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From the Curate

When I was a small boy, I reached the conclusion that I should like to be The King. Just imagine (I thought to myself) how agreeable it would be to make a cup of tea in the small galley kitchen in Buckingham Palace, watching the world bustle past one's windows...

Well, my childhood felt the bump of reality at several points, but the impact was never more bruising than the moment in which I made the twofold discovery that (1) Buckingham Palace does not possess a small galley kitchen, and (2) being The King wasn't the sort of thing for which one applied (at least not any more – I suppose one *could* say that William the Conqueror did, rather forcefully). I felt very glum about this for about a week, before the lure of being an airline pilot comforted me in my grief. Not that that ever really took off.

Childhood misapprehensions aside, the monarchy as we know it today is a curious balance. The Greek words which make it up – *monos*, 'one, single'; *arkho*, 'to lead, rule' – echo the language of power and hierarchy which our modern democracy at least nominally disavows. Curiously enough, modern unease finds a soulmate in much of the Hebrew Bible. 'Give us a king to judge us', say the Israelites to the Prophet Samuel, who replies with a dire warning, listing the various evils into which human rulers are prone to slide. Thousands of years later, Lord Acton would distil them all into a pithy phrase: 'power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely'. So really, who wants a king?

Well, I suppose it all depends on what one means by 'power'. The modern constitutional monarch has very little in common with an *ancien regime* despot. King Charles is sovereign (a word whose meaning has changed quite a lot over time), but also a public servant. Following the example of his mother, the late Queen, his whole life has been dedicated to duty. We look to our monarch not in fear and trembling, but as a model of service. And the institutions which surround the modern monarchy embed it in laws made and amended through democratic process.

Perhaps most intriguingly of all then, it is the most ancient rite in the coronation service which makes this 'servant leadership' most visible. During the ceremony, King Charles will be anointed. The oil used has been taken from the trees which dot the Mount of Olives to the east of Jerusalem. That of course was the place from which Jesus, riding upon a donkey, echoed and transformed the image of the triumphant king, riding into his city. For Jesus took up the mantle of kingship in order to lay his life down for others. His rule took the form of love, offered unwaveringly into the depths of the world's pain. In Christ we see true power: not human coercion, but God's reconciling peace.

Who would choose such a mantle? Perhaps it's just as well most of us can't. But what we *can* do, whatever we think about modern monarchs, is to pray for our King, that his life will show forth and stir up precisely the powerful love which we celebrate in the one we hail as the King of Kings, our Lord and God.

The Rev'd Taylor Wilton-Morgan

St Michael and All Angels', Barton Turf

It was good to be able to have a coffee morning on 15th April after having to cancel the March event due to Covid. It was nice to see everyone, and we raised £151 for church funds. Some of that money also came from the bookstall at the Easter Fair. Thanks to Michael Brandon-Jones and Celia Scott for doing that. The next coffee morning is on **Saturday 20th May** from 10.00am until noon, as usual. All are welcome.

Preparations for the fete to be held on **Saturday 3rd June** are well underway, more information elsewhere in the magazine.

This month we say goodbye to our curate, Taylor Wilton-Morgan, who will be greatly missed. However, we congratulate him on his new appointment in London and wish him well for the future. His last service with us at Barton will be on **Sunday 14th May** at 6pm: all are welcome.

Barbara Pilcher, Churchwarden

St Michael's, Irstead

Our Easter morning service was well supported with a responsive congregation including five extremely well behaved dogs! My most grateful thanks to all those who helped to decorate St Michael's and to make it look so beautiful for our Easter worship. My thanks also to those who had previously helped with the Churchyard 'spring clean'. It looked much the better for it afterwards. We hope that you have all put **Saturday 3rd June** in your diaries as the Barton Turf and Irstead Churches' Fete.

St Michael's wishes our Curate Taylor well as he moves to his new ministry in the City of London at the end of the month. We are extremely grateful for his thoughtful and perceptive ministry amongst us – he will be much missed.

David Murrells, Churchwarden



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St Peter's Church, Neatishead

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) takes place on **Tuesday 23rd May** following the 10.30am Holy Communion Service.

The first part of the meeting is when Churchwardens are elected, and any resident can take part in that election. Following this the accounts will be presented and reports from church officers received. Councillors for the coming year will then be elected. All are welcome to attend this meeting.

We are still anxious to appoint a secretary – it is not necessary to be a Councillor or church attendee to undertake this task. There are very few meetings over a year – please speak to Pauline (07818 599303) if you feel you can help (in particular for the APCM).

Grateful thanks to those who supported my Pilgrimage Presentation evening and those who supported the cake stall at the Easter Fair. Approximately £450 was raised for St Peters from these two events.

We send sincere condolences to Anne Turner whose husband Revd Canon Edward Turner passed away in April.

Pauline Simpson, Churchwarden

St Benedict's Benefice says farewell to The Rev'd Taylor Wilton-Morgan

Taylor has served these parishes as our Curate for over two years and is now to take up the post of Assistant Priest at Great St Bartholomew in London. We would like to present Taylor with a leaving gift at his last service on **Sunday 28th May** at 11am at Horning Church. If you would like to make a contribution, please contact:

Barton Turf Barbara Pilcher 01692 536132

Irstead David Murrells 01692 631427

Neatishead Pauline Simpson 07818 599303

Please make cheques payable to: Horning Benefice. All contributions to be made by 15th May.

Thank you

From the Register

15th April 2023, St Michael's, Irstead, George Alistair Corson. Funeral and Burial.

New Victory Hall **Celebrate the King's Coronation** **at New Victory Hall!**

Come and join us for this special Concert screened LIVE from Windsor Castle on the BIG screen on **Sunday 7th May** from 7pm. All welcome including accompanied children. The flags will be out and there is a free glass of FIZZ! Bring your own food and drinks and join the party. Complementary tickets from White House Stores but as tickets are limited, don't delay.

Doreen Dean, doreen.dean@victoryhall.info

The Easter Fair on Saturday 1st April was a great success: it was lovely to see so many people there. Many thanks to all who helped organise and everyone who attended.

Events Team



Gardening Club

Roses are grown in many countries around the world. Here they are part of our history, are traditional in cottage gardens, and probably most people's favourite flower. There have been rose breeders in Norfolk since way back last century, and many gold medals have been won at Chelsea by Norfolk grown roses.

These days a dozen red roses can be bought for under a tenner. They each look alike, are perfectly formed, but they have no smell and their stems look awkwardly straight arranged in a vase. They just can't compare with a fragrant bunch picked from the garden! So it was good to see the huge variety of beautiful roses available and learn about their long history when Simon White, from the famous rose growers at Attleborough was our speaker in April.

In May we have our club outing to Pensthorpe and in June we are guests at two lovely gardens in Neatishead. And don't forget the annual show on **Saturday 15th July**.

Wendy Price



Community Market & Café **9am-12 Noon Saturday 13th May**

As usual we invite you to join us for coffee and a bacon buttie as you browse our stalls and enjoy the company of friends from across our community.



Village Screen

Bank Holiday Monday 1st May 2023

We are delighted to be showing Roald Dahl's 'Matilda the Musical' (Cert PG 117 mins) an inspirational musical tale of an extraordinary girl who discovers her superpower and summons remarkable courage, against all odds, to help others change their stories, whilst taking charge of her own destiny. Emma Thompson is superb as the huge and villainous Miss Trunchbull.

We look forward to welcoming you to the New Victory Hall for tea/coffee and FREE POPCORN! We will be showing the film at an earlier time this month: 5.30pm for 6pm as the film is popular with children and they may like to come along accompanied by an adult.

Tickets are £5 Adult and £2.50 Children. Advance booking is preferred by calling Christine on 01692 631347 or alternatively tickets can be bought at White House Stores. Contactless payment is an option and unreserved tickets will be available on the door, numbers permitting.

Village Screen Team



Knit and Stitch

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 7-9pm in the Community Room of the New Victory Hall. This month these fall on **10th and 24th May**. We are a very informal group who enjoy knitting and crochet as well as other kinds of stitching projects. Look out for our red, white and blue bunting across the villages this month as we celebrate the coronation of King Charles on 6th May. Another date for your diary is the Woolly Weekend in Dilham on **10th and 11th June** organised by the Worstead Guild of Spinners, Weavers and Dyers - more details next month.

Claire Penstone-Smith,
07760 643729, 01692 630580



Barton Turf Bowls Club

The winners for Guess the weight of the bowl at the Easter Fair were Otter Gibbs-Peel for the children's competition and Patsy Clark for the adults' competition. Congratulations to them both and to all those who took part.

The bowls season is now underway and those who expressed an interest at the Easter Fair, and anybody else, are welcome to have a go. Roll-ups in May are on 2nd, 9th, 15th, 22nd, and 30th all at 6.45pm. Roll-ups are normally on Monday evenings but vary in May because of the Bank Holidays. Looking forward to seeing you.

Barbara Pilcher, Secretary

Neatishead, Barton Turf and District WI

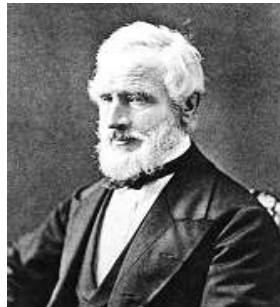
What a busy afternoon we had in April! Our treasurer, Jane Moore, collected our new membership fees and we welcomed several new members, including our Norfolk Federation Chairman. Wonderful to have Margaret Collingwood join us. Our speaker, Liz Scott, gave the most entertaining talk as a maid from the 1930s at Blickling Hall. She was an excellent speaker, very funny and with such a wealth of knowledge, that we were all amazed (and a little envious) of how she could remember so much. The new committee were introduced, future trips and walks organised, and the goodie bag and wooden spoon competition announced. A variety of displays were exhibited for members to look at and admire - our Green Hearts, 90 years of our WI and our Salver Cup competition entry that won 1st prize for the People's Choice last weekend. An amazing result. Congratulations to the winning team of Sally Church, Helene Hayden, Jo Macdougall, Trish Percival, Celia Scott and Pat Young. Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, 24th May** at 2pm. We are celebrating the coronation by wearing red, white and blue, and drinking Prosecco! It's never too late to join us so do come along. You will be warmly welcomed.

Sally Church



Neatishead, Irstead and Barton Turf Community Heritage Group

A fascinating presentation last month by Dr Ian Hinton of the Norfolk Historic Buildings Group took us on a tour around some of the Broadland Medieval Churches of which there are 100 active and 34 redundant in the area from the smallest in Barnby near Beccles to the largest in Martham. Instead of a presentation this month, we are organising a guided visit to The Rosary Cemetery in Norwich on **Sunday 14th May**. This was the first non-denominational cemetery in the UK which opened in 1820 and can be found tucked away near Ketts Hill. Among the graves of many notable Norfolk people, we hope to find that



John Gunn

of the Revd John Gunn, Rector of Irstead and Vicar of Barton Turf from 1829 to 1869. John, born in Irstead in 1801, was one of the six children of the Revd William Gunn and Anne Mack. When his father resigned the livings of Irstead and Barton Turf

they were passed to him by Bishop Bathurst of Norwich. One of John Gunn's great leisure interests was in the Natural Sciences, especially the local geology of Norfolk. Nearly one hundred years before it became accepted Gunn put forward the idea that the origin of the Broads were man-made by peat digging. He was a founding member and first President of the Norwich Geological Society. Resigning his Ministry in 1869, shortly after the death of his first wife Harriet Gunn (née Turner), who is buried at Irstead Church, he continued with his geological studies in his retirement. He died in 1890 and is buried at the Rosary Cemetery alongside his second wife Elizabeth Gunn, who died in 1922, but a large memorial to him can be found in Irstead Church. Numbers for the visit will be limited. If you would like more details, please contact me.

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Community Gym

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The Gym meets 3 mornings a week in the New Victory Hall. We offer a free trial for anyone who wants to pop in and take a look. The Gym can be reached via email gym@victoryhall.info, at <https://www.neatisheadcommunitygym.com> or by calling Gary on 07387 876216. Hope to see you there! Thank you. Your Community Gym. Neatishead Community Gym, here to help you, get Fit for Life!

Phil Johnson



Weather

Exceptionally wet March but April closer to average.

March's monthly total of a huge 105.2mms/4.14in which is over twice the monthly average making up for the negligible rainfall in February. The highest daily total was 16.8mms/0.66in on the 9th and there were only 4 dry days. It was the wettest March for 42 years in England.

The lowest daytime temperature was 4.8°C on the 10th when a strong North-Easterly brought hail and snow showers with a light covering in places.

The highest daytime temperature was a warm 18.2°C on the 30th.

April's recorded rainfall to date (up to 19th) is a healthy 45.6mms/1.8in and already reaching the monthly average. With further rain forecast in the next 10 days, we will see another above average monthly total. The highest daily total so far is 11.2mms/0.44in on the 1st which is also when our lowest daily maximum temperature of 7.8°C was recorded. The highest daily maximum recorded so far is 15.8°C on the 16th and the lowest overnight temperature is -3.2°C on 3/4th.

Peter Mills



Horning Flower Club

At our Easter meeting David Reeve, Chair of the Sandringham Flower Show, talked to us about the highs and lows of planning this marvellous Show. It was a fascinating insight, and we could see the justification for the reluctant increase of the entry price from the existing incredible £12 to a still good value £20. Quite simply, the hire cost of marquees, loos, military bands, grandstand, displays for the grandstand, St John Ambulance, generators, entertainment and water have all increased. For many years David worked with the Police in security for the royal family, so we heard some interesting and entertaining tales of life with the royals. David answered the question on everybody's lips; that it simply isn't viable to hold the Show for more than one day due not only to the aforementioned costs but also the availability of the working royals. Any money coming into the Show that is over and above the running costs goes to a different charity each year. Do try it if you haven't been before – it's still good value for a day out and there's something for everyone. **Wednesday 26th July** is the date for the 140th Show and you may even get to shake the hand of the newly crowned King. The competition 'Spring in a Basket' was won by Bridget Hedge. Please note that due to the Coronation Bank Holiday Monday the next meeting has been changed to 15th May, which sees a welcome return to the ever popular Brenda Tubb whose demonstration is entitled 'Weddings, Weddings' and the competition is 'For a Wedding Table'. Anyone interested in joining the club should contact the secretary, Carole Swan, on 01692 536270.

Rachel Clayton

Neatishead Parish Council

The local election results for Neatishead Parish Council have been published: all six councillors remain on the council via an uncontested election. These are unpaid positions and are the closest level the local authority has to its community. The role entails the councillors dedicating some free time for the good of the village. It can be challenging but is a very rewarding task. Therefore, it is with much gratitude that the councillors have continued to serve the village. The council is left with one vacant seat so it is not too late to join, for more information please contact Laura Bateman, the Parish Clerk, at neatishead.parish@gmail.com.

Thank you to the speakers and other parishioners who joined the council at the Annual Parish Meeting on 20th April. It was interesting to hear the updates from local groups.

The Broad's Authority have now completed a large scale refurbishment project at Neatishead Staithe: unfortunately the work took slightly longer than anticipated due to delays in receiving materials and adverse weather. However, 88 meters at the south end of the mooring has now been refurbished with new piling and timber improving the area for many years to come. Unsurprisingly, there is some landscaping of the area required to bring it back to its former glory, however the ground is too wet now and will be worked on when conditions allow.

The next meeting is the Annual Parish Council Meeting and normal monthly meeting due to be held at 7.30pm on **Thursday 18th May 2023** at the New Victory Hall, Neatishead.

Laura Bateman



Neatishead White Horse Bowls Club – Three Hammer Common, Common Road, NR12 8BP

Big Thanks to the the White House Store. Our little display turned out to be very popular. Thanks to the lovely staff for their patience, whilst myself and friends caused some chaos. Coming up to the opening date it was all go, putting the finishing touches to the ground and green. Opening date was Saturday 15th April. Couldn't have asked for a better Spring Day. Sun shining and birds singing. Personally, I would like to say a big thank you for all the support received. It was a wonderful turnout with old friends, even older friends we hadn't seen for quite some time. Best of all some new friends who came to have a go; they played bowls for the first time. One of the ladies was partnered with the winning team and won a box of

chocolates. Everyone then joined in for the refreshments and a good natter.

The Club is open every Saturday April to September for roll ups. Time 1.30 reception – 2 start even if it should rain. If you want to have a go at any time outside these times, please Contact: Chair Cathy Smith 07810 586551 or Captain Denver Gurney 01603 783334.

NIB articles, Chair *Cathy Smith* 07810 586551
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Can you help to re-ridge St Michael's Church roof?

We need £25,000 to re-ridge the thatched roof. The whole of the church roof was re-thatched in 2000 and will last for up to 50 years but the ridge needs to be redone every 25 years as identified by a quinquennial architectural survey in November 2020. We have contracted Mick Aldred to do the work in late 2024/early 2025 and now we are launching an appeal to raise the funds.

We would love to see you at the launch and if you have any questions, please get in touch.

St Michael's Church, Irstead

ROOF RE-RIDGING

APPEAL LAUNCH



Monday 1st May, 2-4.30pm

Irstead Church

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Refreshments

More info: maria_jordan@btinternet.com
Irstead Church Fundraising Committee

Maria Jordan maria_jordan@btinternet.com
Fundraising Committee Lead

Barton and Irstead Church Fete

The fete will be on **Saturday 3rd June** at Barton Hall. As always a great deal of help is needed, phone numbers below are prefixed by 01692.

Toy Stall - If you have any toys that you no longer need we would be pleased to receive them for the Fete. We can collect if necessary. Please phone either Barbara Pilcher on 536132 or Tina Clinch on 536890.

Children's Tombola - If you have any small new or nearly new items for the children's tombola please contact Claire Penstone-Smith on 630580 or Tina Clinch on 536890.

Book Stall - Books required. If you have any books you would like to donate please contact Michael Brandon-Jones on 535065 to arrange collection/delivery.

Garden Stall - Anything related to gardens needed, plants, produce, eg: fruit, vegetables, cut flowers, unwanted tools. Contact Deena on 07785 770663 or Dolly on 07395 181520.

Teas - The success of the tea tent relies on a good supply of cakes and bakes. If you could supply such items it would be greatly appreciated, please contact Jan Cuss at jan.cuss@gmail.com.

Small Treasure Stall - Wanted: jewellery, trinkets, ornaments, pictures, photo frames, glass, china figurines, silver, brass or small items. Contact Lynne on 536479 or Cheryl on 07387 267729.

Cake Stall - Crumbs, it is that time of year again when we would be most grateful for your kind donations of cakes, scones and other goodies such as jams, chutneys, or other preserves. Items can be handed to any of those listed or brought to the stall on the day: Wendy Price 536183, Mandy Parks 630325, Tina Clinch 536890, Susan Lamb 536240 and Jude McGill 535580. Many thanks Gail Murrells 631427

Bottle Stall - The success of the bottle stall is very much dependent on your generosity with the donations of bottles of any content such as beverages whether alcoholic or otherwise, cookery items and toiletries. The following have very kindly agreed to act as collection points/collectors for the bottle stall. Pennygate - Lynne Wall 536490, Barton Turf – Barbara Pilcher 536132, Hall Road – Cheryl Pell 07387267729, and Irstead – Claire Penstone-Smith 630580. Please contact your appropriate collector to arrange delivery to or collection by them. With my most grateful thanks in anticipation of your generous donations. David Murrells 631427.

Help is always needed with putting up and taking down. Putting up is from 6pm on the Friday, weather permitting or 10am Saturday. If there is anyone who is willing to help on a stall, please get in touch with me on 536132.

Barbara Pilcher



Wildlife Notes

The good news is that the garden Blue Tits have started making a nest in a box on the garage wall. The bad news is that it is inside a bat box which is, and has been for years, situated just above and to the right of my camera nestbox. Whilst I can see the birds taking beakfuls of grass and moss into the box I won't be able to



Blue Tit – Jon Kelf

watch the progress of the nest as eggs are laid and chicks hatch. I feel a little sad as it's the first time my camera box has been ignored and I shall miss watching them.

Just after I had written my notes for the last edition of NIB the UK saw an invasion of Alpine Swifts. These birds migrate from West Africa to southern Europe to breed but do not usually reach Britain other than on rare occasions when individual birds are seen, usually no more than two or three birds a year. This year it appears that a funnel of south westerly winds has pushed the birds towards us and groups of up to 9 have been recorded together in Ireland.

Alpine swifts are bigger than our usual swifts and have a distinctive white belly and throat so are quite different from the all brown common swifts who we will welcome back this month. Individual Alpine swifts have been seen at Cromer, Sheringham and Mundesley this spring with one bird roosting at night on Cromer church tower. As I write these notes in mid-April, Britain has seen another invasion of birds, this time Black-Crowned Night Herons, with 33 birds recorded in Britain, although none so far in Norfolk. It is thought that severe droughts in parts of France and Spain may have pushed these birds away from their normal habitats.

May is the best month to get out and see wildlife so make the most of warm days to see the first damselflies and to enjoy the spring flowers, especially the Bluebells. There is a tiny micromoth called the Bluebell Conch (*Hysterophora maculosana*) which has been

spreading through Britain and was first recorded in Norfolk in recent times in 2012 although there are a couple of pre 1900 records. You may find it in May and June where Bluebells thrive because its caterpillars feed inside the plants' seed capsules. It is a member of the Tortrix family and the moth is a mixture of white and black with some blue and brown markings.

Finally, my usual reminder at this time of year to please keep your dogs on leads when walking in the countryside as the ground nesting birds are easily disturbed.

Jerry Simpson 01692 630674
simpsonj24@btinternet.com



Barton Wildlife Working Party

We are a group of wildlife enthusiasts who meet monthly to maintain habitats on Barton Common to promote species diversity. On Saturday 25th March, eleven of us spent 2 hours marking out paths, creating wildlife log piles and working on pond management. Paths will enable access for everyone to see the development of new habitats, the colonisation of new species and access for groups of school pupils to carry out pond dipping. Wildlife log piles will increase biodiversity on the common by giving home, food sources, shelter, and hibernacula to the smaller species. As the logs decay, they will provide a damp environment for a wide range of fungi and mosses. Pond management by removing willow saplings on pond edges will maintain light levels. Higher light levels in the pond are not only essential for photosynthesis which provides food and oxygen, but also helps maintain higher temperatures needed for breeding amphibians.

Thanks to everyone that helped. There was a great sense of camaraderie and community spirit, resulting in an unexpected competition to produce the biggest and most unconventional wildlife log pile! If you would like to join us, then please contact me by email. There is no expectation that everyone turns up every month.

Neil Sanderson nesanderson@yahoo.com

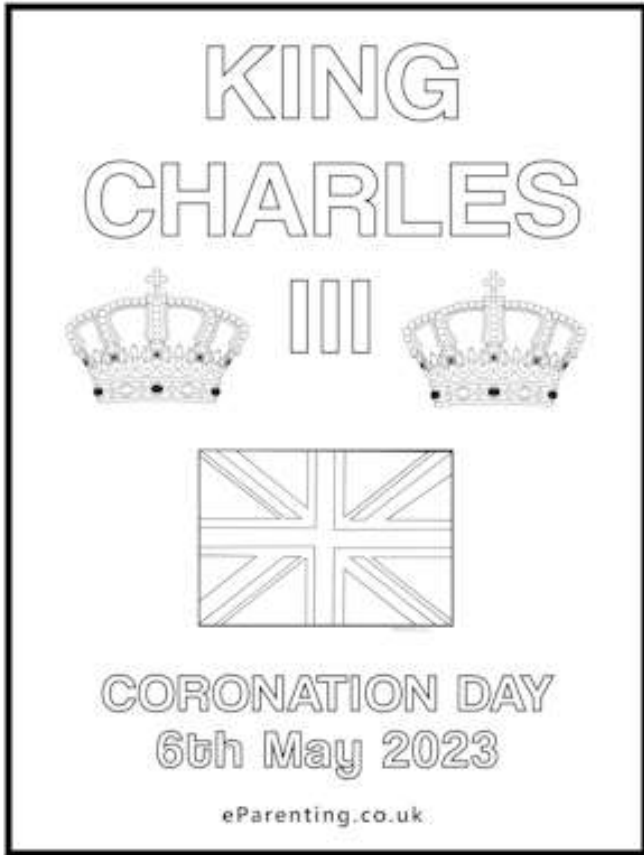
From the Editor

Many thanks to all who have kindly donated this month – we are very grateful. The collection box will be at the shop for a while longer yet and we honestly welcome all your help. If you would prefer to donate by BACS, please get in touch.

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This month we have two **Coronation** pictures to colour in and a Word Search!
Also, why don't you find a nice flat **rock** and paint a Union Jack on it? See the example at the bottom of page 10.



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DEADLINE FOR THE JUNE EDITION – 19th May 2023

Diary Dates for May 2023

Monday	1 st	2 – 4.30pm 5.30 for 6pm	St Michael's Church Roof Appeal launch Village Screen, 'Matilda the Musical' (117 mins PG, 2022)
Tuesday	2 nd	6.45pm	Barton Turf Bowls Club Roundup. See page 3 for other dates
Wednesday	3 rd	10.15am 10.35am 10.55am	Mobile Library, Pennygate, Barton Turf NR12 8BE Mobile Library, Ex-Post Office, Barton Turf NR12 8BB Mobile Library, Staithe Road, Barton Turf NR12 8AZ
Thursday	4 th	2 - 4pm	Knit & Natter, Wroxham Library. Not just for knitters!
Sunday	7 th	7pm	Coronation Concert, NVH
Wednesday	10 th	7 - 9pm	Knit & Stitch, Community Room, NVH
Thursday	11 th	10 - noon	Friends & Neighbours, Mardle & Quiz
Saturday	13 th	9 - noon	Community Market & Café, NVH
Monday	15 th	2pm	Horning Flower Club, Horning Village Hall
Thursday	18 th	2 - 4pm 7.30pm	Knit & Natter, Wroxham Library. Not just for knitters! Neatishead Parish Council Meeting, NVH
Friday	19 th		Deadline for June Edition of The NIB
Saturday	20 th	10 - noon	Coffee Morning, St Michael and All Angels, Barton Turf
Sunday	21 st	10 – 3pm	Craft Fair, Broadland Youth & Community Centre, Hoveton
Tuesday	23 rd	10.30 am	Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) at Neatishead Church
Wednesday	24 th	10.10am 11.15am 2 - 4pm 7 - 9pm	Mobile Library, Pitt Corner, Neatishead, NR12 8BT Mobile Library, Council Houses, Ashmanhaugh, NR12 8YL WI, NVH Knit & Stitch, Community Room, NVH
Thursday	25 th	10 – noon	Friends & Neighbours, Rosie Wilkin, Medicine through the Ages, NVH
Saturday	27 th	10 - 11.30am	Hope Café, Neatishead Baptist Church NR12 8YF

Future Dates

3 rd June	Barton & Irstead Church Fete, Barton Hall
10 th -11 th June	Woolly Weekend, Dilham
15 th July	Village Show
6 th August	Wroxham & Hoveton Lyons Club Charity Village Fete, Hoveton Village Hall

For the **New Victory Hall** regular activities weekly programme see their website, www.victoryhall.info

Local Services and Contact Details

- New Victory Hall Street Hill, Neatishead, Norfolk, NR12 8AD
Bookings by email bookings@victoryhall.info or phone 07551 008065
- White House Stores Community Shop
Irstead Road, Neatishead NR12 8BJ, 01692 631549
To join the Community Shop Membership please email info@whitehousetores.co.uk
- White Horse Inn The Street, Neatishead, NR12 8AD, 01692 630828

Parish Council Clerks

- Barton & Irstead: Nicola Ledain, bartonturfirsteadpc@yahoo.com
- Neatishead: Laura Bateman, neatishead.parish@gmail.com

DEFIBRILLATOR located at New Victory Hall, Street Hill, Neatishead NR12 8AD
Also at Cox's Boatyard Toilet Block, Staithe Road, Barton Turf NR12 8AZ

Benefice of St Benedict

5 th May	5pm	Coronation Songs of Praise Horning
7 th May	11am	Benefice Service (Coronation Thanksgiving) Barton Turf
	9.30am ..	HC Ashmanhaugh
14 th May	10.30am	Christian Aid Service .. NBC
	11am	HC Horning
	6pm	EP Barton Turf
21 st May	9.30am ..	MP Horning
	9.30am ..	HC (BCP) Irstead
	11am	MP Ashmanhaugh
	11am	HC Barton Turf
28 th May	11am	HC (BHC) Horning (Rev'd Taylor's last service)

HC: Holy Communion EP: Evening Prayer
BCP: Book of Common Prayer MP: Morning Prayer
BHC: Benefice Holy Communion

In the months following, the services in the Benefice of St Benedict will be reduced to one Eucharistic service in the Benefice each Sunday, plus one service of Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer per month (also on Sundays). This is to ensure a consistent and sustainable pattern throughout the interregnum, until a new Incumbent arrives. Enormous thanks go to all those working so hard to make this possible: retired clergy, readers, church wardens, and PCC members.
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Parish Church Wardens

Neatishead Pauline Simpson...01692 630674
Irstead David Murrells01692 631427
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Neatishead Baptist Church

3 rd May	2pm	Fellowship Meeting
7 th May	10.30am	Fred and Mary
12 th May	10am	Prayer Meeting
14 th May	10.30am	Joint Christian Aid service at Baptist Church
17 th May	2pm	Fellowship Meeting
21 st May	10.30am	Rev Sue Seeley
27 th May	10am	Hope Café
28 th May	10.30am	Fellowship Praise
31 st May	2pm	Fellowship Meeting

Hope Café meets for fellowship, coffee, games etc. 10am to 11.30am on the last Saturday of the month. Everyone is welcome for a bit of fun and fellowship.

Fellowship Meeting 14th, 24th and 28th March at 2pm. Bible study, worship and prayer fortnightly.

Please contact the secretary for more details.
Secretary: Sue Gibbons
secretary@neatisheadbaptistchurch.org.uk

Roman Catholic Churches

- St Helen, Hoveton, NR12 8QJ.
Saturday Mass at 5.30pm.
Wednesday Mass at 9.30am.
- Sacred Heart, Norwich Road, North Walsham, NR28 9JP.
Sunday Mass at 11am.
Parish Priest: Father Peter Raj
01692 403258, parishpriestfrpeter@gmail.com

Wroxham & Hoveton United Reformed Church

Minister: Vacant. For any pastoral concerns please contact the church secretary:
Lynne Howard, 01603 738835.
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Do join us for any, or all the following services:

7 th May	10.30am	Service, led by Mr Mike Gibbs
14 th May	10.30am	Service led by Rev Carole Pearl, including Holy Communion.
21 st May	10.30am	Service led by Rev Rosemary Tusting.
28 th May	10.30am	10.30 Service led by Carole Pearl

JAM Children's Church welcomes all children aged 4 to 14. We meet from 10.15 to 11.45am in the Church Hall on **5th and 19th March**. We have Bible stories, cooking, games and lots of fun whilst learning more about Jesus. For more detail, please contact Chris Billing on 01603 783992 or chris.billing@ukbis.com.

The Community Café meets for coffee and cakes from 10.30am to 12 noon on Thursdays. All are welcome, there is no charge.

We look forward to seeing friends old and new.
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