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THE BENEFICE OF ST BENEDICT

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From the Curate

Explaining his long sojourn in the wilderness of Massachusetts, the nineteenth-century writer Henry David Thoreau remarked that he 'wished to live deliberately'. The same might be said for the Christian understanding of Lent. Originating in the first centuries of the Church as a time for the preparation of those to be baptised at Easter, Lent soon assumed a wider resonance. as a time modelled on Jesus' forty days and nights in the wilderness. It was set aside for the discernment of life's essentials and intended for refreshment and renewal. For many, Lent carries with it a note of dread - that costly abstinence from chocolate, or that rash decision not to begin the day with caffeine. Yet it is worth remembering that the name derives from an Old English term, with connotations of spring and the 'lengthening' of days. Lent is a time when the hope of summer appears on the horizon, and when preparations are made in order to ready ourselves in heart and mind for the fullness of Easter joy. In other words, Lent is a time to 'live deliberately', to reflect on our lives and habits, in order to become more loving, more generous, and more Christ-like, in thought, word, and deed. And make no mistake: our fragile, war-torn world is in as much need of loving, deliberate living as ever.

So, what might that mean for you? Simpler meals? No meat? Locking up the drinks cupboard? Or just a commitment to praying, once a day? It's up to you, of course, but might I suggest two things? Firstly, do be just a little realistic. Lent is not a show of our ascetical prowess (there lurks the temptation of pride). But, secondly, do try something *new*. Take a decision to live *deliberately* and push the edges of your comfort zone just a bit.

To that end, one might allow oneself to be tempted by some of the many offerings in the Benefice this Lent, be that our Lent Course, our Lent Lunches, or any of our services (both our regular Sunday and midweek offerings, and our special services for Holy Week). Full details can be found in our **Lent Programme 2023** booklets, copies of which are available in each of our churches, and in various local establishments besides!

With every blessing, and assurance of my prayers,

The Rev'd Taylor Wilton-Morgan

World Day of Prayer

The service for the World Day of Prayer will be on **Friday 3rd March**, at 10.30am at St. Helen's Catholic Church in Hoveton. In this service the Christian women of Taiwan call us to encourage and support women who face suffering and injustice. The stories of faith focus on issues that are shared by women and girls around the world. Do join us – it's for everyone.

Sue Gibbons, WDP Wroxham Secretary

St Michael and All Angels', Barton Turf

After a most enjoyable Christingle service and afternoon tea the total raised for the Children's Society was £154. Congratulations and thanks to all those who took part.

The February coffee morning which was held on Saturday 18th February was devoted to raising money for the DEC appeal for the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. An amazing sum of £406.15 was raised during the morning. Sincere thanks to all those who gave so generously. The March coffee morning will be on **Saturday 18th March** from 10.00am until noon as usual.

As we approach Easter it is time for our annual church clean This year it will take place on the mornings of **Friday 24**th and **Saturday 25**th **March** beginning at 9.30am. Do come along and help if you are able, usually cleaning on the Friday and polishing on the Saturday. Brooms, etc are provided but it is useful to bring a duster. There will be refreshments on both days. Barton is a big church so the more the merrier to clean it!

Barton and Irstead Church Fete

After some discussion it was decided to have the fete for 2023 on the traditional Saturday, therefore the fete this year will be on **Saturday** 3rd **June** at Barton Hall. We will therefore have the fete planning meeting on **Friday 10**th **March** at 10.00am at Barton Hall. Last year we had a magnificent turnout for this meeting and I hope that we can repeat that this year. Please come along and offer your services in any capacity that you can. This is one of those occasions when a great deal of help is required to make the event a success.

Barbara Pilcher, Churchwarden

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Easter Altar Lilies

We will, as in previous years, 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 could you please contact as appropriate Wendy on 01692 536183 for Barton, Gail on 01692 631427 for Irstead and Jane on 01692 630249 for Neatishead by **Wednesday 29th March**. Thank you.

Gail Murrells

St Peter's Church, Neatishead

St Peter's Church urgently requires a Minutes Secretary for their Annual Meeting in May – please contact Pauline on 07818 599303.

St Peter's Church Neatishead

Please come along and support our cake stall at

The Easter Fair at the New Victory Hall

Saturday 1st April

2pm - 4pm

All offers of cake donations to

Jane Fowle or Pauline Simpson please

Pauline Simpson, Churchwarden 07818 599303



Tools With a Mission

Gentle reminder! There will be a collection of tools for Tools With a Mission at the Community Cafe at the New Victory Hall on **Saturday 11**th

March, 9am - 12noon.

We would welcome any tools that you no longer need: agricultural, builders, carpenters, electricians, motor mechanics, plumbers, garage workshop, power tools, or maybe sewing machines, knitting machines, haberdashery, fabrics, scissors or IT equipment. Thank you.

Mandy Parks, 07547 697010





New Victory Hall AGM

The New Victory Hall Annual General Meeting will be on **Monday 27th March 2023** at 7.30

pm in the New Victory Hall. This is a great opportunity to hear how your village hall did last year and to consider plans for 2023 onwards.

We currently seek new people to join the team of trustees so if you would like to consider becoming a Trustee, then please contact 01692 630637 for a nomination form. We would especially like to hear from anybody who is interested in helping maintain the building, developing further the hall's 'green' or eco-friendly features and we also need help on advertising and media. Applications must be received at enquiries@victoryhall.info by no later than 12 noon on **Monday 20th March 2023**.

The five elected Trustees and eight nominated user groups representatives together with two coopted members make up the management team.

All are welcome to attend the AGM: we do hope you will come along to show interest and support for the hall. Once the AGM business is complete, there will be some light refreshments.

The Bands Together Evening was a fantastic success with great performances from all the Bands and lots of dancing and singing. £1,293 was raised to be shared between Air Ambulance and NVH.

Doreen Dean, doreen.dean@victoryhall.info

Quiz Night on Friday 17th March 7pm for 7.30pm start, New Victory Hall

The usual fun night on St Patrick's Day (maybe some questions - so get swatting!). Bring your own drinks and nibbles - £5 per person, max. 6 per team. Don't have a team? Not a problem, come along and join other individuals to make up a team on the night.

Please book with Pauline on 078918 599303.

Gardening Club

Time spent in the garden when plants and trees are springing into life can raise the spirits, even on a dull day. Spring flowers emerge looking perfect - just in time for the Gardening Club's spring flower show on Monday 20th March. That takes place this month, along with our AGM. On the same evening there will be a tabletop quiz and supper (£7.50 including a sweet, glass of wine or fruit juice and coffee). If you haven't already booked a place, please email Sue on westcott128@gmail.com.

The subject for our April meeting will be roses.

Wendy Price



Community Market & Café 9am-12 Noon Saturday 11th Mar

Our Community Market returned in February after January break for

Big Breakfast. It was lovely to welcome you all back, with bacon buttie sales getting back to normal after a very difficult time following Covid. How nice it was to see some 'first timers' at our market – once through the door we know you will want to return.

March sees TWAM (Tools with a Mission) coming along to collect your unwanted tools etc as outlined in the February NIB and on page two.

Pauline Simpson, 07818 599303



Village Screen Monday 6th March 2023

Following on from the success of the 2019 film Fisherman's Friends, we will be showing the 2022 sequel Fisherman's Friends: One And All (Cert 12A: 111 mins). Another feel good story with beautiful scenery and great singing.

Keeping to the theme of 'Fisherman', we will be pleased to provide a **Fish and Chip Supper** for those who wish to eat before the film. The cost of the Fish Supper will be £9 + £5 for the film (£14 cash only). Please purchase your ticket for the Supper in advance (by **Friday 3**rd **March**) from The White House Stores. Film only tickets £5 (cash only) can be purchased in advance at the Store or unreserved tickets will be available on the door where contactless payment is an option.

Please arrive at New Victory Hall at 6.15pm if you are having the Supper. Otherwise come along at 7.00pm for 7.30pm film start. Refreshments will be available as usual. Please call Christine 01692 631347 if you have any queries.

Village Screen Team



NABS: Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs – Fri 3rd & Sat 4th March

Showtime is upon us and it has been a roller coaster to get here. It's so much fun to write, cast, direct and be on stage again. Thank you all so much for your continued support. Keep an eye out for us at the New Victory Hall's Easter Fayre on **Saturday 1**st **April**.

Also a date for your diary is our upcoming AGM on **Thursday 6th April** held at The New Victory Hall at 7.30pm. Please confirm if you would like to attend and also it would be great to have any new members come and join us. And if you fancy having your say and getting involved then new committee members are always welcome.

Lisa Seager, NABS Secretary

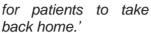
Knit and Stitch



Last month I included details about yellow blankets needed for the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital and at the time of

writing, Greta has delivered six beautiful knitted and crocheted blankets, all made by members of the group and we have received this very appreciative thank you note from the hospital:

'Please do send all of our thanks to your wonderful team who spent so many hours creating the beautiful blankets – they have been delivered to Mulbarton Ward who say a massive thank you. They will help provide both warmth, visual cueing for falls risks and also a wonderful warm blanket





We are continuing to make these blankets but there are many other opportunities to knit or crochet items for organisations and charities across

Norfolk - we have patterns and can supply wool and needles. If you would like to know more do join us. This month we will be meeting on Wednesdays, 8th and 22nd March, 7-9pm at the New Victory Hall. All welcome.

Don't forget the Makers Festival at the Forum in Norwich - lots to see and new crafts to try 11th-19th March https://norfolkmakersfestival.co.uk/.

Claire Penstone-Smith, 07760 643729, 01692 630580

From the Editor

The NIB is funded by our lovely advertisers and your donations - a huge thank you to all who have made donations throughout the year. We do appreciate that it's a difficult time for many but if you can help support the NIB, please use the little brown envelope (inside this edition) and leave us a donation in the box in the White House Stores - we would really be grateful. If you would prefer to donate by BACS, do please get in touch.

As ever, thanks to everyone for their articles and support for the NIB. As a magazine for the community, we aim to create the parish magazine that you, our readers, want to receive. Please do get in touch with any ideas or suggestions - we are very keen to have your feedback.

We have started a Dogs Lost and Found group on Whatsapp for the three villages: if you would like to be included, please let me know.

> Sue Clayton, Editor 07850 436211 nibeditor1@gmail.com



Neatishead, Barton Turf and District WI

INSPIRING WOMEN Our February meeting was also our AGM but, as usual, we started the meeting with a thrilling talk. Our speaker was Gavin Bickerton-Jones who is a professional wildlife photographer. He amazed us with the most stunning photos of his visit to Zimamga wildlife reserve in South Africa. His patience in getting the perfect shot has won him prizes but also allowed us to admire these beautiful birds and animals up close in a comfy chair.

Our AGM went ahead in the absence of our President. Dolly Newcombe stepped up and ran the meeting impeccably. The committee will remain with Sally Church taking on the role of President as Jo Macdougal stood down. Trophies were given to the following members: Barbara Pilcher for Bowling and Celia Scott for Competitions. Rosie Brown won this month's first prize for her wildlife photo (almost as good as Gavin's!).

Next month is our 90th birthday celebration where attendance is by invitation only. Don't be disappointed, you can always join us in April.

Sally Church



him.

White House Stores

Thank you to everyone who came along to the members' meeting. Our thanks also go to Val Khambatta and Christine Breden who have left the committee. Their hard work is much appreciated. We welcome Eric Hutchinson as our new Chair and look forward to working with

We do need one new committee member - could this be you?! Are you good at organising repairs and replacements? We need someone to be the 'Facilities' champion. If you're interested drop us an email to info@whitehousestores.co.uk.

We also need more volunteers, especially as we get busier with warmer weather on the way. We would love to stay open over the 30 minute lunch break but at the moment we don't have volunteer cover every day to be able to do this. Pop in and have a chat with us or call Chris Warren on 01692 631347 if you'd like to join us.

Margaret and shop & committee teams
White House Stores Community Shop 01692 631549
margaret@whitehousestores.co.uk



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

Dear NIBS readers, please check out our Flyer, advertising the Bowls Club. The Parish Council and the Village Shop have been extremely supportive, along with the NIB team. I think we've included all relevant information.

Our opening date for this season is **Saturday 15**th **April**, 1.30pm reception for a 2.00pm. start. We offer an open invitation to all, to visit the green at any time convenient to yourselves. Please contact me and I will make arrangements to show you around.

Look out for our display in the White House Stores window, during this month.

NIB articles, Chair *Cathy Smith* 07810 586551 Captain *Denver Gurney* 01603 783334

Barton Turf Bowls Club

The club held their AGM on 9th January at a well-attended meeting. The secretary reported it had been a successful year with a full programme of matches for the first time for a couple of years. Results were varied but matches very enjoyable. Unfortunately, this year we lost the Cox Cup. The club finances are healthy, a new treasurer was appointed as Wilf Gibbons stood down after filling the role for a number of years and the rest of the committee were reelected. All members had received the fixture sheet for the coming season and there will be further information about meeting in the NIB shortly. In the meantime, if anyone has any queries about joining the club, please phone me on 01692 536132.

Barbara Pilcher, Secretary



Community Gym

Your community Gym is holding a fund raising Bric a Brac sale on **Saturday 18th March** at New Victory

Hall between 10am and 12noon. Do tell you friends! Good quality Bric a Brac and tea and cakes available too!

Phil Johnson



Neatishead, Irstead and Barton Turf Community Heritage Group

A treat was in store for us last month when Maria Jordan, our Treasurer, gave a fascinating presentation on 'Textiles for a Monarch'. Maria - a highly experienced textile conservator, having worked for the Historic Royal Palaces based in Hampton Court, the Royal Collections Trust and in the National Trust conservation studio at Blickling Hall - told us that the monarchs down the years needed to show their status. majesty, authority. legitimacy. privilege and this was demonstrated in their richly coloured and embroidered clothing, tapestries and furnishings.

In the Great Hall at Hampton Court can be found a set of ten huge Brussels tapestries depicting stories from the life of the biblical prophet Abraham commissioned during the life of Henry VIII, which illustrated his dynastic ambitions through his son Edward. As with other fabrics, tapestries are prone to damage by dust, dirt, exposure to light, insect infestation and Maria was involved in conserving at least one of these tapestries to preserve it for another 100 years. She was also part of the team conserving the sumptuous Genoese velvet hangings with gold silver thread of James II's and commissioned in August 1688 and currently at the National Trust owned Knole Park in Kent this work took over 9 years.

Another project that took many hours to plan and execute was the conservation of Queen Elizabeth II's 1947 wedding dress. This Norman Hartnell-designed dress was due to be featured in The Queen's Golden Jubilee exhibition, but it was in a poor state having been exhibited in London and in 10 major towns and cities in the UK following the wedding and time had taken its toll. The fragile silk satin was painstakingly stabilised and repaired before being displayed again in 2002. What an engaging and captivating presentation – we'll never grumble again about sewing on a button!

Wednesday 15th March is the date for our next presentation 'Pilgrimage to the Holy Land' by Pauline Simpson. This is in aid of St Peter's Church and will take place at Neatishead School, 7.15 for 7.30pm, entry £5 which includes a glass of wine. All welcome.

Monica Riley, NIBCHG Secretary



Neatishead and Barton Preschool

This term, our children have been following the subject 'All About Me' and they have been learning

about the differences and similarities between us. It's been lovely to see how they see themselves with self-portraits and measuring how tall they all are. Over half term they have been set a task to highlight the importance of brushing their teeth. It's a great way to instill self-care. They will be continuing with this subject after half term and as we head towards the Easter holidays, they will start getting excited with Easter crafts and hopefully some chocolate (even more reason to brush those teeth). Please be aware that we will be running a fundraising Easter Squares leading up to the holidays, so come buy your squares and if anyone has any Easter based prizes they would like to donate, this would be greatly appreciated.

Finally, I would like to say a massive thank you to Joanne Wakeley and Georgina Grocott who have stepped down from the committee. Their time and skills will be missed.

Lisa Seager

Neatishead and Barton Preschool Chairperson



NIB Wildlife **Friendly Villages Group** Our AGM is on Wednesday

1st March 6.30pm to 7.30pm, in the Community room at NVH. If you would like to attend, please email us at wfv.nib@gmail.com to book a place.

On Wednesday 15th March (10am to 12 noon) monthly bioblitzes will resume at Barton Turf common/ponds. We're hoping to see new species now that light has been let in after clearance of excess reeds and leaf litter. If you'd like to join a bioblitz please email wfv.nib@gmail.com.

If you are interested in rewilding as a way to restore biodiversity you may like to support the charity Heal Rewilding which was set up 5 years ago with the aim of becoming the national rewilding charity, with a reserve in every county. They have recently purchased their first site - 460 acres Somerset. Please https://www.healrewilding.org.uk/ to find out more.

Sophia Hale-Sutton (Secretary)

Ashmanhaugh & Barton cricket season everyone at ABWCC is

Wanderers CC As we prepare for the start of the 2023

excited to build on recent successes.

Training for all teams will commence in April at Barton Turf, all sessions are outdoor, so this is weather permitting of course. Please keep an eye on ABWCC social media streams for exact start dates or contact joeverett333@gmail.com.

Junior Friday evening training is scheduled to start 14th April 2023 and is open to all junior players, new & old. This is a very social, family orientated, weekly event (right through the school holidays) where families are encouraged to stay. watch the children train with ECB qualified coaches and also enjoy the bar & bbg. Again, this is weather dependent so keep an eye on social media for updates.

We are delighted to be once again participating in the ECB All Stars initiative to encourage 5-8 year olds into outdoor sport: sign up online and receive your personalised kit. All Stars starts Fri 12th May, weekly at 5pm. Search ECB All Stars online and select Ashmanhaugh & Barton Wanderers CC as your provider.

We welcome all the new players who have joined in readiness for the 2023 season, when our 1st XI will take their place amongst the big-name clubs in the Premier League of the Norfolk Cricket Alliance – exciting times ahead for this village club.

Our players, especially our juniors, join us from all surrounding villages, some travelling much further; a testament to the friendly, welcoming, and professional atmosphere that's been created.

All new members are welcome, any age & any ability, just get in touch!

We also need your help!

Many local businesses sponsor the club and make use of our various advertising opportunities. Please get in touch for more information. We can promote your business via our boundary advertising boards, our fixture books and on our very active social media streams and on the live streamed home matches via YouTube which last year reached an international audience!

We'd love to hear from you or see you on the boundary to enjoy what is hopefully going to be a stellar vear for Ashmanhaugh & Wanderers CC!

Fixtures published soon.....

Jayne Everett



Platinum Jubilee Tree Planting

On 6th February 2023, the anniversary of Queen Elizabeth's accession to the throne, the sky was blue, the sun shining and

there was a wonderful turn out of residents as a commemorative tree was planted in each of our three villages.

It had been planned that these trees would be planted to mark the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth of 2022. but thev now commemorate Her Late Majesty's long and dedicated life and service. We should like to express our thanks to Louis Baugh, Deputy Lieutenant, representing the Norfolk Lieutenancy. and each of the children who assisted with the tree planting: Lenny at Barton Staithe and Cecily and Milly at Irstead Staithe, while at Neatishead Recreation Ground it was lovely to share the occasion with all the children from Neatishead Primary School where Jessica helped plant the tree. Lenny, Cecily, Milly and Jessica were the voungest children from each of the villages who attend the school. The trees were then each blessed by The Rev'd Taylor Wilton-Morgan and prayers said. The trees, an oak in Barton Turf, white beam in Irstead and a copper beech in Neatishead, form part of the Queen's Green Canopy, a project launched in March 2021, involving the planting of one million trees, under the patronage of our new King and together with the commemorative tree surrounds were funded by the two Parish Councils and community donations. This was the culmination of the villages' Platinum Jubilee events and thanks were given to everyone who had contributed to, and taken part in, the wonderful community jubilee celebrations of 2022.

Michael Godfrey, Chair, Neatishead Parish Council Glenn Neave, Chair, Barton Turf & Irstead Parish Council



Irstead



Barton Turf



Neatishead



Neatishead



Weather

As reported last month, Peter Mills has left the area and is no longer able to provide weather information.

Howard Clayton is compiling data for a report in our next issue but asks me to let you know he is no expert and is hoping someone else might come forward!

Sue Clayton

Neatishead Parish Council

Neatishead Parish Council are delighted that the planting of the village's jubilee tree at the recreation ground was such a wonderful representation of what a fantastic community the parish is. The planting saw a substantial turnout from local residents, pupils and teachers from the school, councillors, Louis Baugh Deputy Lieutenant and the Rev'd Taylor Wilton-Morgan. At the time of writing the installation of the tree guard was imminent and once completed shall allow the tree to flourish and grow alongside the children who helped plant it.

February's meeting saw a comparatively large public attendance owing to various planning applications on the agenda with a high interest to residents:

PF/22/2248 for a new irrigated reservoir on Land South of Norwich Road (Cangate) understandably has raised concerns with local residents on the scale and impact of the development. Project partners Tim Place from R & JM Place Ltd and Louis Baugh of Neatishead Hall attended the meeting and explained how and why the reservoir was fundamental to the future of local farming. Reassurances were made about the proven track record of the safety of this type of reservoir and the councillors voted all in favour of the application.

There were three applications for developments at Street Hill Farm, PF/23/0209, PF23/0210 and PF/23/0211 which involved the erection of a new amenity building to improve the facilities for the caravan site, the erection of a new building to house agricultural machinery, the demolition of an existing garage with the conversion of an outbuilding to ancillary residential use and change of use of land to residential curtilage. The applicant confirmed her intention to re-open the campsite. Concerns were raised about the size and intended use of the outbuildings. The councillors voted that there were no objections to these applications at this stage.

Please note that approval of planning applications is made by North Norfolk District Council, the parish council's role is limited only to make comments on the application.

The staithe is closed for continued maintenance work by the Broads Authority, and this is expected to continue well into spring. Councillors are mindful of the disruption the works are causing on the landscape of the staithe and reassurances are being sought on plans to leave the area in an acceptable condition.

The council has been notified that masonry repairs to the bridge at The Street, following the traffic collision last summer, are planned between **Monday 15th – Friday 26th May 2023**. The road will be closed but enquiries are being made to see if pedestrian access will be possible during this time.

Local elections are due to take place in May this year with nomination packs available for applicants in late March. The parish council has held a vacant seat for some time and interested parties are encouraged to apply. More information about the role can be requested from the parish clerk at neatishead.parish@gmail.com.

Laura Bateman



Wherry Charity Launches 2023 Programme of Norfolk Broads Sailings

Bookings are now being taken to sail the Norfolk Broads this summer in a traditional Edwardian passenger wherry. Only eight of these vessels are still in existence - five of which have been restored and are maintained and operated by Wherry Yacht Charter Charitable Trust.

Income generated from their just-published programme of scheduled sailings and bespoke charters helps preserve the historic wherries for the future while allowing current generations to enjoy the unique experience of sailing in them.

Day trips are available on various dates between 5th May and 30th September, setting off from a number of Broadland locations including Wroxham, Stalham, Ludham, How Hill and Dilham. Some sailings stop at local nature reserves and tourist attractions while others include lunch or supper. In addition to scheduled trips, up to 12 people can charter a wherry for the day or a longer period of time for a family gathering, special occasion or event - with refreshments provided if required.

Each wherry has a fully trained skipper and crew who are all volunteer members of Wherry Yacht Charter. Behind the scenes more volunteers help maintain the wherries, take part in fundraising activities and undertake administrative roles.

Visit www.wherryyachtcharter.org to view the 2023 sailing programme, make a booking or to find out more about Wherry Yacht Charter and how to become a volunteer or Friend of the charity.

Alison Eaton

Wildlife Notes

February has been a quiet month for interesting wildfowl on Barton Broad but Alderfen has had a good number of species with 30–40 Coot, Mallard, Gadwall, Teal, Wigeon, Tufted

Duck and Shoveler all being present together with the Mute Swans and Great Crested Grebes.

The resident pair of swans appear to have driven away



Teal - Jon Kelf

last year's brood of youngsters as the 4 juvenile birds which have been present all winter have disappeared. I was pleased to see a solitary male Pochard on the broad and witnessed a Peregrine drift over and soar above the broad, both of which were new ticks on my '2023 list of birds seen walking from home'. A small group of Taiga Bean geese have been on the grazing marshes at Ludham Bridge, a scarce winter visitor to Britain. I heard my first Skylark singing on the 15th February on a mild sunny morning and saw my first displaying pair of Grebes the same morning, both good signs of approaching spring.



Long-tailed tit - Jon Kelf

Early nesting birds such as Rooks, Herons, and Mistle Thrushes will have already been busy sorting out old nests and pairs of

Tailed

Long

Tits will soon be building their intricate nest balls formed of lichens held together by spider thread. Herons nest early as they time the hatching of their chicks with the emergence of frogs from hibernation, an easy food source.

March will see the arrival of our first summer visitors and whilst most of you will be familiar with the members of the warbler family, the Chiffchaff and the Blackcap, it is also the month that the Garganey arrives. Garganey are small, Teal sized duck which visit the southern half of Britain and only number about 100 pairs annually. The males are striking with a broad white supercilia (eye stripe) above their brown face, grey and brown plumage with a green wing panel. They are quite shy birds and prefer small flooded areas rather

than big expanses of water although I have twice seen pairs drop onto Barton Broad at migration time.

On warm sunny days in March look out for the Dark-edged Bee-fly as they hover in front of flowers with a long proboscis, emitting a bee like whine from a brown furry body. Easily confused with a small bumble bee, as is the Hairy-Footed

flower bee, which loves tubular flowers like Lungwort, the females being almost black in colour compared with the tawny coloured males.

My Blue Tits have started inspecting my camera nest box – I will let you know how things progress.



Bee fly - Jon Kelf

Jerry Simpson 01692 630674 simpsoni24@btinternet.com

Come for a row on The Broads with Blakeney Rowing Club.

Blakeney Rowing Club has its winter home at Cox's Boatyard, near Barton Broad, until the end of March. There have been many enjoyable outings for club members and guests throughout a busy winter of rowing. You may have seen our immaculate four-oared skiff heading off down the River Ant. It's great fun to explore the waterways and to view the beautiful scenery with its wildlife. See some great pictures of these expeditions on the club web site at crablakeney.wordpress.com.

Why not come along and be part of the fun? No previous experience is required. Regular rowers are always on hand to give coaching and assistance when needed. If you are interested, then contact Humphrey at hborqnis@icloud.com. You can also speak to a member of Blakeney Rowing Club when you see them near the skiff.

Follow us on Instagram and on Facebook.

Hope to see you soon.

Barry Howes

Wroxham Library



Below are some of the events and services we offer but see our

Facebook page or call the library on 01603 782560.

- NEW Chess. Last Thursday of the month, 30th March, 10.30 - midday. Beginners welcome.
- Lego and Art club. Every Wednesday 3.30
 4.30pm. Put your building skills to the test or relax and get creative at our combined Lego and Art Club. For children aged 5-11. Under 8s must be accompanied.
- Knit and Natter not just for knitters! Bring your embroidery, textile, or crochet project along to our informal gathering. Thursday 2nd March 2.00- 4.00pm and Thursday 16th March 2.00 4.00pm.
- Crib Club (Cribbage card game) new players welcome - Thursday 9th March 2.00-4:00pm. Please bring your own board and cards if you have them.
- Scrabble Club Last Thursday of each month from 2.00-4.00pm, Thursday 30th March. All welcome.
- Thinking of starting up or growing your own business? As a local Business and IP Centre, we have free access to a wide range of business resources at Wroxham library. Find out more at: www.norfolk.gov.uk/bipcnorfolk.
- Just a Cuppa, every Tuesday 10.00 –
 12pm. Come along for a friendly chat over a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit.
- Our Bounce and Rhyme sessions take place on Wednesdays at 10.30am. No need to book just drop in and sing along!
- Story Explorers is a reading adventure for children aged 0 – 5. To sign up and find out more, simply visit the library and speak to a member of staff.
- Family History Use our free access to Find My Past any time the library is open. Drop-in on Wednesday and Friday evenings between 4.00pm and 6.00pm to get advice from Diane, our family and local history expert.
- Book one 60 or 120 minute session per day on a computer. Contact the library on 01603 782560.
- Return items through the drop box or selfservice kiosks.

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- Use our self-service Baby Weigh Scales on request.

Housebound Library Service

If you are unable to get out to the library to get your library books, we can bring them to you! Details from the library.

Our normal opening hours are below, though please check for updates on our Facebook and Webpages. We have further extended our opening hours with the Open Library service – contact the library for more information.

Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 10 - 7
Wednesday: 10- 7
Thursday: 10-7
Friday: 10-7
Saturday: 10- 4
Sunday: Closed

Please visit our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/wroxhamlibraryofficial for updates on events and activities.

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News from Wroxham Bure Valley Rotary Club

Following our successful recent charity collections, we have been able to make the following donations: £3000 to East Anglia Air Ambulance, £1000 to each of the Fresh Start Beginnings: the Norfolk Community Foundation: the Norwich Food Bank; and the Motor Neurone Disease Association. Also, in response to the recent earthquake disaster in Turkey and Syria we have funded a Shelterbox and sent a similar sum to the Rotary Foundation Disaster Relief Fund. This last one works through local Rotary Clubs in the affected area to ensure all funds are put to the best possible use and are free from any corrupt influences.

Looking ahead, we have an obvious need to replenish our charity funds and we are supporting a 'meet the farmer' day at Wroxham Barns in May as well as manning the entrance gates at the Strumpshaw Steam Fair on 27th-29th May. May will be a busy month as we are delighted to report that after a 2-year gap, we will be going ahead with the schools Technology Tournament at Broadland Academy on 10th May.

Once again, we are planning to sponsor a local youngster to attend the week long Rotary Young Leader Course at Grafham Water in August, and meanwhile members continue to help man the local warm hub at the Hub in Wroxham and to help with immigrant refugees around Norwich.

Don't forget to keep your eyes out for our displays of purple crocuses around the villages this month. and meanwhile our weekly meetings at Wroxham Barns continue with a range of fascinating speakers over the coming weeks. You can support us and the many local and international charities we donate to, through the Broadland Council Lottery Scheme - simply go online (www.communityatheartlottery.com) and sign up, selecting Wroxham Bure Valley Rotary Club as your chosen cause. You can also support us directly by visiting our page on the www.totalgiving.co.uk website.

Meantime remember, in the true Rotary spirit of 'Service above Self' we have members ready and willing to help out in the local community wherever the need arises. If you fancy joining us for a vibrant, sociable, active, and fun club experience, please contact our president, Robin Baines, on 01603 782920 or 07721 465647.

Peter Milstead

Wroxham & Hoveton Lions Club



The nights are drawing out and Spring is nearly here. At the end of February, members and quests attended the

Club's 47th annual Charter dinner at the Hotel Wroxham. Only 3 years to go until the milestone of our half century serving the community, by helping deserving causes and those less fortunate. We are so grateful for all support from residents in our area, so a big thank you to all those who've donated to our fundraising activities.

Our first 2023 fund raising event is a Craft Fair on **Sunday 12**th **March** at Broadland Youth and Community Centre, Stalham Road, Hoveton. 10am to 3pm. Admission is free and refreshments are available. So why not come along and see the wide variety of local crafts available, all at reasonable prices, with something for everyone.

The Club has recently purchased 3 generators, which are being sent to Ukraine to help families who have no power. In total 110 generators are being taken there by a party of volunteers. Additionally, we have also sent a donation to our International Foundation to help with supporting the people of Turkey and Syria in the aftermath of the horrendous earthquake there.

A date for your diaries - Our annual summer Charity Village Fete this year, is being held on **Sunday 6th August** at Hoveton Village Hall and Playing Field, 10am to 4pm. Bookings for all pitches (including craft pitches both inside the hall and outside), as well as Classic vehicles, are now being taken. However, availability of inside pitches is now very limited. Forms can be downloaded by going to our website www. wroxhamandhovetonlions.org and clicking on the link 'Fundraising Events' or alternatively by telephoning Lion Mike Clipston on 07767 810027.

Our charity shop continues to be busy. We still need donations of good, clean items, especially bric-a-brac. If you're having a sort out, or downsizing, please bear us in mind. You can drop items at the shop, or call either 01603 783737 or me on 07850 091570 and we'll arrange collection. We respectfully ask for any clothing donations to please be clean and in a saleable condition.

We always welcome new members. If you've any spare time and would like to put it to good use and give something back into your community, why not think about joining us — interested? Please give me a call 07850 091570 or contact our membership chair-person, Lion Lydia Spight, via our 'Learn More' link on web site www.wroxhamandhovetonlions.org.

Lion Terry Vout, President



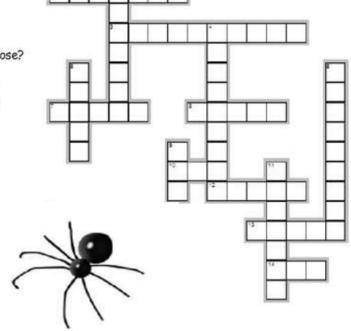
Animals Crossword

Across

- 1. What bird can't fly and eats fish?
- 3. What animal starts with "r" and has a horn on its nose?
- 7. What animal has humps on its back?
- 8. What animal is small, with big ears and a long tail?
- 10. What bird sleeps in the day and is awake at night?
- 12. How many legs do spiders have?
- 13. What animal has black and white stripes?
- 14. What insect starts with "a"?

Down

- 2. What is the tallest animal in the world?
- 4. What reptile has lots of teeth and a long tail?
- 5. What reptile is long and thin and has no legs?
- 6. What country do kangaroos live in?
- 9. What animal says 'moo'?
- 11. What is the fastest mammal in the world?







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DEADLINE FOR THE APRIL EDITION - 19th March 2023

Diary Dates for March 2023

Wednesday	1 st	10.10am 11.15am 7.30pm	Mobile Library, Pitt Corner, Neatishead NR12 8BT Mobile Library, Council Houses, Ashmanhaugh NR12 8YL NIB Wildlife Friendly Villages Group AGM, NVH
Thursday	2 nd	2 - 4pm	Knit & Natter, Wroxham Library. Not just for knitters!
Friday	3 rd	10.30am	World Day of Prayer, St Helen's Catholic Church, Hoveton
	3 rd	7pm	NABS 'Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs'
Saturday	4 th	7pm	NABS 'Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs'
Monday	6 th	7 for 7.30pm	Village Screen Cinema 'Fisherman's Friends' (111 mins 12A) NVH
,			Including optional Fish & Chips, tickets at White House Stores
Wednesday	8 th	7 - 9pm	Knit & Stitch, Community Room, NVH
,	8 th	10.15am	Mobile Library, Pennygate, Barton Turf NR12 8BE
		10.35am	Mobile Library, Ex-Post Office, Barton Turf NR12 8BB
		10.55am	Mobile Library, Staithe Road, Barton Turf NR12 8AZ
Thursday	9 th	9.30 - midday	Friends & Neighbours Club, NVH
Friday	10 th	10am	Barton & Irstead Church Fete planning meeting, Barton Hall
Saturday	11 th	9am	Tools With A Mission, NVH
	11 th	9 - noon	Community Market & Café, NVH
Sunday	12 th	10am – 3pm	Wroxham & Hoveton Lions Craft Fair, Broadland Youth & Community Centre
Monday	13 th	2pm	Horning Flower Club, Old Rectory, Crostwick
Wednesday	15 th	7.00pm	Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Neatishead School
	15 th	2pm	WI, NVH
	15 th	7.00pm	St Peter's Church Fundraising Event, Neatishead Primary School
Thursday	16 th	2 - 4pm	Knit & Natter, Wroxham Library. Not just for knitters!
Friday	17 th	7.00pm	NVH Quiz Night
Saturday	18 th	10 - noon	Coffee Morning, St Michael and All Angels, Barton Turf
Sunday	19 th		Deadline for April Edition of The NIB
Monday	20 th	7 - 10pm	Gardening Club
Wednesday	22 nd	7 - 9pm	Knit & Stitch, Community Room, NVH
Thursday	23 rd	9.30 - midday	
Friday	24 th	9.30am	Church Clean, St Michael and All Angels, Barton Turf
Saturday	25 th		Hope Café, Neatishead Baptist Church NR12 8YF
		9.30am	Church Clean, St Michael and All Angels, Barton Turf

Future Dates

1 st April	2 til 4pm Easter Fair, NVH
3 rd April	Village Screen, 'See How They Rui

3rd June Barton & Irstead Church Fete, Barton Hall

For the **New Victory Hall** regular activities weekly programme see their website, 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@whitehousestores.co.uk

• White Horse Inn - The Street, Neatishead, NR12 8AD, 01692 630828

Parish Council Clerks

- Barton & Irstead: Diane Sherwood, 07867 422925
- 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 Mar	9.30am 11am	HC(BCP) Barton Turf MP Neatishead HC Horning MP Ashmanhaugh
12 th Mar	9.30 am	BHC Horning
19 th Mar	9.30am	MP Horning HC Barton Turf HC(BCP) Irstead
26 th Mar	9.30am 9.30am 11am	HC Horning HC Irstead HC Ashmanhaugh EP Barton Turf

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

BHC: Benefice Holy Communion

Midweek Services:

Holy Communion, Neatishead, 10.30am every Tuesday, all welcome.

Morning Prayer, At St Michael & All Angels' 9:50am every Thursday, all welcome.

Parish Church Wardens

Neatish	ead	Pauline	Simpson	01692	630674
Irstead		David M	urrells	01692	631427
Barton	Turf	Barbara	Pilcher	01692	536132

Neatishead Baptist Church

10.30am	World Day of Prayer, St
	Helen's, Hoveton
10.30am	Communion service led by
	Val Khambatta
10am	Prayer Meeting
10.30am	Service led by Rev Neville
	Khambatta
2pm	Fellowship Meeting
11am	Service at Broadacres
	Nursing home
10.30am	Service led by David Moore
10am	Hope Café
10.30am	Service led by John Leaf
2pm	Fellowship Meeting
	10.30am 10am 10.30am 2pm 11am 10.30am 10am 10.30am

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, **24**th and **28**th **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 9.IP.

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. Imhoward100@btinternet.com.

Do join us for any, or all the following services:

5th Mar 10.30am Service, including Holy Communion, led by Rev David Bradburn

12th Mar 10.30am Service led by Rev Carole Pearl, followed by Church Meeting.

19th Mar 10.30am Service for Mothering Sunday

led by Mr Ron Wade.

26th Mar 10.30am 10.30 Service

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. Then from 12 until 3pm we are a 'Warm Space' with soup, bread, biscuits available and table top games.

We look forward to seeing friends old and new. Secretary: Lynne Howard, 01603 738835 Imhoward100@btinternet.com



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