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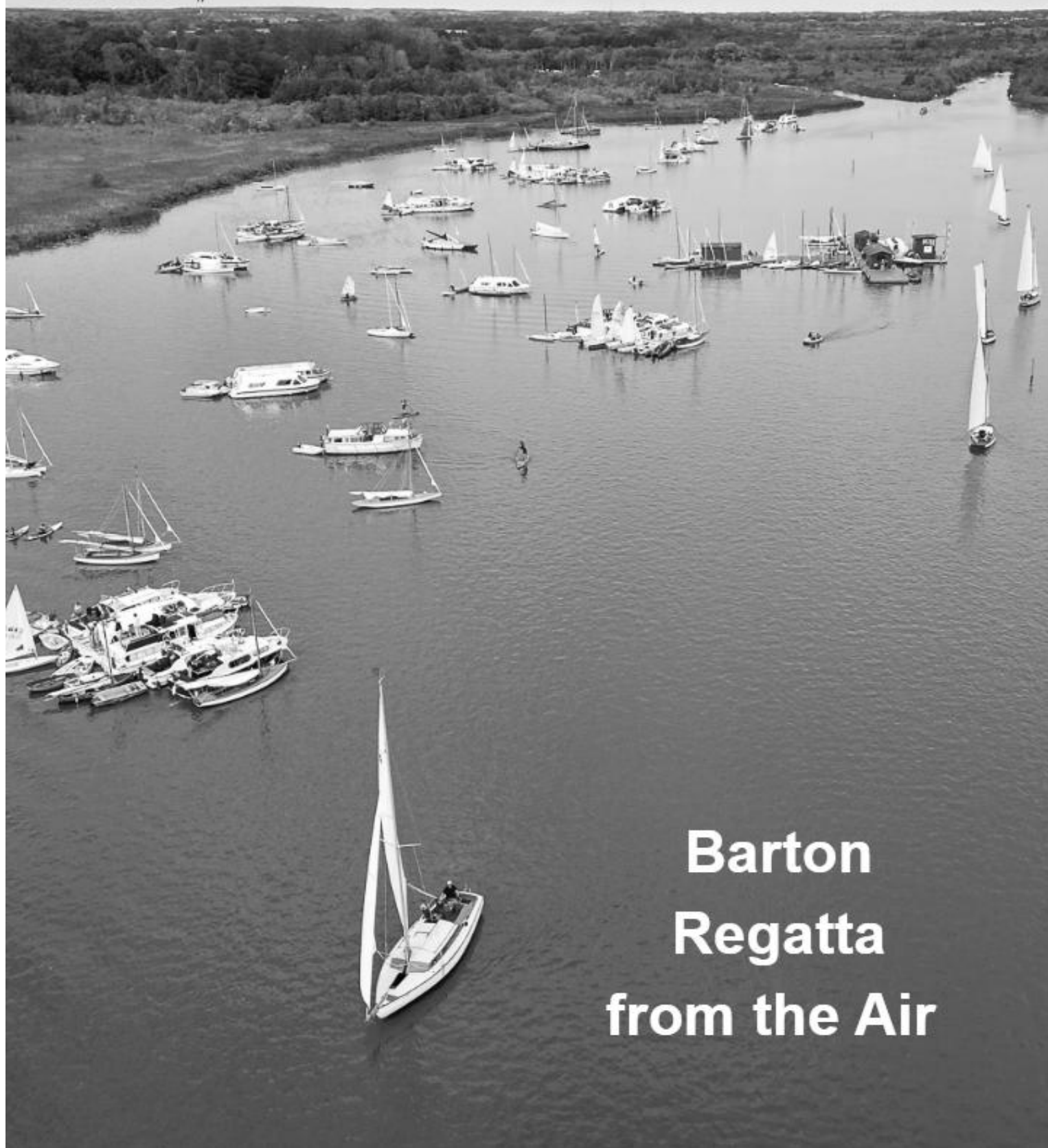
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THE NAB

COMMUNITY



PARISH MAGAZINE OF NEATISHEAD, IRSTEAD & BARTON TURF



**Barton
Regatta
from the Air**

The Benefice of St Benedict

A Zimbabwean adventure

We have recently returned from a mission to Zimbabwe. It was a fantastic experience! I was able to offer some teaching to young people; my wife, Danni, provided free eye tests, and our children simply embraced the culture and made lots of friends with local youngsters.



A MISSION TO ZIMBABWE

SUNDAY 26th OCTOBER: 3.30PM
ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH- HORNING

Please join us for an afternoon talk and display about our recent charity work and mission to Zimbabwe. Tea and cake will be available!

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

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our mission. I will be giving a detailed report of our activities at St Benedict's Horning, at 3.30pm on **Sunday 26th October** everyone is welcome.

Fundamentally, the one thing that really struck me was just how happy Zimbabweans are. Their life is so very different to British life; everything appears to be far more relaxed in the sun-soaked openness of Southern Africa. In Zimbabwe, materialistically, life is really tough. Most of the local people do not have much money; they certainly do not have many possessions. They live in houses that lack running water, and the electricity can literally come and go at any moment! Yet despite all of this, I witnessed countless numbers of happy people, from toddlers to pensioners. I observed people singing and dancing, smiling and laughing, folk simply enjoying their life and embracing a new day on God's earth.

Of course, there is always a risk in a column like this that poverty becomes 'romanticised'. That is certainly not my intention. Poverty is real; it is damaging, and it results in illness and death. However, poverty can also teach us some valuable lessons. Our society is drowning with possessions. We work every hour that we can to ensure that we have the funds to buy a new

house or a new car, but is that really what our lives are about? Is that really our legacy? Most Zimbabweans own very few items, yet the way they choose to live their lives provide us with some much-needed wisdom. The people of Zimbabwe do not rush around; they do not chase the clock, preferring instead to do things at their own speed. They prefer to chat and to take things easy, they resist creating a congested diary and their forced materialistic poverty results in a lifestyle that shields them from the temptations of possessions or being chained to a smart phone. Poverty is real and it is hard. However, it can also help to focus the priorities of life. Those priorities are ultimately not houses, cars, or possessions.

In Zimbabwe, I encountered lots of wonderful and inspiring people who would say that their priorities were: God, family, friends, health, and embracing every single day and being grateful for what they have received. Zimbabwe is often referred to as a 'developing country', whilst here in the UK we are viewed as the 'developed country'...

Praised be Christ,
Revd Ben.

Latest news from our Sunday Club

We were delighted to welcome our Sunday Club members back last month after the summer break. We are very much into harvest season and we have been thinking about all the good things in life that God provides for us each day. If you have never been before, please do come along to one of our clubs. We love welcoming new members and you can always be assured of a warm welcome. We offer the best fun on a Sunday morning in Norfolk: it is completely free!

Please make a diary note: **Sunday 19th October** at 3pm. This will be when we have our annual pet service at Horning church. All pets and animals welcome! If you do not have a pet, please do still come along, perhaps bring your favourite teddy instead. We look forward to seeing you there!



For upcoming dates and events: see diary p15

For more information, please contact Revd Ben-
brother_ben@btinternet.com 01692 630216.



St Michael and All Angels' Barton Turf

From the Registers

17th August 2025 St Michael and All Angels, Barton Turf, Baptism of Samuel Minter.

Dates for the diary.

The October coffee morning will be on **Saturday 18th October** from 10am until noon, as usual.

This year's **Harvest Festival** will be on **Sunday 26th October** at 11am. A reminder that this is a service for all the family. The produce will go to the Phoenix Centre at Mile Cross in Norwich where it is always put to good use. I look forward to seeing you all coming and celebrating Harvest at the end of a very peculiar year weatherwise. Don't forget the clocks change on that day!

Barbara Pilcher Churchwarden

St Peter's Church Neatishead



The Parochial Church Council of St Peter's Church apologises for any inconvenience caused by the closure of the church whilst work to the bell and cote is ongoing. We are delighted however, that after 7 years of fundraising, with your support the bell is on its way to Dorset for restoration and work has commenced on the refurbishment of the bell cote.

Pauline Simpson Churchwarden



St Peter's historic 18th century bell en-route to Dorset for restoration

THE
NIB

We're looking for a
Deputy Editor
to join the NIB team



Editing the October 2025 issue

- ✍ Do you have 5 to 8 hours free per month?
- ✍ Are you looking for a community-based role ?
- ✍ Would you like to join our supportive, friendly team?

The deputy editor role:

- 2026: to compile the monthly dates and church services pages
- 2027: to take on the editor's role (basic word-processing skills)
- '26/'27: to help the whole team proof-read final copies.

Note from current editor

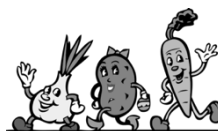
As a relative newcomer to the villages, being the 2024 deputy editor allowed me to learn so much about our community and brought me many new acquaintances and friends. Moving on to being 2025's editor was not as daunting as I imagined; it's been such a rewarding two years.

Joan Dickie

Interested? Contact the NIB's manager, Sue Clayton

nibadverts@gmail.com 07850 436211

... or chat to a member of the current team (see p14)



The Village Show

Thank you to everyone who supported the Village Show on Saturday 6th September. We had over 30 entrants, six of whom were children. It was great to see so many in the afternoon who came to look at the entries and enjoy the sale of goods at the end of the day. We even had scarecrows to greet people as they arrived, 'Thank you, Pre-School!' A reminder for next year is that this event is open to all, so whatever your age or wherever you live start crafting and planning your growing ready for September 2026!

Jane King



A young entrant with his miniature garden, flowers, his certificate and prizes



Garden Club

We have a change to the published programme for October when the speaker will be Alan Watson talking about chrysanthemums. We are very grateful to Alan who stepped in for this meeting and judged for the Village Show as Geoff Freeman was unable to attend. The meeting is at the NVH on **Monday 20th October** at 7.30pm and if, like me, you like chrysanthemums but can't grow them this will be for you! As ever, visitors are most welcome at our meetings for the cost of £4 which includes a cuppa and biscuits. Please contact me if you want any more information about the club.

Jane King 07423 820228
janeelizabethking@hotmail.com



Neatishead Bowls Club

After a very productive season, all the trophies were handed out at our presentation dinner. The Club is now closed until April 2026. More hard work will be done to ease the green through the winter period. The pavilion and visitor room will be spruced up for the opening next year. Temporary contact:

Cathy Smith 07810 586551

Thank You

I would like to thank the editorial team of the NIB for the August edition and their recognition of VJ Day 80. Following my own personal mission to have this day finally recognised as the true end of the second world war I believe, with your help, this has now been achieved. Thank you also to Claire and the History Group for the amazing exhibition in the NVH. Finally, I would like to thank so many of you for supporting me and attending the VJ 80 Commemoration in Norwich Cathedral - it was wonderful to see so many familiar faces as I made my way through the nave.

Pauline Simpson



Neatishead & Barton Preschool

Our friendly preschool has spaces for 2-3 year-olds, starting this term. Our theme is *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. We will explore the days of the week, healthy eating, life cycles and symmetry through tasty snacks, play and creative activities. Visit NBPS.org.uk for further information or call 01692 780043 to ask about availability.

Robyn Youngs



White House Stores

It's a sad state of affairs, isn't it? If you want to buy a pint of milk or a loaf of bread in the area of Neatishead, Irstead or Barton Turf, you have to drive all the way to Wroxham, Stalham, a farm shop or a petrol station in between. If only we could have a shop locally again.

How does that sound? Not good? If you don't want that to happen, come and see what we have to offer at your community run shop!

As well as all the essentials, you can get locally made sourdough bread, fabulous cheeses and pretty much anything you need to make a great dinner. The sourdough bread is baked by Sam in Ridlington, the honey comes from Pennygate and How Hill. We have a mini cafe too: you can get coffee, tea and excellent sausage rolls made in Swafield.

What do you think would happen if the shop closed? Would the community rally round? Would there be uproar? Let's not find out! We have had so many visitors comment on how lovely our shop is and how lucky we are to have it and they have left us some great reviews on Google.

We are lucky, but luck doesn't keep it open or run it. We have an army of volunteers and committee members, as well as the shop's staff who work hard to play their part. Would you like to join us? We need you all!

Contact: info@whitehousestores.co.uk



Margaret Maxwell

Opportunity at New Victory Hall

Tuesday evenings in the main hall have become available for a group or activity to use this popular village hall.

Expressions of interest in this vacancy or to view the hall should be made by email to doreen.dean@victoryhall.info or by calling 07500 046158. I would also love you to put forward your suggestions and ideas for any activity that you would like to see come to the hall. Hire rates are good value given the high standard of facilities, and some storage space should be possible. We also offer free starter weeks to new groups.

The Trustees will start looking at the options in their next meeting on **7th October** so do get in touch soon. This vacancy has arisen because the Norfolk Wherry Brass Band which has been at the NVH for 16 years is merging with another band and needs a hall nearer Norwich. Sad as it is to see them leave, the Trustees thank them for being part of the NVH from 2009 and wish them well in their new endeavours. Let's make this a positive opportunity so please spread the word to those who run local groups as well as sending me your ideas.

Doreen Dean

Chair NVH Management Committee



Quiz evening at New Victory Hall

Friday 24th October

7.15pm for 7.30pm start.

Teams of six or just come along and join a table on the night as all welcome. There is a prize for all on the winning table. To book call Pauline on 07818 599303. £5.00 per person and bring your own drinks and nibbles. There is also a raffle! It is a friendly informal evening usually with some laughs and surprises in the questions from Jane our Quiz Master.

NVH Events Team

Why are the builders at the NVH?

The building work is to replace areas of barge boards that are decaying. It is unfortunate as well as an unexpected expense of £11k but something we cannot ignore. Work should be completed shortly. It puts a significant dent in the hall's financial reserves but shows that our commitment to having a maintenance and repair fund is appropriate. Please keep supporting the NVH.

NVH Trustees



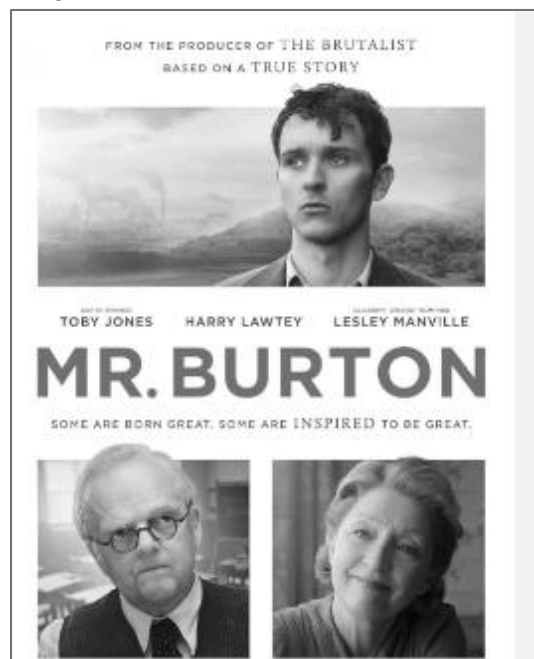
Village Screen

Monday 6th October 7 for 7.30pm

Our film for October will be *Mr. Burton* - Cert 12: 124 mins. Toby Jones plays the inspirational English teacher Philip Burton in Port Talbot, South Wales, whose own frustrated dreams of the theatre were poured into the bright young miner's son Richard Jenkins, coaching him and even making him his legal ward. He encouraged Jenkins to change his surname to Burton to facilitate the teacher's sponsorship of his Oxford scholarship.

This is the painful and dysfunctional story of how Richard Burton's pride and haughty demeanour always co-existed with shame and self-hate.

Visit www.victoryhall.info to book tickets. You can also make a reservation by calling Christine on 01692 631347. Subject to availability, tickets (£6) can be purchased on the door: card or cash. Refreshments - tea/coffee will be available for a small charge.



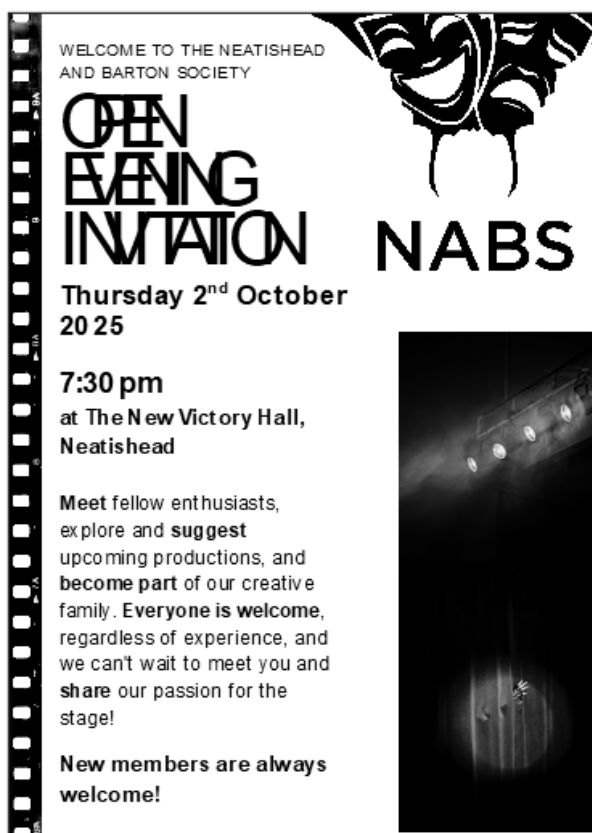
Village Screen Team



Friends and Neighbours

Not feeling at your best? Come along to our meeting on **Thursday 9th October** when Sally Sutton will be explaining how to 'Exercise Away Your Aches and Pains'. We are running a beetle drive on **Thursday 23rd October**; less energetic, but fun! Both meetings are at the NVH from 10am to noon. Please join us for a cuppa and biscuit, raffle, bring and buy, plus good company. Visitors are always welcome! To find out more about the club please contact the Chair Person, Jean Barber on 01263 721698

Jane King



NABS

If you'd like to join our NABS group, see the Open Evening invitation above.

And ...'Twas a day into Autumn and all through the town, the "C" word was mentioned and snow must go down! Christmas will soon be upon us and therefore a Christmas-themed variety show is being organised. The show will be a mixture of choral group songs, solos, duets, skits, readings and plenty of audience participation!

If you would like to take part, please register your interest by **Thursday 2nd October** to thenabsproduction@gmail.com. Show dates are aiming to be 12th & 13th December: rehearsal dates start every Thursday from 9th October. More details to follow.

NABS Production Team



Our Art Exhibition

Following the great success of the summer exhibition, I am pleased to say there is to be another Art Exhibition held at The New Victory Hall, Neatishead on **Saturday 22nd November**. I would like to invite all local budding artists to get involved. You are welcome to exhibit your works or even sell them if you wish and it's all about YOU! Please get in touch by emailing me at lsartnorfolk@gmail.com if you are interested in further details. Closing date **Saturday 25th October**. Let's support local art and our amazing local talent.

Lisa Seager

FONS Friends of Neatishead School

Thank you all for those who contributed towards the School's Summer BBQ. We raised over £1,000 which brought us to our total for the new outdoor play equipment. This has now been installed and since returning at the beginning of September, the children are enjoying it.

September also saw our yearly AGM as we welcome a new year of Reception children, and we set out our new goal for fundraising this year. Keep your eyes peeled for upcoming events and if you would like to get involved in FONS, our doors are always open.

Friends of Neatishead School



Community Gym

As someone with more than forty years' experience of gym use and coaching, I can say with some authority that Neatishead Community Gym is different. Far from the common perception of a gym as an intimidating sweat-box, NCG is a well-run, excellently equipped gym in a bright and airy facility with a knowledgeable lead instructor and well trained, highly-competent users exercising in a friendly and supportive environment.

The NIB villages are extremely fortunate to have such an invaluable facility. I'd recommend anyone looking to improve their health and wellbeing, aiming to get more exercise, or to make new friends, to come along to the New Victory Hall on a Monday, Wednesday or Sunday morning and give it a try. You can be sure of a very warm welcome.

More info: www.neatisheadcommunitygym.com.



Hands-on at the gym in the NVH

Denis Costello
Cover Instructor NCG



Barton Turf Bowls Club

Another successful season comes to an end. At the end of August, we were delighted to win the annual Cox Cup competition against Neatishead. We had a most enjoyable return friendly match against Chedgrave and on 14th September we took part in the final of the League Cup knockout competition against Hickling. After a well fought match Hickling were the well-deserved winners, but we were very happy to come home with the runners-up cheque of £20. We now look forward to our annual dinner and AGM.

Barbara Pilcher Secretary



Knit and Stitch

We are a very informal group that meet twice a month at the New Victory Hall on a Wednesday evening. If you enjoy knitting, crochet or any small sewing project you will be most welcome to join us. This month we may be talking Christmas (oh no I hear you say!) decorations - we have patterns, ideas and lots of wool. Do get in touch if you would like to know more or pop along to one of our meetings. See Diary Page for dates and times.

Claire Penstone-Smith

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Horning Flower Club

At the September meeting of Horning Flower Club members were entertained by local demonstrator Crystal Dyball. Crystal is a long-standing favourite of ours and we were not disappointed by the excellent colourful floral arrangements which she so skilfully produced. The lucky winners of the raffle took these home with a big smile on their faces.

Horning Flower Club meets on the 2nd Monday of the month in Horning Village Hall commencing at 2pm (doors open at 1.30pm). Our new programme commences in October when the AGM is held prior to the meeting, new members are always welcome. The demonstrator will be Naomi Wells with the topic "Stories". Naomi is a new demonstrator to our club, so someone to look forward to. Further details can be obtained from the Secretary Carole Tel. 01692 536270.

Carole Swan



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

On **Monday 27th October** at 7.30pm our AGM will be taking place at Neatishead Baptist Chapel. After the formalities of the meeting (the part people call 'the boring bit!') we always try to include items of local or topical interest and this year we will be showing a couple of short films. One made locally about Broadland during WW1. And, with the commemoration of VJ Day 80, a newly made film 'Captured at Singapore: Three Years as Prisoners of War'.

The Annual Meeting is also an opportunity to reflect on what we have achieved and events we have organised over the past year which we hope you have found enjoyable and interesting. We are a very small committee with a passion for keeping the heritage of our three villages alive and would very much welcome more people to join us. Even if you only have a little time on your hands, your ideas and willingness to join our team would be of great value. If you would like to know more or find out how you could help, members of the committee will be at the Community Market on **11th October** and also at The Stable (building adjacent to the Neatishead Baptist Chapel) for an Open Morning on **Tuesday 21st October** between 10-12. This is where we keep our archives, discuss future activities and organise displays. Do drop in for a coffee, a chat and have a look around.

Claire Penstone-Smith
claireps@btinternet.com



Neatishead, Barton and District WI

With the summer behind us we are looking forward to the run up to Christmas. We have our monthly meetings with speakers all planned for the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Our harvest supper is on **Monday 27th October** at 6.30pm with our guest speaker Wally Webb.

Lots of members enjoyed our theatre trip to Cromer end of pier show. We managed to get back safely before the rain came. I am pleased to report that Stephanie Cooper won our bowls trophy this August. More information: neatisheadwi@gmail.com.

Sally Church President



Weather

Very dry August intensifies drought conditions

The total rainfall recorded for August was just 13.7mms/0.54in which is only 21% of average. The rain fell in equal measure at the start and end of the month with an almost completely dry run from the 5th to the 27th. Anticyclonic conditions predominated with a notable warm spell from the 8th to the 15th.

September started unsettled as the prevailing Atlantic flow has returned with showery, breezy but warm conditions. The total rainfall to date is 25.6mms/1.0in, which is 43% of average. The highest daily total to date is 7.0mms/0.28in which fell on the 3rd. The highest temperature to date is 25°C on the 7th.

Peter Mills



Autumn at The White Horse Inn

There's plenty happening down at your local! Our famous Sunday Roast Dinners are now being served every week from 12–2:30pm – the perfect way to round off the weekend.

Don't miss our fun-filled Quiz Night on Wednesday **8th October**, raising funds for the RAF Air Defence Radar Museum.

Looking ahead, we're hosting a Swing & Eat Pack Night with Dale Bullimore on **Friday 14th November**. Enjoy a glass of bubbles on arrival and a delicious 3-course set menu.

For full details, visit our socials or website. Come and join us this autumn – great food, great company, and great events at The White Horse Inn!

The White Horse Inn 01692 630828



The Norfolk Punt Club

The Norfolk Punt Club's Barton Regatta is the last big Norfolk regatta of the season. 2025 delivered perfect weather for the weekend: sunshine and breeze (most of the time). Punts, White Boats and Brown Boats, Yeomen, Lasers, Toppers and Optimists: a litany of boat classes took to the water ... helmed and crewed by 10-year-olds to 90-year-olds. This is truly a family event.

River Cruisers race too. These are yachts up to 45 feet long, specifically designed for sailing on the Broads and rivers, with masts that pivot to parallel with the deck to go under our bridges. These boats can have comfortable beds and kitchens inside but they can also be formidable racing machines!



River Cruisers race on Barton Broad:
Barton Regatta 2025. Photo: Robin Myerscough

Some regatta statistics: 142 boats raced over the weekend with 638 cumulative race starters: the highest on record! None of this would have been possible without the hard work of the Barton Regatta committee and all the volunteers, daytime and evening. This regatta is the highlight of many competitors' years.

Next year will be the Norfolk Punt Club's 100th anniversary. Lots of events are planned, many of which may be of interest to NIB readers. Watch this space ... or visit: www.puntclub.co.uk.

For now, if you turn back to the October NIB's front page you can see the regatta and Barton Broad from a bird's-eye view. The photo faces north with the Punt Club's floating pontoons just above the photo's centre. The River Ant, heading towards Stalham, leaves the top of the photo to the right. The channel heading to Barton Turf Staithe can be glimpsed to the left of the river.



Barton Regatta: the start of a race: Robin Myerscough

Joan Dickie



Wildlife Notes



Osprey: Jon Kelf

Last month I wrote about the successful nesting of Broadland's first Ospreys for some 250 years at NWT Ranworth Broad. An update from that welcome news is that we now know a little bit more about the female osprey from the Ranworth pair. It turns out that she does in fact have a blue coloured ring inscribed 2H7 so is referred to as Blue 2H7. She comes from a nest in the Vale of Belvoir (pronounced Beaver) in Leicestershire which was part of a 7-year project to re-introduce Ospreys there, her parents having been the offspring of birds introduced at Rutland Water several years ago. Hopefully we shall see Blue 2H7 back at Ranworth next spring and for many years to follow.



Black-winged Kite: Jon Kelf

Recent excitement locally has been the appearance of a Black-winged Kite at Hickling which was first spotted there on the 7th September and follows one (possibly the same one) being seen recently in Gloucestershire. You may recall me writing about this species a few years ago when one was seen at Horsey. This species, which is much smaller than a Red or Black Kite, is only the size of a Kestrel but is a stunning grey bird with black wing tips. They are breeding in Spain, Portugal and even now in France so could be one of our next Broadland colonisers.

On 28th August I was pleased to see a Black Tern at Barton Boardwalk as I had missed this species in the spring when they came through on migration. This bird hung around for a while and I again saw it on the 1st September when Jon Kelf managed some distant photographs to confirm its ID. The bird was a juvenile one so did not sport the black plumage from which it gets its name but was a mixture of grey and white. Most notable was its behaviour, as being a marsh tern, they do not dive into the water for fish, but tend to pick up prey items including insects from the water surface and are far less vocal than the Common Terns we are used to seeing on Barton Broad.



Black Tern: Jon Kelf

On one of my wherry trips in August we moored up at Gay's Staithe for lunch, tying up to a tree as there wasn't room on the mooring. One of the passengers alerted me to a small rodent which was climbing up the stems of the Hemp Agrimony plants and appeared to be searching for food on the flowerheads. This turned out to be a Harvest Mouse, the first one I have seen locally, and was so light it hardly made the stems bend at all and we watched as it used its long tail to descend the stem before climbing another one. Enjoy the last butterflies and dragonflies of the autumn before welcoming the winter thrushes, namely Redwings and Fieldfares and the winter wildfowl.

Jerry Simpson

01692 630674 simpsonj24@btinternet.com

Footnote: A local bird-watcher, Michael Jones, has written to the NIB to recommend the Merlin Bird ID app (free to download) in particular for birdsong recognition. Wildlife columnist, Jerry Simpson agrees that Merlin is a helpful tool and predicts that AI apps will become more and more accurate. Jerry is interested to hear of readers' local bird sightings and is happy to help with identification.



The Nancy Oldfield Trust

As we enter the new school year, we take a moment to reflect on a very busy summer season at the Trust. We have been privileged to welcome over 2,000 day- visitors since the beginning of June and a further 200 have enjoyed a residential stay.



A visitor driving Hazel

But there's not much time to catch our breath with a full calendar of accessible boat trips and many more residential visitors yet to come. After a few teething problems, our beautiful new electric cruiser Hazel is fully operational with trips running from Richardsons in Stalham. Richardsons have kindly provided us with a permanent mooring for Hazel and our visitors are very much enjoying the space our new boat offers. Carrying up to 12 visitors at a time and with outside space that can be accessed by all, she really is a fantastic addition to our fleet.



Members of the MS Society on Hazel

We are forever grateful to our wonderful team of volunteers without whom, none of this would be possible.

Sarah Whelan
Changing Tack Project Facilitator
Nancy Oldfield Trust



Farming Facts

NVZ: Nitrate Vulnerable Zone

Over the summer, quite a few houses in our villages may have received a DEFRA letter, as we did, about complying with 'Nitrate Pollution Prevention' requirements.

DEFRA's definition of a nitrate vulnerable zone is 'areas of land draining into nitrate polluted waters, or waterways that could become polluted by nitrates'.

The links given in the letter lead to an informative map. If you enter your postcode into <https://environment.data.gov.uk/farmers/> you will see that a wide swathe of the NIB villages are indeed in a NVZ area, as Barton Broad is a eutrophic lake. Eutrophication (a new word to me) is characterised by excessive plant and algal growth due to the increased availability of one or more limiting growth factors needed for photosynthesis, such as sunlight, carbon dioxide, and nutrient fertilizers (Schindler 2006).

As all the information contained in the letter refers to farmland, your intrepid NIB reporter donned an investigative hat and rang DEFRA to enquire why our house and garden had also received this letter. The answer was given with an element of resignation by the young employee I spoke to.

Apparently, the RPA (Rural Payments Agency) is still working from quite old data and if your house used to be on farmland, the RPA may think it is still a farm! I was assured that the 'compliance rules' mentioned are not aimed at residential houses and that there is a contact number in the letter if we no longer wish to receive farming related documents.

I did ask whether there was anything that we, as householders, need to be aware of, living in a Nitrate Vulnerable Zone, near a eutrophic lake. I was reassured that the designation of such zones is there to protect our drinking water and local environment and that, no, there is nothing we need to be unduly concerned about and there's no action we need to take.

Peter Dickie



Wroxham Bure Valley Rotary Club

Well, the dust has settled, and all the exhibitors and visitors gone home after our annual Classic Vehicle Show at Wroxham Barns on the 7th September. Our next activity – a real sign that cooler days are upon us – is helping to man the car park at the Hoveton Surgery for the Flu and Covid clinics, on 2nd October. I'm sure we will be seeing many of you there! Autumn also means we will be dusting down Santa's sleigh and starting to think about our Christmas visits – don't worry, we have already booked Santa for a few days in December to join us and we will let you have all the details next month. Our regular Monday evening meetings include outside visits, business meetings at Wroxham Barns and a varied and interesting programme of speaker meetings, also at Wroxham Barns. Please let us know if you fancy coming along. You can also support us and the many local and international charities we donate to, through the Broadland Council Lottery Scheme – simply go online 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 the www.totalgiving.co.uk web site. If you fancy joining us for a vibrant, sociable, active, and fun club experience, please contact our president, Chris Billing, on 07555 171574.

Roman Catholic Churches

- St Helen's, 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

Important note: on 6th September we welcomed our new Minister, Rev Tina Wilson. Her full details will be available in the next issue, for now, her email address is revtinawilson@outlook.com.

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 5th October 10.30am. Service conducted by Rev Carole Pearl, including Holy Communion.

Sunday 12th October 10.30am. Our Church Anniversary and Harvest Service conducted by Rev Tina Wilson.

Sunday 19th October 10.30am. Service conducted by Rev Carole Pearl.

Sunday 26th October 10.30am. Service conducted by Mr Mike Gibbs.

Sunday 26th October 6.30pm. Service conducted by Rev Tina Wilson.

JAM (our Sunday School).

From September we meet regularly in the church hall from 10.15 – 11.45am. In October we will meet on the 12th and 26th

For information on dates, future sessions and any other events please visit website at: <https://wroxhamurc.org.uk/jam> or for more details contact jam@wroxhamurc.org.uk or call 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.

Horning Christmas Event

Crafts Made in Horning

Saturday 15th November

10am to 4pm

Horning Village Hall

Meet the Makers

Pies and Pizzas
Hunt the Hound Trail
Meet Santa in his Grotto
Local entertainment
Refreshments available
Miniature Steam Organ

Free Entry  Free Parking

Cash advised and available from the Post Office in the village
Contact: Horninghub@yahoo.co.uk or telephone: 01692 630695



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October 2025 Adverts

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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

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DEADLINE FOR THE NOVEMBER EDITION – 14th October 2025

Diary dates for October 2025

Thurs	2 nd	7.30pm	NABS open evening: NVH
Sun	5 th	9.30am	Sunday Club at St Peter's Church Neatishead
Mon	6 th	7-7.30	Village Screen: Mr. Burton - Cert 12: 124 mins: NVH
Wed	8 th	10.10am 11.15am	Mobile Library: Pitt Corner, Neatishead, NR12 8BT Mobile Library: Council Houses, Ashmanhaugh, NR12 8YL
Wed	8 th	7-9pm	Knit and Stitch: Dolly Newcombe Community Room: NVH
Wed	8 th		White Horse Inn Quiz night, proceeds to RAF Radar Museum
Thurs	9 th	10am-Noon	Friends & Neighbours: Sally Sutton Exercise Away your Aches & Pains
Sat	11 th	9am-Noon	Community Market and Café: NVH
Mon	13 th	2pm	Horning Flower Club: AGM and demonstrator Naomi Wells with the topic of Stories; Horning Village Hall
Tues	14th	NOTE	Deadline for the November NIB Edition: Tuesday 14th October
Wed	15 th	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	15 th	2pm	WI: NVH
Sat	18 th	10am-noon	Coffee Morning at St Michael and All Angels' Barton Turf
Sun	19 th	3pm	Annual Pet Service: Pets and animals all welcome; Horning Church
Mon	20 th	7.30pm	Garden Club: Alan Watson brings us a talk on Chrysanthemums: NVH
Tues	21 st	10-12 noon	NIBCHG Archives viewing. The Stable/Neatishead Baptist Chapel
Wed	22 nd	7-9pm	Knit and Stitch: Dolly Newcombe Community Room: NVH
Thurs	23 rd	10am-noon	Friends and Neighbours Beetle Drive: NVH
Fri	24 th	7.15 for 7.30	Quiz proceeds to support the running of the NVH
Sat	25 th	10-11.30am	Hope Café: Neatishead Baptist Church Chapel Rd NR12 8YF
Sun	26 th	11am	Harvest Festival St Michael and All Angels Barton Turf
Sun	26 th	3.30pm	A Mission to Zimbabwe, talk and display about the recent mission and charity work. St Benedict's Church Horning refreshments available
Mon	27 th	7.30pm	NIBCHG AGM followed by short films of Broadland in WW1 and the commemoration of VJ Day 80 venue Neatishead Baptist Chapel

Future Dates and Events

Sunday 2nd November: Sunday Club at St Peter's Neatishead

Monday 3rd November: Village Screen: Black Bag Cert 15, 93 mins NVH

Saturday 15th November: Made in Horning Christmas event

Saturday 22nd November: Art Exhibition, NVH

Friday/Saturday 12th & 13th December: NABS Christmas Show

Local Services and Contact Details

- 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
- 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: 01603 782560; <https://www.facebook.com/WroxhamLibraryNorfolk/> Weekdays 10am-7pm, Saturday 10-4pm. Many exciting, interesting and interactive things to do. Groups for all ages- not just reading! See their Facebook page for full details: many interesting things to do and join.

Parish Council Clerks:

Barton & Irstead: Nicola Ledain, bartonturfirsteadpc@yahoo.com Neatishead:

Laura Bateman, neatishead.parish@gmail.com.

Meets every month on 3rd Thursday 7.30pm



Benefice of St Benedict - Church Services – October 2025

Sunday 5th October 16th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Benefice and Holy Communion (Harvest) with Sunday Club St Peter's Church Neatishead
(note: due to bell works these could take place in another church)

Sunday 12th October 17th Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am Benefice and Holy Communion (Harvest) St Swithin's Ashmanhaugh

Sunday 19th October 18th Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (BCP) St Michael's Irstead
9.30am Holy Communion St Benedict's Horning
3pm Pet Service St Benedict's Horning
6pm Evening Prayer St Michael and All Angels'

Sunday 26th October Last Sunday after Trinity

11am Benefice Holy Communion Harvest
St Michael and All Angels' Barton Turf



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

Parish Church Wardens

Neatishead: Pauline Simpson on 01692 630674

Ashmanhaugh: Anne Mulhall at anne.mulhall1@btinternet.com

St Michael and All Angels': Barbara Pilcher 01692 536132

St Benedict's Horning: Christine Hewitt at christine.hewitt@hotmail.co.uk

Neatishead Baptist Church Chapel Road NR12 8YF

Sunday 5 th Oct	10.30am	Harvest Val Khambatta Communion	Sunday 19 th Oct	10.30am	David Osbourne
Monday 6 th Oct	2pm	Fellowship - St Mark Study 11	Monday 20 th Oct	2pm	Fellowship-St Mark Study 11 cont.
Sunday 12 th Oct	10.30am	Val Khambatta and Rev Ben Bradshaw	Saturday 25 th Oct	10am	Hope Cafe
Monday 17 th Oct	10.am	Prayers	Sunday 26 th Oct	10.30am	Marc Grimston

We thought you'd like to see this anonymous old prayer:

Give us, Lord, a bit o' sun
A bit o' work and a bit o' fun
Give us in all the struggle and sputter
Our daily bread and a bit of butter
Give us health our keep to make
And a bit to spare for others' sake

Give us, too, a bit of song
And a tale and a book to help us along
Give us, Lord, a chance to be
Our goodly best, brave, wise and free
Our goodly best for ourselves and others
Till all men learn to live as brothers.

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

Sue Gibbons Secretary secretary@neatisheadbaptistchurch.org.uk.