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Memories of Horning – a special event

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**We are still looking for a new editor of The Reach to take over in May.
Thank you, Martin Dibben for editing the next edition**

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 15th 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 29th March- 10.30am Palm Sunday walk from the New Victory Hall to Barton Turf church with real donkeys!

Sunday 19th April- 11am Sunday Club church takeover at Neatishead.

Sunday 3rd May- 9.30am Sunday Club at Neatishead.

**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 April

Date		Time	Service	Church
5 th April	Easter Day	6 am 9.30 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 11.00 am	Dawn Eucharist HC HC HC HC	St. Benet's Abbey Irstead Ashmanhaigh Barton Turf Horning
12 th April	2 nd Sunday of Easter	9.30 am	Benefice HC	Ashmanhaugh
19 th April	3 rd Sunday of Easter	8.00 am 11.00 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	HC(BCP) HC Sun Club EP	Irstead Horning Neatishead Barton Turf
26 th April	4 th Sunday of Easter	9.30 am 9.30 am 11.00 am	MP HC HC	Horning Irstead Barton Turf

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

Benefice of St. Benedict – Holy Week Services

Date	Time	Place
Monday 1 st March	7 pm	Horning Eucharist and address
Tuesday 31 st March	7 pm	Ashmaanhaugh Eucharist and address
Wednesday 1 st April	7 pm	Neatishead Eucharist and address
Maunday Thursday with vigil 2 nd April	7 pm	Barton turf Eucharist and address
Good Friday 3 rd April	11 am	Horning (on the green)
Liturgy for Good Friday	2 pm	Neatishead
Stations of the Cross Good Friday	6.30 pm	Irstead
Easter Eve 4 th April Holy Saturday	7 pm	Neatishead

Lent Charity Lunches

A big thank you to everyone who has supported the lunches during February and March. We had up to 30 people who enjoyed great soups and good conversations.

These were well attended and we have raised the following:

Barnabas Aid - £130

Enterprise Birmingham Broads Cruise - £150

Nancy Oldfield Trust - £152

Big C Cancer- £100

Our final charity at the end of March was Norwich Foodbank when we presented them with a big box of Easter Eggs collected by the Cosy Cafe.

Caroline Johnson

First Saturday Coffee Mornings

With about 40 attending each month, these Coffee Mornings are certainly the place to be! We meet in Horning Village Hall from 10.00 to 11.45 ish, usually on the first Saturday of each month. Here you can enjoy jam or cheese scones with coffee or tea, and browse through some pre-loved books (hopefully purchasing some, too) and buying one or two home-made treats from the produce stall and a raffle ticket or two. All proceeds go towards the maintenance of our village churchyard which is always a delightful and peaceful place to spend a moment or two and where this year's display of snowdrops was particularly impressive.

The Coffee Mornings are a great way to meet others in our friendly village, catching up on the latest local news and just enjoying a relaxing time of warmth and laughter. Well behaved dogs are welcome, too. So if you've not been before, why not drop in to the April one.

Coffee Mornings usually take place on first Saturdays, but in April we shall be meeting on Saturday 11th April, a quieter weekend after the busyness of the previous Easter weekend. Do come- you'll be most welcome. And thank you to everyone who generously supported the March Coffee Morning which raised £272.22.

Good Friday Service

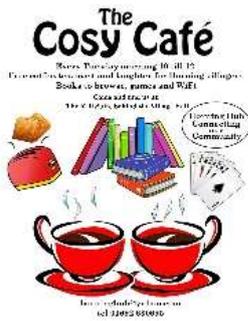
Everyone is invited to the Good Friday Service on St Benet's Green on Friday 3rd April.



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This short outdoor service begins at 11.00 and will be followed by cross buns and hot drinks. The significance of Good Friday can so often be missed in our busy world these days, so it's a wonderful opportunity to begin the celebrations of Easter in an appropriately reflective and meaningful way. We hope to see you there.

Horning Hub - connecting the community



• As you might well know **The Cosy Café** meet regularly on a Tuesday between 10-12 for hot drinks, toast and chat. Thanks David we are now offering informal sketching classes usually once a week. You might know of David as he painted the mammoth mural in Sherringham and regularly demonstrates his embroidery skill at the café.

Sometime after Easter we plan to set up a crochet group but before then Lorraine Kittle will be demonstrating Spring wreath-making.



• **Just a reminder that once a month** we will welcome Holli, the IT coach to the Cosy Cafe. **IT sessions** are held on Tuesdays from 10.30 on **7th April, 5th May, 2nd June, 7th July, 4 August and 1st September.**



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 , two more dates and venues are to be confirmed



Hub Singers will be meeting once a month on a Wednesday between 4-5 p.m. the next meeting is on **April** in the Leeds Way Community Centre. Further dates include May 13, June 10, July 8th

• **Memories of Old Horning on Saturday the 14th March.** What a fantastic day. Read all about it elsewhere in this Horning Reach.

• **Easter Egg** trail is being arranged over the weekend of 3rd /4th /5th /6th April with a prize of £25. A Trail Quiz will be available in Tidings



• Just a reminder that **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.

- **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 might also be persuaded to join in, and the local tap dancing group who will be doing less tapping but more dancing!



Late News:

We are hoping to organise a Friends cruise with the Nancy Oldfield Trust in May. Please let us know if you are interested.



Contact:

Horninghub@yahoo.com or 01692 630695

Memories of Old Horning Day

14th March 2026

A day of memories and a day to remember



Research done! Posters designed and distributed! Publicity sent out to magazines! Regular Facebook posts! Reminders sent out.....but would there be enough interest in the event and would the visitors come?

Oh! yes they did!

There was a constant stream of people through the village hall, in fact it was so busy that some folk went away and came back later hoping the crowd would thin. The footfall was constant and I don't think it is exaggeration when we say that there must have been at least 200 visitors throughout the day.



Resident, past and present, holiday makers and those remembering and looking for family ties, came from far and wide.

It turned out to be a very exciting event. Old friends were reacquainted and memories shared. Mrs Clare spoke of her time at Horning School which must in the 50's. She brought a photo and practically named the whole class. She was so excited to be here.

Jimmy Jones recalled his time as the delivery boy for Roys when it had a shop in the village. He was the Granville of the day (for those who remember Open All Hours). Anne Gilden related the tale of how the Mississippi first came into being (that's a story to follow...!) and Jonathon Stevens and his sister Christine, neither of whom now live locally, were thrilled to discover the old Horning village sign. It had been painted by their grandfather, Norman Stevens. These (and many more) were just some of the stories that came to light on the day.



Susan brought along her father's collection of memorabilia which filled three tables and could have filled more, of particular interest was the peat cutter in excellent condition. Paul brought a large box of photographs to rummage through as well as pictures carefully displayed in folders.

Sarah recalled her earlier time in the village and the number of shops that existed, which included three dress shops, a DIY shop, two green grocers, a wet fish shop, three hairdressers, a baker's shop, a butcher, confectioners, two antique shops and more! Lorainne from Grove Farm brought along some interesting items collected from around the farm and recalled the fact the Griff Rhys Jones stayed there when filming Tom Sharpe's 'Wilt'

St Benedict's church displayed a large OS map of the village c1800s and Christine who was looking after it said, 'I particularly liked hearing of people meeting friends that they don't see any more'.

Nearly everyone attending had something to impart regarding the displays or had photos at home they were willing to donate or copy. The question now is – "What Next?"

Over 30 people expressed an interest in being involved with a History/Archive group for Horning and if you were not at the event but find this appealing, please do get in touch with the Horning Hub

We also had a fantastic exhibit displaying the time-line of St Benedict's Abbey thanks to the Neatishead, Irstead and Barton Turf Community Heritage Group and Norfolk Archaeological Trust



The event was also supported by the Norfolk Wherry Trust and the RAF Defence Radar Museum who were enthusiastic to join us
Thank you also to Wroxham and Hoveton Lions for their support and

Tesco Stalham for a donation of coffee, teacakes etc

Thanks, of course, to the willing helpers, Horning Hub Friends and committee members who made the day such a success.

The event not only brought the past to life but provided the opportunity for one and all to come together and connect in the present - and that really is a memory worth holding on to!

Contact: horninghub@yahoo.co, or Tel: 01692 630695

Adrienne 'what a wonderful exhibition'.

Trish said, 'a really great day thank you to the Hub for organising it so many amazing photos and information of memories of Horning, what lovely village we live in'.

Chris Stevens: 'This was an amazing event it was lovely to see so many old pictures, meet so many interesting people and for access to Church burial records thank you we found our Grandparent's records. I do hope you will run something similar in the future. Thank you to the organisers and the lovely ladies who provided refreshments.'

Memories of Old Horning – another view

So many people came to the event to look at the old photos & documents, and to reminisce about their time living in Horning. It really captured people's interest. I met with lots of visitors & listened to many stories & especially enjoyed listening to a man & woman who had lived in Horning Upper Street as children & had travelled up from where they now live in Lowestoft for the event. I was proud to be able to provide a display about St Benet's Abbey & the link to the local villages, courtesy of Neastishead, Irstead & Barton Turf Community Heritage Group, that was really admired & enjoyed by many visitors. It would be wonderful if a Horning Heritage Group was born from all this interest & the amazing documents & stories could be recorded for posterity. I understand that there were a lot of people that gave their contact details so it is looking promising.

Marion Jackson.

HORNING CINEMA

Horning Village Hall NR12 8LF

Friday 10th April 2026

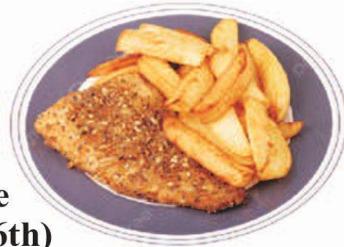
FISH & CHIP SUPPER

MENU

Fish and Chips

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Vegetarian (2 Spring Rolls and Chips)

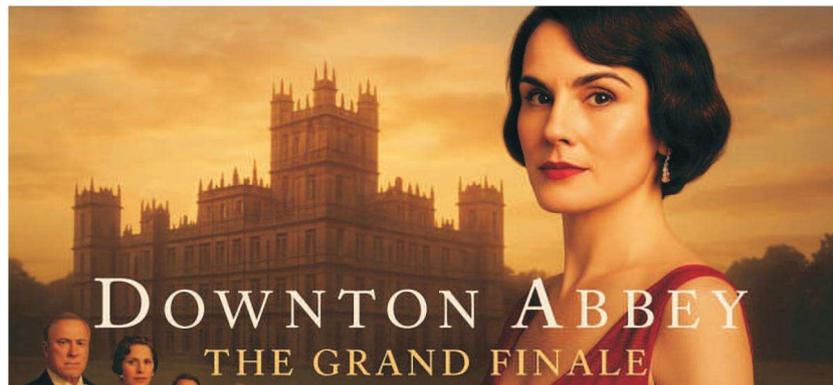


Supper Ticket £14 per person (MUST be bought in advance before April 6th)

Film Ticket £5, accompanied child (16 and under) £1

Doors open at 6 pm, Supper served at 6.30 pm

Film starts at 7.30pm



Certificate PG

Running time 124 minutes

2025

Starring Brendan Coyle, Elizabeth McGovern and Dominic West.

The Crawleys must embrace change with the next generation leading Downton Abbey into the future.

Ticket: Adult £5, accompanied child (16 and under) £1

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

Tickets from TIDINGS NEWSAGENTS

Lower Street, Horning, NR12 8AA ☎ 01692 630956

300 club

The winners for March are:

£50 - No 66, Mrs Nadia Whisken

£30 - No 79, Mrs Christine Lake

£20 - No 56, Mrs Karen Smith

Wroxham and Hoveton United Reformed Church

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Tel :07763 354 740.

Secretary: Lynne Howard, 01603 738835. Email: secretary@wroxhamurc.org.uk

Please see our website for the most up to date information. (wroxhamurc.org.uk)

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

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

Sunday 12th April: 10.30am. Service conducted by Mr Mike Gibbs.

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

Sunday 26th April 10.30am. Service conducted by Rev Carole Pearl.

4pm - Beyond Sunday - A service of quiet reflection.

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.

Preston Rooms

On Tuesday March 10th we held the Annual General Meeting. To give you all a brief summary:

It was agreed that the Committee would continue to maintain the hall to keep it at its current high standard. The hall is used most days of the week by various groups, with new groups joining regularly.

The work in the car park has now been completed. The removal of a shed has made the car park more spacious for parking and turning round.

It was agreed that there would be no rent increase for hirers for the year 2026/2027.

The Chair, Treasurer and Trustees were re-elected for the year.

BUT we desperately need more members on the Committee. I am stepping down from the role of Secretary, so a volunteer is needed to take my place. The role involves sending out Agenda's and taking the Minutes at Meetings (which are usually held every other month), circulating the Minutes to the Committee members via email and obviously doing this article. If you think you could help please have a chat with Steve (the Chairman) at the Tuesday Cafe.

Sue Watts, Secretary

Horning Parish Council News

Sunday Football games

The Women's Football team are playing in 2026 in Horning and it would be wonderful if the village could support them!

Dog mess – fines of £100 in operation

The Parish Council would like to remind all dog owners of their responsibility to clean up after their pets when out in the village. Dog fouling is unpleasant, poses a health risk, and detracts from the enjoyment of our shared public spaces. Please ensure you always carry suitable bags and dispose of waste properly in the bins provided. Failure to pick up after your dog is an offence and may result in a fine. By taking a moment to clean up, you help keep our parish clean, safe, and welcoming for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation.

Horning Bowls Club

HORNING BOWLS CLUB OPENS FOR THE 2026 SEASON ON WEDNESDAY 8TH APRIL AT 2.00PM. THERE IS AN OPEN DAY ON WEDNESDAY 15TH APRIL AT 2.00PM AND ANOTHER ONE ON SATURDAY 2ND MAY AT 11.00AM . DO COME ALONG AND GIVE BOWLS A TRY . ANY QUERIES PLEASE CONTACT TRISH ON 01692 630194

POP-UP Pre-loved Clothing Sale

SATURDAY 4th APRIL 10am-4pm

In aid of Norfolk charity NEW-U LTD. Helping those furthest from employment with work experience while promoting a more sustainable approach to fashion. New and Preloved items. All welcome.

No.37, Lower Street, Horning (formerly Little Interiors Company) tel 01603 927936.

Wroxham and Hoveton Lions Celebrate 50 Years of service.

On Sunday 1st 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.

The pictures accompanying this article were taken by Lion Kelle Wallace of Wroxham and Hoveton Lions Club.

Our next fundraising event is the Craft Fair on Sunday 16th March at Hoveton Village Hall from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm.

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, please go to our website

www.wroxhamandhovetonlions.org for more information.

Derick Bowler
PR Officer
Wroxham and Hoveton Lions Club CIO



Neatishead Community Gym

Keep Going Shirley!

This March, Neatishead Community Gym has been delighted to celebrate the 90th birthday of our oldest member, Shirley Place.

Shirley 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's treadmills alongside Peter, a mere youngster of 82! Happy Birthday Shirley!

What a wonderful facility we have here now, helping local people, young and old, to 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** at the New Victory Hall Neatishead on Saturday April 18th from 10 until noon. All are welcome.

For more information: www.neatisheadcommunitygym.com

Joan Dickie





50 years of village events

To coincide with 50 years of The NIB

*Presentation by
Claire Penstone-Smith*



Monday 27th April 7.30pm

New Victory Hall, Neatishead

Displays and Refreshments from 7pm.

Everyone Welcome, NIBCHG Friends Free, Guests £3

www.nibchg.org.uk

Horning Village Hall

We are so lucky to have a village Hall which can have 150 People in the main hall and 50 people in the Mill suite.

We really have two halls, How lucky are we!

Did you know you can hire the main Hall for as little as £32 a session?

You pay a little extra for the use of the kitchen for hot or cold food preparation.

We also have the large screen which you can use for slide and power point presentations.

So if you are having a party, celebration or wake, or just want to run a one-off event, then why not have it at the Village Hall?

Simply go on line to Horning Village Hall and make a booking.

We already have many regular hirers HATS, Cosy Cafe, Tap Dancing, Bridge, Art Group, Sewing and Quilting Groups, Zumba, Pilates, Badminton, and Flower Club just to mention a few.

Is there something else you want to see taking place in our village hall, e.g. Chess, Scrabble, Village Supper Evening, a Whist Drive? Let us know—we will help get new groups started.

In addition, we have our newly refurbished Mill Suite now with improved disabled access which provides an excellent space for meetings and study groups. A 4-hour session costs just £21 for residents and organisations from within Horning Village.

Horning Cinema

We had to cancel the cinema in February because of lack of support. Our film in March was “Indecent Proposal” which attracted 18 attendees but sold 22 tickets which just covered our costs. So our Treasurer was reasonably happy and Cinema lives.....

Our film in April is “Downton, The Finale” This is a **Fish and Chips evening: ---** Doors will open at 6pm with supper served at 6:30pm—please see separate Advertisement. However, to make this work, we need at least 40 customers for the Fish & Chips. To avoid undue stress for our Treasurer, please buy your tickets (from Tidings PO Lower Street) well before the performance! You can of course just come for the film, which will commence at 7:30pm for the usual price of £5.

Boat Show at the Village Hall 2 May 2026

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the Boat Show on the Saturday 2nd May.

We (the village hall committee) will be running the Windmill Cafe serving our renowned Bacon and Breakfast Rolls together with tea /coffee and an assortment of snacks and other “goodies”.

The hall will have a number of local artisans selling products ranging from jewellery, honey, pies, cards, paintings etc. So please make sure you pop in and support local crafts in the Village Hall at the Boat show.

Bingo

A big thank you to everyone who is supporting the Village Hall by coming to Bingo in the Mill suite.

The next game will be on 29th April

Doors open 7pm

First game 7.30

£5 for 10 games

Everyone most welcome, it's a laugh.

Amazing mystery prizes

Music quiz

Make a note of the date for the next music quiz

17th June 2026

In the Village Hall doors open 7pm

All money raised goes to the Village Hall

At a recent **Meeting of the Trustees**, the long term future of the Village Hall was considered in some detail. As many of you know, the income from the hire of the Hall and the Mill Suite does not cover the running and everyday maintenance costs—the shortfall last year (2025) was just over £7000! This was particularly high, but this current year we are budgeting for a revenue deficit of around £2000. Looking forward for 5 years, no matter how we arrange the affairs of the Hall, there is a persistent deficit of between £2-3000.

The main driver of this is the steady rise in the cost of energy. The Trustees have, therefore, decided to investigate and, if appropriate, install solar panels on the roof of the Main Hall preferably sufficient to cover the bulk of our energy needs for the foreseeable future. This is a project at a very early stage. To achieve this, the Trustees are going to need to raise a considerable sum of money. The Trustees will obviously seek funding by means of grants and whatever other help is available.

But each of you can help too—support our events—hire the Hall and hire the Mill Suite.

Village Hall AGM 17 March 2026.

At a meeting where only three villagers were present, the Chairman, David Evans, presented his report for 2025. The year, overall, had been satisfactory. The accounts show a surplus of £2559 but £1900 of this was grant money that had yet to be expended or returned. The hire charges for the year were significantly down, £15,600 as opposed to £18,100 last year. Part of this was the lack of elections, a

decline in football activity and the generally unfavourable economic climate. However, with the income received from fund raising, the 300 club and miscellaneous other activities, the total (excluding grant income) increased to £23406. During the year, we have received grants from the Lions, The Horning Boat Show Fund, the Boshier-Hinton Foundation and the National Lottery mainly for the renovation of the Mill Suite, to all of whom, we are extremely grateful.

Expenditure during the year also showed a rise again this year to £36266 primarily due to the approved capital expenditure for further improvements to the Mill Suite and, again, a further substantial increase in the cost of power plus the effect of persistent water leaks from the ageing plumbing.

As to future events, the Music Quiz started in the autumn of 2025 was very successful and this was to continue on a quarterly basis throughout 2026. We are also planning a New Years Eve Party to see in 2027 so book the date and watch this space.

The 300 Club has been overhauled—the contributions have been increased and a more generous prize structure introduced. First signs are that this remains well supported by the village and will continue to provide welcome income towards Village Hall funds.

The annual report was accepted and the existing trustees were reappointed for a further year.

There then followed a wide-ranging discussion; comments were invited from the floor and these varied from publicity to dishwashers to restoration of the kitchen floor. As ever, the problem is lack of funding. It was pointed out that on a purely revenue basis the village hall had not actually made a surplus and probably had not done so for the last 5 or 6 years and this looks set to continue. It was essential to try and break the cycle so that efforts of the trustees could go into improvements in the hall rather than simply paying the bills.

As indicated above, one way of achieving this objective might be the installation of solar panels on the roof of the main hall and upgrade of the electrical system to optimise grants and reductions currently available. The wide-ranging discussion included the possibility of vehicle charging points in the car park which would also generate some income.

The trustees were thanked for their efforts during the past year

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A Notice from Norfolk Police

Scam warning for Great Yarmouth area

We're issuing another warning about scams and fraud in Great Yarmouth and the surrounding villages.

Four potential victims have called us today (Saturday 14 March) to say they had been telephoned by people pretending to be Norfolk police officers and asking for banking information.

Luckily no money has been taken and these people have reported the calls to us immediately. The incidents have happened in Hemsby, Scratby and Ormesby over the past couple of hours.

Unlike previous scams where the person calling claims to be from a police station elsewhere in the country, these scammers are impersonating local police officers.

Please share this message with anyone who you think may be vulnerable, especially those who may not be online:

- Your bank or the police will NEVER ask for your PIN, bank card or bank account details over the phone – never give these details to anybody.*
- Neither the police nor the banks will send a courier to collect money from you.*
- Always request Photo ID and if unsure call the police.*
- If you're asked to telephone a bank, always do it on a different phone to the one you were contacted on.*
- Fraudsters will keep the line open and have been known to play ringtones, hold music and a recorded message down the phone so the victim believes they are making a call to a legitimate number. Make sure you have hung up from the original call and you can hear a dialling tone before calling police or use a friend or neighbour's telephone instead.*
- Do not rush into complying to the scammers demands / requests.*

You can read more about courier fraud here: [Courier fraud | Norfolk Constabulary](#)

A Happy Easter to you all.

JT & DCE

Churchyard Working Party

As mentioned in the March Horning Reach, the twice yearly tidy up of the churchyard will take place on Saturday 25th April from 10 -12 (date now confirmed.) There's always a job for everyone - clearing undergrowth of dead branches for the bonfire, raking leaves, trimming hedges and shrubbery, and removing dead floral displays. If numbers allow we also go down to the staithe and help to maintain that area well, too. Please bring gloves and any useful tools you may have - secateurs, shears, rakes and wheelbarrows are always useful, but don't worry if you have no tools - there are often some to share. At about 11 we break for coffee/tea and homemade biscuits (thank you, Gillian). So if you've can spare a little time on Saturday 25th April, your help will be most appreciated to continue to maintain a much loved area of our village.

PLANT SALE

with cakes, refreshments & garden-themed raffle

Sat 18th April
10-12 noon



New Victory Hall, Neatishead

Raising funds for Neatishead Community Gym

Cash or card

ALL WELCOME!





Ashmanhaugh & Barton Wanderers Cricket Club

Encourage, Support and have FUN

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.

Cricket:

- **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 programs 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, db's 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 get involved and 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.

Ask for more information, 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: Feel free to reach out with any queries

- For playing inquiries: joeverett333@gmail.com
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Stay Updated:

- Follow the club on Facebook, Instagram, and X for all the latest news.

Wroxham & District u3a Report

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.

The next 3 meetings are as follows:

April 21st – AGM

May 19th – The geology of Norfolk: Matt Williams

June 16th – Broadland Tales: Judith Keogh

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It's April at the Museum of the Broads - and spring has sprung!

We promise. Spring is here. Officially of course it started on March 20th but, let's be honest, it did struggle a bit to get going.

We didn't though! Since March 21st we've been up and running and our doors have been open to welcome you in to another super season at The Museum of the Broads.

April is an interesting time when it comes to bringing the stories of the Broads alive. It was around 1912 that the holiday season on the Broads was extended to include April, and hire boats and wherries were made available for Easter. Much later, in April 1989, the Broads Authority came into being and that was a key moment in the story of the Broads. From there on the area would begin to see much more recognition as a unique location for wildlife, navigation, conservation and its sheer beauty.

Today, April on the Broads is a time when you might just catch the sound of a Bittern booming. Or see the first arrival of some of our summer migrant birds. Look out for sedge warblers.

And look out for a day out with us - at The Museum of the Broads. What better thing to do at Easter than give us a visit? **Spring Trail ~ Secret Signals! It's still open until April 12 10am – 4pm**

You can explore the museum and use your observational skills to discover 12 hidden messages. Crack the secret code and claim your reward.

And how about *this*

Saturday 18th April 10am – 4pm

Crafts by the River ~ Suffolk Puffs!

Join textile artist, Jo Couldrey and have a go at making your own traditional fabric

brooch. Really good fun and really on trend!

Or -

Take a Boat trip!

There's no better way to discover the people, landscape and wildlife of the Broads. Experience what makes the Norfolk and Suffolk Broads so special. It's a must do thing!

(Life jackets and buoyancy aids are provided. Please be aware that the wearing of lifejackets is mandatory on Museum Boat Trips).

And, inside the Museum there are loads of things to see and do. The new displays in The Surlingham Building are fantastic. Check them out. And you have to see the films and photos that really do bring the story of holidays on The Broads to life.

We've been telling you a lot recently (we get very excited!) about all the changes and additions we've made to the museum. We've been pretty busy getting our communications up to speed too. There is no excuse now for not knowing what's on - you can follow our [Facebook](#), [Tik Tok](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube channels](#) for up to the minute news and behind the scenes glimpses into what goes on at the museum.

But most importantly - come and see us! You know where to find us. We're at - The Poor's Staithe, Stalham, NR12 9DA

That's just off the A149 at the turning to Richardson's Boatyard.

We're open six days a week - Tuesday to Sunday. You're welcome. The kids are welcome (and if they're under 12 they get free entry to the Museum). The dog is welcome. What are you waiting for?

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

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 21 April 2026, 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 a short email to jk@wherryyachtcharter.org, with subject National Tea Day Competition, and email text listing the names of the 5 wherries lovingly maintained by Wherry Yacht Charter. Email entries must be received by 30 April 2026.

For more information about Wherry Yacht Charter or to book a sailing experience please visit www.wherryyachtcharter.org

Classic Cars at the Horning Boat Show



If you have a Classic Car we would like to invite you to show it at The Horning Boat Show on Saturday May 2nd.

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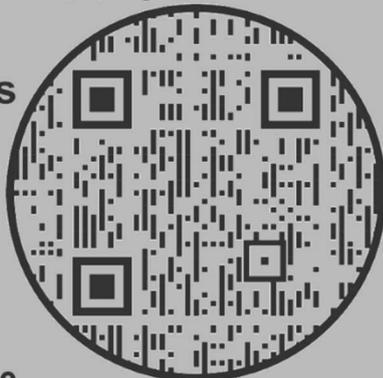


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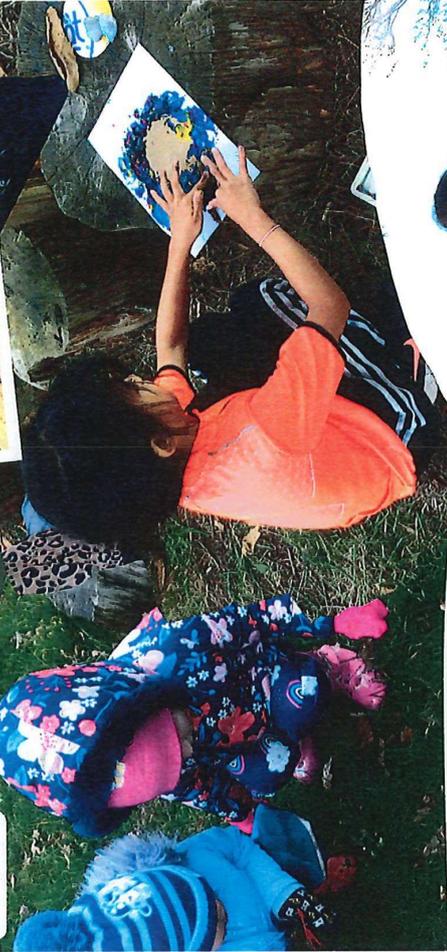
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