at the end of the day – and come to Gardening Club! Our annual supper is on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March**. Please note it starts at 7pm. Cost is £7.50 and you do need to book beforehand. It will be followed by Geoff Freeman telling us 'Tales from the Show Bench'. In April we have our spring show and a talk on Humphrey Repton and his work in East Anglia. Wendy Price



## Queen's Platinum Jubilee Village Celebrations

Be sure to put the following dates and times in your diary so as not to miss any of the village celebrations.

### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 8-10pm

**Barton Turf Cricket Ground** Join in the national evening celebrations culminating at 9.45pm with the Lighting of a Beacon. A family event with a bar, food and music from The Wherry Band.

### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 7-11pm New Victory Hall

Watch the London Concert on the Big Screen. Bar and food available. Entry by ticket.

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June Take part in the National BIG Jubilee Street Party, 11.15am-2 pm

Apply for free tickets to book your table. Bring your own picnic.

**11.15-11.45am** - an inclusive faith service.

**Afternoon Tea at the New Victory Hall, 2-4.30pm** with a display by the NIB Community Heritage Group.

### Nancy Oldfield Trust, Neatishead - Boat trips

Some great days out, not to be missed, with music and entertainment. More details about the events and how to get your tickets in April NIB.

NIB Villages Jubilee Planning Committee



## NABS

"Come one, Come all" NABS is Back!!

I am pleased to announce that NABS will be returning to our local stage in all their glory on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**. The long over due show of *Words and Music LIVE 2 - The Revival* will be opening its doors, for one night only. Limited tickets will be on sale at the beginning of April so be sure to keep them eyes peeled so you don't miss out. These are £7.50 per adult and £5 for under 12s. We hope to see you soon.

Lisa Seager



## NIB Wildlife Friendly Villages - AGM

Our AGM will take place on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March** at 6.30pm in the Community Room, NVH. If you would like to attend please email [wfv.nib@gmail.com](mailto:wfv.nib@gmail.com) or phone Sophia on 07443658400 in advance of the meeting.

Sophia Hale-Sutton, Secretary



## Community Gym

Put a spring in your step with your local, friendly community gym.

Small steps can make a big difference! Whatever your shape, fitness levels or goals, we can help. Whether you want to just improve your movement and balance, or develop muscles. Whether you want to lose weight, or set yourself a fitness challenge! Help is close by. We're a not for profit, low key, low cost, relaxed facility for ordinary people like you, and you chose your own pace and goals. Gary, our friendly, experienced instructor will offer you a tailor made programme. There's no need for specialist clothing either, anything comfortable can be worn. Our gym is for any body and every body!

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 and take a look. For more information go to:

<https://www.neatisheadcommunitygym.com>

The Gym can be reached via [gym@victoryhall.info](mailto:gym@victoryhall.info) or by calling Gary on 07387 876216.

Thanks, your Community Gym



Want to keep your memory into Old age? Exercising 3 times a week scientists have endorsed will do this.

Scientists looked at 3000 adults aged from 55 to 85 doing various tests with the group exercising three times a week for four weeks and found it improved memory retention. It was aerobic exercise such as cycling, walking, jogging three times a week which helped improve memory the results showed.

Its long been known when you are exercising it boosts blood flow to the brain stopping neurons from dying off as people age - preserving memories. The results showed that exercise levels had to be sustained for at least four months to reap any benefit.

I run Neatishead Community Gym and am a Level 3 personal trainer and in my experience clients always express how much better they feel once they exercise regularly, it improves your mood and gives a feeling of achievement once you have done 30-60 mins of moderate exercise; it releases endorphins, the feel good chemical in the brain. So get active and enjoy the benefits! Healthy regards.

Gary Forde



## Neatishead White Horse Bowls Club –Three Hammer Common

Hooray! We are beginning to move into Spring. The busy season starts off with *spring cleaning* the club house and surroundings. Checking the condition of the green, then the most important item - the mower. At this time of writing all the Clubs we play games with have been contacting one another to set up their fixture lists for this year. With the reduction of most Covid Rules it is genuinely feeling positive. Opening day will be **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April** reception 1.30pm, start 2pm. The usual Round Robin will be played with everyone joining in who wants too. Visitors are most welcome and of course it will be wonderful to see old friends again. Keep safe as there is still some Omicron lurking about.

*Cathy Smith* 01692 630602, NIB articles Chair  
*Denver Gurney* 01603 783334, Chair



## From NIBCHG Archives: Barton Common

In the parish of Barton Turf there are several areas now registered as common land - the Parish Staithe, Barton Fen, the Claypits, and the Gravel Holes. One of the earliest maps of Barton Turf dated 1714 of Berry Hall, then known by the name of Barton Bury Hall, shows the extent of the estate belonging to the Boys Hospital in Norwich. The meadow and marshland to the south and east of Bury Hall is marked on the map as Barton Common. This vast area of common land known as the Great Common was for use by the parishioners to graze their cattle, sheep, and geese. After the 1810 Enclosure Award the area of common land in the parish was greatly reduced and the Great Common disappeared. Barton Fen is an area of 30 acres in the north-east of the parish that was allotted to the Trustees of the Poor in 1810. The Claypits in centre of the village, which is now more often referred to as The Common, was used in the past by the Surveyors of the Highways and parishioners from Barton Turf. The Gravel Holes located to the east of Berry Hall Road was a public sand and gravel pit. In the 1950s it was used as a place to dump rubbish, much to the annoyance of the Parish Council who had paid for a large 'No Dumping' notice.

The research undertaken by NIBCHG into the history of Barton Common will be displayed in at the Farmers' Market in the NVH on **12<sup>th</sup> March**.

*Michael Brandon-Jones*, NIBCHG



## Horning Flower Club

Our February meeting took the form of a workshop led by Linda Knights, a well known regional tutor. There was a good turnout of members all of whom produced an arrangement following her instructions, albeit interpreted by the individuals. All members said the afternoon had been thoroughly enjoyable.

The March meeting brings a demonstration by a National Demonstrator, Nick Grounds. The meeting is on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March** commencing at 2pm at Horning Village Hall. There are a limited number of tickets available to visitors costing £10 each. Anyone interested should contact Mrs Sue McEwan on 01692 631163. It promises to be an excellent afternoon.

*Carole J Swan*



## Neatishead, Irstead & Barton Turf Community Heritage Group

We have decided not to resume our monthly meetings just yet but details of a family research meeting to be held in March will be circulated to NIBCHG Friends. Meanwhile, thank you to those who have been in touch with items for our 'Village Events through the Decades' display at the Villages' Jubilee Event. Please search your albums and let us know if you have any photos of past village events that we could borrow to include in our display.

*Claire Penstone-Smith*  
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RAF Air Defence  
Radar Museum  
Neatishead

Our local museum, the RAF Air Defence Radar Museum, may be closed at the moment for the winter, but there is much activity behind closed doors. The main winter project is the total refurbishment and extension of the popular Crumbs Cafe, with a complete makeover of volunteer staff and customer areas. Most of this is being undertaken by volunteers ready for the museum reopening on **Tuesday 5th April**. Manager Lynn Kerslake said "We had a great year in 2021 despite Covid. We were really busy during the summer months, and are now looking forward hopefully to another busy season in 2022. Our loyal band of volunteers are keen to return, but we would love to see some new faces to help us this coming season. We are especially looking for people to help in our cafe one day per week, and other volunteer roles include presenting to the public, general guiding and visitor welcome, and finance and admin. If you would like to visit the museum and have an chat about volunteering before we reopen please contact [manager@radarmuseum.co.uk](mailto:manager@radarmuseum.co.uk)



## Wildlife Notes

This time last year I was writing about an influx of woodcock which had arrived on the Norfolk coast, some observers sighting multiple numbers in their gardens. In contrast this year out on my local walks I have only seen a single woodcock which I inadvertently disturbed in the woods behind Browns Hill at Irstead.

In my notes for March, I usually tell you to listen out for the first returning migrant warbler, the Chiffchaff which starts to sing its distinctive chiff-chaff call towards the end of the month. It has always been a welcome sound of spring and something which every bird watcher listens out for. Now however due to climate change an increasing number of chiffchaffs are staying in the UK to over winter



*Chiffchaff* Jon Kelf

rather than risk the danger of a long migratory flight. They are insect eating birds so tend to be in the south west of England and often favour the locality of sewage farms where there is enough insect life in the form of midges to see them through the winter months. The RSPB estimate that there are around 1,000 chiffchaffs over wintering but this is likely to be an underestimate. In January I noticed a chiffchaff feeding amongst the willows at the boardwalk platform, the bird advertising its presence with its high-pitched contact calls. On the 14<sup>th</sup> February, much to my surprise, I was at the boardwalk platform again when I heard the unmistakable sound of a chiffchaff singing from the woodland and then later saw a chiffchaff feeding near the platform. Only twenty years ago it would have been unthinkable that such small insectivorous birds would be able to survive our winters. Who knows if this is a change in the strategy of the chiffchaff or just a trend? There has been some interest in the local media recently about some short-eared owls at Winterton which have been hunting there in the dunes. Whilst these winter visitors from Scandinavia are not especially scarce birds, they occur in much larger numbers some years than others and are noteworthy as they are daytime hunters of voles. I have seen them on previous years hunting on the grazing marshes near St Benets Abbey but have not managed to spot one locally this year.



*Short Eared Owl*

Jon Kelf

I have reminded readers before to listen out for drumming woodpeckers in January and have been listening to them drumming at the boardwalk recently. However, to my surprise when I located the bird vibrating its beak on a piece of dead wood, I discovered that the bird was a female greater spotted woodpecker and not a male bird. I had always assumed in my ignorance that it was only the male birds which drum to announce their territories but a little research revealed that it is both sexes which drum. There is always something to learn in the world of wildlife! Look out for the first butterflies of spring as warm sunny days will entice the first Brimstones out on the wing.



*Great Spotted Woodpecker*  
Jon Kelf

Jerry Simpson, 01692 630674  
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## Weather

January's monthly rainfall total was 21.6mms/0.85in - just 39% of average. It was the sunniest January on record. Whereas, so far in February, up to and including the 19<sup>th</sup>, we've had 44.4mms/1.75in which is already 111% of average. The highest daily total to date is 10mms/0.39in on the 14<sup>th</sup> The highest daytime temperature to date is a very mild 15.6°C on the 16<sup>th</sup> and the lowest overnight temperature so far is -0.7°C on 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>. Overall temperatures have been well above average. Notably two named storms on 16<sup>th</sup> (Dudley) and 18<sup>th</sup> (Eunice) produced severe gales for a short period of time but with low rainfall amounts.

Peter Mills



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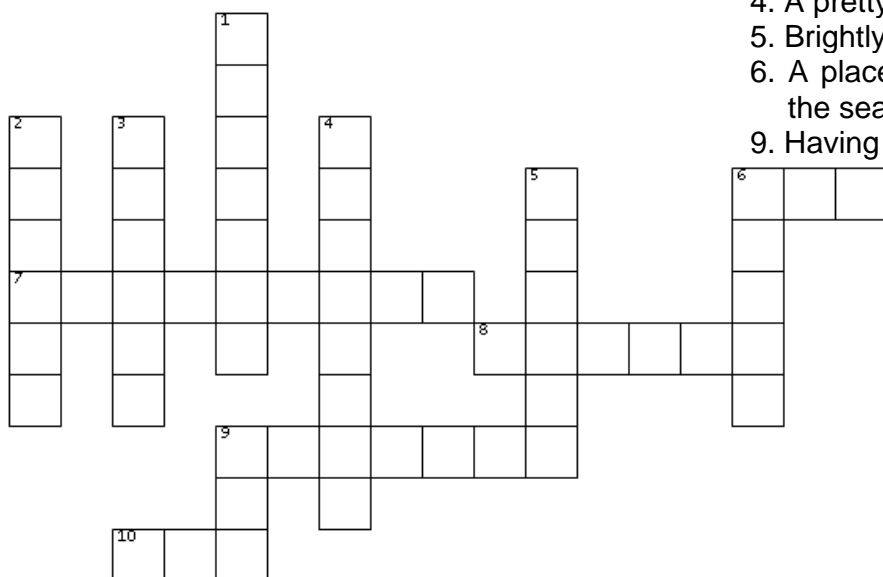
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### DOWN

1. The word to describe the sun, rain etc
2. This animal hops and has long floppy ears
3. A religious event that celebrates the return of Jesus
4. A pretty yellow flower
5. Brightly coloured flowers that grow in spring
6. A place where we play in the sand & swim in the sea
9. Having a good time

### ACROSS

6. A yellow and black insect that makes honey
7. A bright colourful insect that comes from a caterpillar
8. We have these at the park/beach when we eat outside
9. People who we love spending time with
10. It provides heat and light for the planet

## Diary Dates for March 2022

Wednesday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.10am	Mobile Library, Pitt Corner, Neatishead NR12 8BT
Friday	4 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Women's World Day of Prayer, Barton Church
Saturday	5 <sup>th</sup>	10-11.30am	Coffee Morning, Horning Village Hall
Monday	7 <sup>th</sup>	7 for 7.30pm	Village Screen Cinema, 'Breathe', NVH
Tuesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Barton Turf & Irstead Council Annual Parish Meeting, NVH
Wednesday (under review)	9 <sup>th</sup>	10.15-10.30 10.35-10.50 10.55-11.10	Mobile Library, Pennygate, Barton Turf NR12 8BE Mobile Library, Ex-Post Office, Barton Turf NR12 8BB Mobile Library, Staithe Road, Barton Turf NR12 8AZ
Wednesday	9 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Knit & Stitch, Community Room NVH
Saturday	12 <sup>th</sup>	9am-Noon	Farmers' Market, NVH
Monday	14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Cleaning of St Michael's Church, Irstead
	14 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Horning Flower Club, Horning Village Hall
Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	1pm	Neatishead, Barton Turf & District WI, NVH
Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Neatishead Parish Council Meeting, NVH
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	NIB Wildlife Friendly Villages Group AGM, Community Room NVH
Saturday	19 <sup>th</sup>	10am-Noon	Coffee Morning, Barton Church
	19 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Family Bingo Fun Afternoon, NVH (Eyes down 2.30pm)
Monday	21 <sup>st</sup>	7pm	Gardening Club Meeting & Supper, NVH
Wednesday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	7pm	Knit & Stitch, Community Room NVH
Saturday	26 <sup>th</sup>	10-11.30am	Hope Café, Neatishead Baptist Church
Sunday	27 <sup>th</sup>	1am	<i>Clock go forward 1 hour</i>
	27 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Mothering Sunday</b>
	27 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Mothering Sunday Service, Irstead Church
	27 <sup>th</sup>	4pm	Short Service followed by Tea Party, Barton Church
Monday	28 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	New Victory Hall AGM, NVH
Wednesday	30 <sup>th</sup>	10.10am	Mobile Library, Pitt Corner, Neatishead NR12 8BT

## Future Dates

Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Wroxham & Hoveton Lions Craft Fair, Hoveton Community Centre
Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup> April	RAF Museum Re-Opening
	5 <sup>th</sup> April	2pm Flower Arranging Demonstration with Brenda Tubb
Saturday	16 <sup>th</sup> April	1.30pm Opening Day at Neatishead Bowls Club, Three Hammer Common
Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup> April	NABS presents 'Words & Music LIVE 2 – The Revival', NVH
Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup> April	Horning Boat Show
Sat-Sun	7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> May	Cycle/Walk & Shop, St Peter's Church Fundraising Weekend, Neatishead
Thurs-Sun	2 <sup>nd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> June	Queen's Platinum Jubilee
Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup> June	8-10pm National Evening of Celebration at Barton Turf Cricket Ground
Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup> June	7-11pm Watch the London Concert on Big Screen, NVH
Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> June	11.15am-2pm National BIG Jubilee Street Party
	5 <sup>th</sup> June	2-4pm Afternoon Tea & NIBCHG Display, NVH

## Parish Council Clerks

Ashmanhaugh	Sarah Martin	01692 535775	Horning	Jo Beardshaw	01692 670787
Barton/Irstead	Diane Bradley	07867 422925	Neatishead	Charlotte Hummel	01493 718128

## Local Services and Contact Numbers

DEFIBRILLATOR located at:	New Victory Hall, Street Hill, Neatishead NR12 8AD
New Victory Hall Bookings:	by email <a href="mailto:bookings@victoryhall.info">bookings@victoryhall.info</a> or call 07551 008065
Community Transport Dial-a-Ride:	01692 500840 for shopping journeys
Help/Advice for Carers:	<a href="http://www.carersmatternorfolk.org.uk">www.carersmatternorfolk.org.uk</a> or ring 0344 8008020
Samaritans:	FREE PHONE 116123

## Benefice of St Benedict

Legally imposed COVID precautions have been relaxed but we continue to monitor the COVID risk assessments in each of our churches against current government guidelines. Our churches remain open daily for services, visits, or individual private payer, but we encourage everyone using our churches to continue with certain precautions for the time being. In particular, please:

- Check-in using the QR code and the NHS App.
- Clean your hands with the hand-gel provided, both when you enter, and when you leave.
- Respect those who wish to continue to observe social distancing.

### Sunday Services for March 2022

2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Ash Wednesday	10am HC 7pm HC	Barton Turf Ashmanhaugh
4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	World Day Of Prayer	9.45am	Barton Turf
6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Lent 1	8am (BCP) HC 9.30am HC 11am HC 11am MP	BartonTurf Irstead Horning Ashmanhaugh
13 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Lent 2	9.30am HC 9.30am MP 11am HC	BartonTurf Neatishead Horning
20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Lent 3	9.30am BHC	Neatishead
27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Mothering Sunday	9.30am HC 9.30am MP 11am HC 4pm EW&T	Ashmanhaugh Horning Irstead BartonTurf

Key: HC Holy Communion MP Morning Prayer  
BHC Benefice Holy Communion  
EW&T Evening Worship and Tea  
(BCP) Book of Common Prayer

### Mid-Week Holy Communion at Neatishead Church:

Weekly Tuesday 10.30am at St Peter's

### Morning Prayer at Barton Turf Church:

Weekly Thursday 9.15am at St Michael & All Angels

## Parish Church Wardens

<b>Neatishead</b>	Pauline Simpson	01692 630674
<b>Irstead</b>	David Murrells	01692 631427
<b>Barton Turf</b>	Barbara Pilcher	01692 536132

## Neatishead Baptist Church

Chapel Road, Neatishead NR12 8YF

Sunday Service at 10.30am.

*Pastor : Rev Ian Bloomfield*

*[pastor@neatisheadbaptist.org.uk](mailto:pastor@neatisheadbaptist.org.uk)*

*Secretary : Sue Gibbons*

*[secretary@neatisheadbaptist.org.uk](mailto:secretary@neatisheadbaptist.org.uk)*

## Barton Turf Methodist Church

Pennygate Lane, Barton Turf NR12 8BQ

*Minister : Rev Colin Telfer*

*[www.northnorfolkmethodist.org.uk/bartonturf.htm](http://www.northnorfolkmethodist.org.uk/bartonturf.htm)*

## Wroxham & Hoveton United Reform Church

We have fully reopened, in line with Government guidelines, please see our website for the most up to date information ([wroxhamurc.org.uk](http://wroxhamurc.org.uk)). Do join us for any or all of the following services:

**6<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am** Service

led by Rev Ian Bloomfield

**13<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am** Service and Holy Communion

led by Rev Carole Pearl

**20<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am** Service

led by Rev Ian Bloomfield

**27<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am** Service for Mothering Sunday

led by the church Elders

JAM (our Children's Church) welcomes all children aged 4 to 14. We meet from 10.15 to 11.45am in the Church Hall on **6<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> March**. We have Bible stories, cooking, games and lots of fun whilst learning more about Jesus. Please contact Chris Billing ([chris.billing@ukbis.com](mailto:chris.billing@ukbis.com)) or phone 01603 783992 for more details.

*The Community Café* meets for coffee and cakes from 10.30am to 12 noon on Thursdays. We look forward to seeing friends old and new, after this difficult time.

*Minister : Rev Ian Bloomfield*

*[minister@wroxhamurc.org.uk](mailto:minister@wroxhamurc.org.uk)*

*Secretary : Lynne Howard, 01603 738835*

*[lmhoward100@btinternet.com](mailto:lmhoward100@btinternet.com)*

## Roman Catholic Churches

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

*Parish Priest : Father James Walsh*

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