

The NIB

Neatishead, Irstead and Barton Turf Parish Magazine



THE BENEFICE OF St BENEDICT

The Parishes of Ashmanhaugh, Barton Turf, Beeston St Lawrence, Horning, Irstead and Neatishead

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From your Parish Priest

It will all be over by Christmas! It was a prevailing view at the start of the First World War, even though the political and military leaders already knew that the fight for survival between two powerful nations was bound to be costly, difficult and drawn out. It was thought that Operation Market Garden, the mass paratroop landings in Holland in 1944, would end that war by Christmas – the events at Arnhem told a different story. There was hope that there might be an effective Coronavirus vaccine widely available this autumn, and that everything would be back to normal by Christmas

Our new 'normal' will be rather different, at least for a little while yet, and some changes may be almost permanent. When I was younger, Skype hadn't been invented, Zoom was a type of multi-coloured ice lolly, Amazon was the longest river in South America – it still is, but it's not the first thing that springs to mind when the word is mentioned – and many shops still preferred cash because credit card transactions cost them money. We have discovered or invented all these ways of conducting the business of daily life while maintaining 'social distance' from most other human beings for good practical health reasons, and it is important that we follow these rules and guidelines for our own safety and to protect the most vulnerable in our society. However, there is also a pattern and rhythm to our own lives and to the life of our church, our communities, and our nation, which to some extent underpins our well-being. We rely on seasons, festivals, celebrations, gatherings, etc, to punctuate and give pattern to our existence, and putting this pattern 'on-hold' can disrupt our lives, our well-being, and indeed our sanity more than we realise, especially as weeks turn into months and there is uncertainty over if and when 'normality' can be restored.

There is much evidence in the Gospels that Jesus liked a good party and, as a good Jew, would observe all the rhythm of the Jewish festivals. As the church moves forward through Remembrance time, Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, and onward, it seems likely that we shall still have significant restrictions in place, but we too will endeavour to find ways of celebrating, within the rules, even if 'normal' is still some way off.

With every blessing,

David

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From the NIB Church Wardens

With the pandemic restrictions and the winter months approaching, the benefice's church opening days will alter from **Monday 2nd November**. The revised schedule will be, Tuesday - **Neatishead**, Wednesday – **Irstead**, Thursday – **Barton Turf**, Friday – **Horning** and Saturday – **Ashmanhaugh**. Each church will be open from 10am to 3pm. The weekly Holy Communion Service at **Neatishead** will now be on Tuesdays at 10am and **Irstead** as now on Wednesdays at 10am. The **Barton Turf** service of Holy Communion will continue to be on Sundays at 4pm. Our most grateful thanks to David for preparing the Sunday video services, which will continue for the foreseeable future.

The All Souls Service on **Sunday 1st November** will be in the form of an online video service. Should you wish to remember any departed loved one on this occasion then please do advise the Rector or a Warden accordingly. Remembrance Day, **11th November**, falls on a Wednesday this year. An act of Remembrance and wreath laying will follow the 10am Service at **Irstead**. The Lych Gate wreath laying and a two minute silence at 11am at **Barton Turf** commences at 10.45am. An Act of Remembrance and wreath laying will follow **Neatishead's** 10am Holy Communion service on **Tuesday 10th November**. A retiring collection will be taken at each of these services for the British Legion Poppy Appeal. On Sunday 18th October there was a benefice service in the afternoon at Barton Turf to celebrate St Luke's day. It was good to see representatives from all the churches in the benefice gathering together to worship. It was also wonderful to have hymns, although, of course, we were not able to sing. The video screen was used for the hymns so we had plenty to watch as the music filled the church. Pauline led the prayers which were focussed on the NHS and a retiring collection was taken, raising just over £100 for NHS Charities Together. Our thanks to David for putting together such an uplifting service. Looking ahead we have yet to plan our churches' Advent and Christmas celebrations. Unfortunately, they will not be as we would have wished. There will be a benefice service on **Sunday 29th November** at Barton Turf at 4pm. Details of our planned services during Advent and at Christmas will be published in the December NIB. Please don't hesitate to contact us as your Church Wardens if we can be of any assistance to you. Do take good care of yourselves and do stay safe and warm.

The NIB Parish Church Wardens

St Michael's, Irstead

Our belated thanks and congratulations to Charles Harmer, son of Tom and Ruth Harmer of Irstead, who visited all 26 churches in the Tunstead Hundred during the Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored Bike Ride on 12th September 2020. Charles set out from St Benedict's Horning at 10.30 am and completed his challenge at St Michael's Irstead at 4pm, having kept a photographic log of all the churches visited along the way. Well done Charles and many thanks on behalf of St Michael's.

David Murrells, Church Warden

Barton Turf and Irstead Poor's Trust – Winter Fuel

The Poo's 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. This is the time of year when the Trust allocates its funds to residents in the parishes who are in need of help. Do you know 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 631102 or any of the trustees. All information provided will be treated in strictest confidence.

Gail Murrells

Neatishead Poor's or Fuel Allotment Charity

The Neatishead Poor's or Fuel Allotment Charity trustees will shortly be discussing applications for financial awards based on the following criteria: 'The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantages within the Parish of Neatishead'. The bulk of the awards are distributed during December. If you feel you have a reason to claim within the guidelines of the criteria, or know of someone in distress, please contact the clerk. We must emphasize that all applications are confidential.

Pat Ullman, 630997

Neatishead Parish Council

A 'Zoom' meeting of Neatishead PC was held on 15th October. All councillors were present as were both our District and County Councillors, who gave reports on the Covid situation and advised on other issues raised during the meeting. Damage to a goal post was discussed, the minutes of the NVH AGM, having been previously circulated, were discussed. Our new councillor, Catherine Clayton, proposed that Neatishead should look into becoming a 'Wildlife Friendly Village'. Catherine was asked to carry out further research before our next meeting. A request for a bin to be installed on the Stalham Road layby at Neatishead PC's expense was dismissed. The clerk was instructed to continue in her research relating to registering of the staithe as a village green. The benefit would be legal control of the area as well as possibly reintroducing a swing. Councillor Mike Godfrey highlighted the issue of speeding traffic near the school. He has agreed to canvass local opinion regarding what action should be taken. The possible replacement of the noticeboard on Pit Corner is to be costed. Two planning applications submitted by the RADAR Museum and the request to remove two trees in Irstead Road were approved. The full minutes are available on our website and the Parish noticeboards. Next meeting: **Thursday 19th November**.

Charlotte Hummel, Clerk to Neatishead Parish Council 01493 718128

White House Stores

We all need something cheerful at the moment! Keep an eye out in the shop for new seasonal products. We'll have cards, advent calendars, chocolates, Christmas cookies, gifts etc over the coming weeks. We continue to have a delivery of wonderful bread on Saturdays and look forward to some seasonal specials from them. Keep an eye on our social media for details. Footfall from holidaymakers is gradually tailing off now. We are totally reliant on local customers during the quieter months, so please continue to support us. We are also always seeking new volunteers. We are asking for just one hour of your time to help run the shop. We can discuss what you would like to do and when. We are specifically looking for a new volunteer co-ordinator. This role is being covered by a previous volunteer co-ordinator while we search for a new one, but she would love to pass it on! If you would like to know more about any volunteering please email us at info@whitehousestores.co.uk and we can call you for a chat.

Margaret Maxwell

Knit and Stitch

We hope to meet on **Wednesday 11th and Tuesday 24th November** in the Community Room at the New Victory Hall. If you are interested in joining the group please contact me. Meanwhile our alternative Christmas Tree is being constructed and will be on display in time for the Christmas Fair at the New Victory Hall on **Saturday 5th December**. Thank you to all those who have contributed squares. We plan to have a stall at the fair of 'lock down knits and kits'. We look forward to seeing you there.

Claire Penstone-Smith, 630580, claireps@btinternet.com

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

Our AGM will take place during Remembrance week on **Thursday 12th November at 7.30pm**, having been delayed by a month. This will be via 'Zoom' video conference and not at the NVH. NIBCHG Friends have been notified, but if you would like to 'attend' please get in touch with me and I can give you the details needed. It was on Remembrance weekend five years ago that we commemorated 100 years since the First World War at the New Victory Hall, with the culmination of our project 'Living through World War One in Three Norfolk Broadland Villages' viewed through a vast exhibition, moving drama, humbling Ecumenical Service and the dedication of a Memorial Plaque in the foyer. If you are visiting the hall this month, take a moment to stop, look and remember those from our villages who paid the ultimate sacrifice and those who were fortunate to return home. Information about their lives can be found in the folders beneath the plaque but if you are not visiting the hall, the project can be viewed online at www.greatwar.nibchg.org.uk Sadly we were not able to commemorate those men from our villages who served during WW2 on VE Day - but some of their names are on display in the Community Room at the hall and those who did not return remembered in our churches. We will remember them.

Claire Penstone-Smith, 630580, claireps@btinternet.com

New Victory Hall

The NVH AGM was held in late September and although a small attendance, it was a pleasure to look back and reflect on what a good year 2019 was for the hall. Thanks were given to trustees, volunteers and staff for their sterling efforts in running the hall 365 days a year. The Annual Report and Accounts for 2019 are available on the web site www.victoryhall.info. This year continues to be challenging but there are between one and three activities at the hall on every weekday and evening as many groups have been able to make safe arrangements to resume. Please take a look as there may be something that will tempt you to come along and join in. Your safety is our priority and all activities are being run in accordance with Public Health advice. Trustees regularly monitor arrangements to ensure we are compliant with the latest requirements.

NVH Events: the events committee has arranged two social afternoons which will be socially distanced. If circumstances change, we may have to cancel. Bookings are being taken but no money as you will pay on the door on the day. **Wednesday 4th November 2-3.30pm - Bingo and Quiz** with a prize for every winner. You will play individually, not in a team. Admission £3 including tea and biscuits. **Wednesday 18th November 2-3.30pm - Demonstration of Autumn and Winter Flower Arrangements** with David Wright plus a chance to view (and buy) his original handmade wire sculptures which make ideal presents. Admission £8 including tea and biscuits. The arrangements David makes will be raffle prizes. **TO BOOK EITHER OR BOTH EVENTS CALL 630637 - advance bookings only and numbers are limited.**

2020 Christmas Fair - Saturday 5th December 9.30-11.30am. This event will be smaller and simpler than usual. Do pop in to support us. More details next month.

The Community Breakfast will not be held in January but we hope to run it later in 2021. Don't forget, a small **Community Library** exists at the hall so if you are running out of reading material just pop in and browse (hand sanitiser and gloves provided).
Doreen Dean

Village Screen

On **Monday 2nd November** we will be showing the recent multi award winning film **1917** (Cert.15, 108 mins) - a WW1 drama directed by Sam Mendes. Doors open at 7 for 7.30pm. The following Covid-19 precautions will apply.

- Seating is limited to 30 persons, couples and household bubbles can sit together.
- To book your seat(s) call Christine on 631347. A maximum of 6 people can book together. Any unsold tickets will be on sale at the door but please help by booking in advance.
- All payments (£5 per person) are contactless by card at the door.
- Refreshments are limited to one complimentary carton of juice per person. You may bring your own drinks and cups/glasses.
- Please do not attend if you or anyone in your household is unwell or isolating with Covid-19 symptoms.
- Please follow all the measures at NVH including social distancing whilst queuing and in the hall, using hand sanitiser on entry and wearing a face covering.

Please come along, you will be very well looked after and very welcome.

The Village Screen Team

Community Gym – Not Treading Water!

It's been a busy month for Neatishead Community Gym. We've been featured in the EDP, and money from funding sources and generous donations from members has allowed us to buy a new treadmill! We're aiming to buy a second one once funds allow. It adds to a range of new equipment we have purchased in the past year. Our gym is not like commercial gyms, we are here for every-body, whatever shape and size and however unfit. We are here for everyone in the surrounding villages and towns. We meet in the New Victory Hall, Neatishead three times a week, and you're welcome to give us a try. For a free trial call 07387 876216 or email gym@victoryhall.info Let us help you to get Fit for Life!
Your Community Gym

Winners of the 200 Club, September £50 M Riley- £10 H M^cGill - £5 J Fowle
October £50 J King - £10 Robinson & Sellick - £50 Robinson & Sellick.

Gardening Club

Due to the pandemic our October meeting was cancelled. James and Fan will be doing their presentation and talk next year – Covid permitting! Our AGM (which will be extraordinary!) is on **Monday 16th November** at 7.30pm in the NVH and, providing circumstances don't change, we will also do a plant swap. Please bring along any spare cuttings, plants, etc and a box or bag to carry things home. I hope to have a number of flame/gloria lilies to share, plus begonias. We will follow the NVH guidelines: wearing masks and sitting individually or in support bubbles of no more than six. As not everyone is comfortable with this situation please let our secretary, Julie, (631172) know in advance whether you are coming, if you would like to nominate anyone or if you wish to stand yourself for the committee. Please bring your own drinks and glasses/cups. For more information please contact me.

Jane King, 630002, janeelizabethking@hotmail.com

Wildlife Notes

Autumn birders keep an eye on the weather forecast and eagerly await easterly or north easterly winds which have a tendency to drop migrating birds from the north onto our eastern shores. These conditions occurred mid-October and you may have read about the **rufous bush chat** (also known as the rufous bush robin) which turned up at Stiffkey and caused traffic chaos on the A149 as twitchers descended from all parts of the UK to tick another rarity off a list. On a much more local note the bird which caught my eye was a **red-flanked bluetail** which was at Waxham, a species which I had only seen once before in Suffolk twenty years ago. This bird is similar in shape and size to a robin but with an orange red flank and a blue tail and a white throat patch. The males in breeding plumage have a blue head, back and wings but sadly the ones which make it to this country are usually in their comparatively drab brown plumage as most are first winter birds. These are birds of the taiga living in spruce or birch forests in Russia and the nearest breeding birds to Britain are in Finland and Sweden. When 'Birds of Norfolk' was written in 1999 there was just one record of red-flanked bluetail in Norfolk; a bird which was found in Yarmouth cemetery in October 1994 by local naturalist Peter Allard and was Britain's 14th record of the species. Now there are sightings most years in Norfolk and it is described as a rare but increasingly regular vagrant in the annual Norfolk Bird and Mammal report, being recorded mostly in the autumn but also sometimes in spring on its way back to its breeding grounds having wintered somewhere in Europe. Perhaps with global warming this is another species which may spread nearer to the UK and even become a breeding species in Scotland. As winter approaches look out for the flocks of redwings and fieldfares, both members of the thrush family, and for siskins and redpolls much smaller finch like birds which may visit your gardens if you have alder or birch trees. Sadly, the damp weather has put paid to most late flying dragonflies and butterflies this year.

Jerry Simpson, 630674, simpsonj24@btinternet.com

Vision for Festivities with the Artists of the Two Rivers and Guests

We are determined not to let you down in these tricky times. We know many of you start your Christmas shopping for unique gifts with us so we have a plan!! Together with fellow artists from Norfolk, the Nancy Oldfield Trust and Friends of Neatishead School, we will be bringing you a **Virtual Festive Fair on 14th and 15th November**, a two day event with even more guests. The range of beautiful arts and crafts on show is even wider this year. You'll be amazed! You can find information about this event at www.tworiversarts.co.uk or you can contact us directly. We look forward to meeting 'virtually' via our website and wish you, your families and friends a safe, secure and positive time ahead.

Kit Calladine for the Artists of the Two Rivers

Nancy Oldfield Trust

The staff and volunteers at The Nancy Oldfield Trust would like to say 'Thank you' for the continued support and kind well wishes received throughout 2020. Since August, it has been a joy to welcome back guests both old and new. If you know someone who would benefit from a visit to the Trust, please do get in touch by email at info@nancyoldfield.org.uk or by phone on 630572.

Stephen Bradnock

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Diary Dates for November 2020

Monday	2 nd	7 for 7.30pm	Village Screen 1917 (2019) 15 108mins, NVH
Wednesday	4 th	2-3.30pm	Bingo & Quiz, NVH
Wednesday	11 th		Knit and Stitch, Community Room, NVH
Thursday	12 th	7.30pm	NIBCHG AGM (via 'Zoom')
Saturday	14 th	9-12noon	Farmers' Market, NVH
Monday	16 th	7.30pm	Gardening Club AGM and plant swap, NVH
Sat/Sun	14/15 th		Two Rivers Artists Virtual Fair
Wednesday	18 th	2-3.30pm	Demo Autumn/Winter Flower Arrangements, NVH
Thursday	19 th	7pm	Neatishead Parish Council Meeting (via 'Zoom')
Tuesday	24 th		Knit & Stitch, Community Room, NVH

Future Dates

Saturday 5th December Christmas Fair, NVH

Mobile Library

Neatishead: - **11th November** Pit Corner 10am

Barton Turf: - **18th November** Pennygate 11am, ex Post Office 11.20am, Staithe Road 11.40am

Benefice of St Benedict: NEW DAYS/TIMES from 2nd November

	Church open 10am-3pm	Holy Communion
Sundays		Barton Turf at 4pm (benefice service on 29 th November)
Tuesdays	Neatishead	Neatishead at 10am
Wednesdays	Irstead	Irstead at 10am
Thursdays	Barton Turf	
Fridays	Horning	
Saturdays	Ashmanhaugh	

Remembrance services: November 10th – 10am Neatishead

November 11th – 10am Irstead, 10.45am Lych Gate, Barton Turf

Church Wardens:
Neatishead Pauline Simpson 01692 630674
Irstead David Murrells 01692 631427
Barton Turf Barbara Pilcher 01692 536132

Neatishead Baptist Church, Chapel Road, Neatishead, NR12 8YF. Sunday service at 10.30 am. Please wear a mask in the church. Pastor: Ian Bloomfield, pastor@neatisheadbaptist.org.uk, Secretary: Sue Gibbons, secretary@neatisheadbaptist.org.uk

BartonTurf Methodist Church: Services suspended until further notice,
Rev Sharon Willimott, Superintendent, 01692 218657 www.northnorfolkmethodist.org.uk/bartonturf

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