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THE BENEFICE OF ST BENEDICT

What we do in church and why?

Every Sunday morning in at least one of our churches across the Benefice we celebrate Holy Communion or what is sometimes also called a Eucharist/Mass/Lord's Supper.

During the Eucharist we use words that the Church has been using since its very formation nearly 2000 years ago, as we come together as a worshipping community to receive Jesus Christ through the elements of bread and wine. Our Holy Communion services also include important symbols and physical movements by both the congregation and also the priest to help give full expression to our worship and to show our respect for the gift of being able to celebrate and receive Holy Communion.

However, have you ever wondered why the priest was doing that? Why do we say that? Why are they wearing that?

Well thankfully all these questions and many more will be answered in this year's Lent course. In our course we will explore what happens during our services and why they happen and hopefully answer those questions that maybe you have wanted to ask for a while.

We shall meet every Wednesday during Lent at the New Victory Hall in Neatishead at 1.30pm. Refreshments will be provided. The first session will be on **Wednesday 14**th **February**, I hope to see you there.

Praised be Christ,

Revd Ben

Children's Ministry 2024

I am pleased to announce that the benefice is launching a range of different children's activities this year starting with a Teddy Bear's Picnic and Parachute on **Sunday 25th February** (more details can be found in this issue). We are also planning a pet service and a summer outdoors service and many other exciting events! We will also be launching a fortnightly Sunday school at Neatishead from March. Please do support and encourage others to support these services which will hopefully ensure that the Church continues its mission to minister to all the different ages in our community.

Praised be Christ,

Revd Ben



TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC & PARACHUTE

Sunday 25th February 4pm St Michael and All Angels, Barton Turf

Do join us and bring along your favourite teddy for our special service.

Picnic food will be provided for humans and teddies! Watch your teddy fly as they parachute from the top of the church tower!

ALL WELCOME

St Michael and All Angels', Barton Turf

It was good to welcome so many people to our events over the Christmas period. Thanks particularly must go the readers on Christmas Day who were all excellent as usual.

Two dates for your diaries: **Tuesday 6th February** is our monthly work party at the church and in the churchyard. We would be delighted to see some new members, no gardening experience necessary! The morning runs from 9.30am until noon and refreshments are served part way through. Do come and join us if you can as more hands make light work.

The February coffee morning is on **Saturday 17**th **February** from 10am until noon, as usual. We really appreciate the support that you give the monthly coffee morning, whatever the weather, and it is a really good occasion to catch up with old friends and have a good chat.

Barbara Pilcher, Churchwarden

St Peter's, Neatishead

The posters said 'Medieval and Tudor mirth and merriment in Words and Music' and that is exactly what we had at St Peter's Church on the evening of 9th December. This event was very well supported, including some who perhaps wondered whether or not it would live up to its billing, well it most certainly did! On behalf of St Peter's Church bell restoration fund we thank you for buying tickets or making donations, one such donation paid the performers fees and this resulted in the grand total of £2,044 raised. There is a thought to ask them to perform again and if they do, look out for the Crumhorn. The parking was a bit difficult but with willing hands and dirty shoes all bar one managed to leave that evening. The one left overnight was rescued with additional family members pushing it the following morning and I am delighted to say that the owner thoroughly enjoyed the evening!

Nick Fowle - Churchwarden

We sincerely thank our flower arranging team for making the church look so beautiful as always this Christmas, but also for throughout the year – we do sincerely appreciate it. It was lovely to see so many people in attendance at our midnight service, thank you for joining us.

Before Christmas we had to have felled two of our broad-leaved lime trees in the interests of public safety and therefore, we now have two large piles of wood to distribute. If anyone would like to have any of this wood and have access to a chainsaw please let Nick or myself know to arrange a time. A donation towards our bell tower restoration would obviously be appreciated.

Pauline Simpson, Churchwarden 07818 599303

St Michael's, Irstead

It was lovely to welcome so many of you from within the Benefice and beyond to what was an extremely happy and lively Crib Service at St Michael's on Christmas Eve. Pass the parcel will never be quite the same. With the crib assembled we sang 'Away in a Manger' with our glow sticks illuminating the church. As a result of the retiring collection taken a donation of £300 has been sent to the Childrens Society. St Michael's PCC would, on behalf of the Society, wish to thank all those who gave so generously.

David Murrells, Churchwarden



St. Michael's Church, Irstead Re-ridging Appeal

Save the Dates

Saturday 15th June Open Garden Grove House Irstead 2-5pm

Wednesday 4th September Talk by Mick Aldred, thatcher St Michael's Church, 5.30-7pm

Full Details to follow



Winter Warmer

What could be nicer on a cold winter's lunchtime than a bowl of hot homemade soup slurped (sorry, sipped!) in the company of companions and friends – finished with a home-made

biscuit and a nice cup of tea? These Winter Warmers started on a Tuesday at New Victory Hall

last winter, were re-started in November of this year and will continue until the end of February 2024.

This year, Nick and Jane have slightly streamlined the set-up by organising a band of helpers each week to provide a cauldron of soup of their choice to be served with a roll and butter, followed by biscuits and a welcome cup of tea or coffee. In the past donations collected on the day covered the cost of room hire. This year Doreen Dean, as Chairman of the New Victory Hall, worked her way through the paperwork and successfully applied for a grant from the Norfolk Community Foundation Hot Spot Fund. This will contribute towards the cost of running our Community Hot-Spot, which gives a warm welcome to the whole community. offering a warm space for people to take a break from the cold and connect with others over the winter months. Modest donations are still given to help offset the cost of the refreshments.

So, thank you to Jane and Nick for their original idea, and all the subsequent helpers, for bringing a warm glow in so many ways to so many people who have come along.

Monica Riley (who had to dust down her carrot and coriander soup recipe to play her part on two occasions).

Lent Lunches

Each year in St Benet's Hall in Horning, the church holds six lunches during the season of Lent. These lunches are not times of hymn singing or prayer or sermons; they are simply an opportunity for anyone who would like to, to gather for a simple soup, sandwich and fruit lunch which is free of charge, but invites those who attend to contribute to a named charity for the day. The lunches run from midday until around 1.15pm and will take place on the following dates:

16th **February** Charity: Barnabas Aid, a charity working across the world through Christian organisations for food relief, disaster emergencies and support for the persecuted church.

23th February Charity: CCN, the Community Chaplaincy Norwich, which trains and supports volunteer mentors to walk alongside prison leavers, offering practical support as they begin to rebuild their lives.

1st March Charity: Nancy Oldfield Trust, a local charity in Neatishead which provides opportunities for people with disabilities and disadvantages to go

on the water. This year is their 40th anniversary and the major project is to renovate a newly acquired boat, Hazel, to be based in Norwich.

8th **March** Charity: Tariro, a small charity supported by our new vicar, Ben Bradshaw, working in Zimbabwe to pay for children and young people to have an education.

15th March Charity: Samaritans. Every 10 seconds Samaritans respond to a call for help. Volunteers are available on the phone 24 hours a day. Funding supports the volunteer training, phone costs and premises.

22nd March Charity: the Bishop's Lent Appeal, which this year is raising money to provide water tanks for ordinands' homes at Newton Theological College, Papua New Guinea.

lan Johnson



Our NIB is funded both by our advertisers and donations from you, our readers. We take this opportunity to say a huge thank

you to all who have already made a kind donation this year. We really do appreciate your support. We also understand that costs are rising, and belts are being tightened; we are also looking to manage our costs whilst continuing to look for ways to further improve our local magazine. If you would like to make a donation, please use the enclosed envelope for cash/cheque and pop it in the box at the White House Stores, or send a bank transfer to the NIB account:

Account name: The NIB
Bank sort code: 20-99-21
Account: 70660744

If you choose to send a bank transfer, please note that the full account name is 'The N.I.B. Barton Turf Neatishead & Irstead Parish Magazine' but your banking app should accept the abbreviation 'The NIB' (a lot less typing!). Some bank apps will ask if this is Business or Personal account – it is a business account.

Meanwhile, thank you to everyone for your articles and support. Our NIB magazine sets out to serve our community and we are always looking for ways in which we can better serve you and we welcome your feedback and ideas.

Mandy Parks, Treasurer 07547697010 nibfinancials@gmail.com



Bands Together Saturday 17th February 2024 7.30pm - 11.00pm

brilliantly. A huge thank you to every single one of you as without your help this event would just not happen.

Doreen Dean

By popular demand, following a hugely enjoyable evening last year, we are delighted BANDS TOGETHER - The Siege, The Neatishead & Ludham Ukelele Band and Dog House will be returning to The New Victory Hall for another evening of singalong and dancing to iconic 60's and 70's music.

Doors open at 7pm in time to visit the bar and get a table before the music starts. Tickets are £7.50 and should be purchased in advance from The White House Stores Community Shop.

Bring your dancing shoes and have a fantastic evening while raising money for The East Anglian Air Ambulance and the New Victory Hall!

Events Committee

Christmas Fair

The Fair was a great success and a good start to Christmas festivities. Santa and his elves came to visit and brought a gift for all the young people. Owing to the great support from those who ran the refreshments, the wonderful stalls and those who came to buy, a record sum of £2,157 was raised for NVH funds. Many thanks as this enables the Trustees to keep the village hall running well.

Wherry Band Christmas Evening

Many thanks to the band for another good evening of festive music.

The BIG Community Breakfast 2024

138 people came for breakfast on a lovely sunny Saturday morning in January. What a happy sound their chatter made in the hall as they ate their way through: 288 rashers of bacon, 150 eggs, 150 hash browns, 150 sausages, 22 cans of beans, mushrooms and toast with goodness knows how many mugs of tea and coffee!! It was a great occasion. The breakfast raised £1.176.01 and a further £446.33 was raised from donations, giving a total of £1,613.34. This has been donated on a 50/50 basis to the Parish Councils to install additional defibrillators in each parish. defibrillator and cabinet costs about £1,500, so each Council should, if successful with a matched funding grant, be able to install an additional unit in each parish fairly soon. The Breakfast was so successful because of the generosity of several local businesses who donated ingredients for the breakfast plus the great team of volunteers who came together to cook, serve and wash-up so

Big Breakfast - A Big Thank You

Wow! What a tremendous morning Saturday 13th January turned out to be. The generosity of everyone was simply fantastic. From the suppliers that gave their goods for free to all those that put this great morning together either up front or behind the scenes, THANK YOU. To all of you who were able to get tickets to support this great fund raiser, THANK YOU. I feel that the funds raised going to local defibrillators was a great idea by the New Victory Hall Committee so a big THANK YOU for that decision. The smiles from everyone leaving were a joy as was their generosity to the donation buckets which made up £446.33 of the total. THANK YOU.

At Barton Turf and Irstead we have embarked on a programme of trying to get three new defibrillators installed in our villages. The first has already been installed and is just awaiting commissioning at Irstead Staithe. May I also add our thanks to the Broads Authority and local residents for their help with its installation. Our next two are to be installed in Pennygate and at Point Farm, Barton Turf. If anybody would either like to donate towards these lifesaving units or wish to do any fundraising or suggest ideas for fundraising, please give me a call on 07885 706493.

Once again, THANK YOU ALL.

Glenn Neave, Chairman Barton Turf & Irstead PC

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of



Knit & Stitch

the month in the Dolly Newcombe Community Room of the New Victory Hall from 7-9pm. Entry is £1.50 to cover the cost of hiring the room. We are a very informal group with a common interest of knitting, crochet, embroidery, patchwork, applique or anything that you can carry in your craft bag and bring along. There is always someone there to give advice on projects and I can always help with crochet patterns. We have lots of knitting magazines if you want some ideas to get you started or there are some super craft and yarn shops not too far away. We will be meeting in February on 14th and 28th and look forward to seeing you or get in touch if you would like to know more.

Claire Penstone-Smith, claireps@btinternet.com 07760 643739, 01692 630580

Bridge Club



Every Friday morning at 9.30am about 40 lost souls gather at NVH to pit their wits against each other in the world's

hardest card game. 31/2 hours later they have puzzled over 21 hands, consumed tea and biscuits and had a very sociable morning with lots of talk and laughter. Some will even go home with prizes of excellent chocolate for performing feats of mental derring-do. By the time they leave the building, the results of the morning's competition will be on our website along with details of all the hands played.

The game is Bridge, sometimes known as Contract Bridge. Some of you may have heard of the game, or even play it. However, for most people it is an unknown. So, what I am going to do over the next few issues of the NIB is to give you some idea of what the game is about, hopefully stirring your curiosity enough to give it a try yourself.

In principle, the game is simple: all you need is a standard 52 card deck (no jokers) and 4 people. It is the latter requirement that causes most problems. The game is a development of Whist, so if you are familiar with that game, you have a head start. It differs from Whist in several ways though. It is a partnership game - you and your partner play together against another partnership pair. Partners sit opposite each other across a rectangular table whose 4 sides are referred to as North, East, South and West. The North/South pair play against the East/West pair. A game starts with all 52 cards being dealt out, so each player has 13 cards. Then the fun begins.

To find out what happens next, you'll have to read the next issue of the NIB!

There are two Bridge clubs locally. Horning Bridge Club meets on Monday evenings at Horning Village Hall and/or Thursday afternoons at Hoveton Community Centre. Neatishead Bridge Group meets at NVH on Friday mornings. The Horning club is suitable for people who can play Bridge and have played duplicate Bridge. Neatishead is suitable for people who can play Bridge but may be new to duplicate Bridge. For more information about either Horning or Neatishead contact Jim Fletcher on 07565 507060 (I'm on WhatsApp).

If you want to learn Bridge from scratch or need to brush up, contact Matt Jackson on 07845 658131. Jim Fletcher



Village Screen

Our first film for the 2024 season is the comedy/drama Scrapper (2023 Cert 12A mins), winner of the Grand Jury Prize at The Sundance Film Festival. This film is the moving and frequently hilarious story of two emotionally entangled people: a grieving 12 year old girl thrust into adulthood and a father finding difficulty in coping.

We look forward to welcoming you to the New Victory Hall on Monday 5th February at 7pm for 7.30pm where coffee/tea/biscuits are available for £1. Tickets are £6 from The White House Stores (cash only) and advance booking is preferred by calling Christine on 631347. Contactless payment is an option for unreserved tickets on the door. There will be two films in March – see the diary dates page!

Wishing all our supporters a very Happy New Year. Village Screen Team



Barton Turf Bowls Club

The bowls club held their annual dinner on the evening of 14th December at Meales Restaurant where we were served some exceptional food.

The two cups won this year were on display and the award for the Best Newcomer went to Martin Johnson, many congratulations to him.

The evening was a most enjoyable occasion, bringing the season to a satisfying end.

Barbara Pilcher, Secretary



Gardening Club

Our club is far from a backward looking one - it just so happens that in our programme for this year, 'history' appears three times!

This month we have an intriguing talk on the 'History Beneath your Feet'. Then later in the year 'History of the Medlar' and after that 'History of Sea Palling Lifeboats'. But for now, gardeners will be looking forward.

What varieties of peas and carrots should we be sowing, and should we switch to an untried new potato? Will a late frost catch us out? Do we let more of the garden benefit wildlife, or do we prioritise food production?

One thing we look forward to is our supper and social evening, accompanied by colourful (and fragrant) entries in the Spring Flower Show. The

list of classes of daffodils, tulips, snowdrops, perennials and flowering shrubs will be available at the February meeting.

In the summer there'll be a garden party and a garden visit vet to be confirmed. Other meetings will focus on sweet peas, vegetable growing and planting for wildlife.

Don't forget - if you are not a member you can try us out at a meeting (£4 for the evening).

Wendy Price



Neatishead, Irstead and Barton Turf Community Heritage Group

This year is the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day Normandy Landings which will be commemorated on 6th June.

To coincide with this NIBCHG will be organising a display at the New Victory Hall on the afternoon of Sunday 9th June and we would like to include as much information as we can about those men and women from our three villages who served their country during WW2. Service records for WW2 are not easily accessible but we do have two documents which list the names of those men and women (72 in total) who served from Neatishead (on display in the Dolly Newcombe Community Room at the NVH) and from Irstead, but not from Barton Turf.

We would therefore be grateful to hear from anyone who has any information, however brief, about those from the any of the villages who served during WW2 and especially from Barton Turf. If you don't have family connections to the villages but do have a relative who you know was involved in the D-Day Landings and would like to share their story, please get in touch with us, in order that we may include this in our displays.

Men and women were conscripted to serve at varying times throughout WW2 but with the 'Dig for Victory' campaign launched in 1940 and the shortage of food which ensued as the war progressed some of those working in farming and agriculture were exempt from being called up.

With much of the land surrounding our three villages having been used for food production during the war, we look forward to a presentation by Louis Baugh of Neatishead Hall, entitled Past, Present Future' 'Farming and on Wednesday 6th March, 7.30pm, at Neatishead School. Everyone is welcome.

This will be an opportunity for NIBCHG Friends to renew their membership for 2024 and for new Friends to join.

If you would like more information about the group before then, please come and see us at the Community Market on **Saturday** February where there will be a historical display about the villages' farms. We look forward to seeing you.

Claire Penstone-Smith, claireps@btinternet.com 07760 643739, 01692 630580

FONS

Friends of **Neatishead School**

Thank you all for anyone who supported the recent Christmas Fair held at the school. We raised over £400. It was a lot of fun and we look forward to the next one.

The week beginning 5th February brings us Mental Health Awareness Week and we are happy to be getting involved with this very important topic. FONS are holding a Wellness Drop-in event at the school for all the children to come in and have a safe space to explore the activities. These include Mindful Colouring, Relaxation Jars and a Positivitree. We hope this will help every child to open up and understand the complicated maze of emotions.

Lisa Seager & Kerry Smith



Neatishead Preschool

At Preschool this term we are learning all about Dinosaurs and have been enjoying the recent

cold weather exploring the snow and ice. Come and join us for our fundraising event on the Mississippi Boat on Saturday 23rd March, with singer Will Overton. Details on our Facebook Page.

Danielle H, NBPS Committee



NABS

2024 sees the 50th Anniversary of our beloved NABS. Keep an eye out for our upcoming show in May 2024. We will be

looking back at some amazing sketches, songs and much more.

Also, we are seeing the return of NABS Juniors held at Neatishead Primary School. It will be great to see the next generation forming.

If you are interested in joining NABS, in any capacity, please email thenabs74@gmail.com to find out more.

Lisa Seager, NABS Secretary

MUSICAL - songs of longing, love and ...revenge

Nabs has been going for a very long time. For decades. As have many of its members! So much so that some of us began to think our local drama group might be in its death throes! No recent plays that, of necessity, involve tedious and lengthy line learning. Just an occasional Murder Mystery where lines can usually be read, or a Pantomime where anything goes and the script doesn't matter too much anyway! Elderly members drifting slowly into retirement? Or even worse, into senility?!!

But 'hold you hard' as we say in this part of the world; eat your words. Not a bit of it. Nabs has produced some memorable shows in the past, but I would venture to suggest that none compare with this latest in terms of overall professionalism. What a show! What performances! Music, singing, set, sound, lighting, costumes, all top drawer. Even the bar staff were decked out in convincing period costume. Stand out performers there certainly were, but there wasn't a weak link anywhere.

Cleverly directed by Shelagh Smith, a first half based on 'My Fair Lady', and the second on 'Cabaret,' provided some interesting contrasts. On the one hand you had the snobbery of early 20th century London where a working-class flower girl was tutored to climb the social ladder into the upper echelons. On the other, one could argue that those who had already reached those levels could climb back down it to the decadence and anonymity of Berlin's 1930's Kit Kat club. In both scenarios, in the male dominated world of the time, women were able to find a voice, and to trumpet it loudly.

So, well done Shelagh, and very well done everyone involved. It was a terrific show, and those of you that missed it missed a real treat!

Paul Lamb



Dogs and Cats - Lost and FoundIf you'd like to be included in this Whatsapp group which aims to reunite

lost dogs, or cats, with their owners, please let me know.

Sue Clayton, 07850 436211

Xmas Elves



Once again, we had a very successful Christmas Card delivery service and to our delight raised over £300. With

monies collected from last year as well, it gives us great pleasure to be able to donate £400 as a contribution to the 4 defibrillators that our parish Councils are buying. Many thanks for your continued support. The Xmas Elves.

Nordic Walkers & WISE Ladies

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Neatishead, Barton Turf and District WI

INSPIRING WOMEN We started our New Year meeting with a very busy afternoon. We were joined by Sharon Reynolds from the Benjamin Foundation who told us about the kind of work the charity do. As it is our chosen charity this year we look forward to raising funds for them.

The meeting moved on to look at the 2024 Resolutions which were then discussed as we sat in groups making green hearts. These were made from all kinds of material for Valentine's Day, to bring awareness of our need to love and care for our environment.

Members are looking forward to our theatre visit to see Betty Blue Eyes and our Snowdrop Walk at Hoveton Hall.

It's our AGM in February and time to start collecting membership fees. We have had several new members join us but there is always room for more. Feel free to come along on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2pm in the NVH.

Sally Church

Neatishead White Horse Bowls Club

The Club is settling into the New Year. Meetings have been arranged with new ideas to be discussed. Arrangements have been made with the White House Stores for another display window. Continuous work is being carried out on the Green. Opening date **Saturday 13th April** at 1.30pm more details in the March issue.

Chair, Cathy Smith 07810 586551

White House Stores Community Shop

If you've already gone off the boil with your new year's resolutions (and who

hasn't?!), I have a choice of new ones which easy to keep and will support your community shop!

It is very quiet at this time of year, so we need you more than ever.

If you just did one of the following things, we would be very happy indeed:

- 1. Could you buy a few things from us which you might normally get from the supermarket? Your milk, eggs, ham or cheese for example?
- 2. Could you buy something else when you pop in for your newspaper? We make virtually nothing out of newspapers, just a measly 10p on a Daily Mail and cannot exist solely as a paper shop.
- 3. Have a good look around the shop to see what we stock we think the selection will pleasantly surprise you, but people rarely take time to look around. Check out our greetings cards!
- 4. Are you a member? If you are, do we have up to date details for you? If you aren't getting emails from us, then please do let us know via secretary@whitehousestores.co.uk and we will update your details. If you're not, pop in and ask about membership. Ideally, every single resident should belong.
- 5. Talk to us about volunteering or being part of the shop committee. Without these we cannot exist! We especially need a new committee member to deal with facilities and maintenance.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Margaret, shop & committee 01692 631549

margaret@whitehousestores.co.uk



Community Gym

If one of your New Year resolutions has been to improve your health and fitness, then taking advantage of a free

trial at your local community gym could give you a major boost!

Look at www.neatisheadcommunitygym.com to see photos and film of local residents using the running, cycling and rowing machines, as well as equipment for floor and resistance work. You can work at your own level, pace and time in a welcoming, supervised environment. The website also lists opening times and costs.

We're a not-for-profit facility, open three mornings a week, at the New Victory Hall in Neatishead. Come and have a look by arranging for a free trial and begin your 2024 fitness journey!

Email gym@victoryhall.info or call Gary, our instructor, on 07387 876216.

Your community gym, helping you get fit for life!

Phil Johnson and Joan Dickie

Neatishead Parish Council

Firstly, albeit a little late, Happy New Year to you all! Our first meeting was held in January and it started with one of the vacancies on the council being filled, which is brilliant news. Once the paperwork has been completed the councillors' details will be made available.

The 2024-2025 budget was agreed, resulting in an increase of the precept from £10,047 to £13,255 (£42.72 to £55.66 per household). The council appreciates this is a greater increase than anticipated but with careful consideration made to all expenditure, it was essential to cover the cost of the council's services.

A highly successful fundraising event, The Community Big Breakfast, was recently held at New Victory Hall which has raised a fantastic amount of money towards a new defibrillator. Now the council just needs to arrange details of an exact location. The most requested areas are King Street and Cangate, so if any residents have anywhere suitable with a power supplyfor the machine to be fitted and a power supply then please contact the clerk. Thank you so much to the New Victory Hall Team for organising such a fantastic event.

An allotment pitch has become available at the recreation ground. The pitch only costs £24 a year so if you are interested, please contact the parish clerk at neatishead.parish@gmail.com

The Parish Council are looking forward to getting the new year started and seeing what 2024 brings!

Laura Bateman, Parish Clerk

Barton Turf and Irstead Parish Council - Defibrillator Scheme Training Sessions

The Council has installed a defibrillator unit which is a device which can restart the heart in the event of a person having a cardiac arrest.

The new unit is located on the Staithe at Irstead. Although it is an automated unit that can be used by anyone, the Parish Council has arranged for local First Responders to run 2 awareness and training sessions at the New Victory Hall, Neatishead on **Saturday 3rd February** 10am - 11.30am and on **Saturday 17th February** at 10am to 11.30am (coffee served). Due to number restrictions, these sessions are limited to Irstead village residents only or people who work in Irstead village.

To book a place, please call Councillor Helen McFadyen on 01692 630150. If demand exceeds the number of places, further sessions may be arranged.

The unit has been funded by a successful grant application, a donation from Nordic Walkers and the Council's share of the proceeds from the NVH BIG Community Breakfast. The Parish Council is now actively seeking funds to provide defib units in Pennygate and Barton Turf.

Barton Turf and Irstead Parish Council



The Farming Year: a seasonal snapshot!

This is a new section for the NIB: a snapshot of what you can see

happening, season by season, in the fields and hedgerows surrounding the NIB villages.

Late winter, early spring

As you, the NIB reader, walk, cycle or drive around our lanes, you will have noticed that many of the fields are planted with what look like radishes or turnips, with flocks of sheep grazing the green tops.

These are, in fact, stubble turnips. These deeprooting and quick-growing crops protect, nourish and break up the soil over winter. The green tops and roots also provide sheep grazing, and thereby add a welcome topping of animal fertiliser! Growing root crops over winter reduces the need for adding artificial fertilisers etc when new crops are planted in the spring.

You will also see many fields with short, grass-like shoots poking through. This is barley or wheat planted in the autumn. It is now growing very slowly over these cold dark days of winter and will start shooting upwards as the soil and weather warm up!

Joan Dickie

Horning Flower Club



Our December meeting was joined by the club's friend David Wright who demonstrated Christmas Sparkle in his usual entertaining way. He had fun

judging the competition For the Christmas Table, which had the highest number of entries for many years, declaring Bridget Hedge as winner. This was followed by a delicious Christmas tea, kindly prepared for us by the committee.

In January local grower and florist Sarah Hammond spoke to us about peonies, making us feel all summery, and the wintery competition Frosty Mornings was won by Rachel Clayton. February's meeting will be a workshop with everything provided by the demonstrator, and there will be no competition.

Anyone interested in joining the club should contact the secretary, Carole Swan, on 01692 536270.

Rachel Clayton

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2023

We would like to thank everyone who so generously donated to the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal 2023 and to the local businesses, churches and schools who supported us.

Our villages raised a wonderful £2,088.25. In addition to this, many tech savvy people donated directly to the Royal British Legion this year through our new QR code scanner. We currently have no one doing door to door collections in Horning, and are in need of another volunteer in Neatishead so if you may be interested, or know someone who might be, please let us know. It only takes one or two days each year and you would be supporting a very worthy cause.

Our very grateful thanks to you all.

Annie & Ian Turner 01692 536475

Did you know? You can get cashback at the White House Stores Community Shop



Blakeney Rowing Club - now at Barton Turf

Blakenev Rowing Club continues to be well hosted at Cox's Boatyard, Barton Turf, this winter. There have been some stunning rows across Barton Broad in all sorts of weather. The waterways and riverbanks have provided an ever-changing backdrop for all types of wildlife such as otters, herons and kingfishers. One alert crew spotted a swimming squirrel at high water! You can view a selection of some wonderful photographs of idvllic the club website local scenes on crablakeney.wordpress.com.

Saturday 9th December was another high point of the winter rowing season. This was the annual Carrow Cup Race on the River Wensum in Norwich. Imagine the city waterway full of different types of oared craft. Pull's Ferry was the starting point for the race involving Blakeney's Bluejacket. All rowers will forever remember the torrential rain which was present throughout the event. As each boat set off at intervals, it was clear that the rivalry between the three participating St Ayles Skiffs was going to be a highlight. Bluejacket was right behind the Wells and King's Lynn skiff as the finishing line loomed, but your local crew had to be satisfied with a very close second place. But what a race in the teeming rain!

You too could share in such experiences – social and competitive. If you enjoy being active on the water, or simply messing about with boats, contact Humphrey at hborgnis@icloud.com. When you are part of a crew, out for a gentle and sociable row on Barton Broad, coaching and friendly advice will always be available. You will be made very welcome. There is no obligation to participate in any competitive event.

See you on the water in 2024.

Barry Howes





Wildlife Working Party - Nov 2023 Coppicing

I attended a Practical Introduction to Coppicing course run by the NWT (Norfolk Wildlife Trust) at Foxley Wood in November. The day was spent with NWT staff looking at how coppicing encourages biodiversity, and to gain hands-on practical experience.

Coppicing is an ancient woodland management technique dating back to the Stone Age used to provide firewood and timber. In Foxley Wood, different areas or coupes containing mainly hazel and willow are under a coppicing cycle resulting in coupes at different stages of development. This mimics what happens when old trees die in a mature forest, periodically opening areas to sunlight enabling seeds of different species of plants to germinate, in turn resulting in different animal species colonising new areas.

With a coppice in full rotation there is a range of different habitats. It was explained how this has, on NWT reserves, resulted in giving: cover for dormice; low shrubs for nightingales to nest and sing, and a diversity of hunting grounds for goshawks. The NWT staff were, as always, excellent at passing on their expertise and it was good to meet other like-minded people interested in supporting wildlife. I wholeheartedly recommend any of the NWT events held regularly throughout the year. Find the details on their website.

Neil Sanderson <u>nesanderson@yahoo.com</u> 07788 787149



Horning Post Office & Shop

Our village has enjoyed the services of a local post office for many years now; and more recently, Adrienne and I have

prided ourselves in being able to serve our friendly community.

Attempts to sell our business have not succeeded, and we are looking to close the post office counter on a future date to be confirmed.

The shop remains available for any retail. If there is anyone in the locality who would be interested in the opportunities this might present, please contact initially Andrew or Adrienne at the Post Office, 01692 630225.

Thank you for your custom and your support.

Andrew and Adrienne Seddon

Wildlife Notes

In December's edition I wrote about the influx of Waxwings taking place this winter and suggested that you should look out for them. The flocks of birds have been steadily moving south as they exhaust berry supplies in the north, and I am delighted to report (and slightly jealous) that one lucky Neatishead resident spotted one in his garden on the 6th December and even managed a record shot photo to prove it.

They are still about in Norfolk so keep your eyes open wherever there are Rowan trees with remaining berries especially around supermarket car parks. On 31st December I was alerted by a friend to the presence of a Goshawk at Alderfen. which is a bird I had never seen in our villages. The finder had also seen, presumably, the same bird flying over by How Hill earlier the same day.

On 16th January I was walking along Irstead Street when I saw a large broad winged hawk in the distance flying from the How Hill direction towards Alderfen. I cannot be totally sure if it was a Goshawk or not, but I suspect that it was so will be keeping a look out to try and confirm my sighting.

Currently in the King Street area of Neatishead maintaining it a very unusual appearance leading the lady who 2.7'C). first reported it to me to wonder if it was a Ring Ouzel.

Blackbirds are prone to sporting white feathers which show up in contrast to their black feathers (see photo). This is caused by a condition called Leucism and is an absence of cells of the pigment called melanin. The mystery was solved when the bird appeared in my garden feeding on the ground under my bird feeders.

A flowering plant to look out for this month is Winter Heliotrope which has stalks of white flowers and heart shaped leaves and grows on the track leading to Gay's Staithe.

My normal reminder to clean out or replace your nest boxes in February and to look out for the first Temperatures - After a mild start, temperatures butterflies and bumble bees on warm days.

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Leucistic Blackbird – Howard Clayton

Weather

Winter storms exacerbate flooding problems.

November - Total rainfall for month was 63.6mms/2.5in which is 91% of average, so groundwater the high levels. there is a male blackbird which has a bright white Temperatures were very mild for the first three area of feathers on its head and neck. The white weeks but fell below average in the last week with a area extends around the back of its head and gives very sharp frost overnight on November 29th/30th (-

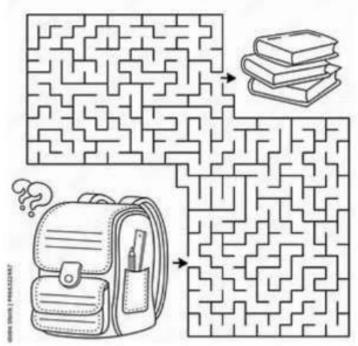
> December - Total rainfall for month was 71.6mms/ 2.82in which is 119% of average maintaining the waterlogged fields and gardens and causing severe local flooding. The highest daily total was 14.4mms/0.57in on 19th.

> Temperatures - After a very cold start with light snow/hail on the 1st and freezing fog all day on the 2nd, temperatures recovered to well above normal for the rest of the month, the highest daily maximum being 14.5'C on the 24th.

> January - Total rainfall to date is 53.1mms/2.09in (up to 19th) which is already 96% of average, so no respite for groundwater levels. As most of the rain fell in the first week, courtesy of Storm Henk, widespread flooding occurred again both locally and nationally.

> have fallen well below average with snow showers on 15th, 17th and 18th as polar air moved in.

> > Peter Mills



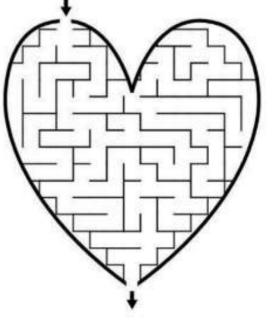
The Dot Game

Take turns drawing one line in between two dots.
Once you complete a square, put your first initial in the square. Whoever has the most squares at the end, wins!

What do you say to a spider on Valentine's day? I want to hold your hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand!







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All contributions welcome to The NIB, but please note the Team reserves the right to amend or omit items. We also start the magazine from the first of the month, and therefore events in the previous month will not be advertised. Views expressed are those of the named author. No responsibility can be accepted for any content or errors. Everybody who sends in articles, including advertisers, automatically consent to having their details published on the Internet, unless specifically requested otherwise, in which case we will endeavour to omit details before uploading onto the churches' websites.

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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DEADLINE FOR THE MARCH EDITION - 19th February 2024

Diary Dates for February 2024

Saturday	3rd	10-11.30	NVH: Irstead defibrillator training
Monday	5th	7 for 7.30pm	NVH: Village Screen: Scrapper, 2023,12A, 104 min
Tuesday	6th	9.30-noon	Barton Turf Church: monthly work party
Wednesday	7th	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	8th	10am-noon	Friends and Neighbours: Radar Museum visit
Friday	9th		White Horse Inn: start of Valentine's week specials
Saturday	10th	9am-noon	NVH: Community Market and Cafe
Monday	12th	2pm	Horning Flower Club: Charlene: Workshop - Spring Topiary
Wednesday	14th	7-9pm	Knit and Stitch: Community Room NVH
Saturday	17th	10am-noon	Barton Turf Church Coffee Morning
		10am-11.30	NVH: Irstead defibrillator training
		7.30pm	NVH: Bands Together evening
Monday	19th		Deadline for March edition of the NIB
-		7.30pm	Gardening Club: NVH: History beneath yr Feet: G Simmonds
Wednesday	21st	2pm	WI: NVH
-		8pm start	White Horse Inn: Quiz Night: funds for Neatishead defibrillator
Thursday	22nd	10am-noon	Friends and Neighbours: Mardle and Quiz
Friday	23rd	8pm-late	White Horse Inn: Party Night
Saturday	24th	10-11.30am	Hope Café. Neatishead Baptist Church NR12 8YF
·		Open evening	White Horse Inn: Folk Night
Wednesday	28th	10.10am	Mobile Library: Pitt Corner, Neatishead, NR12 8BT
•		11.15am	Mobile Library: Council Houses, Ashmanhaugh, NR12
		7-9pm	Knit and Stitch: Community room NVH
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Future Dates

4th March	NVH: Village Screen: The Great Escaper, 2023, 12A, 96 min	
6th March	NIBCHG 'Farming - Past, Present and Future': 7.30pm, Neatishead	
	School.	
23rd March	NVH: Easter Fair: 2pm	
25th March	NVH: Village Screen: Wonka, 2023, PG,116 min	
10th May	NVH: Quiz: 7.15pm	

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

Defibrillator Locations

- New Victory Hall, Street Hill, Neatishead, NR12 8AD
- Cox's Boatyard, Toilet Block, Staithe Road, Barton Turf, NR12 8AZ
- Irstead Staithe, Shoals Road, Irstead, NR12 8XS

Benefice of St Benedict

Date	Time	Service	Church
4 th Feb	9.30am	BHC	Neatishead
11 th Feb	8am	HC	Irstead
	9.30am	MP	Horning
	9.30am	HC	Barton Turf
	11am	HC	Ashman-
			haugh
14 th Feb	10am	HC +	Horning
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Wed-	7pm	HC +	Neatishead
nesday		Ashing	
18 th Feb	9.30am	HC	Irstead
	11am	HC	Horning
	11am	MW	Neatishead
	4pm	EP	Barton Turf
25 th Feb	11am	BHC	Ashman-
			haugh
	4pm	Teddy	Barton Turf
		Bear's	
		Picnic	

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

BHC: Benefice Holy Communion

Parish Church Wardens

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

Neatishead Baptist Church

4 th Feb 10.30am		Marc Grimston
5 th Feb	2pm	Fellowship Meeting
11 th Feb	10am	Val Khambatta
16 th Feb 10am		Prayer meeting
18 th Feb 10.30am		Rev Neville
		Khambatta
19 th Feb	2pm	Fellowship Meeting
24 th Feb	2pm	Hope Cafe
25 th Feb	10.30am	David Moore
3 rd Mar 10.30am		Marc Grimston

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 Bible study, worship and prayer.

Prayer Meeting Second Friday of the month at 10am, in church usually.

Please contact the secretary for more details.

Secretary: Sue Gibbons secretary@neatisheadbaptistchurch.org.uk

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- 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.

01692 403258, parishpriestfrpeter@gmail.com

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Please see our website for the most up to date information: wroxhamurc.org.uk

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

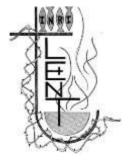
4 th Feb	10.30am	Service led by Mr Steve
		Dawson
11 th Feb	10.30am	Service led by Rev. Alex
		Jacob including Holy
		Communion
18 th Feb	10.30am	Service led by Rev. Carole
		Pearl
25 th Feb	10.30am	Service led by Mr Mike Gibbs

JAM (our Sunday School) welcomes all children aged 4 to 15. In our sessions we watch, read, listen, discuss, play, act, sing, chat, pray, cook, create and have a great time. We meet in Wroxham Church Hall from 10:15-11:45 on various Sundays in February.

For more details, please go to https://wroxhamurc.org.uk/jam, phone Chris Billing on 01603 783992 or alternatively email jam@wroxhamurc.org.uk.

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. Secretary: Lynne Howard, 01603 738835



NIB deadline for our March edition is 19th February