



HORNING REACH The PARISH PAPER

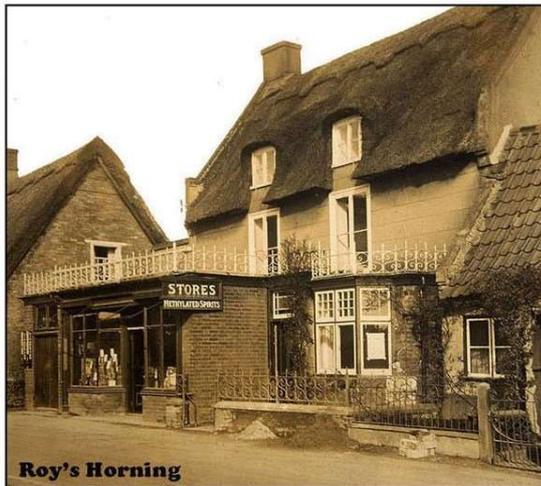


For Horning and Ashmanhaugh

(Associated with the NIB magazine)

Memories of Old Horning

14th
March



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We are looking for a new editor of The Reach to take over in April. Please see page 7 and contact me if interested.

Social Media and the impact on young people.

The use of social media for children and those under the age of 16 has been a much discussed topic, sparked by the decision of the Australian government to impose a ban.

Here in the UK the government is consulting over this topic and working with schools who are trying to tackle this damaging issue affecting our younger generations.

In 2024, Jonathan Haidt published his international best selling book- *The Anxious Generation: How the great rewiring of childhood is causing an epidemic of mental illness*.

In the book, Professor Haidt highlights the worrying rise of mental illness in young people across the globe since 2010. The book provides shocking statistics for teenagers between the years of 2010 and 2024, and highlights that there has been a 145% rise in depression, 134% rise in anxiety, 188% rise in self harm, and most worrying of all, a 167% rise in suicide. It is not a coincidence that 2010 was also the same year when young people started to own smart phones and access social media.

As well as making our young people profoundly unhappy, Professor Haidt uses statistics to show that smart phones and the use of social media is severely damaging our young people's attention spans and making them increasingly lonely. Instead of physically talking and spending time with friends in the 'real world', younger people have become addicted to making connections in the 'virtual world' by chasing superficial 'likes' and 'comments' before inevitably also receiving a crushing and painful response.

Sadly, back in 2010 the world was naïve to the damage that would be caused by allowing young people access to smart phones and social media. Nobody (apart from the developers whose only concern was to make money) had any idea just how much damage these new inventions would do to young and developing minds. The result has been a generation of teenagers and young adults living with the consequences: anxiety, depression, loneliness, the inability to concentrate, or to hold a conversation. There is also 24 hour exposure to bullying and judgemental comments which has resulted in unhealthy obsessions over physical appearance.

Struggling parents are painfully constrained; nobody wants their child to be 'left out' or excluded because they do not have a smart phone, or an account with TikTok, Instragram, Snapchat, etc. Maybe a ban is the best way forward in finding a way to reclaim those precious childhood and teenage years for our future generations.

Jesus healed many people. He sometimes treated a physical ailment; however, he would also frequently perform healings of the mind and of the soul. Many of our young people are increasingly in need of such healings, and the Church of Christ needs to be ready to speak out and assist with that much needed healing ministry. It is an important mission and ministry that really must begin with a campaign to reclaim childhood years and development.

Praised be Christ,

Revd Ben.

Holy Week and Easter 2026

There is a service every day in the week leading up to Easter, please do come along to as many as you can.

Our Palm Sunday (29th March) walk with real donkeys has become a firm local favourite! Meeting at the New Victory Hall, we set off at 10.30am for a walk to Barton Turf church for an all age service. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME.**

Please see further on in this magazine for all the other services taking place in the days leading up to Easter, and of course, the services on Easter Day itself, which includes a 6am outdoor Holy Communion service in the ruins of St Benet's!

Everyone is warmly invited to all our services.

Thank you,

Revd Ben.

Latest news from our Sunday Club

Our Sunday Club meetings last month continued to focus on the miracles of Jesus. The young people made some fantastic crafts including a joyful jumping man who was very happy to have been healed as well as some jolly finger puppets!

This coming month should be very exciting as we have a trip to Norwich planned and of course our Palm Sunday walk with real donkeys! More details below.

Upcoming Dates and Events

Sunday 1st March- 9.30am Sunday Club at Neatishead Church.

Sunday 8th March- SUNDAY CLUB ON THE TRAIN! A trip to the Julian Centre in Norwich, plus some crazy golf and lunch.

Sunday 15th March- 11am Sunday Club takeover at Neatishead Church

Sunday 29th March- 10.30am Palm Sunday walk from the New Victory Hall to Barton Turf church with real donkeys!

ALL CHILDREN ARE MOST WELCOME TO SUNDAY CLUB, PLEASE DO COME ALONG, IT IS GREAT FUN!

Parents are welcome to stay or they can collect their children at the end of the club.

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

Rotas for March

Date		Time	Service	Church
1 st March	2 nd Sunday of Lent	9.30am	Benefice HC + Sun. Club	Neatishead
8 th March	3 rd Sunday of Lent	9.30am	Benefice HC	Ashmanhaugh
15 th March Mothering Sunday	4 th Sunday of Lent	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 16.00pm	HC (BCP) HC Sun Club EP	Irstead Horning Neatishead Barton Turf
22 nd March	5 th Sunday of Lent	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am	MP HC HC	Horning Irstead Barton Turf
29 th March 	Palm Sunday	10.45am 11.00am	Palm Sunday Walk from the New Victory Hall, Neatishead to Barton Church	Barton Turf

Benefice of St Benedict – Holy Week Services 2026

Mon 30 th March	7pm - HC	Horning
Tues 31 st March	7pm - HC	Ashmanhaugh
Wed 1 st April	7pm - HC	Neatishead
Maundy Thursday April 2 nd	7pm – HC with Vigil	Barton Turf
Good Friday – 3 rd April Liturgy for Good Friday Stations of the Cross	11am 2 pm 6.30 pm	Horning (On the Green) Neatishead Irstead
Easter Eve – 4 th April Holy Saturday	7pm	Neatishead

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

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

Charity Lunches during Lent

Horning Church has started running their series of six Lunches in the run up to Easter which support a number of different charities. A great opportunity to think about and support others in the run up to Easter. Always a sociable event where homemade soup and sandwiches are served before we learn about the days' charity. The Lunches take place in St Benet's Hall on Fridays starting at 12 noon. Anyone is welcome to come. There is no charge but the opportunity to make a cash donation.

The charities for March are:

March 6th The Nancy Oldfield Trust

March 13th Big C Cancer

March 20th CAP - Christians Against Poverty

March 27th Norwich Foodbank

First Saturday Coffee Mornings Saturday March 7

First Saturday Coffee Mornings are organised by church members but are open to everyone (including dogs!) We next meet on Saturday 7th March in Horning Village Hall from 10.00 to 11.45. In these winter months it's a great way to get out and meet up with old friends and to begin to make new ones. There's coffee

or tea with either cheese scones or jam ones, a raffle, pre-loved books and a produce stall. If you've not been before, you are most welcome. About 40 - 50 come to a relaxed atmosphere full of warmth, laughter and friendship with proceeds raised going towards financing the maintenance of our much-loved churchyard. Pop in for a short time or come for much longer. There's no pressure to buy anything, but of course we are most grateful to everyone who supports generously the stalls available, and to those who donate raffle prizes, books and produce for sale. A big thank you to those who supported the February Coffee morning which raised £247.45. We hope to see you on March 7th.

Churchyard Working Party Saturday April 25

Twice a year a dedicated group of volunteers gather from 10.00 – 12.00 on a Saturday morning in Horning Churchyard for a general clear and tidy-up of the churchyard (and church staithe). Our next session is provisionally booked for Saturday April 25th and this date will be confirmed in the April edition of the Reach. You don't have to be a knowledgeable horticulturalist nor an enthusiastic chain-saw operator (though both are very welcome.) Tasks range from simple gathering of fallen twigs or branches for the bonfire, a little trimming of hedges with secateurs or shears and clearance of gulleys. You choose which job most suits you. You do not have to be a church member to take part, just simply have a willingness to maintain the order and beauty of our village churchyard. Please contact Ian Johnson on 07715 772601 for further details if needed.

HORNING REACH *The PARISH PAPER*

After two enjoyable years editing the Horning Reach, I have decided to call it a day. **We are, therefore looking for a new editor**, or editorial team, to take over from April.

I have found the experience very rewarding and having made several changes to The Reach feel that a new editor with fresh ideas could enhance it further.

Please ask yourself if you could take over, no previous experience is necessary, and continue to provide a valuable service to the community. I will support you as necessary during the changeover.

Contact Mike on 07585 412871 or hr-editor@outlook.com

WROXHAM AND HOVETON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

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Tel :07763 354 740.

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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 1st March: 10.30am. Service conducted by Rev Sue Seeley, including Holy Communion.

Sunday 8th March: 10,30am. Service conducted by Rev Zephney Kennedy.

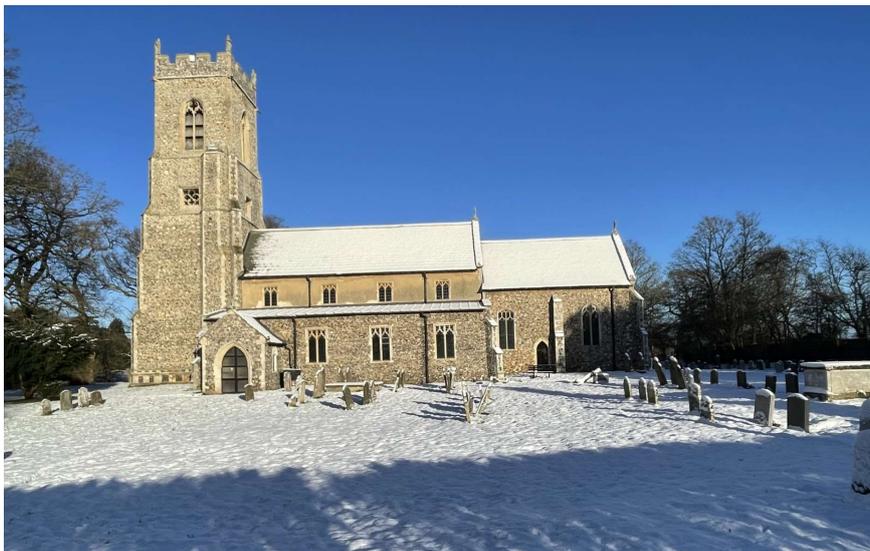
Sunday 15th February. 10.30am: Mother's Day All-Age Worship conducted by Rev Tina Wilson.

Sunday 22nd 10.30am. Service conducted by Pastor David Adams.
4pm - Beyond Sunday - A service of quiet reflection.

Sunday 29th - No Service at the Hub. We will all go to Ipswich Road United Reformed Church for a Service and shared lunch with the Moderator of the General Assembly, Catriona Wheeler. Please contact the Secretary, above, if you want to attend.

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.



Horning Church looking resplendent in the snow. Picture sent in by David Vyse

MEMORIES OF OLD HORNING

At Horning Village Hall on Saturday 14th March 2026

DROP IN between 11am and 4pm

Did you know that Roys of Wroxham had a store here? Or that the Ferry Inn was bombed by the Luftwaffe in 1941 killing 21 people? How much did Horning's boatyards contribute to the War effort? Perhaps you have yet to hear the wonderful tale attached to the four Apostles on the Church Tower or the chilling stories relating to Horning Timeslips! Were you aware that plans for an extensive 'holiday village – Butlin's style' were drawn up in 1946 but never came to fruition? And who once lived in Whitegates?

These and many other wonderful stories are coming together and it is hoped that the event will draw out even more, as people bring along their own memories and recollections. There will be contributions from long standing local families who will have stories and pictures handed down from their own past generations as well as displays from:

RAF Air Defence Radar Museum, Neatishead

St Benet's Abbey and Norfolk Archaeological Trust

St Benedict's Church, Horning

Wherry Yacht Charter Trust

Drop in to Horning Village Hall and browse the photos, documents and memorabilia on display and discover a little more about this picturesque village and its inhabitants, past and present.

If you feel you have anything to share about Horning's past or for more information then please contact us, horninghub@yahoo.com or tel: 01692 630695

If there is sufficient interest it may be possible to collate these items with a view to forming an archive for Horning in the future.

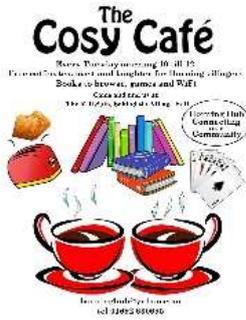
This is a **FREE** event. Parking is available at the Village Hall, **NR12 8LF** and the venue is accessible for wheelchair users. Light refreshments will be on sale - so come and join us – for a memorable day!

Memories are made of this!

The Horning Hub would like to thank WROXHAM & HOVETON LIONS for their support



Horning Hub - connecting the community



•Our busy cosy café reached record numbers during **February!** We must be doing something right!

Perhaps it was Heidi's birthday that attracted the crowd or perhaps the following week when we invited Norfolk County Council representative, Vinnie Purdy to talk

about the frequent and unwelcome road closures (notes are available if you are interested, see below*).

More than likely it is just nice to meet up with friends and make new ones.



Just a reminder that once a month we will welcome Holli, the IT coach to the Cosy Café. **IT sessions** are held on Tuesdays from 10.30 on **24th February, March 7th, April 5th, May, 2nd June, 7th July, 4th**. This event too is growing in popularity



PS If Tuesdays don't suit you then let's talk about the possibilities of another day of the week. We have a plan to meet your needs!

The **Supper/Lunch Club is up and running** and our first gathering is at a local eatery, the New Inn, on Thursday 26th February. We believe in supporting our local restaurants and shops where we can. We certainly don't want to lose them.

It is never too late to become a Friend of the Hub and join us on one of our foodie outings.



• Meanwhile the **Hub Singers** will be meeting once a month on a Wednesday between 4-5 p.m the next meeting is on **11th March** in the Leeds way community centre – further dates to be arranged.

Dates for your Diary 2026

• **Memories of Old Horning on Saturday the 14th March.** Such a exciting day to look forward too. The village hall will be full of memorabilia and items of local interest.

We would also love to hear from you if you have any family stories including those of the 70's and 80's when we had at least four groceries, a baker shop... and a dress shop we believe.

There would also be an opportunity to talk about starting a history or archive group.

To make the day perfect you can enjoy one of Trish's scones

- **Easter Egg** trail over the weekend of 3rd /4th /5th /6th April with a prize of £25



- **On May 2nd** we will be taking part in the **Horning Boat Show** – tombola prizes welcome!



- **26th July - Friends Tea party** in the Mill Suite. Please note the change of date
- **Saturday 15th August** You are welcome to join us for **A Community Gathering** - bring a picnic and listen to music by Ukelele Band and Jon Walker on St Benet's Green. The Hub singers may also be persuaded to join in!

*Notes taken at the meeting **with Vinnie Purdy, Norfolk County Council Highways Network Co-Ordinator for North Norfolk on the 3rd February** are available. 33 parishioners attended.



Some key take away points!

- There are around 70 utilities authorised to work on the highways in Norfolk.
- **One.network** give a live update for all UK road closures update
- No permits granted during the period between May and September. Special events will be considered unless there is an emergency.
- NCC will consider avoiding major village events if they are known about e.g. the Boat Show
- Highway powers are limited.
- Highways will follow up on poor signage

Contact: 01692 630695 or horninghub@yahoo.com

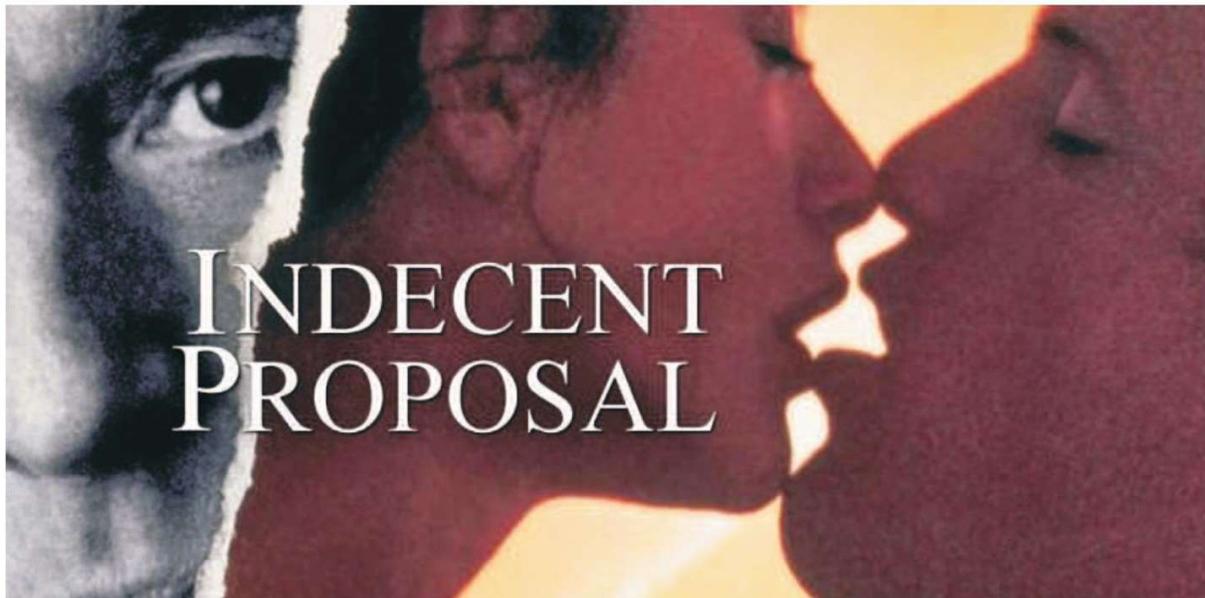
Many thanks to all the lovely friends for the messages, letters, cards, and flowers that have been sent to our family. Also for the support and help over the past year my husband Denis Hands had been ill and then sadly passed away suddenly on 17th December 2025.

Christine Hands & Family.

HORNING CINEMA

Horning Village Hall NR12 8LF

Friday 6th March 2026 7.30pm



Certificate 15

Running time 117 minutes

1993

Starring Demi Moore, Robert Redford and Woody Harrelson.

An idyllic marriage is thrown into turmoil when a wealthy financier offers a million dollars to a couple if the wife agrees to spend just one night with him. An intriguing look at love and the things money can and cannot buy.

Ticket: £5

Tea, coffee and ice cream available to purchase
(or bring your own drink)

Doors open 30 minutes before the start of the film

Tickets from TIDINGS NEWSAGENTS

Lower Street, Horning, NR12 8AA ☎ 01692 630956

HORNING PARISH COUNCIL - NEWS February 2026

Road closures

The Parish Council held a meeting prior to the February Parish Council meeting to discuss road closures in the village. For some years now, the regular closures of Lower Street have significantly impacted village life and the businesses in the village.

The Parish Council is considering a 'Road Closure' policy at the March meeting, which will then be sent to all potential utility companies asking that for any **programmed** closures all the elements within the policy are adhered to. Whilst there will be no legal requirement for utility companies to comply with these requirements, it is hoped that it will improve matters for parishioners

Car Scheme

The Wroxham, Hoveton and Belaugh Voluntary Community Care Transport provides volunteer-driven transport to medical appointments for patients of the Wroxham and Hoveton Medical Centre and registered residents, covering doctors, hospitals and dentists. The group wishes to raise the profile of the scheme, and are open to all residents of the surrounding areas – all those registered at the Wroxham / Hoveton Medical Practice. Telephone: 01603784455

Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer, Jo Beardshaw

Email: clerk@horningparishcouncil.gov.uk

Ladies that lunch

Hello to all you Ladies out there.

Are you maybe thinking about finding something new to do?

Something that you can enjoy during the day and meet new people at the same time.

If the answer is yes, then, why not give the Horning Ladies Lunch Club a try.

We are going from strength to strength, as our new membership numbers continue to grow. If you are thinking about meeting new people or finding

something new to do, then why not come along and see what we are all about?

If you are interested, then, there is further information below.

We hope to see you very soon.

We meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month (between October and June) at the Old Rectory Hotel in Crostwick.

We enjoy a delicious 2 course meal, followed by Tea or Coffee, and, to complete the afternoon, we have a different guest speaker each month. You do NOT have to live in Horning, in order to join us.

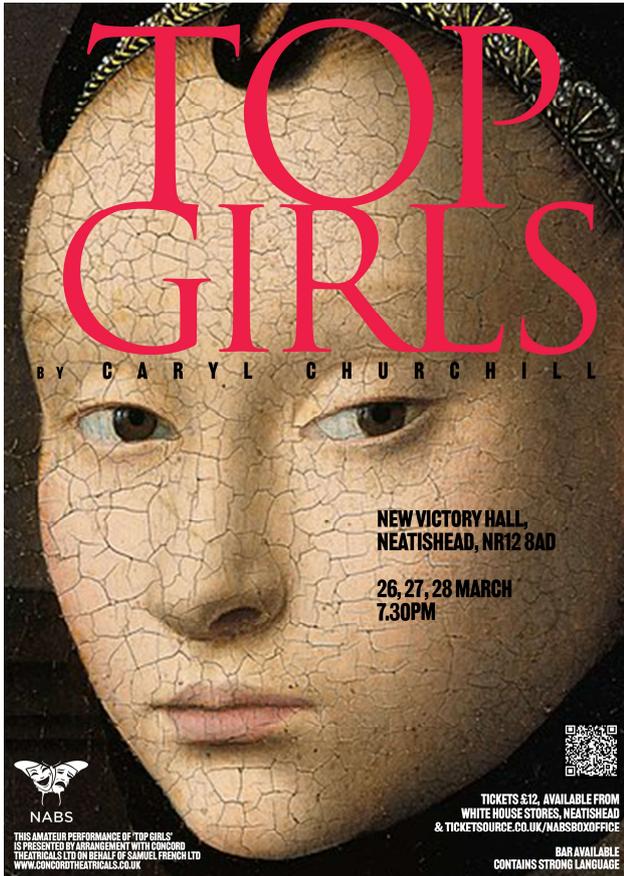
It is essential that lunch is booked in advance, to do this or, if you require any further information please contact Tricia Elson on 07931 301606 or, e mail her at, ladieslunchclub@btinternet.com



NABS: Neatishead and Barton Society

The end of March sees an ambitious and exciting theatrical production coming to

Neatishead, when NABS will be performing *Top Girls* by Caryl Churchill. Considered one of the best plays of the 20th century, *Top Girls* has been performed all over the world and has been on the A level syllabus for many years.



Shelagh Smith, the play's director, explains that this will be her third show with NABS. 'Each time I have loved working with a team that is so committed, willing to be challenged, try new things and prepared to be edgy. When Caryl Churchill was researching and writing this play, I was part of a small group at the Bristol drama department, giving feedback on Act 1. I was blown away, loved it and it stayed with me. For a group of women actors, all the parts are wonderful; sometimes raw, bawdy, heartfelt and strong, and we have some great women actors in NABS.'

Shelagh describes *Top Girls* as a multi-layered play. 'On one level this is simply a group of women (albeit extraordinary women from history, myth and legend) having a dinner party to celebrate Marlene's promotion and

talking about their lives. We then see Marlene at the office followed by Marlene at her childhood home with her sister and daughter. On another level we see the role of women throughout history: what it takes to break through in a world designed by men; the bitterness of sibling rivalry; the choices women make; the sacrifices taken and the consequences that flow from this.'

Top Girls will be performed at Neatishead Victory Hall on March 25th 26th 27th at 19.30. The Victory Hall is a bright and welcoming environment for all visitors with great parking and facilities, including a pre-performance and interval bar. Do please come and join us.

Tickets (£12) from ticketsource.co.uk/nabsboxoffice and Whitehouse Stores Neatishead. Please note, the play contains a few examples of strong language.

Joan Dickie

February news round-up from Horning Primary School

In January 2026 pupils accessed their budding scientific and engineering skills at an exciting ***Think Like an Inventor*** event. Together with parents and other family members, pupils from throughout the school, from Reception to Year 6, took part in the event inspired by the outstanding achievements of Norfolk educated famous inventor and entrepreneur Sir James Dyson.

Throughout the afternoon, working both independently and in teams, the children used their creativity, curiosity and problem-solving skills to tackle a series of engineering and scientific challenges, to build a marble run lasting over a minute, to create boats that would float while carrying a cargo, and to create a paper helicopter using only paper and paper clips. Daunting tasks for both young and old!

“Think like an inventor was a great success,” said new Head of School, Kathryn Andrews. “It involved children of all ages, helped and encouraged, as so often happens in Horning Primary, by many family members.”



On 6 February 2026 staff and pupils were delighted to welcome North Norfolk Member of Parliament Steffan Aquarone to their school assembly. Addressing the assembly, Steffan explained why and how he became a Member



of Parliament, and what his role involves, before talking about the work he undertakes in the House of Commons on behalf of his North Norfolk constituents. His talk was followed by a lively question and answer session with the children. “The children were very excited by Steff’s visit, and had some great questions for him,” said Kathryn Andrews.

“His talk was a great learning opportunity, aligning well with the work we are doing with the children this term about skills, jobs and careers.”



Horning Hub Community IT support at the Hub Cosy Café

Are you struggling to come to terms with IT?

- Anxious about your lack of skills and understanding?
- You've lost trust in the internet?
- Your equipment is out of date
- You would like to know more about using a mobile phone or a Tablet?
- Need help with your laptop?

then why not join us at the Horning Hub Cosy Café on a Tuesday for advice and support from Holli the Community Tech coach?

IT sessions for 2026 will be held on Tuesdays from 10.30 on 24th February, 24th March 7th April 5th May, 2nd June, 7th July, 4th August, 1st September. *PS If Tuesdays don't suit you then let's talk about the possibilities of another day of the week*****

- Being tech-savvy can significantly enhance daily life
- Our Digital Skills sessions aim to support you to develop your skills, safely and with confidence.
- There are no set lesson plans. You can pick your own topics depending on what you would like to learn about. These topics can be repeated as many times as needed.

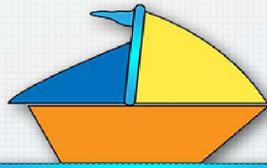
Come and 'give it a go' to see whether it's right for you and find ways in which digital can make day-to-day life easier and more enjoyable.

Tel 01692 630695 or email: horninghub@yahoo.com

DRAWING ~ PAINTING ~ CHESS

Interested in developing your drawing or painting skills and techniques or learning or improving your chess play?

Personal lessons tuition available, contact: Kevin on 07528 811219 or kevinmoore758@icloud.com



HORNING BOAT SHOW

Saturday 2nd May 2026 10.00am to 4.00pm



- ▶ Marine Exhibitors.
- ▶ New & Used Boats.
- ▶ Charity Stalls.
- ▶ Classic Cars.
- ▶ Food Court.
- ▶ Boat Show Auction.
- ▶ Parking at BeWilderwood.
Disabled Parking at Village Hall, Badges only.
- ▶ Shuttle Bus service to and from the show.
- ▶ Discover Sailing at Horning Sailing Club.
- ▶ Supporting Autism Anglia & Nancy Oldfield Trust.
- ▶ A true Family Day out.

Find us on
www.horningboatshow.com

Neatishead, Barton Turf and District WI

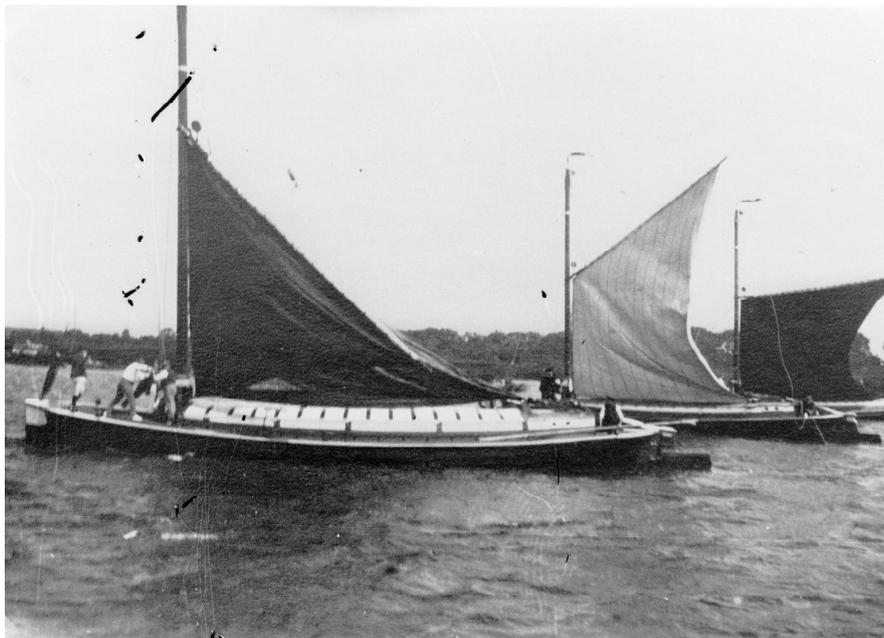
As a WI, we pride ourselves on the valuable fund raising and support we give to others in need. Our chosen charity this next year is PaNDA, a charity that provides critical care transport for babies and young children. Last month Dr. Catriona Macdougall gave a brilliant talk about the charity. We raise money through our trading stall which is held most months at our meeting and through our Charity tea in August at St Benet's Hall. This year we are also supporting Leeway, a charity that provides support for adults and young people who are breaking away from abuse in Norfolk and Suffolk. They badly need items of non logo school uniform for any age. If you have anything suitable please contact us on our email and we will arrange collection.

Our meetings continue every third Wednesday at 2pm in the NVH. We always have a wonderful time together and welcome new members. Please contact us on neatisheadwi@gmail.com for any further information.

Sally Church
President

Neatishead, Irstead & Barton Turf Community Heritage Group

This month sees us celebrating the centenary of Norfolk Punt Club with a presentation by Val Khambatta, "Sailing through time - 100 Years of the Norfolk Punt Club" on Monday 23rd March at 7.30pm at the New Victory Hall with refreshments served from 7pm. This will also be an opportunity to view some of the Club's archive material. All are welcome



Photograph of wherry race on Barton Broad - Lady Violet, Cornucopia and Hilda, c.1930.

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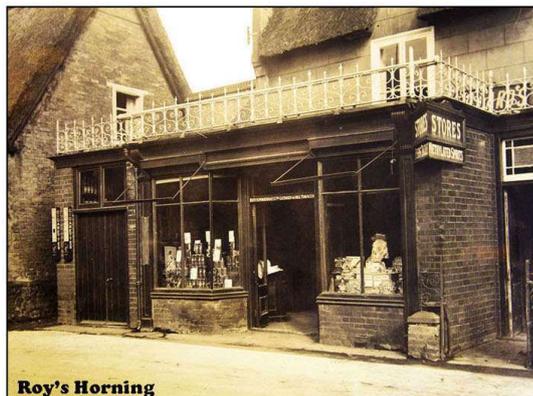
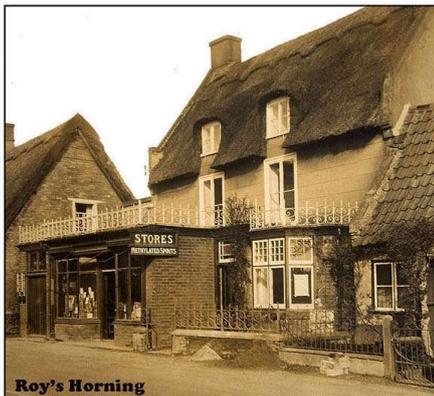
Horning Hub welcomes you to an exciting display of photographs and memorabilia of old Horning in the Village Hall NR12 8LF



on Saturday 14th March between 11am and 3pm

Free parking & free admission 

Refreshments available



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It is believed the store opened around the 1920's or early 30's**

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Sea Palling Independent Lifeboat

As the months tick by, our volunteers continue with the all-important station maintenance. Keeping our kit in top condition and ready for service at all times is particularly challenging during the colder months, but the team's commitment never wavers. Every check, repair, and clean-down ensures we remain fully prepared for whatever the sea may throw our way.

The crew have also successfully completed a refresher in Emergency First Aid, with Emergency Oxygen Therapy now an additional accreditation we're proud to hold. Training like this strengthens our capability and gives our volunteers even greater confidence when responding to incidents.

We've been making good use of the rougher sea conditions too. These sessions provide an excellent opportunity to test our well-drilled skills, and for some of our newer volunteers, it marked their first experience operating in such challenging waters

As we look ahead to the spring months, stay safe and we hope to see you soon

Rita Galbraith
Sea Palling Independent Lifeboat
Fundraising Team
Registered Charity No. 267211

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Horning Village Hall on Saturday, March 28th, 2.30-4.30pm. Guaranteed fun event on an **Easter** theme, with games, chocolate eggs and fun for the family.

Suitable for ages 5 to adult, [children need to be accompanied], admission £5 to cover costs, we look forward to meeting you and have recently moved into the village.

Important Information

ST BENET'S ABBEY

Please note that our Car Park
and access road will be closed
on

Tuesday 3rd March 2026

For essential repair work.



Book Stall on the Wall at Whitegates, Lower Street – 2026!

This year, if the weather improves, we hope to open again in March. Money raised will be donate to the Nancy Oldfield Trust, a local charity which provides accessible boating and accommodation on the Norfolk Broads



In addition, we will be collecting chocolate Easter Eggs to donate to Norwich Food Bank. We plan to hand them over to the Food Bank representative when they pop along to the Lent Lunch organised by St Benedict’s church on the 27th March.

Villagers and visitors have been so kind and generous over the last four years and we look forward to another successful Book Stall in 2026.

Thank you for your support

Thea and Peter

300 Club Winners			
January		February	
Geoff Eason no.53	£50	Colin Tuck no.2	£50
Graham McEwen no.18	£30	Anne Wagstaff no.121	£30
Chris Nicolson no.10	£20	Cath Winspear no.232	£20

Village Hall News

Stop Press **“CINEMA CANCELLED!”**

It is with regret that we have had to cancel the cinema in February; this was due to lack of ticket sales. Indeed, one week before there has been no ticket sales at all!

To break even, we need 21 attendees—anything less, then it costs the HVH money in licence fees and this is simply not sustainable. As we have said before,

“Either use it or lose it!”

We are, at the moment, planning to run the cinema as normal in March provided we get enough ticket sales. The details are set out in the advert on page 11.

April will see our fish and chips supper followed by the film and we hope to see as many of you as possible.

300 Club 💰

“What is the 300 club?” It is a way of raising money for the Village Hall and having a bit of fun as well. For just £10 a year, you can buy a number which goes into a draw with 3 prizes a month £50, £30 and £20. We also have 2 super prize draws a year when you have the chance to win £100.

You can buy a number from me Julie Thomson 01 692 630 118

Or contact any of our trustees.

Marks Music Quiz 🎵

We are pleased that Mark has agreed to run another quiz for us on the 17th June 2026.

Put the date in your diary now. We can promise a great night of music for all types of music knowledge.

A bar and tea /coffee will also be available

Village Hall AGM

The AGM will be held in the Mill Suite at 7pm on 17th March 2026. At the meeting, the Trustees for the coming year will be elected and there will be a report on the work of the Trust during 2025 and plans for the future.

All are welcome.

Bingo

Wednesday 25th March.

Doors open 7pm The Mill Suite

£5 for 10 games

It was so good to see a number of new faces last month. Come along, join us and have fun.

Tea /coffee available

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As many of you will have noticed, the cladding of the Mill Suite is substantially complete; the only major matters outstanding are the construction of a new ramp at the rear of the Mill Suite and the installation of a new sink unit in the kitchenette.

Attention is now on the Main Hall: the wish list here is rather long and the Trustees are doing their homework to assess which project(s) give the best return. Tidying up the front of the Hall is high on our list, but we do need to address the ventilation in the main hall. Work is ongoing here to determine the most practicable way forward. Some of you may have views and ideas on this and the trustees would be pleased to hear from you—email to David on treasurer.hvh@btinternet.com please.

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WHERRY YACHT CHARTER INTRODUCES TEA AT TWILIGHT AS PART OF 2026 SAILING PROGRAMME

Wherry Yacht Charter will be launching its summer season on 1st May 2026 with an expanding variety of sailing experiences, including a new Tea at Twilight sail. Customers can experience a magical 3 hour trip sailing towards sunset on the beautiful Norfolk Broads... a quieter, relaxing time of day, all whilst enjoying delicious tea and homemade cakes.

The first Tea & Twilight trips leave from Wroxham at 4pm on the following dates:

- Thursday 21st May
- Tuesday 9th June

Other trips include sailings whilst enjoying morning or afternoon tea and cakes and the much in demand fish and chip supper at Wroxham Yacht Club

For nature lovers there are several sailings which stop at a nature reserve only accessible by river and other trips include a visit to the Museum of the Broads. People who just want to relax and enjoy the beautiful views and wildlife on the Norfolk Broads are also catered for with many day sails setting out from Wroxham, How Hill, and some from Ranworth and Stalham.

Visit www.wherryyachtcharter.org for more details and to book a wherry trip or charter.

To find out more Judith can be contacted by emailing:

jk@wherryyachtcharter.org





Neatishead Gym

Gymninny's January Jaunt to John o'Groats

It's just over 1000km, using walking tracks and roads, from Neatishead to John o'Groats. That's a memorable distance and one that has provided Neatishead Community Gym with its first group challenge for 2026.

Readers will remember that the gym has a knitted mascot, Gymninny, who has previously undertaken virtual distance challenges to the Paris Olympics and the North Pole. The aim of such 'journeys' is two-fold. They have proved to be a fun group effort and conversation subject during gym sessions. Such challenges also encourage members to gently increase their use of distance gym equipment: the treadmills, bikes, rowing machines and cross trainer.

Gymninny's January Jaunt to John o'Groats is our new (alliterative) challenge. After members record their daily distances, the kilometres are totalled and Gymninny can advance along an A1 poster map from Neatishead to John o'Groats. With only ten January gym sessions available, can 1000km be achieved? There'll be more news in the next edition of the NIB but, as this edition goes to press in mid-January, Gymninny (helped by over 30 participating members) has so far totalled just over 500km and is already at the Scottish border! Photo showing members Sarah and Kim with trainer Gary.

For more information about joining our friendly local gym:
<https://www.neatisheadcommunitygym.com>

Joan Dickie



Museum of the Broads

It's March- and that means two very important dates!

Friday March 20th - the first day of spring.

Saturday March 21st - The Museum of the Broads is open for 2026!

Yes - it's time to make important marks in your diary for March. Who isn't delighted that Friday March 20th is the first day of spring? Here in Broadland the migrating birds will be seen returning, the blossom will start to appear on marsh marigolds and the first green leaves will emerge on the willow trees. Winter is closing down.

And - on Saturday March 21st The Museum of the Broads is opening up!

What better way to welcome spring than with your *first* visit (because we want to see you come back again and again) to The Museum of the Broads?

First off - if you really want to get involved call in on March 21st for our -

Volunteers Open Day

This is a brilliant opportunity to meet the team and find out more about our volunteer roles. If you're looking for a new challenge, a way to use your talents or a chance to learn some new skills we're here to talk. This could be your new thing for 2026. (And there's tea and biscuits!)

Volunteer or visitor you've got to try -

The Spring Trail

Saturday 21st March – Sunday 12th April 2026 10am – 4pm

This fun thing to do is free with your museum admission.

It's a family-friendly trail allowing you to explore the museum and discover 12 hidden messages. Have a go at mirror writing. Try morse code. Discover how the birds, the trees and the bees talk to each other. *And* if you decipher the message told in nautical flags you can claim a prize!

You already know (we have been telling you!) how busy we've been behind the scenes to get ready to welcome you in 2026. It's time! We have so much going on including new displays in The Surlingham Building. Check out the films and photos that tell the story (and jog the memory!) of holidays on The Broads.

Our boats are up and running for cruises from the start of the season and the events list for spring and Easter is in place. It's all on our website.

We're all about bringing the stories of the Broads alive. So, as we think about spring and the changes in the natural world right now, it's always good to reflect on Broadland back when. It was a hundred years ago, in March 1926 when a

young chap called Herbert Woods took the helm of the Walter Woods boat building firm. By 1929 he'd renamed it Herbert Woods and started to create the fleet of hire boats that would be instrumental in the development of The Broads as a holiday destination. Just twenty years or so later as World War Two drew to a close a Mr Richardson bought a motor cruiser. The father and son Richardson team would soon buy the Old Mill House Boatyard in Oulton Broad. That business would grow into one of the most successful providers of Norfolk Broads boating holidays - and Richardsons are now hugely supportive friends and sponsors of The Museum of the Broads.

There are so many stories about The Broads and there's nowhere better to find out about them than here - The Museum of the Broads.

We're open from March 21st. Six days a week - Tuesday to Sunday. Bring the kids. Bring the dog. Get here!

Check out all the details at - www.museumofthebroads.org.uk

Wroxham & District u3a Report

Our interest groups have been very active in the first part of 2026.

The History Group had a trip to The Great Hospital, which was enjoyed by all, despite the chilly, damp weather; it really is a hidden gem in the centre of our fine city.

The next meeting is at the Preston Rooms with a presentation about the Wroxham Reading Room by a member.

The Bird Watching Group's latest trip is to Buckenham Marshes and the Walking Group to Salhouse. The King's Head in Blofield and The Fur and Feathers in Woodbastwick were the venues for the two Lunch Groups and Portuguese reds were the choice for the January meeting of the Wine Appreciation Group. The Essex Serpent was read by one of The Book Groups and the Poetry Group read poems on a humorous theme, to cheer them up during the dark winter days.

Apart from our interest groups we have our general meeting monthly at Hoveton Village Hall, where we have a speaker and tea and biscuits; if you want to know what we are about and meet some of the members, do come along, it's on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, doors open at 2pm, £2 for members and £3 for visitors.

The next 3 meetings are as follows:

March 17th – Georgette Vale – The Widow Kett

April 21st – AGM

May 19th – The geology of Norfolk; Matt Williams

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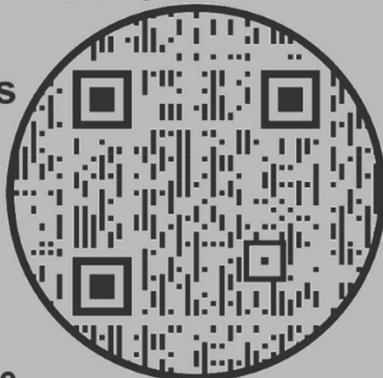


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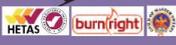
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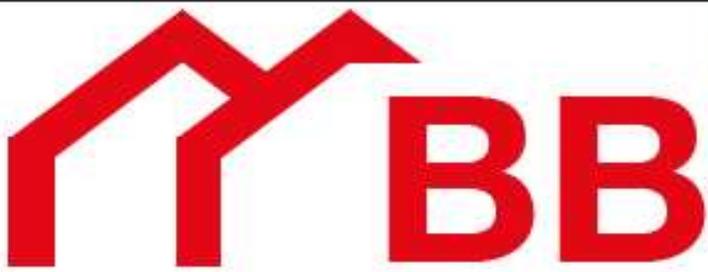
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