# Sunday Services in the Nar Valley Benefice

Date	November 2nd	November 9 <sup>th</sup>	November 16 <sup>th</sup>	November 23 <sup>rd</sup>	November 30 <sup>th</sup>
Castle Acre	10.30am Morning Praise	10.50am Remembrance	10.30am Holy Communion		10.30am Holy Communion
Narborough	10.30am Holy Communion	10.50am Remembrance		10.30am Holy Communion	
Newton	8.30am said traditional Holy Communion				
Pentney		9am said Holy Communion	9am said Holy Communion		10.30am Morning Praise
South Acre		6pm Remembrance	6pm traditional Evensong		
West Acre				6pm traditional Evensong	8.30am said traditional Holy Communion
Celebrating	All Saints' Day	Remembrance Sunday	Safeguarding Sunday	Christ the King	Advent 1

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# First Word from the Rector

Now that the clocks have changed, it is obvious that the nights are drawing in. Darkness comes earlier. We spend our evenings with the curtains drawn. Our houses are little pools of light surrounded by darkness.

Those of us with dogs often find ourselves walking them after dusk. We need torches to see where we are placing our feet. Even so, there is so much that we cannot see. Familiar paths seem mysterious. We become more aware of the sounds and smells around us.

Sometimes our journey through life goes through periods like this. We wonder where our life is going next. We have to find our way through uncertainty. And we are challenged to develop different skills in order to flourish.

Then, just like the dawn, things become clearer. We can see where we are, and where we are going. We find new energy and confidence. It's easier to go out, and to meet others.

I wonder what phase you feel that you are going through at present. Is it as if your life is travelling through daylight? Are you clear about your situation and the direction of your life? Do you feel energetic and confident? Is it easy to connect with others and to get involved? If so, you have many reasons to rejoice and give thanks.

Or is it as if your life is travelling through the nighttime? Is there a lot that you are uncertain about? Are you feeling your way, and treading carefully? Do you long for the comfort of home? If so, I hope and pray that this mysterious time will become a time of discovery for you, and that you find a light to light you home.

The psalmist says to God "The day is yours, and the night is also yours."

Angela, Tel: 01760 338552

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# Welcome to the Nar Valley Benefice

If you have moved into a new home in the Nar Valley Benefice and would like a visit from a member of the local congregation, please see the contact details below.

Wednesdays Holy Communion at Narborough, 9am

**For other services** at Castle Acre, Narborough, Newton, Pentney, South Acre and West Acre - Please see the back of this booklet.

Rector: Rev Angela Hammett, Tel 01760 338552

Email: narvalleyrector@hotmail.com

Assistant Priest: Rev. Richard Howells, Tel 07802 432564

Email:richardgranthowells4@gmail.com

**The Church Office** The Church Office is located at The Church Centre, Narborough. **Making Contact**: If you would like to make contact or have an enquiry of any kind (eg baptism, wedding, etc), please find us through the Nar Valley Benefice Facebook page, our website page on www.achurchnearyou.com, the clergy (details above), or the churchwardens (contact details below). Anyone willing to assist as a volunteer in the Church Office, please give us a call on 01760 338552.

The cottage is available for hire for small meetings and can accommodate up to 24 seated. Donations of £7 an hour are invited for the use thereof. Please contact the Church Centre Administrator, Sue Baxter, on 01760 337663/ 07773 623618 (not the office).

#### Look out for new services and times

The new Sunday service pattern is starting in the Nar Valley in December.

Should you need to contact any of the named **Safeguarding Officers**, their details are to be found in the respective church porches/ churches.

NSPCC telephone helpline is: 0808 800 5000

Church	Church Wardens	Named persons for Safeguarding
Castle Acre	Anne Loch 01760 755403 David Bowman 01603 483658	Dr. Ilga Chakrabarti
Narborough	James Stephenson 01760 337901	Joan Upton
Newton by Castle Acre	Stephen Laing 01760 755455 Tony Bell 01760 755506	Tony Bell
Pentney	Sue Neep 01760 338037 Andrew Smith 01760 755102	Andrew Smith
South Acre	Davina Barber 01760 755618	James Stephenson
West Acre	Henry Birkbeck 01760 755254	Henry Birkbeck







Artisan Craft Fayre - Castle Acre Priory Saturday 29th November 2025

From 10am - 3pm



Save the date!

# Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup> is Santa Claus Day

Santa Claus will be in Castle Acre Church for their celebrations and will also be visiting other churches in the Nar Valley.



#### Narborough Museum Pentney Road

(signposted from Ship Corner)

Lots to see, read and talk about at the museum.

There are mammoth bones, military displays, a model of how Narborough used to look, pictures and artefacts. One visit is never enough.

With free parking and refreshments available. Donations always welcome.

We have a grand raffle on November 27th, lots of prizes so get your tickets from the museum or any of our volunteers.

#### NAR VALLEY ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Indoor meeting at the Assembly Rooms 1 Market Place, Swaffham, PE37 7AB WEDNESDAY 26th NOVEMBER 2025 at 7.30pm

#### The Reverend Maurice Bird: Norfolk's Lost Naturalist Presented by James Parry

James Parry tells the intriguing story of Maurice Bird (1857–1924), the rector of Brunstead near Hickling and an amateur naturalist who was dubbed "the Gilbert White of the Broads".

Renowned in his day as a great polymath and authority, his name and achievements subsequently lapsed into obscurity. Now a revival is underway, with renewed appreciation in particular for his remarkable diaries, in which he detailed his wildlife sightings on an almost daily basis. These contain over half a century of records, from 1874 (when he was just 17) until shortly before his death, and his vivid descriptions open a window onto a vanished world. This was a time when an early summer stroll along the lanes of Norfolk would feature regular encounters with birds such as Nightingale, Redbacked Shrike, Turtle Dove and Wryneck, and when winter would bring large flocks of Hooded Crows and fields packed with buntings, finches and larks. Yet it was also when any unusual bird was likely to be shot on sight (often by the Reverend himself!) and when egg collectors were decimating rarer breeding species. By the time of Bird's death, however, the tide was turning in favour of conservation and his final years saw him involved in some of Norfolk's earliest bird protection measures.

Also passionate about archaeology, meteorology, farming techniques and Norfolk dialect, Maurice Bird left a unique archive of material that is now proving to be one of the county's most important resources for historians of rural life during the Victorian and Edwardian eras.

James is a writer on natural and cultural heritage, based in the Norfolk Brecks. He has published extensively, his most recent book (2024) being a biography of the Reverend Bird. He is chairman of the Breckland Society and also a trustee and former chairman of Historic Norfolk.

Please come along. Visitors will be very welcome. Admission £4 on the night, free to NarVOS members.

For more information contact Paul Fuller or Alan Schpot via paul.fuller123@btinternet.com or alan.schpot@talktalk.net or go to www.narvos.org.uk

#### A note of thanks

Margaret, Stuart and family would like to thank everyone for the support prayers and good wishes following Margaret's spell in hospital and recovery. It is very much appreciated Margaret & Stuart Johnson

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**Wednesdays** 7.00-8.30pm; 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month-Bible study in the church office.

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\*A warm welcome is extended to all

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**Mass Times:** 

**Saturdays** 5.00pm Vigil Mass at Watton in the Methodist

Church

Sundays 8.30am and 10.30am Holy Days 10.00am and 7.30pm

Parish Priest: Fr. Mark Hackeson,

The Presbytery, 31 Station Street, Swaffham.

Tel: 01760 721418 or email: ourladyofpity@btinternet.com

Website: catholicparish-swaffham.org.uk

# Castle Acre

#### Castle Acre Parish Council, Summer Report 2025.

Castle Acre Parish Council (PC) held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday 9th October 2025, with one member of the public in attendance.

#### Castle Acre Parish Council, The Droves Solar Farm Public Consultation Response

With thanks to the Solar Steering Group, CAPC has submitted its targeted consultation response to The Droves Solar Farm team on 06/10/2025, ahead of the 10/10/2025 deadline. The response, which notes the changes made to the site plan due to the feedback received so far can be viewed at: <a href="https://castleacreparishcouncil.gov.uk/category/news/">https://castleacreparishcouncil.gov.uk/category/news/</a>

To further help gauge the size of the project, topography and natural/heritage assets, CAPC is looking to arrange a physical site 'drive/tour' prior to the next Consultation response date in November. Polite notice: the proposed site is too big to walk the perimeter on foot, making a driving tour with some 'on foot' stops the only legitimate option. Please contact the Clerk should you wish to be updated on the date and time and location starting point.

Castle Acre Parish Council would like to offer up special thanks to local MP James Wild and team for their support.

Website: The Droves Solar Farm – Island Green Power is in the early stages of developing a new solar project located on land north of Swaffham and south of Castle Acre. West Norfolk.

#### New SAM2 Monitor location

A new SAM2 Monitor location (to monitor traffic speeds) has been confirmed with Highways at Massingham Road, just before the \*Children's playground\* as it has been noted by Residents and CAPC that Drivers can speed into the Village at this point. An order was placed with Westcotec on 19/09/2025 at the cost of £195 + VAT & installation and the new Pole was installed on w/c 29/09/2025 under job no: 10226. CAPC would like to offer sincere thanks to the SAM2 operator for their continued help and support; SAM2 Reports continue to be added to the CAPC site here: <a href="https://castleacreparishcouncil.gov.uk/category/sam2-reports/">https://castleacreparishcouncil.gov.uk/category/sam2-reports/</a>

#### Thanks, and a fond farewell

At the meeting of 09/10/2025 Cllr Andy Collins stood down. As a Parish Cllr over the last two years CAPC should sincerely like to thank Cllr Collins for his invaluable help and support. We are sure that Cllr Collins will be missed by both CAPC/CAPFA and Residents alike and we wish him all the best in his move. Thank you so much Cllr Andy Collins and farewell.

#### **Castle Acre Heritage Group Mailing List**

To help increase understanding of Castle Acre's unique biodiversity and historic landscape and add to our knowledge of its wildlife and archaeology, you can join the CA Heritage Group mailing list to be updated about bird, plant and insect survey dates, walks and heritage volunteer work. If you would like to join, please contact the Clerk. Details below.

To view Council Minutes and finances go to: <a href="http://castleacreparishcouncil.gov.uk">http://castleacreparishcouncil.gov.uk</a>. Castle Acre PC's next meeting is 7:30pm, Thursday November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at CA Village Hall. Clerk- Amy Hart Tel: 07815430777 Email: <a href="mailto:clerk@castleacreparishcouncil.gov.uk">clerk@castleacreparishcouncil.gov.uk</a>

## Narborough New Churchyard

Following the hot summer, Narborough Churchyard was looking rather sad. Thanks to Philip Starling and Sean, who have worked tirelessly to chop up fallen trees and clear much of the dried-up pond bed ready for when the water table rises again, it has now been transformed.

Assisted by his family, Mr Starling has also done a tremendous amount of work gardening the churchyard and we are enthusiastically looking forward to developing this special space as a beautiful sanctuary for both humans and wildlife.

If you would like to join in the volunteering, we would love to hear from you!

Please contact churchwarden James Stephenson or Mother Angela.

#### **Bonfires in November**

Most areas of the UK now prohibit the sale and burning of household coal —smokeless fuel regulations require that only authorised, low-smoke fuels be used for domestic purposes.



If you wish to have a bonfire in your garden, they are not banned in our local area but you must follow certain rules or you may be reported for causing 'neighbourhood nuisance.'

You can check out the rules and other advice on the West Norfolk Borough Council website

 $\underline{www.west\text{-}norfolk.gov}.uk$  (indexed A-Z, click 'B' then select 'Bonfire and Smoke' ) or

contact Community Safety & Neighbourhood Nuisance on 01553 616200 csnn@west-norfolk.gov.uk

These are the rules you're advised to follow:

- \* Burn only garden waste: you are not allowed to burn tyres, cables, plastic, rubber, painted products or household waste;
- \* Burn dry materials only;
- \* Avoid burning at weekends and on Bank Holidays;
- \* Let your neighbours know you're going to have a bonfire;
- \* Don't leave the fire unattended even if it's just smouldering.

#### PENTNEY VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

Everyone is welcome to come along to our charity events, please join us and support your village hall. Details of a Race Night will be coming soon!

If you have anything that can be donated for raffle prizes they would be greatly appreciated, please contact Janis Bell.

# COFFEE MORNING



Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 10.30am – 12.30pm

## MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOS

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2pm – 4pm £3 per person

(includes tea and biscuits)







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## **Social Media & Advertising Vacancy**

Pentney village hall is seeking a volunteer with passion and experience in social media. To include creating posters, managing and posting on social media (e.g. Facebook), website updates and Nar Valley monthly editorial. Full support will be provided to ensure you feel comfortable in the position.

Interested? *Please contact:*Janis Bell Tel: 07887 983568
Janisbell@outlook.com

#### Castle Acre Charity of the Month

The Charity of the Month enables visitors and members of the congregation to show support for certain nominated charities. An information board and envelopes can be found in St James Church, Castle Acre.

This November donations will go to the work and ministry of Norwich Cathedral which is the mother church of the diocese. The buildings and facilities, which includes the Refectory and Education Centre, is open to all and the Cathedral choirs can be heard singing Evensong daily at 5.30pm and on Sundays. Visitors and friends are welcome there at any time.

#### **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2025**

The 2025 Poppy Appeal begins on 23rd October and will run until Remembrance Sunday, 9th November. A house to house collection will be made in Castle Acre and poppies will also be available from local schools and businesses. Every donation helps the work of the Royal British Legion and your support will be much appreciated.



Paul and Sue Slocombe, Poppy Appeal Organisers

Acts of Remembrance will take place at 10.50am on Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> by the war memorials in Narborough and Castle Acre churchyards.



#### **Harvest Decorations**

Thank you to all who gave their time to decorate St James for Harvest. It was *All things bright and beautiful!* Many thanks to the school children for their wonderful Harvest Service. The Church was full of happy people and the staff were amazing.

Tins have gone to the Salvation Army in Dereham for distribution. Nigel Chambers has taken the fruit and vegetables to the Community Food Bank in Swaffham – thank you Nigel and thank you to James Stephenson who helped transport all the Harvest gifts from the school.

Many thanks to all who were involved, attended and contributed!

Oueenie Parker



## A big thank you to Rash and Sam for holding vet another fantastic MacMillan Coffee Morning.

The event at their shop this year raised an amazing £1,629 which exceeded last year's .total of £1,314!

Thank you once again for supporting this excellent cause.

# Norfolk Churches Bike Ride



With all the sponsorship money now collected, I can confirm that Castle Acre's efforts in the recent Norfolk Churches Bike Ride raised £865. With Gift Aid added, the total will exceed £1,000, a magnificent result and our best yet.

Grateful thanks to everyone involved at Castle Acre – the volunteers at the church, the cyclists themselves and the many generous folk who sponsored them.

Chris Whitehorn

A huge thank you to all of the very kind people who sponsored me on the Norfolk Trust Cycle Ride and Drive. My husband Jim did the driving and we visited 13 lovely churches.

"God Bless All Who Care for Them".

Queenie Parker

#### **Castle Acre Coronation Bowls Club**

Although the green is closed that doesn't mean nothing is happening. Work continues through the closed season on maintaining the green with the necessary treatments and keeping it tidy. We are fitting the new steel edging around the green to prevent damage which we hope to complete in time for the new season in April 2026.

#### Our next quiz will be in the clubhouse on Saturday 6th December, spaces limited.

Our presentation night will be on Saturday 7th March in the Village Hall more details in the next issue but it would be great to see lots of members there.

Thank you once again for your support throughout 2025. Paul Slocombe

## Iceni Consort Concert - Outstanding!

Castle Acre was delighted to host the consort of four highly professional musicians who presented impeccable examples of Baroque compositions which simply delighted everyone present. A huge thank you to the 80 or so people who attended and to Graham Bowers Jolley for organising it. The event provided a truly excellent evening's entertainment and was enjoyed by all!

# What's on at Narborough Community Centre

Our Community Centre offers versatile space to hire for your event or celebration, as well as hosting a range of activities. There is a Main Hall with kitchen and a smaller room, the Florence Green Room, available.

Monday: No regular clubs

Tuesday: Nar Valley Café 10am - 1pm Main Hall

Art Club 10am - 12.30pm Florence Green Room

The Shelf Pop Up Pantry 1-3pm

Florence Green Room - affordable food and groceries

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**Dodgeball** TBC Main Hall

**Zumba** 7.15 - 8.15pm Main Hall

Wednesday: **Playgroup** 9 - 11am Main Hall

Craft Club Florence Green Room

Flying Club (every other Wednesday) 7 - 9pm Main Hall

Thursday: **Line Dancing** 2 - 3pm Main Hall

**Badminton** 5 - 6pm Main Hall

Friday: **Cash Bingo** from 6.45pm; eyes down from 7.45pm

**The Main Hall** is open for hire for children/adults' parties Saturday

Sunday: Outdoor Car Boot Sale until mid-October.

The kitchen will be open offering a morning menu including full breakfast

## PENTNEY, NARBOROUGH & DISTRICT WI AUTUMN

We had a very interesting talk from the broadcaster Wally Webb, who also signed copies of his biography which were for sale. Some ladies enjoyed an afternoon at Gooderstone Water Gardens, with coffee and cake of course.

Next month will be our WI's 80th birthday which we will celebrate in style. There is also a visit to the Pantomime in King's Lynn. If you would like to join our WI we would make you very welcome at our monthly meetings.

Contact: Yvonne on 01760 337027 or Liz on 01760 337403.

As usual, a raffle will be held at the end of the afternoon.



# Veterans Central West Raynham SHQ



Charity #: 1208763

# Christmas Fair

# Saturday 6th December 2025

Address: 5 Blenheim Way, West Raynham Business Park, Fakenham, NR21 7PL

Station Headquarters (SHQ) will be decorated for Christmas and as part of our Veterans and Public events we are holding our first **Christmas Tree Festival** (29<sup>th</sup> November to 7<sup>th</sup> December) and a **Christmas Fair** (6<sup>th</sup> December).

**Christmas Tree Festival** (29<sup>th</sup> November to 7<sup>th</sup> December): We are inviting groups or individuals to decorate a tree to promote their organisation (e.g. charity, youth group). If you want to participate email us for details.

**Christmas Fair** (6<sup>th</sup> December): A great opportunity to browse for presents and have a fun day out at this amazing historic building. The Christmas Fair will include:

- SHQ Christmas decorations and Christmas Tree Festival
- Craft and Gift Stalls
- Book sale of new books, toys and games (at up to 90% discount!)
- Children's Fun Zone: decorating biscuits, making decorations and cards, and more
- Christmas Games
- Festive snacks
- Free entry

# For more details or to book a space, email:

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## The Stitching Group

The November meeting of the stitching group will be held on Wednesday November 12th at Heritage View, Castle Square from 11am to 12.30pm

All welcome!

# **Castle Acre Horticultural Society**

The Good, the Bad and the Ugly' was the title of our October event — an inspirational talk by Dr Tony Leech (acknowledged expert and the Norfolk County Recorder for fungi). Dr Leech introduced us to mycorrhizal associations and the incredibly fine threads which penetrate and break down dead plant material before absorbing the released nutrients as food . . . fungi are nature's re-cyclers and only when they reproduce do we see the resulting 'fruiting bodies' (aka mushrooms and toadstools). Mixed woodland is a good place to start foraging and in November you can still find edible mushrooms such as winter chanterelles, oyster mushrooms, wood hedgehog and shaggy inkcap BUT . . . poisonous mushrooms are also abundant this month! Proper identification is crucial — NEVER eat anything you can't identify!!

While you're in the woods you may notice that there's an abundance of acorns, other nuts and fruits littering paths and clearings rather more than usual . . . this is known collectively as mast and 2025 is proving to be what is called a 'mast year'. Squirrels, jays, mice and badgers will feed on the mast, more small mammals will survive, some of the nuts may grow into new trees . . . all part of the woodland cycle! This year's early-spring warmth and sunshine helped deciduous trees to build up sugars in their leaves, providing the Nar Valley with a fiery and flamboyant legacy of spectacular autumn colour . . . .

...so: what to do on a November day when gardening just isn't practical? — take a morning walk in woodland!

Our Autumn 2025 programme continues:

Monday 17 November 7.00pm at the Village Hall WINTER VEGETABLES A talk by Pauline Harper

Monday 15 December 7.00pm at the Villge Hall CHRISTMAS SOCIAL: festive food and mulled wine!

For further information, details of membership and our 2026 events programme, e-mail: **secretarycahortsoc@gmail.com** 

# Please can you help find Douglas? Missing from his Newton Near Castle Acre home since 30th September



Douglas is five years old, his white marking runs from his chin all the way down his tummy. His front paws are white and he has white socks on his back paws.

Douglas loves to be outside and he is an expert mouse hunter. He went outside late evening on the 30th September but never came home.

Douglas is a friendly and gentle boy but he can be cautious of people who he does not know.

Douglas is loved and missed and his human is very sad. If you are feeding Douglas or giving him shelter then I am very grateful to you but I am desperate to hear that he is safe.

Please can you check and re-check any outbuildings.

If you know where Douglas is, please call Alyson on 07845943376.

If you can, please take him to a local vet. His microchip is up to date and the vet would be able to contact me. I am very thankful for your help.

## Birdlife & Birdwatching Walks

Anyone interested in learning more about birdlife in and around Castle Acre might like to join a birdwatching walk. These are taking place on:

Thursday November 13th from 9am to 11am and Thursday December 4th from 9am to 11am.

No need to book, just be at the Castle Acre village sign on Stocks Green 5 -10 minutes beforehand.

Please note that walks may not take place if the weather is poor.

# Narborough News Narborough Parish Council Report - October 2025

In the absence of the Chairman Cllr Pipe, the Vice Chairman Cllr Wilkinson chaired the meeting. Apologies were accepted from Cllr Pipe and County Cllr Nunn. 3 Members of the public attended.

Mr Stefan Dicianu was co-opted on to the Parish Council; afterwards Mr Dicianu gave a short verbal resume for consideration of being co-opted as a Parish Councillor. He advised that he was a family man and had lived in the area for 12 years. He is a Web designer by trade and held high values in wishing to help the community flourish.

There is still one Councillor position to fill; any Narborough resident interested in joining the council, please contact the Parish Clerk, Sara Porter via clerk@narborough-norfolk-pc.gov.uk

A full County Council report was received from ClIr Nunn. The report can be found on the Narborough Parish Council website. District Councillor Wilkinson report – Flooding: in an emergency, if residents and properties are in immediate danger from flood water, the Norfolk Fire& Rescue Services must be called using 999. All other flood related issues can be reported to the Norfolk Flood Helpline on 03448 008013, or in writing on the Norfolk County Council Website.

#### **BOOST Project.**

Boost is a Government part-funded project delivered by Breckland Council and NCC, supporting young people aged 16-30 across Breckland who are not in Education, work or training. With additional funding and support from Breckland Council, the Project will continue until March 2026, offering 1 to 1 support for confidence-building ,careers advice and guidance, access to local support services and connections to employers and training providers. For more information, email boostbreckland@norfolk.gov.uk

A member of the public reported that anti-social behaviour is on the rise in Narborough; all issues were noted and have been reported to the Police. Damage to the west-bound bus shelter was reported to the Parish Council and is being investigated by the Police.

It was reported that Residents on Skippers Meadow have been subject to sewer problems as the roads have not been adopted by NCC due to a legal case between Persimmon and Norfolk County Council. Anglian Water were not accepting responsibility; the problem was rectified by Persimmon who are responsible through their estate management company for all highway and grounds maintenance. The Parish Council will support the Skippers Meadow residents, making sure that Persimmon continue their maintenance obligation.

As the dark nights draw in, please make sure that lights are used on bicycles. Make sure your children do not ride their bicycles without lights for their safety.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in the Green Room at the Community Centre at 7 pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November due to a Breckland Council Engagement event being held in the Main Hall at Narborough Community Centre from 6-8pm. Residents are welcome to attend, see the pop-up stands with information and to ask questions of the Breckland Council Leader and CEO. All the meeting minutes can be found on the Parish Council website *Narborough-norfolk-pc.gov.uk*. *Cllr Wilkinson* 

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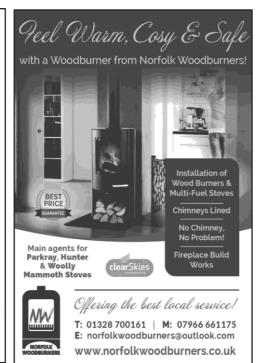
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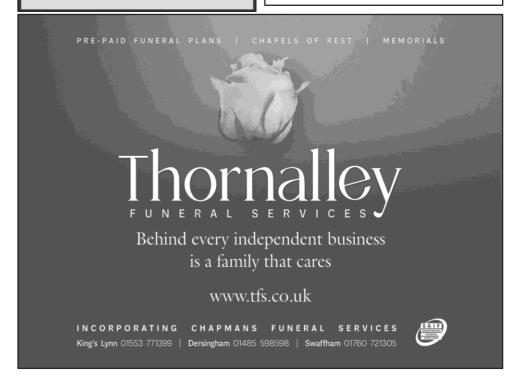
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