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

**THE RECTOR: Interregnum**

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

**The Rev'd James Monro Tel 01485 518342**

**RETIRED CLERGY: The Rev'd Phil Unsworth Tel 01485 532436**

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

Dear Friends,

Can there be a more beautiful time of colour than autumn? As the leaves on the trees and hedges turn to gold, orange, red, yellow and all shades in between. A true spectacle of nature which happens without the intervention of humans! Much of nature is closing down before a period of rest over winter. However this also allows for new life to begin, the last leaves to fall are from the beech tree which only fall as next year's buds push them off. The rhododendrons already have next year's flowers in well-formed buds. The berries on the trees and hedges give birds a 'good' meal before the scarcity of winter. Fallen leaves allow hedgehogs and other animals to make warm places in which to hibernate. Squirrels can store fallen nuts. And it's not just animals and birds that use the fruits of autumn to help the winter pass. We can still pick blackberries amongst other berries and fruits free of charge to make delicious jams, pickles and chutneys. Today pies and crumbles can be made from these and frozen. Sweet chestnuts can be collected and carefully stored for roasting at Christmas. Our young people can have fun kicking and shuffling through fallen leaves. Many young people have fun carving pumpkins at Halloween.

It is thought Halloween may have its roots in the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain. Following the completion of the harvest, the re-lighting of hearth fires in the homes was required before the 'dark half of the year'. Druid priests would light a community fire using a wheel to represent the sun from which folk took a flame to re-light the fire in their hearth. As this was seen as the beginning of winter - the time of nature dying - it was thought that during Samhain there was interaction between the physical world and the spiritual world. The fires would also frighten away evil spirits. By the 5<sup>th</sup> century, with Christianity having more influence, Pope Boniface tried to move the celebration to May 13<sup>th</sup> as a day celebrating saints and martyrs. This did not stop the October celebrations. Pope Gregory (731-741) moved the celebration back to October to try to replace the pagan fire festival with the Christian festival of All Saints Day or All Hallows Day on November 1<sup>st</sup> and All Souls Day on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thus 31<sup>st</sup> October became the eve of All hallows - Halloween. By the 12<sup>th</sup> century Allhallowtide had become holy days of obligation. The Reformation largely saw an end to the religious celebrations amongst Protestants, although many communities continued to merge religious and secular celebrations. A jack-o-lantern - originally a carved turnip, later a pumpkin with a candle inside - would be carried or placed at the entrance to a home to keep evil spirits away. From the 15<sup>th</sup> century the poor were allowed to go from house to house begging for food, called soul cakes. These were given in exchange for praying for the souls of the givers and their friends. This may have been the origin of trick and treating.

With prayers and blessing for a wonderful, colourful Autumn.

Sandra Ellison, retired priest assisting during the interregnum.

## OCTOBER 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 1<sup>st</sup>

9.00 am Holme-next-the-Sea  
 9.00 am Ringstead  
 10.30 am Titchwell  
 10.45 am Brancaster  
 10.45 am Old Hunstanton  
 10.45 am Hunstanton

### Seventeenth after Trinity

Harvest BCP  
 Holy Communion CW  
 Holy Communion for Families CW  
 Holy Communion (said) CW  
 Holy Communion CW  
 Harvest MP

### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>

10.00 am Hunstanton

### Midweek Communion

Holy Communion

### Friday 6<sup>th</sup>

2.00 pm Brancaster

Harvest (with Brancaster School)

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>

8.30 am Titchwell  
 10.30 am “ “  
 9.00 am Burnham Deepdale  
 9.00 am Ringstead  
 9.00 am Thornham  
 10.45 am Old Hunstanton  
 10.45 am Hunstanton  
 4.00 pm Brancaster

### Eighteenth after Trinity

Holy Communion BCP  
 Holy Communion for Families CW  
 Holy Communion CW  
 Holy Communion CW  
 Harvest CW  
 Holy Communion CW  
 Holy Communion CW  
 Evensong

### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>

10.00 am Ringstead

### Midweek Communion

Holy Communion

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>

9.00 am Holme-next-the-Sea  
 9.00 am Ringstead  
 10.15 am Burnham Deepdale  
 10.30 am Titchwell  
 10.45 am Old Hunstanton  
 10.45 am Hunstanton

### Nineteenth after Trinity

Holy Communion CW  
 Morning Prayer CW  
 Family (Baptism) CW  
 Morning Prayer for Families CW  
 Morning Prayer CW  
 Holy Communion CW

### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>

10.00 am Hunstanton

### Midweek Communion

Holy Communion

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>

8.30 am Titchwell  
 10.30 am “ “  
 9.00 am Burnham Deepdale  
 9.00 am Ringstead  
 9.00 am Thornham  
 10.45 am Old Hunstanton  
 10.45 am Hunstanton

### Twentieth after Trinity

Holy Communion BCP  
 Holy Communion for Families CW  
 Holy Communion CW  
 Morning Prayer CW  
 Holy Communion CW  
 Holy Communion CW  
 Holy Communion CW

### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>

10.00 am Ringstead

### Midweek Communion

Holy Communion

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>

10.30 am Titchwell

### Bible Sunday

HC Benefice Service CW

## MAKING SPACE CAFÉS, Supported by the Norfolk Community Foundation

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For Brancaster monthly Hot Spot Lunches, please see page 7 and the Diary page.

### **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 with regard to 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: see website [www.norwichdiocesanregistry.co.uk](http://www.norwichdiocesanregistry.co.uk). Church wardens and priests assisting during the interregnum cannot give permission for these.

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

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

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

October will be a slightly quieter month in Deepdale church than September was! On the **15<sup>th</sup> October** we are looking forward to celebrating our Family Service which will include a baptism. Do come and join us.

The **Plant and Produce Stall** has now been shut down. The amount raised to the end of August was £987.38. The final figure will appear in the November magazine, but it will be over £1000. So a huge thank you to everyone who has supported the stall in any way.

**Books in the porch** will continue to be on sale until the end of the month when we will take them away to a drier place over the damp months. Again, see the November issue for the total raised.

There will be a **Churchyard Work-Party** on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November** from **9.30 am until 12 noon**. If you can spare an hour or two during this time, please do come along and lend a hand. We could do with some fit younger people. Refreshments will be supplied.

**NEWS FROM ST MARY'S TITCHWELL** A big thanks is due to all the organisers and helpers who made our harvest celebration such a success at the beginning of September. Forty-seven people enjoyed a magnificent harvest supper on the Friday evening in a marquee on the green by the church. The church itself was sumptuously decorated to celebrate our local harvests of food from both the land and the sea in celebration and thanks to God. All in all, there was a wonderful sense of the community coming together in our special place. As the liturgy for Holy Communion says, "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God".

On another note, we anticipate that an unobtrusive sound system and hearing loop will soon be installed in the church. As someone with a rather quiet voice, I am very much looking forward to its arrival.

**For Sunday Services for October**, please see page 2.

**Stillness on the Saxon Shore** meets in St Mary's **every Friday** at 4 pm for half an hour or so of prayerful reflection, the first Friday of the month being a period of unbroken silence.

With my prayers and best wishes for you all,

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

**BRANCASTER CHURCH FLOWERS** Donations of fruit, flowers or vegetables will be gratefully received for the school harvest festival to be held in the church on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October**. Please contact Virginia on 01485 210902. Many thanks.

**BRANCASTER COMMUNITY CHOIR CAROL SINGING IN BVH** (Preceded by outdoor singing in Brancaster Staithe weather permitting)

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December** from 6 pm. **Rehearsals** at 5.30 pm in BVH on **Fridays 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> December**. All welcome. No charge.

## **BRANCASTER PARISH COUNCIL**

By the time you read this our “**Big Community Chat**” will have taken place. We have received a large number of responses already to the online questionnaire. We will keep you informed when we look at these and all the comments on the day, and let you know what issues we may have taken up for further work.

Council notes that **Tennis Week** appeared to go off with fewer problems. Though there were still some incidents, the greater Police presence appears to have had an effect – we thank them, and look forward to working with them again next year.

We have agreed to be a “**Lead Council**” for the provision of equipment to help those who have fallen. With ambulance response times being a perennial problem, a local group is setting up a scheme which helps with training etc, and we hope this will be available in the Parish.

We also agreed to try and register Brancaster as an official “**Bathing Site**” – this will mean we benefit from regular monitoring of water quality etc.

While Council has agreed the general principles with the National Trust on the **management of the Hard** in Brancaster Staithe, it has not yet agreed the specifics and will be meeting them soon. We agreed to support their proposal to “underground” some of the utilities etc on Beach Road – this should help with the reliability of the toilet block.

**Finance** It was agreed to earmark two sums in the reserves, one of £10,000 for general “beautifying” of the Villages. We also put aside £20,000 as a show of support for a possible Play Area in Brancaster Staithe. This is something which has not been formally discussed, but we know Brancaster Staithe & Burnham Deepdale Village Hall are looking into the possibility, and would be pleased to hear your views. We appointed a new Internal Auditor, and thank Mike Ruston for his work over recent years.

We again considered a large number of **planning applications**, with mixed responses. It is worth noting that we have no ability to object to applications based on the amount of parking the plans propose when there is only one dwelling under consideration. We have information about Home Improvement schemes from the Borough. There are grants available – these would appear to be for those with incomes of under £31K and in homes in bands A-D. Please contact the Clerk for more details.

The **next meeting of Council** will be on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** in Brancaster Village Hall at 6.30 pm. Contact details for the Parish Council: [www.brancaster-pc.gov.uk](http://www.brancaster-pc.gov.uk); email [clerk@brancaster-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@brancaster-pc.gov.uk).

## **NEWS FROM HUNSTANTON FOODBANK**

The Foodbank is delighted to welcome Anne, our new Outreach Caseworker, as part of an exciting pioneering project in partnership with the British Red Cross and the Trussell Trust. She is working in the locality to help identify and address unmet social needs. This can include supporting people with more complex issues including mental health, long-term conditions and those in financial hardship. Many people are not aware of what benefits or financial assistance are available – Anne will be very pleased to be able to help with this. Support can be up to 12 weeks and includes home assessments and visits as required.

If you would like to meet Anne, please leave a message on 07395 877 614 or email her [AnneSipple@redcross.org.uk](mailto:AnneSipple@redcross.org.uk); she will also be available at the Helping Hands Community Hub café on most Monday and Wednesday mornings, as well as taking referrals from the schools.

We continue to be grateful for all the support that you give us, both financially and through local food collections, including the box behind the checkouts in Sainsburys, Hunstanton and at the grocery store in Burnham Deepdale. At present we would be particularly grateful for donations of tins of fruit, custard, rice pudding, spaghetti hoops in sauce, tuna and meat products, as well as cartons of UHT milk, bottles of fruit squash and boxes of breakfast cereals. A big thanks to all our loyal supporters.

James Monro (Chair of Trustees, Hunstanton and District Foodbank)

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**Unfortunately** 80 appointments were not kept or attended by patients. If you no longer need, or cannot keep an appointment, please let the surgery know – 01328 737000, or email [burnham.surgery@nhs.net](mailto:burnham.surgery@nhs.net)

### **DEEPDALE AND DALEGATE MARKET**

#### **Charity Barn Dance in aid of It's On The Ball: Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October**

To celebrate David's incredible fundraising '*7 marathon beer pushes in 7 days*', we will be cheering his arrival at Deepdale and celebrating his incredible effort by making him dance the evening away! All welcome, tickets available online.

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### **BRANCASTER COMMUNITY HOT SPOT LUNCHES**

Our **monthly** Community Hot Spot lunches are commencing again at Brancaster Village Hall on **Fridays** from 12 noon to 3 pm, commencing **13<sup>th</sup> October**, followed by **24<sup>th</sup> November**. For further dates, please see the Diary page. Please join us for a nourishing lunch of soup, sandwiches, buffet, puddings and tea/coffee and biscuits. Come on your own or with others - a warm welcome awaits everyone! Suggested donation of £5.

Please book your place by the Friday **before** the lunch (ie 6<sup>th</sup> October/17<sup>th</sup> November) by ringing Babs Wade on 01485 522273 or email [hotspotlunches@gmail.com](mailto:hotspotlunches@gmail.com). Please advise any specific dietary requirements when booking.

If you require assistance with transport please contact Mary Gardiner on 01485 210442. We look forward to meeting you all again.

Brancaster Community Hot Spot lunch team

### **BRANCASTER CAMERA CLUB**

The next meeting of our club will be on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October** at 7 pm in Brancaster Staithe & Burnham Deepdale Village Hall. The topic for the evening will be 'Macro'. Visitors are always welcome. Please come along if interested. Contact Wendy Calow on 01553 674725 or Sue Till on 01485 210013.

A note for your diary: on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November**, again at 7 pm in the Village Hall, Nick and Liz Akers have kindly agreed to give us an illustrated talk on their holidays in Kenya and Harris, Scotland. Both Nick and Liz are very well-known local photographers and it should be an interesting evening.

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

**Brancaster Village Stores and Post Office** As we march rapidly towards the winter season, and scenes brilliantly captured by Paul Gallico in "The Snow Goose", there are great changes at the Brancaster Village Hall. As from 4<sup>th</sup> September the village shop and Post Office are under new management: we extend a very warm welcome to Mark Eldridge and his wife, Kerry, who have taken over.

**Both shop and Post Office are now open six days a week,  
Monday to Saturday, from 9 am until 5 pm.**

### **Forthcoming Events At BVH**

Monthly **Community Hot Spot Lunches** will recommence for the winter season on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October** (see above). All the **World Cup rugby** will be shown at BVH: everyone is welcome to watch the matches and enjoy a drink at the bar. The annual **Winter Fair** will be held on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November**. **Quiz Nights, Skittles and Darts** continue at **Bar 71**: do come along and sample the brilliant pizzas produced by the **Bardolis food van**.

For full details and times of all these events and of our regular activities – Yoga, Baby and Toddler Group, Coffee Morning, Beginners’ Pilates, Fitness Fusion and the Mobile Library – please check the Diary page or visit our website:  
[www.brancastrivillagehall.co.uk](http://www.brancastrivillagehall.co.uk).

### **DEEPDALE FARM**

**Green woodworking** **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October** and **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November**. Full day courses suitable for complete beginners. Learn about the properties of wood, how to use a draw knife and pole lathe, and take home your handmade items.

We can also arrange private groups mid-week or weekends for families, friends or colleagues of 3 or more people. Gift vouchers available for presents.

**Willow weaving** The Coddiwomplers are back to run two half-day sessions, suitable for beginners or those with some experience: **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October**: Bird feeders 9.30 am-12.30 pm; Willow platter 1.30-4.30 pm.

**Nature walks** Reveal Nature are running a series of their nature connection experiences, enabling you to explore the natural world in different ways. We have had great feedback about all the activities. **Biofluorescent Night Walk** – 17<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> October, 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> November. **Microscopic Marvels: Macro Photography Course** – 27<sup>th</sup> October and 14<sup>th</sup> November (27<sup>th</sup> October is just £10 as an introductory offer for this first event). **Forest Bathing** – 17<sup>th</sup> October and 28<sup>th</sup> November. Visit the website or follow us on social media (@deepdalefarm) for more information about our events, and to book:  
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**SCOTTISH DANCING IN BRANCASTER VILLAGE HALL** **Monthly, Tuesdays** 6-8 pm throughout the winter months: **24<sup>th</sup> October, 21<sup>st</sup> November** – for further dates please see Diary Page. All welcome. £2.50 per person per evening (drinks available at Bar 71 in the interval).

### **BRANCASTER STAITHE & BURNHAM DEEPDALE VILLAGE HALL**

#### **Play Equipment For The Playing Field**

The Village Hall Committee has decided to go ahead with the installation of new playground equipment. We do, however, still require letters of support to assist us when applying for grants, as the more funding we get the better the play area. If anyone would like to support this new venture by emailing a letter of support, please do so as soon as possible. Please send your emails to [bsbdvh.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:bsbdvh.secretary@gmail.com) with a subject of “Play Equipment for BSBDVH Playing Field”.

### **JUST A REMINDER**

Do check the diary page as we always list events as soon as we are aware of them, so you can note the date and await fuller information nearer the time.



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

Volunteer drivers always wanted. Journeys can be local or long distance. Mileage expenses are paid in line with HMRC guidelines. Our drivers choose to do anything from less than one journey a month to several trips a week. Passengers are primarily taken for medically related appointments. Please ring Linda on 07851 322 580 to book a driver or discuss joining the team.

### **THE JOLLY SAILORS**

Tom's delicious Brancaster Mussels are back in full flow and on our autumn menu every day. Also new on the menu a Jolly Sunday Roast which is available to book and will be on the menu from **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October** served from 12 noon to 9 pm.

Ahoy me Hearties and thank you to all who supported the recent Brancaster Staithe Shanty Festival. A fun sing-along time was had by all. An amazing amount of **£2,245 was raised** and split equally between Hunstanton RNLI and Brancaster Coastwatch.

Nelson's Shantymen will be returning on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** for their regular Jolly Monday rehearsals.

We will be closing from 5 pm on **Sunday 1st October** to reward our team for all their hard work over summer. Last orders for food and drink will be 4 pm that day.

We will remain open for food daily between 12 noon to 9 pm.

Finally, don't forget our regular Live Music gig on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October** from 8 pm.

See [www.jollysailorsbrancaster.co.uk/events](http://www.jollysailorsbrancaster.co.uk/events) for more events.

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

### **THE WHITE HORSE**

The autumn sunshine and 'Northern lights' across Brancaster Bay tidal marsh are, as you know, a magical sight. We are battening down the hatches but enjoying the transition to autumn and welcoming Brancaster Mussel season this October. Join us for Brancaster Mussels Weekend MARSHSIDE **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October**, 3 pm 'til late, **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>** and **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** 12 noon 'til late. Brancaster Mussels served 5-ways, Live Music all weekend, heated marquee! No need to book.

Look out for Fran's delicious autumn menu including mussel menu choices. See current opening times, events diary, and menus on our website [www.whitehorsebrancaster.co.uk](http://www.whitehorsebrancaster.co.uk). Thank you, we really value your custom. Rob, Fran, Rosie & The White Horse Team

### **DEEPDALE & BRANCASTER STAITHE TENNIS**

Everyone is welcome to play on our courts which remain open all year. If you are a visitor, you can book a court for up to an hour and a half and pay online via our website – [www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/DBSTennisClub](http://www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/DBSTennisClub).

**Coaching** Our junior members have been able to take advantage of coaching since the Easter holidays and they have all come on in leaps and bounds. We really do have some stars in the making. The autumn term 6-week course of coaching on **Wednesday afternoons** with Becky Palmer our LTA coach will finish by half term. If your child would still like to join in, please contact our Junior Tennis Co-ordinator, Carrie Hendry, by email to [juniortennis@brancasterstaithe.co.uk](mailto:juniortennis@brancasterstaithe.co.uk) Course fees vary from £6 - £18 per course and there are 3 sessions for different ages: 3.45 - 4.15 pm for 4-7 year olds, £6 per course. 4.15 – 5 pm for 8-11 year olds, £12 per course. 5 – 6 pm for secondary school children up to age 15, £18 per course

**Wednesday Ladies Tennis Mornings** These continue every week when the weather allows from **9-10.30 am**. We are a group of experienced players (not beginners) of a certain age and the emphasis is on fun. If you would like to join us please contact Verily Borthwick by email to [DBSTennisClub@outlook.com](mailto:DBSTennisClub@outlook.com). These sessions are for members but you are most welcome to come along and try us out for free for up to 3 occasions each year.

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## **NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL**

School started on 6<sup>th</sup> September and it was lovely to see everyone. We enjoyed hearing all the holiday news and also meeting our new children and staff. Everyone is settling well and we look forward to a good year.

We are currently awaiting the arrival of our new secretary so, until then, please bear with us if we do not answer phone calls or emails (or the door!) as quickly as we would normally. We are also awaiting a “fix” on our website – we will be back up and running again as soon as possible.

**Thrift Class** (4 – 7 year olds) are learning about “Superheroes” this term, ranging from story book superheroes, to real life heroes, to us as heroes. We have checked out our plants after the summer and have picked runner beans and tomatoes, and pulled up beetroot and onions. Our pumpkin is still growing madly as are our sunflowers. If anyone has a spare water butt that you would be happy to donate to us, do please get in touch.

**Samphire Class** (7 – 11 year olds) are studying Romans and have a visit from the Norfolk Archaeological society planned, plus a trip to Norwich Castle Museum. We have restarted School Council and Sports Council and these children will be using their voice to help us improve our provision. School Council will also be planning our Children in Need event. The PFA are just beginning to plan the term’s events, so watch out for details.

**Key Dates:** Our **Harvest Festival** is at Brancaster Church, 2 pm on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October**. All welcome. **Half Term:** school finishes on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October** and we start back on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October**. Our Nativity/Carol Service is **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** 2 pm in the church. Again, all welcome. Term finishes on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**.

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

The school summer holidays pose particular issues for the beach and coastline at Brancaster. The beach attracts thousands of visitors each week and the Brancaster Staithe Sailing Club is very busy, both with official race days and with casual sailing users. This makes extra demands on the Coastwatch Service on Brancaster beach. The service has recruited one new joiner, John; and two volunteers, Ian and Frank, have become certified as Watchkeepers: congratulations to them. There are also other potential volunteers in the pipeline, **but the Service still needs to recruit more.**

There have been three incidents since the last report: children reported missing on Scolt Head Island (recovered safely), two paddleboarders in difficulty (recovered safely) and a medical incident requiring an ambulance. The Service continues to attend local events to publicise its work. Representatives were also present on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> September in the afternoon at Brancaster Staithe & Burnham Deepdale Village Hall to talk to the local community about water safety.

Please contact Richard Burrows, Deputy Station Manager and Watchkeeper, on 07505 612777 if you are interested in volunteering or knowing more about the Service.

## **DEEPDALE AND BRANCASTER HOUSING SOCIETY**

**Applying for Affordable Housing** Do you have local connections and want to be considered for any properties which may become available but don't understand the application and selection process?

Whether you are interested in a house or flat, tenancy or shared ownership, a guide with information for other Borough Council properties is available from Deepdale and Brancaster Housing Society. Email the Secretary, Diana Bamber at: [bamber344@btinternet.com](mailto:bamber344@btinternet.com) for further information, or call her on 01485 518029.

Please note we do not hold a waiting list.

## **NATIONAL TRUST**

Did you know that, alongside our conservation role, the National Trust looks after dozens of archaeological sites along the North Norfolk coast? The wide range of local archaeological sites range from Roman fortifications to Cold War installations. Just outside Brancaster is the site of the ancient Roman fort of Branodunum. The fort, built in the 230s, later became part of the Saxon Shore fortification system. In 2012, At Salthouse, it is possible to find evidence of iron ore smelting dating back to the Roman times. Our coastline is also rich in 20th Century archaeology, with many World War 2 air defences partially and fully intact at regular intervals along the coast. At the edge of Stiffkey saltmarsh there are the remains of a Cold War military installation. You can find out more about these and other archaeological sites locally by using the National Trust's Heritage Records Online website: [heritagerecords.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://heritagerecords.nationaltrust.org.uk). This important record of archaeological sites is kept up-to-date with the help of a team of volunteers, our Heritage and Archaeology Rangers Team (HART). Volunteers visit sites and collect information on their condition, stability and vulnerability.

If you would like to find out more about becoming a HART volunteer, please drop our Senior Volunteering and Community Officer, Marianne Lawrence, a line at [Marianne.Lawrence@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:Marianne.Lawrence@nationaltrust.org.uk).

## **BRANCASTER OIL COOPERATIVE**

I shall be ordering oil on **Thursdays**: 19<sup>th</sup> October, 9<sup>th</sup> November, 30<sup>th</sup> November (last guaranteed order for delivery before Christmas). 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 monthly**, next visit **19<sup>th</sup> October. 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.

## **BRANCASTER & STAITHE HOMEWATCH**

Still the reports come in about people being conned by bogus police phone calls into drawing money out of their banks to hand over to 'couriers'- only a criminal will ever ask you to do this! And email scams are becoming more sophisticated. One circulating at the moment states you are due a Council Tax refund – don't be fooled. Another innocent looking one comes from someone you know, often asking you to buy some Amazon vouchers on their behalf - don't reply to the email as it has been intercepted, check with them on another line.

As always, if you spot something unusual, call the police on 101, providing as many details as possible, such as descriptions of people and cars, including number plates. But if you believe a crime is in progress, then always dial 999. If you do not wish to leave your details, you can call anonymously, or via Crime Stoppers 0800 555 111; your call is free and confidential.

**BEWARE!** High Tides between the following dates when Beach Road is liable to flooding and unsuitable for traffic. Pedestrian access available via the bank. 27<sup>th</sup> September - 4<sup>th</sup> October, 12<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> October, 26<sup>th</sup> October - 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

## **CROCKERY**

The Parish News has a quantity of crockery, glasses, cutlery etc. for use by parishioners. Please contact Josephine Luddington 01485 210306.

### HAZARDOUS WASTE DAYS

This year the dates for West Norfolk are **Saturday/Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> October** at Hempton (near Fakenham) 9 am- 4 pm. Full details on [www.recyclefornorfolk.org.uk](http://www.recyclefornorfolk.org.uk).

### BURNHAM MARKET AND NORTON VILLAGE HALL

The community cinema at the Burnham Market village hall continues in **October** with two shows. **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>** at 3.30 pm – *Empire of Light (15)* (2022). **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>** at 7 pm – *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry (12a)* (2023). Tickets are £5 on the door, cash only. Refreshments are available at all shows. To book please contact Diana Walker on 01328 738604. You can also view further information on our website: [www.burnhammarketandnortonvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.burnhammarketandnortonvillagehall.org.uk).

**STANHOE AND BARWICK WI Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October:** Norfolk's Indian Princess, a talk by Juyna Lewis. **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November:** Binham Blue, a talk about Mrs Temple's famous cheeses. **Venue:** 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.

### WELLS MALTINGS

#### **Practical Inspiration for Death and Dying led by Briony Bax & LM-Y**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November**, 9.30 am – 1 pm. With the aim of helping people prepare in a practical way for their own deaths, and the deaths of those close to them, this course aims to give guidance, reduce stress, and open up easy and supportive conversations in the face of our mortality. All welcome. Cost £120 reduced to £95 if paid in full by 30<sup>th</sup> September. <https://practicalinspirationfordying.com>.

### THE ARTS SOCIETY, NORTHWEST NORFOLK

Our next illustrated talk, presented by Linda Collins on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October** at Sedgeford Village Hall at 2 pm, is entitled *Magnificence and Splendour: The Royal Art Collection in the Court of Henry VIII*. 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 918 890.

### PHOENIX LADIES

We are looking forward to hearing Hilda Hall-Smith talk about her late husband's, Mike's, adventures on Christmas Island on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October** in Burnham Market and Norton Village Hall at 2 pm. Tea and cake will be served afterwards. Guests and new members are always welcome. There is a small charge for guests. For further information please contact Sue on 01328 730859 or email [suisted@btinternet.com](mailto:suisted@btinternet.com). There is also a web site: [burnhammarketandnortonvillagehall.org.uk](http://burnhammarketandnortonvillagehall.org.uk).

### STANHOE VILLAGE SCREEN

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October:** *Oppenheimer (15)* (tbc) at 7.30 pm. Watch the trailer at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bK6ldnjE3Y0>. 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).

**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 ring 01328 710467. Google 'Wells Library' for more information via NCC website.

## DIARY DATES 2023 – updated monthly

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

- Weekly:** Monday: Indoor Bowls, 2 - 4 pm, BSDVH (until 11<sup>th</sup> December)  
“ Mobile Post Office, The Drove, Burnham Deepdale 4 - 4.30 pm  
“ Yoga 6.30 - 8 pm, BVH  
Tuesday: Baby & Toddler Group, 9.30 - 11.30 am, BVH (Term time only)  
“ Mobile Post Office, The Drove, Burnham Deepdale 4 - 4.30 pm  
Wednesday: Coffee Morning, St Edmund’s Hall, Hunstanton, 10 am - 12 noon  
“ Coffee Morning, 10.30 - 11.30 am, BVH  
“ Mobile Post Office, The Drove, Burnham Deepdale, 1.10 - 1.45 pm  
“ Bridge, 1.30 - 4.15 pm. BSDVH (to 20<sup>th</sup> December)  
“ Fitness Fusion with Katie 6 - 7.15 pm, BVH  
“ Yoga with Emilie 6 - 7.15 pm, BVH  
Thursday: Beginners Pilates with Sarah, 12.30 - 1.30 pm, BVH  
“ Art Group 2 - 4 pm BSDVH (from 7<sup>th</sup> September)  
“ Mobile Post Office, The Drove, Burnham Deepdale, 4 - 4.30 pm  
**Monthly:** Tuesdays: Scottish dancing - see below for dates  
Thursdays: Mobile Library: **19<sup>th</sup> October** - See page 12 for details of stops

### OCTOBER

- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Parish Council Meeting, 6.30 pm. BVH  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> School Harvest Festival, Brancaster Church, 2 pm  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Brancaster Community Hot Spot Lunch, 12 noon, BVH  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Brancaster Camera Club, 7 pm, BSDVH  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Scottish Dancing 6 - 8 pm, BVH

### NOVEMBER

- Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Deepdale Churchyard Working-party, 9.30 – 12 noon  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Brancaster Camera Club, 7 pm BSDVH  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Scottish Dancing 6 - 8 pm, BVH  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Brancaster Community Hot Spot Lunch, 12 noon, BVH  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Fair, BVH

### DECEMBER

- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Brancaster Community Hot Spot Lunch, 12 noon, BVH  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Scottish Dancing 6 - 8 pm, BVH  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Community Choir Carol Singing, 6 pm, BVH

### EDITOR’S NOTE

Please submit 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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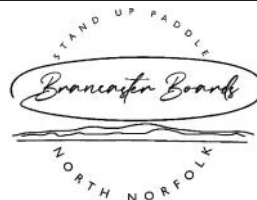
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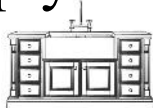
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