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**BRANCASTER, BRANCASTER STAITHE, BURNHAM DEEPPDALE, TITCHWELL, CHOSELEY**

**THE RECTOR: Interregnum**

**ASSISTANT PRIEST HUNSTANTON & SAXON SHORE BENEFICE:**

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**The Rev'd Sandra Ellison Tel 01485 298852**

Dear Friends,

July can seem to be an in-between time. Within the church the major festivals of Easter, Pentecost and Trinity have been celebrated. There are no church major festivals in July. It is a time between major celebrations, the church calendar calls this 'ordinary' time. And it is not just the church that may see July as a time in-between. For our young people exams are over and, until results are in, definite plans cannot be made. For those waiting to begin their first paid job the last few weeks at school can seem like a waste of time. Others are just waiting for the school holidays to begin so that they can get away on annual leave. Some older folk, perhaps grandparents, long for the holidays as they will see families or visit families who live away and are only seen during the holidays. It is so easy to wish our lives away by focusing on the next anticipated event in our lives or major festival in the church.

By living this way we can overlook that which is important for us today. Our bodies and minds need time to reflect, to switch off and just be. Just being still for a few minutes each day can really help to re-charge our batteries. Try sitting still for just a few moments, maybe in the garden or looking out of the window and reflect on a flower, plant or just a leaf. Take a gentle stroll on the beach or sit on the sand dunes. Take time to look at the colour, the shape, think of all the stages that has gone through to be how and where it is today, what else may have had a part in its development. Listen to the sounds of nature. Taking time to be where we are at the moment, without worrying about what the future holds or wishing the next step of our lives will soon be here, can really help us face that next step, whatever it may be.

Using these in-between times is particularly important when we are facing difficulties or things have not gone as we hoped. When we reach a crossroads in our lives and are not sure which way to turn, taking time out just to be can help 'lighten the load' and maybe make those difficulties a little easier.

Jesus knew the importance of taking time out. He could have easily spent his time with the crowds, healing, preaching, going from one major event to the next. The disciples were often annoyed with him because the crowds were asking for him and Jesus insisted on being alone. He went into the wilderness, he found peace and space on the mountain, time alone to think, pray, contemplate where the next part of his journey should be. Shortly before his arrest he left the disciples and went off alone to pray and find peace within himself for the next step of his journey on earth.

Every day is precious, without today, tomorrow will not arrive. Let's make the most of the in-between times, make the most of each day and not simply yearn for the next celebration or longed for event.

Sandra Ellison, retired priest assisting during the interregnum.

## JULY SERVICES IN THE HUNSTANTON & SAXON SHORE BENEFICE

CW = Common Worship. BCP = Book of Common Prayer. HC = Holy Communion.

MP = Service of Morning Prayer (no bread and wine)

Family service= Shorter service with lighting of candles (no bread and wine)

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

No Service  
9.00am  
10.30am  
10.45am  
10.45am  
10.45am

Holme-next-the-Sea  
Ringstead  
Titchwell  
Brancaster  
Old Hunstanton  
Hunstanton

### Fourth after Trinity

Open Gardens  
Holy Communion  
Holy Communion for Families  
Holy Communion (said)  
Holy Communion  
Morning Prayer

CW  
CW  
CW  
CW  
CW

### 9<sup>th</sup> July

8.30am  
10.30am  
9.00am  
9.00am  
9.00am  
10.45am  
10.45am  
4.00pm

Titchwell  
“ “  
Burnham Deepdale  
Ringstead  
Thornham  
Old Hunstanton  
Hunstanton  
Brancaster

### Fifth after Trinity

Holy Communion  
Holy Communion for Families  
Holy Communion  
Holy Communion  
Morning Prayer  
Holy Communion  
Holy Communion  
Evensong

BCP  
CW  
CW  
CW  
CW  
CW  
CW

### Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July

10.00am

Ringstead

### Midweek Communion

Holy Communion

### 16<sup>th</sup> July

9.00am  
9.00am  
10.15am  
10.30am  
10.45am  
10.45am

Holme-next-the-Sea  
Ringstead  
Burnham Deepdale  
Titchwell  
Old Hunstanton  
Hunstanton

### Sixth after Trinity

Holy Communion  
Holy Communion  
Family Service  
Holy Communion for families  
Morning Prayer  
Holy Communion

CW  
CW  
CW  
CW  
CW  
CW

### 23<sup>rd</sup> July

8.30am  
10.30am  
9.00am  
9.00am  
9.00am  
10.45am  
10.45am

Titchwell  
“ “  
Burnham Deepdale  
Ringstead  
Thornham  
Old Hunstanton  
Hunstanton

### Seventh after Trinity

Holy Communion  
Holy Communion for Families  
Holy Communion  
Morning Prayer  
Holy Communion  
Holy Communion  
Holy Communion

BCP  
CW  
CW  
CW  
CW  
CW  
CW

### Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July

10.00am

Ringstead

### Midweek Communion

Holy Communion

### 30<sup>th</sup> July

10.30am  
10.30am  
7.00pm

Hunstanton  
Titchwell  
Old Hunstanton

### Eighth after Trinity

Holy Communion  
Holy Communion for families  
Songs of Praise (Flower Festival finale)

CW  
CW

**EVENING PRAYER ON ZOOM** Each **Sunday** at 6 pm. Contact John Crofts for further details ([johnpcrofts@gmail.com](mailto:johnpcrofts@gmail.com)). There is always room for more on the computer screen.

### **MAKING SPACE CAFÉ, Supported by the Norfolk Community Foundation**

10 am - 12 noon every **Wednesday** at St Edmund's Church Hall, Hunstanton; and **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays (6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>)** at Ringstead Village Hall.

### **A FEW HOUSEKEEPING REGULATIONS DURING THE INTERREGNUM:**

Whilst we are without a rector our Rural Dean, Peter Cook, takes over that responsibility. Please contact Peter in the first instance **for all enquiries regarding weddings, funerals and baptisms.** Peter's phone number is 01485 517157.

**The diocesan registrar is responsible for all memorials in a churchyard - headstones and plaques.** During a vacancy all requests for these must go through the registrar. The person/stone mason making the request should contact the registrar directly. Church wardens and priests assisting during the interregnum cannot give permission for these.

For the registrar see [www.norwichdiocesanregistry.co.uk](http://www.norwichdiocesanregistry.co.uk).

### **ST HENRY WALPOLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, BURNHAM MARKET**

**Mass times:** Sundays 9.30 am; Fridays 9.30 am. Holy Days of Obligation: see noticeboard in Church porch. Further information: [catholicparishofwalsingham.org](http://catholicparishofwalsingham.org).

### **ST MARY'S BURNHAM DEEPPDALE CHURCH**

At the time of writing, the interior redecoration is complete and we are looking forward to our first service since Easter on Sunday 25th June, as well as returning to our usual pattern of services – that is a 9 am Holy Communion on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, and our 10.15 am Family Service on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. See the list of services on the opposite page. The church will return to being open to visitors from 9 am till at least 6 pm or quite a bit later on these light evenings. Everyone is welcome to our lovely bright church!

**Plant Stall at Deepdale Farmhouse gate** Thank you to everyone who has contributed plants and who continue to do so, and to everyone who buys from it. Since the beginning of April it has raised £632. If you need any flower pots, I have been given a very large quantity and would be delighted to share them! Soon there will be produce for sale so do call by and have a look. All proceeds go to the church building maintenance fund.

**Books in the Porch** **Second-hand books** will be on sale again from either Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July or Monday 10<sup>th</sup> (after a wedding on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>). If you have any good reads you no longer want we would be very pleased to have them but most hardback books don't sell, especially cookery and gardening ones.

**Redecorating the church – April to June 2023** A year or so ago we managed to complete the repairs to our roof. So, as we were now watertight, it was time to consider internal redecoration of our much loved church. When to do it to provide the best possible conditions for the re-plastering and special lime-washing of the inside walls? We consulted the Diocesan expert and, as we had been able to raise the funds, we were anxious to go ahead as soon as we could. Our finishing deadline was early July as we had a wedding already booked. However, after delays in obtaining different quotes, followed by an exceptionally cold and damp spring, we chose the period from Easter onwards for our work to start. We selected Brian Warnes of Kaywood Design and Build who has had several years experience of using this kind of lime wash for the interiors of churches and was keen to be involved more with heritage buildings. So as soon as Easter services were finished the church was emptied of its delicate treasures and some very robust scaffolding went in to create a “second floor” for the work to begin.

Since that time, Brian and his team have worked tirelessly to keep ahead of the tight schedule and keep us on track for reopening on time. We must make special mention of Brian's daughter Sapphire who worked on the front door and other more accessible parts. Thanks to their supreme efforts, we were ready for our first service on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June. We are so proud to have this wonderful church looking so much lighter and fresher. Brian has done a wonderful job, on time and in budget. We are looking forward to showing off beautiful St Mary's Burnham Deepdale for our forthcoming Sundays – and in time for the wedding planned in July. The church will be open daily from end of June. Come and see us soon.

### **ST MARY'S CHURCH, TITCHWELL**

We commemorated St Barnabas at our Sunday services on June 11<sup>th</sup>, his feast day. His name is actually a nickname which means Son of Encouragement, given, we are told in the Acts of the Apostles, after he helped materially poorer believers in Jerusalem. Tradition tells that he was eventually martyred for his faith on the island of Cyprus.

Christians still suffer persecution and martyrdom today for their beliefs; it is said that more people died for their faith on the Lord Jesus Christ in the twentieth century than in all the previous centuries added together. We are fortunate to live peaceful lives in our corner of the world, but our fellow Christians are not so lucky in countries such as Pakistan, China, North Korea and Myanmar, among others. In Russia, the state sponsored Russian Orthodox Church actively persecutes its own priests and members who dare to preach Jesus' gospel of peace in opposition to the war in Ukraine. That said, we need to remember that Church of England some centuries ago was active in the persecution of "dissenters", one of whom was John Bunyan, whose hymn "He who would valiant be" we sang that Sunday. One of my favourite charities is Barnabas Aid ([www.barnabasaid.org](http://www.barnabasaid.org)) that brings material and spiritual aid to persecuted Christians.

**Sunday Services in July please see page 2.**

**Stillness on the Saxon Shore** We meet at the church at 4 pm on Friday afternoons for forty minutes of contemplative worship, the first Friday of the month being a longer period of silence. All are most welcome. With my prayers and best wishes for you all.

James Monro (Assistant Priest, Hunstanton and Saxon Shore benefice).

### **FRIENDS OF BRANCASTER CHURCH – AGM**

The Annual General Meeting of the Friends will be held in St Mary's Brancaster at 5.30 pm on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July** when the accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 will be presented along with a report from the Chair and then election of officers for the coming year. If you are interested in gaining an insight as to the work done or indeed wish to join you are most welcome to come.

Anthony Law, Chair

### **BRANCASTER HOT SPOT LUNCHESES**

Following our very successful monthly Community Hot Spot lunches during the winter at Brancaster Village Hall, where members of our community enjoyed a nourishing lunch of soup, sandwiches, buffet, puddings, and tea and coffee, we hope to provide these again this winter. However, **we do need more volunteers**, even for a couple of hours, to help us set up the hall the night before, make soup or sandwiches or generally help us on the day. So any help from anyone would be hugely appreciated to enable us to continue to run our monthly Community Hot Spot lunches.

If you are able to assist us in any way, please contact either Mary Gardiner on 01485 210442, Babs Wade on 01485 522273, or email [hotspotlunches@gmail.com](mailto:hotspotlunches@gmail.com). Many thanks.

### **DEEPDALE FARM**

It was lovely to see lots of you at the Open Farm Sunday event on 11<sup>th</sup> June. We had over 100 visitors who discovered why our fields are full of wild flowers, some very happy adults sat in the combine and children were fascinated by owl pellets, invertebrates and bees. The bird ringing demonstration was also very informative.

Here are some upcoming dates for our courses and events - please check our website for autumn dates.

**Green Woodworking** Introduction to Green Woodworking: **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.**

**Nature Walks** Reveal Nature are running a series of their nature connection experiences, enabling you to explore the natural world in different ways. Bookings now open.

**Biofluorescent Night Walk**: **Thursdays - 27<sup>th</sup> July, 10<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> August.**

**Microscopic Marvels (family friendly)**: **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August.**

**Aromatic Adventures** : **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September.** **Forest Bathing**: See website.

Visit the website or follow us on social media (@deepdalefarm) for more information about our events, and to book [www.deepdalefarm.co.uk/events](http://www.deepdalefarm.co.uk/events).

If you or a friend run a craft or nature-related course and are interested in using Deepdale Farm as a venue, please get in touch with us – [enquiries@deepdalefarm.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@deepdalefarm.co.uk)

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## **BRANCASTER PARISH COUNCIL**

As stated last month, we now have a new Council, with all ten places filled – we welcome our new Cllrs and thank Chris Cotton, Christopher Pratt, Richard Roberts, Jeremy Thompson and Robert Lawton who left us in May. Because of the timing of the elections, we have had two meetings since the last Parish News was prepared.

Our new website is finally live. There are still some areas which need to be transferred from the old one, but we believe the new one is more user-friendly, as well as meeting the ever more complicated legal requirements. We are conscious that it is still very text-heavy, and repeat our request for photos which you may be willing to share.

Council has also purchased a new laptop which should help to present planning applications more easily at meetings, allowing us to respond in more detail. We continue to get many applications, and one which caused issues recently was the proposal at Kia-Ora in Brancaster Staithe – the Borough agreed with our objection, and this was rejected.

Members of the Public frequently ask about progress on the public consultation on the double yellow lines etc. This is still with County, and we have heard that things are now moving again – staffing problems being part of the issue. We will keep you informed. Another matter raised is the progress on the Boardwalk – NCC have given a very good summary of the position; this document is available on the News page on the website.

You may have seen in the press that there has been a consultation on plans to reduce the speed limit on the A149 between villages. We have just heard that this plan will not be progressed.

It may be of interest that Council has been affected by the rise in fuel prices. Our street lighting bill has more than doubled to over £400 pm since our fixed term contract ended – we have agreed to wait until things are more settled before agreeing a new contract. The maintenance contract with Westcotec to look after the streetlights will end soon and we are seeking an alternative provider.

There was much discussion at the last meeting on keeping the public informed and consulted. There are plans to have a public meeting at some point soon. Details to follow. It is worth noting in the meantime that all of our meetings are open to the public, and all agenda and minutes are on the website. Information is also on the noticeboards, and new ones should be in place before the next Parish News.

We had three large requests for funding from the Churches, the School and National Coastwatch. Because these totalled £20,000 and there are strict legal rules on what Council can do in this area, it was felt that the Finance Group should look at these in more detail and make recommendations, ensuring there are sufficient funds for applications coming later in the year.

As the anniversary of the Brancaster Staithe fire approaches, plans for an emergency team are now progressing. One thing which caused problems last year was that the water supply ran low. Council is purchasing a connector and hose to allow the fire services to access water from the local farms if needed – strangely they had no such facility in 2022.

We have also been asked about providing the locations and codes for the defibrillators in the Parish. This is not the way the system works to ensure they are available when needed. In an emergency, always ring 999 first. You will be directed to the nearest device, with instructions on how to access and use it (by a second person). They will remain on the line throughout this process, giving advice. The critical thing is to begin CPR immediately and not leave to look for the defibrillator.

The next meeting of Council will be on **Tuesday 4th July** in Brancaster Staithe Village Hall at 6.30 pm. Contact details for the Parish Council: [www.brancaaster-pc.gov.uk](http://www.brancaaster-pc.gov.uk) (**note change**); email [clerk@brancaaster-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@brancaaster-pc.gov.uk).

## **NEWS FROM BRANCASTER VILLAGE HALL (BVH)**

**Darts** Although the weather for May and early June has been a bit dull and chilly, there has been plenty going on at the Village Hall. The Fakenham Darts league has agreed to admit a team from BVH into its summer league, and it is also hoped to field two teams for the winter league. Anyone interested in joining the team is invited to come along on any Friday evening and speak to Martin (Head of Selectors). As part of the darts initiative, BVH will be hosting a Norfolk-wide competition on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July** from 10 am to 10 pm; spectators are very welcome, and the bar and food outlets will be available.

**Summer Party** A summer party will be held on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July** from 4 pm until late, with live music, food, the bar and a picnic tent. Come along and enjoy the fun!

Other events for the summer will be announced soon. For details of all future events at BVH and our regular activities, please visit our website: [www.brancaastervillagehall.co.uk](http://www.brancaastervillagehall.co.uk) and for enquiries visit: [www.brancaastervillagehallcommunitybookings.co.uk](http://www.brancaastervillagehallcommunitybookings.co.uk).

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**Coaching** Children's coaching continues on **Wednesday afternoons** in term time. Details are on the website. During the school holidays Becky Palmer our LTA coach will be offering coaching on **Wednesday mornings** on the following dates: **26<sup>th</sup> July, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> August**. Sessions for 4-7 year olds will be from 10.45-11.30 am (£1 per session). Sessions for 8-11 year olds will be from 11.30-12.30 (£2 per session). There is no need to come to every session but you **must book in** with Carrie Hendry via email [juniortennis@brancasterstaithe.co.uk](mailto:juniortennis@brancasterstaithe.co.uk) and **pay in advance via BACS** to Deepdale and Brancaster Staithe Tennis Club a/c 20195022 sort code 20 30 81. Numbers will be limited.

**THE JOLLY SAILORS** Nelson's Shantymen rehearsals at the Jolly are in full swing every Monday, 7 pm. A great way of 'Keeping the Sea Shanty Alive' and a great and Jolly sing-along. Join us for a Charity **Quiz** on the **1st Tuesday** of each month (**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>** this month), bring a team or join in with others for a fun evening, you could win an ACI £100 voucher and other prizes too. All proceeds to Big C, Norfolk Cancer Charity. **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July**, 8.30 pm, Live Music, it's sure to be fun. Reminding you that The Jolly full menu is available as Takeaway.

**Simon, Nick, Caitlin & The Jolly Sailors Team**

**BRANCASTER CAMERA CLUB** Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 18th July** at 7 pm in Brancaster Staithe Village Hall. The topic for the evening will be 'Night Life'. Although we are a small group we have some interesting evenings, and we would welcome anyone who would like to come along. Visitors are always welcome. Please contact Sue Till on 01485 210013 or Wendy Calow on 01553 674725

**ART EXHIBITION** featuring work by Judi Tussaud (Polito), Deane Clark, Jo Cowell and Sally Broughton, opens in Brancaster Staithe Village Hall, **Friday 28th July till Monday 31st July**, 10am - 5pm daily. Everyone welcome.

**THE WHITE HORSE** Join us MARSHSIDE for a Lobster BBQ on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July** from 4 pm, singalong to the amazing Nelson's Shantymen and Matty Haynes Acoustic will be serenading us too. As local as we can get lobsters will be served with samphire, Norfolk Peer potato salad and an array of seasonal salads and sauces together with Nyetimber English 'sparkling' and lots of summer cocktails. We are also delighted to welcome back the Fishermen's Mission. Our local fishermen do a great job and we love supporting their cause. No need to book, just come along and enjoy. See our full diary of MARSHSIDE Festivals [www.whitehorsebrancaster.co.uk/events](http://www.whitehorsebrancaster.co.uk/events).

**Rob, Fran, Rosie & The White Horse Team**

**NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL** Last half term the PFA held a Dance-a-thon in order to raise funds for our school. We also had some extra help from parents who kindly did some fundraising in their own time. Over £400 has been raised so far, and money is still coming in. We would like to say a massive THANK YOU to all those who organised the events and to everyone who sponsored children or were good enough to donate time or money to help us. We really do appreciate it - as a small school, funds to pay for things like coaches or educational workshops are very limited, so your additional support allows us to give our children opportunities and experiences which we would otherwise not be able to offer.

We simply cannot believe how quickly time has passed - we are now in the final half term of the school year. Although SATS are over, Years 3 - 5 still have tests to do, including the multiplication check for Y4s, and Y1s are about to do their phonics screening. But we also have some exciting things to look



forward to in the next few weeks. The Norfolk Owl Trust are bringing some magnificent owls into school for us, and we will also be looking at some owl pellets - it's amazing what you can tell from poo! The mayor will be coming in one morning to give out Coronation coins to all the children to commemorate the coronation of King Charles III, we have our annual Smith Trust picnic up at School Farm, and Sports Day is coming up soon. We also have some transition days when we will "move up" to our new classes for part of the day, so we get to know what the teachers and classrooms are like in readiness for September. On these days, our new Reception children will be visiting and we look forward to welcoming them.

Music is a big part of our learning this half term. As well as regular sessions learning ukulele in KS2, we are also learning some songs from The Magic Flute with the aim of putting on a performance at the end of the year. Brancaster Primary Academy is in fine voice at the moment, which is just as well because we have been given the most amazing opportunity to perform at the Royal Norfolk Show. Our school has been selected to take part in The Grand Sing-along with other children from around the county. We will be performing in the Grand Ring led by Gareth Malone. This is a massive honour and we are determined to show everyone how amazing our small school is. Let's hope it doesn't rain!

Term finishes on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July** and reopens for the children on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

### **BURNHAM MARKET AREA COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME (BMACCS)**

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### **NATIONAL COASTWATCH INSTITUTION (NCI) - BRANCASTER NEWS**

We have welcomed four new members (Allen C, Ian, Frazer and Frank) and four members - William, Richard T, Mark and Paul R - have now successfully completed their service assessment and have received their epaulettes as accredited Watchkeepers. Many congratulations to them! There are now 27 Watchkeepers at the Station. The Station dealt with two potentially serious incidents at the end of April and the beginning of May. In both people were caught by incoming tides, on a sand bar east of the Golf Club and on Scolt Head Island. The Coastguard was called by the Station, but fortunately the people managed to wade or swim to safety, and the emergency services were stood down.

A multi-agency water safety taskforce has been formed especially for Brancaster, involving NCI Brancaster, emergency services, the National Trust and Natural England. This group will coordinate all aspects concerned with keeping people safe on Brancaster beach and its environs.

The NCI Brancaster has been invited to represent the Brancaster Volunteer Community at the Community Champions Tribute parade at the Norfolk Showground on 28<sup>th</sup> June and at an event hosted by Bishop Graham Usher at the Bishop's House Gardens in Norwich.

NCI Brancaster would still like to recruit more Watchkeepers: if you are interested, please contact Richard Burrows, Deputy Station Manager and Watchkeeper, on 07535 612777.

**BRANCASTER OIL COOPERATIVE** I shall be ordering oil on **Thursdays**, 6<sup>th</sup> July, 27<sup>th</sup> July, 17<sup>th</sup> August, 7<sup>th</sup> September. Maria Spink 01485 210155.

**BRANCASTER STAITHE MOBILE POST OFFICE** **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday:** 4 – 4.30 pm;  
**Wednesday:** 1.10 – 1.45 pm, in the layby or The Drove opposite Dalegate Market.

### **MOBILE LIBRARY**

**Thursdays 29<sup>th</sup> June, 27<sup>th</sup> July** (?), check date at number below. **Brancaster:** Village Hall 1.55 - 2.25 pm, and Mill Rd 2.30 - 2.40 pm; **Brancaster Staithe:** Old Posting House 2.50 - 3.05 pm, and Dale End 3.10 - 3.25 pm; **Burnham Deepdale:** Layby 3.30 – 3.45 pm. Please note this information is subject to change or amendment. Enquiries call 01603 222303.

### **WELLS LIBRARY**

Plenty going on at Wells Library. eg: Help with computer skills, free sessions (please book) **Wednesdays** 11 am - 1 pm, or **Mondays** 5.30 - 6.30 pm. **Wednesdays:** Knit and Natter; Book Club (monthly). **Fridays:** Just a Cuppa, 11 am – noon; Crafting for children (term time) 3.30 – 4.30 pm. **Saturday** Lego Club 10.30 - 11 am. .... And lots more. For information and to book please ring 01328 710467.

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**STANHOE VILLAGE SCREEN** are pleased to announce their final film for the summer season. **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July** at 7.30 pm: *Le Mans 66 (12)(True Story)*. Watch the trailer at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4aY0dW3hpRc>.

**Venue:** Stanhoe Reading Room and Village Hall, Cross Lane, PE31 8PS. Tickets £5 (cash only) on the door to include a complimentary drink. Doors open 7 pm. For further information visit the website: [Stanhoe.org](http://Stanhoe.org) (or ring 01485 518191).

### **STANHOE AND BARWICK WI**

**Thursday 6th July** Our Annual Garden Meeting. Sorry, this is just for members, but why not consider joining us? **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August** A flower arranging demonstration by Crystal Dyball. The Reading Room, Stanhoe. 2 pm. Visitors are most welcome. Our charge is £5, which includes refreshments. Please contact Valerie (01485 576261) for further details.

### **PHOENIX LADIES**

Our next meeting will take place in Burnham Market and Norton village hall on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July** at 2 pm. The subject will be “Alderman Peel and the story of the homes for Wells”. This talk will be given by his granddaughter Susan Wild. Tea and cake will be served afterwards. This will be an OPEN Meeting so everyone is welcome. There is a £5 charge for guests. A raffle will be held at this meeting. For more information contact Sue on 01328 730859 or email [suisted@btinternet.com](mailto:suisted@btinternet.com). We look forward to seeing you all on 12<sup>th</sup> July.

You can also find us on [burnhammarketandnortonvillagehall.org.uk](http://burnhammarketandnortonvillagehall.org.uk). Hilda, Melinda and Sue

### **THE ARTS SOCIETY, NORTHWEST NORFOLK**

Our next illustrated talk, presented by Mark Cottle on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July** at Sedgeford Village Hall at 2 pm, is entitled *The Story of the Sutton Hoo Ship Burial*. Come and join our friendly society. Membership has many benefits besides illustrated talks. For more information visit [www.theartsocietynwnorfolk.org.uk](http://www.theartsocietynwnorfolk.org.uk) or ring Lesley Nadel on 07909 918890.

### **BURNHAM MARKET CRAFT FAIR**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August** from 9 am – 5 pm. Free entrance, over 100 stalls on the greens, parking at North Street Car park and on the playing field off Creake Road. Stalls include original art, jewellery, plants, textiles, ceramics, cards, woodwork, pottery, basketwork, furniture, glassware, photography, aromatherapy, metalwork and more. There will be a traditional Hog Roast, ice cream vendors and a Punch and Judy Show. For more information visit [www.theburnhammarketcraftfair.co.uk](http://www.theburnhammarketcraftfair.co.uk).

**NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL TRUST** We recently carried out a survey of the birds in the Brancaster Estate area. The coastal path through Brancaster – which combines hedgerow, reedbed and saltmarsh habitats - is an important breeding area for a large variety of both passerine (small to medium-sized perching birds) and non-passerine birds.

A total of 40 species was recorded within the survey area, which was found to be a stronghold for Sedge Warbler in particular. Sedge Warblers are typically spotted amongst the reeds; the male of the species never sings the same song twice, varying their song to impress the females. The area is also home to scarce and/or vulnerable species such as Bearded Tit and Pochard.

Finally, if you go for a walk along the coast at this time of year, you may come across areas that have been fenced off. We do this to protect the nests of ground nesting birds such as Oystercatchers and Ringed Plover. Please help us to protect these important threatened species by staying out of these areas and keeping dogs on leads when nearby.

Keith Miller (Area Ranger)

## DIARY DATES 2023 – updated monthly

**BVH** = Brancaster Village Hall,    **BSDVH** = Brancaster Staithe & Deepdale Village Hall

- Weekly:** Monday: Mobile Post Office, Deepdale layby, 4 - 4.30 pm  
“ Yoga 6.30 - 8 pm, BVH  
Tuesday: Baby & Toddler Group, 9.30 - 11.30 am, BVH  
“ Mobile Post Office, Deepdale layby, 4 - 4.30 pm  
Wednesday: ‘Making Space’ Coffee Morning, St Edmund’s Hall, Hunstanton, 10am  
“ Coffee Morning, 10.30 - 11.30 am, BVH  
“ Mobile Post Office, Deepdale layby, 1.10 - 1.45 pm  
“ Yoga, 6 - 7.15pm, BSDVH  
“ Fitness Fusion with Katie 6 - 7.15 pm, BVH  
Thursday: 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, Coffee Morning, Ringstead Village Hall, 10am  
“ Beginners Pilates with Sarah, 12.30 - 1.30 pm, BVH  
“ Art Group 2 - 4 pm BSDVH  
“ Mobile Post Office, Deepdale layby, 4 - 4.30 pm  
**Monthly:** Thursdays: **Mobile Library:** Brancaster BVH 1.55 - 2.25 pm;  
Mill Rd 2.30 - 2.40 pm; Brancaster Staithe: Old Posting Hse 2.50 - 3.05 pm;  
Dale End 3.10 - 3.25 pm  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday: Quiz Night, 7 - 9 pm, Ringstead Village Hall, £1 per person

### JUNE

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library (see above and page 9)

### JULY

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting, 6.30 pm. BSDVH  
Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> Norfolk-wide Darts Competition, 10 am-10 pm, BVH  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Friends of Brancaster Church, AGM, 5.30 pm, in the Church  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Brancaster Staithe & Deepdale Village Hall, AGM, 6.30-7.30 pm  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Brancaster Camera Club, 7 pm, BSDVH  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library (see above and page 9)  
Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Summer Party from 4 pm, BVH

### AUGUST

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> Burnham Market Craft Fair, 9 am – 5 pm

### SEPTEMBER

Thurs-Sun 21<sup>st</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> Deepdale Festival [www.deepdalefestival.co.uk](http://www.deepdalefestival.co.uk)

### EDITOR’S NOTE

Please leave any notices/articles for the Parish News **by 4.30 pm on the 19<sup>th</sup> of the month** (earlier is always welcome) either in my postbox at the gate of Marsh Head, Main Road (opposite The Jolly Sailors), Brancaster Staithe, PE31 8BJ **or preferably**, if possible, email me at [ch81@btinternet.com](mailto:ch81@btinternet.com).

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[www.bsbdvh.org.uk](http://www.bsbdvh.org.uk) (Brancaster Staithe village hall)

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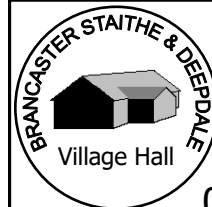
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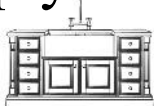


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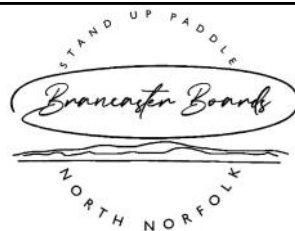
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