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Lantern Parade & Light Switch On

...details on page 4

Front Cover: Many thanks to Margaret Maxwell

The Benefice of St Benedict and Neatishead Baptist Church

We will remember them

On Remembrance **Sunday, 9th November** services will be held all over the country to remember all those who died in two World Wars and in conflicts around the World since then. They did their duty and gave their lives in the service of their king and country. Two days later, on **11th November** at 11 in the morning there will be further ceremonies to mark the time in 1918 when the guns fell silent.

On **Tuesday 11th November** at 11am there will be a short, simple service led by the rector at Barton Church where the lych-gate is dedicated to those who fell in The Great War 1914 – 18.

This year has been especially poignant as the country remembered the service men and women who died in the Far East, the Forgotten Army who had to fight on after the war in Europe ended until Japan surrendered. Why do we do it? Why will some shops ask people to pause and be silent for two minutes, in the middle of the morning's shopping, at 11am on Tuesday the 11th? Because it is important to remember, to hold the memory of what was done for us all those years ago. They all fought and gave their lives for our freedom; for the freedoms we take for granted every day; for the things we don't even think about. Whenever I lead a communion service, in whichever church I find myself, I say these words of Jesus:

"Do this in remembrance of me...." Words which he said to his friends around the table at what has come to be known as 'The Last Supper'. We are called to Remember, we must not Forget.

Sadly the First World War was not 'The War to End All Wars' as so many hoped. We know that only too well: Korea, Suez, the Falklands, Iraq, Afghanistan. The list goes on, as does the duty and service of our young men and women to this day. Many of us will recognise these words:

"When you go home, tell them of us and say,
For your tomorrow, we gave our today."

These are words from a war memorial in Kohima where so many of 'The Forgotten Army' are buried. There is also a Kohima prayer, almost unknown and unrecognised, but which is as much a prayer for us today as it was a prayer for those who gave their lives for us so long ago:

Ever-living God, we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence. May that sense of peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations.

Amen.

Neville Khambatta

All Souls' Day

Everyone is invited to attend our special service on **Sunday 2nd November**, 3pm, at St Benedict's church, Horning. This is our annual service where we spend some time remembering and praying for our departed loved ones. We have all lost family members and friends who have been special to us and this service is a wonderful opportunity for us to think about them and to ask God to keep them in his loving care. Please do come along.

Latest news from our Sunday Club

We had a fantastic pet service last month. The church was full with a variety of different animals in attendance including dogs, lizards, rats, and even African land snails! We gave thanks to God for all of creation, for our pets, and we committed ourselves to looking after our planet for future generations. We also had a collection to raise money to ensure that we can book Miniature Donkeys for Wellbeing for our annual 'Fun in the Sun' event next year.

Sunday Club Dates and Events

- **Sunday 2nd November**, 9.30am Neatishead Church.
- **Sunday 16th November**, 11am Sunday Club takeover at Neatishead Church
- **Sunday 7th December**, 9.30am at Neatishead Church.
- **Christmas Eve**, 4pm our annual Christmas Crib Service at Irstead.

All children are most welcome to Sunday Club, please do come along, it's great fun!

For more information please contact Revd Ben-brother ben@btinternet.com 01692 630216.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

A Big Thank You for all your support. Together we raised £1,522.99 and we couldn't have done it without YOU! Many thanks

from Cheryl Pell and the WISE Ladies



St Michael and All Angels', Barton Turf

May I begin by thanking everyone who kindly sent me cards and good wishes for my recent operation. I was very touched. May I thank all those who also helped Vincent Kendrick when he stood in for me.

The November coffee morning will be held on **Saturday 15th November** from 10am until noon, as normal. If anyone has anything that they would like to put on the produce table we would be glad to receive it. This is the time of year for chutneys etc.

The other notice for November is that we shall be meeting as usual on **Tuesday 11th November** at 10.45am for our annual lychgate service. All are welcome.

Barbara Pilcher Churchwarden



St Michael's, Irstead

It was lovely to see so many of you at St Michael's Harvest Thanksgiving Songs of Praise and Bring and Share Harvest Supper on 28th September. Grateful thanks to all those who contributed to the success of the service, to Matthew Bond who played the organ for us, the Benefice Choir for its choral contribution and all



who read at the service. Thank you also to our 'Church Mouse' for the evening, Bethany Bradshaw (pictured) who supported Jorja Bradshaw's reading of John Betjeman's Diary of a Church Mouse. On behalf of YANA may we thank all those who gave so generously. £125 raised for this worthy farming cause.

David Murrells



St Peter's Church Neatishead

St Peter's Restoration Work

Following the announcement in last month's NIB, all those involved with the restoration of the bell and its tower are delighted that work has now also started on the wall. This includes the major restoration/conservation, to the west boundary wall of St Peter's Church, by local firm Conversion Green. All this work is due to the generosity of local people, a grant from the Garfield Weston Trust and the major contribution received from the National Lottery Heritage Fund'.



Nicholas Fowle

Barton Turf and Irstead Poors Trust: Winter Fuel

The Poors Trust was founded in 1810 to help those in need in the parishes of Barton Turf and Irstead by providing a contribution towards the cost of their winter fuel bills. It is at this time of year that the Trust allocates its funds to residents in the parishes who are in need of such help.

Do you know of anyone who has a genuine need of help this winter: the elderly, the sick, the unemployed or others? If you do know of anyone or feel personally that you might qualify, then please contact the Clerk to the Trustees, Chris Dockerty on 07771 866437 or any of the Trustees. All information provided will be treated in strictest confidence.

Gail Murrells

A thankyou

Many thanks for all the kind thoughts, best wishes and cards sent to me after my recent fall. I am up and around and looking forward to being out and about again soon.

Susan Lamb

CHRISTMAS LANTERN PARADE & VILLAGE LIGHT SWITCH ON!

WRAP UP WARM AND HEAD TO THE NEW VICTORY HALL AT 3PM!

COME COLLECT AND DECORATE YOUR LANTERN, WRITE YOUR LETTER TO SANTA, AND HAVE IT STAMPED AND POSTED IN HIS SPECIAL NORTH POLE MAILBOX!

SANTA HIMSELF WILL BE THERE
FOR PHOTOS, SO DON'T FORGET YOUR CAMERAS!

ONCE OUR LANTERNS ARE GLOWING AND READY AT 4PM, SANTA WILL LEAD THE MAGICAL PARADE THROUGH THE STREET, LIGHTING THE WAY TO WHITE HOUSE STORES.

LIVE MUSIC FROM THE UKULELE BAND TO GET YOU IN THE SPIRIT!

FREE HOT CHOCOLATE AT WHITE HOUSE STORES

HOT FOOD AVAILABLE AT YE OLDE SADDLERY

MULLED WINE, MINCE PIES AND HOT DOGS AT THE PUB!

SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 3PM-5PM



White House Stores

Recently we said goodbye to Carol, who has worked with us for many years. We wish her all the best and hope her move to be nearer to her family goes smoothly. We will miss her greatly.

White House Stores is hiring

If you are interested in joining our team
please contact: info@whitehousestores.co.uk

In October, seven of our volunteers went on a trip to Tacons Farm in Rollesby. They supply our shop with salads, homemade jam, fruit and veg, and of course the wonderful seasonal asparagus. We had a tour of the farm, seeing the pumpkins and lots of farm machinery! It was interesting to hear the history of the business. A most relaxing wander round was had by all.



Shop volunteers visit Tacons Farm

Margaret Maxwell
White House Stores Community Shop
info@whitehousestores.co.uk



Xmas Card Delivery

Once again, the Elves will be out and about delivering all your Xmas Cards to our 3 villages. As usual the two post boxes will be in place in the village hall and White House Stores from **Monday 1st December** until early **Tuesday 16th December**, when the sorting will begin for delivery on **Wednesday 17th**. Please can you clearly write names and addresses on the envelopes. We kindly ask for a small donation which goes to local charities and our Father Christmas children's gifts. We look forward to offering this unique service again.

The Christmas Elves



Garden Club

Again there is a change to the published programme as our speaker in November will be Simon White, now retired from Peter Beales Roses, who will be talking about Beautiful Bulbs. The meeting is at the NVH on **Monday 17th November** at 7.30pm. Perhaps we will get some tips for summer and autumn flowering bulbs that we can exhibit at the Village Show on 5th September next year? Visitors are always welcome at our meetings: £4 which includes a cuppa and biscuits. Please contact me for more information.

Jane King 07423 820228

Congratulations to Countryside Litter Pickers.

NIB readers will have been following the story of Eddie and Gary Firman, the volunteer litter pickers who are regularly to be seen removing unwanted rubbish from our villages' roadsides. Nominated for the BBC Radio Norfolk Make a Difference awards, the brothers made a finalists' short list of 5 in the "Green Award" section. The final ceremony was held at the end of September in the newly restored Norwich Castle.

The brothers (pictured below) were deserving runners-up in a very strong category full of 'incredible people, quietly transforming lives.



Huge congratulations to Eddie and Gary. Do stop and say hello and thank you if you see them at work as you drive past.

NIB Editor



CPR and Defibrillator Awareness Session

Neatishead Parish Council and the New Victory Hall have arranged a session about CPR (cardio and pulmonary resuscitation) and use of a defibrillator on **Wednesday 12th November** at 2pm. The session will be run by the Broadland First Responders at the New Victory Hall.

As there are now several defib units in the area (see NIB page 14) this really is a good opportunity to learn about how to access and use them should the need arise. You are also welcome if you just want to refresh your knowledge.

There is also time for tea and questions. Advance booking essential please. To book, contact 01692 630637 or email bookings@victoryhall.info.

New Victory Hall

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 6th December: 9.30-12 Noon

Grand Draw

Lots of stalls

Refreshments

Sing-along with NABS and Ukelele Players

Registered Charity 225178



Village Screen

Monday 3rd November 7pm for 7.30pm

Our November film will be *Black Bag* (Cert.15: 94 Minutes). This thriller is about British Intelligence Agent George (Michael Fassbender), a spy who can't be lied to, who will relentlessly pursue his targets and is loyal to his country. When a device that could put hundreds of thousands of lives in danger goes missing, George has only seven days to find the traitor who stole it. When he discovers his beloved wife and fellow spy Kathryn (Cate Blanchett) is one of the five suspects, George faces the ultimate test: his love for Kathryn or his loyalty to his country. To top it off the nation's capital is seen in all its stylish glory, as the world of MI6 is put on show, with all the intoxicating trappings that go with it. All this makes for a gripping spy game where no-one can be trusted.



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 will be available for a small charge.

Village Screen Team

New
**VICTORY
HALL**
Neatishead Instead Barton

An Opportunity at NVH

TABLE TENNIS. at NVH? 🏓

We are considering having a table tennis evening or afternoon at the hall. 🏓

🏓 We wish to test out interest before buying equipment. We would love to hear from you if you have a table you could lend for a couple of months or if are interested in playing. 🏓



Please get in touch by calling 07500 046158 or email bookings@victoryhall.info 🏓



Neatishead Parish Council

Neatishead Parish Council have two vacant seats desperately seeking to be filled! The team of councillors are welcoming and friendly and the Clerk takes care of all the legal matters, so all you need is to be passionate about our wonderful village and want to make it even better than it already is!

If you can spare a few hours a month and are available to attend monthly meetings on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7.30pm, please do get in touch. Or come along to the next meeting and see for yourself that there is nothing to be intimidated about and it's a lovely team to be a part of!

The Parish Council are currently exploring some funding options, including making improvements to pedestrian safety near the New Victory Hall.

It is also that time of year again when the budget for 2025/2026 is being considered and the council will work hard to keep any increases to the precept to a minimum. The final budget will be set at the January 2026 meeting. Please note the parish council's email address has recently changed to clerk@neatishedpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk

Laura Bateman



Horning Flower Club

October's meeting started with the AGM and presentation of the cups for the previous season. The President's Cup was won by Doreen Dean and the Novice Cup by Chris Williams.

For her topic *Stories*, Naomi Wells, a new demonstrator to the club, created 5 very different arrangements without the use of floral foam, showing what variety can be achieved in an environmentally friendly way. As a newly qualified judge, she was delighted to be able to judge her first members' competition. Luckily there were possibly the highest number of entries in recent years with 7 (and what a shame one member forgot to bring hers) on the subject of *Autumnal Splendour*: the winner was Carole Swan.

On **Monday 10th November** Angelikka Hill will demonstrate *A Wild Kitchen* with the competition *An Arrangement in a Kitchen Item*. Further information from the secretary, Carole Swan, on 01692 536270.

Rachel Clayton



Community Gym

Neatishead Community Gym is now a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation). A new board of trustees has been appointed for 2025/2026 with Alan Smith (Chair) Phil Ollier (Treasurer) and Sharon Jones (Secretary). For more details see <https://www.neatisheadcommunitygym.com>.



Gary with gym members using the treadmills

The daily running of the gym is in the charge of the very experienced Gary Forde, who introduces himself below:

'I've been running the Neatishead Gym for six years now and have worked hard at building your wonderful village

facility into the success it is today. I am proud that it is not only a gym, but also a social hub for members. As a Level 3 Personal Trainer, I have been in the health and fitness industry for over 35 years in and around Norwich and am passionate about sport health and fitness. With good advice, people can be helped to recover from injuries, strokes, knee and hip operations. The gym also plays a big part in people's mental health in addition to physical health. What draws people to NCG is frequently word of mouth recommendations.

I work hard to ensure the gym is a fun and friendly place to be and have brought my passion for resistance training to all members. I'm proud that the oldest member (in her eighties) enjoys using the bench press and has seen great benefits by using free weights. As highlighted by the media, free weights strengthen both bone density and muscle into later life. During my time here, a full range of equipment has been introduced, including 3 treadmills, 3 rowers, 3 bikes, a cross trainer, bench presses as well as free weights: all the benefits of a city gym in our village!

If you've thought of joining us, please come for an initial chat. I'll be delighted to show you our facilities. The gym is open between 8.30 and 12.30 on Sunday, Monday and Wednesdays. Drop in or phone me for an appointment.

Gary Forde
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The Norfolk Punt Club

It hardly seems possible that another sailing season has come to an end. Soon the pontoons on the broad will be towed in for their winter maintenance and boats will come out of the water. The last event of the year is the only one where boats leave the broad and travel down the Ant to race on the Bure at Thurne Mouth. The Athene Cup dates from 1929 and is sailed on the river in Norfolk Punts. This year, fifteen boats competed in light airs. It was a true Punt Club family event with the winner, Richard Parker, sailing against both his sister and his father. The age range was wide with the youngest crew being two of our very own NIB villagers, Henry Drew and Finn Elson, aged just 13 and 12. There were boats crewed by brothers, sisters, fathers and sons. Lots of members went to watch and, it being the Punt Club, there was plentiful tea and cake!



Punts on the river:

Henry and Finn in Goosander, number 89

Photo: Robin Myerscough

There will be several social events in the winter and the new season starts in the spring with racing at weekends and Tuesday evenings plus special women's events and lots of opportunities to learn and improve both sailing and motorboat handling. Why not come and join us?

The Punt Club will be celebrating its centenary next year with lots of special events both social and sailing. More information will be in upcoming NIBs. Come and celebrate with us.

For more info: www.puntclub.co.uk.

Liz Ollier



Wildlife Notes

The month of October is a time of great movement in the world of wildfowl with many birds in northern countries moving south to avoid harsh weather. One of those is the Goldeneye Duck which usually arrives on Barton Broad in the last week of October and stays until March or April.



Goldeneye: Jon Kelf

However, it is the sheer number of arrivals which is both surprising and impressive. For example, most of us take the humble Mallard for granted and are not surprised to hear that there are around 61,000 breeding pairs in the UK so a total of 122,000 birds before they start laying eggs. However, as Mallards fly into the UK from France, Holland, Finland, the Baltic States and Russia the number here in mid-winter may be as many as 675,000 birds> This is a massive increase. In the case of Wigeon, a duck which regularly spends the winter on Alderfen Broad and on nearby grazing marshes, the numbers are equally impressive. There is a breeding population of only around 200 pairs so a total of about 400 birds. The winter population is around 450,000 birds by the time that these ducks have arrived from Iceland, Scandinavia and Russia.

I use these figures just to demonstrate the huge number of birds involved in just two species. If you add thousands of Teal, Gadwall, Shoveler, Pochard and Tufted Duck you can see how the numbers of duck increase enormously. Clearly not all these birds are in the Broads but we have our share of them and what it does demonstrate is how important it is to protect wildfowl feeding areas along the migration routes as well as those in the UK.



Whooper Swan: Jon Kelf

Our winter swans will also arrive, the larger Whooper Swans from Iceland spend time on the grazing marshes around St Benets Abbey whilst the smaller Bewick's Swans which breed in Siberia are sometimes seen in small flocks around Ludham airfield. Both species have yellow colouration on their beaks unlike the orange beaks of our native Mute Swans. The number of Bewick's Swans wintering in the UK has dropped in recent years with many of them staying in Germany and other European countries as they no longer need to move so far south to avoid harsh winter weather. Add to these birds the Pink-footed Geese which many of you will have already seen flying over our villages. In addition, add the winter thrushes, the Fieldfare and its smaller cousin, the Redwing, plus the finches like Siskin and Brambling, and you get an idea of not only the huge numbers of birds involved but the distances some of them fly.



Red Deer near Ikens Farm: Jon Kelf

Enjoy the sounds of the Red Deer rutting as they bellow at night around both Barton Turf and the Beeston estate.

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Wildlife Working Party

Autumn is here and the working party has finished its chores. Barton Common is again looking beautiful with huge numbers of hawthorn berries, blackberries and more rose hips than I've ever seen. Most years happen every few years in which bumper crops of berries and nuts are produced because the conditions for their development have been good. Plants try to produce as many chances for next year's seed development as possible. It will take some enthusiastic berry eaters to finish everything on the common. It has been the same in my garden with plenty of walnuts, figs, apples and pears.

Sadly, the beautiful maple tree on the common near Claypits died last year. It seems likely this was caused by the flooding which starves the roots of sufficient oxygen. The same thing happened to the plum trees nearby. The maple had been home to many bird species particularly woodpeckers and nuthatches. However, it was rotting fast, several of the branches had fallen down and we took the decision for safety reasons to fell it. Interesting that the year in which the common was heavily flooded was followed this year by a very dry year and in fact the ponds have nearly completely dried out. Hopefully some winter rain will fill them ready for the great crested newt breeding season. Please let me know if you see any great crested newts and I will record them. Alternatively do it yourselves using recordpool.org.uk.

Roger Lamb again helped us to cut back the meadow and with his tractor-pulled hay raker, piled up the hay. This made it easier for the working party to collect, remove and add to the grass snake compost heaps adjacent to the meadow. Talking of grass snakes, plenty are being seen on the common particularly under the corrugated iron, with varying sizes from newly hatched of about 15cm long to some whoppers of



Grass snake on Barton Common

over a meter long. On one occasion when we looked a very brave smooth newt, a favourite food of the grass snake, had challenged itself to sit next to three grass snakes which was very risky behaviour! Please

let me know if you would like to join the wildlife working party. Thanks

Neil Sanderson
Parish Councillor



Knit & Stitch

Members of the K&S Group are always up for a challenge so when we were asked for 30 mobius fidget toys, we got

to work. A mobius is a two-dimensional surface with only one side and only one edge. These fidget toys are crocheted and the edge can be endlessly pulled out from the centre and used as a tool for focusing attention or calming restless nerves. It is also great for using up oddments of yarn. A member's friend is a primary school teacher and thought these might be helpful for children who find it difficult to sit still. It was also a great starting project for those who wanted to learn to crochet as it uses only three stitches.



The fidget toys have been renamed 'Classroom Carpet Friends' and we received the following message from the teacher "The children really benefit from being able to have something to calm themselves with when listening on the carpet. The children love all the colours and styles and say they all have different personalities. Thank you for the time taken to make these for us." Do get in touch or pop along to one of our meetings if you would like to see how they are made (see dates on the diary page) - all welcome, we can supply yarn and crochet hooks.

Claire Penstone-Smith
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Neatishead, Irstead & Barton Turf Community Heritage Group (NIBCHG)

Two events will bring to a close our commemorations for the VE (Victory in Europe) and VJ (Victory in Japan) Day 80 Anniversaries. On **Sunday 16th November**, 2-5pm, in the New Victory Hall, another opportunity to see a combination of both exhibitions that we put together for VE and VJ Days earlier this year. Where were the surrender documents signed? What is the Changi Quilt? How were gliders used in the Far East? Where is Kohima? What was the Battle of the Admin Box? The answers to all these questions as well as many stories and artefacts from those who served their countries in the most unimaginable conditions, together with a timeline of WW2 events, will be on display. Everyday memories of WW2 are disappearing from living history and through our research and events we hope to ensure that these memories and experiences will not be lost.

Also at our event you will be able to discover more about New Farm Aviation Heritage Group at Frettenham with their pop-up display. The group holds a huge collection of WW2 memorabilia telling the stories of the rich aviation and wider history of the local area - another example of local living history. Refreshments will be available all afternoon, so we hope you will be able to call in to discover more.



Our final presentation of the year will be *Reflections on the VJ Day 80 Commemorations in the Far East* by Pauline Simpson, following her visit to Thailand earlier this month. This will be held on **Monday 24th November**, 7.30pm, also in the New Victory Hall. Both these events for Remembrance will be a fitting tribute to all those who served their country and sacrificed so much in order that we can enjoy the freedom we have today. We look forward to seeing you.

Claire Penstone-Smith,
claireps@btinternet.com

Art Exhibition

Our exhibition is back. Come and meet our local amazing artists and see their work. We look forward to seeing you and hope you can pick up your own original masterpiece:

**Saturday 22nd
November** 2pm
'til 6pm at the
NVH.



Lisa Seager
lsartnorfolk@gmail.com



NABS

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. **Friday 12th December** and 2 shows on **Saturday 13th Dec** will see NABS take to the stage for a music filled show bursting with Christmas festivities. Tickets go on sale in The White House Stores on Monday 24th Nov for £10 each.

Lisa Seager
NABS



Friends of Neatishead School

A belated thankyou to all who helped and attended the Summer BBQ back in July. We raised over £1,000 which brought us to our goal to get new outdoor play equipment at school. This has been installed and the children are enjoying it every day. In December our annual Christmas Fair is on **Friday 12th December** at 3pm at Neatishead Primary School. Donations for our tombola and/or other stalls are greatly appreciated. Please bring them to school if you are able to donate or help.

Postscript: please come and book a table at the White Horse's Pub Quiz on **Wednesday 12th November**, raising money for FONS.

The FONS Team: Friends of Neatishead School

Success for NIB photographer

We're delighted to report that, out of around 1,100 entries this year to the Norfolk Wildlife Trust 2026 calendar, Jon Kelf's photo of a pygmy shrew (also known as Vernon!) was chosen as the February entry. The calendars can be purchased through norfolkwildlifetrust.co.uk.



Vernon in his Neatishead hideaway: Jon Kelf

Horning First Saturday Coffee Mornings

These take place each first Saturday of the month at Horning Village Hall from 10am to 11.45. The next one will be on **Saturday 1st November**. The December Coffee Morning is our annual Christmas special: Horning Church's Christmas Fayre on **Saturday 6th December**. The refreshments will include tea, coffee, mince pies and scones. There will also be a grand raffle, tombola, cakes and produce stall, and many other stalls. The draw for the raffle will be at 11.30. We only deal in cash, so do come prepared! Everyone is welcome.

Ian Johnson



Weather Report for September/October

Drier than average weather continued in September. The total rainfall recorded for September was 47.6mms/1.87in which is just 79% of average. The highest daily total was on the 17th when 11.6mms/0.46in fell. The highest temperature was 26°C on the 19th and the coldest overnight temperature was 5°C on the 28th/29th. The rainfall recorded for October to date (up to 14th) is 24mms/0.94in which is 34% of average, with 15.2mms/0.6in falling on the 3rd. This was courtesy of Atlantic storm Amy which also produced widespread gales on the 4th and 5th.

Peter Mills

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

Minister: Rev Tina Wilson. email address: revtinawilson@outlook.com. Tel :07763 354740. 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 2nd November:** 10.30am. Rev Carole Pearl, including Holy Communion.
- **Sunday 9th November.** 10.45am. Remembrance Sunday Service at St John's, Hoveton, conducted by Rev Tina Wilson.
- **Sunday 16th November.** 10.30am. Service conducted Church Elders.
- **Sunday 23rd November .10.30am.** Service conducted by Rev Carole Pearl.
- **Sunday 30th November** 10.30am. Service conducted by Mr Mike Gibbs.
- **Sunday 30th November.** 4pm. Beyond Sundays For those exploring faith beyond traditional services. Are you just looking for a space to pause, reflect, and just be? Join us for our monthly gathering, an open and informal space for conversation, reflection, and connection. Come as you are – all are welcome.

JAM (our Sunday School) welcomes all children aged 4 to 16. We meet in the church hall from 10.15 – 11.45am. In November we will meet on the 2nd to pack shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child; again on the 16th and 30th. In December we will meet each Sunday morning to rehearse our Nativity play, to be performed on 21st at 4pm. For information on dates, future sessions and other event please go to <https://wroxhamurc.org.uk/jam> or 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.



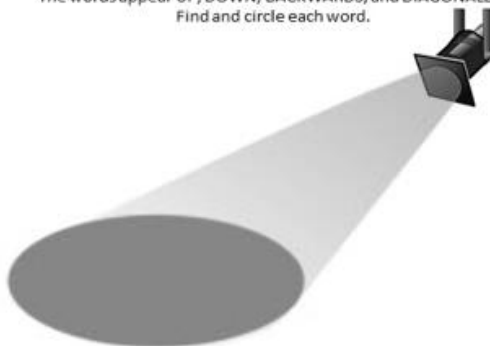
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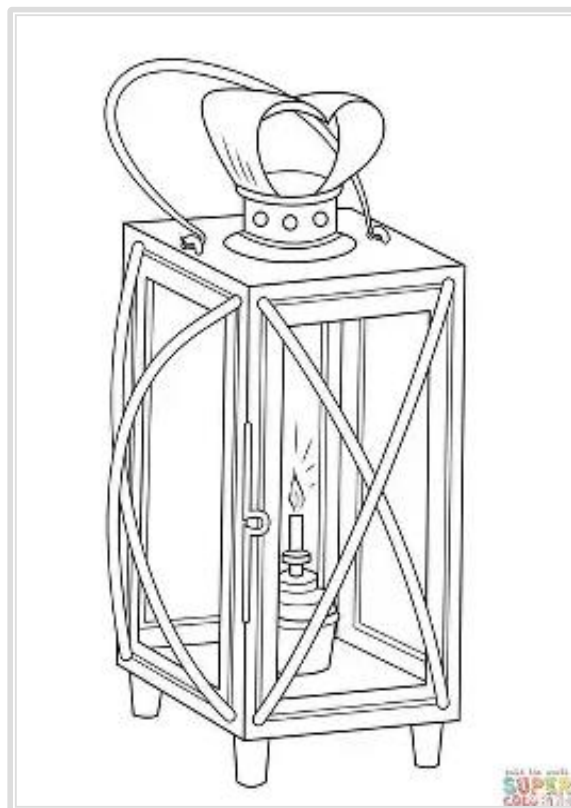
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November 2025 Adverts

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Neatishead -

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

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DEADLINE FOR THE DECEMBER EDITION – 14th November 2025

Diary dates for November 2025

Sun	2 nd	9.30am	Sunday Club at St Peter's Church Neatishead
Sun	2 nd	3pm	All Souls Day Special service at St Benedict's Church Horning. See article
Mon	3 rd	7-7.30	Village Screen: Black Bag Cert 15, 93 mins NVH
Wed	5 th	10.10am 11.15am	Mobile Library: Pitt Corner, Neatishead, NR12 8BT Mobile Library: Council Houses, Ashmanhaugh, NR12 8YL
Sat	8 th	9am-Noon	Community Market and Café: NVH
Mon	10 th	2pm	Horning Flower Club: Angelikka Hill demonstrates A Wild Kitchen. Competition An Arrangement in a Kitchen item: Horning Village Hall
Wed	12 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	12 th	2pm	CPR and Defibrillator Awareness Course: NVH
Wed	12 th	7pm	Knit and Stitch: Dolly Newcombe Community Room: NVH
Wed	12 th		White Horse Inn Quiz night: proceeds to Neatishead Primary School
Thurs	13 th	10am-noon	Friends & Neighbours: AGM, tea/coffee, quiz and raffle at one of our longest running clubs in the 3 villages
Fri	14th	NOTE	Deadline for the December NIB Edition: Friday 14th November
Sat	15 th	10am-noon	Coffee Morning at St Michael and All Angels' Barton Turf
Sun	16 th	11am	Sunday Club take over Neatishead Church
Sun	16 th	2-5pm	Another opportunity to see our VE & VJ Days 80 th exhibitions that we put together for earlier this year
Mon	17 th	7.30pm	Garden Club: Simon White Talking about Beautiful Bulbs: NVH
Wed	19 th	2pm	WI: NVH
Mon	24 th	7.30pm	NIBCHG: Presentation with Pauline Simpson - Reflections on the VJ Day 80th Commemorations in the Far East : NVH
Wed	26 th	7-9pm	Knit and Stitch: Dolly Newcombe Community Room: NVH
Thurs	27 th	10am-noon	Friends and Neighbours: Getting ready for Christmas, secret Santa, Christmas Bingo: NVH
Sat	29 th	10-11.30am	Hope Café: Neatishead Baptist Church Chapel Rd NR12 8YF
Sun	30 th	3pm	Lantern Parade & Village Lights Switch on with Santa and his Elves: NVH

Future Dates and Events

Monday 1st December: Village screen: The Salt Path 2024 (12A) 115 mins NVH

Saturday 6th December: Christmas Fair 9.30 noon. NVH

Sunday 7th December: Sunday Club at St Peter's Neatishead

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

Wednesday 24th December 4pm: Christmas Crib Service St Michael's Irstead

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 the 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 pages for full details: many interesting things to do and join.

Parish Council Clerks:

- Barton & Irstead: Nicola Ledain, bartonturfirsteadpc@yahoo.com
- Neatishead: Laura Bateman, clerk@neatisheadpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk. Meets at NVH every month on 3rd Thursday 7.30pm.

Benefice of St Benedict - Church Services – November 2025

Sunday 2nd November All Soul's Day

9.30am Benefice and Holy Communion with Sunday Club St Peters Church Neatishead
3pm St Benedict's Church Horning Special Service for All Soul's Day

Sunday 9th November Remembrance Sunday

9.30am Holy Communion St Michael's Irstead
10.45am Holy Communion St Swithin's Ashmanhaugh
10.45am Holy Communion St Benedict's Horning

Tuesday 11th November at 10.45am

Annual Lychgate service St Michael and All Angels' Barton Turf

Saturday 15th November from 10am until noon

Coffee Morning St Michael and All Angels' Barton Turf

Sunday 16th November 2nd Sunday before Advent

11am Holy Communion St Benedict's Horning
11am Sunday Club St Peter's Church Neatishead
4pm Evening Prayer St Michael and All Angels'

Sunday 23rd November Christ the King

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

Sunday 30th November 1st Sunday of Advent

9.30am Benefice Holy Communion St Benedict's Horning

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](mailto:ben@btinternet.com) or 01692 630216

Future dates: Wednesday 24th December 4pm Christmas Crib Service St Michael's Irstead

Parish Church Wardens

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St Swithin's Ashmanhaugh: Anne Mulhall at anne.mulhall1@btinternet.com

St Michael and All Angels Barton Turf: Barbara Pilcher on 01692 536132

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



Neatishead Baptist Church Chapel Road NR12 8YF

Sunday 2 nd Nov	10.30am	Helen Vintner Communion	Sunday 16th Nov	10.30am	Marc Grimston
Monday 3 rd Nov	2pm	Fellowship - St Mark Study 11	Sunday 23 rd Nov	10.30am	Iain Johnson
Sunday 9th Nov	10.50am	Remembrance - Joint Churches Service The Rev'd Neville Khambatta	Monday 24 th Nov	2pm	Fellowship-St Mark Study 11
Friday 14 th Nov	10.am	Prayers	Sunday 30 th Nov	10.30am	Harry Hicks

Hope Café Saturday 29th November 10am to 11.30am

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