

THE NAB

COMMUNITY



PARISH MAGAZINE OF NEATISHEAD, IRSTEAD & BARTON TURF



Celebrating 100 Years of the Norfolk Punt Club

see page 8 for article on the Punt Club's history



The Benefice of St Benedict

Why do we pray?

Every day during the week you will be able to find a service of Morning Prayer in one of our churches across our benefice. These are short and simple services which everyone is very welcome to attend.

These services are uplifting and encourage us to focus for the day, to gather our thoughts, and to simply allow a few minutes of thanksgiving to God. During our Morning Prayer services we listen to readings from the Bible and we pray for people who are unwell, for those who are struggling, and for those who have recently died.

We also pray for a church in our local area, along with a diocese in another part of the world that is a member of the Anglican Communion and wider church family.

The reason that we offer these short daily services is because we believe that prayer works!

The wonderful aspect of prayer is that it simultaneously helps both the person who is praying and also the person being prayed for.

When we say a prayer, it helps us to think about someone else and to consider possible ways that we can support that person or community.

Our prayer also invites God to bless the people that we are thinking about.

Prayer does not have to be complicated. Essentially it is simply about thinking of other people or communities and asking God to bless them. God is then able to transform both our own hearts and also support the people that we are praying for.

Therefore, why do we pray? Because prayer works! Praised be Christ.

Revd Ben

Latest News from our Sunday Club

We had a fantastic walk on Palm Sunday with our donkeys; they have become very much part of our Easter season! The weather was good and it was great to see lots of people in attendance.

Upcoming Dates and Events

- **Sunday 3rd May** 9.30am Sunday Club at Neatishead
- **Sunday 17th May** 11am Sunday Club takeover 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 or 01692 630216.



St Michael's Church, Irstead

The APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) for St Michael's will take place after the morning service on **Sunday 24th May** at about 10.30am. The APCM reviews the accounts and activities of the church for the past year, and anyone is welcome to attend. Printed copies of the accounts and reports will be available in the church during the preceding week.

Revd Ben



The Friends of Irstead Church

Our quiet, small village of Irstead on the River Ant has the church and staithe as its focal point. St Michael's Church has stood at its heart for over 700 years, quietly watching generations come and go, marking christenings, weddings and farewells.

Its walls and churchyard hold our history; its thatched roof reflecting the character of the Broads, but it needs care. Our village's oldest and most beautiful landmark cannot maintain itself.

The costs of preservation have to be found. This is why The Friends of Irstead Church is being set up, to help ensure this treasure survives for the next generation, through the application of grants to protect heritage assets, fund raising and from donations.

We hope to arrange events to raise the profile of this heritage asset in our community and the money for repairs. We would like to get your ideas on ways to support the care of the fabric of St Michael's.

Everyone is therefore warmly invited to the launch of the 'Friends' at Irstead Church on **Sunday 24th May**, from 2-4pm. This will be an opportunity to look more closely at this very special place, the building and its surroundings, to see the repairs that need to be undertaken, ask questions and enjoy tea and cakes.

I look forward to welcoming you to this launch event.

Eric Hutchinson Grove House

On behalf of The Friends of Irstead Church



Christian Aid Ecumenical Service

This will be held on **Sunday 10th May** at 11am at St. Michael and All Angels', Barton Turf.

This year's Christian Aid stories take us to Kenya where, through Beacon of Hope, people like Fridah Moraa can provide for her family after her husband died last year.

Training sessions cover farming techniques such as pest management, compost production and seed cultivation as well as business skills. They are given tools, seeds and plots to get started.

Join us to support families like Fridah's to protect themselves from hunger and to nurture hope.

Sue Gibbons Co-ordinator



St Michael and All Angels' Barton Turf

Saturday 16th May will be our usual coffee morning 10am until noon.

The annual fete will be on **Saturday**

6th June 2-4pm – see page 6 for further details.

Barbara Pilcher Churchwarden



Walking Through Time at St Mary's, Tunstead

Why not come along and view a truly unique flower festival as Tunstead Church kicks off it's 700th celebration year by "Walking Through Time" with us? Over the weekend of **8th–10th May 2026** the volunteers of St. Mary's are aiming to literally step into time using footwear worn throughout our lives!

This event launches a year long programme of celebrations, culminating in Summer 2027 and marking the septcentennial anniversary of the commencement of this historic Norman building. Throughout the Medieval era, the Black Death and World War II, St. Mary's has stood as a testament of faith, hope and tenacity. An impressive architectural building setting off the fabulous rood screen, massive nave and chancel arch.

Whether you appreciate the architecture, want to enjoy the countryside surrounding us or sample the refreshments and music, join us to see how we're "Walking Through Time". Entry is free and we'd love to share the weekend with you, open from 10– 4pm. Find us on Church Lane, Tunstead, NR12 8HU.

Friday 8th May – Flower Festival with Teas and Cakes.

Saturday 9th May – Flower Festival, Strawberry Teas & music from the Salvation Army Band from 2-3pm.

Sunday 10th May – Flower Festival, Teas and Cakes and Songs of Praise Service at 3pm.



NVH Community Market

The Community Market
Saturday 9th MAY
9am till Noon
New Stalls
PLUS
Book a 'Table Top' or 'Car Boot Space'
for individuals as well as
Community Groups
£5 per table or car boot space

To book get in touch asap with
Pauline 07818 599303

 **NEW VICTORY HALL** 
NEATISHEAD

Please support all our stalls as well as
enjoying our delicious bacon butties.




Village Screen

Monday 4th May 7pm for 7.30pm

We are looking forward to showing *H is for Hawk* (Cert 12A 119 mins), adapted from Helen Macdonald's 2014 memoir. Claire Foy gives a career best performance as Helen who is grieving the sudden loss of her father. Foy reportedly trained in falconry for the role and viewers will delight in the lush, evocative imagery of the British landscape and soaring wildlife shots of the goshawk in flight.

We look forward to welcoming you to the NVH where tea/coffee will be available for a small charge. Please visit 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.



Village Screen Team

It was great to have such a good attendance for the AGM. Doreen Dean, Chair, reported the village hall was still a successful community resource with so many different activities being provided through 21 regular community groups which along with the events run by the hall itself and private hire make for a busy venue. Special thanks were given to all those involved in fundraising activities, which as well as being important financially, these provided social opportunities. The premises team was kept busy as more people using the hall generate more wear and tear on the premises but with help from the cleaners, everything is kept to a good standard. Major pieces of work were replacing the fascia boards to the roof which cost circa £11,000 and repairs to the AV system costing £1,100.

Ian McFadyen, Treasurer, reported the hall is in a satisfactory financial position with reserves of £53,000 at the end of 2025 although there are challenges as routine costs continue to rise, particularly for electricity, which in 2025 accounted for 22% of the total income. He also mentioned concern about the continued reliance on fundraising to meet the deficit between income and expenditure. The NVH fundraising, 200 Club and events income averaged around £7,000 per annum over the past 4 years. Hire rates were increased in 2025 by 50p per hour but were not increased for 2026 as the trustees strive to keep the hall affordable for all groups. However, an increase is likely for 2027. There is a shortage of people stepping forward to serve as trustees and helpers. Ian McFadyen has resigned as a trustee and will stand down as Treasurer once a new Treasurer is appointed. Doreen Dean has given notice of reducing her workload by 2027, which if new people do not volunteer and paid help has to be employed, will lead to a considerable increase in costs.

Four trustees were re-elected: Jim Fletcher, Mike Gower, Hugh McGill, and Pauline Simpson. Five others: Simon Clayton (NABS), Doreen Dean (WI), Jo Macdougall (Village Screen), Cheryl Pell (WISE) and Alan Smith (Community Gym) were appointed by user groups to make up the Management Committee. Val Perkins continues as Minute Secretary. The Chair thanked all the trustees and volunteers for giving so generously of their time and expertise as they are the backbone of keeping the hall operational.

The AGM was followed by a comprehensive presentation from Ian McFadyen on the possibility of reducing electricity costs for the hall by expanding the use of renewable energy by siting a small array of

solar panels in the adjacent field. This was being considered after the area to the rear of the hall was rejected as the main sewers from the Anglian Water pumping station were underground. It was explained that the landowner had indicated a willingness to consider leasing a strip of land which, as well as accommodating the panels, could provide some new amenity space for the community.

Quotations had been received and financially it looks a good investment. Also, the project might encourage new people to get involved and contribute their ideas. There was considerable interest and support from the audience for solar panels with many quoting positives from their own installations but there is some concern about the use of the land. It was agreed, by a show of hands, that the trustees should continue the feasibility study and report back.

To offer your help, please email your contact details to enquiries@victoryhall.info and we will get back to you. Many skills are relevant but previous financial and IT experience are necessary for the treasurer role. There are also opportunities to help with bookings at the hall.

Doreen Dean Chair

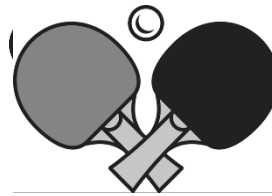


Table Tennis now available at New Victory Hall

Join us every Tuesday 7-9pm.

All are welcome: bats and balls available - just bring yourself. £2 per session and refreshments are available.

Doreen Dean Chair



White House Stores



The White House Stores currently has a vacancy for a Part Time Manager

The position is for Wednesdays and Saturday, from 8am to 5.30pm. And one Sunday in sixteen from 8am to 12.30pm.

Previous retail or similar experience is ideally required.

Please apply asap, with your CV, to: info@whitehousestores.co.uk.

Christine Warren



Garden Club

Nearly 20 members enjoyed a fascinating look behind the scenes at Meales' Nursery in March. The tomato plants were already huge! It was great to know that so much of their fruit and vegetables are grown on site or in close proximity to their retail outlet.

The club's May meeting is on **Monday 18th** in the NVH at 7.30pm, Andrew Sankey will be speaking about Cottage Gardens which is especially relevant to us all living in our local area.

A reminder that now is the time to be planting and preparing for the Village Show which is on **Saturday 5th September**. Schedules will be available in June so more details next month. Please contact me to find out more about the club. Our meetings are open to visitors at a cost of £4 which includes a cuppa and biscuit. Jane King.

Jane King 07423 820228
janeelizabethking@hotmail.com



Friends and Neighbours

Members enjoyed a lovely birthday lunch to celebrate 56 years, not 55 as reported in the April article, which must make it one of the longest running groups in the NIB villages! At the next meeting on **Thursday 14th May** from 10am til noon in the NVH, Lorraine Hunter from the Worstead Weavers will be giving a talk.

Two weeks later on **Thursday 28th May** Lois Prismaal is speaking about The Home Front. Visitors are always welcome to come along for a cuppa and biscuit, raffle and bring and buy. For more information about the club please contact the Chair Person, Jean Barber on 01263 721698.

Jane King



The Nib Team Adverts


Please remember to take a look at the adverts on pages 17 and 18 – two are amended this month. The adverts are vital to the NIB and mean that we can continue to produce the magazine, along with your kind donations. If you are aware of a local business which might be interested in an ad, please pass on my contact details.

Sue Clayton, Manager 07850 436211
nibadverts@gmail.com




Neatishead Community Gym April Plant Sale and Coffee Morning

On Saturday 18th the NVH was buzzing for two hours, with a wonderful attendance of gym members and villagers. The attraction was the Community Gym's Spring Plant Sale and Coffee Morning (quickly becoming an annual event!).

Our members are wonderful bakers and provided an amazing array of goodies to eat at the sale or to take home for the weekend! Equal stars of the day were the impressive plant donations, including strawberries, courgettes, tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, lupins, salvia, dahlias, houseplants and many more. 

There were various "preloved" garden items, all priced to sell! As a bonus this year, there was also a range of lovely home knits to buy, plus various home-made preserves. The event concluded with a raffle draw for a cornucopia of garden-themed raffle prizes. Big thanks to all for the very generous cake, prize and plant donations.

All of the sale's proceeds will go towards supporting the running of this unique community facility. The gym prides itself on the professional quality of its equipment and supervision, whilst maintaining a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Many villagers say that they look forward to this sale each year, even though they may not be gym members; if interested in joining, we'd love to welcome you: www.neatisheadcommunitygym.com. 



Joan Dickie and Clare Costello.



Barton and Irstead Church Fete

The Barton and Irstead Church Fete will be on **Saturday 6th June**, please make a note of the date. As always, we need a good deal of help.

Book Stall: Books required. If you have any books you would like to donate, please contact Michael Brandon-Jones on 01692 535065.

Toys: If you have any toys that you no longer require, we would be pleased to receive them for the Fete. We can collect if necessary. Please phone Tina Clinch on 01692 536890.

Small Treasures Stall: Wanted: Jewellery, trinkets, watches, clocks, ornaments, pictures, photo frames, china, glass, silver, brass, hats, scarves, bags or small, unusual items. Sorry no clothes, shoes, furniture, household or kitchen items or any large items. Phone Lynne on 07551 554707 or Cheryl on 07387 267729. Leave a message and we will either collect or tell you where to leave items.

Bottle Stall: As always, it's your very generous contributions of bottles of all kinds: beverages, alcoholic or otherwise, cookery, toiletries, etc, that make the Bottle Stall such a success. If you would like to donate, please contact one of the following people who have kindly agreed to act as bottle collection points/collectors:

Pennygate Lynne Wall 07551 554707 Barton Turf Barbara Pilcher 01692 536132
Hall Road Cheryl Pell 01692 536325 Irstead Clare Penstone-Smith 01692 630580
Many thanks Anthony Habgood 01692 631573.

Cake Stall: I can't wait to see you all at the Barton and Irstead Fete and let's hope the weather is kind to us this year. With that in mind, we are looking for contributions of any cakes, biscuits, sweet or savoury, scones, jams and preserves for the cake stall. Items can be handed to any of those listed below or brought to the stall on the day.


Barton Turf Barbara Pilcher 01692 536132 Pennygate Lynne Wall 07551 554707
Irstead Mandy Parks 07547 697010 Claire Penstone-Smith 01692 630580
Gail Murrells 01692 631427 Maria Jordan 1692 631455

Very many thanks for baking for us, Maria and Mandy.

Plants The Garden Stall welcomes all donations related to the garden prior to the fete: plants, produce, cut flowers, any unwanted tools or equipment. If you think you can help with any of these please let Deena Sullivan know on 07785 770663.

Tea Tent As always, I'll be running the ever-popular Tea Tent, and I'd love your support to help make it as splendid as ever. We are looking for donations of cakes, traybakes and sweet treats to keep the tent brimming with deliciousness throughout the day. Whether you are a star baker or just fancy whipping up a batch of brownies, every contribution is hugely appreciated. We are also in need of a few extra pairs of hands on the day. If you can spare an hour or two to help serve tea etc we would be delighted to have you join us. Please contact me on 07935 743326. Jan Cuss.

Raffle We are also looking for good items for the raffle. If you have anything, please get in touch with Barbara Pilcher on 01692 536132.





NABS Top Girls - and they were!

Those of us lucky enough to get a ticket for one of the three packed performances of NABS' new production of Caryl Churchill's *Top Girls* at the end of March, were reminded exactly why local live theatre can be so powerful, and of why we are so lucky to have a group of talented people in our three villages brave enough to bring hard-hitting serious drama to our doorstep.

Top Girls is a tough play. Tough for the actors, who need to memorise screeds of detailed revelations about their characters' own experiences of being women in a man's world – often with little narrative drive to help them - and then deliver this in fast, overlapping, witty exchanges which need to sound natural and evoke strong reactions. And tough for the audience, who need to listen to this sustained barrage of emotions and experiences, and sort out for themselves where their allegiances and sympathies lie. It's an exhausting and challenging process. It also demands superb direction. It was evident from the first moment to the last that this was what had been given by Shelagh Smith .



Toasting Marlene's promotion

From L to R: Myra Burgess as Nijo, Lisa Seager as Gret, Carole Preston as Marlene and Poppy Ferrier as Pope Joan

There can be no doubt whatsoever that the whole all-female cast of eleven managed this magnificently. In the first section of the play, where five famous women from history met at a dinner party and recounted their various experiences, they painted detailed and moving accounts of the ways in which they had been treated by men. They struck a very effective balance, just right for the scene, between declaration and discussion, and between light heartedness and sincerity. There were moments of real pathos, such as the movingly detached and impassive account given by Japanese courtesan Lady Nijo (Myra Burgess) of having child after child taken away from her. A really effective moment of live drama also happened as Pope Joan (Poppy Ferrier) explained how her gender was revealed as she gave birth in the middle of a papal procession. The audience were struck into absolute silence when she continued

'They dragged me by my feet along the street and stoned me to death'. That kind of reaction is only possible in a live performance in front of an audience, and it is electrifying.

Scene one concluded with the intrepid Victorian Scottish explorer Isabelle Bird, brilliantly portrayed by Liz Powell, alone on stage yet still recounting her adventurous life story: 'but how marvellous while it lasted'. The audience agreed!

The central scene in Marlene's London office was brusque, sardonic and brutal. This was a high-flying man's world where women laughed together and competed behind each other's backs to come out on top. The series of entertaining and revealing client interviews cleverly exposed the challenges to their career ambitions. Joan Dickie gave two impressively contrasting performances as the ambitious career woman Nell and then the wheedling conservative Mrs Kidd but also managed to convey the fact that both used calculated manipulation to try to get what they wanted.

And this was the thing. This is not just a simple play about hard-done-by women breaking through the glass ceiling and showing those men what's what. It is, in all senses, a woman's play. It recognises that at the time it was written, in order to break stereotypes, sacrifices had to be made, and as the play goes on and we see the background Marlene has come from and the choices she has made, our sympathies waver and are challenged. She may be a successful career woman, but is she a successful woman? Carol Preston was excellent as Marlene throughout and carried these complexities well. The way her reactions became more honest and raw, but also more defiant and cruel, as she drank into the night with her sister in the final scene was shocking, and she was ably supported by her superficially harder, but perhaps kinder sister, Joyce, played with quiet control by Tori Seager.

And perhaps the difficult questions about the ways in which women can be pulled apart by the demands and temptations of the world are best exemplified in this play by Angie, the daughter torn between childlike simplicity and joy, and the lure of the powerful world of 'Aunty Marlene'. Lisa Seager was genuinely funny and appealing as Angie but also showed a disturbing edge to her discontent in her references to killing her mother, and to chill us all at the very end of the play, as her voice echoed through the darkness of the house: 'Frightening'.

This was a play by a woman, made by women, about women. But it spoke to us all. And what a privilege to see something so engaging and thought-provoking in our own village hall. Thank you, NABS.

Jenny Fletcher



Norfolk Punt Club 100th Birthday Celebrations

The Norfolk Punt Club are delighted to celebrate their 100th birthday in 2026. A centenary is a rare event for any club and is only possible due to the longstanding support of the local community since inception.



Also, after the Second World War, the club developed the hard-chine punt design to make sailing punts more accessible (bringing costs of making and maintenance down).

The Punt is a development class and continues to adapt to modern designs and material. It is an important part of the Broadland sailing community and the club is proud to be the custodian of the class.

The club was founded in 1926 to 'preserve and improve the traditional type of punt and to encourage competition in quanting, rowing and sailing'.

The Norfolk Punt is a unique vessel to the Broads, deriving from the flat bottom gun punts which roamed around Broadland waters in the mid-late 19th century. With the addition of sails, one of the most exciting and powerful dinghies was born.

Initially the Norfolk Punt Club organised races throughout the Broads and had no fixed home.

However, in 1935 a houseboat was converted by Cox's in Barton Turf and with a mooring out on the broad, the club's long association with Barton Broad and the local villages was formed.

After the Second World War, rafts were added to the broad and the current unique floating pontoon structure came into existence (and is still unique amongst clubs today).

Front cover and photos in this article from Alastair Drew

The Punt Club is so much more than Norfolk Punts, however. A large YBOD (Yare and Bure One Design) fleet, junior section, social activities and strong training emphasis adds to the original founding ethos of informal, economical and welcoming sailing, combined with a love of the beauty of the local environment. This is perhaps seen best in one of the largest open events held on the Broads, the Barton Regatta, held every August Bank Holiday weekend.

To celebrate its 100th birthday, the club is arranging a number of social and sailing events for members and visitors alike. We really hope to see visitors to the club for the Norfolk Punt Open Events and Championships, River Cruiser Opens and Keelboat Opens. We hope to break all attendance records at the infamous Barton Regatta and are delighted to be host club for the Broadland Youth Regatta in 2026.

We would be more than pleased to show our club off at any time in the year. Please visit our website for more information on any of the above: www.puntclub.co.uk.

Alastair Drew Commodore NPC

Over the next 11 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 many 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



The lady is Emily Canham with two of her great grandsons! She lived in Gunns Cottage.

What is a Grandma from May NIB 1976

Written by an 8 year old

"WHAT IS A GRANDMOTHER?" - written by an eight-year-old

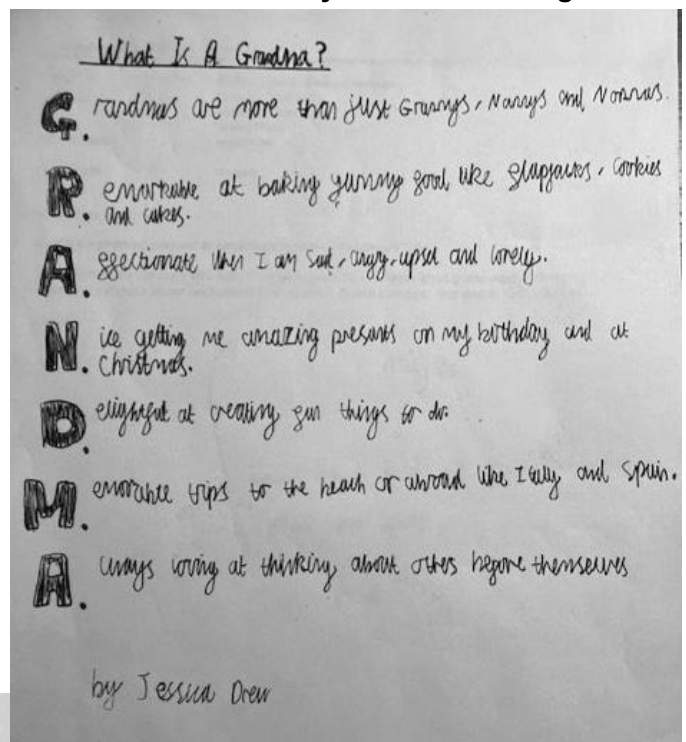
"A grandmother is a woman who has no children of her own and therefore loves boys and girls of other people. Grandmothers have nothing to do. They have only got to be there. If they take us for a walk they go slowly past beautiful leaves and caterpillars. They never say: 'Come along quickly' or 'Hurry up for goodness' sake'. They are usually fat but not too fat to tie up our shoelaces. They wear spectacles and sometimes take out their teeth. They can answer every question. For instance, they can say why dogs hate cats and why God is not married. When they read to us they don't leave out anything, and they don't mind if it's always the same story. Everyone should try to have a grandmother, especially those who have no television. Grandmothers are the only grown-ups who always have time."

What is a Grandma 2026



Caro How with her grandchildren

What is a Grandma? by Jessica Drew aged 8



- **G**randmas are more than just Grannys, Nannys and Nonnas
- **R**emarkable at baking yummy good, like flapjacks, cookies and cakes
- **A**ffectionate when I am sad, angry, upset and lonely
- **N**ice getting me amazing presents on my birthday and at Christmas
- **D**elightful at creating fun things to do
- **M**emorable trips to the beach or abroad like Italy and Spain
- **A**lways loving at thinking about others before themselves



Neatishead Bowls Club

Well, the new season is underway with the club opening on 18th April. The bowls have been polished, the green mown and the weather ordered.

This year the club are offering free membership to new members and are hosting an open day on **Sunday 17th May** between 10.30am and 12.30pm. So come and have a go and join us for tea and cake.

To take part in bowls all you need is a flat pair of rubber soled shoes and yourself. To start you off, the club will have bowls to lend to you and no experience or special skill is required. As well as gentle exercise, fun and friendship, we can promise you coaching to learn the game, a way to explore Norfolk and a beautiful place to play bowls.

We meet on Saturday afternoons at 1.30pm and also on every 1st and 3rd Wednesday evening of the month starting on Wednesday 6th May at 6.30pm. We welcome players from ages 12 upwards although anyone under 18 will need to be accompanied by an adult.

We look forward to seeing you on **Sunday 17th May** or any Saturday afternoon. If you need any more information, please call Andrew (Chair) on 07715 801309.

Annette Wood Club Secretary



Weather Report for March-April

Drier than normal March and April.

In March the total rainfall recorded was 35.2mms/1.39in or 70% of average. The highest daily total was 11.6mm/0.46in on the 25th. Notably, an arctic airmass on the 26th brought some heavy hail and snow showers through the area and there were several air frosts recorded during the month.

April has continued the dry weather with a mere 2.8mms/0.11in recorded up to the 14th which is just 6% of average. Southerly winds brought some very warm air across the area during the second week, with a maximum of 22.7°C recorded on the 9th.

Peter Mills

Resident of this Parish!

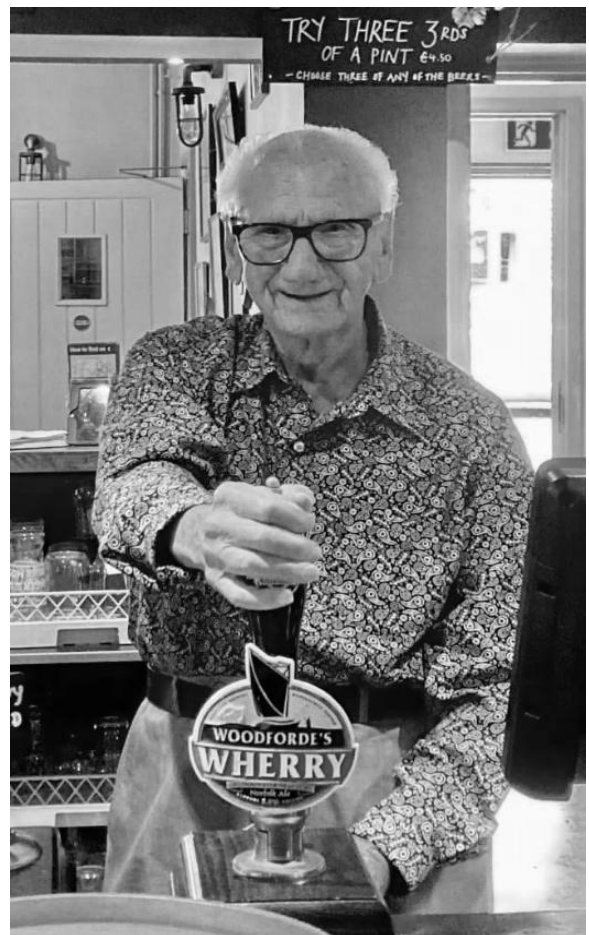
Second World War veteran Gordon Lloyd has celebrated a remarkable milestone after turning 100 on 15th March, marking a century of life filled with service, hard work and memorable moments.

During the war, Mr Lloyd, of King Street, Neatishead, served with the Royal Air Force in Malta before later settling in Norfolk. Life took an unexpected turn during a fishing trip when he stopped for a drink at the White Horse pub and met its landlady, Margaret Bacon.

The pair later married and ran the pub together for many years. Known for his determination, Mr Lloyd even helped save the White Horse in the 1980s by investing his own money to create a kitchen so the pub could serve meals and remain open.

Now at 100, Mr Lloyd can look back on a life that has spanned a century of extraordinary change from wartime service overseas to playing a key role in the heart of his local community. Friends and residents from the parish of Neatishead have shared their best wishes to mark the occasion, with former resident Di Baker among those sending their congratulations and wishing him many happy returns.

Di Baker





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

With our WW2 research over the last few years, we have discovered more about those who served their country from our villages as we have commemorated both VE and VJ day. Some were stationed here in Norfolk others were sent across the world, to places they had probably only read about.

It was also a time when East Anglia became home to thousands of US airmen. The United States 8th Army Air Force (USAAF) arrived in Norfolk in 1942 and between 1942 and 1945 there were at any one time around 50,000 USAAF personnel stationed within a 30-mile radius of Norwich across more than 15 US airbases.

One of these was at Rackheath, just down the road from us. Rackheath Industrial Estate is built on the edge of what was the Rackheath Airfield and if you have been there, you may have noticed road names such as Liberator Close (the B24 Liberator Bombers that flew), Albert Shower Road (the Commanding Officer for the site) or the B24 Cafe.

On the other side of Green Lane West, tucked between Newman Road, the NDR and new housing, stands the remains of Site 6 of the airbase, home to the Commanding Officer's quarters, officers' and sergeants' mess and other buildings.

The site, though now wooded, is being preserved by the Rackheath Pathfinders, with information boards and woodland trails. We are arranging a walk and guided tour of the area which is now in the care of Rackheath Parish Council with a visit to the B24 cafe afterwards.

NIBCHG Friends will be notified by email as soon as details are confirmed but if there is anyone else who would be interested to join us, please get in touch with me.

Claire Penstone-Smith
claireps@btinternet.com or 07760 643739



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.

Sue Clayton 07850 436211
thenibmanager@gmail.com



Neatishead Parish Council

Neatishead Parish Council are pleased to welcome our new councillor Cllr Brian Boldero to the Parish Council. Brian has lived in the village for many years and is passionate about supporting the village that he loves, we know he will become a valued member of the team. There is still one vacancy available, and we would encourage anyone interested in supporting their local community to consider applying.

The Council have now installed the new bench opposite the Green, replacing the old one which was broken. We hope it will provide a pleasant spot for residents and visitors to sit and enjoy the surroundings in the coming months.

A big thankyou goes to everyone who continues to use the glass recycling banks. This has resulted in a credit of £1,353, which will be returned to the parish to support local projects and improvements. Please do continue to make use of this facility, as it makes a real difference. Contact Laura Bateman Parish Clerk & RFO Neatishead Parish Council 07917 841665 clerk@neatisheadpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk.

Laura Bateman



Broad Arts

Introducing Broad Arts: local creative artists are launching their first pop-up exhibition in Cromer this summer. They share ideas, develop their skills and encourage each other to pursue their artistic dreams.

Their first project will be from **Monday 22nd to Sunday 28th June**, venue: 'Seas the Day' 3 Garden Street Cromer NR27 9HN Please come along and support us:

Fiona Johnson, Amanda Sinclair, Alison Seeley, Dianne Pickering





Wildlife Notes

Following on from last month's notes when I mentioned that I had found 2 Long Tailed Tits' nests at the boardwalk I can report that one nest was completed and is being used whilst the other was not completed and was abandoned. I have a resident pair of these birds in my garden and at this time of year you can recognise the female when she comes to the feeders as the end of the tail feathers are slightly bent and curved where she has been sat in her dome like nest for long periods incubating her eggs.

Sadly, my resident Blue Tits have decided not to use my camera nest box this year, for the first time since I put it up. Instead, they've nested in my neighbour's camera box perhaps specially attracted as their camera is in colour whilst mine was only black and white!

Bird migration has been slow again this spring for us in Norfolk. Cold north-easterly winds have been holding birds back but I recorded my first Sand Martins on the 30th March, the first Willow Warbler on 6th April, first Swallow on 11th and first Common Terns on the 13th.



Common Turn - Jon Kelf

Already I have recorded 5 species of butterfly in my garden with good numbers of Orange Tips on the wing but it was a moth which attracted my attention when cutting my grass on the 9th April: a Mullein Moth in the Beech hedge. Many of you will be familiar with the colourful caterpillar of this species if you grow Mullein plants or Verbascum in your gardens. They are tall plants with woolly leaves and bright yellow flowers which are much liked by the large and distinctive caterpillars which have a pale background colour with numerous black and yellow spots.



Mullen Moth Jon Kelf

The moths themselves are less frequently seen although the species is considered to be common in Norfolk.



Goodens Nomad Bee - Jerry Simpson

A tiny wasp-like creature attracted my attention on the 13th but on closer inspection turned out to be a member of the Nomad Bee family. These mostly have yellow and black coloured bodies and are cleptoparasites as they lay eggs in the underground nests of various different Mining Bees so that their offspring can use the pollen collected by the host insect. There are 35 different species of Nomad Bee in the British Isles of which 24 have been recorded in Norfolk. I have tentatively identified my Nomad Bee as a male Gooden's Nomad Bee (*Nomada goodeniana*) which is described as being widespread and common in Norfolk.

Good news is that both the Ranworth Ospreys have arrived back at the nest platform and the Norwich Cathedral Peregrines have 4 eggs.

Jerry Simpson

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Ashmanhaugh & Barton Wanderers Cricket Club

League matches for the 2nd, 3rd and 4th XIs kick off on **Sat 2nd May**:

2nd XI away at Brooke CC

3rd XI away at Sprowston CC

4th XI home (Ashmanhaugh) to Martham CC

Training commenced in April for juniors and seniors, get in touch for more info or check our social media pages. Exciting developments have taken place over winter; we are delighted to have opened the disabled/baby changing facility at Barton Turf and also unveiled the new coloured kit provided by our new major sponsor ASK. This has been custom designed by players.

Our overseas professional player for 2026 has been announced as Jayden Draper, who is fresh from representing Australia in the U19 World Cup! Jayden will be coaching our juniors as well as providing skills sessions when required; hosting summer camps and of course playing for the 1st XI.

Girls' Cricket for All Ages and Abilities with a Family-Friendly Atmosphere. Coaches ECB trained, DBS checked with a lot of experience to share. ECB All Stars for ages 5-8 will commence once again in May: sign up for this via www.ecb.clubspark.uk and select Ashmanhaugh & Barton Wanderers CC as your provider. We are currently supported by many local businesses and give back as much as we can in the way of advertising: please ask for more info. We have provided free First Aid courses, training courses and support to clubs. If you are a local group and are interested in what we do, please get in touch. For playing inquiries: joeverett333@gmail.com. For activities/events ABWCC.events@gmail.com. Follow the club on Facebook, Instagram, and X for all the latest news.

Jayne Everett



Wroxham & District u3a

In March we had an excellent presentation by Georgette Vale, entitled 'The Widow Kett'. She told the story of the rebellion, in character, through the eyes of Robert Kett's widow, Alice. It was a very engaging performance, enjoyed by all. Our interest groups continue to be very active.

The History Group had a trip to the Undercroft of The Museum of Norwich at the Bridewell, with Susie, our very enthusiastic and knowledgeable guide. The Undercroft and the knapped flint wall (considered one of the finest in the country) are what remain of the original 14th century house. The Undercroft was originally used as a show room for the sale of fabrics, it then became the Bridewell (a cross between a workhouse and gaol) and subsequently a shoe manufacturer. It finally became the industrial heritage museum it is today, in 1925.

The Bridewell Undercroft



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

May 19th The geology of Norfolk Matt Williams

June 16th Broadland Tales Judith Keogh

July 20th Summer Party (no meeting at Hoveton Village Hall).

Pauline Wright-Marchant



Wherry Yacht Charter

Free Wherry events at How Hill and Salhouse support the work of the Wherry Yacht Charter Charity

An expanded programme of free events for 2026 on the riverside at How Hill near Ludham is being staged by Wherry Yacht Charter Charitable Trust this summer.

Norfolk-based individuals and groups are once again giving up their time to support the work of the charity, which restores, maintains and operates five of the remaining eight wherries in the world.

The backdrop for an art exhibition and series of concerts is the charity's Egyptian-themed wherry yacht Hathor, moored at How Hill, open for guided tours during the sailing season from May to the end of September. WYC's Artist in Residence Sue Haywood will be exhibiting a range of mixed media designs some of which include pieces of old wood and rope from the wherries – over the Bank Holiday weekend **23rd, 24th and 25th May** from 10am to 4pm.

With a growing reputation for her unique representations of animals, Broadland scenes and wildlife, Sue couldn't have a better location for this exhibition. At the end of the weekend a one-off piece of her artwork will become a treasured gift to one lucky member of the public that attends the exhibition. Entry to the prize draw will be free. Several musical performances taking place at How Hill are:

Saturday 23rd May Mellow Magic 6pm

Saturday 20th June Norfolk Unity Brass Band 4pm

Saturday 4th July Hot Cold Ground blues band. 6pm

Sunday 19th July 3pm Sirens of the Helm, Norfolk's only female shanty group. Vocalist Sandra B, musical covers that span the decades 5.30pm

Please visit us at www.wherryyachtcharter.org/open-events where we will share further details in case of any amendments to performances or due to weather. WYC will also be stationing a wherry yacht at Salhouse Broad for the public to explore at no cost on **Saturday 11th July** 12pm till 8pm and **Sunday 12th July** 10am till 2.30pm in support of a festival of activities being organised by Salhouse Broad.

Our special thanks go to How Hill who will host a spectacular Wonder of Wherries event during the weekend of **18th/19th July**, offering the public unprecedented access to the full fleet of wherries, various sailing experiences, with entertainment for all the family, retail opportunities showcasing the very best of Norfolk. Mark the diaries now and watch out for the full details to follow.

Jason Birkett Volunteer Publicity Manager



Wroxham & Hoveton United Reformed Church

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

Sunday 3rd May: 10.30am. Service conducted by Rev Zephney Kennedy, including Holy Communion.

Sunday 10th May: 10.30am. Service conducted by Rev Tina Wilson, followed by the Church Annual General Meeting.

Sunday 17th May: 10.30am: Service conducted by Rev Carole Pearl.

Sunday 24th May: 10.30am. Service conducted by Rev Paul Whittle.
4pm - Beyond Sunday - A service of quiet reflection.

Sunday 31st May: No service in our church. We are all invited to attend St Peter's Jessop Road URC/ Methodist Church for a Service at 10.30am, followed by a shared lunch. Please contact the Secretary if you need transport.

Minister: Rev Tina Wilson, 07763 354740. email address: revtinawilson@outlook.com

JAM 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 May we are meeting on the 10th.

For information on future sessions and other events please go to: <https://wroxhamurc.org.uk/jam> or more details contact jam@wroxhamurc.org.uk or call Chris on 01603 783992.

The Community Café meets for coffee and cakes from 10.30am to 12 noon on Thursdays. All are welcome, there is no charge.

We look forward to seeing friends old and new.

Lynne Howard

01603 738835 secretary@wroxhamurc.org.uk

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: 01692 403258

Fr Alan Hodgson alan.hodgson@rcdea.org.org.uk.

Secretary Jane Owen: rcnwalsham@gmail.com.



Wroxham & Hoveton Lions Club

I do hope that you all had an enjoyable Easter. What a change to have some decent weather for once! Together with the lighter evenings, we can get on with life.

I want to talk a bit about membership. That feeling of belonging to a group or organisation where you feel appreciated and valued. As regular readers will know, our Club celebrated its fiftieth anniversary earlier on this year, which is quite an achievement, and we do have one of the founder members still active, and this was celebrated at our lunch by our District Governor.

Other Lions Clubs in the area are marking their foundations, or celebrating their Charters, in Lions speak, and members of neighbouring Lions Clubs go to support these Charter Lunches. It is good to see and catch up with old friends and, sometimes, to make new friends. Lions Clubs International is one of the largest, if not the largest, service organisations in the world. Membership of this is special. We are part of an international family; it is a good feeling.

But all of these Clubs cannot continue to give the service they provide to their communities without recruiting new members. Lions are ordinary people doing extraordinary things. But they are not doing these things as a full-time job. Like you, they are employers, employees, parents, carers and so on. Their service is done in the evenings and at weekends. We say that family always comes first, then work and Lions activities third. Membership of a Lions Club is not a life sentence, although, as I mentioned above, membership can last a long time!

When my wife and I moved to Norfolk nearly fifteen years ago, we did not know anyone in our village. My wife was born in Norwich, so she felt that she was coming home, and gradually, we made friends in our village. We had met through doing charity work in Berkshire. We made friends through our membership of a Talking Newspaper for the Blind, and we made a difference to those visually impaired people in our part of Berkshire. Through our membership of Wroxham and Hoveton Lions Club, we have made some very good friendships, and we feel that our efforts on behalf of the Lions are appreciated.

Do you care enough about your community to want to make a difference to someone who needs help? Through our fundraising, we can make donations to local causes, individuals and, occasionally, other charities. Are you new to the area and would like to make new friends? Can you spare a few hours a month? We meet twice a month at the Broadland Youth and Community Centre in Hoveton.

If you have read the article above, how much do you need us? We definitely need you. Hopefully, together, we can improve more people's lives.

Derick Bowler, PR Officer



Wroxham Bure Valley Rotary Club

We have recently welcomed a group of rotarians from Croatia, from the club who welcomed and entertained us so well last year. We took them to Carrow Road to see Norwich, and they also spent some time visiting Norwich before we entertained them over dinner at Wroxham Barns.

We have also been busy helping in our local community, managing car parking at Hoveton Medical Centre for the recent Covid vaccination clinic...and did you come and meet us on our stand at Horning Boat show on **Saturday 2nd May?**

Our next big event will be our annual Classic Car show which takes place at Wroxham Barns. It gets bigger and better every year so although it is still a few weeks away make a note of the date now – **Sunday 6th September** - and be sure not to miss it.

Our regular Monday evening meetings continue with outside visits, business meetings and a varied and interesting programme of speaker meetings, all at Wroxham Barns. Please let us know if you fancy coming along. You can support us and the many local and international charities we donate to, through the Broadland Council Lottery Scheme – simply go on line at www.communityatheartlottery.com and sign up, selecting Wroxham Bure Valley Rotary Club as your chosen cause – or you can support us directly by visiting our page on the www.totalgiving.co.uk web site.

If you fancy joining us for a vibrant, sociable, active, and fun club experience, please contact our president, Chris Billing, on 07555 171574.

Peter Milsted



Wroxham Library

Below are just a very small few of the events and services offered but see our Facebook page or call the library on 01603 782560.

- Just a Cuppa, every Tuesday 10 – 12pm. Come along for a friendly chat over a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit.
- Scrabble Club Usually last Thursday of each month from 2-4pm. Next session **Thursday 28th May**. All welcome.
- 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.
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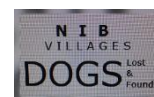
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Pennygate -

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 JUNE EDITION – 14th May 2026

Diary dates for May 2026

Fri	1 st	10-4pm	Horning Boat Show
Mon	4 th	7pm for 7.30pm	Village Screen, NVH: "H is for Hawk"
Fri	8 th		Flower Festival with Teas and Cakes – St Mary's, Tunstead Church
Sat	9 th	9am-noon	Community Market and Café with car boot, NVH
Sat	9 th	2-3pm	Flower Festival with music – St Mary's, Tunstead Church
Sun	10 th	3pm	Flower Festival continues with service – St Mary's, Tunstead Church
Mon	11 th	2pm	Horning Flower Club, Horning Village Hall
Wed	13 th	7-9pm	Knit and Stitch, Dolly Newcombe Community Room, NVH
Thurs	14 th	10-12pm	Friends and Neighbours, VH – talk on Worstead Weavers
Thurs	14th	NOTE	Deadline for the June NIB Edition: Saturday 14th May
Sat	16 th	10-12pm	Barton Turf Church Coffee morning
Sun	17 th	10.30-12.30pm	Neatishead Bowls Club Open Day
Mon	18 th	7.30pm	Garden Club with talk on Cottage Gardens, NVH
Wed	20 th	10.10am 11.15am	Mobile Library: Pitt Corner, Neatishead NR12 8BT Mobile Library: Council Houses, Ashmanhaugh NR12 8YL
Weds	20 th	2pm	WI, NVH
Sat	23 rd	6pm	Mellow Magic, How Hill, Wherry Yacht Charter
Sun	24 th	10.30am	APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting), St Michael's Church, Irstead
Sun	24 th	2-4pm	Launch of The Friends of Irstead Church, St Michael's Church, Irstead
Wed	27 th	10.15am 10.35am 10.55am	Mobile Library, Pennygate, Barton Turf NR12 8BE Mobile Library, Ex-Post Office, Barton Turf NR12 8BB Mobile Library, Staithe Road, Barton Turf NR12 8AZ
Wed	27 th	7-9pm	Knit and Stitch: Dolly Newcombe Community Room: NVH
Thurs	28 th	10-12pm	Friends & Neighbours, NVH – talk on The Home Front
Sat	30 th	10-11.30am	Hope Café: Neatishead Baptist Church Chapel Road NR12 8YF

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

Monday 1st June: Village Screen – 'Hamnet'

Saturday 6th June: Barton Turf Fete

June 22nd-28th: Broad Arts exhibition 'Seas the Day', Cromer

Monday 6th July: Village Screen – 'Song Sung Blue'

Monday 3rd August: Village Screen – Wuthering Heights

Saturday 5th September: Village Show

Sunday 6th September: Rotary Classic Car Show, Wroxham Barns

Saturday-Sunday 19th-20th September: St Peter's Church Celebration

Local Services and Contact Details

- New Victory Hall: Street Hill, Neatishead, Norfolk, NR12 8A. For enquiries/hall bookings www.victoryhall.info or email bookings@victoryhall.info tel:07551 008065. Online ticket sales for events and cinema, order these via Red Box link
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- White Horse Inn: The Street, Neatishead, NR12 8AD, 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.

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Neatishead: Laura Bateman clerk@neatisheadpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk

Benefice of St Benedict - Church Services – May 2026

Sunday 3rd May: 5th Sunday of Easter

- 9.30am Benefice Holy Communion and Sunday Club at St Peter, Neatishead

Sunday 10th May: 6th Sunday of Easter

- 9.30am Benefice & Holy Communion at St Swithin's, Ashmanhaugh
- 11am Christian Aid Service at St Michael & All Angels', Barton Turf

Sunday 17th May: 7th 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 24th May: Pentecost

- 9.30am Morning Prayer at St Benedict's, Horning
- 9.30am Holy Communion at St Michael's, Irstead
- 11am Holy Communion at St Michael & All Angels', Barton Turf

Sunday 31st May: Trinity Sunday

- 9.30am Benefice Holy Communion at St Peter, Neatishead

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

- Monday: Neatishead (3rd 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
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Sun 3 rd May	10.30am	Marc Grimston - Communion	Sat 18 th May	2pm	Fellowship Meeting studying Mark's Gospel
Fri 8 th May	10am	Prayers	Sun 24 th May	10.30am	The Rev'd Sue Seeley
Sun 10 th May	11am	Christian Aid Sunday St Michael & All Angels, Barton Turf	Sat 30 th May	10am	Hope Café
Sun 17 th May	10.30am	John Vinter	Sun 31 st May	10.30am	Marc Grimston

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 2.00 pm Prayer Meeting 10am in church.

Please contact the Secretary for more details.

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