



Brancaster
Group
Parish
News

No 588

FEBRUARY 2024

BRANCASTER, BRANCASTER STAITHE, BURNHAM DEEPALE, 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

The Rev'd Steve Wood Tel 07704 922 984

Dear Friends,

February can be seen as a gateway from winter to spring. The days are getting longer and first signs of spring are showing through nature. Folklore has it that the 1st/2nd February marks the middle of winter. In pre-Christian times the ancient Celtic and pagan celebration of 'Sabbat of Imbolc' celebrated the lengthening of days and looking towards spring. It was a time to let go of the past and move forward with new growth, a time of re-birth. The birth and nursing of early lambs was a sign of the first stirrings of spring. As it was still cold this festival was celebrated inside with candles replacing the usual bonfire. Winter stocks of food and candles would be checked and any necessary alterations made to sharing out winter rations.

At the time of Jesus it was customary for the first male child to be presented to God 40 days after his birth. In the west the birth of Jesus is celebrated on 25th December and forty days after this is 2nd February. Christians continue to celebrate the presentation of Jesus in the temple on 2nd February or the Sunday immediately before or after. In many churches candles that will be used for the rest of the year are blessed to signify the light of Christ to the world, this is known as Candlemas. It is also the time when the church looks towards the seasons of Lent and Easter. This year Ash Wednesday - the first day of Lent - is on February 14th which of course is also Valentine's Day. Valentine's Day originated as a Christian feast day honouring a martyr named Valentine. There are a number of stories as to why Valentine became associated with love and romance. These include his imprisonment in Rome during the 3rd century for ministering to Christians persecuted under the Roman Empire. During this time it is said that he restored the sight to the blind daughter of his jailer. Later tradition states that he performed weddings to Christian soldiers, who were forbidden to marry by the Roman Emperor. An 18th century claim was that he wrote a letter to the jailer's daughter signed 'your Valentine' as a farewell before his execution. Ash Wednesday is just 40 days (excluding Sundays) before Easter. Following his baptism Jesus went into the wilderness where he fasted for forty days and was tempted. Jesus used this time to reflect on where and how God wanted his ministry to continue. As we know this resulted in Jesus showing through his teaching and lifestyle a God of love, not a judgemental fearful God that those in authority portrayed.

February, a gateway from winter to spring. Candlemas when the light of Christ in the world is recognised and celebrated. Valentine's Day when thoughts turn to love and giving ourselves to others. Ash Wednesday and Lent - a time to reflect on our lives to ask ourselves if we need to make any adjustments so that love can be seen by all we meet. At times our lives will reflect dark days, but if we keep our eyes on the love we see in Jesus we can find the new growth and re-birth of spring.

With all God's blessing, Sandra Ellison, priest assisting during the vacancy.

FEBRUARY 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 4th February

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

Second Sunday before Lent

Holy Communion	BCP
Holy Communion	CW
Holy Communion for Families	CW
Holy Communion (said)	CW
Holy Communion	CW
Morning Prayer	CW

Thursday 8th

10.00 am	Ringstead
----------	-----------

Midweek Holy Communion

Sunday 11th

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

Sunday next before Lent

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

Wednesday 14th

10.00 am	Ringstead
6.00 pm	Burnham Deepdale

Ash Wednesday

Holy Communion Benefice Service

Sunday 18th

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

First Sunday of Lent

Holy Communion	CW
Holy Communion	CW
Family	CW
Holy Communion for Families	CW
Morning Prayer	CW
Holy Communion	CW

Thursday 22nd

10.00 am	Ringstead
----------	-----------

Midweek Holy Communion

Sunday 25th

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

Second Sunday of Lent

Holy Communion	BPC
Holy Communion for Families	CW
Holy Communion	CW
Holy Communion	CW
Morning Prayer	CW
Holy Communion	CW
Holy Communion	CW

MAKING SPACE CAFÉS, supported by the Norfolk Community Foundation. For details of Hot Spot lunches at Brancaster please see page 7, and for coffee at Hunstanton and Ringstead please see 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: please see the website 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.

NEWS FROM DEEPDALE CHURCH

Ash Wednesday Come and start your Lent off on a good footing by joining us at an evening service of Holy Communion at St Mary's, Burnham Deepdale on **Wednesday 14th February** at 6 pm. This will be a benefice service. Do come and join us.

Lent Lunches We are organising Lent Lunches again this year. Would you like to come and join us at a friendly gathering over a simple lunch and raise money for a good cause? There will be one sitting for each lunch for up to 10 people at 12.30 pm. They will be on the following dates at the following places:

Verily Borthwick's, **Deepdale Farmhouse on Wednesday 21st February**

Verily Borthwick's, **Deepdale Farmhouse on Wednesday 6th March**

Rosemary Bowett's, **3 School Pasture, Burnham Deepdale on Tuesday 12th March**

Vicci Bucher's, **The Palus, Main Rd, Brancaster Staithe on Weds 20th March**

The menu will be home-made soup, bread and cheese, fruit, with coffee or tea afterwards. £5 minimum donation per person which will go to The Norfolk Hospice Tapping House. Because space will be limited, we ask you please to book your place for each lunch by 'phoning or emailing: Verily on 01485 210267, verily@deepdalefarm.co.uk; Rosemary on 01485 210136, rosemarybowett@gmail.com; or Vicci on 01485 210340, viccicox@gmail.com.

Do come and enjoy a sociable lunch and support a good cause at the same time.

THOUGHTS FROM TITCHWELL

It does seem strange to be thinking about Lent as I begin to readjust from the Christmas and New Year festivities, but then that is the way of editors' deadlines! With Christmas still in mind, I would like to express thanks to all those who contributed to the services, church decorations and the wonderful refreshments for our social events. These all brought the village and wider community together in a truly special way.

Lent, beginning this year on 14th February, traditionally exists as a period for prayerful reflection, accompanied by fasting and charitable giving as we prepare to celebrate Jesus Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday.

However, the word comes from the Old English word for spring, *lencten*. Springtime is of course a time for new growth in the natural world, so it does follow that the season of Lent should be a time of seeking positive personal spiritual growth. This might be better served by taking something up, rather than by giving up something that might best not be there in the first place. Maybe spend some time this Lent considering prayerfully about how you might draw closer to God through Jesus Christ.

For Sunday Services in February, please see page 2.

Stillness on the Saxon Shore

We meet in the church on **Friday afternoons** at 4 pm for thirty minutes or so of contemplative worship, beginning the month with Candlemas, or the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, on **2nd February**. During Lent we will be looking at how we can trust God in the times of trial through the eyes of Fr Henri Nouwen in his book *Turn my Mourning into Dancing*; this will commence on **16th February**. All are most welcome. With my prayers and best wishes for you all.

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

BRANCASTER CHURCH CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

The Team would like to thank the school and the Titchwell church flower team for their magnificent display in St Mary's. So happy that we can all work together. Virginia

BRANCASTER PARISH COUNCIL A Happy New Year to you all from Council.

Council has agreed a **budget** for next year, and based on this we have been able to keep the **Precept** (the Parish portion of the Council Tax) the same for 2024/25. This is set at £30 for Band D properties, and pro rata for other Bands. The full breakdown of the figures is available in the January minutes, which, as ever, are available on the website.

There continues to be discussion about the proposed **Traffic Regulation Orders** in the Parish (double yellow lines etc.) and we believe the NCC are nearing the point when formal public consultations can finally begin. We have requested funding support for new bicycle racks for various locations in the villages.

As required by the Government we have adopted a **Biodiversity Policy**. This looks at what we do and how it influences our general decision-making. A significant part of this deals with sharing information and ideas. The Communications Group are very involved in this, and we will be publishing a lot of information on our Facebook page in the coming months. We have agreed to hold a "**Green Day**", probably in March – this will be open to all residents and we encourage you to keep your eyes open for the exact date, so that you can come along and see what is being done by Council and other local organisations.

We have also been reviewing and revising a wide range of **Policies**, including a new set of Standing Orders and how we respond to communications from residents to Council. It is surprising how much of this paperwork is legally required and it takes a considerable amount of time simply to keep up-to-date with such matters. Council has agreed to join the **White Ribbon** scheme which addresses concerns about violence against women and girls. We will, as ever, keep you advised with information as we get it. You will see that work, agreed in December, on resurfacing the **Brancaster Tennis Court** is progressing well. We thank the Sports Club for their assistance with this. Refurbishment of the phone boxes was agreed and is underway. We have formally written of our support for Brancaster Staithe and Burnham Deepdale Village Hall's proposals for Play Equipment, to assist them gain funding.

Two **legal matters** have been discussed, which you will understand we cannot report on fully. First, we are working to remove the gentleman currently living on Brancaster Playing Field. Second the case against us launched by SHADCRA, over the income from the Beach Car Park, continues. Council is contesting their claim as strongly as ever. As such matters do, it is taking time, which Council regrets.

The 80th Anniversary of **D-Day** later this 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 cllr.briony.bax@brancaster.pc.gov.

Please also contact Briony if you are interested in helping form a one night a week activity for the **young people** in our Parish.

Our February meeting is on Tuesday 6th in Brancaster Village Hall at 6.30 pm. Contact details for the Parish Council: www.brancaster-pc.gov.uk; email clerk@brancaster-pc.gov.uk.

NEWS FROM BRANCASTER VILLAGE HALL (BVH)

It has been a tremendously successful year for Brancaster Village Hall, with a wide variety of events and celebrations. This is due entirely to the dedication and hard work of the volunteers who give their time freely to make BVH the centre of the village community. The Events Committee is already planning a full programme for 2024 in order to build on the achievements of 2023. The regular groups continue in 2024, as do the Hotspot Lunches (*see page 7*). Bar 71 has events organised for the new year including Pool, Skittles, Darts and Quiz Nights. For full details of all events and activities please visit our website: www.brancastervillagehall.co.uk.

Pebbles Picture Framing Brancaster

Paintings - Photographs - Medals
Textiles - and Canvas Stretching

Contact Stephen Clark

01485 210810

info@pebblesframing.co.uk
www.pebblesphotography.co.uk



SOWERBYS
Holiday Cottages

Our Burnham Market based team
specialises in marketing and
holiday letting your home.
Please call for advice.

Tel: 01328 730 880
www.sowerbysholidaycottages.co.uk

Point'z of Interest Therapie'z

*Acupuncture, Reflexology,
Traditional Chinese Medicine
& Massage Therapie'z*

Call 07892 942 148

PointzofInterest.co.uk
PointzofInterest@gmail.com
Clinic in Dersingham



Jewellery Accessories Gifts
Dalegate Market, Burnham Deepdale

01485 211 211

www.relishonline.com
info@relishonline.com

EAT DRINK AND BE JOLLY

The Good Food Guide, Local Gem
The Good Beer Guide | Harden's | Cool Places

Brancaster Staithe, Norfolk PE31 8BJ

01485 210314

www.jollysailorsbrancaster.co.uk



Heligan House Flowers

*Flowers for all occasions -
weddings, parties, funerals,
anniversaries etc*

Gary Bocking

01485 210408

email: bocking554@btinternet.com

The Beauty Room dermalogica®



White Way Farm
White Way Road
Burnham Market
King's Lynn
Norfolk PE31 8DJ

Sarah

01328 738455

07545 562675

www.thebeautyroomburnham.co.uk

Burnham Market Taxis

Serving North Norfolk
Your local and long distance
service

1-8 passengers carried.

All airports covered

01328 730 580

www.burnhammarkettaxi.co.uk

Kevin Crompton LANDSCAPING & GARDEN MAINTENANCE

Fencing, patios & turfing a speciality.
Grass and hedge cutting.

Household maintenance & repairs.

07788 903348 01485 518207



JANE SEBBURN

Dip. ITEC. RSA
Pilates Teacher
Personal Trainer
Massage Therapist

In person or on Zoom

07785 377469

www.janesebburn.com

Strengthen • Stretch • Relax



COMPUTER SERVICES

PC and Apple servicing, Virus prevention/removal, WiFi systems, Networking
CCTV, Home Automation, Tuition & Sales

07554 018307

5 Tapping Close, Common Road, Snettisham, King's Lynn PE31 7FF
dan@dnscomputerservices.co.uk

All Electrical
Installations
Emergency
Call Outs



m: 07901 996 005

NORMAN RAYNORE
ELECTRICIAN

*City & Guilds Approved
up to 18th Edition.
Part 'P' Competent.*



BRANCASTER

Tel: **01485 210 584**

e: info@normanraynore.co.uk

Brian Rix Ltd Building Contractors

Established 1981

All building works undertaken:

- Conversions
- Restorations
- Extensions
- New Buildings



The Red House, Church Walk, Burnham Market, PE31 8DH
Tel: 01328 738786 Fax: 01328 730832
www.brianrix-builders.co.uk

Dempsey Heating Ltd.

HEATING & PLUMBING SPECIALISTS • GAS & OIL HEATING
BOILER SERVICING • AIR SOURCE HEAT PUMPS
BATHROOMS • KITCHENS

Your Local Experts - Great Service - Competitive Prices

Contact us today!

Honeywell Vaillant AQUALISA Viessmann Grant
01328 862189 www.dempseyheating.com
George Edwards Road, Industrial Estate, Fakenham, NR21 8NL



PREM CHECK

THE HOME WATCH SERVICE
GIVING YOU PEACE OF MIND

01485 525 646

Holiday Home Security Service

- *Established in 1998
 - *24hour emergency cover & weekly checks
 - *over 50 years of local knowledge
 - *good working relationships with local police & other agencies
- Contact **Caroline Felgate**
mobile: **07801 412979** (24 hours)
email:- premcheck@hotmail.com

G.ROBINS BUILDER AND DECORATOR

For all your building & decorating needs.
Competitive prices, free no obligation quotes.

No Job Too Small...

07766 952332

garyrobins29@yahoo.co.uk



Peter Bickell

**Experienced Local
Painter and Decorator
Property Maintenance**

07836 523396

Burnham Deepdale

Simon Leverett
Carpets & Blinds
 Supplied & Fitted
 Choose at home from a comprehensive range of floorings and blinds. Designs from modern to traditional to suit all budgets.
 01485 518 018
 07760 462788



Iain Sell
Piano Tuner and Technician
 07709 850045
 iain@isellpianos.co.uk

MARCUS TOWNSHEND
 General gardening
 Grass cutting
 Hedge cutting etc.
 Competitive rates
 8 Saxon Field
 Brancaster
 01485 210513 07879 119432



James Kemp Gardens
 RHS Qualified
Gardens redesigned and revamped. Renovation, pruning and maintenance. No project too large or small.
07909 913285
 jameskempgardens@gmail.com
 Instagram: @jameskempgardens

GW ELECTRICAL
 ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR
07799 778 726
 gw.electrical@btopenworld.com

PART P REGISTERED PAT TESTING



Open your doors to staycations
 with
norfolk
 hideaways

Our local team is well placed to help you let your holiday home
 Come and see us at Foundry Place in Burnham Market
01328 887 658
 norfolkhideaways.co.uk

Mandy Glass 
 Personal Travel Consultant
 01485 765017 07760 338546
 mandyglass.ptc@hays-travel.co.uk
 www.haystravel.co.uk/mandy-glass
 UK cottages to world cruises
Hays Travel

MLG Driver Training
 Based in Brancaster, travel to many areas...
 Contact: Helen Wicks
 07899 966 506
 helenadi@aol.com

Over 20 years experience. Former Driving Examiner.
 Training tailored to learner needs.
 Dyslexia? Dyspraxia? Anxiety? Nervous? Other needs?
Together, we can get you on the road!

 **Briarfields**
 COASTAL HOTEL
 Hotel - Restaurant - Bar - Venue
 Main Rd, Titchwell, Norfolk PE31 8BB
01485 210742
 info@briarfieldshotelnorfolk.co.uk
 www.briarfieldshotelnorfolk.co.uk

MATT TIDD
 PAINTER & DECORATOR

INTERIOR/ EXTERIOR WORK
 PAINTING
 WALL PAPERING



COVING
 MURALS
 CHILDREN'S ROOMS
 PTS TRAINED

3, Manor Cottages, Main Road, Brancaster
 Tel: 07979 506789

24 HOUR EMERGENCY CALL OUT

 **Norfolk Tree Services Limited**

NO TREE TOO TALL - NO JOB TOO SMALL

07907 529501
 facebook.com/norfolktreeservices
 Email: norfolktrees@hotmail.com


 Available to hire
 Please see website for details, availability and booking arrangements or call
07767 818825
 www.bsbdvh.org.uk

The Fish Shed
 Brancaster Staithe



Margaret & Stephen Bocking
01485 210 532
 thefishshed@hotmail.co.uk
 www.fishshed.co.uk

Taxi Ko
Telephone: 01553 763888
Mobile: 07899 087254
Email: taxikold@yahoo.co.uk
Website: http://www.taxiko.co.uk

Pay direct to: Taxi Ko
 Sort Code: 77 66 06 Account: 74065768

BMACCS
 Burnham Market Area
 Community Car Scheme
 Please call Linda on
 07851 322 580 to arrange a journey or to volunteer.

DALEGATE MARKET PE31 8FB
 BURNHAM DEEPALE
 Shopping & Café

Open All Year
 Shops - Café - Provisions
 Fuel - Pop Up Shops - Markets
Tel: 01485 210305
www.DalegateMarket.co.uk

N. W. S. 
John Crosthwaite
 CARPENTRY, DECKING, CANOPIES,
 OUTDOOR STRUCTURES ETC.
 BESPOKE COMMISSIONS
07768 273997

BRANCASTER GARAGE

 Main Road, Brancaster
Mark Childs 
 Open daily for service, repairs, spares, MOT & emergency call-outs
01485 211 001
 MOTOR INDUSTRY CODE OF PRACTICE

BRANCASTER COMMUNITY SPORTS CLUB

The 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

THE WHITE HORSE

Thank you for your support, fabulous news, and what a 'Shantymen' party we had, we raised £1950 for Macmillan Cancer Support at our annual Shanty Carol Singing/Raffle event.

Also, with our diners help, we raised an amazing £663 in support of The Fishermen's Mission East Anglia during December.

With romantic Valentines approaching, we are taking bookings now for sharing menu specials, served on **Wednesday 14th February** from 12 noon to 9 pm. Look out for Fran's delicious Winter Menu online mid-February, including delicious Brancaster Bay Shellfish mussels.

It's always good to see you, we like to take bookings in our bar and restaurant but please be assured that we will always accommodate 'locals' on a walk in. We look forward to welcoming you.

Rob, Fran, Rosie and The White Horse Team

BRANCASTER COMMUNITY HOTSPOT LUNCHES

Please join us for a delicious lunch of soup, sandwiches, savoury snacks, puddings and tea/ coffee and biscuits. Come on your own, with others - a warm welcome awaits everyone! The bar will be open for soft/alcoholic drinks. Do you have a neighbour, family member or friend who might like come along? 12 noon until 3 pm at Brancaster Village Hall: all **Fridays, 16th February, 15th March, 26th April**. Suggested donation of £5.

Please book your place by the Friday before the lunch by ringing Babs Wade on 01485 522273 or email hotspotlunches@gmail.com. Please advise of any specific dietary requirements when booking. If you require assistance with transport please contact Mary Gardiner on 01485 210442.

BRANCASTER CAMERA CLUB

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 20th February** in Brancaster Staithe Village Hall at 7 pm. The topic for the evening will be 'A song title' or 'A piece of music'. We look forward to seeing anyone who would like to come along and join us. Admission is £3 to include refreshments. Contact details: Sue Till on 01485 210013 or Wendy Calow on 01553 674725.

We look forward to seeing you.

THE JOLLY SAILORS

We are back in full swing with lots to tempt you to call by. We are delighted to tell you that with your support we raised £483 in December for The Fishermen's Mission East Anglia.

Shanty Mondays 7 pm from **5th February**. Join in and sing-along as Nelson's Shantymen rehearse their repertoire. **Charity Quiz First Tuesday** of the month at 8 pm. Guest Quiz Master, so be prepared for something different and there's a £100 ACI token in the pot for the winning team. Proceeds to *Big C Norfolk Charity*, for whom with your help we raised the grand sum of £1,030 in 2023.

2 for 1 PIZZA Thursdays served 12 noon to 9 pm on **1st, 8th and 15th February**. Enjoy your favourite 'stone baked' to perfection Pizza, combo choice with the cheapest Pizza **FREE**.

A Jolly Delicious Sunday Roast with all the trimmings and the biggest 'yorkies', booking advisable, served from 12 noon to 6 pm. See sample menu online. **Rum of the Month** try a discounted rum from our vast choice, reputedly the biggest selection along the coast.

Tom's Delicious Brancaster Mussels @brancasterbayshellfish. Mussels are very much on the menu every day and reminding you that all items on our menu are available as takeaway.

See www.jollysailorsbrancaster.co.uk/events for what's coming up.

Can't wait to have a chat across the bar.

Simon, Nick, Caitlin and The Jolly Sailors Team

HOLME HISTORY GROUP

The Group have pleasure in presenting *The Trials of The Rev'd Corbett Metcalfe Moore in Building a Vicarage* at 2.15 pm on **Thursday 14th March** in the Holme Village Hall. Free entry. Donations welcome.

DEEPDALE AND BRANCASTER STAITHE TENNIS CLUB

Just a reminder that our courts are available for play throughout the year. 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. Your confirmatory email will contain the code for the courts. Visitors can play as well as members. The court fee for visitors is £10 per hour payable online.

Ladies, for a New Year resolution, why not take up tennis again and join our **Social Tennis Morning on Wednesdays 9-10.30 am**. We play all through the year when the weather permits and we are always delighted to see some new faces. Contact Verily Borthwick on 07789 864 615.

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

Happy New Year everyone! It has been great to welcome all of the children back for the Spring Term. Now that Christmas is over (we had a great time!) and we embark on a new year, we can look forward to a fresh start. It is the time for New Year Resolutions and an opportunity for us to reflect on how we can do something to make ourselves better. Our value for the half term is "confidence". Confidence is the belief you are capable. It means viewing mistakes as learning opportunities, saying "I can" instead of "I can't," and believing you can face life's challenges and succeed. Skills and ideas that are important for us all.

The School Councillors have been thinking about what charities they would like to support as a school. Having looked at the list of charities they have suggested, we have decided to focus on fundraising to support those who are fighting cancer. We will be supporting the Shouldham Ward at The Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

In Thrift Class, our new topic is "Houses and Homes". We are looking forward to our learning and, also, some exciting trips out. Samphire will be continuing last term's work, looking at what happened after the Romans left, plus working on light.

Half term is week commencing **Monday 19th February** and children return to school on the **26th**.

NATIONAL COASTWATCH INSTITUTION (NCI) BRANCASTER

Since the last report a further volunteer, Christopher, has been recruited, meaning the Service now has 31 volunteers, a welcome start to 2024. Volunteers are classified as "Watchkeepers under training"; their training is overseen by an experienced and certified Watchkeeper. Training is mostly carried out on watch, with self-study online, and lasts about 10 watches before a formal assessment takes place. Tuition involves understanding tides, use of VHF radio, chartwork, correct use of optics, keeping the official log and contact with the emergency services.

Once the trainer feels the volunteer is ready, a formal assessment is carried out which lasts about an hour. A successful outcome means that the volunteer is then classified as a "Certified Watchkeeper" and is presented with epaulettes and a certificate: training is an ongoing operation to ensure high service standards.

We would like to thank Lucinda and Brancaster Community Choir, who raised £355 for the Service at a carol concert held on 20th December.

For further information about NCI Brancaster, please contact Richard Burrows, Deputy Station Manager and Watchkeeper, on 07353 612777.

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 for further information, or call her on 01485 518029. Please note we do not hold a waiting list.

MOBILITY EQUIPMENT

A recently bereaved gentleman has generously 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.

Contact Christine on 01485 210695 or 07900 342 962 or email ch81@btinternet.com.

BURNHAM MARKET AREA COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME (BMACCS)

Volunteer drivers always wanted. Journeys can be local or long distance. Mileage expenses paid as per HMRC guidelines. Drivers choose to do 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.

BRANCASTER OIL COOPERATIVE

I shall be ordering oil on **Thursdays**: 1st and 22nd February, 14th March, (last guaranteed order for delivery before Easter), 4th April. Maria Spink 01485 210155

BRANCASTER STAITHE MOBILE POST OFFICE

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 4 – 4.30 pm; **Wednesday**: 2 – 2.30 pm. in the The Drove opposite Dalegate Market.

MOBILE LIBRARY

Thursdays monthly, next visits: **8th February, 7th March. 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 If you live on your own and are not into computers, be extra vigilant about scam telephone and doorstep callers, which we are warned are circulating at the moment concerning: solar panels, loft insulation, driveway work, gutters.

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 on the following dates when Beach Road is liable to flooding and unsuitable for traffic. Pedestrian access via the bank. To 30th January - pm tides; February - 9th-14th both tides; 15th- 25th pm tides; 26th/27th both tides; 28th/29th pm tides. RWN Golf Club publish tide times, website details at bottom of diary page.

LAURA EARL PROPERTY

in assoc. with
Norfolk Coastal Home Search

Specialists in property search and purchase.

Discretion assured.

laura@lauracarl.co.uk
07976 979 224

hopkins@coastal-homes.co.uk
07989 967 604

Tree Work & Surveys Ltd

Consulting & Practising Arborist

Dan Yeomans

Full service tree care
Inspections & surveys

01485 517000

07799 533462

dan@tree-vista.co.uk



the hare and the hen

behind Deepdale Café and Fat Face
Philippa Lee's POTTERY
& a tantalising selection of
high quality CRAFTS



01485 211245

www.philippaleepottery.co.uk

Vintage Partyware

vintagepartyware.co.uk 01553 886844



Eclectic and genuinely
vintage prop and
decoration hire for
your wedding or party



Kathryn Gigg

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
BUSINESS ADVISERS | TAX CONSULTANTS

THE OFFICE, 20 KING'S LYNN ROAD, HUNSTANTON, NORFOLK PE36 5HP
www.kathryngigg.co.uk T: 01485 534800

Garden Services

www.greenandpleasant.org

Garden Maintenance
Planting Schemes and Design
Lawns Hedges Trees
call Catherine on 07708 269268

Cleantech

Carpet, Oven & Upholstery Cleaning

Windows, Patios, Roofs & Gutter Cleaning

Confirmed Date & Time At Time Of Booking

Cash, Card, Cheque Or BACS accepted

Call Jordan on 01485 609223 For A Free No

Obligation Quote

jordan@cleantech-norfolk.co.uk

www.cleantech-norfolk.co.uk



ANYONE FOR TENNIS? Deepdale and Brancaster Staithe Tennis Club

Two courts beside the village hall.
Open all year.

Non-member court fees £10 per hour.
For membership see our website:
www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/DBSTennisClub

M & M BUILDERS (NORFOLK) Ltd PROPERTY DEVELOPERS

GALEN HOUSE, CHURCH WALK, BURNHAM MARKET PE31 8DH

Renovations
Extensions
New building
Plumbing



Electrics
Painting
Decorating

T: 01328 738656 M: 07770 882570
martin.m-mbuildersnorfolk@hotmail.co.uk

COAL MERCHANTS

M. E. Ayres & Sons

House Coal and Smokeless Fuel
The Gables, Stanhoe PE31 8PU

01485 518316

www.ayresandsonscoal.co.uk



NORTHSHORE PADDLE BOARDS BRANCASTER STAITHE



GUIDED SALT MARSH SUP TOURS
SUNRISE + SUNSET PADDLES
SUP, YOGA + SAUNA
LEARN TO SUP + BOARD RENTALS

☎ 07909 586 993 @NORTHSHORE_UK

📍 NORTHSHORE SUP & SURF, Main Road, Brancaster Staithe, PE31 8BU
WWW.NORTHSHOREPADDLEBOARDS.COM

D THOMPSON CHIMNEYS LTD

Est. 1995
MASTER CHIMNEY SWEEP
NVQ QUALIFIED CHIMNEY ENGINEER

- All Chimneys, flues and appliances swept
- Certificates issued
- CCTV chimney surveys
- Bird/rain guards / Anti down-draft cowls supplied and fitted
- Stove servicing and maintenance

Call David or Lucy on 01328 851081
www.the-sweep.co.uk



Advertising

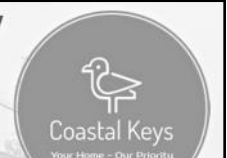
Cost effective
advertising delivered
to Burnham
Deepdale, Brancaster
Staithe, Brancaster,
Titchwell and
Choseley.

Email
bg.pn@btinternet.com
Call 01485 210394

Single spaces are
available at £25.00 for
the year.

Second & Holiday Home Security and Fire Safety Compliance

Keyholding
Property Checks
Fire Risk Assessments
Fire Regs Compliance
SIA Licensed
Ex Police



Phone: 07887744691

With over 30 years of local knowledge, we are ex-police officers who know the area inside out. We are licenced key-holders for your property & we carry out weekly checks. We arrange your Fire Risk Assessment and carry out regular checks of your fire safety measures, keeping you compliant.

Web: www.coastal-keys.co.uk Email: info@coastal-keys.co.uk

Peddars Way Garden Services

Jason Clarkson

07799 598062

peddarswaygardenservices@gmail.com
All types of gardening work considered

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

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2023

Thank you to everyone who supported the Poppy Appeal 2023. Without you the RBL would not be able to help as many Veterans and British Forces Family members. The Sedgeford and District Branch raised in total £3,550, including from Brancaster to Deepdale £688. This is the last year that Steve and I will be organising the Poppy Appeal but we have a new volunteer who is willing carry on the good work. If you would like to help by distributing the poppy boxes etc. please let me know and I will pass your name to our coordinator. Thank you once again. Megan Greef

STANHOE AND BARWICK WI - PROGRAMME

Thursday 1st February: Penny Simmonds introduces Reflexology.

Thursday 7th March: Kate Craven from Hunstanton RNLI. 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.

BURNHAM MARKET AND NORTON VILLAGE HALL

Wednesday 7th February 2.30 pm: *National Velvet* (1944), starring Elizabeth Taylor and Mickey Rooney. **Wednesday 21st February** 7 pm: *A Haunting In Venice* (PG13) (2023). £5 on the door, or please contact Diana Walker on 01328 738604. You can also view the information on our website: www.burnhammarketandnortonvillagehall.org.uk.

The **Bridge club** continues to meet at 11am each Friday.

Please note that we have a table tennis table and A/V equipment available for use by hirers.

THE ARTS SOCIETY NORTHWEST NORFOLK

Our next illustrated talk, presented by Kirsty Hartsiotis on **Monday 12th February** at Sedgeford Village Hall at 2 pm, is entitled *Arts and Crafts in Stained Glass in English Churches*. It will focus on Brockhampton, Herefordshire. 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.

PHOENIX LADIES

After seated exercises in January we are now looking forward to Juliet Webster giving an account of travelling round Norfolk in a yellow caravan in 1912. Tea and cake will be served after the talk, which will take place in Burnham Market and Norton Village Hall, starting at 2 pm on **Wednesday 14th February**. Annual subs are due at this meeting.

Guests and new members are always welcome. There is a small charge for guests.

For more information please contact Sue on 01328 730859 or email suisted@btinternet.com. There is also a web site burnhammarketandnortonvillagehall.org.uk.

We are looking forward to seeing you all on 14th February. Hilda, Jenifer, Melinda and Sue

STANHOE VILLAGE SCREEN

Monday 26th February: *The Great Escaper (12A)* (Drama), 7.30 pm. Superb performances from Michael Caine and Glenda Jackson ensure the latter's final screen role is fittingly dignified. Watch the trailer at www.youtube.com/watch?v=JEvYEPNxHzo.

Thursday 21st March: *One Life (12A)* (Drama), 7.30 pm.

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.

DIARY DATES 2024 – updated monthly

BSBDVH = Brancaster Staithe & Burnham Deepdale Village Hall

BVH = Brancaster Village Hall

- Weekly:**
- Monday:** Indoor Bowls, 2 - 4 pm, BSBDVH
“ 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
“ Mobile Post Office, The Drove, Burnham Deepdale, 2 - 2.30 pm
“ Bridge, 1.30 - 4.15 pm. BSBDVH
“ 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 - check BVH website for details
Thursdays: Mobile Library:- See page 9 for details of stops and date

JANUARY

Saturday 27th Consultation Meeting re Playground Equipment for BSBDVH, 10 am – 12 noon

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 6th Parish Council Meeting, 6.30 pm. BVH
Wednesday 7th AGM of Brancaster Community Sports Club, 6 pm. BVH
Friday 16th Brancaster Community Hot Spot Lunch, 12 noon, BVH (see p 7)
Tuesday 20th Brancaster Camera Club, 7 pm BSBDVH
Wednesday 21st Lent lunch, Deepdale Farmhouse 12.30 pm (see p 3)

MARCH

Tuesday 5th Parish Council Meeting, 6.30 pm. BSBDVH
Wednesday 6th Lent lunch at Deepdale Farmhouse 12.30 pm (see p 3)
Friday 15th Brancaster Community Hot Spot Lunch, 12 noon, BVH (see p 7)
Wednesday 20th Lent lunch at The Palus, Brancaster Staithe 12.30 pm (see p 3)

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.

COMMUNITY WEBSITES

www.west-norfolk.gov.uk	www.theburnhamssurgery.co.uk
www.saxonshorebenefice.co.uk	www.wellshospital.org.uk
www.bssc.net (Sailing Club)	www.brancaster-pc.gov.uk (Parish Council)
www.brancasterstaithe.co.uk	www.brancaster.norfolk.sch.uk (Primary School)
www.burnhamdeepdale.co.uk	www.bsbdvh.org.uk (Brancaster Staithe village hall)
www.recycleformorfolk.org.uk	www.brancasterallotmentsociety.co.uk
www.brancastervillagehall.co.uk	what3words.com (Location system)
www.titchwellvillage.org	www.rwngc.org/tide-times/ (Beach Road flooding)

**AYUREVVIC YOGA
MASSAGE & THAI
YOGA MASSAGE**



DEEP TISSUE . ASSISTED YOGA STRETCHES . ACUPRESSURE . BREATH-WORK
Emilie is a Yoga Teacher and Bodywork Therapist who has been practising massage and yoga for over 7 years.

☎ 07909 586 993 3 SAWYERS YARD
MILL ROAD
BRANCASTER
PE31 8FW

✉ emilie@wildyoganorfolk.com
www.wildyoganorfolk.com

**BRANCASTER VILLAGE HALL
AND BAR 71**

- Hall available for hire
- Fully licensed family friendly bar
- Village Stores and Post Office



www.brancastervillagehall.co.uk
info@brancastervillagehall.co.uk
facebook.com/brancastervillagehall

DEEPALE
VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

Local information - Postcards
Guide books - Gas exchange
Camping equipment - Maps



Tel: 01485 211142
Burnham Deepdale, PE31 8DD

TONY ROUT
Painter & Decorator

16 Woodgate Way,
Docking

Tel: 01485 518013
Mobile: 07771 660429

E.F. SNELLING & SON
THE MARINE CENTRE

Yamaha Outboards SALES, SERVICE & SPARES Terhi Boats
Electric Torqeedo Engines Calor Gas
Life Jackets and Kayaks 01485 210 381 Fishing Tackle

Open Mon. - Sat. during winter www.efsmarinecentre.co.uk

LUXURY PICNICS • MADE IN NORFOLK

- Picnics • Parties • Celebrations
- Welcome Boxes • Gift Vouchers



orders: hightidepicnic.co.uk
email: hightidepicnic@gmail.com

Free Collections Titchwell
Deliveries available

**NGC NORFOLK
GARDEN CARE**

**YOUR LOCAL LAWN AND
GARDEN SPECIALISTS**

GARDEN MAINTENANCE AND REFURBISHMENT
LAWN MOWING . FULL LAWN RENOVATIONS
HEDGE AND TREE TRIMMING
ONGOING AND ONE OFF WORK
SECOND HOMES AND HOLIDAY LETS

CALL OR EMAIL TODAY TO DISCUSS
YOUR REQUIREMENTS

01485 770670 or 07487 297254
info@norfolkgardencare.co.uk
www.norfolkgardencare.co.uk

OETREES
Owen Everitt
EXPERT TREE CARE

Tree Surgery
Stump Grinding / Removal
Site & Garden Clearance
www.oetrees.co.uk
owen@oetrees.co.uk
07554 428556

Arboricultural
ASSOCIATION
Technician Member

City & Guilds
NPTC
Qualified

**J TAYLOR
CONSTRUCTION LTD**

01485 211246
07818 516503

jtaylorconstruction@yahoo.com
www.jtaylorconstructionltd.com

GREENHILL
RENOVATION & CONSTRUCTION

01328 712200 www.greenhillrenovation.co.uk

MASTER BUILDERS TRUSTMARK TIMBER DEVELOPMENT UK

**A.T
Plumbing &
Heating Company**

A QUALIFIED, EXPERIENCED &
RELIABLE PLUMBING REPAIR &
MAINTENANCE SERVICE
FOR THE WEST & NORTH
NORFOLK AREA.
Same day call outs & free quotes available.

Mobile: 07733 335 845
E: adrian.taverna@hotmail.co.uk
info@at-plumbing-heating.co.uk

Stand Up Paddleboarding
Brancaster & Brancaster Staithe
Saltmarsh, Harbour & Sea

SUP Tours • Lessons • Rentals
Children's sessions & Adult Sessions
7-yrs • Beginners • Improvers • Advanced
www.BrancasterBoards.com
07810 77 55 33
BrancasterBoards@email.com

Kitesurfing
All abilities • Group lessons • Private tuition
A daily dose of Vitamin Sea

General Maintenance
Indoor and outdoor painting
Fascia, decking & patio cleaning
Holiday Home Maintenance
Garden Landscaping
Big Jobs or Small please call
Adrian 07768 330341

Piano Lessons
James Fox

Piano Teacher
1st Class Hons Degree, DTLLS, ABRSM
Classical Piano or Rock Keyboard: All Grades



07775 758146
jameshendryfox@gmail.com

- Learn at your home
- Private one-to-one tuition
- Beginner through to advanced
- Based in Brancaster Staithe

HENRIETTA FAIRE Couture Originals

* Wedding dresses a speciality *

Fittings in Norfolk and London
07758 633469

WANTED

BENTWOOD CHAIRS
similar to this, believed to be
ex Brancaster Golf Club



Any condition considered. Please
contact Luke Scott 07979 548597
luke@paffronandscott.co.uk
or pop into the shop in Melton Constable
Paffron & Scott open every Saturday 10am-4pm

North Norfolk's glamping experience.

Our tents are great for
sleepover birthday parties,
glamping holidays,
weddings & hen parties.

Contact Kate on 07879 773 382
2posh2pitch@gmail.com



North Norfolk Natural Therapy



Annette Robinson

Mobile Therapist

07765 488 872

www.northernorfolknaturaltherapy.co.uk



Contact - Martina
t 07971 733 656

e northnorfolkdogtraining@gmail.com

w northnorfolkdogtraining.co.uk

Drove Orchards, Thornham PE36 6LS

North Norfolk Dog Training

WINDOW CLEANING

for a regular service

David Webb

using traditional methods
and water-fed pole system.
30 years experience.
fully insured.

01328 830 469



YOGA

Mondays 6.30 - 8pm
Brancaster Village Hall

Wednesdays 9.20 - 10.50am
Memorial Hall, Burnham Thorpe

lisa@b-yoga.com

www.b-yoga.com

MAY CONSTRUCTION



t: 01328 730256

m: 07776 234477

www.mayconstruction.co.uk

Email: info@mayconstruction.co.uk

11 The Pightle, Burnham Thorpe PE31 8HT

NEW BUILD
EXTENSIONS
RENOVATIONS
CONVERSIONS

Carolyn's Catering

Traditional English and authentic
Italian cuisine

Cooked on site or
delivered to your door

carolyncateringnorfolk@gmail.com
07748 738043



Publishing &
Copywriting Services

Couzens-Lake 07484 253473
MEDIA

edward@couzenslakemedia.com
www.couzenslakemedia.com

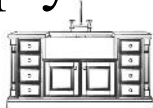
The White Horse

Top 50 Gastropub | The Good Hotel, Editor's Choice | AA ★★★★★ Hotel
| AA Pick of the Pubs | Harden's
The Good Beer Guide | Cool Places

BRANCASTER STAITHE • NORFOLK • PE31 8BY
01485 210262 • reception@whitehorsebrancaster.co.uk
www.whitehorsebrancaster.co.uk



Simply Kitchens



THE SQUARE, EAST RUDHAM PE31 8RB
Tel: 01485 528 111
www.simply-kitchens-norfolk.com
sales@simply-kitchens-norfolk.com



SMITH & WILLIAMSON

CONSERVATORY SPECIALISTS

WINDOWS • DOORS • FASCIA • GUTTERING
BUILDING WORK UNDERTAKEN

01553 841175 01553 840767
07799 620883 07810 867244

Coastline
Carpets & Flooring

Carpets - LVT - Vinyl
Self Levelling - Carpet Tiles

07401 772722
coastlinecarpets@hotmail.com

WOODWORK BY PATRICK RUMBLES CARPENTRY & JOINERY SPECIALIST

CUPBOARDS, WINDOWS, DOORS ETC
LINKS TO ALL OTHER TRADES FOR
PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS & MAINTENANCE

01328 258316
Mobile: 07899 996604



Open Daily
09:00-16:00

01485
525652

Thornham
PE36 6LS

CREAKE ABBEY

SHOP • DINE • EXPLORE

CAFE (closed Jan & Feb), LIFESTYLE SHOPPING
HAIR SALON, DOG GROOMING, MARKETS & EVENTS

www.creakeabbey.co.uk