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BRANCASTER, BRANCASTER STAITHE, BURNHAM DEEPPDALE, TITCHWELL, CHOSELEY

THE RECTOR: Interregnum

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Dear Friends,

This year March brings two church celebrations, Mothering Sunday and Easter Sunday. There is also the week leading up to Easter, known within the church as Holy Week which begins on Palm Sunday. The fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare (rejoice) Sunday has traditionally been a day of celebration within the austere period of Lent. A day of hope with Easter in sight. In Britain this became Mothering Sunday, more recently known as Mother's Day. For the church Mothering Sunday embraces all those who show a mother's love, not just our birth mother. The perfect example of a mother's love is seen in God. God's all embracing love is freely given to all people. God does not see the barriers that we may find difficult - race, colour, culture, gender - to name a few. The ultimate act of love was for God to come to earth to show us the way of love. This we see in Jesus. Jesus broke with the traditional understanding of his faith by showing that God loves all people equally. The kindness, caring and love that Jesus showed was rejected by many who felt their lifestyle threatened. Their interpretation had allowed them to keep themselves in positions of power, wealth and control, and they were determined to silence him. The joy of Palm Sunday when Jesus rode into Jerusalem being cheered by the crowds, the ordinary people who saw him as their saviour and friend, those against him moved to the cross on Good Friday. Jesus knew that nothing could separate him from God's love. However difficult things became he knew God's love would hold him in the dark times. Even in the agony of the cross he continued to show God's love and forgave those who had crucified him. Jesus knew dark times, times of rejection, times of physical and emotional pain, times of bewilderment, times of being very much alone, all the emotions that life can throw at us. In these times of deep despair he was able to focus on God and his life journey in the way of God. This led him through the agony of the cross to resurrected life. This new life we celebrate at Easter.

Through our Easter celebrations we are surrounded by symbols of new life - spring flowers, eggs, lambs and other young animals and birds. The days are getting longer - this year Easter Sunday is the first day of British summer time - the clocks 'spring' forward an hour. All around nature shows signs of new life, but this doesn't happen in isolation. Each new life needs help to blossom. Plants need nutrients from the soil, sun and rain, animals and birds need care from parents. Whilst on this earth Jesus needed the love of his parents and friends and he knew God's love. We too cannot find new life in isolation, we need care, friendship assistance from others. At times we can give this to others, at times we need to receive from others. The new life we celebrate at Easter can bring new life to all people, ourselves, our families and friends and those of the wider world if we allow it to.

Very Happy Easter. With all God's blessing, Sandra Ellison, priest assisting during vacancy

MARCH 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 3rd March

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

Third Sunday of Lent

Holy Communion BCP
 Holy Communion CW
 Holy Communion and Baptism CW
 Holy Communion CW
 Morning Prayer CW

Thursday 7th

10.00 am Ringstead

Midweek Holy Communion

Sunday 10th

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent/Mothering Sunday

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

Sunday 17th

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

Wednesday 20th

7.00 pm Brancaster – Preacher Rev'd

Deanery Lent Service

Catherine Williams:
I am the resurrection and the life

Thursday 21st

10.00 am Ringstead

Midweek Holy Communion

Sunday 24th

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

Palm Sunday

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

Monday 25th

10.00 am Burnham Deepdale

Lady Day

Holy Communion CW

Thursday 28th

10.00 am Ringstead
 7.00 pm Hunstanton

Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion CW
 Holy Communion CW

Friday 29th

10.00 am Ringstead
 3.00 pm Hunstanton
 3.00 pm Titchwell
 6.00 pm Holme-next-the-Sea

Good Friday

Service of Reflection
 Stations of the Cross
 A service at the Cross
 Meditation

Sunday 31st

8.30 am Titchwell

Easter Sunday

Holy Communion BCP

9.00 am	Holme-next-the-Sea	Holy Communion	CW
9.00 am	Thornham	Holy Communion	CW
9.00 am	Ringstead	Holy Communion	CW
9.30 am	Burnham Deepdale	Holy Communion	CW
10.45 am	Old Hunstanton	Holy Communion	CW
10.45 am	Hunstanton	Holy Communion	CW
11.00 am	Brancaster with Titchwell	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 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.

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NEWS FROM DEEPPDALE CHURCH

During Holy Week at the end of the month, we will have a service of Holy Communion at 10 am on **Monday 25th March**.

Our Deanery has organised a series of **Lent Services** to be held on **Wednesday evenings** at various churches:

28th February: St. Mary's, Snettisham, Preacher LT Emily Hague.

6th March: St Peter & St. Paul's, West Newton, Preacher Ven Catherine Dobson.

13th March: St. Michael's, Ingoldisthorpe, Preacher Revd Dr Richman Ncube.

20th March: St. Mary's, Brancaster, Preacher Revd Catherine Williams.

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 as follows:

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 Wednesday 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.

Books in the Church Porch Just after Easter we will again be putting out books for sale in aid of the church building maintenance fund. If you have any books you would like to donate, we will be very pleased to have them. But please note, **no hard back books especially of the cookery and gardening kind** as they just do not sell. Thank you.

Deepdale Farmhouse Gate Plant Stall In time for the Easter weekend, I will have the plant stall up and running. While you are gardening if you are able to pot up any thinned out herbaceous plants, or seedlings and cuttings you don't need, it would be lovely to have them. Please leave a label to identify what they are. All proceeds also to our church building maintenance fund.

THOUGHTS FROM TITCHWELL

Recently I came across these words written by an American priest when she found herself at a crossroads in her life, and they have kept going round in my head ever since: *I had arrived at an understanding of faith that had far more to do with trust than with certainty.* It is religious certainty that is making the world a dangerous place, be it the belligerent version espoused by the Kremlin and the Patriarch of Moscow or the not dissimilar sort to be found among some on Capitol Hill and elsewhere in the USA. However, God does not take sides in a way that some would have him do. Early on in the Bible, we read how Joshua, a leader of ancient Israel, found this out when coming across what appears to have been an angel: *When Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?" "Neither," he replied, "but as commander of the army of the Lord I have now come."* Religious certainty can also cause problems for us as individuals. A simple trusting faith in a loving God should make us more tolerant of the opinions of others, and gentler people into the bargain. Seeking to establish this attitude of trust within our hearts would make a profitable exercise for Lent as we prepare to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus on that first Easter Day.

For details of Services for Titchwell in **March** please see pages 2 and 3.

In addition, there will be a Deanery Lent Service at Brancaster on **Wednesday 20th March** at 7 pm: Preacher Rev'd Catherine Williams on "*I am the resurrection and the life*".

Stillness on the Saxon Shore We meet in Titchwell church on **Friday afternoons** at 4 pm for thirty minutes or so of contemplative worship. During March we will be looking at how we can trust God in times of trial through the eyes of Fr Henri Nouwen in his book *Turn my Mourning into Dancing*. All are most welcome.

With my prayers and best wishes for you all this Lent and Eastertide.

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

BRANCASTER CHURCH EASTER FLOWERS

Perhaps you would like to help the flower team in Brancaster to decorate the church windows and porch for Easter? All assistance will be much appreciated. Do call me on 01485 210902.

Many thanks, Virginia Law

MUSIC IN THE BURNHAMS COMES TO BRANCASTER

In 2023 we were delighted to be loaned on a long term by Lucinda Mackworth-Young an excellent grand piano for the church. Since that time we have been thinking of ways where we might use it to raise funds for our historic church. Our friends at Music in the Burnhams have agreed to extend their series of concerts to Brancaster and on **Saturday 13th April** at 7.30 pm we shall launch our 2024 series of 7 recitals.

The first starts with the highly acclaimed violin and piano duo Joo Yeon Sir and Irina Andrievsky. Described by the Strad as "exuberant....seductive....Joo Yeon plays with bravura and oodles of personality". Their programme will include Clara Schumann's Romances, Grieg's sonata and Igor Frolov Concert Fantasy on Gershwin's Opera 'Porgy and Bess'.

Tickets are £20 each (children under 18 free) and you can book now on www.musicintheburnhams.com.

A BELATED BUT HEARTFELT THANK YOU

Floff, Lilith and I would like to say how very deeply moving it has been to have and see the total love that has poured out for Jess. It is truly humbling – from the ladies that cleaned and then beautifully decorated, the sandwich and cake-making friends, the last minute bags of woodchip through the graveyard to stop slips and the movingly personal eulogies from those who knew Jess, and finally to each and every one of you who packed the church to see her off. Jess planned and wrote her service, but you all put it into play. Thank you is not enough, but it's all we have.

Sister, Daughter and Mother

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BRANCASTER PARISH COUNCIL

Our most recent meeting was on 6th February. On **Flooding**, we were made aware of particular issues on Broad Lane. We also await information about the recent meeting in Burnham Market with Anglian Water. It may not always be clear, and these are matters which are not within the PC's remit, but we do our utmost to help signpost people to the correct authorities, and support them with their problems. We are writing to our MP to reinforce this process. While we are all aware that the consequences of climate change may make some things impossible to deal with, there should be more clarity about who is responsible for drainage and other issues. The question of increased **Council Tax on "second" homes** was raised. Our parish is one of the areas most impacted by this – 40% of dwellings apparently fall in this category, in line with several adjacent parishes. We are aware that the Borough has agreed to raise the tax to 200% of the normal rate from 2025/26, and is seeking to ensure that the increased income comes to the area where the effects are felt – 92% or more goes to the County, Police and Crime Commissioner and Internal Drainage Board. The PC is clearly keen to ensure that those parishes most affected also benefit from any such local rebate – second home owners are also our parishioners, and their contributions should benefit them and their neighbours. You will also be aware that Council had to arrange the eviction of a man who was **rough-sleeping** on Brancaster Playing Field, with his horse. This was not a straightforward, or cheap, procedure but we had to ensure that due regard was given to the rules. It was not a decision taken lightly, but the needs of all our residents had to take priority. Rest assured, the gentleman was given every opportunity to avail himself of the assistance offered, but Council could not force him to take this.

Beach Car Park passes are available to full-time residents. Details on our website - paper copies of application forms are obtainable at the Deepdale Supermarket and the Brancaster Village Shop. Please do read the forms carefully to make sure you only send the information needed and note that any received after **Friday 8th March** will await the next tranche to be dealt with later in the summer. 2023 passes will be valid until new ones received. With regard to the **"Big Chat"** last year, a full breakdown of the issues raised and Council's response is available online, and we are working through those subjects raised where we can take action. Finally, we can confirm the date of the **"Green Day" – Saturday 16th March**. (Please see article on page 8)

Our **March meeting** is on **Tuesday 5th** in Brancaster Staithe Village Hall at 6.30 pm. Contact details for the Parish Council: www.brancaster-pc.gov.uk; email clerk@brancaster-pc.gov.uk.

THE JOLLY SAILORS, BRANCASTER STAITHE Enjoy our 'ever popular' **Traditional Sunday Lunch**, from 12 noon to 6 pm. Choose from local Beef with Horseradish, Slow Roast Pork Shoulder, Crunchy Crackling and Apple Sauce or Roast Chicken, plus a variety of vegetables. Finish off, if you have room, with a traditional pudding with custard. **Mother's Day Traditional Roast - Sunday 10th March** – 12 noon to 8 pm. Enjoy a traditional roast with a glass of 'Fizz' for Mum. Booking now. **Six Nations Rugby 2024 - until Saturday 9th March** Four big screens to choose from, plus Stone Baked Pizza and Bar Snacks on the menu and a host of real ales. See full fixture list on www.jollysailorsbrancaster.co.uk.

Nelson's Shantymen - Rehearsal Mondays 7 pm. Join us for a Shanty Sing-Along with much merriment and lots of fun keeping the 'Sea Shanty' alive. **The Jolly Charity Quiz - First Tuesday of each month** at 8 pm – next one **5th March**. Teams of 6, entry £2 per person. All monies raised donated to Big C Charity, Norfolk. Guest Quiz Masters and your chance to win £100 Anglian Country Inns voucher. **Easter Weekend - Live Music** Please look out for our social posts for more information. Looking forward to welcoming you www.jollysailorsbrancaster.co.uk. Best to book, but there's always a few tables kept for 'walk ins'.

Simon, Caitlin, Nick and Alex

THE WHITE HORSE, BRANCASTER STAITHE **Spring is in the Air** Fran's exciting new Spring Menu is online. She's been working with local producers and there are some delicious new dishes. **Sunday 10th March - Mother's Day** Bring Mum to enjoy an especially sumptuous breakfast whilst taking in the panoramic tidal views. On the menu – Traditional Breakfast, *Staithe Smokehouse* Salmon, *Cromer* Crab Benedict and Brancaster Bloody Mary, *Brancaster* Oysters!

Booking now 01485 210262. We are also taking bookings for a **Mother's Day Restaurant Experience**, with a traditional roast served all day from 12 noon. Keep your eyes peeled on our social posts for news of The White Horse '**Golden' Easter Egg Hunt and Coastal Path Clear Up**. Really looking forward to welcoming you,

Rob, Rosie, Fran & The White Horse 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.

TITCHWELL PARISH MEETING The next Titchwell Parish Meeting will be held on **Thursday 14th March** at 7.30 pm at Briarfields Hotel, all welcome.

BRANCASTER COMMUNITY LUNCH

Spring is on its way and so is the next Brancaster Community Lunch on **Friday 15th March** at the Brancaster village hall, 12 noon to 3 pm. Come and join us for homemade soups, sandwiches, snacks, puds, tea/coffee and biscuits. Come on your own or with others, a warm welcome for everyone, bring a neighbour or friend. Please book your place by ringing Babs Wade on 01485 522273 or email hotspotlunches@gmail.com. The cut off date for booking is **Friday 8th March**. Suggested donation of £5. If you'd like transport, please contact Mary Gardiner on 01485 210442 Bar 71 will be open and Ruby will kindly be providing table service for soft drinks and tipples!

BRANCASTER PARISH COUNCIL - OUR COMMUNITY GREEN DAY

A fun Green Day for the whole family. Please make a note to visit us on **Saturday 16th March** at Brancaster Staithe Village Hall from 10.30 am to 3.30 pm. There will be local produce, seed and plant swap (bring your own to swap!), gardening tips and tricks, build a bug hotel, scavenger hunt, wild seed bombs, tea and cakes, beat the bills and loads more. Among stallholders will be the National Coastwatch Institution and Deepdale Farm. Free entry and parking.

EASTER FUN! HOLME-NEXT-THE-SEA Holme Village Hall PE36 6LJ. **Monday 1st April (Easter Monday morning)** 10 am – 12 noon. Activities for children, entry £2. Easter Bonnet parade, Raffle, challenging Quiz in and around the church, homemade refreshments.

DEEPDALE AND DALEGATE MARKET

Deepdale Hygge 2024 Friday 22nd March – Barn Dance with Whirligig Ceilidh Band - £10 per person. **Saturday 23rd March** – Live Music from 2 pm to 11 pm, featuring Kitewing, Polly Paulusma, False Colours, Wendsum and The Browns - £30 per person. www.deepdalehygge.co.uk.

Deepdale Pizzas - Street Food Most Fridays and Saturdays outside the Visitor Information Centre. www.deepdalecamping.co.uk/street-food/

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DEEPDALE AND BRANCASTER STAITHE TENNIS CLUB

Our two lovely courts in the middle of the village are available for play by both members and visitors. Have a look at our website: www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/DBSTennisClub. Our membership year starts on the 1st April. Invitations to renew will be sent out during March. New members are always welcome and we have a range of different membership categories. Please see the website for more information.

Junior Coaching We are holding a Free Easter Holiday Coaching Camp with Becky Palmer, our LTA coach, on **Wednesday 3rd** and **Wednesday 10th April**. Juniors, come along and join in to try tennis for the first time or brush up your skills after the winter. We would really love to see some new faces. Two sessions for different ages: 10.45 -11.30 am for 4-7 year olds; 11.30 am-12.30 pm for 8-11 year olds. Numbers strictly limited to 12 children in each group. Essential to book with our Junior Tennis Co-ordinator, Carrie Hendry, by email to juniortennis@brancasterstaithe.co.uk.

Coaching for Adults is available with Becky Palmer on **Monday mornings** from 9.30 – 10.30 am. These are arranged in short courses of 4 weekly sessions at £20 per course to be booked direct with Becky in advance. Please contact her by email tennismadbex@gmail.com for further details.

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. These sessions are for members but you are most welcome to come along and try us out for free for up to 3 occasions in the year.

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

As usual, we are busy, busy, busy at Brancaster Primary Academy! **Samphire Class** have been enjoying using our new Micro:bits and have done all sorts of things with them, such as creating our own step counters; programming them to show different images when we press certain buttons or shake them; and using them to play 'Rock-Paper-Scissors'. KS2 have been learning about the Anglo-Saxons and were astounded when we looked at maps and found just how many places there are today which were Anglo-Saxon settlements around 1500 years ago, such as Sedgeford, Dersingham, Hunstanton and Fakenham.

Thrift Class took part in the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch, making their own homemade bird feed to encourage more birds to visit our school. Both classes participated in the NSPCC's Number Day on 2nd February, when we had some fascinating maths puzzles and challenges lined up. We learnt about Candlemas, which is celebrated on 2nd February, and some of the traditions surrounding this time of year in the Christian calendar. Did you know that in France they celebrate by eating crepes, which are like pancakes, and in Peru the celebrations last for two whole weeks? Lots of us would like to go there so we get two pancake days a year! We also found out that there is an old English rhyme which says that the weather on Candlemas Day will predict what the weather will be like for the next six weeks. If it is sunny and bright on Candlemas Day, there might be more cold and wintery weather to come - maybe even snow. But if it is wet and cloudy that might mean that the next few weeks will be sunny and mild. Sadly we said goodbye to Mrs Kaye, who has been helping out in the school office. She has done a great job and we are sad to see her go. But we do get to welcome our very own Doctor B, whom some of you may know from helping with reading, who will be taking over from Mrs Kaye. Finally, we would like to say a big THANK YOU to Drove Orchard, who are very kindly donating a lovely box of fruit every week. We are very grateful - and really impressed at the size of some of the apples!

Brancaster School PFA - Accessing The Arts For Rural Schools The White Horse At Brancaster Staithe has kindly agreed to host an evening of fund raising for our school. On **Monday 29th April** at 6 for 6.30 pm they are offering a set 3-course meal for £40 (£10 going to the school) followed by an auction of local artists' works. Menus to follow shortly. Please contact the White Horse to book your table (01485 210262). Do call in during April to view the works of art. Please contact Annette on 07765 488 872 if you would like to donate a piece of work to auction.

MOBILITY EQUIPMENT

I have generously been given a (new) folding wheelchair, zimmer frame and shower stool for short-term loan/use by the local community. Please collect from Marsh Head opposite the Jolly Sailors, or I can usually deliver at short notice. Contact Christine 01485 210695 or 07900 342 962 or email ch81@btinternet.com.

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Not such good news was that 77 appointments were not kept or attended by patients, so if you are not going to keep your appointment, **it would be very helpful to let the surgery know.**

NEWS FROM BRANCASTER VILLAGE HALL (BVH)

As we emerge from a wet, windy and often cold winter period, it is good to report that BVH continues to fire on all cylinders. The latest development is the establishment of a “pickleball” facility on the BVH site.

The Brancaster Community Sports Club (BCSC) has installed a new surface on the tennis court, which has enabled the marking out of a pickleball court. See below.

Hotspot Lunches and all our regular groups continue; days and times can be found on our website (see below and on the Diary page); details of BCSC membership can also be found on our website.

Bar 71 continues to be a venue for darts, skittles, quiz nights and pool; it will also be showing many of the Six Nations Rugby games. All are welcome, and you will be sure of a warm reception.

The shop and Post Office continue to offer a successful vital service to the village and want to hear from you if you have any suggestions for possible improvements. For full details of all events and activities, please visit our website: www.brancastervillagehall.co.uk.

WHAT IS PICKLEBALL?

Pickleball is a fun sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis. Played both indoors or outdoors on a badminton-sized court with a slightly modified tennis net. Two or four players use solid paddles made of wood or composite materials to hit a perforated polymer ball, over a net. No special equipment is required and any comfortable clothing is fine. Trainers / tennis shoes are recommended.

Brancaster Community Sports Club are pleased to announce that on our newly surfaced tennis court at Brancaster playing field two pickleball courts are marked out. BCSC has bought 2 nets, 8 bats and 12 balls for outside use. Every Tuesday at 10 am there will be an open session. Everyone is welcome to come and have a go - it's fun. If you feel you'd like to be a regular player please contact dianawalton1@gmail.com to go on the Pickleball WhatsApp.

NATIONAL COASTWATCH INSTITUTION (NCI) BRANCASTER

Since the last report it has been a quiet time on Brancaster beach, with no incidents reported. However, watches have still needed to be staffed throughout what has been a cold, windy and very wet period; it has become clear that the new leak-and-draft-proof station cannot come too quickly. On this front, it is expected that the groundwork for the station will have been completed by the middle of February, in anticipation of its delivery by the end of that month.

Three Watchkeepers have passed their certification assessments: congratulations to Chris M, John and Hilary W on their success.

Her Royal Highness Princess Anne is the Royal Patron of the NCI; she has taken a keen and active interest in the work of the Institution and visited the Cromer NCI station in late January to talk with the volunteers who staff this station. Brancaster Station Manager John A and Deputy Station Manager Richard B were honoured to be invited to meet Her Royal Highness, who was interested to hear about the new station and the progress being made at Brancaster, an area she obviously knows well.

We will be having a stall at the Community Green Day at Brancaster Staithe Village Hall on **Saturday 16th March**, 10.30 am till 3.30 pm, when we will be pleased to meet local people.

For further information about NCI Brancaster, please contact Richard Burrows, Deputy Station manager and Watchkeeper, on 07535 612777.

DEEPDALE FARM

Green woodworking Introduction to Green Woodworking 1-day course: **Saturday 16th March.**

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. More dates will be published for April onwards.

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 Wednesday 24th April.**

Microscopic Marvels: Macro Photography walk – Wednesday 24th April

Volunteering

Norfolk Rivers Trust, Wednesday 6th March, 10.30 am-3.30 pm. Helping to replace canes, guards, check for growth and mulch one of the new hedges established on the farm to prevent field run off.

Bats! Norfolk & Norwich bat group are hoping to monitor barbastelle bats in May time, but we need more volunteers to make it happen. It will involve tracking to find the roosts in the daytime and then doing a count on the roost in the evening. Training can be provided.

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

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

BRANCASTER OIL COOPERATIVE

I shall be ordering oil on **Thursdays: 14th March**, (last guaranteed order for delivery before Easter), **4th April, 25th 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, 7th March, 4th April, 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.

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BRANCASTER & STAITHE HOMEWATCH

Please be aware that a local property has had their oil stolen recently. Please be extra vigilant. Check your tank regularly and secure with a suitable padlock. 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.

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

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STANHOE VILLAGE SCREEN

Monday 26th February: *The Great Escaper (12A)* (Drama). Watch the trailer at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dNWp8Kq5JgI>.

Thursday 21st March: *One Life (12A)* (Drama). You would need a heart of stone not to be touched by this extraordinary true story of Nicholas Winton, the “British Schindler”, who helped save hundreds of Central European children from the Nazis on the eve of World War 2. Watch the trailer at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ethollg-PI>

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 for 7.30 pm. For further information visit the website: Stanhoe.org, or ring Jane or Peter Coates on 01485 518191.

BURNHAM MARKET AND NORTON VILLAGE HALL

The community cinema at the Burnham Market village hall continues in March with two shows. The film dates for your diary are:

Wednesday 6th March 2.30 pm. *The Miracle Club* (2023) A film about understanding and forgiveness. 3 Ladies from Ballygar, Ireland are intent on winning tickets to visit Lourdes in the hope of a miracle. Maggie Smith and Laura Linney. Certificate 12A.

Wednesday 20th March 7 pm. *The Great Escaper* (2023). Michael Caine and Glenda Jackson. Bernard escapes from his care home to attend the 70th anniversary of D-day landings. Certificate 12A. £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 11 am each Friday.

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

STANHOE AND BARWICK WI - PROGRAMME

Thursday 7th March - Kate Craven from Hunstanton RNLI.

Thursday 4th April - Lois Capstick, holistic therapies and Neals Yard products.

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.

THE ARTS SOCIETY, NORTHWEST NORFOLK

Our next illustrated talk, presented by Stuart Harvey on **Monday 11th March** at Sedgeford Village Hall at 2 pm, is entitled *Treasures of the Borghese Gallery*. Stuart, who lives in Rome, tells us of the incredible collection of ancient sculpture and Renaissance art amassed by Borghese in the 1600s.

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

The next meeting of Phoenix Ladies will be held on **Wednesday 13th March** starting at 2 pm, when we will have a talk entitled “Mind your Language” – a look at regional dialects and their need for protection. This will be given by Professor Michael McCarthy. Tea and cake will be served afterwards. This meeting will be an open meeting so do bring husbands/partners, friends and neighbours. There is a small charge for guests. There will also be a raffle at this meeting. For more information please contact Sue on 01328 730859 or email suisted@btinternet.co. There is also a web site burnhammarketandnortonvillagehall.org.uk

Hilda, Jenifer, Melinda and Sue

DIARY DATES 2024 – updated monthly

BSBDVH = Brancaster Staithe & Burnham Deepdale Village Hall

BVH = Brancaster Village Hall

- Weekly:**
- Monday:** Indoor Bowls, 2 - 4 pm, NB: 4th - 11th March, then from 8th April 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
“ Open Session Pickleball, 10 am, sports field 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
“ 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 12 for details of stops and date

MARCH

- Tuesday 5th Parish Council Meeting, 6.30 pm. BSBDVH
- Wednesday 6th Lent lunch at Deepdale Farmhouse 12.30 pm
- Tuesday 12th Lent lunch at 3 School Pasture, Burnham Deepdale 12.30 pm
- Friday 15th Brancaster Community Hot Spot Lunch, 12 noon, BVH
- Saturday 16th Parish Council Community Green Day, 10.30 am to 3.30 pm BSBDVH
- Tuesday 19th Brancaster Camera Club, 7 pm BSBDVH
- Wednesday 20th Lent lunch at The Palus, Brancaster Staithe 12.30 pm

APRIL

- Saturday 13th ‘Music in the Burnhams’, Brancaster Church, 7.30 pm (See p 4)
- Monday 29th Brancaster School supper/auction, White Horse, 6.30 pm (see p 9)

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.brancasterstaithe.co.uk

www.burnhamdeepdale.co.uk

www.recyclefornorfolk.org.uk

www.brancastervillagehall.co.uk

www.titchwellvillage.org

www.theburnhamssurgery.co.uk

www.wellshospital.org.uk

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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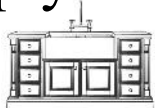
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