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BRANCASTER, BRANCASTER STAITHE, BURNHAM DEEPPDALE, TITCHWELL, CHOSELEY

THE RECTOR: Interregnum

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Dear Friends,

Love, joy and peace are words which are often used to describe Christmas. They are found in Christmas cards, on wrapping paper, and sung in carols and secular songs. For many of us Christmas is a time to look forward to. A time to see family and friends, to renew old acquaintances. A day of anticipation of fun and enjoyment. All the preparation is finished and it's time to relax. But what for those who are unable to join in the celebrations? For many the cost of living crisis means a lack of food and warmth. Some face redundancy, homelessness and increasing debt. Many are alone. In many parts of the world people face war and live in constant fear. Natural disasters are faced by many because of global warming.

Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Jesus. The only room his parents could find was a stable surrounded by animals and hay. They were away from home, family and friends. They certainly were not expecting any visitors. Yet almost as soon as Jesus was born they were visited by shepherds. Shepherds were poor men who many regarded as the 'lowest of the low'. They were doing a job which no one else wanted. Yet these were the first to be informed of the birth of Jesus, his first visitors. The second group of people to visit were men or magi. They were wealthy, powerful, intellectual men from the East, they were not of the Jewish faith. They had spent years studying astrology, hoping to find a king who would save the world.

Eventually their time was rewarded by the sign of a star. But they didn't find a baby in a palace surrounded by wealth. They found a homeless baby in a poor stable among the cattle.

His father was a carpenter. Carpenters were despised as outcast and unclean because they made coffins and touched dead bodies. Hardly the setting for a king. Jesus was born to welcome and to reconcile all people, rich and poor, those of different cultures and nationalities. Throughout his life we see a God of love, joy and peace. Through his life Jesus taught us how to treat all people with love, and respect so that all may live lives knowing love, joy and peace.

It is good to celebrate, to share love, joy and peace with family and friends, to re-charge exhausted batteries. As we do this with our families and friends can we also share that love, joy and peace with those whose own lives are unable to reflect this? It is the love with which presents are given that makes a difference, not the size or cost. Giving fair trade food and gifts and those which help sustain the world's resources, or buying from charity shops, will help others to know that love, joy and peace of Christmas.

May the love, joy and peace of Christ be with us all this Christmas and New Year.

Sandra Ellison, retired priest assisting during the interregnum.

DECEMBER & JANUARY SERVICES IN THE HUNSTANTON & SAXON SHORE

BENEFACTICE

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 3rd December

9.00 am	Holme-next-the-Sea	Holy Communion	BCP
9.00 am	Ringstead	Advent Carols	CW
10.30 am	Titchwell	Holy Communion for Families	CW
10.45 am	Brancaster	Holy Communion (said)	CW
10.45 am	Old Hunstanton	Holy Communion	CW
10.45 am	Hunstanton	Morning Prayer	CW
4.00 pm	Dersingham	Deanery Advent Service	

Thursday 7th

10.00 am	Hunstanton	<u>Midweek Communion</u> Holy Communion	
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Sunday 10th

8.30 am	Titchwell	<u>Second of Advent</u> Holy Communion	BCP
10.30 am	“	Holy Communion for Families	CW
9.00 am	Burnham Deepdale	Holy Communion	CW
9.00 am	Thornham	Carols	CW
9.00 am	Ringstead	Holy Communion	CW
10.45 am	Old Hunstanton	Holy Communion	CW
10.45 am	Hunstanton	Holy Communion	CW
4.00 pm	Brancaster	Carols	

Thursday 14th

10.00 am	Ringstead	<u>Midweek Communion</u> Holy Communion	
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Sunday 17th

9.00 am	Holme-next-the-Sea	<u>Third of Advent</u> Holy Communion	CW
9.00 am	Ringstead	Holy Communion	CW
10.15 am	Burnham Deepdale	Family Christmas	CW
10.30 am	Titchwell	Holy Communion for Families	CW
10.45 am	Old Hunstanton	Morning Prayer	CW
10.45 am	Hunstanton	Holy Communion	CW
4.00 pm	Titchwell	Carols	

Thursday 21st

10.00 am	Hunstanton	Midweek Holy Communion	
6.00 pm	Holme-next-the-Sea	Carols	

Sunday 24th

9.00 am	Ringstead	<u>Fourth of Advent</u> Carols	CW
10.30 am	Titchwell	Holy Communion for Families	CW
10.45 am	Old Hunstanton	Holy Communion	CW
10.45 am	Hunstanton	Holy Communion	CW
3.30 pm	Titchwell	Christingle	CW
4.00 pm	Old Hunstanton	Carols	CW
4.00 pm	Hunstanton	Crib	CW

Christmas Eve

10.00 pm	Burnham Deepdale	<u>Midnight</u> Holy Communion	CW
10.00 pm	Thornham	Holy Communion	CW
11.15 pm	Hunstanton	Holy Communion	CW

Monday 25th

8.30 am	Titchwell	<u>Christmas Day</u> Holy Communion	BCP
9.00 am	Holme-next-the-Sea	Holy Communion	CW
9.00 am	Ringstead	Holy Communion	CW
10.00 am	Old Hunstanton	Holy Communion Family	CW

10.30 am	Brancaster	HC Family with Titchwell	CW
10.45 am	Hunstanton	HC	CW
<u>Thursday 28th</u>		<u>Midweek Communion</u>	
10.00 am	Ringstead	Holy Communion	
<u>Sunday 31st December</u>		<u>First of Christmas</u>	
10.00 am	Holme-next-the-Sea	Benefice	CW
<u>Thursday 4th January</u>		<u>Midweek Communion</u>	
10.00 am	Hunstanton	Holy Communion	
<u>Sunday 7th</u>		<u>Epiphany</u>	
9.00 am	Holme-next-the-Sea	Holy Communion	BCP
9.00 am	Ringstead	Advent Carols	CW
10.30 am	Titchwell	Holy Communion for Families	CW
10.45 am	Brancaster	Holy Communion (said)	CW
10.45 am	Old Hunstanton	Holy Communion	CW
10.45 am	Hunstanton	Morning Prayer	CW
<u>Thursday 11th</u>		<u>Midweek Communion</u>	
10.00 am	Ringstead	Holy Communion	
<u>Sunday 14th</u>		<u>Second after Epiphany</u>	
8.30 am	Titchwell	Holy Communion	BCP
10.30 am	“	Holy Communion for Families	CW
9.00 am	Burnham Deepdale	Holy Communion	CW
9.00 am	Thornham	Morning Prayer	CW
9.00 am	Ringstead	Holy Communion	CW
10.45 am	Old Hunstanton	Holy Communion	CW
10.45 am	Hunstanton	Holy Communion	CW
4.00 pm	Brancaster	Evensong	
<u>Thursday 18th</u>		<u>Midweek Communion</u>	
10.00 am	Hunstanton	Holy Communion	
<u>Sunday 21st</u>		<u>Third after Epiphany</u>	
9.00 am	Holme-next-the-Sea	Holy Communion	CW
9.00 am	Ringstead	Holy Communion	CW
10.15 am	Burnham Deepdale	Family	CW
10.30 am	Titchwell	Morning Prayer for Families	CW
10.45 am	Old Hunstanton	Morning Prayer	CW
10.45 am	Hunstanton	Holy Communion	CW
<u>Thursday 25th</u>		<u>Midweek Communion</u>	
10.00 am	<u>Conversion of Paul</u> Ringstead	Holy Communion	
<u>Sunday 28th</u>		<u>Candlemas</u>	
8.30 am	Titchwell	Holy Communion	BCP
10.30 am	“	Holy Communion for Families	CW
9.00 am	Burnham Deepdale	Holy Communion	CW
9.00 am	Thornham	Holy Communion	CW
9.00 am	Ringstead	Morning Prayer	CW
10.45 am	Old Hunstanton	Holy Communion	CW
10.45 am	Hunstanton	Holy Communion	CW

MAKING SPACE CAFÉS, supported by the Norfolk Community Foundation. For dates of Hot Spot lunches at Brancaster, and coffee at Hunstanton and Ringstead please see page 14.

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. Church wardens and priests assisting during the interregnum cannot give permission for these.

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Mass times: Sundays 9.30 am, Fridays 9.30 am. Holy Days of Obligation: see notice board in Church porch. Further information: catholicparishofwalsingham.org.

ST MARY'S, BURNHAM DEEPPDALE A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Plant Stall and the Books in the Porch throughout the year. We received some extra money for plants since the November issue went to press, resulting in a total of £1105.21. Books are still available in the church tower until about the 15th December when the church will be decorated for Christmas. Please remember that we are unable to accept any more of either plants or books until the spring. A bridge afternoon at Brancaster Staithe Sailing Club on the 14th November was a huge success raising an incredible £1806. We are immensely grateful to Liz How who organised it all and to everyone who either helped with preparations or who came and took part.

Looking forward to Christmas, we hope you might be able join us at any or all of the following:

Family Service on **Sunday 17 December at 10.15 am** with an Advent / Christmassy feel. There will be carols and candles, our Advent wreath and mince pies with refreshments after the service.

Staithe Singers Evening Soiree will be performing in the church at 5.30 pm on **Monday 18th December**. Please see full details on page 7.

Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve at 10 pm will be our Christmas celebration in worship. Please note the time. It is earlier than last year. We look forward to welcoming you on this very special night.

Finally, we would like to extend a very big thank you to everyone who came along on a wet Saturday morning on the 4th November and lent a hand to make the churchyard work party very successful. Lots was achieved.

CHRISTMAS JOY AT TITCHWELL

Dear Friends, I know that Jesus did say, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them", but I am always encouraged when a goodly number of people gather. And of course, he is also there when there are more than just two or three. I am writing this on Remembrance Sunday when I was gratified by a good turnout round the war memorial at Titchwell, and later that morning a large gathering in Hunstanton Town Hall, followed by several hundred more for the two-minute silence at the Cenotaph on Cliff Parade. Of course, our remembrance services are by their very nature solemn occasions, but for me they herald the season of Advent when we look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, that first Christmas, and anticipate his return. For me the happy faces of the children lit by their candles at the Christingle service as the sun sets on Christmas Eve, and Christmas begins, is the high point of the year. Do come and join us.

Services for December below: For January services please check page 3.

3rd 10.30 am Holy Communion for families CW

10th 8.30 am Holy Communion BCP & **10.30 am** Holy Communion for families CW

17th 10.30 am Holy Communion for families CW & **4 pm** Carol Service

24th Christmas Eve 10.30 am Holy Communion for families CW & **3.30 pm** Christingle Service

25th Christmas Day 8.30 am HC BCP & **10.30 am joint Family Communion at Brancaster**

31st No service at Titchwell: 10 am Benefice Service of Holy Communion at Holme

The contemplative group Stillness on the Saxon Shore meets in Titchwell church at 4 pm on **Fridays**, the first Friday of each month being a longer period of silence.

We meet on **December 1st, 8th and 15th** with an Advent theme of waiting, and from **January 5th** looking at Epiphany: the meeting on **January 19th** will be a service of gentle Taize chants.

With my prayers and best wishes for you all this Christmas and New Year,

James Monro, Assistant Priest, Saxon Shore Benefice.

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THE STAITHE SINGERS

Monday 18th December: Seasonal concert in St Mary's Church, Burnham Deepdale, by candlelight. Doors open at 5 pm. The performance starts at 5.30 pm and will last approximately an hour. The programme will offer a mixture of classic and contemporary pieces with some festive songs and carols for everyone to join in. **Everyone** is welcome and entry is **free**. There will be light refreshments afterwards.

All donations received on the night, either by card or cash, will be shared between St Mary's Church and Burnham Overy Staithe Village Hall.

BRANCASTER COMMUNITY CHOIR CAROL SINGING IN BVH - Preceded by outdoor singing in Brancaster Staithe weather permitting.

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

NEWS FROM BRANCASTER VILLAGE HALL (BVH)

It continues to be a very busy time at BVH, with successful events and groups, a thriving shop and Post Office, and a well-supported Bar 71. Much of this success is due to the hard work of all the volunteers who give freely of their time and expertise. A reminder: the shop/Post Office is open 9 am to 5 pm Monday to Saturday, and the shop at the same time on Sunday, where you will be sure of a warm welcome. The official opening of the shop/Post Office on 19th October by pupils of Brancaster School was a great success.

The regular groups continue to meet, including Yoga, Mothers and Toddlers, Coffee Mornings, Fitness, Pilates, Scottish Dancing and the Mobile Library. The Hot Spot lunches will continue over the winter on a monthly basis on Fridays (see the Diary Page for dates and the BVH website for more details).

Forthcoming events include the Winter Fair on **Saturday 25th November**, Christmas Bingo **Saturday 2nd December** and the Christmas Party **Friday 22nd December**. Bar 71 continues Quiz Nights, Darts, Pool and Skittles; food vans will be serving delicious homemade pizzas and burritos. For full details of all events and activities, please visit our website:

www.brancastervillagehall.co.uk

TITCHWELL PARISH MEETING

The next Titchwell Parish meeting is to be held on **Thursday 7th December** at **7.30 pm** at Briarfields Hotel. All welcome.

BRANCASTER COMMUNITY SPORTS CLUB (BCSC)

Temporary Closure of Tennis Court on the Playing Field

During regular maintenance checks BCSC had become concerned about the surface of the tennis court and, following discussions with the company that originally built the court in 2007, it has become apparent that the surface will have to be renewed. BCSC have been advised that the surface is unsafe for use and therefore the court will be closed with immediate effect until a new surface is installed.

AGM

Brancaster Community Sports Club AGM will be held on **Wednesday 7th February** at 6 pm in Brancaster Village Hall. Everyone is welcome whether you are a member or just interested in helping this great facility in our village.

If you have any ideas or comments on the management of the playing field and playground please come and share them with us. If you have any questions but are unable to attend please email them to dianawalton1@gmail.com.

BRANCASTER CAMERA CLUB

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 12th December** at 2 pm and is our AGM. We will not be having a meeting in January but look forward to starting again in February - weather permitting! We would be pleased to see anyone who feels they would like to join us.

Although slightly early, we send everyone our best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Contact details: Sue Till 01485 210013 Wendy Calow 01553 674725.

DEEPDALE FARM

Green woodworking

Introduction to Green Woodworking 1-day courses: **20th January, 25th February, 16th March.**
Stool making for beginners, 2-day course: Day 1, **21st January**; Day 2, **24th February**.

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

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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 – enquiries@deepdalefarm.co.uk.

Our nature walks and willow weaving will be back later in 2024.

BRANCASTER STAITHE AND DEEPDALE VILLAGE HALL

Play Equipment Proposal

Thank you to all who have responded and expressed support for this project - more letters or emails of support would be greatly appreciated. If you have not already submitted yours, please consider doing so.

We now have three proposals for the playground design and will have these available for all interested parties to view and comment on at an **Open Meeting to be held in the Village Hall** on **Saturday 27th January** from 10 am until 12 noon. We look forward to seeing you then.

Emails and letters of support should be sent to: The Secretary - bsbdvh.secretary@gmail.com or Brancaster Staithe and Deepdale Village Hall, c/o Appletrees, Orchard Close, Brancaster Staithe, King's Lynn, PE31 8BN.

DEEPDALE AND BRANCASTER STAITHE TENNIS CLUB

Just a reminder that our courts are available for play throughout the year. If it is icy, you must make your own judgement about whether it is safe to play. To gain access you need to book a court through our website www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/DBSTennisClub (or just Google Burnham Deepdale Tennis Club) for up to an hour and a half per day. Visitors can play as well as members. The court fee for visitors is £10 per hour payable online.

MOBILITY EQUIPMENT

A recently bereaved gentleman has given me a (new) folding wheelchair, zimmer frame and shower stool for short-term loan/use by the local community. Collection from Marsh Head opposite the Jolly Sailors, or I can usually deliver at short notice.

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NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

We are always busy in school and having a good time! Thrift Class have planted hyacinths which are in the cold and dark, waiting to grow for Christmas. Reception have started learning their first sounds and they have done 5 already; we are very proud of how they are doing. We made a beautiful wreath for Lilith's Mum and lots of us went to the funeral service or to Bar 71 afterwards. We send lots of love to Lilith's family.

School council opened the new village shop, which is very exciting and everyone who has been likes it and we all think it is selling lots of good things. Our new Secretary, Ms Kaye, has started and our headteacher, Mrs Woodrow, has told us that she is staying permanently, so we are happy. The Children's Book Centre Team have sorted out our library and there are some exciting new books. We really need a librarian to help us choose books and to keep records. **If anyone could help once a week or once a fortnight, please contact the school (mornings 01485 210246).**

During November we had an anti-bullying week, and Class 2 finally went on their trip to Norwich Castle Museum. After that, we are having our Advent Bag again. Which means we each take it home for one day to play with and explore the books, Nativity set and colouring etc. (*We have just learnt that etc means – "and other similar things" - and we like using it!*) We also have Parents Evenings when we hope our parents will be proud, Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children, our trip to the pantomime (thank you to Miranda Labanc for raising the money to pay for this), a Christingle Service and our Christmas dinner and parties. We can't wait!

Our Nativity Play and Service will be at 2 pm in the Church on **Tuesday 12th December**, followed by our Christmas Fair (also in the church) – all are welcome. Term finishes on **Wednesday 20th December** and we reassemble on **Thursday 4th January**.

NATIONAL COASTWATCH INSTITUTION (NCI) – BRANCASTER

As we march towards the winter the number of people using Brancaster beach and inland coastal waters lessens, although on most days many walkers are still present, often with dogs. The job of the Coastwatch remains focused on ensuring the safety of people, as some still put themselves in potential danger through ignorance of tidal conditions. Since the last report there has been only one incident reported, when two dinghies were spotted floating on a high tide. The local Harbourmaster and Coastguard were notified, and both dinghies were eventually secured.

Recruitment of new staff has been excellent, and the service has welcomed Deborah, Ruby, Chris, Mike S and Ann and Mike P joining its ranks. It has also welcomed back from absence two Watchkeepers – Alan and Frank – making 33 active members currently. Obviously new members will need a period of training before applying for certification as a Watchkeeper.

As well as undertaking watches on Brancaster beach, the service will continue to concentrate on its message of water safety with community groups and schools, as this remains a high priority. To this end it will have a table at the Brancaster Winter Fair on **Saturday 25th November**, so do please come along and meet members of the team from 10 am to 3 pm.

If you would like to know more about the service, please contact Richard Burrows, Deputy Station Manager and Watchkeeper, on 07535 612777.

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BRANCASTER PARISH COUNCIL

At our November meeting a wide range of things were discussed and agreed. The Borough is conducting a review of Polling Districts, and are proposing no changes. Council agreed not to request any changes either.

We agreed to donate £2,000 to the Robert Smith Trust, to help with insulation on three of their Almshouses. We are working with them to see if we can obtain funding from other sources – surprisingly, given the grants that are available, this seems problematical with regards to funding housing charities....

As ever, we considered a number of Planning Applications. It is worth a reminder that, should there be applications which arrive between meetings, we do sometimes have extra Planning sessions by Zoom (to help the Clerk form a response). These are timetabled on the website, but only take place when there are sufficient applications to make them worthwhile; they are open to the Public, and have agendas as with all our meetings, which are published in advance.

It was noted that the seats around the Coronation Trees are now in place, and look very fine. The 80th Anniversary of D-Day next year will be commemorated, with events and a Beacon. If you are interested in being involved, either individually or as a group, please contact Cllr Briony Bax at cldr.briony.bax@brancaster-pc.gov.uk

Councillors had met with the National Trust, and it was confirmed that there will be no charge to residents for a place on the Chain at Staithe Harbour. A revised Memorandum of Understanding was agreed for the management of the Village Green there.

There was mention of the meeting at Hunstanton about the proposed Wash Barrier. It was generally agreed that this was not as informative as it might have been about the proposals – they are barely more advanced than when it was first advertised several months back. Most of the infrastructure will be on the Lincolnshire side, with the full barrier apparently being something of an “optional extra”. Clearly, Council cannot make any decision on its views until there are more concrete plans – we will, as ever, keep you informed.

It was suggested that we form a group of volunteers in the village willing to help out with painting, mending and other works. If you are handy and could donate some time and sweat this winter please get in touch with the Clerk.

Council will again be placing Christmas Trees at the village greens in Brancaster and Brancaster Staithe for your enjoyment. This year we will be trying solar lights.

After the Big Chat councillors will be compiling results of the survey and we will be sharing that with you. One point that came up was the need for a Youth Group in our villages. If you are interested in helping form a one night a week activity for the young people in our Parish, please email cllr.briony.bax@brancaster-pc.gov.uk. We are also becoming a Lead Council for the Norfolk Falls project – this to help those who fall, and to try and avoid lengthy waits for an ambulance – again there is a need for volunteers. There is a lot more information on this on our website – News page.

Our final meeting of the year will be on **Tuesday 5th December** in Brancaster Village Hall at 6.30 pm. Our **January** meeting is on **Tuesday 9th** in Brancaster Staithe Village Hall. As usual the agenda and relevant papers will be on the website prior to the meetings.

Contact details for the Parish Council: www.brancaster-pc.gov.uk; email clerk@brancaster-pc.gov.uk.

BEWARE!

High Tides between the following dates when Beach Road is liable to flooding and unsuitable for traffic. Pedestrian access via the bank. 24th November-1st December, 12th-17th and 26th-28th December; 11th-16th January. RWNGolf Club publish tide times, website details below.

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STANHOE VILLAGE SCREEN

Thursday 30th November: *Oppenheimer (15)* (History/Drama). 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, or ring Jane or Peter Coates on 01485 518191.

Next film will be in January, details to be announced. Please check website.

BURNHAM MARKET AND NORTON VILLAGE HALL

The community cinema continues in December with one show on **Wednesday 6th December** at 2.30 pm. *ANNIE* (musical) (1982). A fun Christmas afternoon with mulled wine and mince pies. £5 on the door. For bookings please contact Diana Walker on 01328 738604

You can also view the information of our website:
www.burnhammarketandnortonvillagehall.org.uk.

The Bridge Club meets each Friday.

STANHOE AND BARWICK WI

Thursday 7th December: Christmas entertainment from Stuff and Folly.

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.

We return on **Thursday 11th January** – programme for 2024 to be announced – and thereafter on the first Thursday of the month.

PHOENIX LADIES

After a fascinating meeting in November some of us will meet in South Creake for Christmas Lunch in December.

We are very much looking forward to seeing you all in the New Year at our meeting on **Wednesday 10th January** in Burnham Market and Norton Village Hall starting at 2 pm when Sue Gathercole will show us some seated exercises, this will be followed by tea and cakes.

With best wishes to all our members for Christmas and The New Year.

New members and guests are always welcome, there is a small charge for guests. For more details about Phoenix Ladies please contact Sue: email suisted@btinternet.com or telephone on 01328 730859. We also feature on web site www.burnhammarketandnortonvillagehall.org.uk.

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THE ARTS SOCIETY, NORTHWEST NORFOLK

Our next illustrated talk, presented by Peter Medhurst on **Monday 11th December** at Sedgeford Village Hall at 2 pm, is entitled *Robed in Dreadful Majesty: Music, Poetry and Traditions of the Advent Season*. A celebration of the ever-evolving traditions of Advent. Come and join our friendly society.

Membership has many benefits besides illustrated talks. For more information visit www.theartssocietynwnorfolk.org.uk or ring Lesley Nadel on 07909 918890.

DIARY DATES 2023/24 – updated monthly

BSBDVH = Brancaster Staithe & Burnham Deepdale Village Hall

BVH = Brancaster Village Hall

- Weekly:**
- Monday:** Indoor Bowls, 2 - 4 pm, BSBDVH (until 11th December, restart 15th Jan)
“ 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
“ Mobile Post Office, The Drove, Burnham Deepdale 4 - 4.30 pm
- Wednesday:** Making Space Café, St Edmund’s Hall, Hun’ston, Coffee 10 am - 12 noon
“ Coffee Morning, 10.30 - 11.30 am, BVH
- NB later time** “ Mobile Post Office, The Drove, Burnham Deepdale, **2 - 2.30 pm**
“ Bridge, 1.30 - 4.15 pm. BSBDVH (not 27th December)
“ Fitness Fusion with Katie 6 - 7.15 pm, BVH
“ Yoga with Emilie 6 - 7.15 pm, BSBDVH
- Thursday:** Beginners Pilates with Sarah, 12.30 - 1.30 pm, BVH
“ Art Group 2 - 4 pm BSBDVH
“ Mobile Post Office, The Drove, Burnham Deepdale, 4 - 4.30 pm
- 1st 3rd Thursdays:** Making Space Café, Ringstead Village Hall, Coffee 10 am - 12 noon
- Monthly:** **Tuesdays:** Scottish dancing - see below for dates
Thursdays: Mobile Library:- See page 11 for details of stops and date

DECEMBER

- Tuesday 5th Parish Council Meeting, 6.30 pm. BVH
Thursday 7th Titchwell Parish Meeting, 7.30 pm Briarfields Hotel
Friday 8th Brancaster Community Hot Spot Lunch, 12 noon, BVH
Tuesday 12th AGM of Brancaster Camera Club, 2 pm BSBDVH
“ “ 12th School Nativity/Carol Service, Brancaster Church 2 pm
Monday 18th Staithe Singers Concert, Deepdale Church, 5 for 5.30 pm
Tuesday 19th Scottish Dancing 6 - 8 pm, BVH
Thursday 21st Community Choir Carol Singing, 6 pm, BVH

JANUARY

- Tuesday 9th Parish Council Meeting, 6.30 pm. BSBDVH
Tuesday 16th Scottish Dancing 6 - 8 pm, BVH
Friday 19th Brancaster Community Hot Spot Lunch, 12 noon, BVH
Saturday 27th Open Meeting re Playground Equipment for BSBDVH, 10 am – 12 noon

FEBRUARY

- Wednesday 7th AGM of Brancaster Community Sports Club, 6 pm. BVH
Friday 16th Brancaster Community Hot Spot Lunch, 12 noon, BVH

EDITOR’S NOTE Please submit any notices/articles for the Parish News **by 4.30 pm on the 19th of the month** either in my postbox at the gate of Marsh Head, Main Road (opposite The Jolly Sailors), Brancaster Staithe, PE31 8BJ or by email ch81@btinternet.com; ring 01485 210695 or 07900 342 962. For advertising queries/details, please contact Alan Wright on 01485 210394 or email bg.pn@btinternet.com. **Kindly note that contributors are asked to restrict their entries to not more than 300 words (about half a page), space is limited and longer articles may have to be cut. Entries in the Parish News cover 2 months plus the first week of the 3rd month.**

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www.theburnhamssurgery.co.uk
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www.brancaster-pc.gov.uk (Parish Council)
www.brancaster.norfolk.sch.uk (Primary School)
www.bsbdvh.org.uk (Brancaster Staithe village hall)
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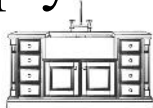
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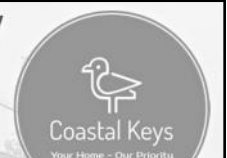
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Wednesday 27th to Saturday 30th December

Breakfast 9am to 10.30am

Bar 12noon to 6pm

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Sunday 31st December NEW YEAR'S EVE

Breakfast 9am to 10.30am

Bar 12noon to 6pm

Lunch 12noon to 3pm

7pm New Year's Eve Party **BOOKING NOW**

Monday 1st January 2014 NEW YEAR'S DAY

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Bar 1pm to 10pm

Menu 1pm to 8pm

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