



NEATISHEAD • IRSTEAD • BARTON TURF PARISH MAGAZINE

**THE BENEFICE OF ST BENEDICT**

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**Community Spirit: Living out the Faith**

At the time of writing this article I have only been living in the community for a few weeks. However, I have been overwhelmed by the kind and generous welcome that my family and I have received since moving to this beautiful part of Norfolk.

As a 'newcomer' to the villages I have been incredibly impressed by the strong community spirit that is clearly in evidence across our area. In the brief time that I have been here I have already discovered and witnessed first-hand how people in our neighbourhoods consistently go out of their way to help others, to provide services, to offer companionship and to care for those in need. All of these self-sacrificing and public-spirited acts are essential ingredients in building up a strong, loving, caring, community where all are valued and respected, and thanks be to God, and thanks be to the tireless efforts of local people, that is clearly what has been created throughout our villages.

Creating a strong and loving community spirit is at the heart and core of Jesus' teaching and is summed up most clearly when Christ is asked what is the greatest commandment of all?

'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'

This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it:

'You shall love your neighbour as yourself' (Matthew 22:37-39).

As your new rector one of my duties is to play my small part in sustaining the wonderful community spirit found within our villages. With that in mind my intention is to meet and to get to know as many people as possible from the community. As your rector I will be there for you when you need me and please remember, I am here to serve everyone, whether you go to church or not!

To help me with this task you can find forms in all of our churches where you can write your contact details if you would like a home visit, I would be delighted to meet you.

At Christmas we celebrate the birth of Christ and we give thanks that God loved our world so much that he willingly sent his Son to be with us. Let us continue to be inspired by God's great act of love by sharing our own love with others.

I pray you will have a blessed Christmas and a joyful New Year.

Praised be Christ,

Revd Ben.



As it's my last edition as editor: a HUGE thank you to all our contributors and the deliverers, who are out in all weathers getting the magazine to you. Also, a very special thank you to the rest of the NIB team who help compile, edit and print each month – without you all, the NIB would not be. **THANK YOU.** It is truly a community endeavour.

I leave you in the capable hands of deputy Margaret Maxwell, who has created our wonderful Christmas cover. I know you will all give her your help and support.

*Sue Clayton*

## St Michael and All Angels', Barton Turf

November kicked off in grand style with the installation of Revd Ben Bradshaw as the Rector for the Benefice of St Benedict. My thanks to all who took part in making the evening such a success and to all those who attended. We followed this with our usual Lychgate service on 11<sup>th</sup> November and it was good to see so many people present for an event that is always special.

By the time you read this we will have had our November coffee morning, and the December coffee morning will be on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>** at the usual time. Being the December coffee morning, we will do as we usually do and make this an occasion when the refreshments are free of charge, as a way of thanking those who help to make the coffee mornings such a success. Without your contribution the church would struggle to meet the bills so I hope that you will join us for a free mince pie and our grateful thanks.

Our annual Advent Service of Waiting will be on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December** at 4pm and our Nine Lessons and Carols will be on Christmas Day at 11am as usual.

Two other dates for January, the January coffee morning will be on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January** from 10am until noon and the annual Christingle service will be on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January** at 4pm. As is our normal practice that will be followed by afternoon tea. The service and tea are for all ages and are a very special occasion with money raised for the Children's Society.

I hope that you all have a very Happy Christmas and that we all wish for a Peaceful New Year.

*Barbara Pilcher, Churchwarden*

## Christmas at St Michael's, Irstead

May we extend a special thankyou to those who kindly helped to clean St Michael's recently. Your support was much appreciated.

We will be celebrating Christmas this year on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December** (Christmas Eve) at 4pm, with our annual Benefice Crib Service, the Christmas story with carols told for the young and also for the young at heart and then on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December**, Christmas Day, at 9.30 am, with a Family Holy Communion Service. We look forward to welcoming you all to St Michael's this Christmas.

St Michael's PCC wishes you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year

*David Murrells, Churchwarden*

## St Peter's, Neatishead

We were pleased to welcome our friends from the Baptist Chapel to our 'Churches Together' Service for Remembrance and our collection is being donated to the Royal British Legion who continue to support veterans from the armed forces from all conflicts, that sadly still continue today.

We look forward to welcoming you to our services over the Christmas and New Year period and particularly at Midnight Mass on **Christmas Eve (24<sup>th</sup> December)** at 11.30pm as it is the only service at this time in the whole Benefice. Our New Year service as we welcome in 2024 is on **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December** at 9.30am.

Please support our fundraising concert for the refurbishment of our bell and tower, required in order to keep our congregation and members of the public safe.

A Minutes secretary is urgently needed – approx 3 short meetings a year, during the day.

Tickets for the concert on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December** – 7 for 7.30pm 'Heigh-ho, the Holly' are now available in the Community Shop as well as from Pauline.

*Pauline Simpson, Churchwarden 07818 599303*

## St Swithin's, Ashmanhaugh

Just a short entry to remind everyone of the Christmas services at St Swithin's. Our Carol Service is on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** at 5pm and there will be complimentary refreshments and the Christmas Draw afterwards in the Preston Rooms. Everyone is very welcome to attend. Tickets for the draw are available from me.

Christmas Holy Communion will be on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December** at 11am.

Please note there is no service at Ashmanhaugh on Christmas Day but there are other services in the Benefice that you can attend.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very peaceful Christmas and to thank you for all your support over the last year.

*Anne Mulhall*

## Winter Warmer

The Winter Warmer will take a break for Christmas and New Year which means there will not be one on either December 26<sup>th</sup> or January 2<sup>nd</sup>. It will then continue weekly until **February 27<sup>th</sup>** at 12 noon. Please note that on **December 12<sup>th</sup>** it will not start until 1pm. Any queries please contact Nick and Jane Fowle 01692 630249.

*Nick & Jane Fowle 01692 630249*



**NEW VICTORY HALL  
CHRISTMAS FAIR  
SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER  
9.30am - 12noon**



**SANTA  
WILL BE  
THERE!**

- **Lots of great stalls!**
- **Grand Draw.**
- **Refreshments.**
- **Festive fun.**

In aid of New Victory Hall (registered charity no.225178)

**Norfolk Wherry Brass –  
An Evening of Christmas Music**

The Norfolk Wherry Brass Band and NVH Events Team are delighted to present an evening of Christmas Music and Fun on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** (7.15pm for 7.30pm) in NVH.

Complimentary tickets available from White House Stores. Free welcome drink and nibbles served, and we ask you to support the raffle and drop something in the Band's collection pot.

Everybody welcome including children.

**The BIG Community Breakfast –  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024 in NVH**

Yes, we are doing it again!!!

This is an opportunity for the community to come together, have breakfast in a nice warm hall and support a good cause. What a good way to spend a Saturday morning in cold January!!

A Full English Breakfast, toast and marmalade/jam and as much tea and coffee as you like for £8.50. Three sittings at 9am, 9.45am and 10.15am - tickets on sale at White House Stores from **1<sup>st</sup> December** - these sell fast so don't

delay. Exact cash payment only in the shop, please. Any special dietary requirements call the number below.

This is a big event to run so if you wish to volunteer to help before or after you have your breakfast, then give me a call on number below.

This year the proceeds are going to support the provision of more heart defibrillators in the villages which both Parish Councils are trying to achieve. If you cannot come to the Breakfast but wish to make a donation, please give me a call on 07500 046158.

Christmas Greetings from NVH Trustees and thanks for all your support in 2023.

*Doreen Dean*, for NVH Management Committee



**Village Screen: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December**  
Barbie (2023 Cert 12A 114 mins)

To live in Barbie Land is to be a perfect being in a perfect place. Unless you have a full-on existential crisis. Or you're Ken. Barbie (Margot Robbie) and Ken (Ryan Gosling) are having the time of their lives in the seemingly perfect world of Barbie Land. However, when they get a chance to go to the real world, they discover the joys and perils of living among humans.

This film has received critical acclaim and has become the highest grossing film of 2023.

The film starts at 7.30pm and we look forward to welcoming you to The New Victory Hall from 7pm. Coffee and tea will be available as usual, but to get into the Barbie spirit we will be serving free pink drinks to those wearing pink!

Tickets are £5 and advance booking is preferred by calling Christine on 01692 631347, or tickets can be purchased (cash only) at the White House Stores. Unreserved tickets will be available on the door, numbers permitting, and contactless payment is an option.

Please note that there will be no film on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024.

*Village Screen Team*



**Knit & Stitch**

Look out for our colourful alternative Christmas Tree outside the New Victory Hall, made by members a few years ago, and for our stall of handmade items at their Christmas Fair on **2<sup>nd</sup> December**. Our final meeting of the year will be on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** and our new year meetings will be on **17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> January**, in the Dolly Newcombe Community Room of the New Victory Hall, 7-9pm. All welcome with your latest project. Happy Christmas and happy stitching.

*Claire Penstone-Smith*, [claireps@btinternet.com](mailto:claireps@btinternet.com)  
07760 643739, 01692 630580



### WISE – Christmas Card Delivery

Please remember the post boxes will be positioned in the New Victory Hall and White House Stores from **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December**. Both boxes will be emptied on the morning of **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**, and delivery will take place on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**. The Nordic Walkers and helpers willingly give up their time to provide this valuable service which I know is thoroughly appreciated, but please ensure all envelopes are clearly addressed. As usual donations are gratefully received: all money goes to future village events and Santa gifts for 2024.

*Ruth Dockerty*



### Neatishead, Irstead and Barton Turf Community Heritage Group

Our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events this year held in Neatishead, Irstead and Barton Turf were an opportunity to revisit some of our research projects, and to see the display we put together for Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. These events highlighted the individual identity of each village, whilst at the same time showing the uniqueness of the three villages that share one heritage. I am sure this remarkable connection is partly because of the limited expansion of the villages which are bordered by two main roads and the River Ant, and also because of the special community spirit that has existed here for many years. Our research was considerably helped by the contents of The NIB Parish Magazine archive, all 543 issues, since it was begun by Lady Delia Peel, assisted by Alice Dennes and Herbert Rees in 1976 (when the North Walsham and District Parish Magazine ceased production).

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have been involved in the production of The NIB over the years, for without this record much of the heritage of our three villages would have been lost. It is important to remember that 'Our heritage is what we have inherited from the past, to value and enjoy in the present, and to preserve and pass on to future generations'.

We hope NIB continues for many more years to come as a source of news and information of village life.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy festive season as we look forward to further enhancing our shared heritage in 2024.

*Claire Penstone-Smith, [claireps@btinternet.com](mailto:claireps@btinternet.com)  
07760 643739, 01692 630580*



### Friends of Neatishead School

Thank you all so much for attending our recent Jumble Sale. We raised over £400 for the school which is amazing. Coming up, FONS are holding the new and improved Christmas Fair on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** at Neatishead CofE Primary School. Doors open at 3.15pm - there will be stalls, cakes and music. We will have a Children's Christmas Shop where they can come and buy their loved ones gifts to personally wrap as a surprise for Christmas Day. Also we may be lucky enough to have Santa stop by on his festive tractor to offer Santa rides around the village. Come show your support for our amazing school.

*Lisa Seager FONS*



### Gardening Club

Our December meeting is, as usual, a Quiz night. There'll be a glass of wine and nibbles (or you can bring your own). Make up a team, or just come along and join one on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December**.

We'll also be having a stall at the Christmas Fair, so any plants, garden-related items, preserves, etc you can bring along for sale will be most welcome.

If you need a new venture for the coming year and don't already belong, then think about joining the Gardening Club. You don't have to be a brilliant gardener! The new membership cards with details of speakers and events will be available at the January meeting. It costs £20 for the year. Meetings held on the third Monday evening of each month, 7.30pm at the NVH.

Our meetings are not all about horticulture. For example, our January meeting has a popular speaker, Simon Partridge, talking about the Great Exhibition. Various speakers, an outing, and shows of flowers and garden produce are also planned.

Happy gardening in 2024 - let's hope it's a better year of weather!

*Wendy Price*

### Regency Open Shopping Evening

Regency Guest House invites you to our Open Shopping Evening on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December** 6pm – 9pm. Browse, Eat, Drink, Chat. Please call 07790 011098 for more details or directions and see the enclosed leaflet and flyer.

*Jane Harris 07790 011098*

### Neatishead White Horse Bowls Club



Neatishead Bowls Club would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. See you again in 2024.

*Chair Cathy Smith 07810 586551*



## White House Stores

Are you looking for a new challenge for the new year? As a Community Shop, we do need members of the community to help our staff and to join our committee. We cannot operate fully without you! You can do as little or as much as you like and are sure to meet new people, have a laugh and feel great about helping your community shop. Your role could even lead to a paid job! Do you have a skill you think would be useful to us? There are so many things you can do including helping with shop equipment maintenance, working on the till and keeping our customers happy. It doesn't have to be a regular time and our current staff, committee and volunteers can show you the ropes.

Please contact [info@whitehousestores.co.uk](mailto:info@whitehousestores.co.uk) with your contact details and we will get back to you. We look forward to meeting you!

Christmas Opening hours:

Sun 24 Dec:	8.30-12pm
Mon 25 Dec:	closed
Tue 26 Dec:	10-12pm
Wed 27-Sat 30 Dec:	open as normal
Sun 31 Dec:	8.30-12pm
Mon 1 Jan:	10-12pm

Happy Christmas to all members, customers, staff, volunteers and committee members.

*Margaret, shop & committee teams* 01692 631549  
[margaret@whitehousestores.co.uk](mailto:margaret@whitehousestores.co.uk)



## Neatishead, Barton Turf and District WI

Our November meeting was extremely busy and full. Our membership is growing and the hall looked full of lovely ladies. Many thanks to Claire Penstone-Smith, who came at short notice to give a talk about the NIBCHG. The photos showed families and places in the three villages from years ago and it was very nostalgic to look at times gone by and spot people we knew in their youth. The rest of the meeting was spent talking over plans for our Christmas activities and for events in 2024. The competition of 'Death by Chocolate' was won by Sally Church, closely followed by Ann Russell and Jo Macdougall.

Next month we will meet at Crostwick Old Rectory for our Christmas lunch. Sadly, we had to say goodbye to one of our loyal members and committee, Pat Young. She has moved and we wish her much happiness in her new home.

We meet again on the 3rd **Wednesday** in **January 17<sup>th</sup>** 2pm at the NVH. All ladies are welcome.

*Sally Church* [sallyc42@btinternet.com](mailto:sallyc42@btinternet.com)



## Horning Flower Club

At the November meeting Barbara Collins delighted us with her beautiful, yet simple, arrangements depicting Floral Moments, and the competition Autumn Burst was won

by Doreen Dean. **On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December** the demonstrator will be the regular and ever popular David Wright with Christmas Sparkle. We know how David likes his Christmas bling, so it is likely to be very sparkly indeed. This will be followed by our Christmas tea for both members and guests. The competition is For the Christmas Table and may include artificial plant material (more bling). **On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January** Sarah Hammond will give a talk about English peonies, which promises to be interesting and conjure up images of balmy summer days, with the competition bringing us back to earth with Frosty Mornings. Anyone interested in joining, or bringing a guest to the Christmas tea, should contact the secretary Carole Swan on 01692 536270.

*Rachel Clayton*

## Neatishead Parish Council

Neatishead Parish Council are considering how the SAM2 camera can most effectively be used to help reduce speeding vehicles. New locations for the camera are being discussed as well as ways to utilise the data recorded. If anyone has any ideas or particular concerns, then please contact the parish clerk at [neatishead.parish@gmail.com](mailto:neatishead.parish@gmail.com).

The budget setting for 2024-25 has commenced and the council endeavours to ensure that the precept is set with consideration to any financial impact on residents balanced with the needs of the parish. The budget will be finalised at January's meeting.

The council meetings take a break in December and resume on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January**. However, the councillors are still busy working on some maintenance work, reviewing policies and looking into projects for 2024.

*Laura Bateman, Parish Clerk*

## Broadacres, Hall Road

We are holding a Christmas Fayre on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December** from 10am to 3pm. There will be lots of stalls including baked goods, preserves, plants, handmade jewellery and crafts. Tea and coffee available, all welcome. Cash only for stalls please.

*Jayne Alexander-Oakley*



## Community Gym (sing the song...it works!)



In the twelfth month of the year,  
Visit your gym & see:  
A cross trainer exercise machine!

In the twelfth month of the year,  
Visit your gym & see:  
Two running treadmills  
and a cross trainer exercise machine!

In the twelfth month of the year,  
Visit your gym & see:  
Three rowing machines,  
Two running treadmills  
and a cross trainer exercise machine!



Four exercise bikes,  
FIVE KILO WEIGHTS,  
Six stretchers stretching,  
Seven helpers helping,  
Eight lifters lifting,  
Nine smilers smiling,  
Ten steppers stepping,  
Eleven chatters chatting,  
Twelve walkers walking...  
... and lots of calorie burning too!



Contact instructor Gary for a

**FREE TASTER SESSION: 07387876216**

Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Fitter  
New Year from your Community Gym!  
[www.neatisheadcommunitygym.com](http://www.neatisheadcommunitygym.com)

*Phil Johnson & Joan Dickie*



## NABS

Thank you all so much for your amazing support for our recent Musicals show. It was a sell out on every night and great fun was had by all. Please remember our Christmas Quiz Night on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December** at NVH. Cash prize for the winning team and a consolation prize for the losers. It is £5 per person and maximum 6 people per team. Please email [thenabs74@gmail.com](mailto:thenabs74@gmail.com) to book your table as space will be limited. Cash bar will be available so come along and have a holly jolly Christmas!!!!!!

*Lisa "Jingle" Seager*  
NABS Secretary & Quiz-Master



## Blakeney Rowing Club - now at Barton Turf

The "Come and Try Rowing Day" at Barton Turf on 4<sup>th</sup> November had to be cancelled due to very bad weather. However, Blakeney Rowing Club still keeps a skiff at Cox's Boatyard. There are weekly outings to How Hill, Wayford Bridge and other local destinations. On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November, a crew rowed to The Lion at Thurne for a pub lunch; a round trip of sixteen miles! What a great day that was!

Why not come along to Cox's Boatyard and join us for a trial row? If you enjoy being active on the water, or simply messing about with boats, contact Humphrey at [hborgnis@icloud.com](mailto:hborgnis@icloud.com). When you are part of a crew, coaching and friendly advice will always be available. You will be made very welcome. There is no obligation to participate in any competitive event. Come along for a gentle and sociable row.

Hope to see you on the water soon...

*Barry Howes*

## Hoveton & Wroxham Sea Scout Group

You may have seen more activity down at Barton Turf Activity Centre recently, this is due to the fact that Hoveton & Wroxham Sea Scout Group have moved in. We are currently having major works completed at our own HQ in Wroxham and needed an alternative meeting place. The activity centre offered us their facilities and it suited us down to the ground. We are meeting there three evenings a week Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Our Scout Group accommodates children from 6 - 8 with Beavers, 8 -10½ with Cubs and 10½ to 14 with Scouts. Scouting is a fully inclusive organisation and as such Hoveton & Wroxham is made up of both boys and girls. We have space for more children and are always on the lookout for new leaders so if you wish to contact us, please do so using our email address [enquiries@hovetonandwroxhamscouts.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@hovetonandwroxhamscouts.org.uk).

We hope you are as happy to have us here as we are to be here.

*Steven Kinsley*



## Wroxham And Hoveton Lions Club

Happy Christmas and a happy New Year to one and all. Hope you enjoy the festivities, Santa brings you everything you desire and the New Year is one of health, happiness and good fortune. Santa has serviced his sleigh - look out for Rudolph who is visiting shops, schools and communities in our local area. Please see our website for a list of dates and locations.

*Lion Mike Holden* President

## Doreen Neave

It's said that if you want a job done, ask a busy person. Doreen was one of those people, busy, being involved with so much of village life and more, yet she was always willing to help and get involved wherever else she could. You always knew where you were with Doreen, she was forthright and honest and took a good old-fashioned common-sense approach to life. She used her talents to the full and was well known amongst many other things for her cookery skills, Norfolk shortcakes, sausage rolls for the village show and farmer's market and umpteen cakes and decorated wedding cakes as well.

Doreen was a keen and competitive bowler, relishing the Barton v Neatishead competition so long as Barton won! She had a fine singing voice and was a part of the concert parties raising funds for the old village hall. She was also well known for her duets with her friend Brenda Mitchell, comedy as well as vocal. She then moved on to Amateur Dramatics, her 'pièce de résistance' was playing Mrs Erylne, the maligned Femme Fatale in Lady Windermere's Fan.

Doreen was a loyal and loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother, being proud of them all and particularly so when her husband Geoffrey carried the Royal British Legion flag at county and national levels.

Whatever was going on in the village, Doreen would be there. She was a true countrywoman who had a long and fruitful life and whose passing will leave an enormous gap in our community. She was certainly an inspiration to all who knew her and will be greatly missed.

*Roger Lamb*



## Bure Valley Rotary Club

Santa's Sleigh has been refurbished and repainted, and hopefully now is also ecologically better, with its diesel generator replaced by electrical connections. As a reminder Santa is joining us on the following dates and venues:

Sprowston on **5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> December**, Spixworth on **12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>**, Wroxham on **13<sup>th</sup>**, Horning **14<sup>th</sup>**, and Badersfield on **20<sup>th</sup>**, all early evening, and Tesco at Stalham during the day on **21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>**. As usual we will be collecting on behalf on the East Anglia Air Ambulance and other charities supported by our Rotary club. We look forward to seeing lots of excited children.

*Peter Milsted*



## Neatishead Baptist Church

### The Vidiyal Trust:

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec, lunch 12.30 – 2.30**

Canon Pat Atkinson and Muthukumar the Project leader from the Vidiyal Trust will be joining us for lunch to share and update us on the work the Vidiyal Trust is doing in the slums of Madurai.

The Vidiyal Trust was started by Pat (who lives in Brundall) in 1990. For over 30 years the Vidiyal Trust has been providing shelter in Madurai, and surrounding areas, for street elders, with a slum lunch club, tuition facilities for over 100 slum children, support for a leprosy colony, providing palliative care to housebound Dahlit cancer patients and a programme to help the poorest children suffering from cancer.

The work in Madurai is run by Muthukumar and his team plus many of the now young adults that the Trust has helped and they have come back as volunteers.

Pat and Muthukumar will be joining Neatishead Baptist Church for lunch and it is an opportunity to meet them and see how one small charity is really making a difference. I know it is the Christmas market at NVH but if you would like to join us for lunch afterwards that would be wonderful.

If you can join us please let me know (for catering purposes) - Val at: [nevilleandval@gmail.com](mailto:nevilleandval@gmail.com).

## CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

VILLAGE CAROL SERVICE

SUNDAY, 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER  
6.00 PM

PLEASE JOIN US TO FOR OUR CAROL SERVICE  
AT  
NEATISHEAD BAPTIST  
CHURCH

ALL ARE WELCOME THEN STAY FOR  
MULLED WINE AND MINCE PIES



The Church address is: Chapel Lane, NR12 8YF  
Carpark past the church. Click for link to map:  
<http://www.neatisheadbaptist.org.uk/where-are-we/>.

*Val Khambatta*



# White House Stores Community Shop Wordsearch

(solution available from the shop)

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## Wildlife Notes

As the numbers of winter wildfowl increase, November has been notable for the large flocks of Pink-Footed geese flying across our villages in large V shaped skeins, especially in late afternoons. Usually, you can hear them calling to each other before they come into view as they move between feeding and roosting sites.

The number of Goldeneye on Barton Broad has already risen to over 30, maintaining the Broads's record of being one of the best sites for this species in Norfolk. Whilst at the boardwalk at dusk on the 17<sup>th</sup> I was pleased to see a flock of Starlings wheeling around in the sky as several small groups joined up to form one larger flock or "murmuration" as they are called. They turned and twisted in the sky before flying off to roost in a nearby reed bed.

The other interesting sighting at the boardwalk was a Great Northern Diver on the 6<sup>th</sup> November.



Great Northern Diver – Jon Kelf

This bird, a juvenile, was skulking around behind one of the fish barriers and was not behaving as if it was 100% well. I hope that it wasn't a victim of Avian influenza which is still causing issues amongst sea birds. Great Northern Divers (or Loons as they are called these days using the American name) are the biggest of the 3 species which we see in this country but are infrequent visitors to the Broads. They are almost the same size as a Cormorant but have a straight dagger-like bill and are a lighter colour.

A bird to watch out for this winter is the Waxwing which is usually found in Scandinavia and Northern Russia, but small numbers are usually found in the UK. Every now and then they have, what are known as irruption years, when far larger numbers than usual travel across the North Sea looking for berry bushes to feed on and this year looks like it may be just such a year with numbers already being seen in Norfolk. They are Starling sized, reddish-brown coloured birds with



Waxwing – Jon

an impressive crest and have feathers on the wing with bright red tips which look like sealing wax. In recent years they have been noted feeding on Rowan and Hawthorn berries on bushes around urban supermarket carparks where their distinctive "trilling" calls draw attention to them.

At the beginning of November, the WFV group recorded 27 new species of fungi on Barton Common of which there were 3 species of Waxcaps, namely Honey, Snowy and Parrot and a species called Jellybaby (*Leotia lubrica*). Waxcaps are species which grow on short unimproved grassland and are usually small and brightly coloured.

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## Weather

October downpours break records!

October's total monthly rainfall was an incredible 188mms / 7.4in which is 268% of average or over a quarter of the average annual total! It was the wettest October on record across a swathe of North Norfolk and lead to widespread and disruptive flooding. Notable daily totals were 40mms/1.57in on the 13<sup>th</sup>, 51.6mms/2.03in on the 20<sup>th</sup> (Storm Babet) and 34.4mms/1.35in on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

November's rainfall to date is 37.2mms/1.46in or 53% of average. Storm Ciaran produced 16.8mms/0.66in on the 2<sup>nd</sup> ensuring that the ground remained saturated, and floods prevailed. Notably, Ciaran also produced the lowest ever sea level pressure recorded in the UK at 951mbs/28.08in as the 'eye' moved across the county during the afternoon.

Temperatures have been close to average with the highest maximum to date at 14.3C on the 13<sup>th</sup> and the lowest overnight temperature at - 2.2°C on the 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>.







































*Peter Mills*



Merry Christmas to all our NIBS Kids!!

# CHRISTMAS SUDOKU

Complete the sudoku puzzle by filling in the missing boxes with the correct drawing. The answer key is provided on the second slide. Merry Christmas!

# Christmas SEARCH & SEEK



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1 IGLOO

7 MUGS

2 SNOWMEN

3 TREES

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### **Welcome Pack**

The NIB team have created a package to welcome newcomers to the villages. This package contains a range of useful information and leaflets, including a NIB (obviously!) and details of the shop, village hall, pub etc. If you are aware of a property which is due new residents, please let us know.

If you know, manage or run a local group or business and would like your flyer included, please do get in touch.

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## **December:**

1<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Dec

Friday	1 <sup>st</sup>		White Horse Inn - Christmas Menu available
Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am-12 12.30-2.30pm	WISE Post box at White House Stores. Please give generously. Christmas Fair NVH Vidiyal Trust lunch, Neatishead Baptist Church
Monday	4 <sup>th</sup>	7 for 7.30pm	Village Screen: Barbie
Wednesday	6 <sup>th</sup>	10.10am 11.15am 12pm	Mobile Library, Pitt Corner, Neatishead, NR12 8BT Mobile Library, Council Houses, Ashmanhaugh, NR12 8YL White Horse Inn - Xmas Wreath Making Lunch £55.00
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup>	7 for 7.30pm 10-3pm 12.30pm 6 – 9pm	NABS Christmas Quiz night. Broadacres Christmas Fayre. All welcome, cash only. Friends & Neighbours, Lunch Crostwick Old Rectory Regency Guest House Open Shopping Evening
Friday	8 <sup>th</sup>		White Horse Inn - Christmas Party Night with Chris Wilson
Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup>	7 for 7.30pm	Hexachordia Concert, St Peter's Church, Neatishead
Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup>	9 - noon	Community Market & Café, NVH
Monday	11 <sup>th</sup>		WISE Post box deadline for posting your cards at White House Stores
Monday	11 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Horning Flower Club, David Wright, Christmas Sparkle
Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	10.15am 10.35am 10.55am 7 - 9pm	Mobile Library, Pennygate, Barton Turf NR12 8BE Mobile Library, Ex-Post Office, Barton Turf NR12 8BB Mobile Library, Staithe Road, Barton Turf NR12 8AZ Knit & Stitch, Community Room, NVH
Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup>	4.30pm 10 - noon	White Horse Inn - Supper with Santa Friends & Neighbours
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup>	7.15pm	Wherry Band Concert at the NVH
Sunday	17 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	Carols by Candlelight, Neatishead Baptist Church
Monday	18 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Gardening Club, NVH
Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup>		Christmas Fair (FONS) Neatishead School
Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	WI, NVH
Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	10 - noon	Coffee Morning, St Michael and All Angels, Barton Turf
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup>	7 - 9pm	Knit & Stitch, Community Room, NVH
Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup>	10 - 11.30am	Hope Café, Neatishead Baptist Church NR12 8YF

## **January 2024**

Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.10am 11.15am	Mobile Library, Pitt Corner, Neatishead, NR12 8BT Mobile Library, Council Houses, Ashmanhaugh, NR12 8YL
Monday	8 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Horning Flower Club, Sarah Hammond, Talk – English Peonies
Wednesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	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
Saturday	13 <sup>th</sup>	9am, 9.45am or 10.15am	The Big Community Breakfast, NVH
Monday	15 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Gardening Club, NVH
Wednesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	2pm 7 - 9pm	WI, NVH Knit & Stitch, Community Room, NVH
Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Neatishead Parish Council Meeting, NVH
Friday	19 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Deadline for February Edition of The NIB</b>
Saturday	20 <sup>th</sup>	10 - noon	Coffee Morning, St Michael and All Angels, Barton Turf
Wednesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	7 - 9pm	Knit & Stitch, Community Room, NVH
Saturday	27 <sup>th</sup>	10 - 11.30am	Hope Café, Neatishead Baptist Church NR12 8YF
Wednesday	31 <sup>st</sup>	10.10am 11.15am	Mobile Library, Pitt Corner, Neatishead, NR12 8BT Mobile Library, Council Houses, Ashmanhaugh, NR12 8YL

## **Future Dates in 2024**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February Village Screen Film TBA - Updates on NVH and White House Stores Facebook!



