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MAY 2025

BRANCASTER, BRANCASTER STAITHE, BURNHAM DEEPPDALE, TITCHWELL, CHOSELEY

THE RECTOR: Interregnum

ASSISTANT PRIEST HUNSTANTON & SAXON SHORE BENEFICE:

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Dear Friends

The merry month of May - well with two bank holidays, half-term and Ascension Day - it is a month of celebration. May Day, the first Monday in May, has traditionally been a holiday to celebrate the arrival of spring fruit and flowers and new life. Fairs would be held where workers could sell their crafts. Dancing around the maypole celebrates new life and fertility - if the ribbon did not break good fortune would be known throughout the village. And what young girl did not long to be crowned Queen of the May. It is also a day when workers are honoured. The last Monday of May is a bank holiday and includes half-term. Traditionally this would have been a 'movable' holiday for Pentecost or Whitsun - seven weeks after Easter. With Easter being so late this year this is in June. The last Thursday in May this year is Ascension Day. Just forty days after His resurrection Jesus' time on earth came to an end. He had taught and shown during His life that the way of God is the way of love, a way of peace and equality for all. He knew that whilst He was with them his followers would not learn to make their own choices. For them to flourish and for the church to grow they needed the courage to 'branch out' on their own. It was time for Him to ascend to heaven. Jesus knew that branching out on their own would not be easy for His followers and the message of peace, love and equality would not always be seen in decisions made. 2000 years later and we still do not find branching out making our own decisions easy. There are many times when the message of love, peace and equality for all has not been possible to achieve because of choices made. Eighty years ago 8th May saw the ending of the second world war in Europe. Joy and relief flooded throughout the country. Even those who had lost loved ones or who were living with severe injury were able to rejoice that at last no more lives would be lost or shattered because of war. There will be celebration and remembrance of those 80 years on 8th May this year. Those who lived through that time continue to hope that the human race will be able to live in peace, and not suffer as they did. The choices we make, the choices we support our politicians making, or we expect them to make, can make a difference as to this hope being fulfilled. And it is not just the absence of armed combat that brings the peace longed for. People who struggle daily for food, water, housing medicine, clothes - who struggle for life's basic needs - do not know the peace that others have given and continue to give their lives for.

The merry month of May - a time to celebrate new life, a time to enjoy and relax during holidays and on 8th May to reflect on VE Day.

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

MAY SERVICES IN THE HUNSTANTON & SAXON SHORE BENEFICE

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

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

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

Sunday 4th May

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

Thursday 8th

10.00 am	Ringstead
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Sunday 11th

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

Sunday 18th

9.00 am	Holme-next-the-Sea
9.00 am	Ringstead
10.15 am	Burnham Deepdale
10.30 am	Titchwell
10.45 am	Old Hunstanton
10.45 am	Hunstanton
4.00 pm	Brancaster

Thursday 22nd

10.00 am	Ringstead
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Sunday 25th

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

Thursday 29th

10.00 am	Ringstead
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Third Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion	BCP
Holy Communion	CW
HC for families (to be confirmed)	CW
Holy Communion (said)	CW
Holy Communion	CW
Morning Prayer	CW

Midweek Holy Communion	CW
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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion	BCP
Holy Communion	CW
Morning Prayer	CW
Holy Communion	CW
Holy Communion	CW
Holy Communion	CW

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion	CW
Holy Communion	CW
Family Service	CW
Holy Communion	CW
Holy Communion	CW
Holy Communion	CW
Evening Prayer	

Midweek Holy Communion	
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Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Ascension Day

Midweek Holy Communion	CW
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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'.

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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/stonemason making the request should contact the Registrar directly: see website www.norwichdiocesanregistry.co.uk.

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

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NEWS FROM BURNHAM DEEPPDALE CHURCH

The **Plant Stall** at Deepdale Farmhouse gate is now set up and running. If you have any plants you might have potted up while checking your flower beds, or spare young plants you've raised from seed, we'd love to have them. Please drop them off in Deepdale Farmhouse yard any time. Thank you. Also, do come by and have a look at what we have for sale.

There are **Books in the Porch** again for sale at £1 each. If you have some good reads you no longer want, do drop them in to the church. We would welcome any paperback books but please no hardback cookery or gardening books as these just do not sell. Thank you. All proceeds from both the books and the plants will go to **Deepdale Church Building Maintenance Fund**.

TITCHWELL CHURCH

Magazines have copy dates so I am writing this while we are still in the season of Lent and its focus on Jesus' journey towards the cross. The other day I was particularly struck by a phrase as I read through Morning Prayer: *May we walk this day in the way of the cross and always be ready to share its weight, declaring your love for all the world.*

In the gospel story, it was Simon of Cyrene whom the Roman soldiers compelled to carry the cross beam for Jesus. And Jesus tells us that we should deny ourselves and take up our cross if we are to follow Him. But how, in our world today, can we be ready to share the weight of the cross?

Part of this must be about sharing burdens that we see others trying to carry, practically where appropriate as we see their needs, but also by prayer. We can bring what can sometimes feel like long lists of people and situations before God in prayer, but another way to pray is by "contemplative intercession". This is to hold people and their situations before God within the depths of our heart, our being. It is a wordless, virtual form of prayer that lasts longer than mere words.

We read this in the Psalms: *You have kept a count of my sorrow and put my tears in your bottle. Have you not recorded them all? (Psalm 56, verse 8)*

One way to look at prayer is to see it as a collaboration with God to bring something about, rather than an attempt on our part to force his hand, but prayer may well change us too.

Gandhi wrote, "We but mirror the world... If we could change ourselves, the tendencies in the world would also change." There is more to prayer than we might think.

With my prayers and best wishes for you all, James Monro (licenced priest, Hunstanton and Saxon Shore Benefice).

BRANCASTER PARISH COMMEMORATES THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF VE AND VJ DAYS

VE DAY IN BRANCASTER – THURSDAY 8th MAY 2025

Join the community for the commemorations of the 80th anniversary of VE Day on **Thursday 8th May 2025**.

4.30 pm Brancaster Village Hall

Local historian Geoff Wingrove will give an illustrated talk about life on the home front during the war at 5 pm. Doors open at 4.30 pm so you can come and enjoy some live tunes from the past and enjoy complimentary tea and cake.

7.30 pm The Beacon, Barrow Common

The community are invited to bring their picnics, beverages of choice and picnic blankets up to the common to dine al fresco. The Brancaster Community Choir led by Mark and Alison Stockton will perform at 8.30 pm and speeches and beacon lighting will be at 8.45 pm. Patriotic dress encouraged. Parking in the field below the beacon.

If you would like to join the Brancaster Community Choir all you need to do is come to three rehearsals at 5.30 pm at Brancaster Village Hall on Fridays: 18th, 25th, April and May 2nd. You don't need to sign up in advance and no sight reading of music is necessary but we would like you to be able to follow a tune and bring a sense of humour!

VJ DAY – SATURDAY 16th AUGUST 2025

Join us as we gather for complimentary tea and cakes at Brancaster Village Hall at 2.30 pm to 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 gather and mark this important occasion.

For information, please contact Cllr Briony Bax at cllr.briony.bax@brancaster-pc.gov.uk.
Posted on behalf of the Brancaster Parish Council who are sponsoring all these events.

BRANCASTER PARISH COUNCIL

As Easter approaches and the days get brighter the Council continues to move forward on projects and events benefiting the community, from reinstatement of the Beacon, creating an overflow car park at Brancaster Village Hall, assisting applicants applying for housing, considering enlargement of the parish to include Titchwell and Choseley, restoration of the green at Brancaster Staithe, introduction of an online system for Beach car park passes and supporting celebration events for VE and VJ day to name but a few.

Beacon The beacon is being shortened and resited at Barrow Common in readiness for Victory celebrations.

Brancaster Beach Car Park Passes Applications

Late Applications: Open now until 21st May - passes will be posted early June.

<https://forms.gle/1a7wJkpdza2iey456>

Midyear Applications: 21st June - 12th July for lost or damaged passes, etc.

<https://forms.gle/xaLdHSJpue9YQLHr7>

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

No internet access? Call Cllr Annalisa Dovey during application open dates on a Monday or a Tuesday on 07810775533 for assistance.

Flood Warning Signs The design and development process is ongoing, installation dates will be confirmed in due course.

Brancaster Village Hall Car Park Design and development work of the grassed overflow car park continues.

Brancaster Staithe Village Green Improvements The working group has met and a plan produced for discussion with the National Trust and the Sailing Club.

VE and VJ Day Commemorations Please see page 3 and above for details.

Housing Champion Cllr Val Carpenter Brancaster Staithe Housing Applications. During April, 26 households were assisted in making applications. 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, contact her without delay on 07521 887 470 or by email on cllr.val.carpenter@brancaster-pc.gov.uk.

Fire Brigade Champion Borough Cllr Tom de Winton has been appointed by the Borough Council as a direct liaison with the Fire Brigade.

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

Next meeting **Tuesday 6th May**, 6.30 pm at Brancaster Staithe & Deepdale Village Hall.

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Coming to Brancaster church on **Saturday 24th May** at 7.30 pm is British mezzo-soprano **Bethany Horak-Hallett**, who is establishing strong credentials as a fine interpreter of Handel, Mozart and their contemporaries on both the opera stage and the concert platform. She impressed everyone at a recent recital at King's Lynn Minster and performed with the King's Lynn Festival Chorus' Music Director **Ben Horden** who combines a selective freelance portfolio as an accomplished conductor and keyboardist with a career as an Artist Manager. Currently working with James Brown Management in Cambridge, he makes high level creative, strategic, operational, and administrative provision to celebrated classical musicians of international renown.

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Tickets £20. Under 18s free 07989 177 079, www.musicintheburnhams.com or on the door with cash or card.

THE JOLLY SAILORS

Shanty Mondays Join in and sing-along as Nelson's Shantymen rehearse their repertoire.

Charity Quiz Tuesday 6th May, 8 pm. There's £100 ACI token in the pot for the winning team. Proceeds to Big C Norfolk Charity and with your help we raised the grand sum of £420 in 2024.

Basel's Eurovision Final 2025 Saturday 17th May, 7 pm. Watch with us, we have 4 screens! 38 competing countries in the Grand Final. Fancy dress optional but encouraged! Full menu, 'Swiss' cocktails and snacks. Lots of Eurovision fun. Best to book 01485 210314.

A Day of Shanties in The Jolly Garden Saturday 31st May Fundraising for the big event, Brancaster Staithe Sea Shanty Festival, in September.

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).
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THE WHITE HORSE - Marshside is Back!

Seafood Festival Weekend Friday 9th May: 12 noon 'til late. **Saturday 10th May**: 12 noon 'til late'. **Sunday 11th May**: 12 noon 'til 8 pm.

Join us to celebrate what's good about our local seafood. Live music and lots of fun. No need to book, first come first served.

The Fishermen's Mission Just to let you know that with your help we have raised an astonishing amount of £2,616 in support of The Fishermen's Mission, East.

We look forward to welcoming you.

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

BRANCASTER CAMERA CLUB

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday, 13th May** at 7 pm in Brancaster Staithe Village Hall. The topic for the evening will be 'Travel'. We are a small friendly club and we welcome visitors who are staying in the area or just have an interest in photography. Entrance is £5 to include refreshments. For more information please ring Wendy Calow on 01553 674725 or Sue Till on 01485 210013.

DEEPPDALE AND DALEGATE MARKET

Jacob & Drinkwater - Live Music Gig Saturday 17th May. The return of one of the most requested Festival acts, as part of their UK tour. South-west based duo Jacob & Drinkwater have been called "stand out new folk" by BBC6 Music. www.deepdalecamping.co.uk/music/.

Sense & Sensibility - Theatre in the Barn Thursday 22nd May. The Pantaloons return for their first visit of the Summer, with their irreverent take on this Jane Austen classic. A show for all the family, a brilliant evening of comedy theatre. www.deepdalecamping.co.uk/theatre/.

Pop Up Shops at Dalegate Market Thursdays to Tuesdays. We welcome lots of lovely artisans to Dalegate Market this month including: Adam Thriftless - Beadazzled - Creakey Crafts - Earth Energy Art - Everchanginglight Photography - Folk Who Bespoke and Sharon's Wooden Treasures - Jacqueline Bright Pet Portraits and Animal Art - Kirstie Steadman - Knock on Wood -

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Street Food at Deepdale Camping & Rooms Various days throughout the month. The Wood Fired Food Co offer Pizzas, Currylicious, BB's Bakes, The Tapas Shack, and The Nest pop up cafe.
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The Wild Yoga Garden The Orchard, Deepdale Camping. Please see attached poster for details.

DEEPDALE FARM

Willow Weaving 2 half-day sessions on **Sunday 18th May**. Both will create a decorative dragonfly. Last few places remaining.

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

Open Farm Sunday, 1st June - 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.

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.

BRANCASTER STAITHE AND DEEPDALE VILLAGE HALL

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the village hall on **Monday 19th May** at 6.30 pm.

TITCHWELL VILLAGE MEETING

Notice of Annual General Meeting to be held on **Thursday 22nd May** at 7 pm at the RSPB Titchwell Reserve Visitors Centre. The agenda will be posted in advance on the village notice board.

Community Speedwatch Anyone wishing to volunteer to take part in this proposed scheme should contact us by emailing chair@titchwellparish.gov.uk. Subject to sufficient volunteers being received, a coordinator will be agreed and the necessary applications made.

NEWS FROM BRANCASTER VILLAGE HALL (BVH)

Forthcoming Events

Thursday 8th May	<u>Commemoration of VE Day</u> : Full details on pages 3/4.
Monday 26th May	Spud Bar and Solar Scoops with music by FOBs from 4 pm.
Saturday 14th June	Magician Nick Twist and Currylicious Banquet from 6 pm.

Regular Groups

All our regular activities continue: Bar 71: full programme of quiz nights, darts, pool and skittles.

Brancaster Stores goes from strength to strength, with the **Shop/Post Office** now open seven days a week, from 9 am until 5 pm.

Further information about these and other activities can be found on our website at brancastervillagehall.communitybookings.co.uk (note that due to a technical quirk don't use www.) or on Facebook and Instagram.

For enquiries, please contact us at bvhsetup@gmail.com.

TOM'S TRUST - WINE TASTING EVENING AT BVH

On **Saturday 5th 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.

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

We had a visit from Ofsted in March. The Inspectors made the experience as painless as possible and we felt the day went well - although we are still awaiting the final outcome.

We have started a new handwriting initiative and are enjoying all the related activities. Thrift Class are continuing to garden and have now planted their potatoes. In art, we have made clay goats and houses for them. We are really lucky to have Mrs Parkinson, a specialist art teacher. We held a special day to support Comic Relief when we all came dressed in red, as it is important to us to help other people. We invited the Brancaster Baby and Toddler group again and had a really lovely time with them. We made chocolate Easter nests and did some Easter art. We hope they can come again.

We had our Mothers' Day Service in Church. We wrote messages, poems and prayers and sang our favourite songs. Then we gave out flowers to say thank you.

At the end of term, we made Easter Gardens and wrote about the Christian Easter message. These gardens and our messages will be in Brancaster and Titchwell churches over Easter

We also decorated eggs, had an egg hunt and made egg-mobiles for an egg-tremely egg-citing competition when we tested our home made vehicles to see which could best transport an egg.

Samphire class are looking forward to starting swimming and Year 6s have a fantastic opportunity to attend the Crucial Crew safety event held at King's Lynn fire station.

We are so grateful to everyone who supported our campaign to save our school as, without you, we would already be closed and would have missed all these lovely things. DNEAT has now submitted a proposal to the DfE so we will hear our fate soon. But in the meantime we will go on working hard and doing our very best in everything, including SATs.

Half-term dates: from close on **Friday 23rd May** to back to school on **Monday 2nd June**.

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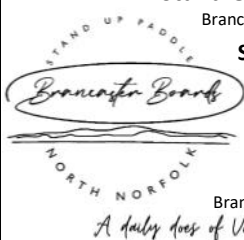
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SAVE OUR BEES If you should happen to come across a swarm of Honey Bees it would really help them if you contacted either Paul 07899 865 437 or Tom 07770 887 080. We will offer them a cosy hive in Brancaster so that they can carry on with their great 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.

HAZARDOUS WASTE DAYS Friday/Saturday 9/10th May at Hempton Recycling Centre 8 am - 4 pm. **Booking Essential** on line from 9 am on **Friday 2nd May** via the web at 'Hempton Recycling Centre and Re-use Shop'. If you cannot book online please call 0344 800 8020 and select option 7. The booking will be made for you and you'll receive a confirmation number.

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. If you have not yet renewed or applied for membership, it's not too late. New members are always welcome and we have a range of different membership categories. Please see the website for more information.

Weekly tennis coaching sessions for our junior members are being arranged again this season on **Wednesday afternoons** in the summer term between 3.45 pm and 6 pm starting on **Wednesday 23rd April**. Each session is for 5 weeks:

4 - 7 years old, 3.45 - 4.15 pm, £5;

8 - 11 years old, 4.15 - 5 pm, £10;

12 - 15 years old, 5 - 6 pm, £15.

Course fees are payable by BACS in advance. It is essential to book with our Junior Tennis Co-ordinator, Carrie Hendry, by email to juniortennis@brancasterstaithe.co.uk. The parents of all children and young people involved will need to sign a consent form before they can take part.

Coaching for Adult Beginners or Returners 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. 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. 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.

NATIONAL COASTWATCH INSTITUTION (NCI) BRANCASTER

The major issue faced this month has come about as a consequence of a collision between a container ship and a tanker carrying jet fuel off the coast of East Yorkshire. The spilt plastic pellets (nurdles) from the container ship burned in the resulting jet fuel fire to create clumps of plastic nurdles of various sizes that have washed up on Brancaster and Titchwell beaches. These have the potential to be dangerous to animal and bird life, as well as polluting the shoreline.

Brancaster Station Watchkeepers reported the problem to HM Coastguard, as required by the protocols, and the Coastguard Rescue Team (CRT) was activated. Watchkeepers worked with the CRT to coordinate the clean-up, which also involved a number of volunteers; dog walkers were advised to keep their animals on a leash. Work is still continuing to complete the clearing of the beach.

One new volunteer, Mark R, has joined, and one Watchkeeper, Matthew, has passed his certification. We wish them both well, and offer our congratulations to Matthew, ex-Royal Navy, on his rapid progress in training.

NCI Brancaster celebrates its third anniversary this month: many thanks for its remarkable success in such a short time go to the volunteer Watchkeepers who staff the station and to the Royal West Norfolk Golf Club who host its premises.

FRIENDS OF BURNHAM MARKET AREA COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME (BMACCS)

BMACCS has been running very 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 and would like to help us continue, please contact Linda on 07301 011303. Mileage is paid by the Car Scheme and the passenger. Thanking you in anticipation.

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BRANCASTER & STAITHE HOMEWATCH

Be wary of scam adverts and messages offering employment opportunities. Be suspicious if too much detailed personal information, or fees up front, are requested. Forward any texts you are uneasy about to 7726. More information on the Ofcom website.

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.

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I will be ordering oil next on **Thursdays**: 8th and 29th May, 19th June.

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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 **1st** and **29th May, 26th June**.

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.

MOBILITY EQUIPMENT

Having been given a few extra items, I now have a light folding wheelchair, a Zimmer frame, a shower stool, an adjustable height light chair with arms and a light chair-type commode 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 07900 342 962 or email ch81@btinternet.com.

BURNHAM MARKET AND NORTON VILLAGE HALL

The community cinema at the Burnham Market village hall has now closed for the time being. The trustees wish to give their thanks to Diana Walker, ably assisted by Philippa Carling and Lucy Jacklin, for running this for several very successful years.

www.burnhammarketandnortonvillagehall.org.uk.

STANHOE and Barwick Women's Institute

First Thursday of each month 2 pm at Stanhoe Reading Rooms

8th May – note change of date: VE Day celebrations featuring The Castaway Crew shanty singers.

5th June: Liz Scott - Life as a Monastery Maid.

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

THE ARTS SOCIETY, NORTHWEST NORFOLK

Our next illustrated talk, presented by Dr Suzanne Fagence Cooper on **Monday 12th May** at Sedgeford Village Hall at 2 pm, is entitled *The Female Gaze – Photography from Julia Margaret Cameron to Lee Miller*. Come and join our friendly society. Membership has many benefits besides illustrated talks. For more information visit www.theartsocietynwnorfolk.org.uk or ring Gerald Pepper on 07831 586940.

PHOENIX LADIES

After an informative talk last month we are now looking forward to welcoming Penny Bingham who is going to talk about a journey from Wisbech to St Pancras with Gilbert Scott, a famous Victorian Architect. Tea and cakes will be served afterwards. This will take place in Burnham Market and Norton Village Hall on **Wednesday 14th May** at 2 pm. For more 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

Friday 16th May: *A Complete Unknown (15)*, Drama/Biography of Bob Dylan. 7.30 pm.
Watch the trailer at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FdV-Cs5o8mc>

Monday 23rd June: *Bridget Jones (Mad About The Boy) (15)*, Comedy/Romance. 7.30 pm.
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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 1st June, 10 am-4 pm, Linocut Printing with Sue Welfare, £80 to include lunch and refreshments.

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

Open Gardens Saturday 7th 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.

COASTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING at the Old Cottage Hospital, Wells.

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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
	“	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:	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.

MAY

Tuesday	6 th	Parish Council Meeting, 6.30 pm, BSBDVH
Thursday	8 th	VE Day 80th Anniversary Commemorations. See pages 3/4 for details
Tuesday	13 th	Brancaster Camera Club, 7 pm, BSBDVH (see page 7)
Monday	19 th	AGM of Brancaster St & Burnham Deepdale Village Hall, 6.30 pm
Thursday	22 nd	AGM Titchwell Village Meeting, 7 pm, RSPB Visitors Centre
Saturday	24 th	Concert, Brancaster Church, 7.30 pm (see page 7)

JULY

Saturday	26 th	Summer Party with Bordoli's Pizzas and music by The King and I
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AUGUST

Saturday	16 th	VJ Day 80th Anniversary Commemorations, 2.30 pm, BVH
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EDITOR'S NOTE Please submit any notices/articles for next month's Parish News by 4.30 pm on the **19th 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 advertising queries/details, please contact Alan Wright on 01485 210394 or email Alan at bg.pn@btinternet.com.

Kindly note 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 3rd month.

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www.bssc.net (Sailing Club)

www.brancasterstaithe.com

www.brancasterstaithe.co.uk

www.burnhamdeepdale.co.uk

www.norfolkrecycles.com

www.titchwellvillage.org

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www.theburnhamssurgery.co.uk

www.wellshospital.org.uk (redirects to coastal health...)

www.coastalhealthwellbeing.org.uk

www.brancaster-pc.gov.uk (Parish Council)

www.stmaryfederation.co.uk/brancaster (School)

www.bsbdvh.org.uk (Brancaster Staithe village hall)

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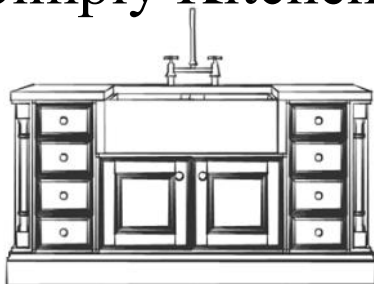
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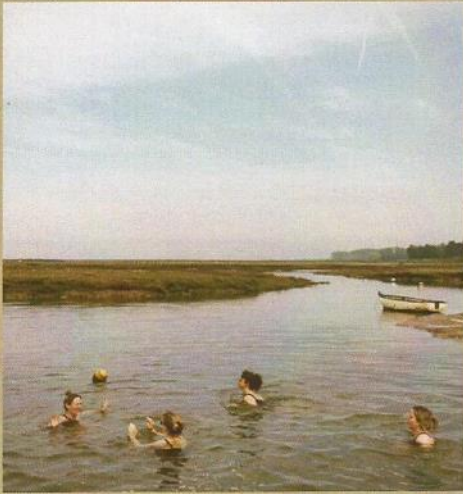
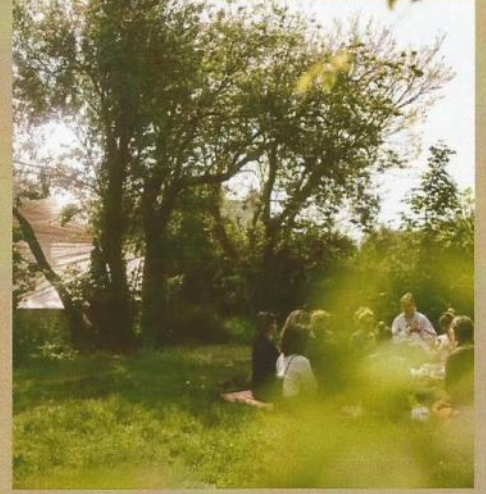
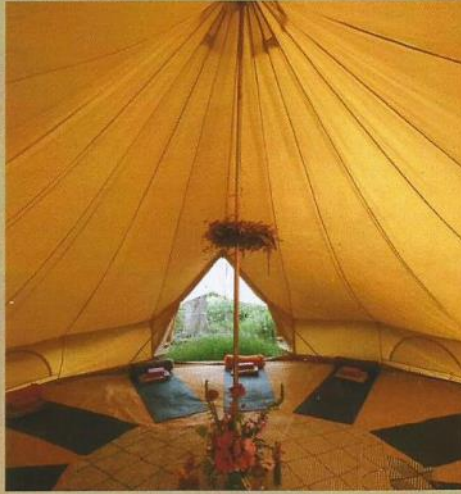
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YOGA . SAUNA . RETREATS . REWILDING . COMMUNITY



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WHAT'S ON

📍 THE ORCHARD, DEEPDALE CAMPING BURNHAM DEEPDALE

June

SOULFUL SUNDAYS + SAUNA: EVERY SUNDAY
MORNING YOGA + SAUNA

SOLSTICE BEACH YOGA & SWIM: SAT 21ST
YOGA ON BRANCASTER BEACH + SWIMS

SELKIE'S CALL: THURS 26TH
YOGA, SUNSET SWIMS + SAUNA

July

SOULFUL SUNDAYS: EVERY SUNDAY
MORNING YOGA + SAUNA

FULL MOON RITUAL: THURS 10TH
YIN YOGA, SAUNA + JOURNALING

SELKIE'S CALL: SAT 12TH
YOGA, SUNSET SWIMS + SAUNA

TIDE & WILD DAY RETREAT: SAT 19TH
YOGA, REWILDING, FORAGE, SWIM + SAUNA

NAIAD: TIDAL SWIMMING RETREAT: SAT 26TH
YOGA, TIDAL SWIMMING, SAUNA

August

SOULFUL SUNDAYS + SAUNA: EVERY SUNDAY
MORNING YOGA + SAUNA

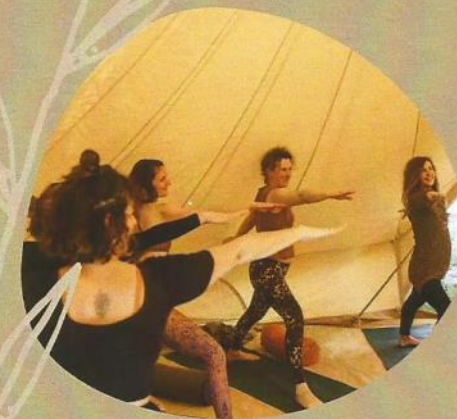
SELKIE'S CALL: THURS 8TH
YOGA, SUNSET SWIMS + SAUNA

FULL MOON RITUAL: SAT 9TH
YIN YOGA, SAUNA + JOURNALING

TIDE & WILD DAY RETREAT: SAT 16TH
YOGA, REWILDING, FORAGE, SWIM + SAUNA

YOGA, SAUNA + BRUNCH: SAT 23RD
GENTLE YOGA, BRUNCH + SAUNA

FLORISH & FLOW DAY RETREAT: SUN 31ST
GENTLE YOGA, FORAGE, FLORISTRY + CREATIVITY



All offerings must be pre-booked through the website. No walk ins, please check the schedule online for updates and booking.

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