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The Benefice of St Benedict

Why do Christians pray?

This is an interesting question. It also opens up a variety of follow-up questions. How do I pray? Does my prayer make a difference? Why has my prayer not been answered? The simple response is that Christians pray because prayer works. Prayer is a chance for us to connect with God and there are many different ways and styles of prayer. Each weekday I say Morning Prayer in one of the five churches in this benefice. Morning Prayer follows a distinct pattern of prayers, psalms, and bible readings. Morning Prayer is an opportunity to ready ourselves for the day. Morning Prayer helps focus the mind on God and on tasks ahead; it is a helpful reminder that each day is a gift from God.

Evening Prayer is similar, except this time we have the opportunity to give thanks for the events of the day, to reflect on the good and the bad and to ask God to bless us as the night approaches. We can also offer silent prayer, which paradoxically should be the easiest form of prayer, but normally ends up being the hardest! Silent prayer challenges us to slow down our hyperactive minds and to simply be present with God; with practice silent prayer can be achieved and be transformative. For those who develop a routine of silent prayer, they often speak of being calmer, closer to God, less stressed, more reflective and understanding. Silent prayer helps us to slow down and to contemplate, to turn down our internal voice and instead hear the voice of God. Finally, there is intercessory prayer. This is when we pray for ourselves or for other people. The biggest challenge to this form of prayer is when we feel it has not worked, that our prayers have not been answered. However, that is certainly not the case. We all wish that God could perform a miracle whenever we asked; however, that is sadly unrealistic when we live in a natural world with billions of other people. Instead, what intercessory prayer does is to help both the Christian who is saying the prayers and also the person who is receiving the prayers. For the person saying the prayers, it helps them to remember the other person and to hold them up to God. It is transformative because intercessory prayer shapes the way we think and feel; it helps us to remember and act for those in need. For the person who is being prayed for, by God's divine power, intercessory prayer gives them strength; they gain strength knowing people are praying for them, and they gain strength knowing that God is with them and will never leave them, no matter what they are experiencing.

Whether it is Morning or Evening Prayer, silent prayer or intercessory prayer: why do Christians pray? Because prayer works. Prayer is transformative both for those who are praying, and for those being prayed for. Praised be Christ.

Revd Ben

Latest news from our Sunday Club

As always, we have been having lots of fun and engaging teaching in our Sunday Club meetings. We recently looked at the story of Adam and Eve and thought about creation, with our young members making their own Garden of Eden. We have taken advantage of the summer weather and had an outdoor treasure hunt where the young people were able to explore the churchyard and receive prizes for completing the hunt. Please do come along to our annual 'Church in the Sun' family event at Horning at 4pm on **Sunday 6th July**; last year's event was fantastic! BBQ, games, ice cream, and this year we even have free face painting! Everyone is welcome and it is free.

Sunday Club takes a break during the summer holidays; however we shall be back on **Sunday 7th September**- 9.30am Sunday Club at Neatishead Church. All children are most welcome. Please come along, it is great fun!

For more information about Sunday Club please contact Revd Ben- brother_ben@btinternet.com 01692 630216.

The Benefice of St Benedict
Ashmanhaugh, Barton Turf, Beeston St Lawrence, Horning, Irsstead, Neatishead

A delicious and tasty BBQ!

Ice cream!

Games!

Face painting

CHURCH IN THE SUN!

SUNDAY 6th JULY at 4PM: ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH- HORNING

Please join us for a fun afternoon where we will come together for Church in the Sun (hopefully!) Whatever the weather there will be a BBQ, face painting, games and ice cream!

Everyone is welcome! For more information please contact Revd Ben Bradshaw- brother_ben@btinternet.com 01692 630216



St Michael and All Angels' Church, Barton Turf

The day was beautiful, if a little hot. The crowds came, teas were served, the Ukulele Band played, races were run, games played, ice cream sold out and purchases made. Yes, it was the Barton and Irstead Church Fete. Very many thanks to all who had a hand in making the day such a success and thank you to all who came.

Following our normal programme of coffee mornings, our July coffee morning will be on **Saturday 19th July** in the church from 10am until 12 noon. The other event of note is on **Sunday 27th July** when we will have our annual service at St Benet's with the Bishop of Norwich in attendance in his role as the Abbot of the Monastery.

Advance Notice

On **Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 8th, 9th and 10th August** we will be having a Book Fair in the church. The fair will be open each day from 10am until 4pm for people to have a good browse through and purchase books. Entrance will be free and light refreshments will be available. Make a note in your diaries to come along to this event. There will be books for everyone of all ages with a wide range of genre covered.

Barbara Pilcher, Churchwarden



St Michael's Church, Irstead

The congregation and wider community of St Michael's Church, Irstead, are extremely grateful for everything that our churchwarden, David Murrells and his wife, Gail, have done in the service of God. David recently stood down as churchwarden after many years of dedicated service and he is now rightly enjoying a well-earned rest. However, David and Gail are still very much active within our church family and as the rector and on behalf of the PCC, we are most grateful that they continue to support the life of our benefice. Going forward, for any enquires regarding St Michael's, please contact me on 01692 630216 or brother_ben@btinternet.com.

Rev'd Ben

The planned re-riding of the church is due to begin the week beginning 14th July. As stated previously, in consultation with the thatcher and with due concern to health and safety considerations, the PCC has decided, regrettably, that St Michael's and the churchyard should be closed for the duration of the works, which may take up to five weeks. Therefore, St Michael's will

only be open for scheduled acts of worship whilst the re-riding works are ongoing. Should you require access to the church or churchyard during the period that it is closed, for any reason, please contact me either by email or my mobile. Further updates will be posted on www.irstead.churchnorfolk.com.

Claire Penstone-Smith

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St Peter's Church, Neatishead

The PCC of St Peter's Church were very disappointed, as were the 'Hexachordia' trio, that our May concert had to be cancelled because of a performer's illness. The support for the concert had been excellent and we therefore hope to rearrange another date, so please keep an eye out for this date and we look forward to seeing you soon. We are very grateful to those of you who donated back your ticket money for our bell fund – thank you. Also, we thank the White Horse pub for the donation to our bell fund from the quiz night held on our behalf – an amount of £236.60 was raised – again our grateful thanks for a great fun evening.

Pauline Simpson, Churchwarden

Neatishead Baptist Christian Aid Ecumenical Service

Thank you to all those who joined us to hear the story of those in Guatemala who have benefited from the help of Christian Aid supporters. With the addition of Gift Aid, we raised £842.20.

Sue Gibbons, Co-ordinator



Garden Club

We are visiting Highview House at Roughton for a guided tour given by the owners on **Monday 7th July**.

Refreshments (tea/cake) will be provided. The two-acre garden is planted with acer trees, perennial plants, bulbs, shrubs and a national collection of over 200 salvia varieties. We will car share and meet at the NVH car park at 10am. If you are not a member but would like to join us on this excursion, please get in touch with me as soon as possible.

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Jane King 07423 820228

The Village Show

The Garden Club and Knit and Stitch are running the Village Show on **Saturday 6th September**. Residents of the NIB villages and neighbouring communities are welcome to enter. If you would like to enter and need to plan your exhibits ahead, schedules are available online from Christine Breden at christine.breden@btinternet.com.



VJ Day 80 – 15th August 2025

VJ Day is often an overlooked part of Second World War history but it left an indelible mark on the collective East Anglian memory from halfway across the world. For almost 25 years as Chaplain to Far East Prisoners of War I have been determined to not let this country forget those members of our Armed Forces that were still in captivity and sacrificing their lives in the Far East. Meanwhile there were celebrations throughout the country for what has become termed as the 'end of the second world war' in May 1945 (VE Day).

The ill-fated 18th Infantry Division was a territorial formation of East Anglian battalions including the 4th, 5th and 6th Royal Norfolks. Whilst originally heading for the Middle East, Japan's declaration of war and subsequent rapid march down the Malayan Peninsula saw them divert for the island 'fortress' of Singapore. Despite its reputation, the Battle for Singapore was a brief one, and the British Army surrendered on 15th February 1942. The men captured in Singapore would go on to suffer three and a half years of brutal treatment at the hands of the Japanese. Many were sent up country to build the Thai-Burma railway, otherwise known as the 'Railway of Death'. Around a quarter of these men would die from starvation, brutality and disease, but their stories stand as testament to the enduring nature of the human spirit in the face of seemingly hopeless circumstances.

With the 80th anniversary of VJ Day on the horizon, I have organised with the permission of the Dean the Very Revd Dr Andrew Braddock, that the hub of commemorations in Norfolk are set to be in Norwich Cathedral. The service is on **Friday 15th August** at 11am. I would love to have the support of members of our benefice community in the congregation. Please do let me know if you are able to come as it is ticketed event, for security purposes.

Many of you will recall the 70th commemorations shown on TV at St Martin-in-the-Fields, however, I do not anticipate such honoured guests this time – except of course yourselves! You can also apply online at www.nationalfepowfellowship.org.uk.

Thank you

Pauline Simpson, 01692 630674
Benefice Lay Minister and Chaplain to Far East POWs and their families.



Neatishead, Irstead & Barton Turf Community Heritage Group (NIBCHG)

After the commemoration of the 80th Anniversary of VJ Day at Norwich Cathedral on **Friday 15th August**, we will be organising a VJ Day 80 event at the New Victory Hall, on **Sunday 17th August** from 2-5pm. This will feature displays highlighting the Far East Campaign of World War Two which lasted nearly four years, as well as the stories of those locally who were involved. We are aware that there are others who live in our villages now, whose relatives spent time in the Far East during this period. If you would like them to be remembered in our exhibition, please do get in touch with me as soon as possible.

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Friends and Neighbours

Thanks to Rev Sue Seeley who showed slides from her recent visit to New Zealand for our first June meeting. At the kind invitation of Mr and Mrs Drake we are having a garden meeting from 10am on **Thursday 10th July** at Berry Lodge in Pennygate. Jean and Margaret are hosting a coffee morning on **Thursday 24th July** at the NVH from 10am. Both these events will have a trade table, raffle and home-cooking. Visitors are welcome! To find out more about the club please contact the Chair Person, Jean Barber on 01263 721698.

Jane King



Neatishead, Barton Turf & District WI

It's been a busy time for our members over the past few weeks. It reminds me that our WI is so much more than our monthly meetings. So far our WI quiz team won the latest Norfolk WI quiz; we have been on a lovely walk around How Hill and raised money for ACWW a charity for rural women around the world; entered a selection of items for the Salver Cup competition and achieved 3rd place. We also visited Happisburgh RNLi and Happisburgh Lighthouse. There's more to look forward to with a visit to Cromer Pier show and the Black Shuck Gin tasting event. Our meetings continue on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2pm in the NVH should you wish to try out a taster session. For more info, please contact us at neatisheadwi@gmail.com.

Sally Church



White House Stores

Depending on the season, we have a big weekly or fortnightly wholesale delivery on a Wednesday. It is left on the road and we have to carry everything inside to the stockroom.



A WhatsApp group to alert our fabulous volunteers when the delivery has arrived, as its time is unpredictable. If volunteers are able to nip to the shop and help they reply to say they are on their way. There is no pressure - if they aren't able to help that day, it doesn't matter. Just a couple of pairs of hands make a big difference when the shop manager is otherwise on their own.

Are you willing to join the group for this important task? If so, just let me know on 07460 740700.

Litter pickers nominated for BBC award

Following on from April's NIB article about voluntary litter pickers in Neatishead, we're delighted to announce that Eddie and his brother have been nominated for BBC Radio Norfolk's "Make a Difference Award". Finalists will be announced later in the summer. Congratulations!

Here is a short version of their nomination letter
'Eddie and his brother Gary voluntarily spend many days over the year collecting litter from Horning and the local streets and villages (including Neatishead). They can be found with their black bags and litter pickers sometimes to be seen carrying large pieces of rubbish, such as car parts, fishing paraphernalia or sacks of heavy bottles. They are greatly appreciated by the local communities.'

Margaret Maxwell
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Village Screen

Monday 7th July – 7pm for 7.30pm

We are delighted to be showing the fourth film in the series based on Helen Fielding's beloved creation Bridget Jones. In 'Mad About The Boy' (2025: Cert 15, 124 mins) Bridget (Renée Zellweger) navigates life as a widow and single mum with the help of her family, friends and former lover Daniel (Hugh Grant). Back to work and surfing the apps Bridget is pursued by a younger man (Leo Woodall). There are lots of hilarious moments; you might also shed a tear. We look forward to welcoming you to the NVH where tea/coffee/biscuits will be available for a small charge. To book tickets (£6) simply visit www.victoryhall.info and click on *Box Office - Buy Tickets*. You can also make a reservation by calling Shelagh on 01692 630702. Subject to availability, tickets will also be available on the door - Cash or Card.

Village Screen Team

BRIDGET JONES MAD ABOUT THE BOY



Village Screen Team

Neatishead Bowls Club



We are moving through the season at a good pace and have been so lucky with the weather. The green is playing well. Do come along and have a go.

D Gurney 07746 540224



Ashmanaugh and Barton Wanderers Cricket Club

The season is in full flow with lots of cricket being played at both grounds with matches, tournaments and mini festivals for all age groups from our 1st XI down to the U9s. Our All Stars has been a great success again, thanks to Vicky for all her efforts. This is a great introduction to cricket for 5-8year olds and much enjoyed by all. The introduction of girl's cricket at the club is growing fast and has proved very popular. Please get in touch or come along on a Friday evening to join in.



Our newly formed girls' team

We had the pleasure of hosting the local Girl Guides and Rangers recently, who had a taster session at Barton Turf: lots of fun and we hope to see a few of them join us on a regular basis. We also hosted the local primary school cluster cricket tournament again, with lots of children playing in fine weather. Help was provided by some of our volunteers and pupils from Broadland High.

Our senior teams are battling away this season with tough matches, however the 12th XI retained their title in the EAPL T20 Norfolk final, and our 2nd XI are currently top of their league. The 2nd and 4th XIs, where we see young players joining older, more experienced players for their first taste of senior cricket, are both doing well in their respective leagues. New players are always welcome and should get in touch to enquire about senior practice evenings. Junior players should either get in touch or come along to Barton Turf for junior training, 6pm every Friday. We are a very sociable club and encourage visitors to come along and enjoy the cricket and our refreshment facilities. Please note the club is entirely run by volunteers so please bear with us or, if you can, lend a hand! We look forward to seeing you soon. Fixtures are published on the website at www.aandbw.play-cricket.com/matches.

Jayne Everett



Norfolk Punt Club

River Cruiser Open Event

One of the unique qualities of the River Cruiser class is that the boats can easily lower their masts to get under the low bridges that exist throughout the Norfolk and Suffolk Broads. And, despite the horrendous forecast of heavy rain and 40mph gusts and thunder on Saturday 7th June, eight visitors duly lowered their masts to get under Ludham Bridge. They completed their journey to the wide expanse of Barton Broad, joining three local boats for the Punt Club's River Cruiser Open.

One of the appeals of the Punt Club is its base on pontoons in the middle of the broad. It's great for watching racing and, in the evening, competitors enjoy mooring up and catching up over food and drink. Without listing winners, NIB readers may enjoy just knowing the lovely names of the boats in this beautiful and unique Broads sailing class: Nutcracker, Pickle, Ladybird, Skylark, Mischief, Bewitched, Sprite, Mystery, Waxwing, Tinkerbelle and Jessie May.



Local sailors: Mark Elson in Sprite leads Simon Clayton in Waxwing
Photo: Rachel Clayton

As well as running big racing events, the Punt Club also has activities open to anyone to encourage participation in sailing and water activities. On 11th June the first Women's Day was held in glorious sunshine. This was a full day of social sailing open to both members and non-members. Another Women's Day will be held on **Saturday 12th July** and promises to be relaxed and fun, with lots of opportunities to meet new people and old friends. Why not come and give it a try? Free to members and only £10 to non-members.

Email: membership@puntclub.co.uk

Alastair Drew and Liz Ollier

Making a splash for charity!

Village Screen goers will remember watching 'Vindication Swim' a few months ago and hearing a former Neatishead resident, Jane Symonds, talking about her training for a sponsored Channel swim. The months have gone by and now Jane is preparing for the big event. Here is her story.



Hi, I am a member of the Norfolk and Norwich wild swimmers and have been swimming outside in the local area for over 3 years (Ebridge Mill, Horstead, Sea Palling, Wroxham Broad and Fairhaven amongst a few). Last year I was diagnosed with pre-diabetes and linked health issues, which made me look at ways to stay active and lose some weight. I have been on a journey over the last year to change my diet and improve my health and my life, but also to give something back.

Last summer I decided to sign up to do a channel swim relay across the English Channel for the drowning prevention Tayka Charity. I wanted to keep motivated by doing something I enjoy, for a very worthy cause. A year ago, I couldn't even do front crawl; most of the wild swims were head above the water breaststroke so I have been training myself to do front crawl (in the pool and outside throughout the winter). I have been fundraising locally with talks (such as at Neatishead Village Screen) and also car boots and other events. We will be a team of six, taking it in turns, an hour at a time, until we reach the French coast. We will complete the swim in mid-July, weather permitting.

Bryan Avery, founder of SwimTayka, writes that every year 360,000 people drown world-wide. Swim Tayka's mission is to reduce this alarming statistic by running programmes world-wide to teach local children to swim. "More people have climbed Everest than have swum the Channel, and we're very grateful to Jane and the team for volunteering to do this challenge," said Bryan.

Jane is aiming to raise £1,800 for SwimTayka and www.justgiving.com/page/jane-symonds is the fundraising page. For more information, visit <https://swimtayka.org/>.



Weather

Very dry May, unsettled start to June.

The total rainfall recorded for May was 23.5mms/0.93in which is only 52% of average. All the rain fell in the last week with the highest daily total being 10mms/0.39in on the 28th. It has been the driest spring on record across the UK with several areas in drought and locally we have received only 26% of average rainfall across the three months, March to May. June has started on a more unsettled note with 29.6mms/1.17in recorded to date (up to the 14th) which is 49% of average. This is mainly due to thunderstorms on the 7th and the 14th, the latter accompanied by frequent lightning and producing the highest daily total of 14.4mms/0.57in to date.

Peter Mills



Horning Flower Club

You might see local ladies strewing flowers across their floors to deter vermin. You might see local ladies mixing floral potions in order to ward off witches. You might see local ladies mixing floral parts with bacon fat to comb through their hair to rid it of lice. Or you might even see local ladies tending the beautiful flowers in their cottage gardens. If you come across any of these it could be that they are the ladies of Horning Flower Club who attended Andrew Sankey's fascinating talk on Cottage Favourites. Social history was a large part of what we learnt, which also often explained the origin of a flower's name. You might not be surprised to hear that in a survey (by whom I can't remember) the foxglove came out as favourite cottage garden flower. Photos of stunning cottage gardens, some created by Andrew, were admired. Then it was out into the sun to our own gardens for the summer, before we reconvene in September. If you would like to find out more about us, please contact the secretary, Carole Swan, on 01692 536270.

Rachel Clayton

FONS Friends of Neatishead School

We invite you to our annual fund-raising BBQ on **Friday 18th July** at 5pm, held at the school. Lots of fun stalls for all and live music. Donations for the Raffle would be appreciated (contact friendsofneatisheadschoo@gmail.com). Free entry and Free parking. Please Join Us.

FONS



Barton's Black Shed Makeover!

As many of you will have noticed The Black Shed at Barton Turf Staithe has recently undergone an external makeover. In March, Barton Turf & Irstead Parish Council undertook the 1st stage of its plan to renovate and restore the Black Shed. Under the expert guidance and workmanship of Andrew Lodge all the old roof tiles were stripped off; new joists replaced where necessary; new underlay and battens fitted and new traditional clay pantiles installed. The whole building was then hand brushed down and the wooden windowsills sandpapered after which the building was spray treated and repointed where necessary. Several days later, litres of lovely new special black paint arrived, and a second team of volunteers cheerfully painted the whole building with two coats, starting from the top and working downwards as the scaffolding was dropped.



Scaffolding up and the work begins

The Parish Council is most grateful to all the volunteers for their camaraderie and incredible hard work which included: removing, stacking, unpacking and sending the tiles up and down along with copious quantities of cement. Then came the laying of the roof, followed by treating and painting and not forgetting all the management of orders and deliveries too. Quite a feat!

Tea breaks with bacon butties, pasties and cake all supplied by local residents, were most gratefully received, along with the many kind words and thanks from people who came to see what we were

doing. We still have some drainage works to complete and then the building will be totally waterproof. We can then move on to Phase 2, the internal refurbishment, at a future date.



Some of the team at work!

The Parish Council would also like to acknowledge and thank the following for their help with the project: Hurren's Heights Scaffolding, Jewson Wroxham and PD Drake Building Services. As a bonus, some of the old broken tiles and delivery pallets have been cleverly remodelled into a Bug Hotel at the New Victory Hall. We all look forward to having our historic Black Shed back as a building we can all be proud of for generations to come. We will let you know when Phase 2 is going to start. See the front cover of this NIB edition for the final makeover result!

Barton Turf and Irstead Parish Council

NVH Wildlife Group

The Norfolk Wildlife Trust visited the NVH and provided us with an extensive report in which they have made recommendations to help increase biodiversity. They suggest that we do the following:

- Cut the grass at the front of the building regularly to provide feeding areas for thrushes, blackbirds and other bird species.
- Cut the grass in the orchard area later in the year to allow the development of a small meadow.

- Construct a bug hotel, similar to the one created on Barton Common at the front of the NVH in the orchard area to encourage small mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates.
- Put up bat and bird boxes around the site, some with cameras so we can see their goings on from the comfort of the NVH.
- Coppice some of the hedges, particularly at the back of the hall to encourage lower growth that has previously been prevented by plastic deer protectors.
- Cut the meadow at the back of the hall twice yearly and remove grass cuttings to reduce nutrients. This encourages more plant species to grow and compete with the more dominant grass species.

These are fairly small tasks and will need the help of volunteers just doing a couple of hours light work followed by coffee and cakes in the hall. If you think you might be able to help, contact me below and I will add you to our WhatsApp group so you can keep in touch with what we're doing. You don't have to attend all the working parties and, if you do, you can choose what kind of work you do. There's always something for everyone and it's good to develop the ecological community spirit.

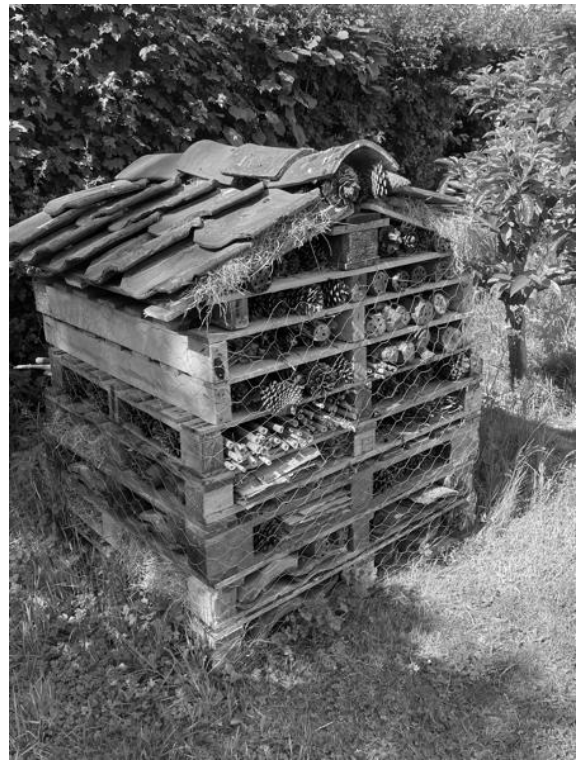
We have started the above tasks. Thank you to the Gardening Club; they have cut back the trees in the orchard so that fruit can be more easily harvested in the future. It might take a year for the trees to fruit prolifically again, as they needed some fairly severe cutting back.

The bug hotel is complete and is hopefully encouraging wildlife. Please let me know if you see anything. I put some ox-eye daisy plants in the meadow behind the hall and I can see they are doing well. Next year should see this year's seed growing and producing some good colour.

If anyone would like to share their views on what we are doing to improve biodiversity at NVH, then I would be very pleased to hear from you: nesanderson@yahoo.com or 07788 787149.

I particularly enjoy hearing views from people who are prepared to help as part of the working party haha!! I look forward to hearing from volunteers. Those that are already part of the Barton Turf Working Party, I have already added your names.

Neil Sanderson
New Victory Hall Wildlife Group



NVH Bug Hotel!
with old tiles from the Black Shed



Fairy-tale themed scarecrows around Neatishead!

Raising funds for our blossoming preschool, we need volunteers to make and display a scarecrow outside their property between **11th and 17th August**. The route will be: Preschool to White House Stores, along Irstead Road to Long Road, right to King Street to School Road and back to Preschool.

This will be a fantastic activity for the kids over the holidays. Contact nbpsacc@gmail.com, to let us know which fairy-tale you would like to represent. Many thanks and more details in the August NIB

Lisa Seager & Danielle Harrington



Art Exhibition

Calling all art enthusiasts, I am very pleased to announce that I and a group of local artists will exhibit our work (which some of you may like to purchase) on **Sunday 13th July** from 2pm 'til 6pm at The NVH, Neatishead. There is to be an eclectic range of artwork to feast your eyes on and there will be something for everyone. Hopefully, this will be the first of many to come. So pop the date in your diaries and come and support these fantastic local artists and such great talent, and you never know, you may pick up our very own Banksy or Renoir.

Lisa Seager



Neatishead Art Group

It was with great sadness that we learnt that our dear friend and mentor Jim Clinch had passed away last month after courageously battling his illness for a number of months. Jim had been the organiser of the Art Group here in the villages for about twenty years. Originally the group met in the Preston Rooms in Ashmanhaugh but later, when the New Victory Hall opened here in 2009, the group met every Thursday evening in the meeting room (and still does). This was a huge commitment that Jim carried out selflessly and with great accomplishment to the benefit of all those budding artists who have joined him over the years.

Jim himself was an excellent artist, a meticulous draftsman, painter, sculptor and someone who had a good knowledge of art. Every session he would be there to guide people through their own projects, offering good advice and not being shy of saying how a piece of artwork could be improved. He created a pleasant, chatty, harmonious atmosphere where people felt comfortable and could get the best out of their artistic abilities. For himself, he would often take on some complicated building scene which would occupy him over a number of months getting every detail meticulously right! Personally, I will miss Jim very much. I worked with him on a number of projects not just with the Art Group but also with the Heritage Group. I will miss his humour and general good naturedness acutely. Over the years Jim has contributed enormously to our villages in a quiet and understated way. Farewell Jim.

Duncan Hale-Sutton



Remembering the Community Gym's first member!

Our good friend and founder member, Jim Clinch, very sadly died this month. Jim will be missed by a great number of people in our three villages who will remember him as a good-humoured, caring man with many interests and talents. Many people will not know the crucial role he played in helping to set up Neatishead Community Gym back in 2010 - 2011.

Today, the gym is a well-established, thriving and valuable village resource, but without Jim, it would not have got off the ground. We first met Jim at a meeting to try to establish a community gym in the village by forming a committee and applying for £10,000 in National Lottery Funding. Some volunteers, including Jim, came forward and over

the next few months we met regularly to work on the grant application and to plan the establishment of the future gym. Jim was integral to this process. He had a very firm belief that a gym would be a real asset to the villages and would benefit many local people. His attention to detail, clarity of thought and meticulous nature ensured that the bid was successful. Jim then took the lead in writing policies, contracts and financial projections as well as producing much of the publicity and marketing materials.

Everything Jim did was professional and done to a very high standard. The gym opened officially on 27th June 2011, with Jim as the first Chair. He became the first official member and was issued with membership card number 1. with Jim's wife Tina as member number 2. Jim continued to work tirelessly as a committee member over many years as well as enjoying his regular sessions in the gym. He was definitely a night owl and on many occasions the committee would receive emails from him sent out in the early hours of the morning!

Jim was a gentle, unassuming man but he was also quietly determined to do a good job. The success of the gym is a testament to his hard work and dedication. Thank you, Jim.

Carol and Malcolm Tipler

We are grateful to Malcolm and Carol for such a moving tribute to Jim. We echo everything they have said. Quite simply, without Jim there would be no Gym. He will be sorely missed.

Neatishead Community Gym Committee



Wildlife Notes

When I wrote last month's notes, I left you with the story of my nesting Blue Tits and had reached the stage where there were seven young birds in the nest box on the 13th May. By the 15th they were audible and could be heard clearly calling for food when the adults were absent. The dry, sunny weather continued and the chicks continued to be well fed by both adults. By the 19th they were clambering around inside the nest box and their primary wing feathers were fully grown. On the 23rd they were very active inside the box with much flapping of their stubby wings and the mother had stopped brooding them at night as they were too big for her to sit over. On the morning of the 24th I checked the camera at 07.10 to find that there were only two chicks left in the box and by 07.30 they had also both left. From laying the first eggs on the 19th April to fledging on the 24th May, a total of only 36 days had passed albeit pretty

exhausting ones for the two adult birds. How nice to be able to update my BTO garden nest record with a successful fledging report following the failures of the previous two years. Now every time I see a family group of Blue Tits in the garden I wonder if they are my nest box birds.

By the time you read these notes most of the birds will have finished breeding (although some like blackbirds and swallows have multiple broods) and July is the month when some non-breeding wader birds start heading south again. Many bird watchers turn their attention to dragonflies and damselflies at this time of year, so look out for them around your ponds and on your walks. Locally the



Top left: Ruddy Darter. Top Right: 4 spotted Chaser
Bottom: Broad bodied chaser: Jon Kelf

dragonflies you may see will include Four-Spotted Chaser, Norfolk Hawker and Black-Tailed Skimmer. These will be joined as the month progresses by Common Darter, Brown Hawker, Southern Hawker and if you are lucky the Ruddy Darter. On the damselfly front the large Red Damselfly, the Blue-Tailed and the Azure will be joined by the Banded Demoiselle, the Red-Eyed and the Willow Emerald. The Red-Eyed can be seen sitting on water lilies or other floating vegetation whilst the Banded Demoiselles are most commonly seen along river edges where there are trees. Be aware that in several species the males and females are very different in appearance and remember that dragonflies, which are generally bigger than damselflies, always rest with their wings out stretched whereas damselflies always fold theirs up when perched.

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For more information, call 01692 403258.

Father Peter Raj, parishpriestfrpeter@gmail.com

Wroxham & Hoveton United Reform Church

Interim Minister: Rev Carole Pearl. For any pastoral concerns, please contact the church secretary in the first instance: Lynne Howard, 01603 738835. lmhoward100@btinternet.com. Please see website for up-to-date information www.wroxhamurc.org.uk.

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

Sunday 6th July 10.30am Service led by Rev Carole Pearl, including Holy Communion.

Sunday 13th July 10.30am. Service led by Rev Paul Whittle.

Sunday 20th July. 10.30am. Service led by Rev Alex Jacob.

Sunday 27th July 10.30am. Service led by Rev Carole Pearl.

JAM (our Sunday School) welcomes all children aged 4 to 16. In our sessions we watch, read, listen, discuss, play, act, sing, chat, pray, cook and create and have a great time. We meet regularly in the church hall from. 10.15 – 11.45am. In July we will meet on the 13th. We do not meet in August.

For information on future sessions and other event please go to wroxhamurc.org.uk/jam or contact jam@wroxhamurc.org.uk or Chris on 01603 783992.

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. Please note we are unable to answer queries about Barclays Bank.

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Dogs – and Cats - Lost & Found

We have expanded the group to include all pets! If you would like to be included in this WhatsApp group which aims to reunite lost dogs, or cats, or other pets, with their owners, please let me know.

Sue Clayton, 07850 436211



Summer

ACROSS

- a meal that is eaten outdoors, often on a blanket
- a small house usually near a lake or beach
- not inside a building, in the open air
- "Let's go play ____."
- a shoe with a bottom part that is held in place with straps around the foot and sometimes the ankle
- one of the four periods of time a year is divided into
- the activity of going for long walks, often in the woods
- a track that is made by people or animals walking over the ground

DOWN

- a track or mark left by a foot or shoe
- a meal or party at which food is cooked and served outdoors
- explosive chemicals that produce bright coloured patterns or loud noises when they explode in the night sky
- having a lot of moisture in the air
- shortly before summer we can say: "It is ____ summer."
- a path through a forest

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Summer Word Search

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FAMILY	OCEAN	SUNSCREEN
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DEADLINE FOR THE AUGUST EDITION – 14th July 2025

Diary dates for July 2025

Thu	3 rd	10am & 2pm	Wherry Yacht Charitable Trust Sailings to Nature Reserve, visit www.wherryyachtcharter.org for more trips/information and booking
Sat	5 th	2-5pm	Butterfly & Environmental Activities for families: Barton Turf Adventure Centre NR12 8AZ see www.btac-services.co.uk/ for more information
Sun	6 th	4pm	Church In the Sun event: St Benedict's Horning
Mon	7 th	11am-1pm	Garden Club outing to Highview House Gardens Roughton, see p3
Mon	7 th	7-7.30pm	Village Screen: Bridget Jones Mad about the Boy (2025) 125 mins. C15
Wed	9 th	7-9pm	Knit and Stitch: Dolly Newcombe Community Room NVH
Thurs	10 th	10am-noon	Friends & Neighbours Garden meeting at Bury Lodge Pennygate: trade table, raffle and home cooking hosts Mr and Mrs Drake
Frid	11 th	Noon	Holy Communion at St Benet's Abbey for St Benedict's Day
Sat	12 th	9am-Noon	Community Market and Café: NVH
Sat	12 th	All day	Norfolk Punt Club Women's Sailing Day (see article)
Sun	13 th	2-6pm	Local Artists' Exhibition and Art Sale: NVH
Mon	14th	NOTE	Deadline for the August NIB Edition: Monday 14th July
Wed	16 th	10.10am 11.15am	Mobile Library: Pitt Corner, Neatishead, NR12 8BT Mobile Library: Council Houses, Ashmanhaugh, NR12 8YL
Wed	16 th	2-4pm	WI: NVH (Note: No Meeting in August)
Fri	18 th	5pm	Fund-raising BBQ, Neatishead School
Sat	19 th	10am-noon	Coffee Morning at St Michael and All Angels, Barton Turf
Sat	19 th	6-8pm	Wherry Yacht Charitable Trust: Wherryfest Summer Jazz at How Hill
Mon	21 st		Gardening Club There is no meeting in NVH see 7 th above
Wed	23 rd	10.15am 10.35am 10.55am	Mobile Library: Pennygate, Barton Turf NR12 8BE Mobile Library: Ex-Post Office, Barton Turf NR12 8BB Mobile Library: Staithe Road, Barton Turf NR12 8AZ
Wed	23 rd	7-9pm	Knit and Stitch: Dolly Newcombe Community Room NVH
Thurs	24 th	10am-noon	Friends and Neighbours Coffee Morning. NVH (see page 4)

Future Dates and Events

Sunday 3rd August: Wroxham & Hoveton Lions Charity Fete & Classic Car Show: Hoveton Village Hall

Monday 4th August: Village Screen: Wicked (2024) 160 mins Cert PG

Tuesday 5th August: The Wherry Yacht Charter Charitable Trust special sailings: 10am, 11.15, 12.30pm, 1.45pm, and 3pm at The Museum of the Broads

Monday 11th August to Sunday 17th August: Fairy-tale themed Scarecrow Route around Neatishead

Friday 15th August: 11am Norwich Cathedral will be holding an 80th Anniversary of VJ Day

Commemoration Service (see article by Pauline Simpson for important attendance details – pg 4)

Sunday 17th August: V J Day 80th Anniversary NIBCHG Exhibition

Thursday 21st August: The Wherry Yacht Charter Charitable Trust special sailings: 10am, 11.15, 12.30pm, 1.45pm, and 3pm at The Museum of the Broads

Saturday 23rd August Wherry Yacht Charter Charity: Norfolk Wherry Brass Band How Hill

Saturday 6th September: Village Show NVH

Monday 8th September: Horning Flower Club resumes after Summer break Horning Village Hall

Sunday 21st September: Heritage Open Days Celebration at St Benet's Abbey see article

Saturday 27th September: Ceilidh NVH

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- New Victory Hall: Street Hill, Neatishead, Norfolk, NR12 8A. For enquiries/hall bookings www.victoryhall.info or email bookings@victoryhall.info tel:07551 008065. Online ticket sales for events and cinema order these via red Box Office link.
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- White Horse Inn: The Street, Neatishead, NR12 8AD, 01692 630828: thewhitehorseinnneatishead.com
- Wroxham Library events: 01603 782560; www.facebook.com/wroxhamlibraryofficial

Parish Council Clerks Barton & Irstead: Nicola Ledain, bartonturfirsteadpc@yahoo.com

Neatishead: Laura Bateman, neatishead.parish@gmail.com. Meets every 3rd Thursday 7.30pm NVH

Benefice of St Benedict - Church Services – July 2025

Sunday 6th July 3rd Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Benefice and Holy Communion St Peters Neatishead
4pm Church In the Sun event, St Benedict's Horning

Sunday 13th July 4th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Benefice and Holy Communion St Swithin's Ashmanhaugh

Sunday 20th July 5th Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (BCP) St Michael's Irstead
9.30am Holy Communion St Benedict's Horning
6pm Evening Prayer St Michael and All Angels' Barton Turf

Sunday 27th July 6th Sunday after Trinity

8.30am Holy Communion St Swithin's Ashmanhaugh
3.30pm Annual Service St Benet's Abbey with the Bishop of Norwich, Abbot of the Monastery

Weekday Morning Prayer Services in our Benefice churches at 9.15am* Holy Communion 3rd Monday**

Monday: Neatishead** Tuesday: Irstead Wednesday: Horning
Thursday: Barton Turf Friday at 9.45am: Ashmanhaugh*

Contact details Rev Ben-brother_ben@btinternet.com or 01692 630216

Other Events

Sunday 6th July 4pm: Church In the Sun event, St Benedict's Horning

Friday 11th July Noon: Holy Communion at St Benet's Abbey for St Benedict's Day

Saturday 19th July 10-12: Coffee morning St Michael and All Angels'

Friday 8th August to Sunday 10th August 10am - 4pm Book Fair at St Michael and All Angels' - Light refreshments available

Friday 15th August: 11am Norwich Cathedral will be holding an 80th Anniversary of VJ Day Commemoration Service (see article on page 3 by Pauline Simpson for important attendance details)

Sunday 7th September 9.30am Sunday Club returns after the summer break: Neatishead Church

Parish Churchwardens *Neatishead:* Pauline Simpson on 01692 630674,
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Neatishead Baptist Church Chapel Road NR12 8YF

6 th July Sunday	10.30am	Marc Grimston - Communion	21 st July Monday	10am	Church Meeting
13 th July Sunday	10.30am	Val Khambatta	26 th July Saturday	10am	Hope Cafe
18 th July Friday	10.00am	Prayer Meeting	27 th July Sunday	10.30am	Mrs Moria Ketteringham
20 th July Sunday	10.30am	Rev'd Sue Seeley	28 th July Monday	2pm	Fellowship – St Mark Study

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

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