



# Caister Parish Council Newsletter



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# CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Winter is now but a distant memory and we can start to look forward to those warm Summer days and lighter evenings.

We have VE Day coming up on 8th May where we, along with other villages, towns and cities across the country, will celebrate the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe for the allies back in 1945. We will remember those who never came home with a church service, a proclamation at the war memorial, a forties dance evening and the lighting of the beacon.

Later in the Summer, on August the 15th we will hold another service, again at the War memorial to remember those who suffered in the middle east as we mark the 80th anniversary of VJ DAY and the end of the Second World War. We welcome everyone to join us for these events, Caister will never forget.

Caister festival committee are working hard putting together this year's two day Festival which will be, as is tradition, the last weekend in June. The festival is always a great weekend and now established as a significant event on the East Coast. All money raised at the festival will go towards another amazing project in the village - Caister's Sensory Garden. We hope to have the garden open in time for the Festival.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of many local groups and a big shout out to all those who volunteer in the various projects around the village, you know who you are -  
**THANK YOU.**

Caister has some great places to eat and drink as well as many other businesses across the village. We would encourage everyone to support local if you can - You will always get that personal service by shopping and supporting local.

Sadly, after the 6 weeks of disruption with the closure of the northern section of our bypass that has now been downgraded and the traffic management on Norwich Road, we now face even further disruption on our roads due to the development we opposed. It is disappointing that still, despite our best efforts to offer local knowledge and alternative options, decisions on the future of our village are being made by people who do not understand the consequences of their actions - to build without infrastructure is simply wrong and it is us as residents who will suffer with the decline in quality of life.

We, as a Parish Council, remain non political, but we will always fight hard for what is right for our residents and our village because it is our village too.

Wishing you a great summer.

Kevin Wood, Chair, Caister Parish Council.

# CAISTER'S PARISH CHURCHES

[www.caisterchurch.org](http://www.caisterchurch.org)



Soon after I arrived in Caister as your Rector, we put up a new noticeboard outside the parish church. More than 7 years later that noticeboard was in a sad condition, weather-worn and battered with bits peeling off, and needing to be replaced by a new model. I hope the same is not true of your Rector! As St Paul wrote to one of the communities he was called to serve, “I never cease to give thanks for you..” (Ephesians 1.16) - it is a blessing to minister in such a welcoming and lively community. In the coming months I look forward to sharing that privilege with a new colleague - Gaynor Sutton who will be ordained in Norwich Cathedral on 29th June and then will be working here part-time as an “assistant curate”, i.e. a trainee vicar. I am sure she too will soon discover what a special community there is here.

Rector: Revd David Wells 728431 [revd.david@googlemail.com](mailto:revd.david@googlemail.com)

Churchwarden: Maria Brindley 722582

**WORSHIP  
FOR ALL**

FRIENDLY, INFORMAL WORSHIP  
AT CAISTER COMMUNITY SPOON

First Sunday in  
the month, 4pm

SUNDAY WORSHIP 9AM ST EDMUND'S, 10.30AM HOLY  
TRINITY & ONLINE  @HTCaister  
ALL WELCOME!

# Your Parish Council

## Caister Parish Council Mission Statement

**The Parish Council seeks to promote and encourage true community spirit within the village. To encourage full co-operation between Councillors both Parish and local Borough, residents and local businesses, thereby ensuring a better quality of life for all residents and visitors alike and improving local relationships to the betterment of the village.**

Residents of Caister are invited to share your views with your Parish Council, either in person or by contacting the Parish Clerk on 07873 756 239

You are encouraged to let your Parish Councillors know of anything in the village that is of concern so that action can be taken on your behalf.

### Meetings

The Parish Council meet every month, usually on the first Monday. Parish Council meetings are advertised on noticeboards around the village, on Facebook and on the Caister Parish Council Website at [www.caisterparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.caisterparishcouncil.gov.uk).

There is a dedicated time slot for parishioners to voice any concerns or make any suggestions regarding our village. The Council can only make decisions on items on the agenda, however, if appropriate, the Council can add the item to the next meeting agenda. If you would like to discuss a personal item, please contact the Parish Clerk who can help signpost you to the appropriate Councillor or organisation.

You may film, record or take photographs at Parish Council meetings but it is preferred that you speak to the Parish Clerk/Chair prior to the meeting.

All Parish Councillors are unpaid and all live in Caister.

The AGM is held in May in the Council Hall and is advertised in advance.

### **We are Responsible for :-**

- The upkeep of Caister Cemetery
- The Allotments
- Some Bus Shelters
- Council Hall
- Parish Surgeries
- Village matters and issues
- Responding to Planning Applications
- Toilets on Beach Road and Second Avenue

### **Have representation on :-**

- Caister Sports & Social Club
- King George V Playing Field
- Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel
- Borough Coastal Group
- Caister Charities
- Caister Mens Shed
- Caister Larder
- Caister Lifeboat
- Caister in Bloom
- Caister Cares
- Joint Parishes Liason Committee.

Caister Community Association  
Weekly Coffee Morning  
In partnership with Caister Social Club Ltd



## Community Coffee Morning & Warm Spot

**Wednesdays  
10am to 2pm  
Open to All**



Members / non-members welcome

Come in & join us....  
free hot drinks & biscuits  
keep warm,  
socialize, games  
and more....



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### Parish Council Meetings for the remainder of 2025, 7pm Council Hall

May 19th (AGM 6.30pm)

June 2nd

July 7th

August 4th

September 1st

October 6th

November 3rd

December 1st

# Caister Parish Council

**Site visit To the Anglia Water Waste Treatment Facility at Caister on Wednesday 12th March 2025**

**Parish Councillors attending: - Chris Kirk, John Hemsworth, Andrew Robinson, Lorna Cutler, Susan Wilkinson, Jeremy Fearnley**

**AW Representatives .. Plant Manager, Mervin Ward, Operational Support Manager, Ian Beales**

After a Health and safety briefing and the provision of High Viz Tabbards the group were escorted to the main inlet of waste water products to the site, mainly from a pumping station at Bryants' Quay, Great Yarmouth. Waste water from the sewer system was collected from across the Borough of Great Yarmouth including the Northern and Southern Villages. The latter being pumped by tunnel beneath the river.

We were told that the plant commissioned in the late 80's would not be designed in the same way now although the processes would be similar

A cover had been removed from the reception tank, which included a slow rotating arm, designed to moderate the volume flow on to site and into the works. There was no aroma evident despite the removal of the cover over part of the tank.

All the effluent progressed via a number of grit removal channels before entering a building containing Sleeper Rake and Adam Screens to remove large and finer solid material. The larger material consisting of sanitary products and miscellaneous solid and fibrous items deposited in the sewers was placed in skips within the building for removal to landfill. The Adam screens removed much finer material, the residue being again deposited into skips. The Adam screens were being constantly cleansed with processed effluent water which returned to the waste flow again.

The screened effluent then was pumped to an enclosed building. This slows and settles the sewerage enabling the solids to fall to the bottom by means of three long tanks which are fitted with hundreds of vertical plates. Only two tanks are in use with one as a spare ready to be fitted as necessary. There was strong aroma inside the building which was not apparent externally.

The settled sewerage moved onto the nearby aeration lanes which are full of active bacteria. The sludge was diverted, inside the building, to the gravity belt thickeners to be compressed by a gradual process to remove more water and make it easier to handle. After the mechanical filtration of the sludge it moved to a further enclosed building to be pressed further to remove even more water to further reduce its bulk and weight. The building for this final treatment was an odour, ozone, controlled environment.

All treated dried sludge was contained in lidded skips and it is transferred by road to Whitlingham for more higher pasteurising heat treatment to allow it to be used for agricultural purposes. Originally Caister had its own sludge energy generating plant which was recognised locally by its flare stack. That plant had been decommissioned some years ago as not being economically viable to upgrade it to meet modern regulatory standards.

The original settled Liquor was then passed to an activated bacteria plant (a long building recognised by a fluted roof cover.) where it was subject to large volumes of air being blown through it. A small amount of flocculant chemical was added to aid the process. There were four such plants running under cover but only two were in use. One was a spare to be used during maintenance, or break down, the fourth was to provide additional capacity to the site for future use. The end cover of one of the in-use plants was removed and the air being introduced to activate bacterial digestion could be seen bubbling. Originally each segment had its own blower but these had been replaced by smaller blowers so the rate of digestion could be better controlled. There was some localised odour but certainly nothing unpleasant ..... when the hatch, which was in an end panel, was replaced the odour disappeared.

The final process was the only process not enclosed within a building and was positioned after the digestion process for final sludge removal before the effluent entered the Marine pumping system to discharge out at sea. It was a long settlement tank along which liquor progressed gradually becoming clearer and more transparent. .

We were given lots of facts and figures about the amount of effluent entering the site and the volumes discharged. The whole site and each process is subject to significant monitoring and information about each stage was displayed in the site operations office. All information was duplicated by telemetry to Huntingdon where it was also monitored off site. Throughout the plant there were real time monitors and meters to visually monitor how it was operating and there was also portable hand-held equipment available to augment gas emission identification. There were Hydrogen Sulphide monitors at a number of locations around the site and we were told the levels were generally at insignificant levels.

### **Conclusion;**

**The tour was very informative and many questions were asked which were all answered .. Apart from when covers were removed there was no evidence of obnoxious odour on site and when covers were replaced the smell disappeared.**

**There is significant monitoring of the process to ensure it remains effective in providing effluent that meets the Site Environment Agency Discharge Consents in addition to fixed and a portable Hydrogen Sulphide monitoring to monitor for aroma.**

**Questions were asked about periods when there was increased effluent arriving at the plant and it was explained that by constantly electronically monitoring the process the plant achieved Discharge Consent Criteria. Questioned about alleged discharges on Gorleston Beach it was explained there was no outlet to the beach but a permitted overflow at Brush Bend on the River. Any discharge had been screened although not treated. Similarly, the discharge in excess flow from the Archimedes Screw Plant on Garrison Road should only discharge with excessive flow and it was screened.**

**JDH/25-03-25**

Additional note from Anglian Water - The odour monitoring equipment is located in the odour control units (OCU's) to compare what level is entering the unit and what, if any, is leaving it. In the case of the Ozone unit in the inlet works, it can adjust itself for more or less power automatically providing the correct amount of treatment at all times. The other OCU is opposite the office with the tall stainless steel chimney. This plant operates at full power all the time as it is not automated, it runs 24/7. We then monitor, as you say, with our portable monitors that we wear all the time and the Jerome unit for highly accurate readings.

# History of Caister on Sea .

## WILLIAM WOMACK BRANFORD

The Branford family were resident in Caister in the eighteenth century. William Branford, born in 1730, married Elizabeth Bell of Ormesby in 1760. William, who died in 1809, was the owner of a great deal of property and land in both Norfolk and Suffolk, the family seat being at Caister at the Old Hall. Both William and Elizabeth were buried at Caister and a monumental inscription to them can be seen in the parish church, near the south door.

They had a son, also called William, who was born in 1764 at Caister and he married Rebecca Womack in 1789. William died in 1819 and Rebecca in 1838, both were buried at Caister. They had ten children and their eldest son, born in 1790, was again called William but this time added his mother's maiden name to become William Womack Branford.

William Womack Branford married Elizabeth Potter at Caister in 1840. In the marriage register he is recorded as Womack William, a merchant of Caister and Elizabeth as a spinster of Great Yarmouth. William was a maltster and built a range of maltings on the strip of land on the east side of the Old Hall, fronting the High Street. The malting, described as being of substantial construction, consisted of three malt stores, two steeples and a furnace room. These malting were demolished in the 1960s when a new police station was built. William also had malting interests in Great Yarmouth with a malthouse just inside the north gate and was also listed as the owner of the nearby King's Arms public house in Great Yarmouth in 1830.

The family owned a post-mill on land on the east side of Ormesby Road, known as Branford's Mill. The mill had two pairs of French Burr Stones to grind the corn and although still in good working order it was sold in 1861 and dismantled. The local blacksmith, Joseph Humphrey, recorded in his diary for 9 November 1861. "Mr Branford's mill taken down by 3 millwrights and a labourer, all from Norwich, They were five weeks taking it down. It was sold by auction to Mr Sexton of Yarmouth for £47. This stood on land now occupied by the bungalows of Seafield Road.

The family acquired a considerable amount of land and property in both Great Yarmouth and Caister. For unknown reasons William Womack Branford left Caister in 1851 and moved to Tittleshall, where he died in 1862. The Branford estate passed to his son, another William and by now included several properties in the village as well as agricultural land. The estate was eventually broken up when it was sold in 27 lots by auction in 1914, following the death of William Branford. In the auction catalogue the Old Hall was described as a house of dignified appearance, substantially built standing in pleasant grounds overlooking a paddock and garden, at the time of the sale let to Edward Boning who owned a large department store in Great Yarmouth. The Branford estate owned almost all the land bordering on the east side of Ormesby Road, part of which is today the Seafield Road Estate, as well as 13 acres of land on the west side of the main road. The estate also owned land opposite the Old Hall and land and property either side of the High Street, between Beach Road and Tan Lane, as well as several small pieces of land in other parts of the village.

Today the Branford name lives on with Branford Road, off Ormesby Road, and the name of the restaurant at the Old Hall. The picture shows the Old Hall when sold in 1914, a Georgian building the foundations of which stand on the site of one of the medieval manor houses of Caister.



The OLD HALL in 1914

Courtesy of Mr Colin Tooke

**VE DAY**®  
 80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
 A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION  
 8 MAY 2025



**AT 9.30PM THURSDAY MAY 8TH**  
 along with other towns and villages across the country we will light Caisters Beacon  
**A FORTIES EVENING OF CELEBRATION AT CAISTER LIFEBOAT STATION STARTING AT 6.30 BAR AND BURGERS MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT FROM 7.30PM**

**BREAKING NEWS**



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**Come and join us**  
**VE DAY FORTIES DANCE**  
 CAISTER LIFEBOAT AND CAISTER PARISH COUNCIL INVITE YOU JOIN THEM AS WE CELEBRATE THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF V.E DAY THURSDAY 8TH MAY FROM 6.30PM WITH JAZZ MUSIC FROM 7.30PM FOLLOWED BY BARNEY SINGING SONGS FROM 40S, 50S, AND 60S, BAR AND BURGERS FROM 6.30PM ALONG WITH OTHER VILLAGES TOWNS AND CITIES ACROSS THE LAND CAISTER WILL LIGHT OUR BEACON AT 9.30PM



**CAISTER LIFEBOAT**





## Queen's yacht rescue

A yacht once owned by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has been rescued by Caister Lifeboat after she was taken on water off Bacton. Bloodhound is a 63ft (19m) vessel which was built in 1936 and she was owned by the Queen and Prince Phillip from 1962. Both King Charles III and Princess Anne, the Princess Royal - who have both visited Caister Lifeboat to name vessels - learned to sail on her but on 9 April Bloodhound's crew reported taking on water during passage from Leith Docks - where she is moored near the Royal Yacht Britannia - to Lymington in Dorset. Paul Garrod, the chairman of Caister Lifeboat, said: "It was a great job for Caister Lifeboat, especially when we found out her links to the Royal Family are the same as ours. "She is a beautiful vessel, and but she had taken on a lot of water and we were able to put our crew on board with pumps, and there is no doubt that we saved this incredible piece of history." The crew were at sea for more than six hours, making this the longest service given so far by the Medina Class lifeboat, which became Caister's operational lifeboat in January. Speaking to the BBC, Franck Bruyere, the chief executive of The Royal Yacht Britannia Trust, said while the boat was previously used for racing it had not been entered into a competition for decades. He said: "Bloodhound is safe. She has been receiving a lot of good care from the crew and the crew is very experienced. "Pleased to report that at the moment, conditional to further sea trials, the intention is for Bloodhound to sail further down south this evening [Tuesday]." The boat, which has been used for grassroots sailing, will eventually continue its journey for it to be restored. "She used to race... she used to sail around. For us there is nothing better than bringing her back to her former glory," he said.

## USAF Ospreys on exercise

American air crew have conducted two exercises offshore with Caister Lifeboat involving winching practice. The United States Air Force asked the crew to help train their pilots, navigators and winch operators to train in manoeuvres to rescue personnel from the water. It also meant Caister Lifeboat's crew were able to practice a variation of this type of operation which differs from that we usually conduct with His Majesty's Coastguard. Coxswain Guy Gibson said: "You get a lot of downdraft from the Ospreys, so that was a bit of a challenge. "We were going seven knots ahead so they can try to drop a basket down to us. "We learnt a lot; it was a really good exercise and I think it was a good exercise for them as well." One of the 352nd Special Operations Wing Command - who are not named for operational and security reasons - told Louise Hulland on BBC Norfolk: "This is a great opportunity for us both to build relationships with people in East Anglia but also for us to hone our skills at the 352nd Wing. "The purpose of the exercise is for Caister Lifeboat to practice their critical rescue technique; it's known as the underway hoist. "It involves us in the CV22 Osprey lowering down a rescue device, whether it be a rescue stop, a rescue basket or a Stokes Litter device to the ship while it is moving forward at a great speed across the water. "It's an opportunity for us both to practice techniques and share techniques, and learn from each other so we can more readily respond to emergencies at sea."

## Crew training

Caister Lifeboat's crew were deployed into smoke-filled shipping containers wearing full breathing apparatus - in an intense weekend of fire prevention and firefighting training. It's part of the mandatory requirements for our crew to comply with Maritime and Coastguard Agency codes of conduct to be certificated to the full off-shore standard. Conducted at Petans in Norwich, crew had to tackle fires both outside and in confined spaces. Coxswain Guy Gibson said several crew who work in the offshore industries already had the qualification but those who work on land had to complete the training. "It was very hot, very intense and quite disorientating. But was amazing training. "While it is unlikely we would ever need to enter a space like that in the training, it is vital that our crew know how to tackle fires in the event we had to rescue people from a burning vessel. "This training reinforces our teamwork, and it really helps us work together and builds trust between each crew member, as we really do put our lives in each others hands every time we go out on a rescue."

## Stop here and buy one!

We're pleased to announce that La Marti has taken over our ice-cream kiosk at the Caister Lifeboat shed. It means all your favourites from soft whippy ice-cream to lollies as well as hot and cold take-away drinks can be picked up on your way to the beach! Upstairs in The Lookout Café, the opening hours have been extended now the clocks have gone forward. And now the weather is getting warmer, it's a perfect place to come out for a family meal with our beautiful beach ready for you to either work up an appetite or burn off some calories!

## Museum now open

The Caister Lifeboat Museum is now open, having been open only for guided tours over the winter months. It's been given a good clean - but our shop in the old shed won't re-open for a few weeks. This is because we are due to have the big wooden doors repainted and they need to be cleaned first, and we don't want any damage to our stock - and we don't want our volunteers to have to stock, then clear the shelves. Our full range of clothes, souvenirs, gifts and beach goods are available in the shop in the new shed. The museum will be open every day except Saturdays (until we get more volunteers!) and the shop is open every day of the week. Please see our Facebook page for opening hours.

## Events for your diary

4th May - MG Car rally - MG enthusiasts gather from 0800 at the station for breakfast rolls before heading out around 1000 for a tour of Norfolk's countryside

8th May - VE Day memorial celebration - Caister Lifeboat's crew will be cooking our barbecue and opening our bar. See Caister Parish Council page for more details

25th May - Vintage Car Rally - Classic and vintage cars pitch up at the station from 10am

3rd Aug - Caister Lifeboat Day - win a trip on board the Medina Class Lifeboat, as well as our famous Tombola, raffles, barbecue and bar.

14th September - Amateur Radio Rally - Amateur radio enthusiasts gather and trade kit with dozens of stalls. Email [hello@caisterlifeboat.org.uk](mailto:hello@caisterlifeboat.org.uk) to book a stall.



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Luke Martin  
Photography



# CAISTER WILL NEVER FORGET

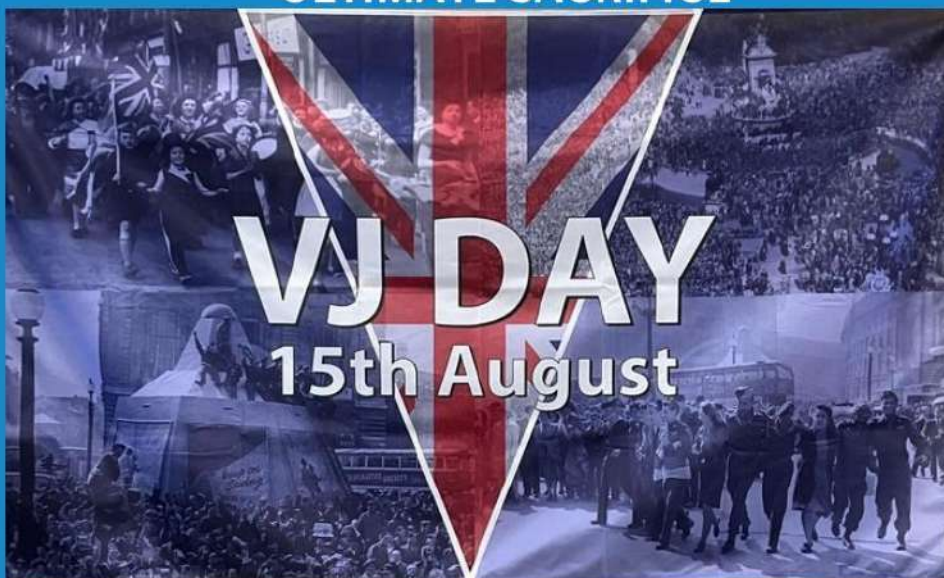
At noon on Thursday May the 8<sup>th</sup> there will be a service in the Parish Church as Caister remembers those who gave so much, followed at 12.20 by a short service at the War Memorial with the reading of the VE day Proclamation after a moment of reflection we will sing the National Anthem



VJ DAY 80<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

80 YEARS AGO THE FORMAL END OF WORLD WAR TWO AS JAPAN  
SURRENDERED TO THE ALLIED FORCES

CAISTER WILL HOLD A SERVICE AT THE WAR MEMORIAL AT NOON  
ON THE 15<sup>th</sup> TO REFLECT THE ON THOSE WHO MADE THE  
ULTIMATE SACRIFICE



# CAISTER FESTIVAL 2025

## A message from Caister Festival

Caister's biggest event of the year takes place over the weekend of 28th and 29th June. Saturday is all about the music with gates opening at noon - under 18's enter for free with adults encouraged to give a donation. All money raised from the Festival will go towards Caister's first Sensory Garden which we hope to have open for the festival weekend. Sunday is free entry for all.

We have some exciting bands lined up for Saturday with Sunday offering the traditional carnival vibe with stalls, performances and attractions.

This is your village your festival, please come along and support it.



The poster features a circular logo on the left with a sun, waves, and a lighthouse, surrounded by the text 'CAISTER FESTIVAL' and '28 & 29 JUNE 2025'. To the right, the text 'Caister Festival 2025' is written in a large, bold, white font with a black outline, with '2025' in a smaller font below it. Below the logo and text, the dates and times are listed in bold white and yellow text: 'SATURDAY 28th JUNE 11am - 8pm' and 'SUNDAY 29th JUNE 10am - 4pm'. At the bottom, the text 'A two day, family festival on the East Coast' is written in a yellow font with a black outline. The location 'CAISTER PLAYING FIELD, NR30 5ES' is written in a smaller white font below the main title.

**CAISTER FESTIVAL**  
28 & 29 JUNE 2025

**Caister Festival**  
2025  
CAISTER PLAYING FIELD, NR30 5ES

**SATURDAY 28th JUNE**  
**11am - 8pm**

**SUNDAY 29th JUNE**  
**10am - 4pm**

**A two day, family festival on the East Coast**

# CAISTERS SENSORY GARDEN



## Caisters first Sensory garden

Work is well under way on Caister`s first Sensory garden. The pathway and some Sensory equipment` are already in place.

There are plans to install a water feature and big thanks to Essex and Suffolk water who have installed water on the site.

Work on planting will start in May, many thanks to all those who came along to our volunteer meeting, now the hard work starts.

The Sensory garden is a fully inclusive community project and we welcome any volunteers who would like to work in the garden, just register your interest in the Rabbit Hutch. We are working towards a opening deadline at Caister Festival on the 29th June so we need all the help we can get.

Thank you to Caister scouts and the students from the college who have helped out.

Caister scouts are very focussed on Community work and recently spent their Sunday morning working in the Sensory Garden. During the morning they uncovered a boat shaped sandpit that was put in place in the late 1950s , Caisters very own time team, great work by all the scouts real teamwork.

Please come and join our band of volunteers, your chance to be involved in the biggest garden project in Caister.

# CAISTER IN BLOOM

## Caister in Bloom Newsletter

It has been a quiet winter but things are picking up now and we need all the help we can get. We have 7 boats, the Lifeboat Car Park entrance, the War Memorial, the pagoda and numerous displays scattered around the village all of which are planted and maintained by us. We are desperately short of volunteers to the point where if more help isn't found we may have to close Caister in Bloom. I'm sure you will agree that the village looks a much brighter place with all the displays and it would be a real shame if we had to finish. You could plant, tidy, water - just generally helping to keep your village's displays bright and cheerful. In Yarmouth in Bloom competitions we have won silver gilt every year beaten only by Filby! Please come and talk to us, see what you can offer, we are all enthusiastic amateur volunteers and will welcome any support you can give.

We generally meet at our allotment on Ambrose Road on a Saturday, round about 10am and at various sites around the village in the week to look after our plants. We also meet at the Community Centre on Beach Road on the Second Thursday of the month starting now but May's will be 15th (because of VE Day) at 7pm, please come along and find out how we work. Thanks must go to the Caister Community Association and the Parish Council for their ongoing support.

Next meetings May 15, June 12 and July 10 all at 7pm at Caister Community Centre, Beach Road.

We will be at Caister Festival on Sunday 29 June with plants for sale, come and meet us!!! We also have plant sales in the village - look out for our posters. These sales help to fund us. Any queries please contact Joan 07778039485, Paul 07788200366 or me Tina on 01493717509.

**Tina, Caister in Bloom Secretary**



# CAISTER CHARACTERS

## A SPY IN THE VILLAGE.

This year marks the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. In the early years of that war the village of Caister was one of the many places along the east and south coast of England that was considered vulnerable to invasion by enemy seaborne forces. Precautions, including pillboxes and tank traps were quickly constructed and hundreds of troops arrived to occupy hotels, holiday camps and other premises. Two 6 inch ex-naval guns were installed at Nova Scotia farm to protect the Yarmouth harbour. All the inhabitants of coastal towns and villages now became very suspicious of any unknown person arriving in their midst in case they were a spy, or wary of anybody thought to be a Fifth-Columnist. The villagers were therefore on their guard when an unknown woman, accompanied by a man with a camera, arrived in the village in 1941 and began asking questions. The village was on edge, rumours quickly circulated and doors kept shut.

It was, however, soon discovered that this was not a spy but an innocent reporter sent to the village to write a story for a magazine, a story about an anonymous village on the East Coast threatened with invasion. The story was published in the Illustrated Magazine on 22 February 1941. Published in line with the strict wartime restrictions and censorship the article did not include any information that could indicate the real location of the village but local people soon realised that Caister was the Invasion Village featured in the magazine. The published story gives an interesting picture of the village in 1941, a time when everybody was unsure of what the future would bring.

The stranger was the 30-year-old American film and stage star, Ann Dvorak, whose film career had been at its height in the 1930s when she was a popular leading lady in many Warner Brothers films. She had appeared in thirty-eight feature films by the time war broke out; then coming to this country with her husband. To help the war effort she became an ambulance driver as well as appearing in several British films before she was asked to become a reporter. With a photographer she was sent to East Anglia to record a typical village at war, Caister being the chosen location, portrayed as a community trying to live through the difficult times. The following extracts are taken from the magazine article, beginning with a description of the village.

“A winding main street that follows the shore-line and ends on a hill where there is a tiny cemetery, washed by the wind and salt spray. People who speak with a lilt and a twang, and the men walk with the roll of a ship. Men with the sea in their blood and whose eyes have a look of the far horizon, whose hands bear the marks of the rope and the oar. Pubs with names like Lord Nelson, King’s Arms and Ship Inn. A milk wagon with a horse named ‘Bubbles’ who knocks on all the doors every morning”. [We assume she meant the milkman knocked on the doors not the horse,]. “They say that if you can stand the cold more than two years you can stand anything. My photographer and I were Fifth Columnists and spies the moment we walked down the narrow main street as doors quickly closed and women peeked furtively from behind curtained windows”.

Ann relied on the then newsagent and parish councillor, Tommy Jones, for information about the people living in the village. The newsagent’s shop of Jones & Son was in the High Street near the King’s Arms. The article continued: “The second day the local police had five different reports from alarmed villagers. I had to convince them we were not taking pictures of Tommy Jones tobacco store for any other reason than that it is the unofficial town council and village gathering place. And it was through chatty Tommy Jones that I was eventually ok’d as an unmolested comer and goer. The present coxswain of the lifeboat is Skipper Joe Woodhouse, a small man with white hair, the inevitable blue eyes, and a good-humoured contempt of uniforms”.

At the lifeboat house Joe Woodhouse describes several lifeboat rescues. She asked him what he would do if he saw a German ship in difficulties on the sand bank and he replied, "I'd stand right here and watch 'em go down". The Ship Inn was next, to meet some of the lifeboatmen. "You can find them any day walking up and down outside the old pub with a slow, measured gait. They walk about twelve feet and turn back again. They are pacing the deck, charmingly unconscious of it. Inside the pub they drink pint tankards of ale that they warm in a pan over the fire. Their names have a curious ring – Wampoo, Chunk, Floe. And the surnames are all old names, the Hayletts, the Georges, the Browns. Names that are forever linked with lifeboat history. One of the oldest is eighty-five year old Wampoo Brown. A perfect darling with cheeks like two red apples, and a twinkling smile. Eyes the colour of the sea. Every morning, after a long look at the sea, he sits by the fire in the Ship, smokes his pipe and drinks his pint and a half. Never no more".

The next meeting was with Caister's naval cadets and their leader. "Chippy Brown, the most rugged, bombastic, single-purposed, sea-going salt I have ever known. Chippy is head of the coastguard station. I met him first at his house on Old Mill Road, which leads directly to the sea. Chippy, pacing the room talking with a fierce eagerness, his chiselled face lit with a red glow from the fire. Through Chippy I met the 'little men of Invasion Village', twenty-eight naval cadets from eleven to eighteen trained by Chippy as signalmen. Chippy teaches them semaphore, Morse code, ship signals, identification of planes and simple navigation. [Chippy's naval cadets used the huts that were later to become the Youth Centre on Yarmouth Road for their training. These concrete buildings, built to house people made homeless by enemy bombing, stood empty for most of the war. They have now been demolished.] "Chippy built them a lookout on the edge of the shore where they can keep watch in full ship style, four on, four off. I followed Chippy down Old Mill Road and through a hole in the fence to the little look-out standing right on the edge of the beach. There we found a line of little figures at rigid attention, rifles in hand. A line of eager faces, with only three uniforms between them. Many of them are Hayletts, Browns or Georges".



Anna Dvorak



Tommy Jones

## Proposed Persimmons Works in Caister

4<sup>th</sup> April -28<sup>th</sup> May 2025 (ongoing currently)

### Jack Chase Way/Prince of Wales Road Junction

*Some Carriageway Incursion. No Positive Traffic Management*

Reason: Traffic signal install. (Signage, Barriers and cones around centre islands)

Permit Issued:

- ARN-2600-46991116 Some carriageway incursion, Jack Chase Way 4/4/25-28/5/25
- ARN-2600-55566349 Some carriageway incursion, Prince of Wales Road 4/4/25-28/5/25

Persimmon Comment:

This permit is to allow us to keep the current traffic management we have installed on Jack Chase way to prevent right hand turns at Junction with Prince of Wales Road i.e. Signage, Barriers, and cones around centre islands. These will be removed once traffic signals are installed at junction by the 28<sup>th</sup> of May. This will also allow the installation of traffic signals posts and heads where possible, where no carriageway incursion is required as part of the installation.

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28<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – 7 working days

### Jack Chase Way/A149 Roundabout

*4 Way Traffic Lights*

Between the hours of 19:00-06:00 Overnight only, and no weekends. At all over times no Traffic Management will be present on the highway (With the exception of Bolted Road plates)

Reason: Works Required to complete the installation and connection of Surface water drainage system.

Permit issued:

- ARN-2600-18757989 Jack Chase Way Stop/go 12/5/25-13/5/25 09.00-15.00 working hours only highway clear at all other times

Persimmon Comment:

As part of the surface water design for the upgrades to Jack Chase Way junction and works down Jack Chase way to the existing roundabout to the south. We need to install a surface water connection into the existing surface water network. All pipes down Jack Chase Way Road have been installed under the closure, however, connection needs to be made around the roundabout. Due to the increase in holiday traffic post easter, it has been agreed that no traffic management will be allowed on the road network during the day and all works need to be completed at night under 4-way lights. Majority of the works are planned to be on the out bound arm of Norwich Road at the roundabout. It was also discussed that we will install temporary noise barriers around the works and will keep noisy operations to early evenings only.

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## Proposed Persimmons Works in Caister

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12<sup>th</sup> May -13<sup>th</sup> May 2025

### Jack Chase Way/Prince of Wales Road Junction

*Stop/Go Boards*

Reason: Loop cutting.

Permit Issued:

- ARN-2600-18757989 Jack Chase Way Stop/go 12/5/25-13/5/25 09.00-15.00 working hours only highway clear at all other times

Persimmon Comment:

As part of the installation of the infrastructure upgrade of the traffic signals along Jack Chase Way, we need to cut in detector loops within the new road around the new Jack Chase Way / Prince of Wales Road Junction. These could not be done at the time of the closure as it needs to be completed at the same time as the signal's installation by the signals team. The traffic management will be stop / go boards manned during the works to reduce traffic build up and further to this, traffic management can be move around the junction quickly in line with the works required, thus reducing traffic management time on the network.

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27<sup>th</sup> May -28<sup>th</sup> May 2025

### Jack Chase Way/Prince of Wales Road Junction

*Stop/Go Boards*

Reason: Traffic Signal Commissioning.

Permit Issued:

- ARN-2600-57160007 Jack Chase Way Stop/go 27/5/25-28/5/25 09.00-15.00 working hours only highway clear at all other times

Persimmon Comment:

As above manned stop / go boards to allow the signal commissioning.

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**Summer 2025** - No work being completed

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# WORDSEARCH

## The Romans

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# SAVE THE DATE

THE COUNCIL HALL, YARMOUTH ROAD,  
★ CAISTER AT 6.30PM ★

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

# 19 MAY



THIS IS NOT A  
COUNCIL MEETING



MEET SOME LOCAL  
COMMUNITY GROUPS



HAVE YOUR SAY



FREE REFRESHMENTS



MONDAY 19th MAY is the Annual Parish meeting open to all residents.

THIS IS NOT A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL.

What else happens at the meeting?

The WI are kindly serving free refreshments and we will have representatives from local groups/organisations to talk about what they do.

# IT'S QUIZ TIME

Italian dictator Benito Mussolini previously had which two jobs?	
It's a tail lamp in the USA, what's this part of the car called in the UK?	
James I and Charles I were members of which royal dynasty?	
Jane Wyman was the first wife of which famous American?	
Jennyanydots was what kind of cat?	
Joan Greengross was secretary to which fictional salesman?	
Johanna Spyri created which little girl?	
John Ridd is the male lead in which book with a girl's name as its title?	
Jonquil is a shade of which colour?	
Joseph Levitch is better known as who?	
Julius Caesar was murdered on the Ides of March. What date was this?	
'Just when you thought it was safe to go back in the water...' was the advertising line for which film?	
Kenneth I ruled which people in the 9th century?	
kHz is an abbreviation for what?	
'Kiss Me Kate' is a musical version of which play by Shakespeare?	
Kitty Fisher was 18th-century London's most highly paid what?	
Krypton, neon, radon, xenon and helium are known as what kind of gases?	
Lack of iron in the diet may cause which disease?	
'Lay your head upon my pillow' appears in which Perry Como song?	
Leap-Frog, The Gallant Hussar and Ampleforth are all types of what?	
Legendary footballer Billy Wright married one of which singing sisters?	
Little Lord Fauntleroy's grandfather was the Earl of what?	

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# Caister Library

Beach Road, Caister on Sea, NR30 5HX. 01493 720594

**Library Available: Monday to Friday: 8am-7pm , Saturday: 8am-4pm, Sunday: 10am-4pm (Open Library access for full library members)**

**Staffed hours: Monday: 10.30am-7pm, Tuesday: 2-7pm, Thursday: 10.30am-7pm, Friday: 2.30-7pm, Saturday 1-4pm**



[www.facebook.com/CaisterLibraryNorfolk](http://www.facebook.com/CaisterLibraryNorfolk)

Weigh your baby at our  
baby weigh station

## Regular Activities:

**Bereavement Café: Mon. 11.30am-1pm**  
(not Bank Hols)

**Just A Cuppa: Mon. 1-3pm** (not Bank Hols)

**Job Club: Tues. 2-4pm**

**Knit and Natter: Thurs. 10.30am-12pm**

**Bounce & Rhyme: Thurs. 12-12.30pm**, with  
drink and a chat afterwards

**LEGO Club: Fri. in term-time: 3.45-4.45pm.**  
In school holidays you can ask for a **LEGO Kit**  
during staffed hours (see box above)

**Caister Colouring Club:** for all ages: ask at  
the counter during staffed hours: (see box  
above)

**Book Club: Thurs. 1-2.30pm, monthly.**  
Please ask for more information.



## Launching 5th July, The Summer Reading Challenge

A free activity for children aged **4-11**. It's all about reading for fun, aiming to improve children's reading skills and confidence over the summer holiday. Children can collect free rewards for their reading. **For under 5s there is a mini challenge.**

To sign up to the challenge, just pop into your local library or visit the website. Children will need to be library members - you can join, for free, in a library or online.

[www.norfolk.gov.uk/  
summerreadingchallenge](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge)

Check Facebook for our fun activities in Caister Library!

## Historical CD's for loan:

Kindly on loan from David McDermott.

Norfolk Census: 1841,1851,1861, 1871,  
1891,1901. Also the National Burial Index  
and some Family History CDs.

**Keep Warm and Well with a hot or cold  
drink, free in the library (in staffed hours).**

**Tricky Period support and toiletries  
are also available for free.**

**borrow discover connect**



Norfolk County Council

Check out our 'What's On In Norfolk Libraries' pages at [www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraryonline](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraryonline)

# The Fighting Temeraire

## Joseph Mallord William Turner



•Turner's painting shows the final journey of the Temeraire, as the ship is towed from Sheerness in Kent along the river Thames to Rotherhithe in south-east London, where it was to be scrapped. The veteran warship had played a distinguished role in the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805, but by 1838 was over 40 years old and had been sold off by the Admiralty. When exhibited at the Royal Academy in 1839, the painting was accompanied by lines Turner had adapted from Thomas Campbell's poem, *Ye Mariners of England*: 'The flag which braved the battle and the breeze, / No longer owns her.'

It is unlikely that Turner witnessed the ship being towed; instead, he imaginatively recreated the scene using contemporary reports. Set against a blazing sunset, the last voyage of the Temeraire takes on a greater symbolic meaning, as the age of sail gives way to the age of steam.

National Gallery



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## Proposed Persimmons Works in Caister

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29<sup>th</sup> September -29<sup>th</sup> November 2025

### **A149 Caister By-Pass**

*Inside Lane, Northern Bound, Lane closure For Duration of Works*

*Road Closure of Northern Bound Carriageway for the last 8 nights of works (19:00-06:00)*

Reason: Installation of Foul Sewer (Section 50)

Permit not yet issued

Persimmon Comment:

Proposed works to allow connection of the foul sewer of our development to the point of connection required by Anglian Water as agreed at outline stage of planning for this development. The connection is 500m down the bypass, within the junction with West Road. Part closure of West Road still in discussion with NCC highways for a short period during the proposed dates. The works are to install a foul water pipe up one lane of the bypass and to cross over the roundabout to make a connection to the already installed pipe within Jack Chase Way.

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1<sup>st</sup> December -12<sup>th</sup> December 2025

### **Norwich Road**

*Road Closure – of inbound Traffic towards Caister Town Centre (No Traffic Lights)*

Reason: Section 278 works – Cycle/Footway construction

Permit not yet issued

Persimmon Comment:

Works are to bring new footpath / cycleway infrastructure from Jack Chase Way along Norwich Road. Finish works around northern section of the roundabout and to extend footpath / cycleway infrastructure away from roundabout junction to Price of Wales Road / Norwich Road. To protect workforce and public, traffic lights in the area during this work was not appropriate, as being too close to junction with roundabout

## Proposed Persimmons Works in Caister

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### **Christmas 2025** - No work being undertaken

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5<sup>th</sup> January -27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

#### **Norwich Road**

*Mixture of two-way lights, Multi Way lights and side road junction closures, starting at Town End of Norwich Road, and heading back towards the roundabout*

Reason: Section 278 works – Cycle/Footway construction

Permit not yet issued

Persimmon Comment:

Works to bring new footpath / cycleway infrastructure along Norwich Road. Works to stop and traffic management to be removed before Easter Holidays.

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### **Easter 2026** - No work being completed

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14<sup>th</sup> April -2<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

#### **Norwich Road**

*Mixture of two-way lights, Multi Way lights and side road junction closures, starting at Town End of Norwich Road, and heading back towards the roundabout*

Reason: Section 278 works – Cycle/Footway construction

Permit not yet issued

Persimmon Comment:

Works to bring new footpath / cycleway infrastructure along Norwich Road. Works to recommence after Easter until 2<sup>nd</sup> may until summer road embargo is in force.

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### **Summer 2026** – No work being completed

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# VILLAGE WEEKLY EVENTS

## **Mondays -**

Knit & Natter, Rabbit Hutch, Playing Field, 10am to 12Noon.  
Just a Cuppa, Caister Library, 1 to 3pm (Not Bank Holidays)  
Bereavement Café, Caister Library, 11.30am to 1pm (Not Bank Holidays)  
Taekwando, Community Centre, 5 to 6.30pm  
Caister Larder, The Spoon, 3.30pm to 6pm  
WI, Community Centre, 7.15pm for 7.30pm to 9.30pm, (2nd Monday of every month)  
Caister Netball Group, 6.30 till 8pm, Playing Field

## **Tuesdays**

Drop In Refreshments, Methodist Hall, 10am to 11.30am  
Cubs, Scout HQ, 6.30pm to 8pm  
Guides, High School, 7pm.  
Short Mat Bowls, Council Hall, 9.30 to 12.30pm  
Keep Fit, Council Hall, 1.30 pm to 2.30pm  
Job Club, Caister Library, 2 to 4pm  
Master Kickers, The Spoon, 9.30 to 10.15am  
Chatterbox Carers, The Spoon, 10.30am to 1pm, (1st Tuesday of the month)  
Caister School of Dance, Council Hall, 4pm till 8pm (Term time only)

## **Wednesday**

Short Mat Bowls, Council Hall, 8.45am to 11.45am.  
Beavers, Scout HQ, 6pm to 7.30pm.  
Taekwando, Community Centre, 5 to 7pm.  
NorSuf, Russells Run, Playing Field, 6pm to 7pm  
Caister Ladies, Church Hall, 7.30pm, (2nd Wednesday of the month)  
Caister Flower Club, Church Hall, 6.30pm. (3rd Wednesday of the month)  
Caister Ladies Keep Fit, Council Hall, 1.30pm to 3pm weekly  
Walking Football, Caister Playing Field, 7pm

## **Thursday**

Flegg Probus, California Tavern, 10am to 12noon  
Knit and Natter, Caister Library, 10.30 to 12.30  
Bounce and Rhyme, Caister Library, 12 to 12.30pm , Stay for a drink and a chat afterwards.  
Prize Bingo, Council Hall, 12.45 to 2.30pm  
Rainbows, Methodist Hall, 4.30pm to 6.30pm.  
Brownies, Methodist Hall, 5.45pm to 7.45pm.  
Scouts, Scout HQ, 7pm to 9pm.  
Caister School of Dance, Council Hall, 4.40pm to 8pm (Term time only)  
Soundwaves Community Singers, Church Hall, 7pm to 9pm (Except January)

## **Friday**

Chat and a Cuppa, Rabbit Hutch, Playing Field Pavilion, 1pm to 3pm.  
Scouts Explorer Group, Scout HQ, 6.30pm to 8.30pm.  
Lego Club, Caister Library, 3.45 to 4.45pm (Term Time only)  
Shortt Mat Bowls, Council Hall, 9.30am to 12.30pm  
Gospel Choir, Methodist Hall, 7.30pm to 9pm.  
Prize Bingo, Council Hall, 7pm to 10pm (fortnightly)  
Men Shed, The Spoon, 2pm  
Caister Larder, The Spoon, 9am to 11am

## **Saturday**

Caister School of Dance, Council Hall, 9am to 2.20pm  
Youth Club Auction, Council Hall, 4.30pm to 8.30pm (Fortnightly Alternating with the Prize Bingo)  
Prize Bingo, Council Hall, 7pm to 10pm (As above)  
Little Kickers, The Spoon, 8am to 12 noon

## **Sunday**

Harbour Lights Spiritual Group, Council Hall, 7pm to 9pm.

**If you would like to add your event to the list please contact the Parish Clerk on Tel No: 01493 738474**

# A message from the RSPB



**Many gulls numbers are in decline and some are on the red list.**

**Where gulls are nesting on rooftops, we understand this can cause incidents of dive-bombing when they are protecting their nest sites and chicks. Gulls are devoted parents, and this defence mechanism can occur when they feel threatened or in danger. If you are experiencing dive-bombing, we advise to use an umbrella when entering or leaving a property to deter the parents from getting too close.**

**Another problem can arise when people feed gulls. Given their competitive nature, they will fight each other to get to the food first, often resulting in them snatching the food item from the hand, so we do not advise to feed gulls. Their resourceful nature makes them perfectly capable of finding their own food.**

**Are gulls and their nests protected by the law?**

**In short, the answer is yes.**

**All species of gull are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 the two in the picture are Caister Gulls.**

**We would not advise anyone to feed gulls.**



# Caisters Rabbit Hutch

For the Community by the community

A place to have coffee cake and chat Caisters Community hub



**RABBIT HUTCH  
A TRUE  
COMMUNITY HUB  
FOR ALL**

**DOGS WELCOME WITH WELL  
BEHAVED OWNERS**

**KING GEORGE V FIELD**



**GIVE ME A COFFEE TO CHANGE THE THINGS I CAN  
AND THE BEACH TO ACCEPT THE THINGS I CANT**



Caisters Rabbit Hutch is a non profit coffee shop operated by volunteers all profits go back into improving facilities at the King George V field.

# Great Yarmouth Probus Club

Great Yarmouth and District Probus Club would like to invite retired and or semi retired gentlemen to consider joining us at our regular Wednesday morning meetings at 10am. We meet at the Assembly Rooms opposite Wellington Pier.

We now allow ladies as members eg several ladies from Caister Ladies Group who regularly attend our meetings and support our social activities.

There is no commitment to join until after three meetings. Please contact Norman Balls at 01493 722040 or by email to [normanballs@btinternet.com](mailto:normanballs@btinternet.com) for further information.

We have a varied speaker programme lined up for 2025.

07/05/25 Railways between the Wars "Adrian Wright"  
14/05/25 Life of Crime Part1 David HARRIS  
21/05/25 Life of Crime Part 2 David HARRIS  
28/05/25 Tour and Talk - Caister Lifeboat at Shed Paul Garrod

NO MEETING Summer Break

24/09/2025 Norwich Castle a royal palace reborn Hannah Jackson  
01/10/2025 Salvation Army work in Great Yarmouth Ali James Terrt. Envoy  
08/10/2025 Smart Radio Terry Sullivan  
15/10/2025 Rambles with Bob Bob Handford  
22/10/2025 Let me Entertain You Paul Dodson  
29/10/2025 Herring Fishing Mary Fewster  
05/11/2025 Pearls before poppies Paul Canwell  
12/11/2025 Visit Fire Brigade Museum Market Gates Colin Farrington  
19/11/2025 TBA Pip  
26/11/2025 Disaster Management Julian Frost  
03/12/2025 901 Cadets Paul Dodson



# What's On at Caister Community Centre



## Monday



East Norfolk Taekwondo 5pm – 6:30pm (Weekly) in Room 1.



For all Taekwondo sessions contact Andrew Meeson – 07788 253773



Caister Women's Institute on 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the Month



7:30pm – 9:30pm in Social Club Function Room.



Great Yarmouth Bird Club on 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the Month



7:30pm – 10:30pm in Social Club Function Room.

Contact: [steve.cantley@gmail.com](mailto:steve.cantley@gmail.com) for details

## Tuesday



Caister Chronic Illness Social Group



Next Meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month 2pm – 4pm

in Social Club Function Room. Contact Sheila Johnson - 07905 959905

## Wednesday



Caister Community Association Coffee Morning & Hot Spot  
10am to 2pm (Weekly) in Social Club Main Bar - Open to All



Beginners Pilates 11:15am – 12:15pm (Weekly) in Room 1.  
To book contact Sandra Newson 07838 637432



East Norfolk Taekwondo 5pm – 6pm (Weekly) in Room 1



Chi-Gong Gentle Exercise 7pm – 8pm (Weekly) in Room 1.  
To book contact [Jenn@SunAndMoon-QiGong.com](mailto:Jenn@SunAndMoon-QiGong.com)



## Thursday



Yoga for Life (All Levels) 10:30am – 12:00pm (Weekly) in Room 1  
To book contact Kathleen Addiss - 07840 287956



The Crafty Arty's - Arts & Crafts Group  
Thursday 12:15pm to 2:15pm - Contact group organiser for session dates  
Contact Melanie Everitt on – 07752 606742



Empowerment - Dance Exercise  
6:30pm – 7:30pm (Weekly) in Room 1  
To book contact Paige Hearn - 07834 471261



## Saturday



East Norfolk Taekwondo - 9:30am – 12:00pm (Weekly) in Room 1



Chair Based Exercise - 12:30pm to 1:15pm (Weekly) in Room1



Contact Andrew Meeson – 07788 253773



**1<sup>st</sup> Caister Scout Group  
The Scout Hut  
King George V Playing Field  
Kingston Avenue, Caister-on-Sea  
Great Yarmouth  
NR30 5ET**

### **Scout Trustee Board Vacancies**

**If you would like to help scouting but don't have the time to be a leader or helper, then our group trustee board is a great way of helping, our group with minimal time commitment but maximum impact.**

**Our group trustee board plays a key role in the day-to-day running of our group. The members make decisions and carry out administrative tasks to ensure that the best quality scouting can be delivered to young people in our sections. The board plays a very important part in the running of our group. In fact, we could not function properly without it!**

**Generally, the trustee board meets about 3-4 times a year.**

**Although the 'trustee' bit in our board's title makes it sound very formal, it is not like that at all - our board members are people like you! Everyone brings different skills and experiences and come from different backgrounds. This helps to ensure a variety of perspectives and a more rounded and effective board.**

**This is a rewarding role and is ideal if you would like to support the growth and development of young people and our leadership team but not by working directly with young people.**

**No previous experience of scouting or being a trustee is necessary. What's more important is your own skills and experience as well as empathy with our mission and values. We provide a warm welcome, a sociable network and some short online learning to support you and to help you get started as well as lots of ongoing support.**

**Being just a small part of scouting is great fun and it goes without saying that supporting young people can be one of the most rewarding things you can do. Apart from the Annual general Meeting the Trustee board meets about three times a year.**

**For further information please contact:**

**Ron Hanton (Chairman) Mobile 07575947041 – 01493 720070**

**Email: [mail.ronhanton@gmail.com](mailto:mail.ronhanton@gmail.com)**

## Proposed Persimmons Works in Caister

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October 2026 – Easter 2027

### Jack Chase Way

26 Weeks Traffic Lights Manual controlled 7:00-19:00 7 days a week

Reason: Construction of new Roundabout and entrance roads to Phase2&3 of development

Permit not yet issued

Persimmon Comment:

As part of the development access requirements and infrastructure improvements, there is a requirement to install a new pedestrian crossing from the development in line with existing playground near the water tower. Further to this we need to install a new roundabout to the north of the development as means of access. Where possible we are going to construct as much infrastructure whilst not affecting the highway along Jack Chase Way. However, to complete the connections to the existing road network, we will need Traffic Management to complete these works. We have been informed that the preference will be to have a longer period of traffic lights on Jack Chase Way, than having a shorter closure as we did for Jack Chase Way / Prince of Wales Junction.

## Caister Ladies Group

Caister Ladies Group is a social community group and hold meetings in the Church Hall, Caister at 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of the month for 9 months of the year. There is no meeting in August. In June and December members only have a lunch meeting instead of the evening meeting.

The speaker at the meeting in February was Pip Canwell who gave a talk on Ann Boleyn, the second wife of Henry V111, who was born in Norfolk at Blickling Hall. Pip delivered a very entertaining talk with many intriguing details about the Boleyn family. At the March meeting games of Hoy were played to raise funds for a donation to a local charity to be voted for by the members later in the year. The topic of the speaker after the games was Sarah Martin, our prison visitor. Janet Edwards told those attending about the life of Sarah Martin and the work she did in the local prison of the time. She is not well known as she didn't ever travel away from Caister and Gt. Yarmouth. At the April meeting the very talented Rachel Borenkova demonstrated how to make different styles of floral displays using Spring flowers. The completed displays were very kindly donated by Rachel for raffle prizes.

Guests are always welcome at the meetings for a fee of £2 for each visit.


The next meetings: -

14th May – Speaker is Chris Brown on Case for the Defence

11th June is a carvery lunch at the Lacon Arms for members only

9th July – Speaker is Norma Howell on Medical Detection Dogs followed by the AGM.

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Brill Wet Fish Shop	07598153970	Library	01493 720594
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Caister Community Art Group	01493 720366	Physically Disabled Swimming Club	01493 733565
Caister Cricket Club	01493 728987	Plunkets	07960 705109
Caister Cubs	01493 720090	Post Office/Nisa/Offords	01493 728081
Caister Foot Care	01493 722295	Premier Winifred Road Store	01493 720570
Caister Heritage Centre	07527 977613	Premier St Nicholas Drive	07881605539
Caister Infants School	01493 728560	Ryans Fish & Chips	07720880809
Caister in Bloom	07788200366	Scouts Explorer Group	01493 850400
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Caister Kebab and Pizza	01493 722900	Spicey Popadom	01493 377171
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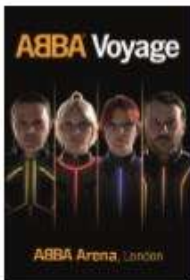
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5 day holiday £549 per person including four nights half board at the Park Manor Hotel, Scarborough | £60 deposit per person | No single person supplement (limited availability)

Our first short break of 2025 takes us to the east coast resort of Scarborough, and the sweeping landscapes of the North York Moors National Park. From our base in the bustling seaside town of Scarborough, we'll explore the rugged beauty of the landscape; step back in time at the North Yorkshire Moors Steam Railway; spend time exploring Castle Howard; and enjoy the vibrant town of Whitby, the home of Bram Stoker's 'Dracula'!

## Gloucester & The Cotswolds Friday 6 to Monday 9 June 2025

4 day holiday £395 per person including three nights half board at the Robinswood Hotel, Gloucester | £60 deposit per person | £45 single person supplement (limited availability)

Our second short break of 2025 takes us to the west of the country, and the beautiful Cotswolds landscape. From our base in Gloucester, we'll enjoy a relaxed weekend which will include a canal boat trip with time to explore Gloucester; and a full day trip to the magnificent Blenheim Palace, the seat of the Dukes of Marlborough. Our weekend will include journeys through and to The Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

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5 day holiday £525 per person including four nights half board at the Hotel Collingswood, Bournemouth | £60 deposit per person | £30 single person supplement (limited availability)

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In the meantime please consider your speed and keep within the required limits. Thank You. **Even when there is no display, the unit is still recording.**

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<b>Date:</b>	<b>March 2025</b>	<b>April 2025</b>	
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Average Speed Out	<b>24.93mph</b>		
Number of Vehicles In	<b>145,790</b>		
Number of Vehicles Out	<b>133,701</b>		
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