

The Benefice of St Benedict

'If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven'. This quote from Jesus is recorded in St Matthew's Gospel. St Matthew also writes of Jesus saying, 'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for vourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal'. We all need possessions. Jesus' comments appear extreme; however, he is simply trying to shock us into action. Jesus taught people not to become too attached to worldly goods to the point where they become the meaning of life. Interestinaly, Jesus also references the need to support poorer people whilst discussing the dangers of possessions.

At our recent Christian Aid Service we raised money to help poor communities in other countries because we live in a deeply unfair world. If we are being honest, 'The West', takes what it wants, consumes what it wants, and generally does not think about where it came from. An addiction to possessions causes us to exploit poorer people and to contribute to the climate crisis. Today we can buy a t-shirt for £2. How is it possible for it to be so cheap? How much has someone been paid in a far-away factory in a much poorer country to make that t-shirt? Large corporations make millions in profits whilst workers and farmers in poor countries are paid pennies. We often hear about the UK 'going green' and hitting 'net zero'. Yet as a society we are being disingenuous and fooling ourselves. The reason we can achieve net zero is because our country has moved nearly all manufacturing to China, where over 3,000 coal power stations currently operate and workers' are non-existent. So many of our possessions have been created by coal power stations and made by people being paid pennies.

Whether it be online or the many pound shops that line our high streets; our society has become too comfortable with buying the cheapest possible products, with little thought as to where they came from or how they were produced. Transferring our carbon emissions to another country to enable our society to praise itself for being 'net zero' neither addresses the climate crisis nor helps to create a fairer world for all people.

Front page photo – *Maria Jordan*Barton Fete 2019

If we really want to do something about the climate crisis and to create a fairer world, then we need to fundamentally change our society's habits and we need to loosen our addiction to possessions. We need to buy fewer things, be more sustainable, and to resist the temptation to always look for the cheapest possible item. Only by following Jesus' teaching and ensuring that we do not make possessions the centre of our lives will we then be able to tackle the climate crisis and also create a fairer world. Praised be Christ.

Revd Ben

Latest news from our Sunday Club

It was wonderful to welcome back our Sunday Club members following the Easter break. Last month we looked at the story of Doubting Thomas and we made glasses to help us remember that sometimes even if we cannot see something, it can still be true. We had our usual games including our favourite, 'Jesus Says', a version of 'Simon Says'. We will be hosting our annual 'Church in the Sun' event at Horning at 4pm on **Sunday 6**th **July**. Last year's event was fantastic! There will be: BBQ, games, ice cream, face painting and more! Everyone is welcome and it's free!



Upcoming Dates and Events

Sunday 1st June- please note: no Sunday Club as it's half term

Sunday 15th June- Sunday Club Takeover, 11am at Neatishead

Sunday 6th July- Church In The Sun! 4pm at Horning Church.

All children are most welcome so please come along; it's great fun! For more information, please contact Revd Ben: brother_ben@btinternet.com 01692 630216

St Michael and All Angels', Barton Turf

I hope everyone had a good Easter. On Easter Saturday we had our April coffee morning with Hot Cross Buns. Our June coffee morning will be held on **Saturday 21st June** at the usual time. We look forward to seeing you there. On Thursday 8th May there was a very moving service to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second Word War in Europe. One more date for the diary is **Friday June 27th**. This will be our annual gathering for the Friends of the Church from 6.30pm onwards. Weather permitting the tower will be open; there will be strawberries and cream and drinks and a good chance to have a general chat, with a quiz of some sort, so come prepared!

From the Registers

17th April: Funeral, burial of William (Wilf) Gibbons 30th April: Funeral of Charlotte Sethi 7th May: Memorial Service for Elvie Reeder

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13th May: Funeral and Burial of Sheila Yaxley

Barbara Pilcher Churchwarden

St Michael's Irstead

On 8th May, VE Day 80th anniversary, at 6.30pm, St Michael's bell ringing joined with other places of worship throughout the UK. We still anticipate that the re-ridging works will commence in July at a date yet to be advised: St Michael's will remain open as usual. Once we have a firm date we will publicise it in the NIB, and on our 'Church near You' website. We look forward to welcoming you to our Open Garden on **Saturday 28th June** at 2.00pm (see poster below).

David Murrells



Barton and Irstead Church Fete

A final reminder that the fete will be on 14th June 2025 from 2pm until 4pm at Barton Hall with the kind permission of Robert Peel. Last month's edition of the NIB highlighted all the stalls that needed help in various capacities. We now look forward to you all coming. Help is always needed to put everything together on the Friday evening from 6pm. Or, if the weather is inclement on the Friday evening, 10am on the Saturday. Help would be appreciated to pack everything up after the event. If you can offer help on either of those occasions it would be gratefully received. If you have any raffle prizes do please get in touch; the more prizes the better the raffle. There is a flyer advertising the fete inside this copy of NIB so I hope that this will remind you of the new date.

Barbara Pilcher 01692 536132

Friends and Neighbours

The Friends and Neighbours are holding a coffee morning on **Thursday 5thJune** from 10am until noon in the NVH. This meeting will be hosted by Rev Sue Seeley who will be showing slides from her visits to New Zealand. Two weeks later on **Thursday 19th June** Georgette Vale is presenting 'Lucilla Reed Battle Ground, Miss Reed's Own Battle'. At the funeral of Sheila Yaxley on May 13th the club was mentioned as Sheila was a loyal member who, with her husband John, enjoyed the trips that were organised. To find out more about this friendly club please contact the chairperson, Jean Barber, on 01263 721698.

Jane King

Horning Flower Club

In May's meeting, Vicki Hease demonstrated 'Here Comes Summer' and the competition was 'A Day at the Beach'. On **Monday 9th June** David Sankey will be giving a talk on Cottage Favourites but with no competition. We then break until 8th September. Information from Carole Swan 01692 536270.

New! Walking Group!

Neatishead, Barton & Irstead area. It works via a WhatsApp group. If anyone fancies a walk one day they just post a message like, "Does anyone want a walk from the shop to Irstead Staithe and coffee at the shop afterwards? Meet 10am at the shop". People can reply with a thumbs up and simply join in. You can plan ahead or plan a last-minute walk, whatever works for you. Message me if you would like to be added to the WhatsApp group on 07460 740700.

Margaret Maxwell

Neatishead Bowls Club

This wonderful weather has meant a lot more watering and care of the green. We are now playing League Matches.

Contact: Chair, J Gurney 07746 540224.

Cathy Smith



Knit and Stitch

As the sun shines you are probably not thinking woolly jumpers, but there are lots of summer varns available to make cardigans and summer tops so no need to banish your needles and hooks to the cupboards. Coming up this month is 'The Woolly Weekend' at The Weavers Workshop, Dilham on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th June from 10am to 4pm where you will find ideas for summer projects as well as lots of yarns and maybe a bargain or two! Also this month it is worldwide 'Knitting in Public Day' and ours will be on Saturday 21st June from 10am - 12noon. You find us outside The White House Stores and the Regency House Gift Shop. Do stop for a chat or sit a while, enjoy a coffee and have a go at knitting or crochet. Our regular meetings this month are on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, 11th and 25th June. All welcome.

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



A party from different village groups visited Jane Steward's medlar orchard in Eastgate on May 12th to see the trees in blossom and had a lovely morning. The blossom was beautiful and the refreshments delicious. We are not holding a regular meeting in June at the NVH as we are visiting Natural Surroundings near Holt on **Tuesday 24th June**. Simon from Natural Surroundings gave a fascinating talk to the club in April which has whetted our appetites to discover more! We will car share and meet at the NVH car park at 10am: More information by email to members. If you are not a member but would like to join us please get in touch. Let's hope we have had some rain before you receive this NIB!

janeelizabethking@hotmail.com Jane King 07423 820228

The Village Show

The Garden Club and Knit and Stitch are running the Village Show on **Saturday 6**th **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.



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

A huge thank you to the many people involved in helping to mark the 80th Anniversary of VE Day, across the villages. We were able to remember and pay tribute to those from our villages, who made the



ultimate sacrifice during WW1 and WW2, at a service in Barton Turf Church on Thursday 8th May. The bell was rung at 6.30pm at Irstead Church that evening, commemorating the bells that rang out across the nation on VE Day (Victory in Europe Day) on 8th May 1945. On Saturday 10th May we held our own VE Day Afternoon Tea celebration at the New Victory Hall with displays to explain what happened around the globe during the months from D-Day to VE Day. We were privileged to have four members of our community at the afternoon, Dolly, Celia, Bernard and Anthony, all of whom were of school age at the time and who have their own memories of VE Day back in 1944.



Nostalgic Singing!

Our afternoon began with a proclamation declaring that eighty years ago the war in Europe ended, which had been written especially for this occasion. The afternoon continued with nostalgic 1940s songs lead by the Ukulele Band and at 3pm we watched Sir Winston Churchill giving his VE Day speech to the crowds in London on 8th May 1945. He spoke of the debt of gratitude owed to the Allied Forces, but reminded everyone that the war with Japan was still ongoing and that there was still much to be done before freedom was fully achieved.

It was on the evening of 14th August 1945 that the cessation of hostilities in the Far East was announced. The following day, 15th August,

newspapers announced that Japan had surrendered. This day, 15th August, now known as VJ Day, will be commemorated in our community on the afternoon of **Sunday 17th August**. We hope you will be able to join us for this event.

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White House Stores

Have you seen our lovely new outside tables? They were paid for by an anonymous local donor, to benefit our customers, so do grab a coffee and use them! It's so kind to give a donation like this. We extend our sincere thanks.

We are happy to say we will be sprucing up the paintwork on the shop soon. It should all be done out of hours so there should be no disruption to the normal opening times.



Ticket sales via the shop

Just to clarify, we are selling tickets at the shop for local events as before. The only change is how we arrange it with you. If your organisation would like us to sell tickets for your upcoming event, please send an email to info@whitehousestores.co.uk so that we can get in contact with you to arrange this. Please give us as much notice as possible. If you have any questions just pop in on a Thursday or Friday and have a chat, or send me an email.

Margaret Maxwell margaret@whitehousestores.co.uk

Village Screen



Monday 2nd June - 7.00 for 7.30pm



Our film for June is **MARIA** (Cert.12:122mins), a biographical drama set in Paris, September 1977. Riddled with depression and sadness, legendary opera diva Maria Callas (Angelina Jolie) now leads a reclusive life away from the public eye. Despite her failing voice, the famed American-Greek soprano still harbours hope of making a grand comeback. But Maria has already caught the unwanted attention of the persistent paparazzi eager to witness her downfall. As vivid flashbacks reveal moments from her glamorous yet tumultuous career, a tragic narrative unfolds over the last seven days of the influential singer's life a story filled with dreams, hardship, passion and disappointment.

"Angelina Jolie dazzles as the opera diva in her finest performance in a decade" The Telegraph

We look forward to welcoming you to The New Victory Hall 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.

Our July film will be: Bridget Jones, Mad about the Boy

Village Screen Team

Weather



Drought conditions persist as high pressure predominates.

With a succession of blocking highs mainly centred to the north and east of the UK over this period, it has continued to be exceptionally dry. The Met. Office have confirmed it was the sunniest April on record and the 3rd warmest in the UK.

The total rainfall recorded for the month was just 8.5mms/0.33in which is only 18% of average. The highest daily total was 5.5mms/0.22in on the 15th, one of only two 'rain' days all month.

May has continued almost completely dry with one or two very light showers on the 4th and 6th, but not measurable amounts. Records show that the last notable rain we had was 10.5mms/0.41in on the 26th February, almost 11 weeks ago! We are currently running a spring rainfall deficit of 89% with only a slight chance of rain in the remainder of the month.

Peter Mills

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WHB Twinning Association

We are all hoping that this lovely weather keeps up for our Flotilla

and Picnic, planned for **Saturday 21**st **June.** It is always a fun day with our boat-owners taking us out on the river and rafting up for a picnic on one of the broads. We also have a lunchtime garden party and pre-trip briefing on **Sunday 6**th **July** at Robert and Margaret Collingwood's to look forward to. Look out for more details on our Twinning website, which our secretary, Joan, has revitalised and you can find it on https://wroxham-hbtwinning.org.uk Please do look it up for more information about our association, our events, photos etc.

Our main event is, of course, the visit to our French twinning friends in La Pommeraye and Montjean-sur-Loire, 9-15th August. We are spending the first night in Rouen with a guided tour and free time in this lovely, historic city, before continuing to our destination and five nights with our French hosts.

Do get in touch if you'd like to join us. For more information generally, please contact our new chairperson, Liz, on powellea@btinternet.com or 07484 897754.

Sheila Milstead



Ashmanaugh and Barton Wanderers Cricket Club

The season has now begun and we hit the ground running, with two refurbished clubhouses and a team of

volunteers to help support the playing members! We are delighted to have the continued support of many local businesses in the form of sponsorship. Please look out for our fixture booklet and website, livestreamed matches and around the grounds for details. If you are looking for a local tradesman please check the fixture book first, we are supported by, to name just a few: builders to solicitors, restaurants to estate agents, flower suppliers to carpet fitters, plumbers to breweries, tree surgeons to butchers, plus many more!

The club continues to grow our senior and junior squads, seeing an influx of players joining the ranks. We are particularly keen to develop women and girls' cricket, so if you are interested, please get in touch. We have introduced an under-13 girls' team and are optimistic that other teams will follow. The club will be running All Stars (age 5-8) and all junior age groups again this year: open to all new members.

We would love you to join us at either ground. We have a fully licensed bar at Barton Turf for you to enjoy, sponsored this year by Wolf Brewery! Any should enquiries be directed abwcc.events@gmail.com, via the website or through one of our social media channels where all announcements are made in the first instance. published on the website Fixtures are www.aandbw.play-cricket.com/matches.

Jayne Everett



Our lst XI in new kit sponsored by Burnt Fen Flowers

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Norfolk Punt Club

The Barton Bunny stays near home

Readers will remember the distinctive Barton Bunny trophy (pictured in the NIB's May edition) and made by Jacky Wilton of Dutchables in Barton. The Norfolk Punt Club again held this annual Easter pursuit race for this lovely trophy. Clearly the bunny rabbit didn't want to find a different home as it was won by last year's winners, Neatishead's Simon and Rachel Clayton.



Barton Bunny Officers of the Day: Louisa & Max Dixey with trophy winners Rachel & Simon Clayton

The sailing season is now in full swing with racing both at weekends and on Tuesday evenings. The evening sailing tends to mean lighter winds but often no other boats are on the broad and there are wonderful views of the wildlife: terns fishing, grebes courting, herons balancing and, with luck, the occasional bittern or otter. It's a great way to enjoy racing in a relaxed and gentle way.

There's now lots of training going on for both adults and children. Members are both improving their sailing skills but also gaining national qualifications in both sailing and motor boats. The first major event was held in early May with visitors coming from other clubs to compete in the Norfolk Punt Open meeting. Again, this trophy will remain locally as it was won by Alastair Drew, crewed by Mark Elson. It was a weekend of close racing with colourful spinnakers flying and, as always, delicious cake! The club is very much a community facility so if you haven't been to see what is going on, do come and join us. You will be made very welcome! See our website for more details: www.puntclub.co.uk.

Liz Ollier

Community Gym



Exercise is so beneficial to our bodies but what about our mental health?

Exercise boosts mood, reduces stress and anxiety, improves sleep, and enhances cognitive function by releasing feel-good hormones and improving brain health.

Let's look at how exercise positively impacts mental well-being:

- 1. Mood enhancement
 - ☐ Endorphin release
 - ☐ Reduced stress and anxiety
 - □ Improved sleep
- 2. Cognitive function:
 - ☐ Improved concentration and focus
 - ☐ Increased brain blood flow
 - □ Enhanced memory
- 3. Other benefits:
 - ☐ Increased self-esteem and confidence
 - ☐ Social connection
 - ☐ Reduced risk of mental health conditions
 - ☐ Emotional resilience

We are very proud of our community gym. In the village it is a social hub for locals with the opportunity to improve fitness and wellbeing. Adults of all ages are welcome, and seniors predominate our ranks with great enthusiasm and determination. In the gym our helpful professional instructor, Gary Forde, helps members build on existing fitness levels and supports members return to fitness after absences from a variety of causes. There is no shortage of encouragement and motivation for gentle and more robust activity in equal measure. The gym is open Sunday, Monday and Wednesday mornings 8.30 to 12.30. For more info: neatisheadcommunitygym.com.

Gary Forde/Simon Thompson



PS: Look out for the gym's new blue banner coming soon to the NVH railings!

Let the NABS stars sing!

To celebrate Les Miserables' 40th anniversary, Cameron Mackintosh has invited 11 lead societies across the UK to produce the premiere of 'Let the People Sing'. Norwich's production at the Theatre Royal is with the Norfolk & Norwich Operatic Society and, after auditions of 360 adults and 125 children, our very own Poppy Grocott & Jo Culling were lucky enough to be cast.



Poppy and Jo in their Les Mis t-shirts

Poppy, age 9, attends Neatishead Primary School, and is also a member of NABS Juniors. Poppy will be playing Young Eponine in one of the lead children's roles. Poppy says, "I love hearing the amazing voices and meeting lots of new people". Les Mis was Poppy's very first audition and she feels lucky to have landed this role. She says, "You should always follow your dreams".

Jo, from Barton Turf, is a star of many NABS productions. She will be in the ensemble and says, "It has been lovely to be involved with such a large production in something as special as Les Mis". Jo has been such a good mentor for Poppy helping her with the audition and practising her singing.

Les Mis is at the Theatre Royal Norwich from the **Wednesday 2**nd to **Saturday 6**th. Poppy is performing in the Thursday 2.30pm show & both Friday & Saturday 7.30pm shows.

Georgina Grocott

NABS JUNIORS Variety Show

On **Saturday 28**th **June**, at 3pm, our amazing NABS Juniors will take to the stage at the New Victory Hall. They will be showing us their talents at their very own Variety Show! Tickets will be £5 and will be on sale at Neatishead Primary School from **Monday 9**th **June**. Do please come and support us!

Lisa Seager



Farming Facts

Neatishead's New Reservoir

Our Tunstead neighbour Tim Place has recently been interviewed on national and local TV, talking about his role as project manager for the newly completed reservoir bordering Norwich Road and Cangate Road. The reservoir project has brought together six local farmers to share and secure their irrigation water and to enable high value horticultural crops to continue to be grown in this area. The reservoir can store up to 270,000 cubic metres of water, equivalent to more than 100 Olympic sized swimming pools. The water is available for use on just under 2,900 acres of land in total and will be mainly used to irrigate soft fruit, vegetables and potatoes.

The water stored in the reservoir is abstracted from the local catchment during the winter period but only when there is sufficient flow in the river system. It also captures rainwater of course, but that has been a rare resource this year. The method of water application to crops varies, some by sprinklers and the rest by drip lines; all highly sophisticated and computer controlled. To make it safe (potable) the water used on the fruit crops is filtered up to three times: through a course net, sand and finally through UV light. As passers-by, we cannot see the reservoir in its entirety: here's an aerial photo of 270,000 cubic metres of water! Norwich Road runs parallel to the far shorter bank.



Peter Dickie

Wildlife Notes



My garden Blue Tits completed their nest in my camera nest-box and laid their first four eggs on the 19th of April leaving them covered with grass and feathers until the 22nd when there were eight eggs and the female was sitting tight and incubating them. The eggs started to hatch on the 5th May and the final egg hatched out on the afternoon of the 6th of May, a good 24 hours after the first egg. The dry sunny weather has meant that both adults have been able to find plenty of caterpillars. As I write these notes on May 13th there are seven healthy looking chicks inside the box (sadly the last one didn't survive and was removed from the box by the female bird). Fingers crossed that they all fledge.



Blue Tit - Jon Kelf

Many of you will see Common or Brown Hares in our local fields and we are fortunate that we seem to still have a good population locally. At this time of year, they become harder to see as the crops grow taller and often the only sight is the black tips of their ears sticking up above the cereals.

Jon Kelf posted this excellent 'boxing hare' photo, taken near his house in Neatishead, on the village wildlife forum. I was then asked by the editor to explain why hares do their ritual dance in the spring, commonly referred to as "boxing", which leads to them being known as mad March hares. This 'dance' involves two adult hares standing up on their hind legs facing each other and effectively scrabbling at each other with their front paws, sometimes so forcibly that clumps of fur can literally fly.



Most people assume that these are two male hares fighting for territory or the right to mate with the resident females, but this is not always the case. In the majority of incidents, this will be a female hare fighting off a male who has been following her around with amorous intentions and has overstepped the mark. She will rebuff his advances in no uncertain terms and as blows are exchanged her claws may pull out small clumps of hair as they stand toe to toe just like boxers in a ring.

Whilst you may be aware that hares have a reputation for being fast runners. gaining speeds of up to 30 mph, they are also known to be good swimmers and will cross rivers to get to good feeding grounds, or to escape, if being chased by a predator.

During the past week the UK has seen a large influx of Red-footed Falcons coming in from abroad with seven individuals seen at Carlton Marshes in Suffolk and a single bird at Hickling. These are small falcons which winter in Africa and are en-route to their breeding grounds in Eastern Europe and Asia. Whereas we usually record between 5–10 birds annually in Britain, during the last two weeks 43 were counted. The males are black and grey coloured with a red patch under the tail whilst the females are more buff coloured with barred underwings.

Enjoy the summer wildlife.

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Wroxham and Hoveton Lions Club

We are in full swing organising this year's Hoveton Village Charity Fete, which is being held at Hoveton Village Hall and Playing Field on **Sunday 3rd August**, 10am to 4pm: we are hoping to match last year's record entry of 124 classic vehicles. We still have spaces for stalls on the field. Booking forms for these, as well as classic cars, are available see: https://wroxhamandhovetonlions.org.

The warm Easter period marked a noticeable increase in footfall in our charity shop, which this year is celebrating its 25th anniversary. We are always happy to receive donations of items in good clean condition, including fully working small electricals, so please bear us in mind. For collection, phone 01603 783737.

At the end of the month I will be carrying out my last duty in my year as President, when I hand over the presidential chain to my successor, Lion Dennis Moxon, who will oversee the clubs 50th year of service in Wroxham and Hoveton. I wish him a successful year. I would like to personally thank all the members of the public who have made donations to our charity shop and supported both me and our club. It has been an honour and a pleasure to serve the Community as President of the Club during this time.

Ron Hill President Wroxham and Hoveton Lions Club CIO

Wroxham Bure Valley Rotary Club



By the time you read this, we will have completed our duties manning the

entrance at the annual Strumpshaw Steam Rally event held over the late May holiday week-end. A full report next time. Also in May a group of members and partners spent a fantastic time on a trip to Eastern Croatia, arranged by one of our members, Vera, who was born and spent her childhood in that area. We will be reporting back to the club at a future date and would welcome guests at that meeting to hear about a fascinating, yet non-touristy part of Europe.



Local Rotarians, Caro How and Geoff Harrison on the banks of the Danube

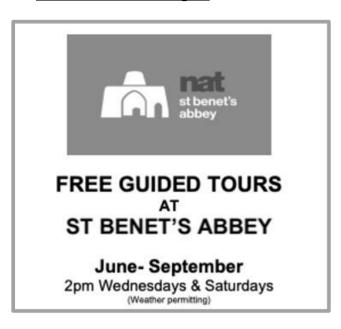
At the end of June we have our handover meeting, when our new president Chris Billing takes over. This vear we celebrate our twenty-year anniversary and handover is being combined with Charter night in a special event at Norfolk Broads Yacht Club. We also continue to have a great programme of interesting speakers lined up for our weekly Monday evening meetings at Wroxham Barns. You can also support us and the many local and international charities we donate to, through the Broadland Council Lottery Scheme. Simply go on line at www.communityatheartlottery.com and sign up, selecting Wroxham Bure Valley Rotary Club as your chosen cause. Or you can support us directly by visiting our page on www.totalgiving.co.uk web site. If you fancy joining us for a vibrant, sociable, active and fun club experience, please contact our president, Kelvin Dore, on 07798786944.

Peter Milsted



'Let the guides bring 1,000 years of history to life'.

Norfolk Archeological Trust are providing free guided tours of St Benet's Abbey: NR29 5NU. Tours start near the gatehouse/mill and path to river moorings. For more information or a private tour: info@norfarchtrust.org.uk



Roman Catholic Churches

- St Helen, Hoveton, NR12 8QJ. Saturday Mass at 5.30pm, Wednesday Mass at 9.30am.
- Sacred Heart, Norwich Road, North Walsham, NR28 9JP, Sunday Mass at 11am

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 1st June 10.30am Service led by Rev Carole Pearl followed by the Church AGM

Sunday 8th June 10.30am Service led by Rev Ken Thom

Sunday 15th June 10.30am Service led by Rev Alex Jacob

Sunday 22nd June 10.30am Service led by Rev Carole Pearl.

Sunday 29th June: Service led by: tbc

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. In June we will meet on the 8th and 29th in the church hall from 10.15 – 11.45am. For more information: wmo.nd.umo.nd.uk/jam or contact <a href="mmo.nd.umo.n

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. Lynne Howard (Secretary) 01603 738835. lmhoward100@btinternet.com

Bus Timetable

Following a reader's request: here's the timetable for the Sunbeam Coach service that passes once a week through our villages

Service 3A – Wednesday (excluding bank holidays)

Fare: £3.00 per trip: bus passes can be used

Pennygate, grass triangle	10.00
Barton Turf, shelter	10.02
Neatishead, opp White Horse	10.05
Neatishead School	10.07
Hoveton: Roy's Department Store	10.15
Hoveton: Roy's Department Store	12.00
Neatishead opp. school	12.08
Neatishead White Horse	12.10
Barton Turf, opp. shelter	12.13
Pennygate, grass triangle	





Summer Fun

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New Victory Hall, NR12 8AD
The Granary Business Park, School Rd NR12 8BU

Cangate

Cangate House, NR12 8YH

Barton Turf

Point Farm (barn wall) NR12 8BB Cox's Boatyard toilet block NR12 8AZ

Irstead

Staithe Car Park, NR12 8XS

Pennygate

Berry Hall Lodge (left of gate) NR12 8BE



Dogs – and Cats - Lost & Found

We have expanded the group to include cats too! If you would like to be

included in this WhatsApp group which aims to reunite lost dogs, or cats, with their owners, please let me know.

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DEADLINE FOR THE JULY EDITION – 14th June 2025

Diary dates for June 2025

Sun	1 st		White Horse Pub Beer Festival: live music, hot dog menu and beer	
Mon	2 nd	7-7.30	Village Screen: Maria (2024) Cert 12A 123 mins: NVH	
Thurs	5 th	10am-noon	Friends & Neighbours New Zealand, Slides with Rev Sue Seeley: NVH	
Mon	9 th	2pm	Horning Flower Club: Horning Village Hall	
Wed	11 th	7-9pm	Knit and Stitch: Dolly Newcombe Community Room NVH	
Sat	14 th	9am-Noon	Community Market and Café: NVH	
Sat	14 th	2-4pm	Barton Fete joint churches' fete: Barton Hall Barton Turf	
SAT	14 th	NOTE	Deadline for the July NIB Edition: Saturday 14th June	
Sat &	14 th	10am-4pm	Woolly Weekend: Weavers' Workshop, Dilham	
Sun	15 th			
Mon	16 th		Gardening Club There is no meeting in NVH this month, an outing is	
			organised for members on 24 th June	
Wed	18 th	10.10am	Mobile Library: Pitt Corner, Neatishead, NR12 8BT	
		11.15am	Mobile Library: Council Houses, Ashmanhaugh, NR12 8YL	
Wed	18 th	2-4pm	WI: NVH	
Thurs	19 th	10am-noon	Friends & Neighbours: Georgette Vale, Miss Reed's Own Battle: NVH	
Sat	21 st	10am-noon	Coffee Morning at St Michael and All Angels Barton Turf	
Sat	21 st	10am-noon	Knitting in Public Day outside Whitehouse Store & Regency Gift Shop	
Sat	21 st	5.30-9pm	Midsummer Magic Musical event at How Hill	
			www.wherryyachtcharter.org/open-events.	
Tues	24 th	10am	Garden Club visit to Holt: Natural Surroundings. Also see page 4	
Wed	25 th	10.15am	Mobile Library: Pennygate, Barton Turf NR12 8BE	
		10.35am	Mobile Library: Ex-Post Office, Barton Turf NR12 8BB	
		10.55am	Mobile Library: Staithe Road, Barton Turf NR12 8AZ	
Wed	25 th	10.30-Noon	Coffee Morning at Broadacres Care Home All Welcome	
Wed	25 th	7-9pm	Knit and Stitch: Dolly Newcombe Community Room NVH	
Sat	28 th	2pm	Grove House Open Garden Irstead, to support St Michael's Irstead	
Sat	28 th	3pm	NABS Juniors Variety Show: NVH	

Future Dates and events

Monday 7th July: Village Screen: Bridget Jones: Mad about the Boy (2025) 125 mins Cert 15 Saturday 5th July: Barton Turf Adventure Centre Open Marsh Walk 2-5pm Barton Turf NR12 8AZ Sunday 3rd August: Wroxham & Hoveton Lions Charity Fete & Classic car show: Hoveton Village Hall/field

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

Sunday 17th August: V J Day 15th August: 80th Anniversary to be commemorated details to follow

Saturday 6th September: Village Show Saturday 27th September: Ceilidh NVH

Local Services and Contact Details

- New Victory Hall: Street Hill, Neatishead, Norfolk, NR12 8AD www.tickettailor.com/events/newvictoryhall
- White House Stores Community Shop: Irstead Road, Neatishead NR12 8BJ, 01692 631549. To join the Community Shop Membership: info@whitehousestores.co.uk.
- White Horse Inn: The Street, Neatishead, NR12 8AD, 01692 630828: thewhitehorseinnneatishead.com
- Wroxham Library events: 01603 782560; www.facebook.com/wroxhamlibraryofficial, Just a Cuppa, every Tuesday 10.00–12pm. Come for a friendly chat, there are very many diverse and interesting events, activities, clubs for all ages throughout the month.

Please Note Defibrillator Information is now on page 14

Parish Council Clerks Barton & Irstead: Nicola Ledain, <u>bartonturfirsteadpc@yahoo.com</u> Neatishead: Laura Bateman, neatishead.parish@gmail.com. Meets every 3rd Thursday 7.30pm NVH

Benefice of St Benedict - Church Services - June 2025

Sunday 1st June Seventh Sunday of Easter

9.30am Benefice and Holy Communion St Peter's Neatishead

Sunday 8th June Pentecost

9.30 am Benefice and Holy Communion St Swithin's Ashmanhaugh

Sunday 15th June Trinity Sunday

8am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am Holy Communion
St Benedict's Horning
11am Sunday Club Takeover
6pm Evening Prayer
St Michael's Irstead
St Benedict's Horning
St Peter's Neatishead
St Michael and All Angels'

Barton Turf

Sunday 22nd June First Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Holy Communion St Michael's Irstead
11am Morning Prayer St Benedict's Horning
11am Holy Communion St Michael and All Angels'

Barton Turf

Sunday 29th June Second Sunday after Trinity 9.30 Holy Communion St Michael's Irstead

Weekday Morning Prayer Services in our Benefice Churches at 9.15am*

Holy Communion 3rd Monday **

Monday: Irstead** Tuesday: Neatishead Wednesday: Horning Thursday: Barton Turf

Friday at 9.45am: Ashmanhaugh*

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

Other Events

Saturday 14th June 2pm Barton Fete Barton Hall Barton Turf-joint churches' fete

Sunday 15th June 11am Sunday Club Takeover at Neatishead Church **Saturday 21st June** 10am St Michael and All Angels' coffee morning

Friday 27th **June** 6.30pm Friends of the Church annual gathering St Michael and All Angels' **Saturday 28**th **June** 2pm Open Garden at Grove House Irstead, supporting St Michael's Irstead

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

Parish Church Wardens *Neatishead:* Pauline Simpson on 01692 630674, I*rstead:* David Murrells on 01692 631427 *Barton Turf:* Barbara Pilcher on 01692 536132

Neatishead Baptist Church Chapel Road NR12 8YF

1 st June	10.30am	Mark Taylor -	20 th June	10am	Prayer Meeting
Sunday		Communion	Friday		
2 nd June	2pm	Fellowship - St	22 nd June	10.30am	Mark Grimston
Monday		Mark study	Sunday		
8 th June	10.30am	Barbara McGowan	28 th June	10am	Hope Cafe
Sunday			Saturday		
15 th June	10.30am	Harry Hicks	29 th June	10.30am	John Leaf
Sunday			Sunday		
16 th June	2pm	Fellowship - St	30 th June	2pm	Fellowship - St
Monday		Mark study	Monday		Mark study

Hope Café meets for fellowship, coffee, games etc.10am to 11.30am on the last Saturday of The month. Everyone is welcome for fun and fellowship. Contact for more details: *Sue Gibbons* Secretary secretary@neatisheadbaptistchurch.org.uk

