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**JUNE 2025** 

#### BRANCASTER, BRANCASTER STAITHE, BURNHAM DEEPDALE, 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

Blazing June - will June be blazing this year? If by blazing we mean hot, bright, sunny days, then we can only wait and see! If not referring to the weather then perhaps the term blazing June comes from early midsummer's day celebrations. This day has been celebrated for thousands of years and many stone circles and other ancient monuments are aligned to the sunrise on midsummer's day. Fires would be lit on the eve of midsummer's day to praise, encourage and strengthen the sun. A good harvest depended on the sun. We may no longer expect to influence the sun, but we can influence its effect on earth by our lifestyles. Other celebrations during June may also help to see June as blazing. The Sunday before midsummer's day is Father's Day - this year 15<sup>th</sup> June. An early belief was that the sun was the 'all powerful father' and 'masculine' activities such as sport, trials of strength and horse riding were entered into. This was also believed to encourage crops. For example the highest height jumped would show the height of the harvest that year. This was the early beginnings of Father's Day. In the next celebration - the Trinity - we see the loving, helping relationship of fatherhood, one which it continues to be good to celebrate.

This year Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June is also the great celebration within the church of Trinity Sunday. God as three persons in one - God as Father or parent, God as Son or child, God as Holy Spirit or helper. In the relationship of the Trinity we see the working of a perfect, loving, equal relationship. Although many have held that God is the head or above Jesus and the Holy Spirit. The Greek word for head is *Kaphale*, which according to Liddell in the Greek-English Lexicon means source, origin, starting point, not one in charge or authority as it has become to mean in later years. The early Greek Fathers went to great lengths to insist that in Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, chapter 11 verse 3, the word head should be understood as source or beginning. They held that the different roles of Father, Son and Holy Spirit are equal in goodness, power, respect and love. We hold different roles in our relationships, within families, communities, work, churches - do they reflect the equal loving relationship we see in the Trinity?

This brings us to the celebration at the beginning of June - Pentecost on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June. In ancient Jewish culture the 'feast of weeks' or first fruits celebrated the beginning of the wheat harvest. Later this time was also 50 days after the exodus from Egypt. The Greek name for the feast of weeks was Pentecost. Following the death of Jesus, Pentecost has been celebrated in the Christian Church 50 days after Easter Sunday as the giving of the Holy Spirit. Following his Ascension, Jesus told the disciples that they would receive the Holy Spirit to guide and assist them in their ministry to proclaim the life of Jesus. According to Paul in his letter to the Galatians the fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self control. The Holy Spirit will be wherever these are found.

The month of June may or may not be 'blazing' weather-wise, but with these celebrations it can be 'blazing' with love.

#### JUNE 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).

<u>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June</u> 9.00 am 9.00 am 10.30 am 10.45 am 10.45 am 10.45 am	Holme-next-the-Sea Ringstead Titchwell Brancaster Old Hunstanton Hunstanton	<u>Seventh Sunday of Easter</u> Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion (said) Holy Communion Morning Prayer	BCP CW CW CW CW
<u>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></u> 8.30 am 10.30 am 9.00 am 9.00 am 10.45 am 10.45 am	Titchwell " Burnham Deepdale Thornham Ringstead Old Hunstanton Hunstanton	<u>Pentecost</u> Holy Communion Holy Communion for Families Holy Communion Morning Prayer Morning Prayer Holy Communion Holy Communion	BCP CW CW CW CW CW CW
<u>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup></u> 10.00 am	Ringstead	Midweek Holy Communion	
<u>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></u> 9.00 am 9.00 am 10.15 am 10.30 am 10.45 am 10.45 am 4.00 pm	Holme-next-the-Sea Ringstead Burnham Deepdale Titchwell Old Hunstanton Hunstanton Brancaster	<u>Trinity Sunday</u> Holy Communion Holy Communion Family Service for Fathers' Day Family Service Morning Prayer Holy Communion Evening Prayer	CW CW CW CW CW
<u>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup></u> 10.00 am	Ringstead	<u>Corpus Christi</u> Holy Communion	CW
<u>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></u> 8.30 am 10.30 am 9.00 am 9.00 am 10.45 am 10.45 am <b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Titchwell " Burnham Deepdale Thornham Ringstead Old Hunstanton Hunstanton	First Sunday of Trinity Holy Communion Holy Communion for Families Holy Communion Holy Communion Morning Prayer Morning Prayer/Holy Communion Holy Communion	BCP CW CW CW CW CW CW
10.00 am <u>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup></u> 10.00 am	Ringstead Titchwell	Midweek Holy Communion <u>Second Sunday of Trinity</u> Benefice Service Holy Communion	CW

MAKING SPACE CAFÉ, 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 Hot Spot lunches at Brancaster please contact Babs Wade 01485 522273 or hotspotlunches@gmail.com.

<u>A FEW HOUSEKEEPING REGULATIONS DURING THE INTERREGNUM</u> 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/stonemason making the request should contact the Registrar directly: see website <u>www.norwichdiocesanregistry.co.uk</u>. Church wardens and priests assisting during the interregnum cannot give permission for these.

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

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

#### **NEWS FROM BURNHAM DEEPDALE CHURCH**

**Plant Stall** We continue to fundraise for church building maintenance with the **Plant Stall** at Deepdale Farmhouse gate. Thank you so much to everyone who has donated or purchased plants from the stall. They make a significant contribution to our funds. To date we have raised over £304.03 this spring. If you need any pots to pot up plants for the stall, please ask me as I have a good many spare ones. I would be delighted to share them. (Verily Borthwick 01485 210267 <u>verily@deepdalefarm.co.uk</u>)

**Books in the porch** Sales of **second-hand books** in the church porch are going very well. Thank you again to everyone who has donated books or bought them. So far we have raised £84.10. Please remember we would prefer not to have cookery and gardening books, or heavy hard back books as they do not sell. Thank you.

**Lent Lunches** I omitted to put in the May issue how much had been raised from the Lent Lunches. With Gift Aid added on the total amount was £481.25 which is a wonderful sum. Thank you to everyone who came and for your generous donations.

**Foodbank** Thanks to a very kind group of volunteers, collections of donated food items at Deepdale Stores are taken to the Foodbank in Hunstanton each week. Sometimes there is plenty to take but at others, very little. When you shop at the store, could you think of buying one extra item to put in the donations box at the door. Items such as tinned meat or fish, pudding rice or tinned fruit and toiletries are especially welcome.

#### ST MARY'S CHURCH, TITCHWELL

Please see page 2 for the regular Services for June, NB the Benefice service on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Also we have on Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup> 8 pm a Service of Sung Compline for the Eve of Pentecost with the Corner Choir.

We are promised a very special event with the Corner Choir at 8 pm on **Saturday June** 7<sup>th</sup>, a short service of Compline for the Eve of Pentecost consisting of a series of meditative chants, psalms, prayers and readings. The name of this ancient service derives from the Latin word *completorium* meaning completion. It is above all a service of quietness, rest and reflection before retiring to bed. Traditionally, its ending is a true ending of the day when those present leave in peaceful quietness without conversation. All will be most welcome.

We also have Strawberry Teas for £7.50 with stalls and games, 2.30 - 5 pm on Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup>.

With my prayers and best wishes for you all.

James Monro (Assistant Priest)

#### **NEWS FROM MUSIC IN THE BURNHAMS**

On 10<sup>th</sup> May we had our first joint concert with Norwich School. A comment from a member of the audience rather summed up what Music in the Burnhams is all about. Bringing together in community venues, people of all ages to enjoy great music. The Victoria String Quartet played with young students from Norwich School. The audience comment read "The Mendelssohn played by people with ages from 16 to 60 being one of the most moving pieces of music I have ever heard."

So, we enter June on a high and looking forward to more great music from Adrian Bradbury, who is the cellist with The Victoria String Quartet, and Leo Popplewell who has been coming to Music in the Burnhams since we started. Their first recital together is on **Saturday** 7<sup>th</sup> **June** at All Saints Church Burnham Sutton cum Ulph at 3 pm and will include music by Bach, Mozart, Boccherini, Bartok and Albeniz and will also include the world premiere of Suite for Two Cellos by Leo Popplewell. We are naturally very excited to be hosting this "first".

We return to Brancaster Church on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June** for a recital by Leon Bosch (double bass) and Rebeca Omordia (piano). The world class double bass player is no stranger to Music in the Burnhams but Rebeca makes her first visit to Norfolk. Julian Lloyd Webber said of her: "*Rebeca Omordia is half Romanian, half Nigerian – and it's a powerful combination! Rebeca's technique knows no bounds but, more importantly, she plays with a depth of insight and understanding which is all too rare today.*"

The duo will play Beethoven's Sonata No 17 and a collection of Negro Spirituals. The concert is at 7.30 pm at St Mary's Brancaster. Tickets available via the website: <u>www.musicintheburnhams.com</u> or on the door.

#### BRANCASTER PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Council meeting took place on 6<sup>th</sup> May and the Council unanimously elected Cllr Tom de Winton as the Chairman and Cllr Annalisa Dovey as the Vice Chair. Their service and that of every parish Cllr is greatly appreciated.

**<u>VE Day Commemoration</u>** – see item below and the BVH paragraph on page 8.

**Housing Champion** Cllr Val Carpenter has currently assisted 30 households in making housing applications for the 12 Housing Association houses at Brancaster Staithe. If you are interested in making an application, please contact Cllr Val Carpenter who will assist you to present the best possible statement to support your application on 07521 887 470 or by email to <u>cllr.val.carpenter@brancaster-pc.gov.uk</u>.

**Incorporation of Titchwell and Choseley into the Parish of Brancaster** The Council have decided the idea of enlargement of the Parish is worth considering. They have invited Titchwell and Choseley to confirm if this is something they would like to pursue further and to enter discussions.

#### Brancaster Beach Car Park Passes Applications

The online process is proving to be very successful. Please note:

Midyear Applications 21<sup>st</sup> June - 12<sup>th</sup> July 2025 (for lost or damaged passes, etc.) <u>https://forms.gle/xaLdHSJpue9YQLHr7</u>

2026/2027 Applications: Open now, closing 21<sup>st</sup> March 2026. Phone applications February and March 2026 only. <u>https://forms.gle/2VxRjj9hFWULWUro8</u>

No internet access? Call Cllr Annalisa Dovey during application open dates on a Monday or a Tuesday on 07810 775 533 for assistance.

Flood Warning Signs Design and program work has been completed and an installation date is awaited.

Brancaster Village Hall Car Park Currently at the tender stage with prices awaited for consideration.

**Brancaster Staithe Village Green Improvements** A meeting with the National Trust and the Sailing Club is being arranged to ensure all parties are happy with the suggested works.

<u>Green Day</u> Last year the council ran a highly successful event with great parishioner engagement. A second Green Day in late August/early September is proposed. The Council's intention is to support and enable the community to run and manage the event. A meeting date for all potential stall holders/exhibitors/demonstrators will be announced in the coming weeks. For further information please do not hesitate to contact Cllr Carpenter, <u>cllr.val.carpenter@brancaster-pc.gov.uk</u>.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 6.30 pm at Brancaster Village Hall.

<u>**Questions or Concerns**</u> that relate to the Parish or the Parish Council, please contact the Parish Clerk: <u>clerk@brancaster-pc.gov.uk</u> Tel: 07519 163 895.

**VE DAY IN BRANCASTER** Thank you to everyone who came out to hear the talk on the Home Front at BVH. It was a packed house and thank you to Geoff and Barbara Wingrove for their fascinating research and to all who baked cakes and served tea. Thank you also to Mark Stockton and the Brancaster Community Choir who gave a rousing rendition of wartime songs up on Barrow Common, and to Tom de Winton who not only gave a stirring speech but also climbed a ladder to dampen the Beacon, and to Eddie and Gary Walden who laid the Beacon. Lee and George did a great job organising the parking too. The events on the common are with kind permission of the Thompson Family and the Barrow Common Management Committee.

<u>VJ DAY – SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup>AUGUST 2025</u> Join us as we gather for complimentary tea and cakes at Brancaster Village Hall at 2.30 pm and hear a fascinating talk from 3-4 pm from Brig (Ret'd) D C Wakefield OBE entitled 'The End of the War in the Pacific'. This is a free event, and all the community are invited to come and mark this important occasion. For information, please contact Cllr Briony Bax at cllr.briony.bax@brancaster-pc.gov.uk.

#### RSPB, TITCHWELL

**Beach Clean** Recent months have been challenging, as plastic pellets (nurdles) from a North Sea ship collision have washed up in large quantities. King's Lynn & West Norfolk Borough Council led an extensive clean-up, but much remains, and we're setting up a beach clean station where visitors can collect safety kits for gathering nurdles and other litter. Burnt nurdles are hazardous waste and must be handled with gloves.

The breeding season is underway. Please visit our site for further details.

**Forthcoming Events:** Needle felting workshop; What's That Wader?' identification course; Titchwell and Snettisham safari; Moth Mornings - join us **Wednesdays** at 9.30 am to explore nocturnal wildlife. Full details on our events page: <u>events.rspb.org.uk/titchwellmarsh</u> or <u>facebook.com/RSPBTitchwell/events</u>

Volunteering Opportunities range from conservation projects to café roles. Find out more via our volunteering page, visit us, or contact us at <u>titchwell@rspb.org.uk</u>, 01485 210779.





WEST NORFOLK GARDEN WILDLIFE COMPETITION The Borough Council, who want to recognise residents for the work they do in their gardens and the contributions they make to local biodiversity, are organising a competition open to all residents. The individual award categories are: Best window box garden, Best small garden (100sqm and under), Best large garden and Best child garden (15 years and under), with 2 special community categories: 'Nature friendly parish or ward' and 'The longest pollinator corridor in the borough'. 18 prizes will be awarded across these 6 categories. To find out more and to enter, please visit

www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/gardenwildlifecompetition.

#### **DEEPDALE FARM - Open Farm Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June, 10 am-4 pm – FREE**

This coincides with the last Sunday of half-term, so whether you live locally, or you're holidaying on the North Norfolk Coast, come and visit our working farm. The whole family is welcome at our free event which will showcase our nature friendly farm. Our organic, arable farm balances food production with regeneration of soil and support of biodiversity. Climb up into a combine to imagine the view come harvest time. Unpick an owl pellet to discover what our resident barn owls feast on. Admire the views of Scolt Head Island as you tour the farm and learn about our farming practices. Have a go at green woodworking and see what you could create. More details still to be finalised.

Introduction to Green Woodworking 1-day courses: Saturday 7th June, Sunday 6th July. Gift vouchers available and private groups possible.

Conservation volunteering Sessions run 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. Full details and further dates of our activities can be found on our website www.deepdalefarm.co.uk or follow us on social media @deepdalefarm.

#### THE JOLLY SAILORS

Shanty Mondays 7 pm, join in and sing-along as Nelson's Shantymen rehearse their repertoire.

Charity Quiz Tuesday 3rd June, 8 pm, meet Hollie, our new Bar Manager and Quizmaster - there's a £100 ACI token in the pot for the winning team. Proceeds to Big C Norfolk Charity.

Annual Jolly Ale & Music Festival Friday 13th, Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th June. This is always a very popular event. We shall have a marquee, a fabulous selection of local ales and a wide range of local musical talent to entertain us throughout the weekend. Look out for social posts.

2 for 1 PIZZA Thursdays served 12 noon to 9 pm. Eat in or Takeaway. Enjoy your favourite 'stone baked' to perfection Pizza, combo choice with the cheaper Pizza FREE (not available during school holidays).

#### Simon, Nick, Mollie, Matt, Hollie & The Jolly Sailors Team

BRANCASTER CAMERA CLUB Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June** at 7 pm in Brancaster Staithe Village Hall. The topic for the evening is 'Wheels'. If you are in the area on holiday, or would just like to come along for the evening, we would be pleased to see you. Admission is £5 to include refreshments.

Contact Sue Till on 01485 210013 or Wendy Calow on 01553 674725.

#### THE WHITE HORSE

#### Marshside:

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June, Happy Father's Day, Beer & Burgers. 12 noon 'til late. Music all day, including Matty Haynes.

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 'Norfolk' Paella & Ibiza Chill Out Classics. 12 noon 'til late. 12 noon to 2 pm Seanne, saxophonist. 2.30 pm onwards DJ Smallie.

We look forward to welcoming you.

#### Rob, Fran, Rosie, Kinga & The White Horse Team

#### **TOM'S TRUST - WINE TASTING EVENING AT BVH**

On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July you are invited to a Wine Tasting Evening supporting children with brain tumours, being held in Brancaster Village Hall at 6 pm. Tickets £30, to include wine and nibbles, are available from debs@tomstrust.org.uk.

#### <u>NEWS FROM BRANCASTER VILLAGE HALL (BVH)</u> <u>Commemoration of VE Day 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945</u>

Commemorative events, generously funded by Brancaster Parish Council, marked the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this historic occasion. BVH was the venue on 8<sup>th</sup> May for an illustrated talk about life in North Norfolk on VE Day in 1945; the presentation covered the key issues of that summer, using contemporary photographs and documents of the time. It was preceded by refreshments accompanied by live music from the 1940s, including Glen Miller favourites, and was followed in the evening by a performance by the Brancaster Community Choir of wartime songs at the Barrow Common Beacon, which was lit as part of the national celebrations. Both gatherings were very well attended and warmly received. Many thanks go to all those who took part or assisted in arrangements, and to Briony Bax MBE for organising the event.

#### Forthcoming events

<u>Curry Night</u>, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June, 6 pm: Currylicious will serve great food, and magician Nick Twist will provide the entertainment.

**Brancaster Summer Party**, **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July**, 3 pm to 11 pm: the major annual community event with food and music – further details to follow.

<u>**Regular groups**</u> Our regular groups – Yoga, Baby and Toddler, Fitness Fusion, Beginners' Pilates and Coffee Mornings - continue as usual, along with visits from the Library Van.

Bar 71 continues to offer a warm welcome and to host darts, skittles and quiz nights.

**Brancaster Stores and Post Office** are introducing a new range of Dann's Ice Cream, as well as some doggy ice cream. We are looking to extend hours (further details to follow) and welcome Michelle as a new member of the team.

<u>Art Studio</u> Don't forget to visit the Art Studio, which has an amazing display of paintings and art works: you will be assured of a warm welcome.

Further information about these and other activities can be found on our website at <u>brancastervillagehall.communitybookings.co.uk</u> or on Facebook and Instagram. For enquiries, please contact us at <u>bvhsetup@gmail.com</u>.

#### DEEPDALE & DALEGATE MARKET

**Iona Lane - Live Music Gig Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June:** We look forward to welcoming back this Highlands based folk singer to the Brick Barn for an evening of wonderful live music. Her music celebrates the natural landscape, so the perfect artist for our beautiful part of the world at Deepdale.

www.deepdalemusic.co.uk

<u>Wild Yoga Garden</u> June, July and August: Lovely to welcome Emilie's Wild Yoga Garden back to Dalegate Market in Burnham Deepdale. She'll be hosting a whole range of yoga and wellbeing events throughout the summer, including Selkie's Call, Soulful Sundays, Full Moon Rituals, and Tide & Wild.

www.dalegatemarket.co.uk/wild-yoga-garden/

**<u>30 Days Wild</u>** The Wildlife Trusts, including Norfolk Wildlife Trust, are encouraging people to embrace nature, doing a wild thing every day during June. So pop into One Stop Nature Shop at Dalegate Market for some helpful advice on where to see wildlife or get wild.

www.dalegatemarket.co.uk/one-stop-nature-shop/

<u>Street Food At Deepdale</u> June is a busy month for street food with The Wood Fired Food Co, BB's Bakes, The Tapas Shack, The Nest, Currylicious and Rabbit & Run all supplying delicious things to eat during the month.

www.deepdalecamping.co.uk/street-food/

#### JUST A REMINDER

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

### NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

We are celebrating having just received a GOOD inspection from Ofsted – well done to all.

Thrift Class theme is "Sun, Sea and Sand" and we are organising seaside related activities, culminating in a whole school trip to the seaside.

Samphire children thoroughly enjoyed Crucial Crew, led by members of our emergency services to learn about staying safe through games and hands-on experience. Our children were excellent -as always!

Thrift class have planted vegetables and are taking good care of them. We are also looking forward to a new brood of eggs that we hope will all hatch into healthy chicks.

Year 6 have been working hard towards their SATs which will take place this week. Our Year 2 class will also sit their SATs before half term. We know they will all do their very best. After half term, Forest school starts up again at our sister school, Docking, and Thrift class will be visiting Deepdale Farm.

As always, we will be at the Jolly Beer Festival, (which takes place 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> June). Raffle tickets will be sold in advance and on the day – and we have some amazing prizes including a holiday cottage, meals at some of the local hotels, etc.

The decision about our future has been referred to the Ministers and we should hear the final result after 4<sup>th</sup> June.

#### **Big Tea Party 18<sup>th</sup> July**

We are planning a "Big Tea Party", to which everyone is invited, to celebrate the school – in school on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July from 2 pm. We will begin with the children giving a music performance, there will be a bouncy castle for those that can still bounce, games, photo board, food and drink, etc.

To help with the catering and general arrangements, please let us know if you're coming by the **11th July**. Call or text 07765 488 872, or email <u>arobinson1812@gmail.com</u>, or Sarah Bocking at <u>sbocking@stmaryfed.org.uk</u>, or Clare Dixon at <u>claredixon@gmail.com</u>.

This half term finishes on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, children return on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Our last day of the Summer Term is **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** when we will finish with our Leavers Service.





### **DEEPDALE AND BRANCASTER STAITHE TENNIS CLUB**

Thank you to everyone who has renewed their membership for another year. It's not too late to do so if you haven't yet. The membership year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026. Please see our website for more information www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/DBSTennisClub.

If you are a visitor, you are most welcome to book and play. Just log on to the website and click on Court Booking. You may book up to an hour and a half on Court 2 only and a payment will be taken by Stripe. You will receive a confirmatory email which will contain the code for the gate. Thank you.

<u>Coaching</u> for children and young people continues on **Wednesday afternoons** in term-time. A new 6-week course will start on the 4<sup>th</sup> June. Please contact Carrie Hendry, our Junior Coaching Co-ordinator by email on juniortennis@brancasterstaithe.co.uk if your child/young person would like to join in. Further details are on the website.

<u>Wednesday Ladies Tennis Mornings</u> These continue every week when the weather allows from 9-10.30 am. We are a group of experienced players of a certain age and the emphasis is on fun. If you would like to join us please contact Verily Borthwick by email to <u>DBSTennisClub@outlook.com</u>. 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. If you are a summer visitor, why not give us a go.

#### SAVE OUR BEES

If you should happen to come across a swarm of Honey Bees it would really help them if you contacted either Paul 07899 865 437 or Tom 07770 887 080. We will offer them a cosy hive in Brancaster so that they can carry on with their great work for us. Time is usually quite critical as the bees will not survive for any length of time outside and they may set up home in a chimney and fall victim to the pest controller.

#### NATIONAL COASTWATCH INSTITUTION (NCI) BRANCASTER

As the extremely busy summer period approaches, the Coastwatch station at Brancaster needs to be on special alert, as the beach is often crowded. Recent incidents show the necessity for continued vigilance, as this month two members of the public were caught by the tide and trapped on a sandbank. The Coastguard were alerted, but fortunately the couple were able to wade ashore, although the water was waist deep. Regrettably, people continue to ignore warnings of the strong tidal flows just offshore: they often go out on what they think is the beach, but is in reality a sandbank, not realising that the tide will come in behind them and that the flows are very powerful. Hazardous substances also continue to be washed up on the beach, needing to be dealt with by the authorities when alerted by the Watchkeepers. (See also RSPB p4.)

15<sup>th</sup> April saw the third anniversary of the Brancaster station, and the team met on that day at The Jolly Sailors to mark the occasion. The day before this event, the writer of these reports walked continuously along the last twenty miles of the Peddars Way (Castle Acre to Holmenext-the-Sea) to raise money for the station. I can confirm that the walk was successful, although it failed to match the time set for Roman legionnaires to march the distance (five hours) by 30-40 minutes: I was pleased to be cheered on with grunts by hundreds of pigs on farms on each side of large stretches of the track. May I offer my thanks to all those who supported my efforts which, on latest estimates, raised £1500. (Geoff Wingrove)

Nelson's Shantymen, who are also strong supporters of the station, are holding a fundraising event at The Jolly Sailors in Brancaster Staithe on **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May** from 12 noon to 9.45 pm. Come along and enjoy!

If you would like more information on NCI Brancaster, or to find out more about becoming a volunteer, please contact Richard Burrows, Deputy Station Manager and Watchkeeper on 07535 612777. You can also find us on Facebook, if you search NCI Brancaster.

#### **BEWARE!**

**Predicted High Tides on the following dates in June** when Beach Road, Brancaster is liable to flooding and unsuitable for traffic. Pedestrian access available via the bank. 1<sup>st</sup> (am); 11<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> (am only for this period); 22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> (pm only for this period); 24<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>; 30<sup>th</sup> (am). Full details on RWNGolf Club website (see page 14).

**FRIENDS OF BURNHAM MARKET AREA COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME (BMACCS)** BMACCS has been running successfully for over 20 years helping people to stay as independent as possible by taking them to medically related appointments. On occasion we have been unable to do this due to a lack of voluntary drivers. If you have some spare time, Linda on 07301 011303 would be delighted to hear from you. Mileage is paid by the Car Scheme and the passenger. Thanking you in anticipation.

If you need a driver, please ring Linda.

#### **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. Contact the Secretary, Diana Bamber at: <u>bamber344@btinternet.com</u> for further information, or 01485 518029. Please note we do not hold a waiting list. For additional advice, see Brancaster PC report on p4.

## BRANCASTER & STAITHE HOMEWATCH

With lighter evenings and warmer weather, windows and doors are more likely to be left open presenting temptation for the opportunist thief to pay a visit, so be extra vigilant when leaving premises unattended.

As always, if you spot something unusual, call the police on 101, providing as many details as possible. But if you believe a crime is in progress, then always dial 999. Or you can call anonymously via Crime Stoppers 0800 555 111 - your call is free and confidential.

**BRANCASTER OIL COOPERATIVE** I will be ordering oil next on **Thursdays**: 19<sup>th</sup> June, 10<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> July. Maria Spink 07787 570 093. Please note my mobile number, as I no longer have a BT landline.

#### 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: Dates of next visits 26<sup>th</sup> June and 24<sup>th</sup> July.

**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. Enquiries: call 01603 222303.

#### **NEW TELEPHONE BOX LIBRARIES**

One is located between The Ship and the bus shelter in Brancaster and the other is next to the village hall in Brancaster Staithe. Simply a help your self and return service.

#### **MOBILITY EQUIPMENT**

Due to reduced storage capacity, I have had to limit the mobility items I have available for use by the community. Therefore kindly note that I now only have a light folding wheelchair and a Zimmer frame for short-term loan/use. Please collect from Marsh Head opposite the Jolly Sailors, or I can usually deliver at short notice. Contact Christine 07900 342 962 or email <u>ch81@btinternet.com</u>.

# **STANHOE AND BARWICK WOMEN'S INSTITUTE First Thursday of each month 2 pm at Stanhoe Reading Rooms 5<sup>th</sup> June**: Liz Scott – Life as a Monastery Maid.

Visitors always welcome. Contact stanhoeandbarwickwi@gmail.com for more details.

#### **COASTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING (previously known as Wells Community Hospital)**

We are a charity and rely on fundraising and donations to enable us to cater for our community's needs. Our activities are far reaching and briefly include a Community Supermarket (see May issue), supporting wellbeing groups, health clinics and an on site dentist, as well as providing a venue for fitness classes. Our Coastal Hub has a café at its centre with beautiful views, gardens and fantastic coffee. Do pop in and see what we do. You can help by supporting events, donating direct to our Trust, or volunteering your time.

#### **Forthcoming Events**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June:** Jigsaw Joust and Pudding Night at Coastal. **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July:** Dog Show and Family Fun Day at Creake Abbey.

All details and further information from emma.johnson@coastalwells.org.uk.

#### THE ARTS SOCIETY, NORTHWEST NORFOLK

Our next illustrated talk, presented by Anne Haworth on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June at Sedgeford Village Hall at 2 pm, is entitled Precious Imperfections: Ceramics with rivets and gold. Come and join our friendly society. Membership has many benefits besides illustrated talks. For more information visit www.theartssocietynwnorfolk.org.uk or ring Gerald Pepper on 07831 586 940.

#### **PHOENIX LADIES**

The next meeting of Phoenix Ladies will take place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June in Burnham Market and Norton Village Hall starting at 2 pm. The speaker will be Mandy Allen from Hearing Dogs for Deaf People. This will be an illustrated talk, after which tea and cakes will be served. It will be an OPEN MEETING so husbands, partners, neighbours and friends will be very welcome, there is a small charge for guests. There will also be a raffle at this meeting. For further information please contact Sue on 01328 730859 or email suisted@btinternet.com. There is also a web site burnhammarketandnortonvillagehall.org.uk.

Hilda, Jenifer, Lorraine and Sue

#### **STANHOE VILLAGE SCREEN**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June: Bridget Jones (Mad About The Boy) (15), Comedy/Romance. 7.30 pm. Watch the trailer at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DhAcAgULwYY.

Venue: Stanhoe Reading Room and Village Hall, Cross Lane, PE31 8PS.

Please note increased price of tickets due to increased costs of licence - £6 (cash only) on the door to include a complimentary drink. Doors open 7 pm.

For latest information visit the website: Stanhoe.org (or ring 01485 518191).

#### **STANHOE**

Village Hall Fund Raising Events Booking and enquiries laurajpocock@yahoo.co.uk.

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June, 10 am - 4 pm, Linocut Printing with Sue Welfare, £80 to include lunch and refreshments.

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June, 10 am - 4 pm, Block Printing with Sue Welfare, £80 as above.

**Open Gardens** Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2 - 5.30 pm, £5 (cash only) gives entry to all gardens. In aid of All Saints' Church. Parking and tickets at Village Hall and Church.

#### THE FLOWER LADIES OF TITCHWELL CHURCH

Jayne, Jeannette, Marie, Susan, Victoria and myself are all keen gardeners and love flowers and working in the very special building and atmosphere of St Mary's Church. As the music reflects the Service we too try to reflect special days, dates, events and seasons in the floral arrangements we create. In addition to creating simple weekly arrangements we shall be meeting in late summer to work as a team on plans for our challenging Harvest festival theme of 'No Waste'.

#### **DIARY DATES 2025 – updated monthly**

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

Weekly:	Monday:	Indoor Carpet Bowls, 2 - 4 pm, BSBDVH	
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		Mobile Post Office, The Drove, Brancaster Staithe 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, Brancaster Staithe 4 - 4.30 pm	
	Wednesday: Making Space Café, St Edmund's Hall, Hunstanton, Coffee 10 am - 12 noon		
		Coffee Morning, 10.30 - 11.30 am, BVH	
	"	Mobile Post Office, The Drove, Brancaster Staithe 2 - 2.30 pm	
	Thursday:	y: Beginners Pilates with Sarah, 12.30 - 1.30 pm, BVH	
	"	Art Group, 2 - 4 pm, BSBDVH	
	"	Mobile Post Office, The Drove, Brancaster Staithe 4 - 4.30 pm	

Monthly: Thursdays: Mobile Library: See page 12 for details of times and stops.

JUNE Sunday Tuesday Saturday Tuesday Saturday Saturday	$1^{st} \\ 3^{rd} \\ 7^{th} \\ 10^{th} \\ 14^{th} \\ 28^{th}$	Open Farm Sunday, Deepdale Farm, 10 am - 4 pm (see page 7) Parish Council Meeting, 6.30 pm, BVH Concert, All Saints Church, Burnham Sutton cum Ulph, 3 pm (see page 3) Brancaster Camera Club, 7 pm, BSBDVH (see page 7) Concert, Brancaster Church, 7.30 pm (see page 3) Strawberry Tea with stalls and games £7.50, Titchwell Church, 2.30 - 5 pm
<b>JULY</b> Saturday Friday Saturday	$5^{th}$ $18^{th}$ $26^{th}$	Tom's Trust wine tasting evening, 6 pm BVH Big Tea Party, Brancaster School 2 pm Brancaster Annual Summer Party, 3 - 11 pm
<u>AUGUST</u> Saturday	16 <sup>th</sup>	VJ Day 80 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorations, 2.30 pm, BVH

**EDITOR'S NOTE** Please submit any notices/articles for next month's Parish News by 4.30 pm on the **19<sup>th</sup> of the previous month**, either into my postbox at the gate of Marsh Head, Main Road (opposite The Jolly Sailors), Brancaster Staithe, PE31 8BJ; or by email to ch81@btinternet.com; or ring Christine on 07900 342 962. For back page attachments please contact Christine.

For <u>advertising</u> queries/details, please contact Alan Wright on 01485 210394 or email Alan at <u>bg.pn@btinternet.com</u>.

<u>**Kindly note**</u> that contributors are asked to restrict their entries to not more than 300 words - about half a page - (500 for the front page), space is limited and longer articles may have to be cut. Entries in the Parish News generally cover 2 months plus the first week of the 3<sup>rd</sup> month.

#### **COMMUNITY WEBSITES**

brancastervillagehall.communitybookings.co.uk (note: don't use www.)

www.west-norfolk.gov.uk	www.theburnhamssurgery.co.uk
www.saxonshorebenefice.co.uk	www.wellshospital.org.uk (redirects to coastal health)
www.bssc.net (Sailing Club)	www.coastalhealthwellbeing.org.uk
www.brancasterstaithe.com	www.brancaster-pc.gov.uk (Parish Council)
www.brancasterstaithe.co.uk	www.stmaryfederation.co.uk/brancaster (School)
www.burnhamdeepdale.co.uk	www.bsbdvh.org.uk (Brancaster Staithe village hall)
www.norfolkrecycles.com	www.brancasterallotmentsociety.co.uk
www.titchwellparish.gov.uk (New)	www.rwngc.org/tide-times/ (Beach Road flooding)
what3words.com (Location system)	brancasterbabyandtoddlergroup@yahoo.co.uk
	(email or search Facebook)

www.rspb.org.uk/days-out/reserves/titchwell-marsh



Please mention Brancaster Group Parish News when carting



The Wild Yoga Garden Summer Pop-up invites you to Soulful Sunday's: Gentle Yoga & Sauna this Summer

# SOULFUL SUNDAY'S

Starting from Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June - 24<sup>th</sup> Aug *(every Sunday)* 

> 9:30 - 10:30am YOGA 10:30 - 11:30 SAUNA

At The Wild Yoga Garden, Burnham Deepdale



**BOOK: WWW.WILDYOGANORFOLK.COM** 

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Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June 14:30 - 16:30PM / £15 / BRANCASTER BEACH



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