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VJ Day 15th August

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HATS do it again – a brilliant performance of Allo Allo!

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LOVE IN ACTION ON THE RIVER KWAI

During the Second World War, Japanese prisoner of war camps were places of death and despair. The prisoners were forced to work until they dropped, building bridges or working to construct the railroad to Burma. Many fell ill from exhaustion, disease, or lack of food, and many died. Captain Ernest Gordon was among the prisoners of war who were marched into the jungle to build a bridge over the River Kwai. He became desperately ill, suffering, among other things, from dysentery, malaria and diphtheria and its after effects. He could not bear the stench and airlessness of the sleeping platform reserved for sick prisoners, and he asked to be moved to a place in the open air, where the bodies of those who died were stacked. One day he heard the doctors say that he would soon die. But prisoner friends built him a little hut and furnished it with a bed of split bamboo, covered with clean rice sacks. Gently and carefully they carried his thin body and laid it on the bed. Then two fellow prisoners came to see him, offering to nurse him. He was too ill to do anything for himself.

Both men were Christians. Dusty was a Methodist and Dinty a Roman Catholic. Dusty set to work at once. He fetched warm water and some rags and gave Captain Gordon the first wash he had enjoyed for weeks. Then, with great care and gentleness, he cleaned the sores and ulcers that covered his legs. Before he left, he sprinkled the dirt floor of the hut with water and swept it clean.

In the evening, when Dusty had to report for duty in the kitchen, Dinty, who had finished work for the day, took over as night nurse.

First thing in the morning, Dusty reappeared with a breakfast of rice. Then he would set about washing Captain and tending his ulcers. Next he began to massage the washed limbs to bring back some feeling and strengthen the muscles. Gordon began to get better. In time he took his first few stumbling steps. His own courage and determination completed the recovery.

The love and care of those two Christians had saved him from certain death, but neither had said much about their faith, until asked.

Both clearly showed Jesus' love in their willingness to do even the most unpleasant tasks cheerfully and kindly.

Captain Gordon and some of the other prisoners began to read about Jesus in the Gospels and let his love come into their own lives. Soon they wanted to show his love to others.

The whole camp was transformed. Before, everyone had fought for his own rights. Now, men thought of one another's needs. Selfishness and despair shrivelled up and happiness and hope grew strong as more and more prisoners began to share the love and care of Jesus, for his sake.

If love and care in this way can be shared in this place of death and despair, may we also show the love of God by the way in which we lead our daily lives amongst those with whom we live and work.

Pauline Simpson – Licensed Lay Minister, St Benedict's Benefice and Chaplain to Far East Prisoners of War/



Rotas For August

Date		Time	Service	Church
3 rd August	7 th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am11 am	Benefice HC	Beeston St Lawrence
10 th August	8 th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Benefice HC	Ashmanhaugh
17 th August	9 th Sunday after Trinity	0800am 9.30am 6.00pm	HC (BCP) HC EP	Irstead Horning Barton Turf
24 th August	10 th Sunday after Trinity	9.30 am	Benefice HC	Barton Turf

Weekday Morning Prayer Service in our Benefice churches at 9.15am *

HC Holy Communion EP Evening Prayer BPC Book of Common Prayer

MP Morning Prayer BHC Benefice Holy Communion

Monday	Neatishead <i>3rd Monday HC</i>
Tuesday	Irstead
Wednesday	Horning
Thursday	Barton Turf
Friday * 9.45am	Ashmanhaugh

Horning Sailing Club Regatta Service -Sunday August 3rd

At the beginning of Horning Week it has been a tradition for many years to have a short informal service at the clubhouse. We will meet at 9.30 finishing by 10 so that the sailing can get underway soon afterwards. Everyone from the village is most welcome to come across to join this service which is led by Horning Church and members of the club in a picturesque setting. There will be a retiring collection for a local charity.

Latest news from our Sunday Club

We had fantastic fun at our recent 'Church in the Sun' event. Due to the weather on the day, Noah's Ark would have been a fitting topic! However, instead we looked at St Paul and how he established the first churches. The rain meant we had to move inside, but it did not dampen our spirits with lots of games, fun, and fantastic face painting!

We will give it another go next summer and hope to make it even bigger and better, watch this space!

Upcoming Dates and Events

Sunday 7th September- 9.30am Sunday Club at Neatishead Church.

Sunday 21st September- 11am Sunday Club takeover at Neatishead Church

ALL CHILDREN ARE MOST WELCOME SO PLEASE DO COME ALONG, IT IS GREAT FUN!

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

First Saturday Monthly Coffee Morning

It was really good to see the hall with nearly 50 people at the last coffee morning. And thank you to everyone who generously contributed £276.10 towards the upkeep and maintenance of our beautiful churchyard.

If you've not been to the monthly coffee morning before you're missing out on a great opportunity to catch up on village news as well as browsing through the latest pre-loved books, and perhaps buying one or two, or picking

up some delicious cakes, preserves or cheese straws. Then there's the raffle and of course coffee or tea with a choice of jam or cheese scones.

But above all it's the opportunity to get out and meet others from the village. Everyone's welcome, including well-behaved dogs and their owners (who are also expected to be well-behaved!) As the name implies the "First Saturday Coffee Morning" meets on the first Saturday of each month in Horning Village Hall from 10.00 til -11.30 ish and you're welcome to drop in at any time. The next one will be on Saturday 2nd August. We hope to see you there.



New signs on Church Staithe

St Michael's, Irstead

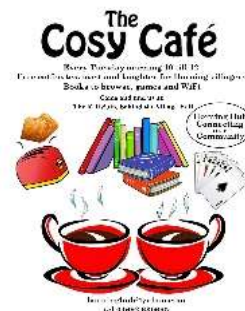
By the time you read this the re-ridging of the church should be well underway. The church will be closed for the duration of this work but services on 17th and 24th August should be going ahead as planned. Please contact me if you need access to the church or churchyard during this time.
Claire Penstone-Smith, claireps@btinternet.com, 07760643739



Horning Hub connecting the community

Horning Hub Cosy café will open on August on the 5th, and from September onwards we are open every Tuesday in the Mill Suite between 10-12.

In June the Lunch/ **Supper Club** was held in the Ferry Inn. It was a great success. We had a full choice from the menu, the service was excellent, no mean feat as there was 25 of us. **Our next get together is provisionally booked for Wednesday 20th August** when we hope to indulge in Fish 'n Chips bought from the van in the Village Hall carpark.



Afternoon Tea “On a warm, not to say hot, June afternoon, 26 of us gathered for a delightful Afternoon Tea in the Mill Suite, the room was filled with laughter, and conversation. Tables were adorned with pretty tablecloths, fresh flowers and an array of homemade cakes, scones, and sandwiches, prepared by our wonderful volunteers. It was a very happy occasion that reminded us of the simple pleasures of community and hospitality. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to making the afternoon so special—we look

forward to many more!” (Catherine)

It ‘Was an absolute blast at the Hub afternoon tea! Plenty of food and leftovers to take home if you wanted to. Would love to do this again. Thank you to all the helpers and everyone who prepared food! (Sarah and Kevin xx ❤️)

- **Broads Cruise on August Bank Holiday Monday:** Some places are still available if YOU wish to join us.
- **CPR/AED Training – East Anglian Air Ambulance on Saturday 20th Sept:** This now fully booked but you are welcome to join the waiting list.



Our Christmas event, ‘**Made in Horning**’ is on **Saturday 15th November**, is in the planning stage and will offer crafts made by those who live in Horning. We already have several tables booked by local crafters but do get in touch if you would like to join us. Father Christmas is keen to be there and will be getting ready extra early this year so as not to disappoint you. We also have the Miniature Steam Engine and Monzu Pizzas confirmed, and Windmill Teas will be providing light refreshments.

Contact horninghub@yahoo.com or 01692 630695

VJ 80 15th August



On VJ day 80, Friday 15th August an event will take place on Benet's Green organised by the Horning Hub. We invite **villagers to bring a picnic from 5.30** and enjoy food and fellowship as we come together to honour and pay tribute to those who fought in the Far East during the Second World War (known as the Forgotten War).

Whilst this is a commemoration and not a celebration, there will be music during the evening and facepainting for the children.

At sunset, or shortly after, the flag will be lowered to the sound of the bugle during which you are invited to shine a light from one of the several lanterns that will be made available or from your phone.

As the evening unfolds

5.30 onwards – please bring a picnic to Benet's Green

Music from

6.00 - Johnnie Walker

7.00 - The Ukelele Band

7.50 - Horning Hub VJ 80 singers

8.45 - Letter from France (set to music), Hymn, a prayer

KOHIMA EPITAPH

9.00 – Lowering of the flag to the Bugle and the lighting of Lanterns

Please note all times are approximate and if wet we will meet in Horning Village Hall

Picnic boxes are available to order from the Galley
Fish n chips from the Staithe and Willow

horninghub@yahoo.co.uk or telephone 01692 630695

300 club winners for this month.

£25 - No 273, Mrs Margaret Springall

£15 - No 89, Mrs Gail Watling

£10 - No 83, Mrs Pam Shallcross

Betty Woodcock Remembers

REMEMBERING THE SUFFERING INFLICTED ON THE MILITARY ARMIES BY THE JAPANESE COMMAND AND EXPERENCIES OF A PERSONAL FRIEND.

IT WAS A SHOCK TO, ON FIRST SIGHT, LOOK AT A SKELETON OF MINE AND JAMES FRIEND STANLEY. IMAGINE THE SHOCK FOR HIS WIFE JEAN.

JEAN AND I HAD A COFFEE AND DEBATED OUR NEXT MOVE.

WE LIVED IN IDENTICAL HOUSES ON A HILL, SEDLEY RISE IN LOUGHTON, ESSEX. JEAN AND STAN AT NO 12, JAME' S AND I AT NO 46. WE HAD TO GET STAN BACK TO (GOOD HEALTH), LIKE OURS IN THE UK. JEAN COULD NOT PERSUADE HIM TO EAT ENGLISH FOOD JUST RICE.

I DEvised A PLAN. I WOULD WALK DOWN THE HILL -ABOUT A QUARTER OF A MILE TO NO 12 AND COLLECT HIM – HE WOULD TAKE MY ARM AND WE WALKED TO 46 AND I WOULD TAKE HIM BACK BY CAR AS HE WAS SO WEAK. WE DID THIS DAILY UNTIL HE HAD SOME STRENGTH TO WALK AND EAT (FANCY) ENGLISH FOOD.

STAN RECOVERED WELL, BUT HE AND JEAN FOUND THERE WERE TOO MANY MEMORIES AT NO 12 AND THEY WOULD HAVE TO MOVE.

THIS THEY DID, AND AS SO OFTEN HAPPENS WE LOST TOUCH WITH THEM. THEIR MOVE WAS TO THE COUNTRY. STAN KEPT HIS JOB AND STILL WENT TO LONDON BY TRAIN. AND WORKED WITH JAMES.

MY LIFE CHANGED AS WE WERE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE 2ND WORLD WAR.

AS IS KNOWN I CELEBRATED MY 100TH BIRTHDAY ON 31ST AUGUST 2024.

STANLEY'S IS A MEMORY THAT REMAINS WITH ME LIKE SO MANY OTHERS. STANLEY'S, I FEEL SHOULD BE SHARED, AND I HOPE THIS IS RIGHT.

BETTY WOODCOCK



VJ Day 80 – August 15th 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 whilst there were celebrations throughout the country celebrating 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 Norfolk's. 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 the 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, with many being 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 15th August 2025 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.nationalpowfellowship.org.uk

Thank you – Pauline Simpson, Benefice Lay Minister and Chaplain to Far East POWs and their families.



Horning Village Hall

HORNING CINEMA

Horning Cinema is taking a break in August.

Friday 19th September 2025: “WICKED” (2024) Certificate PG. Running time 142 minutes.

Starring Jonathan Bailey, Marissa Bode, Cynthia Erivo and Ariana Grande.

Elphaba is a young woman with green skin. As she navigates life at Shiz University she forms an unlikely friendship with the popular Glinda. Their bond deepens as they encounter the Wizard of Oz, leading to a series of events that ultimately shape their destinies and transform them into the Wicked Witch of the West and Glinda the Good.

The scenes of Munchkinland were filmed at Belmont Nurseries, near Kings Lynn. Nine million bulbs were planted – laid out to get the patterns and colours in the order needed by the film.

Doors open 7p.m. for 7.30 start. Tickets: Adult £5, accompanied child (16 and under) £1. On sale (and reservations) at Tidings Newsagents (Tel: 01692 630956) Admission by ticket only. Seating is governed by our compliance with current Health & Safety and Fire Regulations. BOOK EARLY!

www.horningvillagehall.org

SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2025 Harvest Supper. Door open 6:30 for 7pm

This will be a traditional Harvest Supper to celebrate all the good things around us in our village, the surrounding countryside and broads. This will be a catered event by St Benedicts Church and the Trustees of the village hall. Tickets £25 available from Tidings Newsagents, Lower Street, Horning or from Christine Charles at christinecharles170@gmail.com.

SATURDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2025 Murder Mystery Evening. Doors open 6:30 for 7pm

Come and be part of the Yacht Club party, be involved in the mystery and the investigation of the increasingly complex tangle of events surrounding a murder. This is a joint event organised by HATS and the Trustees of the village hall with catering by the Windmill Cafe team to raise funds for the village hall. This will be a fun evening. Tickets £25 available from Tidings Newsagents, Lower Street, Horning or from Christine Charles at christinecharles170@gmail.com. Ticket numbers are limited, so book early.

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Wroxham and Hoveton United Reformed Church

Interim Minister: Rev Carole Pearl. For any pastoral concerns, please contact the church secretary in the first instance.

Secretary: Lynne Howard, 01603 738835. lmhoward100@btinternet.com

Please see our website for the most up to date information. (wroxhamurc.org.uk)
Do join us for any or all of the following services:

Sunday 3rd August. 10.30am. Service led by Rev Paul Whittle, including Holy Communion.

Sunday 10th August. 10.30am. Service led by Tina Wilson.

Sunday 17th August. 10.30am. Service led by Rev Canon Peter Howard.

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

Horning Regatta Week 2025 – A Village Celebration Like No Other!

Dear Horning Community,

Horning Sailing Club's Regatta Week is just around the corner (Monday 4th – Friday 8th August) – and whether you're a lifelong local or newly arrived in the village, we wanted to let you know what will be happening and invite you down to come and see what goes on!

Taking place on the River Bure in Horning, the Regatta is a showcase of traditional sailing and family fun – with boats of all sizes competing in exciting races each day, there's always something to watch from the Clubhouse or riverbank (races take place from approx. 9.15am-6pm every day).

But it's not just about sailing – there's plenty of socials in the evenings too – or perhaps you just want to sit back and soak in the atmosphere. Whether you're cheering on the sailors or simply enjoying the buzz, Horning Regatta Week is a wonderful way to make summer memories and we hope to see you there! Our Galley will be open for teas/coffees/snacks/lunches every day.

As an Open Regatta, visiting sailors are also welcome. You can find out more about Regatta Week on our website www.horning-sailing.club

Wroxham and Hoveton Lions Club

We have started our new Fundraising Year, and it is a significant one, our Fiftieth year and the Twenty fifth year of operating our Charity Shop in the Shopping Precinct in Hoveton Village.

We also have a new Club President, Lion Dennis Moxon, who has held the position several times before and is a Past District Governor and District Secretary. We welcome his experience and leadership.

We are preparing for the annual Hoveton Village Charity Fete, which will be held on Sunday 3rd August at Hoveton Village Hall and Playing Field, from 10 am to 4pm. If you haven't been before, please do join us to experience the Stalls, Crafts, a Jaguar Cockpit (the aircraft, not the car!), Classic cars (probably some Jaguars there too!), live music from Air Mail, Food and a Licenced Bar and much more. Admission will be £3 for Adults and free entry for children under 16. If you have been before, welcome back!

Our Charity Shop has benefited from some refurbishment during the last few months and is ready for another twenty-five years of trading. We welcome any donations of (clean!) clothes, electrical goods and Bric-a-Brac.

Our Lions Club takes an active part in the community and if you would like to be a part of this and can spare a few hours a month come and join us. There will be a stall at the Hoveton Fete where you can meet some of us and ask about what we do.

Lion Derick Bowler

Neatishead, Barton Turf and District WI

Our WI continues to thrive and apart from our usual monthly meetings our outings and other activities are well supported. A trip to Cromer Pier show is planned for September, our Christmas lunch with Dale Bullimore, is booked at How Hill and we are already looking ahead to 2026 and our Theatre Royal trip to see Carousel.

We have had some very entertaining speakers at our meetings and some wonderful food provided by our ever hardworking committee.

There is no meeting in August but we do have our yearly charity fund raising afternoon planned on Wednesday 13th August at St Benet's Hall, Horning from 2pm til 4pm. Tea and cake plus stalls and a raffle. Please come along and support us and enjoy a lovely afternoon. All proceeds will go to Hear For Norfolk, our chosen charity to support those with hearing impairments.

If you wish to contact us email us on neatisheadwi@gmail.com

Wishing you all a very happy summertime.

Sally Church
President

Preston Rooms

Hello all

First things first, the Potato Weigh In will be held on **THURSDAY** August 14th at 7pm, inside the hall. I trust you have all been diligently watering your buckets through our dry summer and now have a buried harvest. As mentioned previously we have decided to hold a small buffet at the end of the evening. The idea being, that the food on offer will contain potato in some form or another. Previously we have had all sorts of interesting dishes from savoury pies to cakes and muffins. It would be great if you brought along a dish to contribute to this. However, do come along and watch the Weigh In, it is always good fun and done in the best sporting practice, even if there is a bit of family rivalry! Once piece of news, there is now a walking group based in Ashmanhaugh. The group meets at a different starting point every Wednesday morning with an aim to walk around 5 or 6 miles, all walks being local. No dogs. More information is available by sending a text to Molly on 07901 737692.

Sue Watts
Secretary



The poster features a large, light grey 'V' shape in the background. Inside the top of the 'V' are two '80 VJ DAY' logos. The main text is centered and reads: 'VJ DAY' in large red letters, 'Victory over Japan' in red, and 'Exhibition' in large black letters. Below this, it says 'to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of VJ Day' in black. Two circular emblems are on either side of this text. The date and time 'Sunday 17th August, 2-5pm' and the location 'New Victory Hall, Neatishead' are listed in black. A red italicized line lists the exhibition content: 'World War II Far East Campaign Timeline', 'Displays, Artefacts, Maps, Photographs', and 'Prisoner of War and Local Stories,'. At the bottom, 'Refreshments, Free Parking' is written in red. The footer on the left and right sides reads 'Neatishead, Irstead and Barton Turf Community Heritage Group'.

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Ashmanhaugh & Barton Wanderers Cricket Club

Encourage, Support and have FUN

The season is now just past the half way line with an enormous amount of cricket being played and watched by the increasing number of supporters.

Our All Stars (age 5-8) have finished their 2025 course and have had a lot of fun, several are continuing with our junior section for the rest of the season. Lovely to see so many parents & carers participating in the sessions too!

We are very grateful to Vicky for running the All Stars for the past few years, a great asset to the club as one of our super volunteers.

Our junior teams are playing lots of cricket, ranging from our 2 Under 9 teams (softball & hardball) through to the Under 17's, some wins and some losses but a lot of experience being gained. Both our U13, U15 & U17 teams remain top of their respective leagues.

We have seen a lot of our juniors making their debut in the senior teams and the future is looking bright for these young stars.

Senior fixtures for August & September 2025

1st XI

2nd Aug Mildenhall home
9th Aug Swardeston away
16th Aug Sudbury home
23rd Aug Downham Stow away
30th Aug Frinton on Sea home
6th Sept Witham away
13th Sept Copdock & Old Ipswichians home

2nd XI

2nd Aug Gt Melton away
9th Aug Acle home
16th Aug Hockwold away
23rd Aug Swaffham home
30th Aug Downham Stow away

3rd XI

2nd Aug Cringleford away
9th Aug Caister home
16th Aug Rackheath away
23rd Aug Old Catton home
30th Aug Kirkley & Belton away

4th XI

2nd Aug Felthorpe home
9th Aug Winterton away
16th Aug Gt Yarmouth home
23rd Aug Norwich Bystanders away
30th Aug Lowestoft Town home



1st team matches start 11am, 2nd, 3rd & 4th team matches start at 1pm

1st & 2nd XI home matches played at Barton Turf & 3rd & 4th XI home matches at Ashmanhaugh

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.

Summer camps for the juniors are running through July & August so please contact the club for details or to book. This is a great way to receive small group coaching with Mitchell Van Buuren assisted

by Tristan Elam, both high level coaches with international experience.

24th August will see us play the annual Lewis Pegg memorial game at Ashmanhaugh to honour and remember Lewis who we lost in 2007 at the age of 18, but who remains a big part of our club. After the match we will be at Barton Turf for drinks & a bbq and lots of laughter and reminiscing into the evening.

25th August we will have a family fun day at Barton Turf, food, music as well as fun & games – all welcome.

7th September will be President's Day 2025, interclub matches all day to include players, juniors, parents, villagers and "guest" players – who will take home the trophy this year?!



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 are always looking for new volunteers to help in all manner of job, please get in touch if you can help!

Follow the club on social media or ask for your email address or phone number to be added to our communication streams, to keep up to date with our news.

We look forward to seeing you soon

Museum of the Broads

There's so much going on it's difficult to know where to start. Let's begin with some important news.

At The Museum of the Broads we are delighted that Richardsons Boating Holidays of Stalham are now the museum's official main sponsor.

You'll love these great family events for to take part in.

Summer Trail - Fun and Frolics!

July 23rd - 2nd September

Have a go at Hula-Hoop and

hopscotch and challenge yourself to

the tallest tower out of sponge! Who can complete the giant jigsaw in the fastest time and spot all the curious creatures hidden in the museum displays? Fun and games for all the family.



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Kingfisher Cruises Tuesdays and Thursdays from July 29th - September 25th 5.30 & 6.30pm

This is a special evening. Cruise aboard Marsh Harrier. Stay calm and quiet and keep your eyes peeled for the magical wildlife. You might just see the flash of

blue - the sign of the Kingfisher. It's a really great opportunity to get up close to the natural wonders of Broadland. As it's an evening cruise, the Museum won't be open, but our shop will be. (Full disclosure! We can't *guarantee* you'll see a Kingfisher - but you *will* have a lovely evening!) £9 per adult and £6 per child

Steam and Sail Tuesday 5th August and Thursday 21st August 2025

Sail to Barton Broad on Marsh Harrier, our fully accessible electric boat. At Barton Broad swap electric for sail power and enjoy a turn or two around the broad aboard a wherry yacht, then switch back to Marsh Harrier and head back to the museum at Stalham. The last trip of the day will go out on Marsh Harrier and sail back to the museum aboard the wherry. As the price includes museum admission, make sure you allow time to look around the museum too. In conjunction with the Wherry Yacht Charter.21st – with entertainment from Paul Bellison and traditional wind-blown pipe organ Le Papillon.

Whilst we're talking Wherries -

On Thursday 14th August 2025 we have A "Wherry" Special Visit

This is your chance to come aboard the Wherry Albion and explore life below decks on a trading wherry. There's added entertainment from Paul Bellison and the traditional wind-blown pipe organ Le Papillon.

Chat to the volunteers who maintain and crew this important piece of Broads history. With entertainment from Paul Bellison and traditional wind-blown pipe organ Le Papillon.





Help us to share the Story of St Benet's Abbey, an iconic landmark of The Norfolk Broads

Play your part in bringing this atmospheric site to life for the many people who visit St Benet's Abbey.

We, The Norfolk Archaeological Trust, are looking for volunteers to join our friendly team of tour guides. You will be required to greet our visitors on their arrival and take them around the site, telling them the story of its history, wildlife and people associated with the Abbey.

If you enjoy chatting with others and have good communication skills, then you are ideal. No previous knowledge of the site is needed, just a willingness to learn. If this is something you think you would be interested in, you would need to be able to commit to about 10 tours which are currently on Wednesday & Saturday at 2pm from the beginning of June to the end of September. Good mobility is required for anyone undertaking this role due to the rural nature of the site.

By joining the Guiding team, you would be giving yourself the opportunity to connect with people in the beautiful Broadland landscape, the opportunity to meet new people and gain new skills and the chance to learn more about your local history. You would get full training together with shadowing the current guides on their tours.

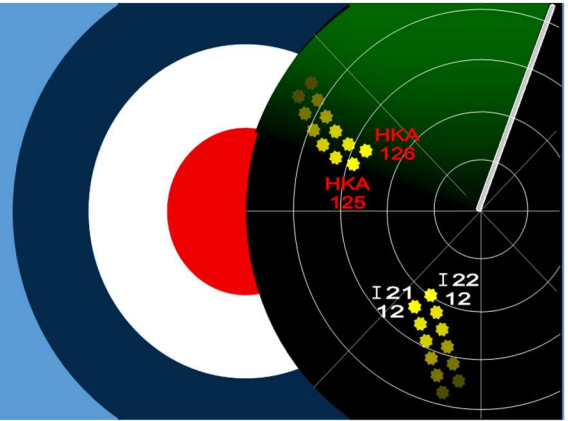
Your next step- Find out more about the role and how to get involved by contacting Fran Young by email – visitorexperience@norfarchtrust.org.uk

Thank you

Marion Jackson- St Benet's Abbey Guide Coordinator.



RAF AIR DEFENCE RADAR MUSEUM



The dark shape of a Junkers bomber slips in and out of the clouds, high over the North Sea in September 1941. The pilot had learned the hard lessons to survive the massed raids on Britain the previous summer. He knows on a cold night the bomber's engine contrails would glow in the moonlight and make them an easy target for British night fighters, so by skimming the clouds he hoped to mask his course, but the poor tail gunner behind him couldn't see much through the fogged glass of his turret.

If he could see, he might have spotted the black shark fin parting the clouds just 400 yards away. The fin belongs to a Beaufighter, a twin-engine RAF night fighter equipped with 4 cannons and the wonder that is airborne radar.



Onboard, the radar operator can see little outside his bubble in the fuselage of the fighter, but with his forehead pressed to his glowing radar scope he focusses on the flicker of interference which shows exactly where the enemy bomber is.

The fighter's radar has a range of a few miles, but with the careful guidance of 'Seacut' they have snuck into the perfect position below their prey. 'Seacut' is the callsign of the ground controller operating the radar from a canvas covered lorry parked in the middle of a field between Horning and Neatishead. Watching his circular radar display, he nervously watches the blips of the bomber and fighter close and then merge.

It takes seconds for the Beaufighter to emerge from the cloud, unleash devastating cannon fire, and watch as the bomber rolls towards the dark sea, a large white circle of spray marking its end.

The development of radar was a crucial part of Britain's air defences, to enable the survival of the RAF during the Battle of Britain, to interrupt the night raids of the Blitz and even to combat the V1 Doodlebug flying bombs that struck London and Norfolk in the last year of the war. The RAF Air Defence Radar Museum has fascinating displays and talks about radar technology, strategy, but more importantly the real stories of the men and women who were involved in this secretive world through wartime and peace.

The volunteer-run museum is open 10am-5pm, Tuesday to Saturday every week until the 15th November and entrance tickets last a year from date of purchase.

Wine Tasting Wherry Trip is New Venture for Norfolk Charity

A Norfolk charity has joined forces with a local vineyard for a new fundraising event.



The collaboration between Chet Valley Vineyard and Wherry Yacht Charter Charitable Trust will give people the opportunity to take part in a tutored wine tasting onboard a wherry whilst sailing on the Norfolk Broads.

The **Sip and Sail** event takes place on Sunday 24th August with three-hour trips leaving at 11.30am and 3pm from Wroxham.

A wine expert from Chet Valley Vineyard will explain how the wine is made and bottled at their Bergh Apton winery with six different wines available for tasting during the talk. A Wherryman's basket of savoury bites will also be served.

"This is a completely new fundraising venture for Wherry Yacht Charter and as custodian of five of the last remaining eight iconic Norfolk wherries we are thrilled to be working with one of the county's most prestigious local producers.

Sailing on a wherry is probably the most relaxing way to travel on the Norfolk Broads and enjoying top quality wines at the same time will only enhance the experience!" says WYCCT Trustee Director Judith Keogh.

Tickets for the **Sip and Sail** trips cost £69 and are available at www.wherryyachtcharter.org

Sea Palling Independent Lifeboat

July has gifted us with beautiful weather, and our stunning coastline is alive with the buzz of locals and tourists enjoying everything this wonderful area has to offer.

Our crew has been hard at work throughout the month — participating in joint training exercises, carrying out essential maintenance, responding to shouts, and continuing preparations for our Annual Lifeboat Day on 10th August - we'd love to see you there.

We recently joined forces with Bacton Coastguard Rescue Team for a valuable training session. The exercise began with our crew providing safety cover as the Coastguard team practiced water entry techniques. This was followed by a coordinated rescue scenario, with both teams working together to recover a casualty and safely return them to shore.

Recent Shout - Our Inshore Lifeboat (ILB) was tasked by Humber Coastguard to assist a paddleboarder near Waxham. Fortunately, by the time our crew arrived on scene, the individual had managed to make their way safely back to shore. A thorough welfare check was carried out to ensure there were no injuries or ongoing concerns. After confirming the paddleboarder was safe and well, our volunteer crew returned to station and made the boat ready for service.

We were delighted to welcome members of the Bure Valley Rotary Club for a recent tour of our lifeboat station. The visit offered a fantastic opportunity to showcase the vital work we do and the equipment that helps us save lives at sea.

During the tour, we provided an in-depth look at our lifeboats and the specialist equipment we rely on during shouts, from navigation and communication tools to our comprehensive first aid kits, including the rigorous training our volunteers undergo to stay rescue-ready.

It was a pleasure to share our passion with such an engaged and supportive group. We're incredibly grateful for the interest and support shown by the Bure Valley Rotary Club, and we look forward to strengthening our connection with them in the future.

As always, we're proud to serve our community and grateful for your ongoing support — we hope to see many of you at Lifeboat Day on 10th August!

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Gin Tasting Event to Raise Funds for Norfolk Wherry Charity

Forget tonic, the newest mixer for gin is a wherry!

One of the iconic Norfolk boats is hosting a tutored gin tasting with Norwich-based Bullards Gin on the banks of the River Ant at How Hill on Thursday 21st August.

The jewel of Wherry Yacht Charter Charitable Trust's fleet, the iconic Egyptian-themed pleasure wherry Hathor is moored at the location throughout the summer, and it will be the glorious setting for this fund-raising event.

Bullards founders Clare and Russell Evans will tell some fascinating stories about their journey with the brand to date while giving people the opportunity to taste some of their most popular gin flavours.

Savoury nibbles will be served to complement the drinks and to add to the atmosphere local lounge singer and WYC volunteer, Andy Garnett will provide background music before and after the talk. There will also be guided tours of the wherry.

"It promises to be a very convivial evening at a stunning riverbank location. The event is new for the charity and one that we hope will attract interest from people who want to help us raise funds to preserve our iconic Norfolk wherries and, at the same time, enjoy the unique opportunity to have a Bullard's Gin and wherry!" says WYCCT Trustee Director Judith Keogh.

The **Gin and Wherry** event is being held from 6 to 8pm with tickets costing £35 each. Places can be booked online at www.wherryyachtcharter.org

The charity restores, maintains and operates five of the remaining eight wherries in the world with volunteers making up the qualified skippers and crew on trips. They also help maintain the wherries, organise fundraising events, give guided tours of the boats during the sailing season and undertake behind-the-scenes admin roles.



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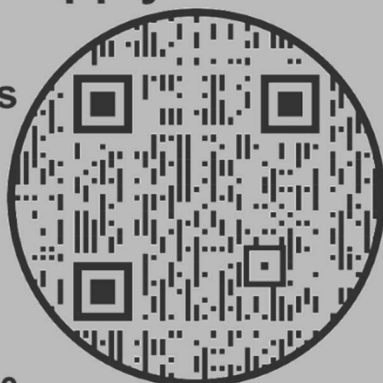


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