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Christmas Light Celebrations Sunday 29th November – please see page 4



The Benefice of St Benedict

Remembering and praying with and for the departed

November is traditionally our month of remembrance. Over the next few weeks our community will remember the brave men and women who sadly gave their lives to ensure that we could live in a better world. We can only try to imagine the fears and worries those brave service men and women experienced and indeed continue to experience even today, when they are asked to go and serve in a dangerous war zone.

Sadly, our history is littered with terrible wars and horrific conflicts; the tragic consequence of our fallen human nature. Yet at the centre of each one of those historic wars are young people who have been asked to do an incredibly dangerous job of protecting the rest of the country and safeguarding future generations. Some of those brave men and women would have been young parents who had to say goodbye to their partners and their children, in the full knowledge that they might never see them again. Tragically, many of them did not come home.

That is a very powerful and sombre thought for all of us which can help ensure that we keep our promise: that they will never be forgotten.

The Church also uses the month of November to remember and pray for all our loved ones who have departed this earth.

On **Sunday 1st November at 3pm** at Barton Turf we shall hold our special annual All Souls' service. This is always a powerful and emotional service where we come together as a community to remember and pray for our loved ones who have gone before us to be with Christ. Everyone is welcome and departed loved ones are remembered and prayed for by name.

We can pray for our departed loved ones because Jesus assured us that we are all part of one Body - both living and departed.

All the members of the Body care and pray for one another; whether we happen to be on this side of the grave or beyond it.

In Jesus, death and time do not separate us. Therefore, just as we pray for one another as we live and grow here on earth, it is natural and it is right to pray for those who have passed on to the next stage of their spiritual journey. In the same way, we can be sure that our departed loved ones in Christ, along with all the saints, continue to pray and care for us here on earth.

Therefore, let us this month remember and pray for all those who have died, for those who sacrificed themselves so that we could live, and for our own loved ones who we miss each day. Let us pray for them and let them pray for us.

Praised be Christ.

Revd Ben

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St Michael and All Angels' Barton Turf

May I thank all those who played a part in making the Harvest service so special this year. The food was delivered to the Phoenix Centre in Norwich as is our practice. As many of you will know it was 40 years since the bells were hung at Barton Church so during the service we were able to rededicate those bells. We welcomed some residents from Broadacres who joined us and the Rev'd Canon Keith James, the Archdeacon of Norwich, who conducted the service which he enjoyed very much! We have had some very successful coffee mornings in recent months. May I thank all those who have come along. The coffee morning for November will be on **Saturday 21st Novembe**r at the usual time. We look forward to seeing you all. On **Wednesday 11th November** we will meet at the lychgate, as usual at 10.45am for our Act of Remembrance. This is always a special occasion and very much appreciated by so many.

Barbara Pilcher Church Contact

Barton Turf & Irstead Poors Trust Winter Fuel

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

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

Neatishead School Harvest Festival



It was lovely to see St Peter's so full as the children from Neatishead School celebrated Harvest Festival with their brothers, sisters, parents and grandparents with fantastic readings and beautiful singing. Great story about the turnip, but not so sure about the pickled crocodile! Thank you to all the staff for organising this. *Claire Penstone-Smith*





Quiz evening - NVH
Friday 6th November
7.15pm for 7.30 start

Remember, remember the sixth of November! If you have not already put the date in your diary don't forget the NVH quiz **on Friday 6th November**. Please make up a team of 6 or just come along and join a table for an informal and sociable time for £5. To book your place message or call Pauline on 07818 599303 or Cheryl on 07387 267729. The quiz will begin at 7.30pm, doors open from 7.15pm. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles. There are prizes for the winning team members and there will be a raffle. *NVH Events Team*



Friends and Neighbours

We are holding the club's AGM on **Thursday 12th November** in the NVH at 10am. This will be followed by a 'Mardle and Quiz'.

The first Christmas themed meeting is Christmas bingo on **Thursday 26th November**. There will be the usual bring and buy and raffle at both meetings. These are all very sociable occasions to which visitors are always welcome. For more information about the club please contact the Chairperson, Jean Barber on 01263 721698. *Jane King*



Village Screen at the NVH
Monday 2nd November
7pm for 7.30pm
Savage House Cert:15 114 Minutes

Savage House is a 2026 British black comedy period film set in 18th century England around 1715 during a time of political unrest and a pox outbreak.

The story follows Sir Chauncey Savage (Richard E. Grant), a man of humble beginnings who becomes an unscrupulous social climber along with his razor-sharp wife Lady Savage (Claire Foy) whom he married for her wealth and noble name, as they prepare to host a dinner for the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire.

We look forward to welcoming you to the New Victory Hall, tea/coffee is available for a small charge. Please visit www.victoryhall.info to book tickets, or call Christine 01692 631347 to reserve a ticket. Subject to availability, cost £6 or can be purchased on the door, card or cash. *The Village Screen Team*



The Community Market
NVH, Neatishead

Saturday 14th November, 9am to noon

Lots of regular stalls

Also, Book-a-Table for individuals or Community Groups, £5 per head

To book please get in touch with Pauline on 07818 599303

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



Christmas Card Delivery

Once again, the Christmas Elves will be happy to deliver all your Christmas Cards to our local villages; Neatishead, Irstead, Barton Turf, Pennygate and Beeston St Lawrence. The Post Boxes will be in the Village Hall and White House Stores from **Monday 30th November**. Delivery of the cards will be on **Wednesday 16th December**.

For anyone new to the area, this is a service we happily provide, sorting and delivering all your local Christmas cards. We ask that the envelopes are clearly marked with full name and address. All donations are gratefully received and help fund activities and events for our village youngsters.

Ruth Dockerty for The Christmas Elves

CHRISTMAS LIGHT PARADE

FREE ENTRY

& VILLAGE LIGHT SWITCH ON!

Come along and decorate your very own Christmas decoration, write your letter to Santa and have it stamped and posted in his special North Pole postbox!

Santa himself will be there! Climb aboard his sleigh for a festive photo, so don't forget your cameras!

Once you've collected your magical Christmas wand, Santa will lead the festive parade through The Street, lighting up the way to White House Stores!

Live music from the Ukulele Band to get you into the festive spirit!
Free hot chocolate at White House Stores!
Hot food available at Ye Olde Saddlery!
Regency open for festive shopping!
Mulled wine and a warm welcome at the pub!

SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 3.30-4.30PM

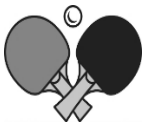


Table Tennis at the NVH

Join us every Tuesday from 7-9pm. All are welcome: bats and balls available - just bring yourself. £3 per session, refreshments available.



New Victory Hall – Christmas Fair

Saturday 5th December 9.30am – 12 noon

Do join us for the annual NVH Christmas Fair. Many local groups will be there providing stalls with Christmas gifts, games, crafts and cakes as well as the Grand Christmas Draw with a great range of prizes.



NIB Adverts

Have you used a local tradesperson recently or purchased and been delighted with some goods? Spread the word and suggest they put an ad in the NIB. With over 500 copies being delivered each month, plus more posted and emailed out, we have a wide reach. Our prices are very reasonable (see page 14 for details). We also welcome personal ads – do you have an item to sell? Together with your kind donations, the ads are what keep our magazine going.

Sue Clayton NIB Adverts
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Garden Club

Last month, Brian Hedges gave us an insight to the wonderful garden he and his wife have created, full of flowers and interesting features. The weather has now turned quite autumnal albeit with some warmer than normal days. Lots of us are turning our thoughts to the winter jobs – tidying the garden, checking our tools, catching up on greenhouse maintenance and also, more excitingly, planning for next year's planting – or is it just me who is being enticed by seed catalogues?

This month's meeting is on **Monday 16th November** at 7.30pm, our speaker will be Simon White on Hanging Baskets – who doesn't want advice and ideas on their hanging baskets!

As ever, visitors are most welcome at our meetings for the cost of £4 which includes a cuppa and biscuits. Please note that we now serve the tea and biscuits before the talk, from 7pm. I hope to see lots of you there.

Sue Clayton
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Macmillan Coffee Morning

held on Friday 25th September

A very Big Thankyou from the Macmillan Coffee Morning team. Together we raised £1477.12. What wonderful support! We look forward to seeing you in 2027 *Cheryl Pell & the WISE Ladies*

Neatishead Community Gym

We are delighted to announce that, following a recruitment drive, we have appointed Mahbubur Rahman (Mash) as our new permanent main instructor. Mash has already settled in well and is much appreciated by all members as they explore new ways to exercise. For the next few months, Mash will outline some of the benefits of attending the gym. Below is the first instalment: a story of staying active through injury!

Please visit www.neatisheadcommunitygym.com for details of trial visits, membership and standby trainer roles. Alternatively, please contact Mash on 07387 876216.

Rebecca Jenkinson

A Broken Wrist, Not a Broken Routine!

Does an injury mean you have to stop exercising completely? Not necessarily! Sometimes, staying active in a safe and sensible way can make a real difference to our physical and mental wellbeing while we recover. One of our Neatishead Community Gym members, Bec, is a wonderful example of this positive approach. Bec was walking her dogs in Bacton Woods, in September, when she tripped over a log and broke her right wrist. “I felt immediately something was seriously wrong,” Bec recalls. “I was devastated as I had a 10K race the following morning.” With her dominant hand injured, Bec feared losing the fitness and strength she had worked so hard to build. “I thought I would not be able to do anything for a long time,” she explained.

During a conversation at a local coffee morning, Bec and I discussed whether she could continue attending the gym by adapting her usual exercise routine. My suggestion was simple. ’Focus on what you can safely do, rather than what you temporarily cannot do'. Instead of giving up exercise altogether, Bec returned to the gym and began doing suitable activities that did not require using her injured wrist. Her adapted routine has included recumbent cycling, gentle mobility movements, supine stretches and bodyweight squats, with an emphasis on avoiding pressure or strain on her injured arm. “I have enjoyed all the exercises, because doing anything has helped me be more positive about my recovery,” Bec told me. Although her wrist is still in a cast, staying active has helped her maintain a sense of normality and confidence. “I have felt a lot better about myself, knowing that I am still exercising despite a broken wrist.”

Bec admits that one of her biggest challenges has been the frustration of being unable to do everyday things. But she has continued to enjoy the supportive atmosphere at Neatishead Community Gym. She particularly appreciates the excellent variety of equipment, friendly members and the opportunity for a chat between exercises. When asked what advice she would give someone who feels discouraged about exercising after an injury, Bec replied: “Go for it - it is amazing what you can actually do under the correct supervision - never give up!”

Mash (Mahbubur Rahman)
Fitness Instructor; Personal Trainer
Neatishead Community Gym



White House Stores

If you feel; you could give us a hand for a couple of hours a week, we would really love to hear from you.

Support your Community Shop – there are so many things to keep it running and the managers need help daily. Routine tasks, such as shelf filling, serving at the till, cleaning, tidying the stock room, shopping for fruit and vegetables. Full training is given. Do pop into the shop for a friendly shop or please contact Chris Warren on either 01692 631347 or email info@whitehousestores.co.uk.

Plus, a reminder to have a good look around to see how we can save you driving to a large supermarket occasionally. Could you buy a few things from us which you might normally get from them? Your milk, eggs, ham or cheese for example? We may be a small shop, but we are packed full of a whole lot more than newspapers!



Broadacres Christmas Fayre

Do please come along to the Broadacres Christmas Fayre on **Saturday 28th November** 11-3pm. There will be craft and gift stalls, cake stall, bric-a-brac, Raffle, Tombola and Refreshments. We’d love to see you.

Jayne Alexander Oakley

We are looking for someone to join our NIB editorial team for 2027

The NIB editorial group are looking for a Deputy Editor for next year. If you are interested in joining our happy team then please contact Sue thenibmanager@gmail.com or 07850 436211



Knit and Stitch

Our Noah's Ark eventually made it into the window of the White House Stores last month and we hope you had a chance to see it. This was knitted for a festival in Barton Church some ten years ago when each village organisation chose a book to illustrate. It has been lovely to see it on display again. And very much admired, several visitors to the shop have enquired about purchasing some of the beautifully created figures and animals! But alas of course they are not for sale!

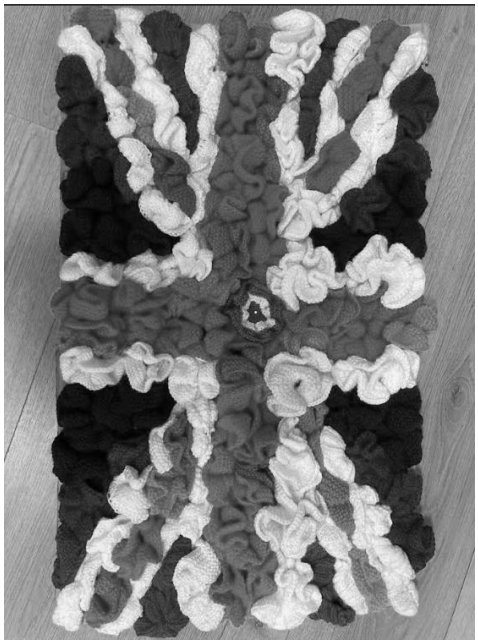
This month, poppies made by members of the group will be displayed across the villages as we show respect for the people who died fighting in the First World War and in the conflicts that have followed it.

Today the most famous is the red poppy which was inspired by the fields of poppies that grew where many of the battles were fought during World War One but now there are other coloured poppies which have been created that have different meanings.

Many patterns are available for making poppies whether it be knitted, crocheted or sewn and this year there is one available on the British Legion website (go to www.britishlegion.org.uk and search for pattern). By the time you read this it will unfortunately be too late for your poppy to be displayed through their event, but if you would like to pass your poppies to our group we will ensure they are displayed locally.

We continue to meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month (see diary for dates) from 7-9pm in the New Victory Hall. Do get in touch if you would like to know more or just come along and say hello, you will be most welcome. Contact: 07760 643739 or claireps@btinternet.com.

Claire Penstone-Smith





Neatishead White Horse Bowls Club – Three Hammer Common

Well, the dark nights are now upon us and as a club we are looking forward to some get-together winter activities starting with our Presentation Dinner and a games night this month. If you have just moved to the village, or have been here for some time, and would like to meet new people in a lovely setting and take part in our social events as well as learning to play bowls, we would love to see you at the green next year.

We will be hosting an open day at the beginning of the season (date to follow in future editions of the NIB) and would love to see you for a cuppa and a slice of cake and of course your chance to try your hand at something new.

If you need any more information, please contact Andrew (Chair) at a.wood2207@btinternet.com or call 07715 801309.

Annette Wood Club Secretary



NABS

Hello Dolly!! Do you hear the people sing?

It's been *The Longest Time* since our last show, and we think it's about time we stepped back into the spotlight! We are planning a couple of nights celebrating all things Musical on **26th and 27th March 2027,** so whether you're ready to *Defy Gravity*, want to *Seize the Day*, or simply fancy being *In the Room Where It Happens,* we'd love to hear from you!

Or maybe you'd rather stay out of the spotlight and work your magic behind the scenes helping with costumes, props, sets, lighting, sound, backstage organisation or any of the other million things that make a show *Wicked*.

No experience necessary, no audition nerves required, and absolutely everyone is welcome — on stage or off! Rehearsals will be on Thursdays, and we will be doing some workshops in the lead up!

So Musical theatre lovers, assemble! because after all, there's *no business-like show business*! Let's dust off those scripts, warm up those vocal cords, dig out the jazz hands and prove that the *show must go on!* Please email us on thenabs74@gmail.com to show your interest.

Shelagh Smith and Lisa Seagar

New Victory Hall Christmas Party Night
Saturday 12th December At 7.30pm
With the Doghouse Band and Friends



Tickets £10 on sale from 16th November at White House Stores (cash only) or on-line at www.victoryhall.info.
Pay bar, bring your own nibbles.



Neatishead, Irstead & Barton Turf Community Heritage

The presentation on Medieval Women of Norwich by Sally-Anne Lomas in September was much enjoyed by all those who attended. Sally-Anne mentioned three books relating to the three women whose lives she spoke about - Julian of Norwich, Margery Kempe and Margaret Paston. If you would like details of the books please get in touch with me.

At our AGM last month, as well as the business meeting looking back at the past year, we showed two short films about Horace (Jack) Pestell and his son Sid (Cuddy), both men of our villages, told through word, song and photographs which have been created for both the family and our group. Looking forward if you would like to help in any way with events, research, admin or plans for the coming year, we'd love to have you join us.

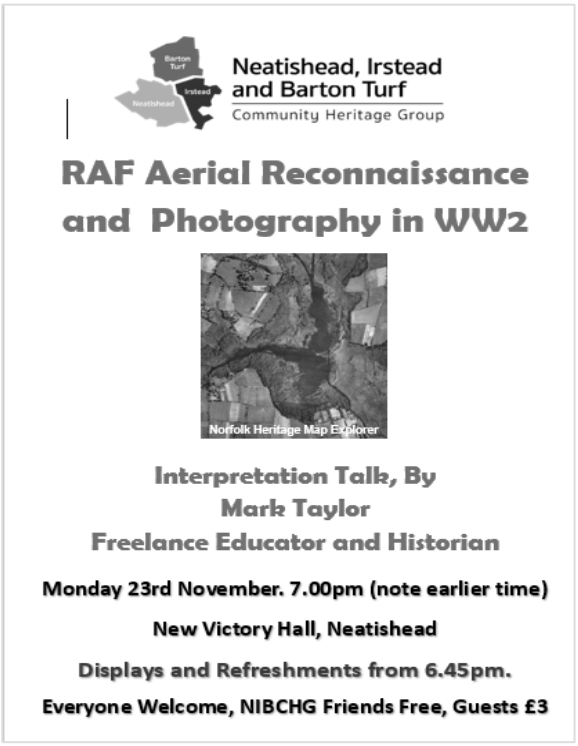
Meanwhile, we are very pleased to be welcoming Mark Taylor, a freelance Historical Educator and Historian, to our last meeting of the year which takes place on **Monday 23rd November at 7pm *(please note earlier time),*** at the NVH with displays and refreshments from **6.45pm**. Mark's talk will shine a light on the vital role of aerial photographic intelligence in WW2.

It will cover the technology, methods, people and successes that made up 90% of all intelligence gathered during the war and which led to ultimate victory. He will be bringing some items for people to look at and handle before and for a short time after the talk which will include aerial cameras and stereoscopes.

We look forward to seeing you - NIBCHG Friends free, Guests £3.

November is also that special time of the year when we remember all those who served their country and especially those who paid the ultimate sacrifice. They are not just names on a memorial. There will be a display in each of our parish churches where you will find out more about those men from our villages who served their country, who they were, the part they played in the two world wars and the families they left behind. Do take a few moments to visit and pay your respects. 07760 643739 or claireps@btinternet.com.

Claire Penstone-Smith



Weather

Dry weather returns in September to prolong drought.

Total rainfall for September was just 23.6mms/0.93in which is 39% of average. This mostly fell in the first half of the month as dry, warm weather returned in the second half. Temperatures were well above average with the highest recorded at 25.6°C on the 22nd.

The first two weeks in October have seen more unsettled weather return, together with fluctuating temperatures both day and night. Rainfall amounts have been on the low side at 18mms/0.7in or 26% of average. The highest daily total to date is 9.2mms/0.36in on the 9th. There is no appreciable rainfall forecast for the next few weeks so the drought status will continue.

Peter Mills

Wildlife Notes

With the warm weather continuing into October, I have been enjoying seeing Bumble bees, Butterflies and Dragonflies in my garden up to mid-month. At this time of year one bird suddenly becomes more visible and that is the Jay.

Most of us are used to hearing the harsh, scolding, shrieking noise that Jays make to announce their presence or to alert us to a nearby predator. The Welsh name for them, Ysgrech y Coed, translates as "shrieker of the wood" a rather appropriate name.



Jon Kelf

They are mostly woodland birds and generally vegetarian but do eat some large insects, especially beetles, and have gained a bad reputation as raiders of other birds' nests in the spring although that is more often their cousins, the Magpie. Jays are generally quite shy birds but at this time of year they will venture into your garden to feed on acorns, the seed of the mighty English Oak tree. Jays can carry 4 acorns at a time stored in a pouch in their throat and will fly off and stash the nuts by burying them in a suitable caching area. From studies made of Jays it is known that a single bird may collect and bury several thousand acorns and maybe up to 5 thousand of them. Remarkably it can remember where it has stashed around three quarters of the nuts it has hidden as it uses them as a food resource to survive the winter months. Many of our country Oak trees are the result of the ones it has failed to relocate. Jays are members of the Crow or Corvid family and are considered by many people to be the prettiest bird of that family with their pink upperparts, black facial stripe, white rump and vivid patch of blue and black chequered feathers on their black and white wings. It is the small wing feathers which were greatly sought after by makers of fishing flies and makers of ladies' hats in the Victorian times. Mark Cocker in his book "Birds Britannica" refers to the Duchess of Edinburgh receiving a lot of criticism in 1880 when she toured Cannes in France wearing a muff made entirely of the blue and black covert wing feathers of a Jay. During the autumn our resident population of some 170,000 pairs of Jays are joined by migrant birds from Europe especially if there has been a bad acorn crop on the continent. The sight of groups of Jays flying in off the sea is one which surprises many bird watchers. Another fact which many people are unaware of is the fact that Jays are good mimics and can copy other birds' calls including those of the Tawny Owl and Buzzard. Look out for the first Goldeneyes, Teal and Wigeon as the winter wildfowl numbers start to build up on the broads.

Jerry Simpson

HUB Christmas Fayre, Horning Village Hall Saturday 21st November, 11am–4pm

Browse magical gifts and crafts from Stephanie, beautiful beading by Pat, wonderful silver jewellery by Fiona, Malcolm's popular bird tables and planters, Jo's pretty sea glass, Carol's always-original cards and much more. We are also welcoming Katie as our new guest stallholder, bringing a tempting range of cakes. Lorraine will be there with fresh lemon curd and orders taken for Christmas Wreaths.

Santa will be in the grotto, with the sleigh outside for everyone to admire. Visits are £3 and include a gift every time. There will be a craft table and facepainting too. The Windmill Café will be serving snacks and delicious bacon rolls, while the pie man is expected to be as popular as ever.

The Hub Singers return to entertain visitors, and the ever-popular tombola will be there too.

We would love to see you at the village hall. The post office in the village will be open to assist you as cash is always welcome.

Bring your family, invite your friends, and join us for a festive day out!

Contact horninghub@yahoo.com or please call us on 01692 630695. *Karen Smith*



St Peter's Church Neatishead

The PCC of St Peter's Church would like to thank all those who supported our September weekend celebration event. What an amazing success! After such a long period of fundraising - over 7 years, finally we were able to celebrate the completion of the refurbishment of our bell and bell tower and the restoration of our ancient church boundary walls. All this could not have been achieved without the support of our community.

We also acknowledge the major contribution made by the National Lottery Heritage Fund

How wonderful to see the church full of all those who have contributed in so many ways towards our fundraising for the wonderful concert on the Friday evening, with Lauren Simpson providing us with an evening of timeless music featuring much loved classics alongside contemporary favourites followed by a delicious supper.

Saturday and Sunday saw many through our doors to view the excellent exhibition based on the history of our 3 NIB churches provided by the NIB community heritage group. Particular thanks to Claire Penstone-Smith, Michael Brandon Jones and Monica Riley. The weekend concluded with a service of Evening Prayer combined with our harvest festival and delicious tea and cakes.

We were delighted to welcome our Diocesan Bishop the Rt Revd Graham Usher, Bishop of Norwich who dedicated the bell and wall and again to see our church full. Donations over the weekend came to £266.10 and our harvest collection in aid of YANA in memory of Fran Baugh amounted to £241.

With most grateful thanks.

Pauline Simpson, Church Warden

Wroxham and District u3a

Membership of the u3a in Wroxham and District is increasing and we now have over 150 members. The history group had their 'Blue Plaque Walk' in Norwich, which was packed with historical details. Most of us (even those of us Norfolk born and bred) had never seen the scheduled monument, built in 1577, called Gybson's Conduit Monument hidden along a path off Westwick Street.



The book group read a book called The Clear Light of Day by Anita Desai, set in Delhi, from the 1930s to the 1980s and the poetry group read poems about the supernatural.

Apart from our many other 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 general meetings are as follows:

- **17th Nov** The History of Radar at Neatishead – Ian Dormer
- **15th December** Christmas Party
- **19thJanuary** Future Food Security – Robin Baines

Please contact us at wroxhamu3a@mail.com or at website www.wroxhamanddistrict.u3asite.uk.

Pauline Wright-Marchant

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 rcnwalsham@gmail.com.

Wroxham & Hoveton United Reformed Church

Do join us for any or all the following **November** services, all of which start at 10.30am:

Sunday 1st Service including Holy Communion.
Sunday 8th **Sunday 15th**
Sunday 22nd **Sunday 29th**

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

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.

For information on future sessions and other events please go to: https://wroxhamurc.org.uk/jam or for 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 noon on Thursdays. All are welcome, there is no charge. We look forward to seeing friends old and new contact 01603 738835.

Lynne Howard
secretary@wroxhamurc.org.uk



The Cricket Club

The cricket season has come to an end, and we celebrated with our annual President's Day, inviting guest players, retired players as well as villagers and junior members to form teams to compete on the day for the 2026 title!

A new winner was crowned, Doug our president taking the crown from Rory during a fantastic day where we made our best efforts to empty the bar and freezer! Thank you to everyone who came along to support the club one final time this year.

We had many highs (and a few lows!) on the pitch in 2026 but the future is certainly bright for our village club. Lots of new juniors enjoying their cricket, our under 9 and under 11 sections growing beyond all expectations! Several of our older juniors made their senior debut with great success. All Star Cricket for ages 5-8 has had a wonderful year and will be running again through 2027 – look out for announcements once dates are set.

We now look ahead to the annual Presentation Dinner hosted by The Lodge, Salhouse. Approximately 100 guests will be seated to hear speeches, congratulate trophy winners and of course enjoy a delicious meal.

Preparations are already underway for the 2027 season. Fixture books go to print in January so if you would like to be included by way of advertising your business please get in touch. A full colour, full page advert is available, and our books are distributed around Norfolk at the start of the season.

Sponsorship packages come in many forms, lots of advertising, in print, around our grounds and on all social media platforms just get in touch for information, abwcc.events@gmail.com.

Keep an eye on our social media for winter nets and diary dates for social events, everyone is welcome from age 9 upwards.

Contact Information: Feel free to reach out with any queries playing enquiries: joeverett333@gmail.com activities or events: ABWCC.events@gmail.com.

Follow the club on Facebook, Instagram, and X for all the latest news. From everyone at ABWCC, we wish you a happy, safe and peaceful winter and look forward to seeing you on the boundary (or on the pitch) in 2027.

Joy Everett

Neatishead Parish Council

Norfolk Police North Norfolk Online Neighbourhood Drop-In Sessions.

Our Monthly online Neighbourhood Drop-In Sessions are open to all members of the public to raise concerns and ask questions about policing issues affecting North Norfolk. The sessions take place on the first Wednesday of each month.

The next session is on **Wednesday 4th November** – 6:30pm to 7:30pm. To join any of the sessions, email SNTNorthNorfolk@norfolk.police.uk for the joining link.

Scam Awareness – Stay Alert, Stay Safe

The Parish Council would like to remind residents to remain vigilant against scams and fraudulent activity.

Scams can take many forms, including suspicious telephone calls, text messages, emails, doorstep callers and fraudulent online offers. Scammers are becoming increasingly sophisticated, and anyone can be targeted.

Residents are encouraged to take care when sharing personal or financial information, avoid clicking suspicious links and never feel pressured into making payments or decisions.

Norfolk County Council Trading Standards offers a free Scam Alert email service, providing information and warnings about scams affecting people across Norfolk.

Residents can find further information and sign up at www.norfolk.gov.uk/scams. Please also consider sharing this information with friends, family and neighbours, particularly those who may not regularly use the internet. By staying informed and looking out for one another, we can help protect our community from scams.

Vacancy on Neatishead Parish Council

Neatishead Parish Council would like to advise residents that a vacancy has arisen on the Parish Council following the resignation of Councillor Ben Mullard.

In accordance with the usual process, there will now be an opportunity for electors to request a by-election. If a by-election is not requested, the Parish Council will then be able to fill the vacancy by co-option.

Further information about the vacancy and how it will be filled will be shared in due course. Please keep an eye on the Parish Council website, Facebook page and village noticeboards for updates.

The Parish Council would also like to take this opportunity to thank Ben for the time, commitment and contribution he has given to Neatishead Parish Council and the local community over the years. His work and support have been very much appreciated by his fellow councillors and the Council. We wish Ben all the very best for the future and with his new endeavours.

Melanie Eversfield
Parish Clerk & RFO Neatishead Parish Council
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Wroxham and Hoveton Lions Club

Our fundraising continued in October with a Jumble Sale at the Broadland Youth and Community Centre, next to Hoveton Village Hall, on Sunday 18th October.

The next, and final Craft Fair of this year will take place on **Sunday 22nd November**, at Hoveton Village Hall, Stalham Road, Hoveton, NR12 8DU. Parking is free and refreshments will be available, the event starts at 10am until 4pm.

The Club also attended an event in The Forum, Norwich on Sunday 11th October, to publicise Lions Clubs activities in this country and abroad as well as what the Lions Club family does in and around your local community.





We also took our Santa's Sleigh, which you will see out and about in December. The Sleigh, plus Santa of course, will be making an appearance at Lidl in North Walsham, so come and see him and us - dates yet to be confirmed.

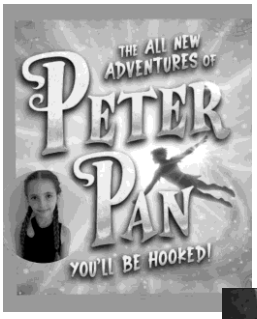
Talking about Christmas our Charity Shop will close between 24th and 28th December, 1st January, and on Monday 11th January for two weeks for refurbishment. If you are looking for Christmas presents, do not hesitate to go to the Wroxham Riverside Shopping Parade.

Derick Bowler
PR Officer Wroxham and Hoveton Lions Club CIO

Poppy is in the Panto!

Georgina Grocott who provides our NIBs Kids puzzles, colouring pictures and word games advises us that her daughter, Poppy has been cast in the Panto at Norwich Theatre. Georgina writes,

"Following her recent performances in Carousel and Les Misérables, local performer Poppy Grocott, has now been cast in Peter Pan at Norwich Theatre Royal. Several people in the village have asked which performances Poppy will be appearing in over the Christmas period, so her dates are shown below.



POPPY'S PERFORMANCE TIMES

	DECEMBER	
Saturday	5 December	5:00 pm
Tuesday	8 December	10:30 am
Wednesday	9 December	7:30 pm
Friday	11 December	1:00 pm
Saturday	12 December	2:30 pm
Tuesday	15 December	10:30 am
Wednesday	16 December	7:30 pm
Saturday	19 December	2:30 pm
Sunday	20 December	5:00 pm
Monday	21 December	7:30 pm
Thursday	24 December	1:00 pm
Saturday	26 December	2:30 pm
Sunday	27 December	5:00 pm
Tuesday	29 December	1:00 pm
Wednesday	30 December	7:30 pm
	JANUARY	
Saturday	2 January	1:00 pm

More than 400 children applied for roles in the pantomime. After three rounds of auditions, Poppy was delighted to be chosen as one of just 24 children in the cast. The children are divided into three teams, each named after Peter Pan's Lost Children and in a lovely coincidence, Poppy is in Team NIBS!"

See the next page for this month's NIBS KIDS puzzles and games.

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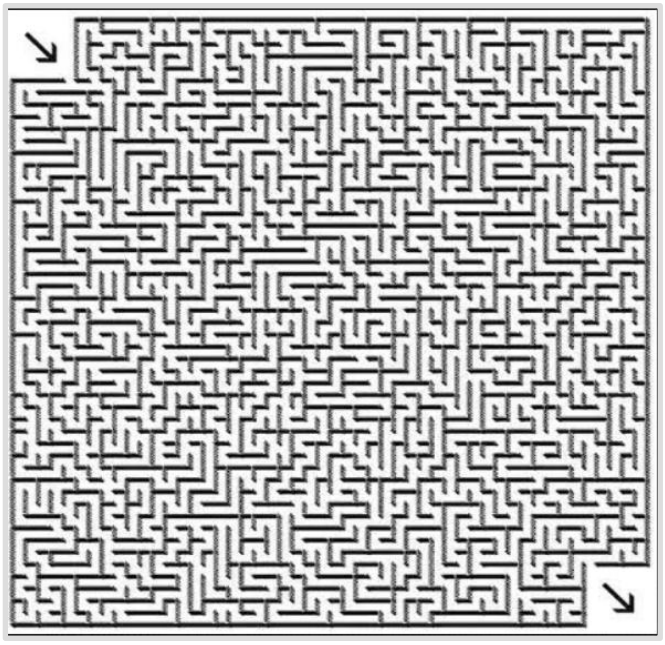
Please note that the December Issue also includes items for January as there is no NIB in January! Get your articles and dates to us promptly so we can include as much as possible. Help us to ensure that a vital 'start of the year' event for your club or organisation is not missed.

Fireworks!
and Autumn Puzzles





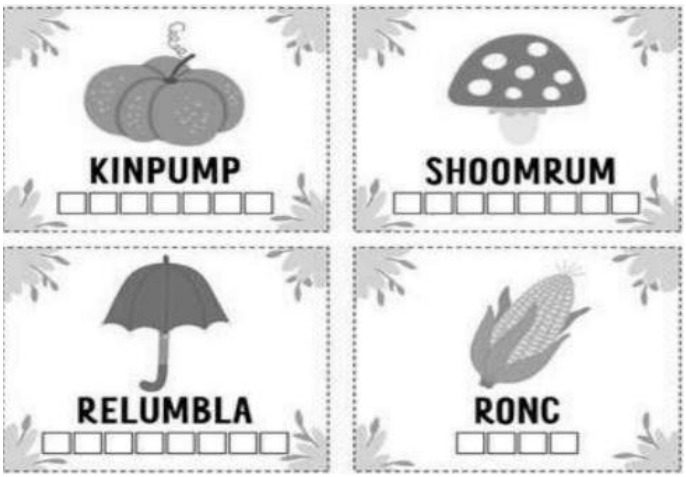
Tricky Maze







Autumn word scramble:



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Neatishead -
New Victory Hall, NR12 8AD
The Granary Business Park, School Rd NR12 8BU
Cangate - Cangate House, NR12 8YH
Barton Turf -
Point Farm (barn wall) NR12 8BB
Cox's Boatyard toilet block NR12 8AZ
Irstead - Staithe Car Park, NR12 8XS
Pennygate - Berry Hall Lodge (left of gate) NR12 8BE

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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PLEASE NOTE
The Deadline for the bumper December 2026 & January 2027 Edition is 14th November 2026

Diary dates for November 2026

Mon	2nd	7 for 7.30 pm	Village Screen, Savage House, NVH
Wed	4th	10.10am 11.15am	Mobile Library: Pitt Corner, Neatishead NR12 8BT Mobile Library: Council Houses, Ashmanhaugh NR12 8YL
Fri	6th	7.15 for 7.30pm	Quiz Night, NVH
Mon	9th	2pm	Horning Flower Club, Horning Village Hall
Wed	11th	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	11h	7-9pm	Knit and Stitch, Dolly Newcombe Community Room, NVH
Thurs	12th	10am	Friends & Neighbours, AGM followed by quiz, NVH
Sat	14h	9am-noon	Community Market and Café, NVH
Sat	**14th**	**NOTE**	**Deadline for the bumper December 2026 & January 2027**
Mon	16th	2pm	WI, NVH
Mon	16th	7 for 7.30pm	Garden Club, NVH – Hanging Baskets with Simon White
Tue	17th	2pm	u3a, The History of Radar at Neatishead, Hoveton Village Hall
Wed	18th	8pm	Quiz Night at White Horse Pub, Supporting Neatishead Primary School
Sat	21st	10-noon	Barton Turf Church Coffee morning
Sat	21st	11am-4pm	Horning Christmas Fayre, Horning Village Hall
Sun	22nd	10am-4pm	Wroxham & Hoveton Lions Craft Fair, Hoveton Village Hall
Mon	23rd	7pm	NIBCHG – WW2 RAF Aerial Reconnaissance, NVH
Wed	25th	7-9pm	Knit and Stitch, Dolly Newcombe Community Room, NVH
Thurs	26th	10am	Friends & Neighbours, Christmas Bingo, NVH
Sat	28th	10-11.30am	Hope Café: Neatishead Baptist Church Chapel Road NR12 8YF
Sat	28th	11am-3pm	Broadacres Christmas Fayre, Hall Road, Barton Turf
Sun	29th	3.30pm	Christmas Light Up Parade, NVH
Mon	30th		Christmas Elves Post Boxes appear in NVH and White House Stores!

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

Sat 5th December – NVH Christmas Fair
Mon 7th December – Village Screen: The Christophers, NVH
Sat 12th December – Christmas Party Night with Doghouse Band &Friends, NVH
Wed 16 December – Christmas Elves will be delivering Christmas Cards!
Tue 19th January 2027 – u3a, "Future Food Security", Hoveton Village Hall
Sat 23rd January 2027 – The Big Community Breakfast, NVH
Fri 26th & Sat 27th March 2027 – NABS celebration of all things Musical, NVH

Local Services and Contact Details

- New Victory Hall: Street Hill, Neatishead, Norfolk, NR12 8A. For enquiries/hall bookings, please see www.victoryhall.info or email bookings@victoryhall.info, tel: 07551 008065. Online ticket sales for events and cinema, order these via the red Box Office link.
- White House Stores Community Shop: Irstead Road, Neatishead NR12 8BJ, 01692 631549. To join the Community Shop Membership: info@whitehousestores.co.uk.
- White Horse Inn: The Street, Neatishead, NR12 8AD, thewhitehorseinnneatishead.com.
- Wroxham Library:01603 782560; https://www.facebook.com/WroxhamLibraryNorfolk/. Weekdays 10am-7.pm, Saturday 10-4pm. Many exciting and interactive things to do. Groups for all ages- not just reading! See Facebook for full details: many interesting things to do and join.

Parish Council Clerks:

- Barton & Irstead: Sarah Martin. Contact email is bartonturfirsteadpc@yahoo.com. Website www.bartonturfandirsteadpc.info.
- Neatishead: Melanie Eversfield. Contact email is clerk@neatisheadpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk. Meet monthly 3rd Thurs 7.30pm NVH, see website at www.neatisheadpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk for further details.

Benefice of St Benedict - Church Services – November 2026



Sunday 1st November: All Saints' Day

- 9.30am: Benefice Holy Communion at St Swithin's, Ashmanhaugh
- 3pm: All Souls Service at St Michael and All Angels's Church, Barton Turf

Sunday 8th November: Remembrance Sunday

- 9am Holy Communion & Act of Remembrance at St Michael's, Irstead
- 10.55am: NIB Parishes Remembrance Service at Neatishead Baptist Church
- 10.45am Remembrance Service at St Swithin's, Ashmanhaugh
- 10.45am Remembrance Service at St Benedict's Church, Horning

Wednesday 11th November: Remembrance Day

- 10.45am Annual Lychgate Act of Remembrance service at St Michael and All Angels' Barton Turf

Sunday 15th November: 2nd Sunday before Advent

- 11am Benefice Holy Communion at St Benedict's Church, Horning



Sunday 22nd November: Christ the King

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

Sunday 29th November: First Sunday of Advent

- 9.30am Benefice Holy Communion at St Michael's, Irstead

Weekday Morning Prayer Services in our Benefice church at 9.15am

Thursday: Barton Turf

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- Barton Turf ..... Barbara Pilcher.....01692 536132
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- Horning..... Christine Hewitt.....christine.hewitt@hotmail.co.uk

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

Sun 1st Nov	10.30am	Marc Grimston Communion	Sun 15h Nov	10.30am	Marc Grimston
Mon 2nd Nov	2pm	Fellowship Meeting	Sun 22nd Nov	10.30am	Val Khambatta
Fri 6th Nov	10am	Prayers in Church	Sat 28th Nov	10am	Hope Café
Sun 8th Nov	10.55am	Remembrance Rev'd Neville Khambatta	Sun 29th Nov	10.30am	Rev'd Neville Khambatta

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.
Secretary: Sue Gibbons secretary@neatisheadbaptistchurch.org.uk