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OCTOBER 2024

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

**THE RECTOR:** Interregnum

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Autumn, the season when nature prepares for winter and surrounds us with a wonderful display. The leaves on trees and hedges turn a magnificent autumnal colour: from gold, orange, red, yellows and all shades in-between. Even the berries on the trees and hedges seem to be a brighter colour, red, yellow orange and of course the black of blackberries. Perhaps this brightness allows birds to see them more clearly as they need to store fat before winter sets in. The fruits and nuts from the trees fall to the ground allowing squirrels and other animals to feed on them or store them for winter. When the leaves fall we can hear the excited laughter of children as they spend time kicking and shuffling through them. Hedgehogs and other small creatures can use these fallen leaves to provide shelter and warmth during the winter months. It would seem that left to its own resources little in nature is wasted and it is completely free for us to wonder at and enjoy. We may need an extra layer of clothing to spend time outside but it is well worth the small effort to wrap up and take a quiet stroll observing the beauty around us. To walk along the beach or cliff top, perhaps sitting in one of the cliff top shelters or finding a sheltered spot in the sand dunes to just observe the wonders of nature around us. For those unable to get outside, to sit beside a window just for a short while to clear our minds of the hustle and bustle of everyday life. Just to be aware of our footsteps and the noise they make as we walk, or to be aware of our breathing as we sit. Maybe to fix our gaze on a particular flower, tree or leaf. To give thought as to how it has got to the point where it is now, the journey that it has gone through. How did the seed from which it grew get into the ground, what did it need to grow and get to its present state. What will its next stage be. Are there new seeds or buds waiting to begin life? Will it provide food, nutrients or shelter for other life. Are there ways which we can help that cycle of life, maybe by not clearing away dead leaves but leaving them in a pile in a corner. Not throwing away dead twigs or small fallen branches, but leaving them in a pile for insects to live in. Setting aside just a short time each day if possible, or each week, to contemplate on nature can really help our mental wellbeing. In turn this will help us in our daily busy lives.

Jesus knew the importance of spending time away from the crowds, finding time and space for himself. With the wonders of nature in autumn this is the perfect time for us also to begin to find space for ourselves.

With love and prayers. Sandra Ellison, priest assisting during the vacancy.

## **OCTOBER SERVICES IN THE HUNSTANTON & SAXON SHORE BENEFICE**

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

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

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

### **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October**

6.00 pm                      Holme-next-the-Sea                      Harvest

### **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>**

9.00 am	Holme-next-the-Sea	Holy Communion	BCP
9.00 am	Ringstead	Holy Communion	CW
10.30 am	Titchwell	Harvest HC followed by Parish Lunch at 12.30 pm	CW
10.45 am	Brancaster	Harvest	CW
10.45 am	Hunstanton	Holy Communion	CW

### **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>**

10.00 am                      Ringstead                      Midweek Holy Communion

### **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>**

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	Family Harvest HC	CW
10.45 am	Hunstanton	Morning Prayer	CW

### **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>**

10.30 am	Hunstanton	Benefice HC Baptism and Confirmation	CW
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### **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>**

10.00 am                      Ringstead                      Midweek Holy Communion

### **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>**

8.30 am	Titchwell	Holy Communion	BCP
10.30 am	“	Morning Prayer	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**

Wednesdays each week, 10 am-12 noon, at St Edmund's Church hall, Hunstanton. An official 'Warm Space'.

For Community (Hot Spot) lunches at Brancaster see page 4.

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

Whilst we are without a rector our Rural Dean, Peter Cook, takes over that responsibility.

Please contact Peter in the first instance **for all enquiries with regard to weddings, funerals and baptisms**. Peter's phone number is 01485 517157.

**The Diocesan Registrar is responsible for all memorials in a churchyard - headstones and plaques.** During a vacancy all requests for these must go through the Registrar. The person/stone mason making the request should contact the Registrar directly: see website [www.norwichdiocesanregistry.co.uk](http://www.norwichdiocesanregistry.co.uk). Church wardens and priests assisting during the interregnum cannot give permission for these.

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

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

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

For details of the services at Deepdale, please see page 2 or the roadside noticeboard. There is a change to the normal pattern because on **20<sup>th</sup> October** there is **no Family Service** at Deepdale due to the Benefice Service at St Edmund's, Hunstanton at 10.30 am.

**Plant Stall at Deepdale Farmhouse gate** To date we have raised £1296.66. I wish to say a massive 'Thank you' to everyone who has supported it. It will be closing for the year on the **25<sup>th</sup> September**, so please do not bring any plants after that date but nurture them until the spring when the Stall will be open again.

**Books in the Porch** Our second-hand books for sale at £1 each have raised £417.07 to date, so thank you to all who have donated books or purchased them. The books will remain until the October half-term week or when stocks run out. Funds from both the Plant Stall and the Books go to our church building maintenance fund.

**Your Churchyard Needs You!** We are again organising a Churchyard Work-party on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October** from 9 am onwards. We would love to have your help. Bring along useful tools like rakes, secateurs, and shears. If you have a strimmer – that would be even better. Everyone is welcome and tea or coffee and biscuits will be served.

**ST MARY THE VIRGIN, BRANCASTER** will be celebrating **Harvest Festival** on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October** at 10.45 am. Do come and join us in thanksgiving.

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

Autumn is now truly upon us with the shortening days, and the need to wrap up warmly. It is also the season for Harvest Festivals and, when planning services, I find no shortage of texts to use from the gospels. Jesus grew up and lived his life in the rural backwater of Galilee, far from the bustle and theological controversy of the big city, Jerusalem.

We can sense his evident delight in the natural world and the agricultural practices of his day in so many of his parables.

Remember those well-known words of his, "*Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: and yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.*" He said this to tell us not to worry too much about the things of this life, but to put God first. For Jesus had a strong and lively sense of the goodness and fatherhood of God. His spirituality was not that of escaping from the world, but going out and enjoying it all.

We read how he was often going up mountainsides for solitude in prayer, but it is very obvious that he also greatly enjoyed the good food and company of others around the meal table.

He lived in the present, celebrating the goodness of God - and he is still urging us to do the same. With this in mind, the Harvest Celebration and Thanksgiving at St Mary's, Titchwell this year will be on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October** at 10.30 am. There will then be a Harvest Lunch in the marquee at 12.30 pm. Tickets for a ploughman's meal and dessert are £15 a head and can be obtained from Susan our church warden (Tel 01485 210756). All are most welcome.

With prayers and best wishes for you all, James Monro (Assistant Priest)

## **MUSIC IN THE BURNHAMS AT ST MARY'S BRANCASTER**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October** at 7.30 pm. One of the oldest musical relationships Music in the Burnhams has is with the Karl Jenkins Classical Music Award violinist Joo Yeon Sir and her Russian-born colleague, Irina Andrievsky who gave us an outstanding piano recital in Brancaster in September, which we much enjoyed. Their previous recital here in 2012 made an immense impression. They have performed together for many years. Both musicians lead busy international careers, including live performances, recordings, broadcasts and teaching, so it is a privilege to welcome them back to Norfolk. Highlights for Joo Yeon include the Deutsche Grammophon CD award and world premiere of Sir Karl Jenkins "Cantata Memoria - For the Children". Their programme will include works by Clara Schumann, Grieg and Fritz Kreisler. Tickets for the recital are £20 and may be booked on [musicintheburnhams.com](http://musicintheburnhams.com), on the door (cash or card) or ring 07989 177079.

### **BRANCASTER PARISH COUNCIL**

It is worth a reminder that the PC website contains a wealth of information about the Parish, and this includes a “Who does what?” section under “Services”. This answers many of the questions about which authority to contact about drainage, hedges, etc. This may avoid delays, and can keep you up to date on progress. Please do let us know if you have any thoughts on the website – especially errors/broken links etc – as it is intended to be a useful and accurate resource. Another useful resource relates to what goes in what bin – the Borough does all it can to encourage recycling, but there are often problems with people not being fully aware of the restrictions. Green bins contaminated with things not allowed cause technical and financial issues. To keep up to date, please check their website -

[https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/info/20140/what\\_goes\\_in\\_each\\_bin/277/green\\_bin](https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/info/20140/what_goes_in_each_bin/277/green_bin)

Tennis week seemed to go off without too many problems – thanks to all those involved. Issues with the rough sleeper continue, but the PC has done all it can, and presses other authorities when possible.

We have installed bike racks at the two Village Halls, which were funded by a Borough Council grant. One remains to be fitted, and we are working with the National Trust on this. We congratulate Brancaster Staithe/Burnham Deepdale Village Hall on their splendid new Play Area, and encourage you to donate via their “gofundme” page to help with Phase II. (See below)

We continue to have a large number of Planning Applications – a reminder that when these fall between our normal meetings, we have virtual sessions to ensure we comment in time – these are linked from the website. The Borough is consulting on its Local Plan -

[https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/info/20079/planning\\_policy\\_and\\_local\\_plan](https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/info/20079/planning_policy_and_local_plan)

This is a complicated area but is open to all for comment. Council requests that if you do write to them, that you copy us in. At our previous meeting we agreed a donation of £3,000 to the local First Responders’ scheme – this will help with the provision of local First Aid and other health assistance, particularly when there are ambulance delays.

Finally, you may have seen elsewhere that a settlement agreement has been made with the Scolt Head and District Common Rightholders’ Association following their withdrawal from the case relating to income from the Beach Car Park at Brancaster. Council is very pleased that this long process has concluded and the donations from the Golf Club can continue to be used for the benefit of all parishioners and local groups. The full Press Release is available on the website (easiest route via “News”).

Our **October** meeting is on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>** in Brancaster Village Hall at 6.30 pm. As ever, the agenda will be posted in advance online and on the noticeboards. Details for the Parish Council: [www.brancaster-pc.gov.uk](http://www.brancaster-pc.gov.uk); email [clerk@brancaster-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@brancaster-pc.gov.uk).

### **BRANCASTER COMMUNITY (HOT SPOT) LUNCHES**

Following on from our very successful community lunches for the last couple of years we intend to continue these, BUT we need a couple more people to assist us by helping to make sandwiches, laying up tables, etc. If you are able to help in any way please contact me (Mary Gardiner) by email, [moorhallfarms@btinternet.com](mailto:moorhallfarms@btinternet.com) or 01485 210442.

Our 2024 dates are **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October** and **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December** from 12 noon to 3 pm with hot soup, selection of sandwiches, cold buffet, dessert, coffee/tea and biscuits. We ask for a suggested donation of £5 per person please, cash only. We look forward to welcoming you to Brancaster Village Hall whether on your own or with others. Please can you book by **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October** for our October lunch by ringing Babs Wade on 01485 522273 or email [hotspotlunches@gmail.com](mailto:hotspotlunches@gmail.com).

### **BRANCASTER STAITHE AND BURNHAM DEEPPDALE VILLAGE HALL**

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the GoFundMe crowd fund for further equipment at the playground. So far this has raised **£2380** which is really excellent. Our future plans will be discussed at the next Village Hall committee meeting – these are to provide a permanent table tennis table and a basketball goal with surrounding base. We are still raising money for this and YOU CAN HELP by making a donation to the crowd fund we have set up. Please use this link to take you straight to the donation page <https://gofund.me/d7636057>. Your support will help us reach the required amount much sooner. Thank you very much.

**BEWARE! High Tides on the following dates in October** when Beach Road, Brancaster is liable to flooding and unsuitable for traffic. Pedestrian access available via the bank.

1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>; 15<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>; 30<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> November. RWNGolf Club publish tide times, website details at bottom of Diary page 12.

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**Conservation volunteering** Conservation sessions began in September, running fortnightly on **Thursdays** 9.30 am -12.30 pm. We'll be working on hedges, woodland, dykes and more. Email us if you'd like more details or to get involved – [enquiries@deepdalefarm.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@deepdalefarm.co.uk).

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6-8 pm on **Tuesdays** (one per month). Next: **8<sup>th</sup> October, 5<sup>th</sup> November, 17<sup>th</sup> December.** 2025 dates will be included next month. £2.50 per person per evening, and Bar '71 is open in the interval. All welcome. Enquiries [lucinda.mackworth.young@gmail.com](mailto:lucinda.mackworth.young@gmail.com).

**BRANCASTER CAMERA CLUB** Our next meeting is on **Tuesday October 15<sup>th</sup>** at 7 pm in Brancaster Staithe Village Hall. The topic for the evening will be 'Light & shade'. Quite challenging but, hopefully, interesting. We welcome visitors so if you'd like to come along and see what we do, you would be most welcome. Admission is £3 to include refreshments. Contact Sue Till on 01485 210013 or Wendy Calow on 01553 674725. We look forward to seeing you.

### **THE JOLLY SAILORS**

Ahoy Me Hearties and a massive thank you to all who supported the recent Brancaster Staithe Shanty Festival. The money raised will be donated to Wells RNLi and NCI Brancaster. **We** will let you know the final figure next month. **Jolly Quiz Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October**, 8 pm. Fundraising for 'Big C' Norfolk Cancer Charity. Test your general knowledge, come along with friends, or join in with others. Teams of 6, entry £2 per person. Guest Quiz Master, your chance to win £100 Anglian Country Inns Voucher.

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### **THE WHITE HORSE**

The autumn sunshine and 'Northern lights' across Brancaster Bay tidal marsh is, as you know, a magical sight. We are enjoying what's left of the sunshine and enjoying the transition to autumn. Join us to celebrate Brancaster Staithe Mussels MARSHSIDE, Norfolk's Original Mussel Festival 2024. Weekend **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October** 3 pm 'til late. **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October** 12 noon 'til late; **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October** 12 noon 'til late. Live Music all weekend, including everyone's favourite Nelson's Shantymen and Matty Haynes Music. Oodles of Brancaster Staithe mussels served a variety of ways including classic marinere. Heated marquee! No need to book. Look out for Fran's delicious Autumn Menu online, including mussel menu choices. See current opening times, events diary, and menus on our new look website: [www.whitehorsebrancaster.co.uk](http://www.whitehorsebrancaster.co.uk). Thank you, we really value your custom.

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

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

It has been a very successful summer for BVH, and our thanks go out to all our dedicated volunteers and to the staff of Bar 71 who have worked very hard during such a busy period. It is pleasing to announce that the refurbishment fund has now reached its target and that the work on flooring and decoration was able to be completed in September. Many thanks to those who have given so generously.

Of special note: the Brancaster Baby and Toddler Group has had a very lively summer, with lots of activities organised by Annie; the group would like to thank the Parish News for a generous donation to replace furniture and toys. New parents and carers will always be assured of a warm welcome.

**Forthcoming Events** **Mega Quiz: Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September** from 7 pm - which will include food and will be great fun. **Halloween Party: Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October** – a great favourite. **BVH Race Night: Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** – always hugely popular.

**Regular Groups** will continue as usual. Bar 71 has a full programme of quiz nights, skittles and darts, including Norfolk Super League Darts. Do come along: you'll be made most welcome and will be able to sample the new beer of the month – "Scoundrel" by Moongazer.

**Brancaster Village Stores/Post Office** is celebrating its first anniversary: Mark and his team want to thank customers for making this year as enjoyable as it has been successful. Full details of events and regular groups can be found on our website at [www.brancastervillagehall.communitybookings.co.uk](http://www.brancastervillagehall.communitybookings.co.uk) or on Facebook and Instagram. For enquiries, please contact us at [bvhsetup@gmail.com](mailto:bvhsetup@gmail.com).

**THE BRANCASTER COMMUNITY CHOIR** If you enjoy singing you are very welcome to join our Community Choir. We shall be singing at the Brancaster Winter Fair at Brancaster Village Hall (BVH) on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November** at 2 pm, followed by Carols in BVH on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December** 6 pm. **Rehearsals** for the above 5.30-7 pm in BVH on: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November, THURSDAY 14<sup>th</sup> November, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November, NO REHEARSAL on 6<sup>th</sup> December, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. All welcome. Enquiries [lucinda.mackworth.young@gmail.com](mailto:lucinda.mackworth.young@gmail.com).

### **DEEPPDALE AND BRANCASTER STAITHE TENNIS CLUB**

Our two lovely courts in the middle of the village are available for play all year by both members and visitors. Have a look at our website: [www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/DBSTennisClub](http://www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/DBSTennisClub).

**Junior Coaching** Weekly tennis coaching sessions for junior members will continue on **Wednesday afternoons** in the autumn term between 3.45 and 6 pm. Contact our Junior Tennis Co-ordinator, Carrie Hendry at [juniortennis@brancasterstaithe.co.uk](mailto:juniortennis@brancasterstaithe.co.uk) for details of age groups, dates remaining and charges.

**Coaching for Adult Beginners or Returners** is available with Becky Palmer on **Monday mornings** from 9.30 – 10.30 am. These will be 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](mailto:tennismadbex@gmail.com) for further details. Please note the course will only run with a minimum of 4 players.

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

### **NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL BY THRIFT CLASS**

We are all excited to be back and see our friends. Some of us found going into a new year group a bit scary but it has turned out to be really good!

We are learning about Ourselves this term, and are also getting Harvest ready for our Harvest Festival on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October**, 2 pm in the Church. Afterwards we will be sharing harvest food. Everyone is welcome. We would like to see members of the community join us but please phone/email the school office by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October (01485 210246 or [office@brancaster.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@brancaster.norfolk.sch.uk)) to let us know numbers for catering. Thank you

We are now doing "Literacy Tree" in English. Our first book is called "And Tango Makes Three" which is about a penguin family, because we are doing families as part of our topic. We are having fun with the penguins! Thank you to the PFA for buying all the books for our lessons. And our home corner has turned into a nursery with lots of babies because we are learning about growing up. Years 3 and 4 are doing "Leon and The Place between" for their book, which Mrs Bocking says is about a boy and a magic show. So they are also doing lots about the circus and trying out some circus skills. They are also learning about themselves in science and have a skeleton in their classroom. Year 5 and 6 are learning about evolution in science and their topic is "how we map the world". Their Literacy books are all about migration.



We had a “Meet the Teacher” week so our parents could come in and see what we were doing and what was happening in class. We are about to vote for school council and sports council so we will let you know who won next time. In the holidays the PFA paid for us to have new playground markings so everything looks all new and bright and we can see all the numbers on our caterpillar again!

School finishes on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October** and we return on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November**.

**NATIONAL COASTWATCH INSTITUTION (NCI) BRANCASTER** It has been a very busy time on Brancaster coast and beach with all the summer visitors; there have been two major incidents since the last report. An elderly person was reported swept away by the very strong current flowing into the channel by Scolt Head Island; the emergency services were called out and deployed a lifeboat, hovercraft and helicopter. The person was recovered in Brancaster Staithe harbour but had, very sadly, not survived. Our thoughts go out to the family facing this tragedy.

The other incident involved someone stranded by the incoming tide on a sandbank near Titchwell; once again emergency services responded but, fortunately, the individual involved was able to wade to safety. Both these incidents highlight the potential dangers of currents and tides off the beaches, and the vital importance of swift action by Brancaster Coastwatch when emergencies arise.

On a lighter and very positive note, the Hunstanton Tennis Week raised £1400 for NCI Brancaster, and we thank the organisers for their most generous support. Further, the NCI took part in the Emergency Services day at Hunstanton and the Brancaster Staithe Sea Shanty Festival in September. Our congratulations go to John A, NCI Brancaster Station Manager, who has received his five-year award for loyal service. For further information about NCI Brancaster, please contact Richard Burrows, Deputy Station Manager and Watchkeeper on 07535 612777. You can also find us on Facebook, if you search for NCI Brancaster.

### **BRANCASTER AND STAITHE HOMEWATCH**

A poignant message from King's Lynn Police: “This is a reminder to be aware of potential scams after two people fell victim to a phone scam in west Norfolk recently. One victim in Hunstanton handed over £3000 while another in Heacham was asked to withdraw £5000. Luckily we’ve been able to stop the money reaching the scammers in both cases. Each time the scammers pretended to be police officers. Please remember that no police officer or bank official will ever ask you to withdraw money. Do share this advice with anyone who may be vulnerable to scams, particularly friends and family who may not be online or are less tech-savvy. There is lots of advice at <https://www.norfolk.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/fa/fraud/> and we often hold specific scam awareness events for local community groups.”

Also 4 outboard engines were stolen from Malthouse Yard, Brancaster Staithe overnight Thursday/Friday 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> September and the police are appealing for information via [Norfolk.police.uk/tell-us](http://Norfolk.police.uk/tell-us) or email [Lauren.Fox1@norfolk.police.uk](mailto:Lauren.Fox1@norfolk.police.uk). Also via crimestoppers – see below.

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 [crimestoppers-uk.org](http://crimestoppers-uk.org) or 0800 555 111; your call is free and confidential.

### **DEEPDALE AND BRANCASTER HOUSING SOCIETY Applying for Affordable Housing**

Do you have local connections and want to be considered for any properties which may become available but don't understand the application and selection process? Whether you are interested in a house or flat, tenancy or shared ownership, a guide with information for other Borough Council properties is available from Deepdale and Brancaster Housing Society. Email the Secretary, Diana Bamber at: [bamber344@btinternet.com](mailto:bamber344@btinternet.com) for further information, or call her on 01485 518029. Please note the society does not hold a waiting list. Our Parish Council advise that to maximise priority being given to local applicants, it is essential that anyone in need of a local property registers with the Borough Council.

**MOBILITY EQUIPMENT** I have a (new) folding wheelchair, zimmer frames and shower stool for short-term loan/use by the local community. Contact Christine 01485 210695 or 07900 342 962 or email [ch81@btinternet.com](mailto:ch81@btinternet.com). I can usually deliver at short notice if necessary.

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**BRANCASTER OIL COOPERATIVE** will be ordering oil next on **Thursdays: 10<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>** October, 21<sup>st</sup> November. Maria Spink 01485 210155

**BURNHAM MARKET AREA COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME (BMACCS)** Please ring Linda on 07301 011 303 to book a driver or to discuss joining the team as a driver.

Results from the September Friends of BMACC quarterly draw: £100 Mrs B, Thornham; £75 Mrs S, Wells; £50 Mr W, Burnham Norton. This draw provides a valuable contribution towards the Scheme's overheads. If you would like to take part, please ring Linda above.

**BRANCASTER STAITHE MOBILE POST OFFICE** **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday:** 4 – 4.30 pm; **Wednesday:** 2 – 2.30 pm, in The Drove opposite Dalegate Market.

**MOBILE LIBRARY** **Thursdays monthly: 17<sup>th</sup> October and 14<sup>th</sup> November at: Brancaster:** Village Hall 1.55 - 2.25 pm and Mill Road 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. This information may be subject to change or amendment. Enquiries: call 01603 222303.

### **BURNHAM MARKET AND NORTON VILLAGE HALL**

Films:

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October:** 2.30 pm *Stepping Out* (1991) (PG).

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October:** 7 pm *Anna Karenina* (2012) (18).

Tickets £5 on the door or please contact Diana Walker on 01328 738604.

The Bridge Club continues to meet every **Friday** at 11 am.

More information on our website: [www.burnhammarketandnortonvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.burnhammarketandnortonvillagehall.org.uk).

### **STANHOE AND BARWICK WI**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October:** Matt Curtis, “The work of British Divers Marine Life Rescue”.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November:** Simon Prince: Wells Community Supermarket, aiming to give access to healthy but low-cost food. 2 pm. Stanhoe Reading Room, Cross Lane PE31 8PS. Visitors £5, to include refreshments. Please contact Valerie (01485 576261) for further details.

### **PHOENIX LADIES**

After a fascinating talk by Dr Sue Jickells in September we are now looking forward to Alirae Bunkle demonstrating “Craft Ideas for Christmas”. This meeting will take place in Burnham Market and Norton Village Hall on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October** starting at 2 pm. There will be tea and cakes served afterwards. For more information please contact Sue on 01328 730859 or email [suisted@btinternet.com](mailto:suisted@btinternet.com) There is also a web site [burnhammarketandnortonvillagehall.org.uk](http://burnhammarketandnortonvillagehall.org.uk)

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

Our next illustrated talk, presented by Lydia Bauman on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October** at Sedgeford Village Hall at 2 pm, is entitled *Celebrating 200 Years of the National Gallery*. Lydia shares headline-grabbing stories and exquisite paintings. Come and join our friendly society. Membership has many benefits besides illustrated talks. For more information visit [www.theartsocietynwnorfolk.org.uk](http://www.theartsocietynwnorfolk.org.uk) or ring Gerald Pepper on 07831 586940.

### **STANHOE VILLAGE SCREEN**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October**, 7.30 pm. *Wilding* (PG) (Documentary).

Watch the trailer at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wha\\_\\_qRugTw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wha__qRugTw).

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November**, 7.30 pm. *Vindication Swim* (PG) (Biography/Drama).

Watch the trailer at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m9VKmOl\\_2rY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m9VKmOl_2rY).

**Venue:** Stanhoe Reading Room and Village Hall, Cross Lane, PE31 8PS. Tickets £5 (Cash Only) on the door to include a complimentary drink. Doors open 7 pm.

For further information visit the website: [Stanhoe.org](http://Stanhoe.org) (or ring 01485 518191)

## DIARY DATES 2024 – updated monthly

**BSBDVH** = Brancaster Staithe & Burnham Deepdale Village Hall

**BVH** = Brancaster Village Hall

<b>Weekly:</b>	<b>Monday:</b>	Indoor Carpet Bowls, 2 - 4 pm, BSBDVH
	“	Mobile Post Office, The Drove, Burnham Deepdale 4 - 4.30 pm
	“	Yoga 6.30 - 8 pm, BVH
	<b>Tuesday:</b>	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
	<b>Wednesday:</b>	Making Space Café, St Edmund's Hall, Hun'ston, Coffee 10 am - 12 noon
	“	Brancaster Wednesday Coffee Morning, 10.30 - 11.45 am, BVH
	“	Mobile Post Office, The Drove, Burnham Deepdale, 2 - 2.30 pm
	<b>Thursday:</b>	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
<b>Monthly:</b>	<b>Thursdays:</b>	Mobile Library:- See page 11 for details of stops and dates

### SEPTEMBER

Thurs-Sun 26-29<sup>th</sup> Deepdale Music Festival (see back page September PN for details)

### OCTOBER

Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	Parish Council Meeting, 6.30 pm, BVH
Monday	7 <sup>th</sup>	School Harvest Festival at Brancaster Church, 2 pm
Tuesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	Scottish Dancing, 6-8 pm, BVH, see page 7
Saturday	5 <sup>th</sup>	Music in the Burnhams, Brancaster Church 7.30 pm, see page 3
Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	Brancaster Camera Club, 7 pm BSBDVH, see page 7
Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Mobile Library – details page 11
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup>	Brancaster Community Lunch 12 noon – 3 pm, BVH, see page 4

### NOVEMBER

Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	Scottish Dancing, 6-8 pm, BVH, see page 7
Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup>	Mobile Library – details page 11
Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup>	Brancaster Community Choir, 2 pm singing during Winter Fair, BVH

### DECEMBER

Friday	6 <sup>th</sup>	Brancaster Community Lunch 12 noon – 3 pm, BVH
Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Scottish Dancing, 6-8 pm, BVH, see page 7
Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup>	Carols, Brancaster Community Choir, 6 pm, BVH

**EDITOR'S NOTE** Please submit any notices/articles for the Parish News by 4.30 pm on the 19<sup>th</sup> of the month either into my postbox at the gate of Marsh Head, Main Road (opposite The Jolly Sailors), Brancaster Staithe, PE31 8BJ or by email [ch81@btinternet.com](mailto:ch81@btinternet.com); or ring Christine on 01485 210695 or 07900 342 962.

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> month.

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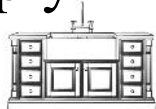
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