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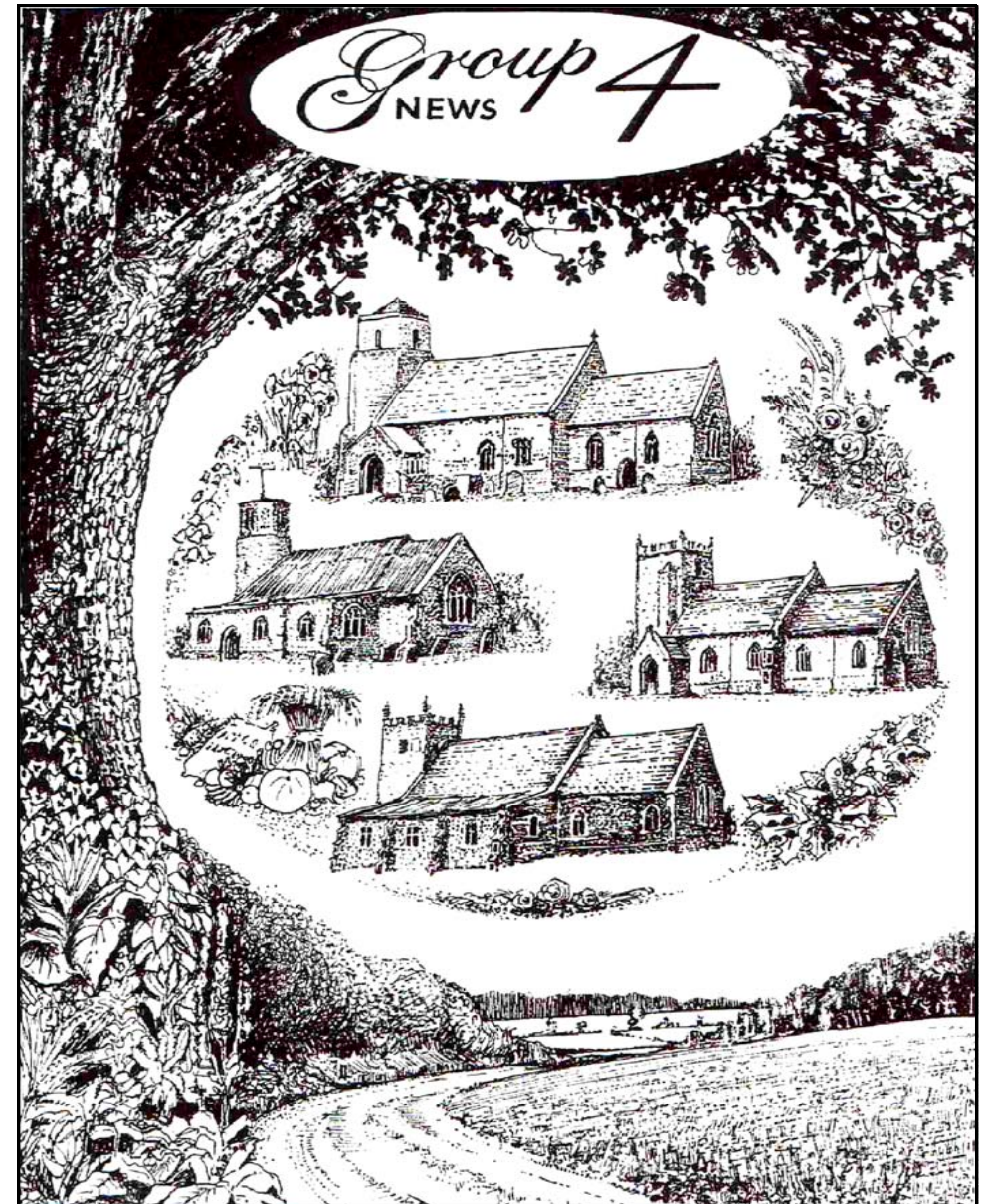
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WELCOME

There *are* signs of spring at last; spring flowers in bloom, ducks wandering up the road and some warmer temperatures. By the time this is published, the clocks will have changed and we can begin to enjoy the light after the long winter dark. There are plenty of events to enjoy in all our villages, not forgetting the four northern villages in our group. It's often amazing how many links there are across such a wide and diverse group of villages: church, choirs, WI, garden clubs, coffee mornings, family and friends, weaving a complex pattern of relationships. Not always successfully, but always interesting! A very happy Easter to all whom we know throughout the group.

As always, 'Happy Reading'
The Editorial Team
Eileen, Janet and Pam

Thanks to all contributors and apologies to any whose work has not been shown in this issue.

We promise to include your articles wherever and whenever possible. Please do keep them coming.

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- B Flowers and dies in the second year after sowing
- C She gardens near Colchester in Essex
- D 'Blow this' said the angel.
- E Up the gum tree
- F A new start for the doghouse
- G Not the black one in Parliament
- H The fragrant Mrs 'Bouquet' (Bucket)
- I Did John make the compost?
- J He owns Pensthorpe.
- K Kalanchoe girl
- L Colourful syringe
- M 'Dr Livingston, I presume?' said Daisy.
- N Dwarfing grandmother
- O Leaves produce this essential gas
- P Tree in your hand
- Q It will increase the alkaline balance in soil
- R Champagne crumble? I'll drink to that!
- S Oxalis with Irish connections
- T Knutsford, Cheshire, gardens
- U No fruit wants to look like this.....
- V This speedy girl is well
- W Isatis tinctoria (yellow flowers)
- X favours hedgerows and meadows - has eight legs!
- Y A raising agent
- Z trace element

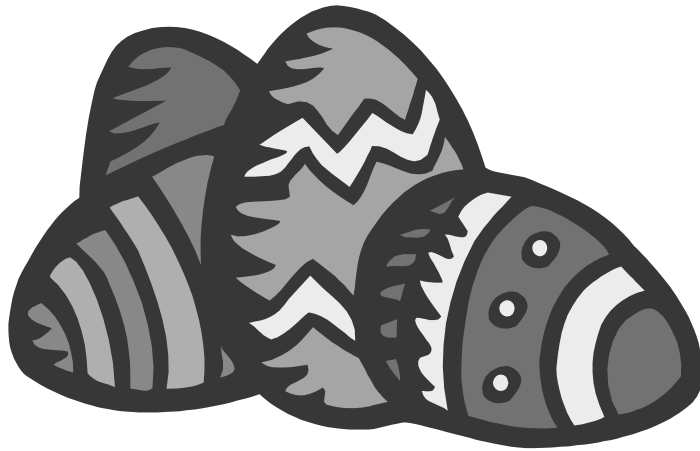
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'FROM THE RECTORY'

From the Bishop of Huntingdon

Thank you very much for the invitation to write again for your magazine. Last year I remembered too how easy it was for rural parishes to feel not blessed but forgotten – with Bishops that pass by on the other side like the one in the window at Hilgay.



Appointing a priest to your benefice is proving far harder than any of us imagined – but perhaps because of that you are not being forgotten! I often think of you, and those thoughts took a new turn recently when we realised that my wife's ancestor, William Jones, lived at Woodhall, near the very same Hilgay, so her family were once not passers-by but locals themselves. The watercolour shown here hangs on her mother's wall!

All this made me think how important a sense of **Place** is to us. Knowing *Where* we are is part of knowing *Who* we are; and when we know *Who* we are we start to understand *Why* we are, and *What* we should be about.

We can diagnose the ills of today under just these headings. We rush around in our cars and on the internet, but lose track of *where* we belong. Being individual is everything and we have choices which would flabbergast our forebears, but our communities are disappearing and *who* are we then? And opportunities exist now that could fill an encyclopaedia, but the old fashioned virtues of duty, vocation and service seem just that – so *why* do anything except look after number one?

Rural communities are at the front line of our mission to put the real life back into living. They are often the places under most threat, but they are also the places with the most opportunity. Here our local churches embody the **place** they are in, its history, its identity. They are places of **prayer** where people can rediscover themselves individually and together. And from that prayer flows a sense of **purpose** that can transform a whole community.

Mission Action Planning – but country style. Loving our old churches; loving one another; and taking God's love to all.

+ *David*

EASTER AT HOME (OR WHEREVER WE WILL BE)

Inevitably, in order to meet deadlines, an Easter message for G4N has to be written in mid Lent so any review of Lent will be incomplete. It is however worth an attempt because it is against authentic Lenten experiences that we can best experience the glorious personal and communal renewal that can be ours at Easter. (In our climate we can usually make some comparison such as emergence from a long dark winter into the bright freshness of Spring).

Lent will have been different for each of us and my prayer is that the reality of the Resurrection will put into perspective and perhaps clarify those issues that have confronted us during Lent. My rather reluctant Lenten agenda has been an unlooked for tussle with Truth. In looking for a leadership that points to what is true, I find that it is not so much words that reveal the Truth that is at the heart of our Christian faith, but actions. Pilate, desperate to do the self-justifying yet popular thing asks "What is Truth?". The actions and teaching of Jesus brought him to the point of trial. The saving actions of Christ in the life of the Church, our group of small communities, can and will reveal his truth. Truth in action will reveal the authentic life of the Church and it is that Truth that will both set us free and unite us.

The Church in Action (or what we can do to celebrate the Truth of Holy Week and Easter)

Palm Sunday We can stand up and be counted as we join in a short Procession with our palm crosses and a donkey and take part in the dramatised reading for the day.(Barton Bendish)

Maundy Thursday is the day when those who had been with Jesus in his trials (those of us who have struggled this Lent?), gathered together for a Fellowship meal (The Lord's Supper) at which they felt bound together as they went out into the dark night of self-denial and on into Good Friday with its very personal death to self in response to Jesus bearing our sins and those of the whole world.

In the churches there will be opportunities to reflect on the meaning of Good Friday both in quiet meditation and with music

at Wereham at 7pm (please see leaflet). It is the depth and darkness of Good Friday that eventually reveals the wonders of Easter with its new life for each of us, but recognized by what we do together.

Our Easter activities begin with the Easter ceremonies which include the new fire (yes a real bonfire) illuminating the dark of Holy Saturday evening and moving to the first Eucharist of Easter (in Boughton church). Easter cannot be secularised – the Resurrection was and is, supremely, God in action for each of us.

Palm Crosses, Hot Cross Buns, Easter Eggs and other chocolatey things are not Easter themselves but are signs, to be enjoyed, with which we celebrate God's actions for us and which help us to remember that his Truth is greater than words.

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COUNTRYSIDE NOTES

It was reported last summer that otters have returned to every county in England. There were only a few localised populations left so it's good to have some positive results that an animal has been rescued from the brink of extinction. Just as with our birds of prey their plight wasn't brought about through persecution or hunting, but by pollution and pesticides.

After the last war the need to increase food production led to intensive farming methods and a lot of mistakes were made but no one then was fully aware of the long term consequences. In the early 1950s habitat was destroyed under the plough, chicken and pigs moved out of the fields into huge sheds and organochlorine pesticides such as dieldrin, aldrin and DDT used extensively. These not only directly polluted rivers but over the years were shown to have secondary effects through residues building up in the prey species of predators resulting in an unforeseen chain reaction. Many predators died as a result of feeding on mice, voles and rats. Some like otters died from feeding on contaminated fish. It's thought their decline probably began in the 1800s when the industrial revolution polluted many of our waterways. It is greatly improved water quality as well as conservation measures which have brought about their revival.

The Otter Trust near Bungay (now closed) set up a breeding programme so that otters could be reintroduced to supplement the few that survived in the wild. This was such a success that three years ago there was no longer the need to breed otters in captivity as the areas in which they had been absent for twenty or thirty years were being naturally re-colonised. I used to work on a big estate near Thetford through which flowed two rivers. Otters don't have territories as such but ranges and, although they are aquatic animals, will travel long distances cross country. There were plenty of signs of otters but they were rarely seen, I never actually saw a live one. On two occasions dead ones were found run over on the road as they tried to cross from one river to the other. It was through investigating reports like ours that the Otter Trust was able to establish the success of the reintroductions for the ones they released had all been micro chipped. Unlike those around the coast in Scotland which hunt during daylight those living on inland waterways are mostly nocturnal. Strangely, although they are generally considered to be shy, they have been recorded on rivers in the centre of large towns and cities such as Winchester, Exeter, Middlesborough, Sunderland and West London and have also been discovered in greenhouses, straw bales and even abandoned cars! As nice as it is to have them back in our countryside they are carnivorous predators. It's good news that they will see off mink and kill rats but unfortunately they also have a great liking for fish and certainly aren't so welcome when they raid garden ponds and commercial fisheries. Eels, which have also greatly declined in recent years, are their favourite food and it would be a shame if the revival of one species led to another becoming extinct. It's also hoped that they don't turn their attentions to our decreasing stocks of wild salmon, trout and water voles.

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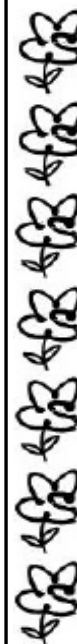
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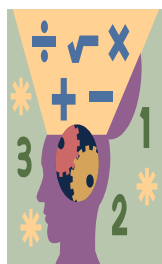
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Luke 23

¹And the whole multitude of them arose, and led him unto Pilate. ⁴Then said Pilate to the chief priests and to the people, I find no fault in this man. ⁵And they were the more fierce, saying, He stirreth up the people, teaching throughout all Jewry, beginning from Galilee to this place. ⁶When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked whether the man were a Galilaean. ⁷And as soon as he knew that he belonged unto Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who himself also was at Jerusalem at that time. ¹⁷(For of necessity he must release one unto them at the feast.) ¹⁸And they cried out all at once, saying, Away with this man, and release unto us Barabbas: ¹⁹(Who for a certain sedition made in the city, and for murder, was cast into prison.) ²⁰Pilate therefore, willing to release Jesus, spake again to them. ²¹But they cried, saying, Crucify him, crucify him. ²²And he said unto them the third time, Why, what evil hath he done? ²⁵And he released unto them him that for sedition and murder was cast into prison, whom they had desired; but he delivered Jesus to their will. ²⁶And as they led him away, they laid hold upon one Simon, a Cyrenian, coming out of the country, and on him they laid the cross, that he might bear it after Jesus. ²⁷And there followed him a great company of people, and of women, which also bewailed and lamented him. ³³And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left. ³⁴Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots. ³⁵And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided him, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God. ³⁶And the soldiers also mocked him, coming to him, and offering him vinegar, ³⁷And saying, If thou be the king of the Jews, save thyself. ⁵²This man went unto Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. ⁵³And he took it down, and wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a sepulchre that was hewn in stone, wherein never man before was laid.

Luke 24

¹Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them. ¹⁰It was Mary Magdalene and Joanna, and Mary the mother of James, and other women that were with them, which told these things unto the apostles. ¹²Then arose Peter, and ran unto the sepulchre; and stooping down, he beheld the linen clothes laid by themselves, and departed, wondering in himself at that which was come to pass. ¹³And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs. ³⁴Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon. ³⁹Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. ⁴⁵Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it was fitting for Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: ⁴⁷And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸And ye are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

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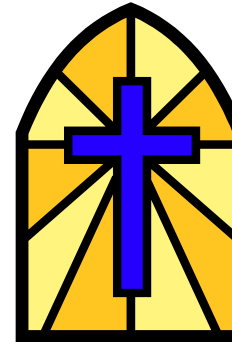
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LITERATURE GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

1. In which country is the beginning of "The Thorn Birds" set?
2. What was the occupation of Mellors in "Lady Chatterley's Lover"?
3. Who created the detective Maigret?
4. What was the name of Lord Peter Wimsey's butler?
5. For which novel was Boris Pasternak awarded the Nobel Prize in 1958?
6. Whose first collection of short stories entitled "In Our Time" was published in 1925?
7. In the book "Gulliver's Travels" by Jonathan Swift, what was Gulliver's occupation?
8. Name the four girls in Alcott's "Little Women"?
9. What was the surname of Cathy in "Wuthering Heights"?
10. Who wrote "The Ballard of Reading Gaol", based on his experiences 'inside'?
11. Who created the character of "Miss Marple"?
12. Whose first 'secret diary' was written when he was 13 and three-quarters?
13. Which novel by Jane Austen was originally entitled "First Impressions"?
14. What was the title of Mary Shelley's 'tale of terror'?
15. Who wrote the novel "The Mill on the Floss"?
16. Who wrote "Kidnapped"?
17. Which novelist revived the term 'Wessex' to represent the counties of South West England?
18. Whose short story "The Birds" was made into a film by Alfred Hitchcock?
19. "The Man of Property" was the first part of which series of novels?
20. Who wrote "The Compleat Angler"?

Answers on page 42

SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK



Palm Sunday March 28th 11 am .*Barton Bendish*
Group service of Holy Communion starting from *St Mary's*, Procession with donkey, palm crosses and dramatised Gospel reading.

6 pm Holy Communion *Marham*

Maundy Thursday April 1st 7 pm Holy Communion
(fellowship of the Lord's Supper and preparation for Easter)
stripping of the altar at *Barton Bendish*

Good Friday April 2nd Services of Meditation at:
Beachamwell (12 noon—12.45pm) and
Marham (1.00—1.45 pm)

Special Choral Service 7.00 pm at *Wereham*

Holy Saturday April 3rd 8 pm *Boughton* Easter Vigil
Out of Darkness into Light: Easter ceremonies with new fire, renewal of baptismal vows and first communion of Easter

Easter Sunday April 4th

Services of Holy Communion at 9.30 am:

Barton Bendish

Wereham

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Services of Holy Communion at 11 am:

Beachamwell

Shouldham

Marham

We hope you will feel able to attend one or more of these services during Holy Week and on Easter Sunday.

RECIPE FOR THE MONTH

FRENCH ONION SOUP

This is a great soup that you will be able to throw together with very little cost and fuss. The addition of the cheesy French bread just hits the spot. If you leave the bread in the soup to the end it will have soaked up the delicious liquid. For vegetarians; just use vegetable stock cubes instead of beef.

Serves 4

Ingredients

- 4 Teaspoons oil.
- 4 Teaspoons butter.
- 2 Large red onions, thinly sliced.
- 2 Cloves garlic, peeled and chopped.
- 4 Teaspoons flour.
- 2 Pints beef stock.
- Seasoning.
- 4 Rounds of French stick.
- A little grated cheese

Method

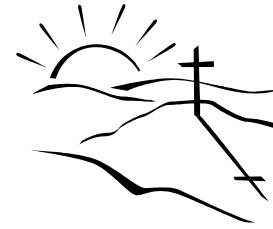
1. Heat the oil and butter in a pan and gently fry the onion and garlic for 8 minutes.
2. Sprinkle over the flour and cook gently, stirring, for another 2 minutes.
3. Gradually stir in the stock and bring up to the boil, stirring constantly.
4. Reduce the heat and simmer the soup gently for 25 minutes.
5. Just before the soup is ready, turn the grill on high and sprinkle the cheese on the French stick rounds.
6. Grill the bread until the cheese is bubbling.
7. Serve the soup piping hot with one cheesy French bread slice floating on the top.

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ABOUT EASTER



Easter is the time of the Christian year when Christians remember the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. They believe that Jesus, who they believe was the son of God, died for everyone's wrong-doings and then came back to life three days later to defeat death and evil: so if you believe in

Him you will live forever in Heaven.

The word 'Easter' comes from two old pagan spring festivals. The old European pagan festival of 'Ostara' that celebrated new life and Arabian Sun festival of 'Ishtar'. The early Christians took over the festivals and turned the pagan festivals of new life to mean the new life that Jesus gave the world when he rose from the dead. Unlike Christmas, when Jesus's birth is celebrated (although we don't know what time of year Jesus was born!), Easter is celebrated around the same time of year that he was killed. This is because Jesus died at the time of the Jewish Passover festival.

The Passover festival dates from about 4,000 years ago when Jewish people remember that God saved them from slavery in Egypt. Jesus was a Jew and so celebrated the Passover. Passover takes place in the first month of the Jewish New Year (14-15 of the month of Nisan). The Jewish calendar follows the cycle of the moon, so the date changes a bit every year.

The first Jewish Christians added Easter celebrations to the Passover festival and because Jesus rose from the dead on a Sunday, so Easter Day became the first Sunday after Passover.

Over the years, the Christian festival moved in date slightly from the Jewish Passover, so they don't now have the same date, but sometimes they are very close! The Christian date for Easter also follows the moon, so it also changes every year. To make things even more complicated, Orthodox Christians celebrate Easter, like Christmas, on a different day to Catholic and Western Christians!

For Christians, the full Easter period lasted for a long time. Easter officially starts with Lent on Ash Wednesday 46 days before Easter Day. (Lent lasts for 40 days but you don't count the Sundays!) Then 39 days after Easter Day, Christians celebrate Ascension Day, when they remember Jesus going back into Heaven and promising to come back to earth one day. Easter officially ends 49 days after Easter Day with the Christian Festival of Pentecost or Whitsun, when Christians remember that God sent his Holy Spirit to help Christians. So Easter is a very busy time for Christians!

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PASSION PLAYS

In medieval Europe, most people could not read or write, so they had to be told Bible stories rather than reading them.

Passion Plays were the plays telling the Easter Story. They were called Passion Plays because the word 'Passion' is sometimes used to mean that Jesus loved everyone so much that he died for us.

One of the most famous Passion Plays that is still performed takes place in the German village of Oberammergau. They do this to say 'Thank You' to God because he saved the village from the black death in 1633. These Passion Plays are held every ten years. The whole village takes part and the whole play lasts eight hours! The performances go on for several months.

Passion Plays are also performed in York in the UK, Spain, Italy, Mexico, the U.S.A and other countries. Sometimes the plays are performed in the old language that would have been used in medieval times.



GARDENING TIPS

As I write this, in the middle of March, there is the hope that spring may at last be on the horizon. Whatever happens this year, gardeners will be well behind their normal work schedule. This means that everything needs to be done at the same time. I suggest making a list of the jobs, prioritise them and then work steadily through the various tasks. This makes life much easier than trying to think about them all at the same time. Hopefully, by the time you read this, the ground will be drier and warmer and perhaps some spring flowers will be out.

Undoubtedly we shall all find that some of our cherished plants will have suffered damage and even dieback due to the severe winter conditions. Don't be afraid to prune back hard where necessary to remove all suspect material. If not already done, roses need pruning now. HT roses, now categorised as 'large bloom', should be cut back hard to produce high quality flowers. Floribundas, now known as cluster roses, should not be cut back quite so hard, say to about 18" (45 cm), but in all cases cut out all weak growth. Climbing varieties need all old flowering shoots cut back to the main stems which should be bent over in a smooth curve and tied down to their supports causing the plant to produce nice new upright growths from the old stems for the new season's flowers. When pruned it is a good idea to clean up round the plants, disposing safely of any old leaves that had black spot. Give the bushes a good feed, and if you believe in them, spray with both fungicide and pesticide.

Many lawns that I have seen are in a poor way after the hard winter. Any moss needs treating, the lawns need scarifying and if hard, spiking. A good feed at this stage is always recommended. A nicely cut and trimmed lawn is a joy to behold but, please don't cut them too short. Cutting lawns too short can encourage moss growth and does not help them in dry weather. The minimum should be a cut of 1" but much better to leave the cut at 1 1/2". The latter may of course mean cutting more often!

All perennials need tidying up at this time cutting down the old season's growth and carefully removing all of the old dead growth from around the base of the plants, particularly important with Hostas to try to keep the slugs at bay!

If not already done, a start can now be made with the main vegetable sowings. It's still too early for carrots and beetroot unless you can offer adequate protection against a late frost but most others will be fine.

I wish you successful gardening.

Roy Coughtrey (former Show Secretary of Downham Market and District Horticultural Society)

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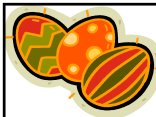
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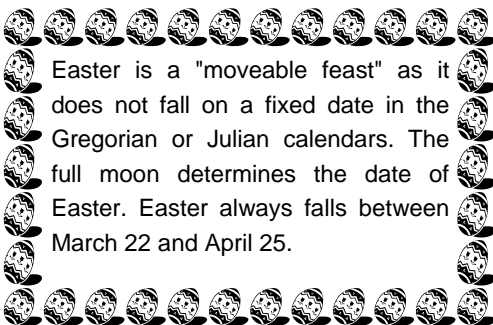
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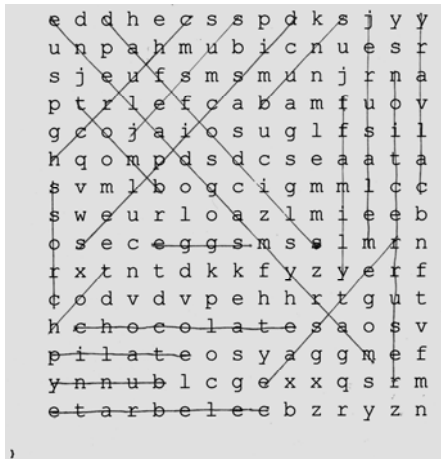
Answers to Quiz on page 53

- Aquilegia (granny's bonnet)
- Biennial
- Chatto (Beth)
- Datura
- Eucalyptus
- Fennel
- Golden Rod
- Hyacinth
- Innes
- Jordan (cereals)
- Katie
- Lilac
- Mesembryanthemum
- Nana
- Oxygen
- Palm
- Quicklime
- Rhubarb
- Shamrock
- Tatton Park
- Ugly
- Veronica
- Woad
- Xysticus cristatus Crab Spider
- Yeast
- Zinc



Easter is a "moveable feast" as it does not fall on a fixed date in the Gregorian or Julian calendars. The full moon determines the date of Easter. Easter always falls between March 22 and April 25.

Wordsearch solution from page 52



Answers to Literature quiz on page 46

1. **Australia.**
2. **Gamekeeper.**
3. **Georges Simenon.**
4. **Bunter.**
5. **Dr. Zhivago (incidentally he refused to accept the award).**
6. **Ernest Hemingway.**
7. **Surgeon.**
8. **They were Jo, Meg, Beth and Amy.**
9. **Earnshaw.**
10. **Oscar Wilde.**
11. **Agatha Christie.**
12. **Adrian Mole.**
13. **Pride and Prejudice.**
14. **Frankenstein.**
15. **George Eliot.**
16. **Robert Louis Stevenson.**
17. **Thomas Hardy.**
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19. **The Forsythe Saga.**
20. **Isaak Walton.**

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My conclusion, I am really enjoying myself. It is hard work fitting the reading and essays around a full time job. However I am supported in many ways by many people and it has developed me in my Christian life. I would say speak to someone if you feel God is asking.

Moirsa Saunders

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BECOMING A LICENCED LAY MINISTER

Last year I wrote a piece about my LLM course as I finished my first module on the Old Testament. I thought you may be interested in an update. Firstly LLM means Licensed Lay Minister, previously called Reader. At the time, the question was asked as to how thorough the course is. Well I think I can say it is thorough. Ely diocese want to produce well trained, well prepared candidates and this starts with the course being three and half years long.

I loved the Old Testament and the shortened look in ten weeks. It put the history together for me and how the prophets fit in, in the later sections. We should heed their warnings. As many of my Church know I have fallen in love with the psalms and would recommend anyone to dip in and let the words flow over you. Next we looked at the New Testament, looking at the life of Christ and his preaching followed by the letters of Christ's followers. What an insight into life at the time and the newly growing Church; the introduction of the Gentiles into the new faith of Christianity. Again many good words still relevant today in our Churches.

Alongside these two modules, ran the Preaching 1 unit, preparing me for writing and giving sermons. I have given two official sermons with feedback forms at the end – did you think Ofsted style was only in schools!?! My teaching background has helped in the preparation and I have enjoyed the background reading.

No sooner had Christmas finished then it was the start of the Ethics module. This looks at Christian beliefs to issues and how our experiences and background may affect our views. It has been challenging as I am quite private in some things and we are looking at issues that perhaps people avoid discussing until they meet it head long. It has been good to look at the bible references and the messages from God on the issues. Some issues, however, have little reference in the bible and it is deciding how it all fits in with the larger picture. Currently the Church of England Synod faces making decisions on the issues of Woman Bishops, 'Gay' clergy and Civil Partnerships. These are all very emotive subjects and all with different groups offering different interpretations and opinions. It is important that we look at what we believe and understand from God's word. The module concludes with a 2500 word essay, an outline sermon and a presentation, as do most of the modules. The ethics is taught by an A Level Ethics teacher who says that in an evening we cover what it would take three weeks of lessons to cover, so I know we are working at a good standard.

After Easter I start the module on Doctrine. The headings sound deep so I'll update you after the module finishes. Alongside this runs my preaching 2 unit which will prepare me for further sermons, so watch for the adverts!!

Next year I join the ALM course. The ALM's focus on different areas within the Church such as Pastoral, Youth, Leading Worship, Music, Social awareness. If you are interested, enrolment is now being taken for the year's course starting in September 2010. Look on the Ely diocese website www.ely.anglican.org under ministry or I have some information



April 6th 2010

Eddie Seale's Big Band
Tuesday 8.00 -10.30pm
Swaffham Assembly Rooms

April 25th 2010

Jon Stallworthy Poet
(Wilfred Owen Society)
Sunday 3.00 - 5.00pm
Swaffham Assembly Rooms

May 23rd 2010

Natyapriya
Indian Classical, Contemporary
and Folk Dance
Sunday 3.00 - 5.00pm
Swaffham Assembly Rooms

Box Offices

Ceres Bookshop: 20 London
Street, Swaffham 01760
722504

Green Parrot: Market Place,
Swaffham 01760 724704

Further Information

Eileen Powell 01366 328648

**'AFTERNOON TEA'
and a chat**

Wednesday
May 19th
2 - 4pm

Beachamwell
Memorial Hall

Enquiries: Sonia Williams
01366 328774

**Wereham Village
Hall**

Hall of Stalls

Saturday
May 22nd

Enquiries:

Angela 01366 500115 or
Diane 01366 500798

BARTON BENDISH VILLAGE HALL HANGING BASKET OR SUMMER CONTAINER WORKSHOP

Friday **May 21st** 7.30pm

Always wanted to have a go at planting up a hanging basket or a container but didn't know where to start? Well here is the opportunity to have a go. All plants, compost and baskets provided. Bring along a favourite container if you have one. Just bring a small knife and perhaps an apron as it may get a little messy!!

Please book a place in advance with Linda 347563 or Mhari 347849 before 30th of April in order that plants etc can be purchased.

Tickets £15 which includes a tea or coffee.

*Mhari Blanchfield 01366 347849
or Linda Webster 01366 347563*

Advance notice!

VILLAGE OPEN GARDENS DAYS

The four villages of the Barton Bendish half of the benefice will all be having their annual 'Open Gardens' events this June. Each one is different, but each one offers you the chance to see and enjoy a range of lovely gardens. They aren't all large, or perfect, but all are lovingly tended by proud owners. There are teas, lunches, plants for sale, other stalls and entertainments. Dogs are usually welcome as well! What more could you want? Make a note of the dates:

Beachamwell Sunday June 6th

Boughton Sunday June 13th

Wereham Sunday June 20th

Barton Bendish Sunday June
27th

If you are able to open your garden, or help in any other way, please contact your churchwardens for details. These are important fundraisers for the churches, so we look forward to seeing you.

BORROW, DISCOVER, CONNECT AT NORFOLK LIBRARIES

by Linda Tree (Community/Information Librarian)

The library has something for everyone and it's free to join. There are books, films and activities for all ages as well as information in books and online for school projects and hobbies.

The PCs have free internet access and email and can be used to access the Norfolk Online Reference Library which contains a wealth of carefully researched reference information on a range of subjects including the arts, business, law, current affairs, local history, health, sport and travel.

Information on local services is provided by the **council@yourlibrary** service. Library staff can help you to find answers to questions on local services or sign post you to further help when necessary. You can even call your councils, the police, the local Citizens Advice Bureau, Job Seeker Direct, Home Options and Consumer Direct on a free phone if you need to.

You can research local and family history at King's Lynn library where there is a vast Local History Collection including Parish Registers, maps, newspaper cuttings, photographs and much more. Why not attend one of our talks or go on one of our "Walk'n'Talks", where you can engage in healthy walking whilst learning about our local heritage. These take place in Norfolk History Month in September.

In addition, from the library home page you can visit *Picture Norfolk* which is a database of over 16,000 Norfolk images from the last 150 years, plus several other "local" databases set up by Norfolk Libraries, Museums and Record Office.

But there are many things happening in Norfolk Libraries throughout the year why not pop in to see us and discover out what we can do for you...

For further information about any of the events or services available from the library please telephone (01553) 772568 or email kings.lynn.lib@norfolk.gov.uk

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY CONTINUED

18. **October 20th** Wednesday Tea & Chat, 2 - 4 *Beachamwell Memorial Hall*

Sonia Williams 01366 328774

19. **November 12th** Race Night

Patricia Evans 01366 501395

20. **November 17th** Wednesday Tea & Chat, 2 - 4 *Beachamwell Memorial Hall*

Sonia Williams 01366 328774

21. **November 25th/26th** Thursday/Friday Christmas Wreath Workshop BB

Mhari Blanchfield 01366 347849 or Linda Webster 01366 347563

22. **December 4th/5th** Saturday/Sunday Christmas Tree Festival & Hall of Stalls

Linda Webster 01366 347563 & Mhari Blanchfield 013666 347849

23. **December 15th** Wednesday Tea & Chat, 2 - 4 *Beachamwell Memorial Hall*

Sonia Williams 01366 328774

There will be a Car boot Sale in Wereham during August but the date has yet to be decided. For more details please phone

Doreen 01366 500218 or Janet 01366 500732

ART @ Stoke Ferry Church Free Exhibition

May 22nd to June 6th 2010

Every Day 10 - 5 "In it's second successful year "ART @ Stoke Ferry" offers a superb range of over 100 paintings by the "All Saints' Painters".

We use a variety of media to portray subjects as diverse as wild life; sea and landscapes; abstracts; still life and flowers.

Over 500 visitors were welcomed during 2009.

This 2010 exhibition demonstrates the way we have honed our skills and developed new techniques during the past year. We hope you will join us, bringing all your friends and relatives to enjoy our work. For more details please 'phone Teresa Waller on 01366 501369"

Swaffham & District Swimming Pool Association

AGM

Monday 19th April 7.30

Swaffham Assembly Rooms

BARTON BENDISH & EASTMOOR VILLAGE NEWS

Hopefully by the time everyone reads this we will have had some nice spring weather. I thought when we had such a mild autumn that the winter would seem short but it dragged on and on. Once we got rid of the snow and ice it was replaced at the end of February with cold rain - and rather a lot of it too! Then all of sudden March arrived and hurrah so did the sun but not the warmth. **Jill Mason**

Spring is here (well nearly)

To help brighten up the village Chalk Farm Nursery has donated several hundred daffodil bulbs. These have been planted at various places around the village signs and along the hedgerows.

Thank you for this kind gesture and we hope this will help the villagers think of you for many years to come. **Keith Benn**

The Spread Eagle

Lori and Martin have recently left the pub and sadly at the moment it stands empty and forlorn. I think I speak for nearly everyone in the village in expressing the hope that some one will soon take it over and turn it into a village friendly pub with a homely atmosphere. In the present economic climate there aren't too many people willing to take on a business such as that especially in a small village like Barton. It would be very sad if its closure became permanent. **Jill Mason**

Boughton Quiz

Two teams represented the village as well as one fielded by Eastmoor at the Boughton Quiz Night in the Village Hall. While none of us quite managed to win it neither did we disgrace ourselves. It's only a bit of fun and I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as our team did. Thanks Boughton – hope you raised a fair amount. **Jill Mason**

THE PANTOMIME

The total amount raised by the Panto was £1,653.81. After expenses were deducted Barton Bendish, Boughton and Wereham each received £541.27. **Eileen Richardson**

Swaffham Community Hospital

The Christmas collection for Swaffham Community Hospital from Barton Bendish came to an impressive £75.50. Many thankyou's to the good folk who contributed. **Lissa Kinsey**

QUIZ SHEET

Linda has brought out another Quiz Sheet in aid of St Andrew's Church, a numerical one this time. At first sight it appears a bit daunting but once you get the hang of it it's not as

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bad as it looks - or so I'm told! See the advert on Page 20 *Jill Mason*

Mayor's Civic Awards 2010

Barton Bendish Parish Council is very pleased to announce that David Mason has received the Mayor of King's Lynn Civic Award in recognition of all his work on behalf St Andrew's and our Village Hall.

David is a keen naturalist and photographer and has raised hundreds of pounds for the church and the hall by both giving illustrated talks on his travels and donating a portion of the income from the sales of wildlife photographs at our various village functions. He has given unstintingly of his time to making improvements in and around the church and particularly the village hall which he has helped to redecorate totally. He will put his hand to anything including painting and carpentry all of which he does with no fuss and only those working with him know just how much he has done. He has also spent much time researching the archives of the village and has compiled a photographic encyclopedia from the early 1800's to the present day together with a DVD on Barton Bendish and its history with which again he has raised funds for the church.

He is a tireless supporter of village events and is a reliable pair of hands when it comes to preparation for these events and, perhaps even more important, clearing up afterwards!

David received his award at a ceremony in King's Lynn Town Hall on Tuesday evening, 9th March. I am sure that the whole village will agree when I say very well done David, and thoroughly deserved!

Jill Mason

Baptism

Barnaby John Wales was christened at St Andrew's Church on Sunday February 28th

Parish Council Meeting 3rd February, 2010

1. The meeting was attended by five Councillors, one Borough Councillor, the Parish Clerk and three members of the public.

2. Norfolk Highways have been asked to action several items concerning the roads and verges around Barton Bendish, including:
 - a. Hedge and verge trimming at the junction of White's Road and the A1122.
 - b. Digging out of drainage traps on all roads.
 - c. Repairs to the verge beside Mason's clamp on Fincham Road.
 - d. Repair to tarmac around manhole in Church Road.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1. **June 5th** Saturday Tots Bingo *Wereham Village Hall*
Angela 01366 500115
2. **June 6th** Sunday Beachamwell Open Gardens
Alan Butler 01366 328817
3. **June 13th** Sunday Boughton Open Gardens
Pam Wakeling 01366 500429
4. **June 16th** Wednesday Tea & Chat, 2 - 4 *Beachamwell Memorial Hall*
Sonia Williams 01366 328774
5. **June 20th** Sunday Wereham Open Gardens
Lizzie Baddock 01366 500233
6. **June 27th** Sunday Barton Bendish Open Gardens
Maureen Tasker 01366 347432
7. **July 3rd** Saturday Boughton Village Hog Roast
Moira Saunders 01366 500955
8. **July 11th** Sunday Barton Bendish Jazz Picnic
Mhari Blanchfield 01366 347849 or Linda Webster 01366 347563
9. **July 18th** Wereham Festival Day
Lizzie Baddock 01366 500233
10. **July 21st** Wednesday Tea & Chat, 2 - 4 *Beachamwell Memorial Hall*
Sonia Williams 01366 328774
11. **July 24th** Sunday Boughton Jazz Picnic
Paul Coulten 01366 500315
12. **August 8th** Sunday Barton Bendish Vintage Car Rally & Summer Fete
Mhari Blanchfield 01366 347849 or Linda Webster 01366 347563
13. **August 18th** Wednesday Tea & Chat, 2 - 4 *Beachamwell Memorial Hall*
Sonia Williams 01366 328774
14. **August 22nd** Sunday Beachamwell Horticultural Show - Memorial Hall
Dave Guild 01366 328525 and Carole Wilson 01366 328628
15. **September 3rd** Friday Evening of Cheese, Wine and Canapés
John & Gill Sanderson 01366 328818
16. **September 5th** Sunday Beachamwell Village & Country Fair
Caroline Sanderson 01366 328244
17. **September 15th** Wednesday Tea & Chat, 2 - 4 *Beachamwell Memorial Hall*

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

Calling all Word Game and Crossword Fans!

Look out for the next Barton Bendish quiz sheet. There are 60 questions with answers all on a 'numbers in phrases' theme. This quiz will keep you entertained for hours and only costs £1! There is a prize of £15 for the winner. Names of correct entries (or those who have the highest number of correct answers) will be put 'into a hat' and the winner drawn on 28th May.

To get your sheet you can contact;

Mhari Blanchfield 01366 347 849 (Barton Bendish)

Linda Webster 01366 347563 (Barton Bendish)

Jill Mason 01366 347928 (Barton Bendish)

Margaret Webster 01366 328888 (Beachamwell)

Debbie Fisher 01366 502224 (Boughton)

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT!!

Hotel Key Cards

This is pretty good information. Never even thought about key cards containing anything other than an access code for the room! Ever wonder what is on your magnetic key card?

Answer: a. Customer's name b. Customer's partial home address c. Hotel room number d. Check-in date and out dates e. Customer's credit card number and expiration date!

When you turn them in to the front desk your personal information is there for any employee to access by simply scanning the card in the hotel scanner. An employee can take a hand full of cards home and using a scanning device, access the information onto a laptop computer and go shopping at your expense. Simply put, hotels do not erase the information on these cards until an employee reissues the card to the next hotel guest. At that time, the new guest's information is electronically 'overwritten' on the card and the previous guest's information is erased in the overwriting process. But until the card is rewritten for the next guest, it usually is kept in a drawer at the front desk with **YOUR INFORMATION ON IT!**

The bottom line is: Keep the cards, take them home with you, or destroy them. NEVER leave them behind in the room or room wastebasket and NEVER turn them into the front desk when you check out of a room. They will not charge you for the card (it's illegal) and you'll be sure you are not leaving a lot of valuable personal information on it that could be easily lifted off with any simple scanning device card reader.

For the same reason, if you arrive at the airport and discover you still have the card key in your pocket, do not toss it in an airport trash basket. Take it home and destroy it by cutting it up, especially through the electronic information strip!

If you have a small magnet, pass it across the magnetic strip several times. Then try it in the door, it will not work. It erases everything on the card.

Information courtesy of: Queensland Police Service. **Hans and Elizabeth Hager**

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3. Councillors Richardson and English are arranging an on-site meeting with Anglian Water to discuss the smell from the sewage plant.

4. A new gritting route for the village has been requested which will mean that the gritting lorry will turn left from the top of Fincham Road and come round through the village via Buttlands Lane and Church Road. It is hoped that this change will be implemented for next winter.

5. The Parish Council is still negotiating with BT and the Borough Council regarding the retention of the red telephone boxes in Barton Bendish and Eastmoor. There is no danger of losing them but the bureaucracy grinds on!

6. Councillor R. Lord has proposed that a board be prepared which shows the names of all the Chairmen of the Parish Council since it was created in 1894. The next issue of Group Four will contain this list and the Council would be very grateful if those whose memories go back far enough could check name spellings, dates in office, etc and advise the Parish Clerk of any identified errors.

7. The Council took note of a letter from Ely Diocese regarding the future of the Rectory as it is not intended that any future vicar of St Andrews should live there. Correspondence on this matter is currently on-going between the Parochial Church Council and the Diocese.

8. The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Wednesday, 5th May, 2010 in the Village Hall. This will start with the Annual General Meeting which will be followed by an Ordinary Meeting.

Lt Col I.R.Berchem , Parish Clerk.

Forthcoming Events

FAMILY COFFEE MORNING EASTER SATURDAY

Please bring the family along to our coffee morning on 3rd April in aid of the Village Hall. There will be something for everyone and the more people who enter the competitions the more fun it will be. Apart from the usual running costs funds are needed to purchase a shed for additional storage as the store room is now full to overflowing. See advert on page 18

HANGING BASKET/ SUMMER CONTAINER WORKSHOP MAY 21st

21st May - Evening Workshop – Planting a Summer Container See advert on page 22

BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

St Mary's News

I do hope that Spring has arrived by the time the April edition of Group4 arrives on your doorstep and that we are all able to spend more time in the garden. I would once again ask for your help when you are out and about in the village. We have been reminded that the theft of copper, lead and other metals from church roofs, guttering and lightning conductors is still widespread due to the high price of these materials. There is no work scheduled for the roof or guttering of St Mary's Church in the foreseeable future and we would greatly appreciate your help in protecting our church from such theft. If you notice anything suspicious happening on the roof we would be very grateful if you would contact either of the churchwardens or the police.

St Mary's Vestry Meeting and AGM will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 8th April. We look forward to seeing as many people as possible at this open meeting and if there are any items you would like discussed please let us know either beforehand or at the meeting.

We have two events for your diary and look forward to seeing you there:-

1. Sunday 2nd May - Beachamwell Half-Marathon – Please support the Half-Marathon by either taking part or coming to support the runners, walkers and cyclists when they set off from the Village Hall at 9 a.m.
2. Sunday 6th June - Open Gardens Day - with the Hilgay Silver Band on the Village Green, Ouse Washes Molly Dancers at the Old Rectory, Organ Recital in the Church, Treasure Hunt and lots more to do and see.

Don't forget – Afternoon Tea and Cakes on Wednesday 21st April in the Village Hall from 2 - 4 p.m.

Graham Williams (Churchwarden)

Flower Rota:

4th Easter Sunday Several People; 11th Gill Sanderson; 18th Sheila Smith; 25th Sonia Williams

Eileen Powell

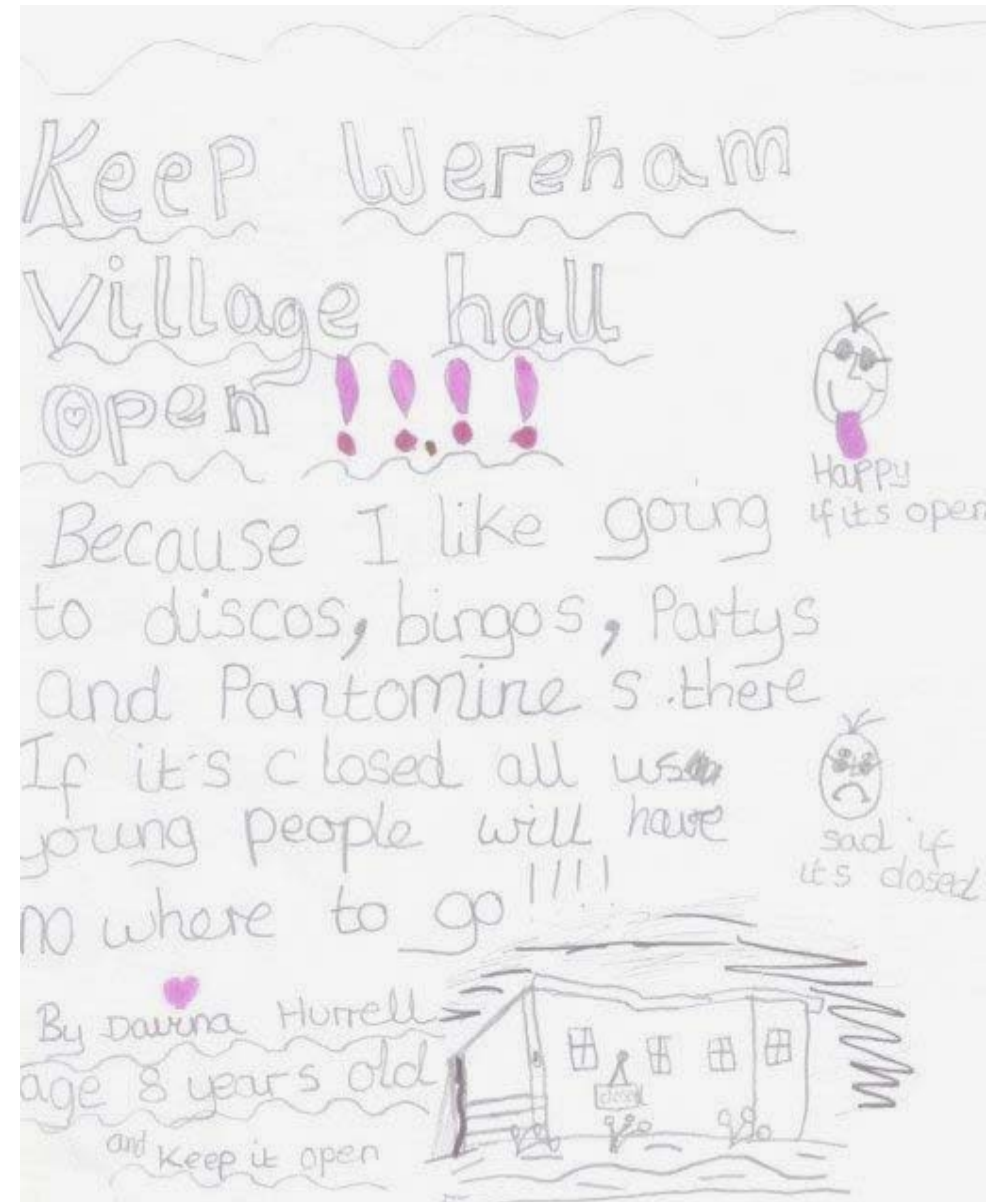
WI:

Our speaker was David White from RSPB Lakenheath Fen with his talk entitled 'From Carrots to Bitterns'. He told us how the reserve had been turned from carrot fields back to a fen with lots of hard work from machines and volunteers. Together with some lovely photos he described the process and then told us of the birds and animals who now inhabit the reserve. An enjoyable and interesting talk by a knowledgeable and likeable young man.

Jenny Gabrielsen

WEREHAM VILLAGE NEWS

A younger member of the village has their say.....



WEREHAM VILLAGE NEWS

Children's Easter Disco

FRIDAY 9TH APRIL IN WEREHAM VILLAGE HALL

DISCO DANCING, FUN AND GAMES, FACE PAINTING (£2.00 extra), LIGHT SUPPER AND MUCH MORE. COME AND JOIN US FOR WHAT WILL BE A GREAT EVENING.

ALL CHILDREN WELCOME UP TO THE AGE OF 11 YEARS.

ADMISSION £5.00, UNDER 3 YRS £3.00

A small Easter gift for each child.

Book early to avoid disappointment by calling Louise on 501130 or Sam on 501419.

Proceeds go to Village Hall Project

Open Gardens 2010

Just a reminder that I will be organising Open Gardens in Wereham again this year on June 20th. Spring is round the corner and it will soon be time to start gardening again. If you had thought about opening this year I would be delighted to hear from you.

Lizzie Baddock 500233

St Margaret's Wereham – calling all Local Performers...

A warm invitation is extended to all who would like to take part in our next concert on Friday 21st May at 7.30pm

**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE
WEREHAM
VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE
will be held on Tuesday 13th April
starting at 7.30
in the village hall**

**Members of the public
are most welcome**

BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

Thought for the Month

Happiness is rather like a slick Magician's trick,
Now you see it, now you don't, the movement can be quick.
Though it seems to come and go, we're regularly shown
That happiness appears to have a magic of its own

Eileen Powell

Parish Council:

The next meetings (AGM & Parish Council) will be on May 10th. As always, everyone welcome.

Susie Brunton of Drymere

Susie was born at Gooderstone 95 years ago and had three younger brothers. She was a cook at the Grammar School in Swaffham before she married Charlie in 1936 and went to live at Drymere. After a while working for the Forestry she became a housewife and was well known in the family for being a good cook and always had a cake in the pantry. With her husband Charlie, she was a regular worshiper at Shingham Methodist Chapel for many years until it closed. Many Preachers had tea at Drymere between afternoon and evening services on Sundays with the table laden with home cooked fare. She helped with the Sunday School and spent many hours writing out recitations for the children in the anniversaries.

Over the years she gave a home to several relations and looked after them.

She was a prolific letter witter and kept in touch with many people for many years and always sent out lots of birthday and Christmas cards.

After a fall last October and a spell in Swaffham Hospital, she moved to the Paddocks Care Home and then into Westfields where she died on 18th February 2010.

She had a long and happy life in her quiet way.

June Banwell (Susie's niece)

Susie was our longest serving resident of Drymere and had many stories to tell of past times in the early days of the Forestry Commission at Drymere, local events and local families. I enjoyed our occasional chats when she would tell about her memories of the past or show me her collection of wonderful old photos. She was a link to a long gone way of life and will be sadly missed.

Janet Blackburn (Drymere resident)

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS

DATE	VILLAGE	LOCATION	TIME
Thursday 1st Apr	Beachamwell	Post Office	10:50 am
Thursday 22nd Apr		Chestnut Walk	11:30 am
	Drymere	Telephone Box	11:55 am
Thursday 15th Apr	Barton Bendish	Hatherley Gardens	3:25 pm
Friday 23rd Apr	Wereham	Chequers, Flegg Green	11:10 am
		The Pond	11:25 am
		Back Street	11:40 am
		Queen's Close	12:00 pm
	Boughton	Mill Hill Road	12:25 pm
		Sycamore House	12:45 pm

Services to ALL 'Group 4' villages run to a 3-weekly pattern (www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries)

For Beachamwell service enquiries contact Watton Library (01953 881671)

For service enquiries to other villages call Downham Market Library (01366 383073)

VILLAGE BUS SERVICES

FROM	ROUTE	OPERATOR	DESTINATION
Barton Bendish	31 (Saturday)	Lewis Coaches	Swaffham
Beachamwell	31 (Saturday)	Lewis Coaches	Swaffham
	18 (Tuesday)	Eagles Coaches	King's.Lynn & Swaffham
Boughton	18 (Tuesday)	Eagles Coaches	King's.Lynn & Swaffham
Wereham	28 (Mon to Sat)	Coach Services	King's Lynn
	40 (Mon to Sat)	Coach Services	Thetford/Downham

Timetable requests:- (01603) 228888, Traveline (08706) 082608 (www.traveline.org.uk)

FARMERS' MARKETS

Ely (Farmer)	2 nd and 4 th Saturday (10 th and 24 th)
Fakenham (Farmer)	4 th Saturday in each month
King's Lynn (Farmer)	3 rd Friday of each month (16 th)
Swaffham (Indoor)	Every Friday 9:00am to 1:00pm
Watton (Farmer)	1 st Saturday in each month, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm (3 rd)

For information:- www.farmersmarkets.net or your local Tourist Information Office

VILLAGE AND PARISH HALL BOOKINGS

Barton Bendish	Bill Tasker	01366 347432
Beachamwell	Caroline Sanderson	01366 328244
Wereham	Doreen Rolph	01366 500218

WEREHAM VILLAGE NEWS

Bill Ward

Sadly, after a prolonged illness, Bill Ward of Wereham passed away on the 23rd February. His wife Barbara and family greatly appreciate the cards and kind words of sympathy from their friends in the village. A service marking a celebration of Bill's life is being arranged for Tuesday 4th May at St Margaret's church and all friends are invited to attend.

Wereham Tots

A Prize Bingo evening will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 5th June at 7.30pm.

We will be joining forces with Little Oak's Pre-school for this event. The proceeds will be divided. Hopefully this will enable us to treat our 'tots' to a summer outing and it will enable Little Oak's to purchase some new equipment.

Donations of prizes will be most gratefully received—either pop them along to the Wereham Tots session in the village hall on a Friday morning (10-12) or contact Angela (01366 500115) or Nicky (01366 500087) and we can arrange a pick up. Thank you

Hall of Stalls

WEREHAM VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE ARE HOLDING THEIR SECOND HALL OF STALLS ON SATURDAY 22ND MAY

Starting at 10.00 until 2.00

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RESERVE A PITCH PLEASE CALL ANGELA ON 500115 OR DIANE ON 500798

Light refreshments will be on sale

Proceeds go to Village Hall project

Quiz Evening

FRIDAY 23RD APRIL 7.30 start WEREHAM VILLAGE HALL

Once again we would welcome you to join us at Wereham for John's Quiz. Evening Prizes for first and second teams.

Supper included in ticket price. Raffle during interval

£5 per head

BOUGHTON VILLAGE NEWS

Flower Festival

There was an encouraging response to my request for help with the flower festival and it will be going ahead on the first weekend in May, to include the Bank Holiday. The theme this year is 'All the Saints' - which should give plenty of scope. If anyone can help with cakes and raffle prizes, that would be wonderful. We also need people who are prepared to spend time in the church on the days when it is open and most of all we need you to publicise it and persuade friends and relatives from outside the village to come and support us. They can do two flower festivals in one day, as once again we are cooperating with Fincham and holding them on the same weekend. **Pam**

Illuminations and Carol Singing: Many thanks to those of you who kindly assisted with the filling and placement of luminaries' around the pond on Christmas Eve and also the kind donations of mince pies etc. We think you will agree the pond looked spectacular. The illuminations event raised £70 for EACH. Our grateful thanks also to those of you brave enough to turn out and sing carols and those of you sensible enough to stay indoors and give so generously – by golly it was cold. A huge thank you to Barry Ovel for the most welcome warming refreshments. Carol singing raised £81.40 for EACH.

Chris Scoles.

Chris Scoles, a son of Boughton, passed away last month. Chris was born in Boughton, in what was the White Horse pub set by the pond. He lived there for a number of years before moving to Stoke Ferry where he attended the local school. Later he moved back to Boughton and latterly lived in Manor Cottages, where his mother had lived next door also.

A skilled electrician by trade Chris was well known and liked around the village and often helped people with their electrical problems and did jobs for them.

In more recent years he was unable to work, and would frequently be seen walking on his regular journey to Stoke Ferry for his provisions. Although often offered a lift, he would refuse with a cheery wave and a polite 'No thanks, but thank you'.

I only knew Chris for about four years but he came across as a personable chap, and when we met would often discuss old Norfolk ways, much to my benefit in understanding more about local history and customs. He did not much care for the winter, disliking the dull days and long nights. A friend told me that he would often say in November 'see you in spring' and literally disappear from view for a few months, re-appearing when the days started to brighten and lengthen.

He was taken ill towards the end of January and died on February 8th 2010 a sad loss of a true Norfolk man and son of Boughton.

I have drawn the above information from talking to people around the village. If I have any details incorrect or incomplete I would be glad to correct or add to them.

CHURCH NEWS



Saint Andrew's – Barton Bendish



Saint Mary's – Beachamwell

GROUP 4 CHURCH SERVICES

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	SERVICE
3rd April	8:30 pm	Boughton	Easter Vigin and First Holy Communion
4 th April Easter Day - See page 15 for a full list of all Easter and Holy Week services			
11 th April	11:00 am	Barton Bendish	Holy Communion
	11:00 am	Marham	Morning Worship
	6:00 pm	Boughton	Holy Communion/Evensong
18 th April	11:30 am	Beachamwell	Family Service
	11:00 am	Shouldham	Holy Communion
	6:00 pm	Fincham	Evensong
	6:00 pm	Wereham	Evensong
25th April	?	Southery	Confirmation
	6:00 pm 6:00 pm	Barton Bendish Marham	Evensong Holy Communion/Evensong

FROM THE REGISTERS : please notify the editors of any one you wish to see named in this space

CHURCHWARDENS

Barton Bendish	Mhari Blanchfield	01366 347849
	Linda Webster	01366 347563
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Boughton	Pam Wakeling	01366 500429
	Moirsa Saunders	01366 500955
Wereham	Sheila Smith	01366 500414

BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS

Please contact the Churchwarden in your parish

THURSDAY COMMUNIONS (April)

1st no service (evening HC at Barton Bendish 8th- Fincham, 15th - Boughton, 22nd - Fincham, 29th - Barton Bendish Services at 10:00 am followed by tea/coffee. All Welcome



All Saints – Boughton



Saint Margaret's – Wereham

BOUGHTON VILLAGE NEWS

Boughton Cricket Club gains a cricket ground.

Alan and Rosemary Wilkinson have very generously agreed to lease a parcel of their land to be used as a cricket ground within the village. The Wilkinson Cricket Ground is work in progress. The field has been seeded and we are on our way to having a Cricket pitch. More work is obviously required but we do have a number of enthusiastic people that are keen to get on with the job. An Atco Cylinder mower has been donated by a generous villager to keep the wicket cut. We do realise however that the formation of a good wicket will take time. Following discussion with Andrew Faherty we are in the advanced stages of forming a Cricket Club affiliated to the ECB. The necessary Officers have been identified, approached and have agreed to undertake the functions needed to constitute a Cricket Club. Colin Sampson has kindly provided us with the names of Local Councillors that assist with funding for such a venture. There will be the requirement for some substantial facilities ie. Sight Screens, Pavilion, pitch and wicket marking. That is where funding will be needed.

Both Ben Wilkinson and Andrew Faherty are busy organising fixtures and net sessions for the forthcoming season. We have in addition located some photographs of Boughton's original Cricket team; won't it be nice if we could hang them in a new pavilion?

We are on our way and expect to assemble our Officers for the first meeting of the Boughton Cricket Club in the near future.

If you are interested in playing a few friendly games then please contact Angela Faherty on 501335. Frank Reid

Boughton Community Speedwatch – April Update

By the time you read this the initial training of volunteers would have taken place under the guidance of the Community Speedwatch liaison officer. The next action is to ensure all volunteers are ready and equipped to carry out low-key speed monitoring of vehicles passing through the village.

If you see them around the village please give a wave and show your support. Remember the Speedwatch team are helping you to stay safe by monitoring vehicles and recording those speeding through our village, often at speeds which would certainly cause mayhem were there to be an accident. We have been lucky not to have had any incidents recently, when we have all witnessed speeds of 60 plus mph of vehicles passing through the village. Updates about Speedwatch will be issued regularly, providing you with information regarding monitoring in the village.

Boughton Parish Council

All Saints Community Project Update - April 2010

Chair sponsorship Appeal.

The chair appeal is proving to be successful and which, including Gift Aid contributions, has reached £2000. This is a magnificent effort and we thank all those in the village who have so far contributed. The appeal is still open so if you would like to make a donation it

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would most gratefully be received.

We are currently in the process of choosing the chairs, which has proved more challenging than we anticipated. Size, colour, frame type, material and stacking considerations are all matters to be taken account of. However progress is being made and we shall update progress regularly.

Own a piece of Boughton history.

Interest in owning one of the pews being removed to make way for the new chairs has been registered by a number of parishioners. Ensure you do not miss this unique opportunity to own a piece of Boughton history, and to help with the Community Project also. If you would like to register your interest simply return the form in last months G4 news, or contact The Treasurer, BCCDC, Rectory House Oxborough Road Boughton.

Fund Raising.

How is the Project Committee raising the funds needed to carry out the works?

Well, the above two items are examples of how we are trying to raise funds. In addition we have approached specialist organisations asking for grants towards the cost of the works. Our applications are currently under consideration and we shall update as we receive further information.

Additionally we have approached local businesses informing them of the Project and inviting them to support this worthy scheme.

Also there will be a number of events being held throughout the year, and they will be headlined 'In support of the Community Project' we hope you will be able to offer your support by attending these events, and by bringing your friends too!

The All Saints Community Project Committee – April 2010

Deanery Lent service March 3rd

Once again Boughton was pleased to host one of the Deanery Lent services. These are traditionally held on Wednesdays during Lent, visiting churches in all parts of the Deanery group of parishes. We often have one as we are known as a **warm** church! This is very important on a freezing March evening! There were nearly fifty people in the church to hear the Rev. Andrew Haig, senior chaplain at QEH, talk about his work in the hospital and some of the challenges he faces. There were times when the occasions he described were almost unbearably sad and all he could do was be there, but there were also times when the congregation burst out laughing at the funny things that can happen to a hospital chaplain. Many thanks to Robin Blackall for taking the service, which was attended by people from all over the deanery and from most of the parishes in our own group, and also to Tom Golden for playing and the choir from the northern part of the benefice, and to those who helped with refreshments afterwards. The atmosphere was lovely - I'm not sure I want to know how many biscuits my dog wheedled out of people when I wasn't looking! Nearly £80 was raised for the Bishop's Lent Appeal. **Pam**