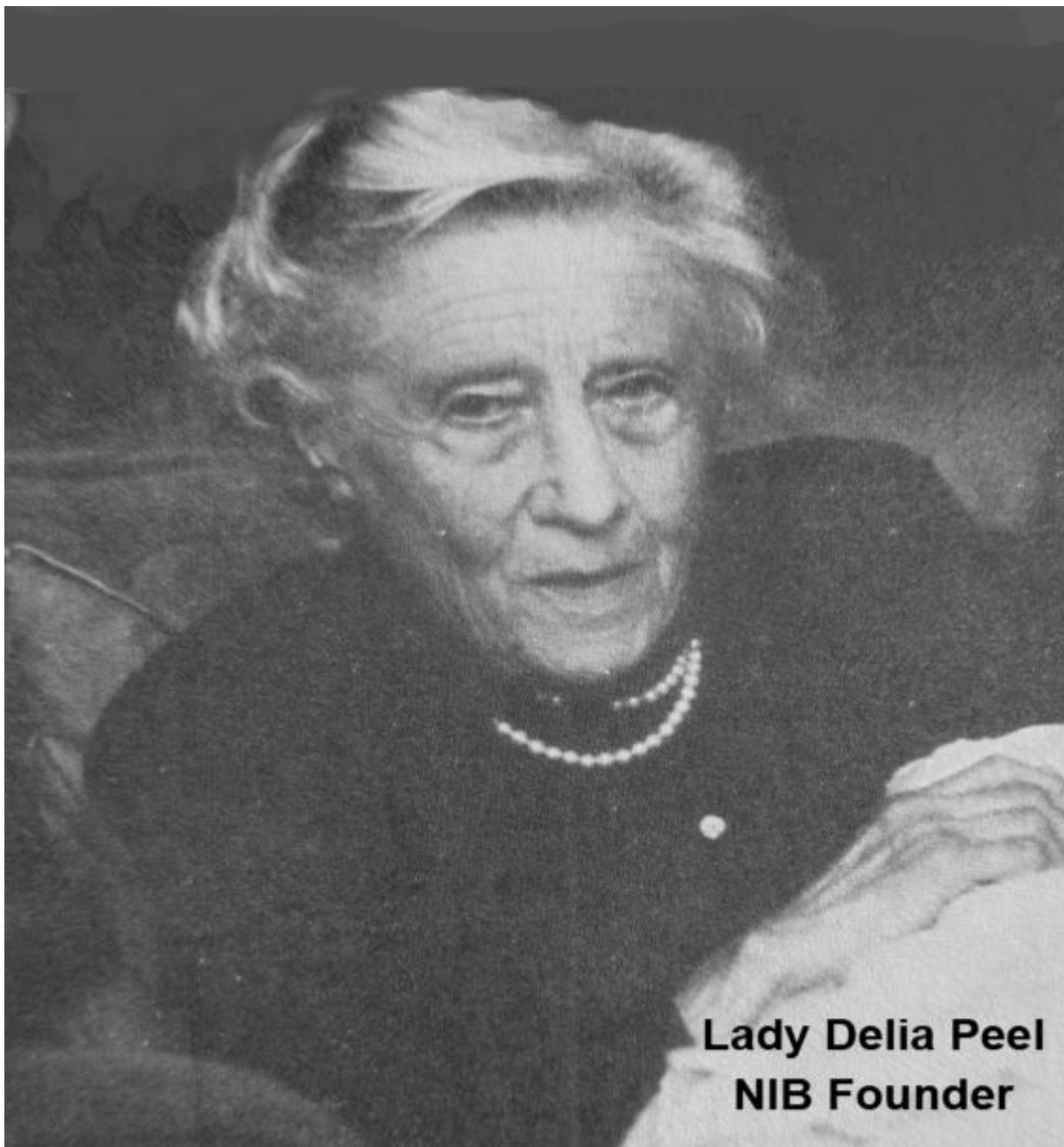




COMMUNITY PARISH MAGAZINE OF NEATISHEAD, IRSTEAD & BARTON TURF

## Celebrating 50 years of the NIB



**Lady Delia Peel**  
**NIB Founder**



## The Benefice of St Benedict Easter People

The truly incredible events of the very first Easter morning changed the entire course of our shared history.

Jesus Christ came back from the dead.

The world changed. Life changed.

The challenge for us today in 2026 is how we can best respond to such an incredible, historic and world changing event.

Jesus' rising from the dead happened many centuries ago. We can therefore be easily drawn into the temptation to conclude that this moment is simply another piece of history; a story that we tell to our children, but not one that we necessarily feel called upon to explore.

However, the resurrection of Jesus warmly invites, and indeed, encourages us to consider and respond to how we can best live out our lives following the example of Christ.

Jesus freely gave himself up to death. Christ was not forced into death, but rather he made that choice out of an incredible love for humanity and an inspirational trust in God. The night Jesus was arrested he is quoted as saying whilst in prayer-

'My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will'.

At the very heart of Easter is a message of selflessness and love.

We are encouraged to reflect upon these incredible events and to use them to help shape and build up our own lives all year around; aspiring to follow the example of Christ.

It is so easy to be distracted by our daily frustrations; we can make quick judgements and be critical and mean-spirited about others. However, at Easter we are invited to focus our thoughts on Jesus. We can reflect on the way that he lived, the decisions that he made, and the example that he left us.

To love one another, to be kind to one another, to see the best in other people, to put other people first, and to ensure that we always trust in God.

May God bless you this Easter.

Praised be Christ.

*Revd Ben*

### Latest news from our Sunday Club

Last month nine members of our Sunday Club made the trip by train to Norwich for our annual outing. We visited the Julian Centre and learnt more about Julian of Norwich and really enjoyed exploring the church. Afterwards we had great fun playing some mini golf and then tucking into a tasty lunch.

We also celebrated Mothering Sunday on the 15<sup>th</sup> and made cards and gifts for our grown-ups. We also thought about Jesus' mother, Mary, and our Mother Church Norwich Cathedral.

### Upcoming Dates and Events

- **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March** 10.30am Palm Sunday walk from the New Victory Hall to Barton Turf church with real donkeys!
- **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April** 11am Sunday Club church takeover at Neatishead.
- **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** 9.30am Sunday Club at Neatishead.

All children are most welcome to the Sunday Club Please do come along, it's great fun. Parents are welcome to stay or can collect their children at the end of the club.

For more information, please contact Revd Ben at [brother\\_ben@btinternet.com](mailto:brother_ben@btinternet.com) or 01692 630216.



### St Michael and All Angels' Barton Turf

April starts off with two important services in the church as we progress towards Easter. On Maundy Thursday we have our

annual Evening Communion service with the washing of feet, followed by stripping the altar and a short vigil. On **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April** it is Easter Day and we will have our Celebration service at 11am on Easter Sunday morning. Eggs will be hidden around the church for the children to find. It will be good to see everyone there to celebrate.

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April** will be our usual coffee morning from 10am until noon.

On **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April** our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place to which all are invited. It will be at 5pm this year with the 6pm Evening Service to follow.

This is a good opportunity to come and find out what has been going on during the past year and to ask any questions about the church's activities.

*Barbara Pilcher Churchwarden*



### St Michael's Church Irstead The Friends of St Michael's

The launch of The Friends of St Michael's will take place at the church, after the APCM (Annual

Parochial Church Meeting) on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May** from 10.30am.

Please make a note of the date, more details in next month's NIB everyone is welcome.

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*Claire Penstone-Smith*



## New Victory Hall

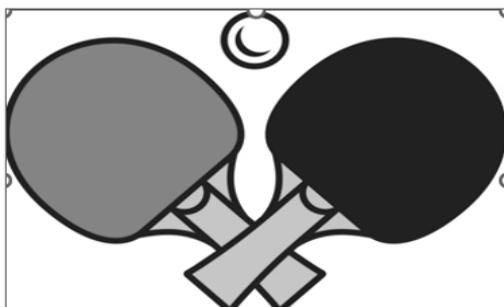
**Quiz Evening Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April**

**Note: 7.15pm for 7.30 start**

Make up a team of 6 or just come along and join a table for an informal and sociable time at a cost of £5 per head. To book your place message or call Pauline on 07818 599303. The quiz will begin at 7.30 with the doors open from 7.15pm. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles. There will be a raffle and prizes for the winning team.

### TABLE TENNIS NEW VICTORY HALL

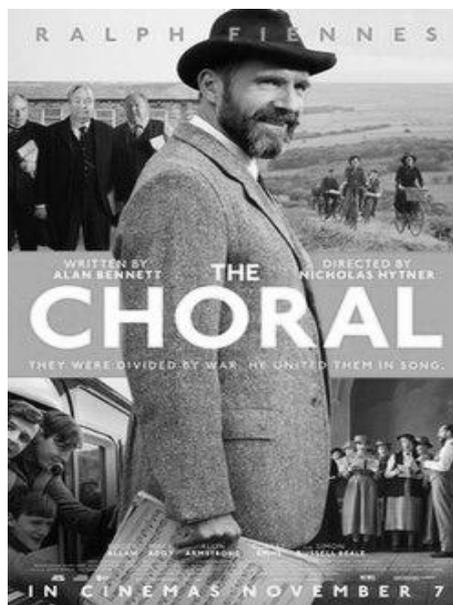
Every Tuesday 7pm – 9pm



Starting Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>  
April All Welcome

Bats and balls available, just bring yourself

First session free then £2.00  
Refreshments available



*Village Screen Team*



Thank you to everyone who has so generously made a donation to the NIB. Your donations and the income generated from adverts allow us to continue to print the NIB and make it

available to every household in our villages. So, thank you, we really do appreciate your support.

If you would still like to donate, please either drop cash or cheque into the White Horse Stores or send a bank transfer to the NIB business account:

**Account Name: The NIB**

**Bank sort code: 20-99-21**

**Account: 70660744**

**Four new ads this month – see page 17!**

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Over the next 12 months we will be adding pictures or articles to show you how our NIB has reported local events, clubs, interests or activities and what it is doing now. If something jogs your memory to an event you have pictures of, or a programme for, something that happened in 1976 or early 1977, please contact the editor.

We have quite a few items of interest to print but would welcome a new article or further supporting items to show how enduring our clubs in particular have evolved in our three villages.

Our friends in the Heritage Group particularly Claire Penstone-Smith and Michael Brandon-Jones have helped us with access to the past 50 years of the NIB and with many photos articles and other memorabilia to support us in this endeavour. The extensive and well cross referenced history archive that they hold has provided us with many interesting and historical events to revisit and share with you.

*The NIB Team*



### Advance notice Table Top Sale

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

Spring! Time to de-clutter and sort out ready for the summer. If you have any unwanted items there will be a table top sale at the NVH on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May** run in conjunction with the Community Market. Stall fee is £5. Look out for the Community Market news in the May NIB for details.

*NVH Events Team*



### Village Screen

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 7pm for 7.30pm**

Our film for April is *The Choral* (2025: Cert. 12A: 113 mins), a poignant wartime drama that unites the screen writer Alan Bennet and director Nicholas Hynter. Set in 1916 Yorkshire, it follows a local choral society struggling to maintain its traditions as its male members are drafted into war. Starring Ralph Fiennes as the demanding and controversial choir master leading a “ragtag” group of local teenagers and outsiders towards a performance of Elgar’s *The Dream of Gerontius*. We look forward to welcoming you to the NVH where tea/coffee will be available for a small charge. Visit [www.victoryhall.info](http://www.victoryhall.info) to book tickets. Or make a reservation by calling Christine on 01692 631347. Subject to availability tickets (£6) can be purchased on the door, card or cash.



## White House Stores

**Margaret Maxwell leaves us after 9 years working in our community store**

We are very sad to see her leave us as she has made a very significant contribution to keeping our community shop stocked with day-to-day groceries as well as interesting local produce and gifts for our visitors. Margaret would like to do something else and have more time at home. So, on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, Margaret hung up her apron and said good bye to the shop counter!

A few of us made it to the store to see her given flowers, bubbly and a gift token from her colleagues, shop volunteers and trustees. We wish you all the very best, Margaret!



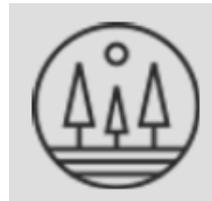
## Neatishead Parish Council

Neatishead Parish Council has purchased a new bench for the green triangle opposite the school, as the old one was very much past its best. We hope to have it installed in the next couple of weeks and we look forward to many of you enjoying it as a relaxing place to rest.

The Council is also preparing for the spring and summer season by switching on the water and hoses at the Staithe. The Parish Council is currently just about covering the cost of the water provision with the donations made by users. However, with rising water costs, it relies on these donations now more than ever. We appreciate that a large proportion of users are visitors to the area rather than local residents but we thank everyone who contributes.

We are thrilled to announce that the Council has received funding from the Parish Partnership Scheme provided by Norfolk County Council to cover 50% of the cost of continuing the permissive footpath that runs through the field adjacent to Street Hill. The footpath currently ends where the field meets the Parish Council car park at the New Victory Hall. Extending the path through the car park will provide a safer route for pedestrians, removing the need to walk on the road. Our wonderful County Councillor, Richard Price, has kindly offered to cover the remaining 50%, making the project fully funded. The Council hopes to have this project completed this summer.

*Laura Bateman*



## Barton Turf & Irstead Parish Council

**Raiser Chair**

At a recent meeting of Barton Turf and Irstead Parish Council, they welcomed a demonstration of a raiser chair by the local first responders. The chair is a new device which assists lifting people off the floor after having a fall reducing the time lying on the floor whilst waiting for an ambulance.

There were currently 4 in circulation within the local area at a cost of £1,700 each and needed trained individuals to use them. The parish council donates to the first responders annually so it was nice to see the benefits of these donations.

It was emphasised however, that in the event of an accident at home, 999 should still be called in the first instance.

*Nicola Ledain*



*Christine Breden*



## Neatishead Community Gym

### Keep Going Shirley!

Coinciding with this 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition of the NIB, Neatishead Community Gym is delighted to be celebrating the milestone birthday of our oldest member, Shirley Place. Shirley, who reached 90 at the end of March, has come to the gym regularly since it opened. When asked why she still feels a gym membership is important, even at 90 years of age, Shirley said, "Well, one has to keep going!"

The photo below shows Shirley on one of Neatishead gym treadmills alongside Peter, a mere youngster of 82! In light of the NIB's 50th anniversary, how did Shirley keep fit in 1976? "I walked the dog, rode horses, sailed boats! There was no village gym in those days of course..."



### Happy 90th Birthday Shirley.

### Happy 50th Birthday NIB!

What a wonderful facility we have here now, helping villagers, young and old, maintain and improve their fitness levels. The gym's instructor, Gary Forbes, agrees: 'We're very proud of Shirley and of all our members. A gym can be for all ages, not just for young people. As we progress in age, many challenges crop up. But by using the facilities here and the programmes I give them, older members can overcome many of these challenges by staying active and having a positive mindset'.



Don't forget Neatishead Community Gym's annual Plant Sale on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April** 10am till noon. All are welcome. See our colourful flyer in this edition of the NIB. Why not pop it on your notice board!?

Website: [www.neatisheadcommunitygym.com/](http://www.neatisheadcommunitygym.com/)

Joan Dickie

## Frances Eleanor Baugh

### 12th March 1957 – 28th January 2026

Over 400 family and friends from around the country gathered on 26<sup>th</sup> February at St Michael's and All Angels Church, Barton Turf to celebrate the life of Fran in a service of thanksgiving. The service was led by the Reverends Ben Bradshaw and Neville Khambatta where friends and godchildren paid tribute to Fran, read poetry and led the prayers, reflecting upon Fran's interests in horses, dogs, gardening, baking and the countryside.

Fran's career upon qualifying at Harper Adams Agricultural College was in dairy management working as a technical advisor for feed companies after which she returned home to manage the dairy herd at Neatishead Hall. Elevating the Holstein herd to become one of the top producing herds in the country, producing two Royal Norfolk Show dairy champions and attracting national and international acclaim.

Fran's greatest impact was made away from the farm serving voluntarily for the Norfolk Holstein Clubs Young Breeders section, serving 16 years as a governor at Easton College and working as a fundraiser and committee member of the rural mental health charity YANA.

Her house, garden and farm were shared with others for charity fundraisers and community events. Fran's love of a challenge led her to participate with friends in the Pink Ladies tractor run and the London Moonwalk for breast cancer charities, the Five Palaces Walk for the Teenage Cancer Trust and more recently walking the circular 175 miles around Norfolk's historic trails in aid of roof repairs for St Michael's Church, Irstead.

The service mixed sorrow, reflection and laughter of a life well lived. Thanks to the church wardens Barbara and Vincent and the church volunteers, the flower ladies and the many friends who made the service such a fitting celebration.

Donations in memory of Fran raised £11,500 for the charities Big C Cancer and Pancreatic Cancer UK.

*Louis Baugh*

### Barton and Irstead Church Fete on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June at Barton Hall

An alert for everyone the fete this year will be on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June** at Barton Hall. More details on how you can help will be in next month's NIB.

The time has come to start thinking about what you can bake or donate to the various stalls to make the fete such a wonderful occasion. Races for children and adults and a couple of new activities for all to get involved with. Put the date in your diaries!

*Barbara Pilcher*



## Garden Club

The club's April meeting is on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April** in the NVH at 7.30pm. Pat and Phillip Alker are giving a talk on Costa Rica Orchids and Kew Gardens Orchid Festival.

All our meetings are open to visitors at a cost of £4 which includes a cuppa and biscuit.

Please contact me to find out more about the club. We have a full programme of meetings and activities throughout the year. None of us are garden experts but just simply enjoy gardening and spending a sociable time in a friendly atmosphere. 07423 820228 [janeelizabethking@hotmail.com](mailto:janeelizabethking@hotmail.com).

*Jane King*



## Knit & Stitch

We are a very informal group and anyone is welcome. We meet in the Dolly Newcombe Room at the New Victory Hall on the second and fourth

Wednesday of the month at 7pm, with occasional Wednesday afternoons.

You can join in with group projects or try something new - we can supply needles, hooks, wool and patterns, or you are welcome to bring your own. Dates can be found on the diary dates page. Contact 07760 643739 or 01692 630580 [claireps@btinternet.com](mailto:claireps@btinternet.com).

*Claire Penstone-Smith*



## Horning Flower Club

On the 9<sup>th</sup> March we had our 63<sup>rd</sup> Birthday meeting. We went to Hotel Wroxham for lunch followed by a flower demonstration.

Nearly 50 of our members and friends came to support the event and according to feedback every one had a wonderful time. The food served by the hotel was really nice and enjoyed by all.

We were expecting a demonstration by David Wright but unfortunately, he was taken ill. Luckily Brenda Tubb stepped in to save the day: she was very good.

Our next meeting is **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm**. If you would like to come, please contact Carole Swann on 01692 536270.

*Janice Lupson*



## Friends and Neighbours

The club will be celebrating 55 years with the annual birthday lunch on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April**. This is for club members only but everyone will be welcome to the meeting at the New Victory Hall on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** from 10am to noon when David Horsley from the Norfolk Wildlife Trust will be giving a talk with slides. Visitors of all ages are always welcome!

To find out more about the club please contact the Chair Person, Jean Barber on 01263 721698.

*Jane King*



## Cricket

The 2026 cricket season is almost here, our current players and new members have been training indoors throughout the winter and outdoor sessions will begin in April, mainly at the Barton Turf ground. If you are interested in joining us, please get in touch, we have a place for everyone.

**Girls' Cricket:** The club launched its dedicated girls' section in 2025 and we hope to build on this in 2026. We have a competitive season lined up for them and dedicated training sessions.

**All Ages & Abilities Welcome:** The club caters to all ages and abilities, with programmes starting from age 5 (All Stars) to various senior teams, including Saturday, Sunday, T20, and midweek squads.

**Family-Friendly Atmosphere:** The club prides itself on being a welcoming, family-friendly environment for players and supporters.

**Our coaches** are ECB trained DBS checked and bring a lot of experience to share.



## Volunteer and Sponsorship Opportunities:

The club is always looking for volunteers to help and new sponsors. There are great packages available for businesses to support grassroots sport. We can often offer bursaries to help you train as a coach, scorer, umpire etc in exchange for volunteering with us. We are currently supported by many local businesses, and we give back as much as we can.

We offer advertising space online and at our pitches, player sponsorships with social media mentions every match day, fixture book advertisements and much more. We'd love to help you advertise your business whilst supporting grassroots, village sport.

**Social Activities:** We are a very social and family friendly club, run by volunteers. Our Barton Turf ground has a fully licensed bar and often a BBQ on the go. You are welcome to join us for drinks, BBQ and the occasional social evening of food, quiz, karaoke etc. Volunteer help is always very welcome too!

**Contact Information** For playing inquiries: [joeverett333@gmail.com](mailto:joeverett333@gmail.com) For activities and events: [ABWCC.events@gmail.com](mailto:ABWCC.events@gmail.com). Stay updated: follow the club on Facebook, Instagram, and X for all the latest news.

*Jayne Everett*



## Neatishead, Irstead and Barton Turf Community Heritage Group (NIBCHG)

While last month saw us celebrating the centenary of the Punt Club, this month, as you will have read elsewhere in this edition, the NIB is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> year – quite some achievement for our three villages.

To celebrate this occasion, do join us on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April**, 7.30 pm in the NVH, to hear about many of the village events that have taken place over the last 50 years in a presentation entitled “Conkers, Cakes and Coal”.

NEATISHEAD, IRSTEAD & BARTON TURF  
COMMUNITY HERITAGE GROUP

**“Conkers, Cakes & Coal”**



**50 years of village events**

**To coincide with 50 years of The NIB**

**Presentation by**  
**Claire Penstone-Smith**



**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm**

**New Victory Hall, Neatishead**

**Displays and Refreshments from 7pm.**

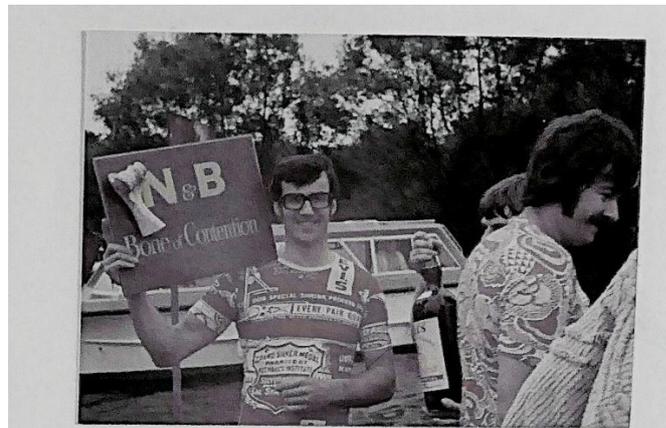
**Everyone Welcome, NIBCHG Friends Free, Guests £3**

[www.nibchg.org.uk](http://www.nibchg.org.uk)

It was in 1977, a year after the first issue of NIB that a Silver Jubilee Committee was formed to organise events across the villages to celebrate Queen Elizabeth’s Silver Jubilee and these included a village fayre and various village ‘It’s a Knock Out’ competitions. Competitions need a winning trophy and out of this the ‘Bone of Contention’ was born.

The re-formed ‘Jubilee Committee’ continued organising inter-village competitions over the following year which included a tug of war, bowls, fishing, conkers, cricket and a raft race that took place at Barton Staithe and which continued for many years after with much fun and hilarity.

The ‘Bone of Contention’ moved backwards and forwards across the villages and for some years did reside in The White Horse. The last time I can recall it being fought over was at a raft race in celebration of the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee in 2012 – but sadly since then it seems to have disappeared!



*Dr. John Thurlow & Mr. David Yaxley (mostly obscured) successful in gaining the 'Bone of Contention' Shield for Barton.*

Photo credit: Neatishead, Barton Turf District WI 1978 Diary.

For those of you wondering what on earth I’m talking about, it can be seen in the photo above being displayed by John Thurlow after winning the 1978 Raft Race with David Yaxley. Has anyone seen it or know of its possible whereabouts? Do get in touch if you can help.

Meanwhile we look forward to seeing you to hear more about village events and the history surrounding them. Everyone welcome. NIBCHG Friends free, guests £3. Refreshments and displays. Doors open at 7pm. [claireps@btinternet.com](mailto:claireps@btinternet.com), 07760 643739

*Claire Penstone-Smith*

## Fond Farewell

Jane and I were invited to St Peter’s Church on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February, for a farewell tea party. We were delighted to see old friends from all the Benefice churches. We have so many wonderful memories of the 53 years spent in this wonderful community and would like to thank those who arranged and contributed to the gifts we received.

The highlight of the gifts has to be the wonderful glass bowl with an engraving of St Peter’s Church. Kind words were spoken by Pauline and Rev. Ben.

We tried to reply but it was a bit emotional to really convey our heartfelt gratitude to everyone within the Benefice of St Benedict.

We would also like to thank the many friends we have throughout the villages for all their friendship, kindnesses and generosity throughout the many years we have lived in Neatishead.

We will miss you all, both in the churches and the pub on a Friday evening!

*Nick and Jane Fowle*



## Wildlife Notes

April is an exciting month for birdwatchers as not only do we have the summer migrants returning from the south but we also have the late winter visitors moving through on their way back north.

Who doesn't feel a sense of spirits being uplifted when they see their first Swallow of the year or hear their first Cuckoo calling but also a sense of sadness as the last of the Redwings or Fieldfares depart?

The beginning of April is the best time to get out early and listen to the dawn chorus as our song birds advertise their territories and look for mates. Learn the common bird songs before the various members of the warbler family turn up in our woodlands, fens and reed beds. This year I heard and saw my first summer visitor, a Chiffchaff, singing on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March following some southerly winds - they are getting earlier every year.



*Brimstone Butterfly Jon Kelf*

The warmer weather at the end of February also brought out our first butterflies of the year and I enjoyed seeing my first Brimstone on the 24<sup>th</sup> whilst others recorded Peacocks. Both these species over winter as adults so will fly on warm spring days to try and find nectar. The Slavonian Grebe which I wrote about earlier in the winter made a re-appearance on Barton Broad on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February but other than that it's been a quiet winter for wildfowl on the broad.

The resident Long Tailed Tits have already paired up and I have been watching 2 pairs of them building nests around the boardwalk. They tend to build in the middle of thickets (brambles are a favourite) or hedges and whilst there are no leaves on the plants the beginnings of the nest are visible. By the time they have finished their nest building the leaves will have grown and the nests will be almost invisible and

harder to find. At this time of year, the birds give themselves away by flying to and from the same bush with beaks full of lichens and feathers all of which are held together by bits of spiders' webs. The nests are a full dome with an entrance hole on one side and because of the way they are constructed and the materials used, the sides are flexible and stretch as the size of the young birds inside grow. They are masterpieces of construction and well worth seeking out but take care not to disturb them.



*Long Tailed Tit Jon Kelf*

I have had both Great Tits and Blue Tits examining my camera nestbox so far. Fingers crossed that one of them will use it and I can report on their progress. My usual reminder to local dog walkers that now the bird nesting season is here PLEASE keep your dogs on leads to avoid disturbing ground nesting species like Skylarks, Partridges and Ducks.

*Jerry Simpson*

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## Weather Report for February Exceptionally wet February

The total rainfall recorded in February was 75mms/2.95in which is 187% of average and so another very wet month leading to saturated ground and localised flooding.

Temperatures were average for the first three weeks but the last week was notably warm, peaking at 18°C on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

In contrast March has been predominantly dry so far with just 7.6mms/0.3in recorded which equates to 15% of average and with high pressure dominating, the ground has started to dry out.

*Peter Mills*



## Wherry Yacht Charter celebrates National Tea Day with 2 free places to be won for its tea-centric scheduled sailings.

As National Tea Day is marked on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April, the story of Britain's favourite drink can be traced beyond kitchens and cafés to the working waterways of East Anglia. Among them is Great Yarmouth port, once a busy maritime hub where trading wherries played a quiet but vital role in regional commerce.

Trading wherries were shallow-drafted sailing vessels distinctive to Norfolk and Suffolk, ideally suited to carrying cargoes inland along rivers and broads. While coal, grain and timber were their mainstays, tea also formed part of the valuable goods unloaded at Great Yarmouth and transported to market towns and estates. As tea drinking grew in popularity during the 18th and 19th centuries, these vessels helped ensure a steady supply of the prized leaves to local communities.

As commercial trade declined, wherries found a new purpose. Many were converted into pleasure wherries, and later wherry yachts were built specifically for leisure cruising, supporting the rise of tourism on the Norfolk Broads. Tea remained an essential part of this experience, enjoyed by passengers as they relaxed on deck whilst leisurely cruising through reed-lined waterways.

Today, as Britons raise a cup on National Tea Day, the legacy of the wherry offers a reminder that tea's journey has always been about more than taste - it is also a story of transport, transformation and shared moments afloat.

Wherry Yacht Charter Charitable Trust restores and operates five of the eight remaining historic wherries: Hathor, Ardea, Olive, White Moth and Norada. Whilst available for private charter, guests are also encouraged to join one of more than forty scheduled sailings running from May through September.



In celebration of National Tea Day, Wherry Yacht Charter is giving away to one lucky winner two places for either a Cake & Sail, or Tea at Twilight scheduled sail during the forthcoming season. Tea will of course be included. For your chance to win simply send an email to [jk@wherryyachtcharter.org](mailto:jk@wherryyachtcharter.org), with subject National Tea Day Competition and list the names of the 5 wherries lovingly maintained by Wherry Yacht Charter. Email entries must be received by Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April.

For more information about Wherry Yacht Charter or to book a sailing experience, please visit us at [www.wherryyachtcharter.org](http://www.wherryyachtcharter.org).

*Jason Birkett* Volunteer Publicity Manager



### Bridge Club

Our Friday morning bridge group continues to flourish. We had 42 people turn up one morning in January and we average around 36. In previous columns I've said that bridge is a series of problems to be solved on each deal. Here is an example of one sort of problem: Suppose you are playing the hand as declarer. You can see your hand and your partner's hand (dummy). Your opponents can also see dummy. This problem is about how you play one of the suits (it doesn't matter which) in order to make as many tricks as possible in that suit.

Hand A		Hand B	
North	A K J 10 7 6	North	A K J 10 7 6
South	8 3 2	South	8 3

Assume that you can lead from the South hand as many times as you like. The problem centres around the "missing" Queen – is it on your left (West) or on your right (East) – and how many cards you have in total for that suit. In Hand A we have 9 cards out of 13 – 4 missing. In Hand B we have 8 cards out of 13 – 5 missing. Bridge is partly a game of probability.

In Hand A, if the missing Queen is a singleton (on its own) or a doubleton (i.e. with another card) you can make 6 tricks by playing the Ace and then the King to "drop" the Queen. This occurs with a probability of more than 50% and so is the correct way to play.

In Hand B, the correct play is to play the Ace to see if the singleton Queen drops. If it doesn't then the percentage play is to then lead towards the North hand and, if the Q doesn't appear, play the Jack hoping that the Q is with West. This play is called a Finesse. This play has a better probability of success than playing A and then K as in Hand A. I'll leave you to play it through and check that this is correct!

*Jim Fletcher*

## 50 years of The NIB: The Experiment!

The NIB magazine was born in April 1976 and was called 'Neatishead, Irstead and Barton Turf Parish News'. Before this, the North Walsham and District Parish magazine covered our area and was named 'The North Norfolk Country Churchman'.



The production of this magazine became very expensive, and it ceased publication.

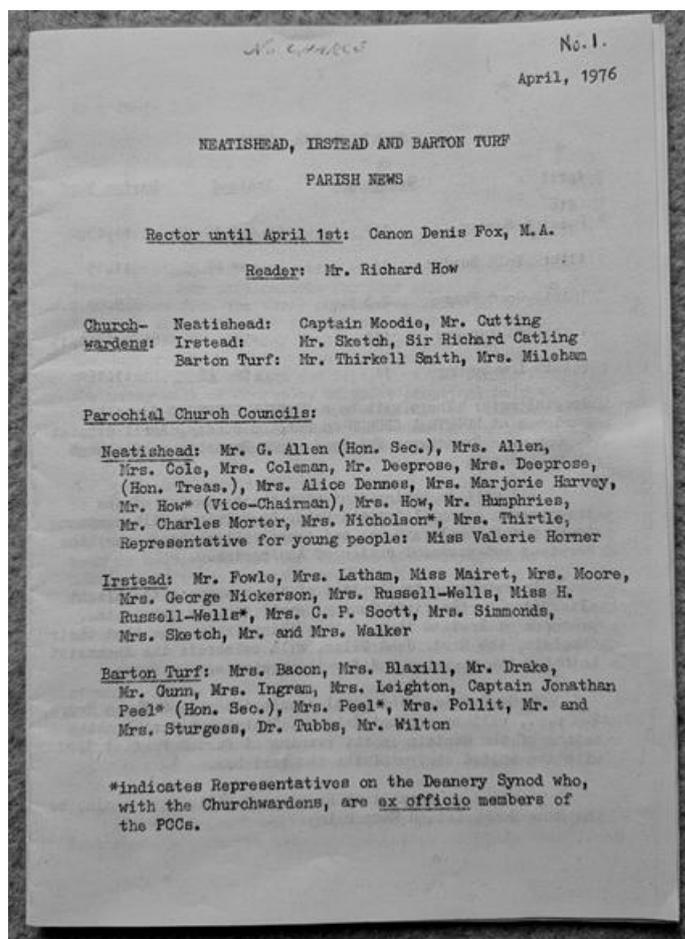
The first NIB magazine was a tiny A5 publication (see photo). Lady Delia Peel started the NIB as Editor, with Assistant Editor Alice Dennes. The editor would serve for one year, the assistant editor would move up and another assistant editor appointed. We've carried on like this ever since, so don't be scared to volunteer – it's not for long! Primarily a church magazine, on the first edition's back page they explained:

THIS MAGAZINE: We hope you have enjoyed it. It is our first number. It is an experiment. We used to distribute 150 of the NE Norfolk Country Churchman. We have ordered 200 copies of this. We rely on you, dear Reader, to persuade your friends and neighbours to buy a copy this month and to place an order for the future.

Following a successful launch, there is discussion in the magazine about how the NIB should be funded: by subscription or free or donations, and who was the magazine aimed at - just church goers or articles on other events in and around and involving the three villages. Lady Delia wanted to be sure that it would continue long after both her and Francis were no

longer editing and producing it. So, in the early days of the magazine there are discussions around of funding and responsibility for articles, editing its content, who was the 'audience', these were questions that were asked of those who were 'interested' parties. By the end of the calendar year this had been agreed and it was to be via donation as it still is today.

In the early 1980's the typists 'cut stencils' and the magazine was duplicated, firstly in Norwich, and then in the Black Shed in the summer and the back of the Barton Shop in the winter, with a wonderful team who fought with the machine. Then the word processor arrived and a splendid lady in Norwich called Margaret Brown photocopied the magazine every month. When this stage was complete it would pass to a team of distributors who each had their own patch. Modern technology has changed the way in which the magazine is put together, with the vast majority of pieces now received by email.



In this article I have included quotes from the 400th edition of The NIB (November 2010, Carol Horner), Michael Brandon-Jones and Christine Breden. The cover photo is from the book; A Memoir of The Lady Delia Peel, by Priscilla Napier, kindly supplied by Jeanie Peel. Many thanks to them all.

Margaret Maxwell

## 50 years of The NIB

**Most of the articles in the first NIB of April 1976 are church related, but it also contained the following which you may find an interesting read:**

### BARTON BROAD THEN AND NOW

Fifty years ago Barton Broad presented rather a different aspect from that of today. The area of open water was about half the size, and, particularly to the south of Pleasure Island towards Neatishead and Turkey Broad, the open water was enhanced by clumps and ronds of typha (gladdons) and scirpus (boulders), much sought after by the basket weaving industry. From the marshes, which now form the banks of the Broad, deep banks of phragmites reed spread out over the shallower water, scirpus and typha taking over in the deeper pools.

Beyond the navigation channels, kept clear by the Commissioners, lay masses of weeds with the occasional clear pool, arresting the passage of boats and making rowing very difficult. Large areas of yellow and white waterlilies and water soldier abounded. The mass of underwater weeds consisted mainly of hornwort, milfoil, bladderwort, and pond weeds. In sheltered, shallow corners the beautiful watercrowfoot, frog-bit, amphibious persicaria and the greater spearwort flourished. Here and there near the banks and in dykes the attractive flowering rush would thrust its pinky-white umbels above the surrounding green. There were many more plants for the discerning eye, in fact, a botanist's paradise.

This is how I remember the broad from the years before the first War to 1930. It seemed to be a never-changing aspect. Then came the growing motor fleets and the weeds began to disappear. Even then one could hire a row-boat for 10s. a week, a sailing half-deck for 30s., cruisers for £10, £12 or £15, and a large wherry, fully fitted, with a two man crew for £25 a week.

By 1939 the water soldier had gone for good, the waterlilies and reeds were receding and large areas of open water appeared where the underwater weeds had given up the struggle. This recession of plant life must have been caused by increased sewage and effluent. But there was no increase. Then it must have been the agricultural sprays and fertilisers seeping into the water. But they were not used then except in minute quantities, and in an experimental stage. Then what new element of progress (hideous disphony) was there to cause this destruction of nature? The only change was the motor boat. And if you don't believe me and think I'm telling a lie, then why did the weeds and reeds return between 1939 and 1946 when the Broad was closed to traffic to prevent German sea-planes landing? Even in 1949 large areas of the Broad were still overgrown with weeds, though the Commissioners had re-opened the channels and begun a vast programme of weed-cutting. The naturalist's litany has the prayer: From the wash, pollution and churning of the screw, Good Lord, deliver us!

John Gane



## WHB Twinning Association

At our committee meeting in March we caught up with everyone's preparations for the visit of our friends from La Pommeraye and Montjean-sur-Loire, 9<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> August 2026 and it's all taking shape very nicely. We're waiting for more information from Cromer when the season starts again at Easter but the reception and bus parking is now booked at Broadland School.

Our boat tour on the Broads from Wroxham is all reserved as is our visit to a Norfolk Gin and Rum Distillery. We are using Hoveton Village Hall for our games and picnic and also for our dinner dance. We hope to have a list of French participants soon; they did have a meeting in early March so it should be on its way soon. Lots to keep us busy! A date for diaries also is Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July for pre-visit briefing and social evening.

In March our book group read "The Midnight Library" by Matt Haig, chosen by Phil. Our Book Club celebrated 20 years this February and thirteen of us had a celebratory lunch on 13<sup>th</sup> March at Fizz and; Fromage in Hoveton.



This all started from a lunch get-together with four or five Twinning members who started discussing books and then decided to start a book club to widen their reading choices and here we are 20 years later- and four founding members still going! More information [pat.barkergreen@btinternet.com](mailto:pat.barkergreen@btinternet.com) or 07879 454052.

For more information, please contact Peter, on 01603 782733 or at [peter\\_c\\_milsted@talk21.com](mailto:peter_c_milsted@talk21.com).

*Sheila Milstead*

## Wroxham & District u3a

Spring is here at last and the bird watching group have been taking advantage of it with a trip to Sculthorpe Moor, where the birds were out in force. We managed to see 41 different birds and were really lucky to see a water rail, as they are usually quite shy.



Water Rail at Sculthorpe Moor

The history group will be heading for the coast to visit Sheringham Museum in April and, whether indoors or out, all our groups will be enjoying varied activities, as well as each other's company.

Our general monthly meeting is 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.

**21<sup>st</sup> April** AGM

**19<sup>th</sup> May** The geology of Norfolk; Matt Williams

**16<sup>th</sup> June** Broadland Tales; Judith Keogh

Contact: [wroxhamu3a@mail.com](mailto:wroxhamu3a@mail.com).

*Pauline Wright-Marchant*

## Welcome Pack

The NIB team have created a package to welcome newcomers to the villages. This package contains a range of useful information and leaflets, including a NIB (obviously!) and details of the shop, village hall, pub etc. If you are aware of a property which is due new residents, please let us know.

If you know, manage or run a local group or business and would like your flyer included, please do get in touch.

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## Wroxham Bure Valley Rotary Club

As ever it is a busy time for our club and our members. By the time you read this we will have successfully completed running our annual Technology Tournament at Broadland High School Academy. It is an inter-house competition mainly for years 8 and 9, which involves teamwork, planning problem solving and building working solutions to a technology-based challenge.

We will also have taken part in a club visit to the East Anglia Air Ambulance in Norwich. It is a charity we have long supported, mainly through our Christmas collections, and this visit was very much a celebration. We are proud that our contributions to EAAA over the years are now more than £20,000!

Another local charity that receives regular support from our club is Brave Futures (formerly known as Fresh Starts, New Beginnings) a Norfolk and Suffolk based charity who support youngsters who have been the subject of child sexual abuse. We recently welcomed Amy from the charity to give us an update on their excellent work, and were delighted to present a further donation of £500 to the charity.



Our regular Monday evening meetings continue with outside visits, business meetings with a varied and interesting programme of speakers, all 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. Go on line to: [www.communityatheartlottery.com](http://www.communityatheartlottery.com), 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](http://www.totalgiving.co.uk) web site. If you would like to join us for a vibrant, sociable, active and fun club experience, contact our president, Chris Billing, on 07555 171574.

*Peter Milsted*



## Wroxham and Hoveton Lions Club Celebrate 50 Years of Service

On Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March, Lions from Great Yarmouth, Taverham, Norwich North Alpha, Coningsby, Attleborough and Wymondham, friends and family joined members of Wroxham and Hoveton Lions Club to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their Charter at The Old Rectory Hotel, Crostwick, Norwich. Hosted by the Club President PDG Dennis Moxon, this was the opportunity for the Club to reflect on the years of service to the local community and to recognise the service of one Lion in particular, Mike Barker, who is a founder member of the Club. In his speech, PDG Dennis told the diners how the Club was founded and recounted its achievements over the years.

He also drew attention to the two other longest serving members, himself and Lion Jim Lenihan, who have both notched up forty-five years of service. DG Chris Speed congratulated the members, past and present, on their record in his reply. He also presented Certificates of Appreciation to PDG Dennis and to Lion Mike, who received a standing ovation for this award. Another Certificate was presented to the Manager of our Charity Shop, Nadia Whiskin, for the staff and volunteers' wonderful fundraising work. PDG Dennis then presented cheques to Jaime Speed, DG Chris' wife, for her Charity of choice and to the Joint Service Cadet Corps, towards the purchase of a new tent for their activities.



Lion President Dennis Moxon presenting Mick Kelly a member of Joint Services Cadet Group with a cheque to enable the group to buy a new tent for their outdoor activities

The picture accompanying this article was taken by Lion Kelle Wallace of Wroxham and Hoveton Lions Club. Our next fundraising event is the Craft Fair on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March at Hoveton Village Hall from

10am to 3pm. The Club is always looking for new members to help us continue our service to the community. If you are able to spare a few hours a month, make new friends and have some fun, for more information please go to our website [www.wroxhamandhovetonlions.org](http://www.wroxhamandhovetonlions.org) Derick Bowler PR Officer Wroxham and Hoveton Lions Club CIO

*Derick Bowler*



## Wroxham Library

Below are some of the events and services we offer but see our Facebook page or call the library on 01603 782560.

**NEW** Build confidence to manage your money online. Free, one-to-one support available. Find out about: online banking; budgeting and saving money; spending money online; online safety and security. Sessions available Tuesday 12noon-1pm and Thursdays 10-11am. Please contact the library to book a session.

**NEW** Digital Help. Thursdays 11am-1pm during term times. Free, one-to-one support available. Perfect for beginners and those ready to take the next step. Please contact the library to book a session.

**Just a Cuppa** every Tuesday 10-12noon. Come along for a friendly chat over a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit.

**Toys** We have a selection of toys and games that can be played with in the library, from Duplo, and counting games, to jigsaws. Look in our folder to see what is available.

**Autism Social Group** Come to a friendly social group for a cuppa and a chat. No need to book, all welcome. First Wednesday of every month 1-3pm.

**Crafting** 10.30am-3.30pm on alternate Saturdays (staff dependent). Aimed at children aged 5 -11 (under 8s require supervision).

**Knit and Natter - not just for knitters!** Bring your embroidery, textile, or crochet project along to our informal gathering. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2-4pm.

**Crib Club** (Cribbage card game) - new players welcome - Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2-4pm. Please bring your own board and cards if you have them.

**Scrabble Club** Usually last Thursday of each month from 2-4pm. Next session Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April. All welcome.

**Thinking of starting up or growing your own business?** As a local Business and IP Centre, we have free access to a wide range of business resources at Wroxham library. Find out more at: [www.norfolk.gov.uk/bipcnorfolk](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/bipcnorfolk)

**Our Bounce and Rhyme** sessions take place on Wednesday at 10.30am. No need to book just drop in and sing along!

**Family History** Use our free access to Find My Past any time the library is open. Drop-in on Wednesday and Friday evenings between 4pm and 6pm to get advice from Diane, our family and local history expert. Please ring the library ahead to confirm availability.

Use our self-service Baby Weigh Scales.

## Housebound Library Service

If you are unable to get out to the library to get your library books, we can bring them to you! Details from the library.

Our normal opening hours are below, though please check for updates on our Facebook and Webpages. We have further extended our opening hours with the Open Library service – contact the library for more information.

Monday: Closed

Tuesday - Friday: 10am-7pm

Saturday: 10am-4pm Sunday: Closed

**[www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries)**

Library Assistant Wroxham Library, Norfolk Library and Information Service. 01603 782560

## 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 or contact *Father Peter Raj* at [parishpriestfrpeter@gmail.com](mailto:parishpriestfrpeter@gmail.com).

## Wroxham & Hoveton United Reformed Church

Do join us for any or all of the following services:

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April:** 10.30am. Easter Day Service conducted by Rev Tina Wilson, including Holy Communion.

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April:** 10.30am. Service conducted by Mr Mike Gibbs.

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April** 10.30am: Service conducted by the Moderator of the Eastern Synod, Rev Lythan Nevard.

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April** 10.30am. Service conducted by Rev Carole Pearl.  
4pm - Beyond Sunday - A service of quiet reflection.

JAM (our Sunday School) welcomes all children aged 4 to 16. In our sessions we watch, read, listen, discuss, play, act, sing, chat, pray, cook, create and have a great time. We meet regularly in the church hall from 10.15 – 11.45am. In March we are meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

The Community Café meets for coffee and cakes from 10.30am to 12 noon on Thursdays. All are welcome, there is no charge. Please see our website for the most up to date information: [wroxhamurc.org.uk](http://wroxhamurc.org.uk). We look forward to seeing friends old and new. 01603 738835

Email: [secretary@wroxhamurc.org.uk](mailto:secretary@wroxhamurc.org.uk)

*Lynne Howard*  
Secretary



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# Spring

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

18 Down

8 Across

13 Down

11 Down

9 Down

10 Across

19 Across

19 Down

16 Down

16 Across

21 Across

## ACROSS

1. the season after winter
3. dirt that helps plants grow
5. the third month of the year
12. baby cats
14. a place where flowers and vegetables grow
20. small crawling or flying creatures

## DOWN

2. you put a seed in the ground to grow this
4. baby sheep
6. a long walk in nature
7. small things that grow into plants
15. after rain, the ground turns into this
17. the sun makes the air feel like this

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**GARDENER:** weeding, pruning, clearing, mowing. Please contact Rosie for availability 07584 345320.

**GARAGE SALE** 10am-4pm 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> April Fensbrook House, King Street, Neatishead. Lots of tools, craft supplies including books and jewellery, sewing machine, handbags etc. Lots more to see – do come along. Further details Anna 07817 635996.

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**Pennygate -**

Berry Hall Lodge (left of gate) NR12 8BE



#### **Dogs – and Cats - Lost and Found**

We have expanded the group to include cats too! If you would like to be included in this WhatsApp group which aims to reunite lost dogs, or cats, with their owners, please let me know.

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**DEADLINE FOR THE MAY EDITION – 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

## Diary dates for April 2026

Wed	1 <sup>st</sup>	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
Mon	6 <sup>th</sup>	7pm for 7.30pm	Village Screen, NVH: "The Choral"
Wed	8 <sup>th</sup>	7-9pm	Knit and Stitch, Dolly Newcombe Community Room, NVH
Weds	8 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	White Horse Pub – quiz in aid of RNLI Happisburgh Lifeboat Station
Sat	11 <sup>th</sup>	9am-noon	Community Market and Café, NVH
Mon	13 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Horning Flower Club, Horning Village Hall
<b>Tue</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NOTE</b>	<b>Deadline for the May NIB Edition: Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>
Tue	14 <sup>th</sup>	7-9pm	Table Tennis starts at NVH
Weds	15 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	WI, NVH
Sat	18 <sup>th</sup>	10-noon	Gym Plant Sale, NVH
Sat	18 <sup>th</sup>	10-noon	Barton Turf Church Coffee morning
Sun	19 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting, St Michael & All Angels', Barton Turf
Mon	20 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Garden Club with talk on Orchids, NVH
Wed	22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.10am 11.15am	Mobile Library: Pitt Corner, Neatishead NR12 8BT Mobile Library: Council Houses, Ashmanhaugh NR12 8YL
Wed	22 <sup>nd</sup>	7-9pm	Knit and Stitch: Dolly Newcombe Community Room: NVH
Thurs	23 <sup>rd</sup>	10am-noon	Friends & Neighbours with a talk on Norfolk Wildlife Trust, NVH
Fri	24 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Quiz Night, NVH
Sat	25 <sup>th</sup>	10-11.30am	Hope Café: Neatishead Baptist Church Chapel Road NR12 8YF
Mon	27 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	NIBCHG 50 years of village events – to coincide with 50 NIB years! NVH

**Future Dates and Events** - see future NIBS for further details of events

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May: Community Café with Table Top Sale.

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May: Neatishead Bowls Club Free Open Day

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May: The Friends of St Michael's Church launch day from 10.30am at St Michael's Church

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Barton Turf Fete

Sunday-Monday 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> September: St Peter's Church Celebration

### Local Services and Contact Details

- New Victory Hall: Street Hill, Neatishead, Norfolk, NR12 8A. For enquiries or hall bookings visit us at [www.victoryhall.info](http://www.victoryhall.info) or email [bookings@victoryhall.info](mailto:bookings@victoryhall.info), tel:07551 008065. Online ticket sales for events and cinema, order these via Red Box link.
- White House Stores Community Shop: Irstead Road, Neatishead NR12 8BJ, 01692 631549. To join the Community Shop Membership: [info@whitehousestores.co.uk](mailto:info@whitehousestores.co.uk).
- White Horse Inn: The Street, Neatishead, NR12 8AD, [thewhitehorseinnneatishead.com](http://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](mailto:bartonturfirsteadpc@yahoo.com) Meet monthly 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs 7.30pm NVH.

Neatishead: Laura Bateman [clerk@neatisheadpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@neatisheadpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk)



## Benefice of St Benedict - Church Services – April 2026

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April: Easter Day

- 6am Dawn Eucharist, St Benet's Abbey
- 9.30am Holy Communion at St Michael's, Irstead
- 9.30am Holy Communion at St Swithin's, Ashmanhaugh
- 11am Holy Communion at St Michael & All Angels', Barton Turf
- 11am Holy Communion at St Benedict's, Horning

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

- 9.30am Benefice & Holy Communion at St Swithin's, Ashmanhaugh

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

- 8am Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer at St Michael's, Irstead
- 11am Holy Communion at St Benedict's, Horning
- 11am Sunday Club at St Peter's Church, Neatishead
- 6pm Evening Prayer at St Michael & All Angels', Barton Turf

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

- 9.30am Morning Prayer at St Bendict's, Horning
- 9.30am Holy Communion at St Michael's, Irstead
- 11.00am Holy Communion at St Michael & All Angels', Barton Turf



### Holy Week Services:

- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March:** 7pm – Eucharist and address at St Benedict's, Horning
- Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March:** 7pm – Eucharist and address at St Swithin's, Ashmanhaugh
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April:** 7pm – Eucharist and address at St Peter's, Neatishead
- Maundy Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April:** 7pm – Eucharist and address with vigil at St Michael & All Angels', Barton Turf
- Good Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April:** 11am at St Benedict's, Horning on the Green  
2pm Liturgy for Good Friday at St Peter's, Neatishead  
6.30pm Stations of the Cross at St Michael's, Irstead
- Holy Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April:** 7pm – Easter Eve Holy Saturday at St Peter's, Neatishead

### Weekday Morning Prayer Services in our Benefice churches at 9.15am\*

- Monday: Neatishead (3<sup>rd</sup> Mon HC)                      Tuesday: Irstead  
Wednesday: Horning                                      Thursday: Barton Turf  
Friday: Ashmanhaugh\* NB at 9.45am

Rev Ben Bradshaw – contact at brother\_ben@btinternet.com or on 01692 630216

### Parish Church Wardens

Neatishead - Pauline Simpson on 01692 630674  
Barton Turf: Barbara Pilcher on 01692 536132  
Ashmanhaugh – Anne Mulhall at anne.mulhall1@btinternet.com  
Horning: Christine Hewitt at christine.hewitt@hotmail.co.uk  
Irstead: Revd Ben on 01692-630216 or brother\_ben@btinternet.com

## Neatishead Baptist Church - Chapel Road, Neatishead, NR12 8YF

Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> April <b>Good Friday</b>	9am	Keith Dennis - Communion & breakfast	Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30am	Val Khambatta
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> April <b>Easter Sunday</b>	10.30am	Pauline Simpson	Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> April	2pm	Fellowship Meeting studying Mark's Gospel
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> April	10am	Prayers in Church	Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> April	10am	Hope Café
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30am	Rev'd Sue Seeley	Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30am	Marc Grimston
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> April	2pm	Fellowship Meeting studying Mark's Gospel			

Hope Café meets for coffee, games, etc – 10am to 11.30am on the last Saturday of the month.

Everyone is welcome for a bit of fun and fellowship.

Fellowship Meetings 2pm                      Prayer Meeting 10am in church.

Please contact the Secretary for more details.

Secretary: Sue Gibbons secretary@neatisheadbaptistchurch.org.uk