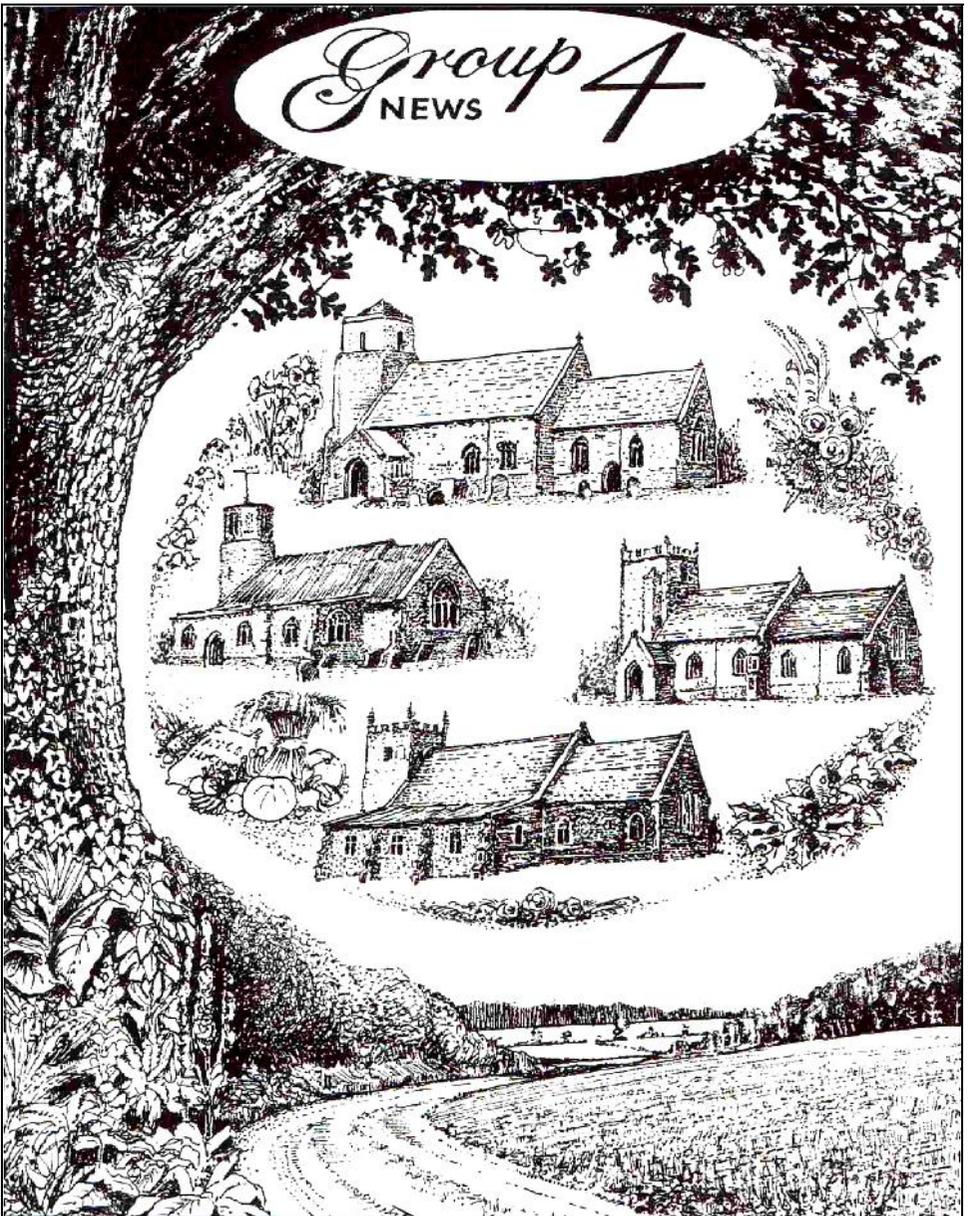


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Happy Reading
Eileen and Pam

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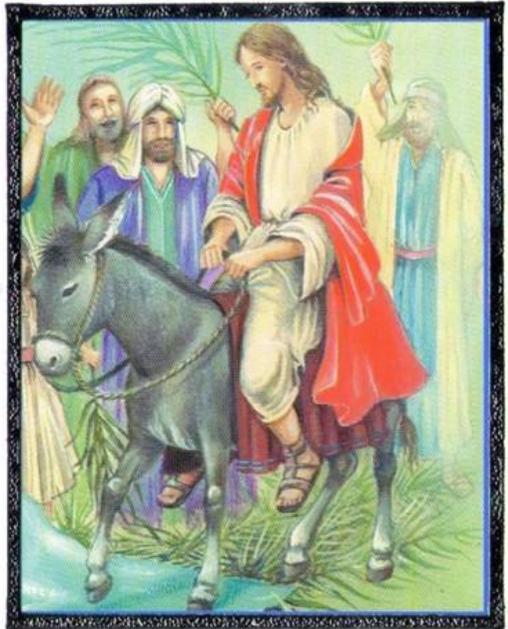
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FROM THE RECTORY

Easter
Blessings



ROBIN BLACKALL

Robin was born in Barnet, the eldest son of a journalist and a secondary school-teacher, later headmistress, but from the age of two was brought up on the edge of the Essex marshes outside Burnham on Crouch. He spent much of his boyhood when not at school on the family farm of his lifelong friend Tim Stebbing and roaming the creeks and wild places of the Crouch Estuary.

The war brought disruption and change and some danger from enemy bombers discharging their loads over the marshes on their return journeys, and memories of dogfights and massed formations of gliders being towed to Arnhem...fascinating to two little boys but terrifying to their parents.

So Robin and his brother Simon were sent away to school in Oxford (which, oddly,) was safer than Burnham; as non choir members of Christ Church Cathedral School.

One Festal Evensong on St Frideswide's day in the Latin chapel of the Cathedral something happened. Listening to the choir He says in his own words, "I noticed another choir- this one Angelic, high above the singers, ranged in front of the clerestory, if not singing too, then complementing and supporting the choir below. And that was it. A clear memory that remains so bright over seventy years later that it requires no analysis."

He already knew that his future would include agriculture in some form, and his bemused headmaster told his parents that Robin, aged about 7, had told him he wanted to be an agricultural missionary although he didn't know exactly what this was.

The other main absorption of Robin's life was also formed before he was nine; he became a member of the school nature club and his love and study of the natural world, particularly birds, sustained him throughout his life.

Later on at school at Bishops Stortford, Robin fell ill with pneumonia, pleurisy and a dormant TB gland; he missed 4 terms of school in hospital which made life difficult when he returned, although his talent for cricket gave him enough confidence to achieve good enough results to get him to Cirencester Agricultural College. Before he could take up his place he had to do a year's practical placement on a farm which he always regarded as a great experience and left him with an abiding love for Ayrshire cows.

The long illness of his schooldays made him unfit for national service, to his mortification, and his agricultural studies continued uninterrupted. It was a happy and creative time and led to momentous events.

Robin was involved in running the Christian union at Cirencester and one day a carload of students went to Oxford for the final meeting of a mission to the University. It was at this service at St Aldgate's Church in Oxford on 14th November 1954 that Robin committed his life to Christ.

In the last months of his time at the Royal Agricultural College, Robin was in touch with the Church Missionary Society about possible recruitment as an Agricultural missionary. CMS politely replied that more hands on experience would be useful before trying again.

Meanwhile, Robin needed a job and among the advertisements in the Farmers Weekly were posts in the colonies offered by the Crown Agents. He applied and was appointed Field Officer (Agriculture), Tanganyika.

Because of the Suez crisis the canal was closed, resulting in a fabulous cruise round Africa and the Cape of Good Hope, eventually arriving at Dar-es-Salaam and travelling by air and Train to Nachingwea.

There followed an extraordinary few years as a Bwana Shamba, growing cotton and coffee and encountering a memorable cast of characters which appear in the memoirs he has left behind. One thing the memoirs don't report, but which was noted in a book by his boss and lifelong friend, is that Robin was a popular and hardworking member of the team.

A special influence was the heavily bearded Capuchin monk, Father Berthold who ran the Roman Catholic mission at Mahenge. He became a friend and mentor, one of the 'angels' in Robin's life.

Another such angel of direction was an Australian missionary, Ted Arblaster who encouraged Robin to write to CMS again.

Back in England at the end of his tour, Robin was interviewed by CMS, accepted, and entered a year of training, during which he met his first wife, Margaret. Then he was off to Africa again, this time to Bida in Nigeria where Margaret later joined him and where they were married. Robin's precocious vocation to be an agricultural missionary was fulfilled.

They fulfilled two tours of service in Nigeria, their daughter, Catherine being born during their leave between the two. Jane was born in Abeokuta on the second tour, but Robin became very seriously ill with hepatitis, his life being saved by the German doctors at the Sacred Heart hospital where she was born.

The last days in Nigeria were challenging; Robin was told it would be six months before he could return to work; things were very difficult politically with regular outbreaks of violence and house burning. The Biafra war was beginning. With two young children it was time to leave.

Back in England, it was off to Ridley Hall Theological College in Cambridge, then to a Curacy in Stowmarket for two years where his son Tom was born and then to his first living of three small rural parishes in Suffolk in a triangle between Long Melford and Lavenham.

Robin had a passion for communication and he lost no time in establishing a benefice magazine which achieved a lot in bringing the three communities which were a new group, together. He treasured a memory of a conversation with parishioners who said that because of links made through the magazine people who had been acquaintances were now friends. He started or revitalised parish magazines wherever he went, always put through every door an always free, paid for by advertisements by local businesses who found it very worthwhile. A true country parson, he made best use of the rectory garden by keeping milking goats, made hay in churchyards and kept his agricultural knowledge up to date.

After 5 years the chance of a dream job came up; another rural benefice with the care of the ancient pilgrimage chapel of St Peter's on the Wall at Bradwell in Essex and to develop the ministry there. Alas after two years stresses in his marriage caused Robin's health to deteriorate and the Bishop sent him to stay

with the Franciscans in Dorset to recuperate and consider his future. After 6 months he felt unable to return to his home and Parishes and Brother Bernard, the guardian of the monastery sent him to be chaplain to the Sisters of the Love of God, a Religious order in Kent, and Robin settled into the life of the community and the ministry it had to offer, together with the chaplaincy to a Detention Centre for young men nearby. An unlikely combination but very rewarding.

At the end of his time with the wonderful Sisters of SLG, Robin took on another detention centre chaplaincy on Romney marsh where eventually he and I married and settled in a cottage out on the marsh and where Hannah-Lou was born. It was a lovely time in many ways, with the winter swans our nearest neighbours and living the small holding life - goats swiftly reappeared plus poultry, but the call of parish ministry with all its richness and variety brought the 3 of us to a group of parishes in Rutland in Peterborough Diocese. The goats came too. Alongside the parishes on the north shore of Rutland Water, was the job of officiating chaplain to RAF North Luffenham

Which brought a whole new dimension to Parish life and brought new friends, some for life. It was a happy and fulfilling 9 years in a lovely part of the country, I haven't mentioned Cricket, another great love, which had been an important part of life on Romney marsh when he was welcomed into the local clergy team who he remembered fondly. Now R galvanised the Peterborough Diocesan

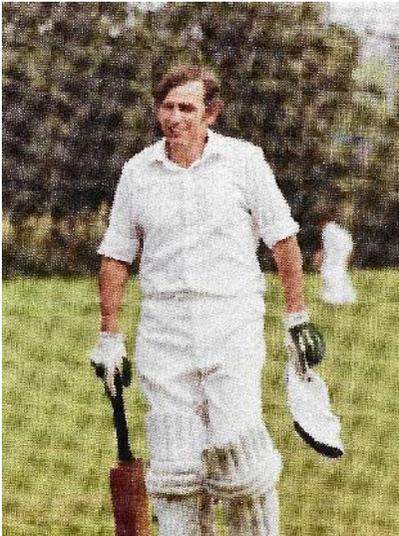
team, becoming secretary and then captain for some memorable Church times cup matches and a celebration fixture against Lincoln Diocese with a big party and both Bishops in attendance.

Robin had a strong entrepreneurial streak which found outlets in many ways, usually bringing people together in a common creative goal, sometimes far beyond the Parish boundaries.

One of these projects on a national level, as a principal evidence gatherer for the Faith in the Countryside report from the Church of England, brought him to the attention of the Bishop of Ely who asked Robin to come and be Rural officer in his diocese together with 2 parishes on the fens. Robin had been part of the rural affairs team in the Peterborough diocese and couldn't resist the opportunity to

do the whole job in which he achieved a great deal, working on projects with various secular groups who found to their astonishment that that strange creature, a rural parish priest could be a valued creative, innovative, down to earth friend and colleague.

'Retirement' in 2001 gave Robin time for the things he loved and he set about turning our one and a quarter acres into an oasis for wildlife and growing fruit and vegetables. He loved our little corner dearly with its small orchard of many



varieties of mainly apples but also pears and plums that he planted, and all the pleasures of communal apple juicing and cider making. Also vegetable growing and visits to his beloved reserves on the North Norfolk coast. We joined Wwoof as hosts and found a whole new missionary field introducing young people from the uk and abroad to the world of organic growing.

All the time still taking services and being part of parish life including hatching matching and dispatching members of the largely farming community around us, who felt relaxed and happy with him; 'here comes the Vicar!' would be gleefully countered by 'Its all right, its only Robin!'

He quickly cemented his acceptance during a farmer neighbour's shoot soon after our arrival; seeing what was happening, he took his shotgun into our paddock and waited; an unsuspecting pheasant flew over and Robin swung round and dropped it cleanly. Where did that shot come from? Cried the shooters.

Pause. Then; 'it was the Vicar!'



Bird watching morphed in a remarkable way into the mountains of Northern Greece; after reading a ground breaking book called Prespa; a story for man and nature in 2000, Robin announced that we must by any means get to this remote magical wildlife kingdom we had never heard of before. So I did the research and in 2003 we took a flight to Athens and took a meandering and fascinating drive to the then tense and slightly volatile north west corner of Greece, bordering Albania and FYROM to the lakes Mikri and Megali Prespa, a major part of the oldest freshwater system in Europe.

It did not disappoint and neither did the family taverna we stayed in; Robin had found his favourite place on earth, and we returned whenever we could, driving over the

mountains, latterly from Thessaloniki. Robin learned to drive in a landrover in East Africa and his skills were put to good use in some hair raising scenarios often involving cataclysmic thunderstorms. The roads are generally better now and tend not to crumble away down the mountain from beneath the wheels...

Deep friendships were formed, some among a small international group of birdwatchers and local conservationists, in Prespa and also at Lake Kerkini.

Then there was the extraordinarily generous retirement gift of a trip round the world from Robin's brother Laurence so that we could reconnect with our roots;

Robins in Australia and mine in Chile. What a thrilling adventure; it needs a memoir to itself.

A happy and fulfilling retirement until a portfolio of painful and debilitating conditions appeared one after the other culminating in Leukaemia. Robin bore these with extraordinary forbearance, touchingly telling me that his role model in this was my father Arthur in his last difficult years. They were devoted to each other. May they both rest in peace and rise in Glory.

Pippa Blackall



Many of you will know that it is thanks to Robin that G4N actually exists - see following page for the very first front page of the new newsletter , October 1999—one A4 sheet folded in two.....

It was Robin's brainchild and he was delighted that it developed over the years and proved to be a useful means of communication.

He was adamant that it would be free and every household would receive a copy.

Eileen Powell and Pam Wakeling

GROUP 4 NEWS

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St Mary's Beachamwell



All Saints Boughton



St Andrew Wereham



St Margaret Barton

Dear Friends,

This is the first of what we hope will be a regular Newsletter (perhaps even a magazine!), serving our four parishes. The intention is for it to carry information from our four Churches, but we very much hope that village organisations will use it too. The title - well, not too bad for a start!?

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Because down the generations parish newsletters and magazines have carried Church news as well as that of village activities, they have become source material for local history. I am not that ambitious, but do hope that this one will be used. The intention is to distribute Group 4 News free (advertisements would help), throughout the four villages.

See back page for what's on!

October 1999

COUNTRYSIDE NOTES

Genetic Modification (GM) is something we've not heard much about lately and legislation still bans its use in the UK although many other countries find it acceptable. For centuries growers and farmers have practised genetic engineering naturally by way of the selective breeding of plants and livestock in order to continually improve crop management, disease resistance, growth rates and yields. Instead of the genetic engineering of plants being confined to using natural pollination that would only work between similar species scientists discovered they could introduce what they consider to be desirable traits not only from other plants but also from fish, animals, etc. This is probably the most disturbing aspect. In 1983 tobacco was the first genetically modified (GM) plant to be grown commercially in the world and in 1990 the first GM cereal crop was harvested. Rice and bananas have been genetically modified to provide high levels of vitamin A to counter blindness, malnutrition and other diseases in children living in underdeveloped countries. Technically these are a 'genetically engineered organisms' (GEO). Crops can also be genetically modified to cope better with climate change. The genetic engineering of plants has produced amazing results through using animals and micro-organisms to manufacture medicines such as insulin, interferon and human growth hormone. Vaccines have also been developed.

It is very easy to be critical and complacent when living in a wealthy and wasteful society. However, people who live in many third world countries unable to produce sufficient food and on the borderline of starvation probably have a completely different perspective and would no doubt welcome GM crops if they helped to alleviate their plight.

Brexit meant that rule changes enabled scientists across England to undertake plant-based research and development, using genetic technologies such as gene and genome editing. Although GM continues to be unacceptable in the UK gene editing (GE) is being trialled. GE alters a species own genes without permanently adding any new genetic material. It is different to GM because scientists are working with what already exists, not trying to introduce genes from other sources. Put simply, gene editing involves manipulating genes and genetic modification (GM) involves adding genes from a different living organism. Fundamentally gene editing is the same as the traditional breeding techniques which have been practised for centuries. Carried out in the laboratory it provides a short cut to something that has previously taken generations to achieve. New legislation is intended to cut unnecessary red tape for gene editing, which will help farmers to grow crops that are more nourishing and disease resistant significantly reducing or even eliminating the use of synthetic pesticides and herbicides which often contain toxic substances. This would help protect pollinating insects such as bees and butterflies. Another potential benefit includes making crops more resistant to adverse weather and climate change. If gene editing was to be accepted it would reduce the cost of food production. Hardier and more nutritious varieties could be grown and the changes would even make it possible to grow gluten free wheat. **Jill Mason**

RECIPE PAGE

Easter Biscuits

4oz margarine
4oz sugar
1 small egg
8oz plain flour
1tsp grated lemon rind
1/4 tsp cinnamon or mixed spice
2oz currants
A little milk



- Cream margarine and sugar together, add beaten egg, flour and rest of ingredients and mix to a stiff dough.
- Roll out 1/4" thick and cut into 4" rounds. Brush with egg white and dredge with sugar (optional)
- Bake until golden brown in a moderate oven.

Simnel Cake

1 6" rich fruit cake - bought or made
1/2 lb marzipan - bought or made

- Cut off 1/3 marzipan and roll out into a round slightly less than the diameter of the cake.
- Cut the cake across the centre and place the marzipan between the two pieces.
- Using half the remaining marzipan, roll out into a round and cover the top of the cake.
- Using the other half of marzipan make 12 small balls—they represent the apostles. Place them evenly around the top edge of the cake. Brush these over with a little egg wash.
- Put into a hot oven until the balls are browned. When cool, pour glaze icing into the centre and decorate with chicks, chocolate eggs etc.



Eileen Powell

CHILDREN'S PAGE

Easter Word Search

Words may go vertically and horizontally in either direction

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Hot Cross Buns

Bunny Rabbit

Jesus Christ

Simnel Cake

Bonnet

Chocolate Eggs

The Cross

Flowers

Holiday

Good Friday

QUIZ PAGE

1. How many bones are there in the human face - 4, 14, 24 or 34?
2. What was John Lennon's middle name?
3. Boris Spassky is a famous name in which sport?
4. When a surgeon performs a myectomy what is removed?
5. Which member of the Royal Family's Christian names include Elizabeth, Alice, Louise?
6. Which boy's name appears in most nursery rhymes?
- 7 According to the proverb, what can't you do if you don't speculate?
8. Zemmiphobia, equinophobia and bufonophobia are phobias relating to what?
9. Which is the longest book in the Bible - Joshua, Proverbs, Leviticus or Psalms?
10. MacKechnies Stores features in which popular TV drama?
11. Where did the catchphrase 'Are you sitting comfortably' originate?
12. 'Pure & Simple' was the number one debut single of which pop band?
13. How many bathrooms are there in Buckingham Palace - 28, 48, 78 or 108?
14. Ceilidh is the Gaelic word for what - dance, dream, entertainment or visit?
15. In Star Trek what is Captain James T. Kirk's middle name?
16. Which 1960's singer named his daughter Tulip after the song that made him famous?
17. Solve the following clues to flowers a) vulpine attire b) partygoer without partner c) Remembrance Day flower d) fragrant Prince.
18. Which district was designated as Britain's first National Park?
19. What is the 49th state of America?
20. What is the ideo locator on an outdoor map?
21. How did denim get it's name?
22. What are Rocky and Bull winkle in the children's cartoon?
23. How many US states have a land border with Mexico?
24. Why is it called plaster of Paris?
25. Which actor's name means 'cool breeze over the mountain's' in Hawaiian?

Answers: (1) 14; (2) Winston; (3) Chess; (4) Part of a muscle; (5) The Princess Royal; (6) Jack; (7) Accumulate; (8) Animals - the great mole rat, horses and toads; (9) Psalms; (10) Monarch of the Glen; (11) In the Radio programme 'Listen with Mother'; (12) Hear'Say; (13) 78; (14) Visit; (15) Tiberius; (16) Tiny Tim [the song was 'Tiptoe through the Tulips']; (17) a - foxglove, b - wallflower, c - poppy, d - sweet william; (18) The Peak District in 1951; (19) Alaska - Nimes, a fabric made in Nimes, France; (22) A squirrel and a moose; (23) Four - Arizona, New Mexico, California and Texas; (24) It was mined at gypsum quarries in Montmartre, Paris; (25) Keanu Reeves

MAGPIE CENTRE

Spring and Summer Events



With days getting longer and the promise of warmer weather to come, plans for events at the Magpie Centre, home of West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled Association, are well under way.

First of the season's monthly Tea With a Pony sessions is scheduled for Wednesday April 20, to enable anyone with health or mobility problems to meet, socialise over tea and cakes and meet one of our lovely ponies. The venue, our recently - opened Sensory Garden, which has a covered area, is wheelchair friendly and the cost is £10 per participant, including carer. Other friends or relatives are welcome to attend at £5 each. Booking is essential, so call the Centre on 01553 810202, during office hours, to reserve your places now. The Magpie Centre is located at Wallington Hall, South Runcton, Kings Lynn, PE33 0EP.

Attention all riders! There will be a Charity Ride on Sunday June 12, with routes of varying lengths around the beautiful Wallington Hall estate. No road work involved, and the shorter ride is suitable for all, even those on lead rein. Full details are on our website: www.rda-westnorfolk.org.uk.

And moving on, there's a Craft Fair and Have a Go Dog Agility event at the Centre on Saturday June 25. Well-behaved dogs on leads are welcome. The Craft Fair will be held in the indoor school, with surface cover to ensure it is accessible to wheelchair users, and will run from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. Admission is £2.00 for adults, and free for under-16s. Stallholder spaces, approx. 3 metres wide, are £10.00 each and setting up will start at 8.30 am. For more details, see our website, as above, from which Craft Fair Booking forms can be downloaded, or call Jan Calvert on 07715 467866. Cost for Dog Agility is £2.00 per attempt.

We look forward to welcoming you.

For more info, please call me on 01553 828935 or email c.dudley@success-in-english.co.uk **Caroline Dudley**

WEST NORFOLK AVIATION SOCIETY



Our meeting on March 1st was the first with a guest speaker since the start of Covid. The speaker we expected was unwell but, entrepreneur Stuart Samuels from Feltwell came to our rescue and described a *pair* of Wellingtons to us. The first one is a pub in Feltwell of which Stuart is the Navigator, if not the Captain. He recalled how he had bought the building, the state it was in, how his crew came together and his motivation. This resulted in the second Wellington in our story: the bomber aircraft based at Feltwell during the Second World War and the one after which his pub is named.

He told us that it was a much underrated aeroplane and its story has not been properly recalled. It has now, though, as one can appreciate when first entering his pub which is filled with artefacts and pictures commemorating its action in all theatres throughout WW2. It proved to be robust and able to survive great battle damage due to the Barnes Wallis design's use of geodetic construction; coincidentally the same technique was used in the construction of the Golfball radar scanners at Feltwell now.

A large section of the two part presentation, given without notes for over ninety minutes, was dedicated to the crews of the aircraft. Stuart recalled the actions of James Allen Ward, a New Zealander who in July 1941 climbed out through a hatch onto the wing of his Wellington to beat out an engine fire caused by a night fighter attack, thereby saving the crew and the aircraft. For his gallantry he was awarded the Victoria Cross, but, tragically died two months later during a raid in another Wellington.

Stuart also mentioned how captured airmen made their own survival equipment during escape attempts. An example of which was a compass disguised as a button; this was on display at the meeting with various other artefacts.

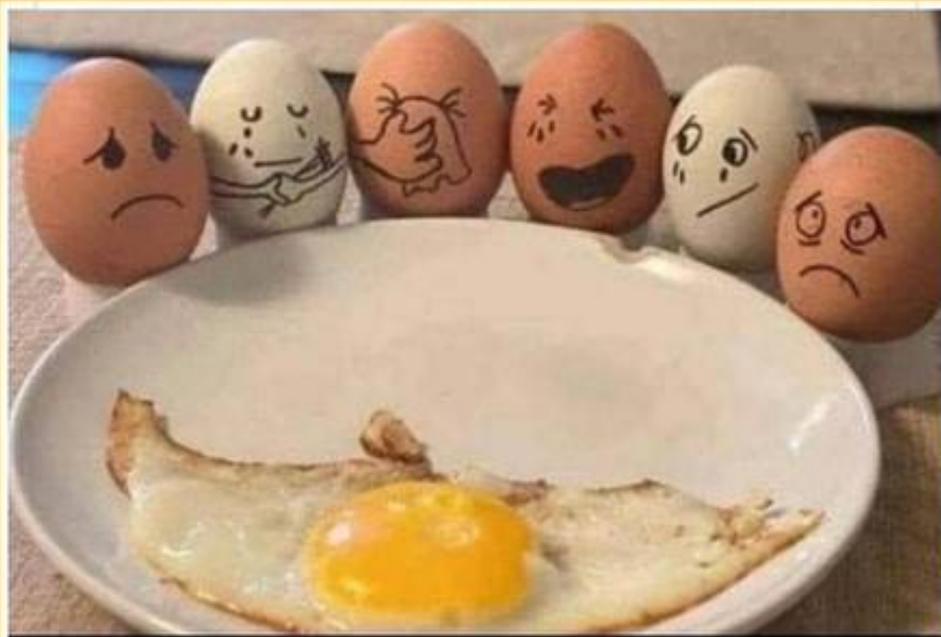
All-in-all, the lecture was an excellent start to our new season of guest speakers. Just one nag: no mention of Copenhagen! Cheers, Stuart!

For more details of future WNAS meetings, please visit:

wnas-uk@googlegroups.com

and for membership details phone our membership secretary on 07706030307

David Allen



He died last fry day. Thank God he wasn't beaten. Don't worry, he went over easy. He's now on the sunny side. He's definitely in a better plate.



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Lily Has Changed!

From 1 July 2018, our Lily service expanded to include everyone over 18, not just those in later years.

Lily provides a comprehensive range of support in West Norfolk to combat loneliness and social isolation in adults of all ages. The project is linked to the 'No Lonely Day' initiative and encourages our residents to develop friendships and engage in their local communities.

The Lily online directory lists organisations, services and activities that help people to live healthy, active and independent lives. It includes information relevant to adults of all ages. If you would like your event or organisation to be included in the directory, get in touch asklily.org.uk

Lily Advisors from local charities are available to offer one-to-one support to people at home or in community locations.

Lily has a strong focus on community development, by helping groups to arrange activities and encouraging volunteering, and by providing community events, onsite information sessions, and support for employers, schools, and colleges.

If you, or anyone you know, would like to know how Lily can help, call 01553 616200 and choose option 6.

Free Home Assessments on Offer

Older, disabled or vulnerable residents of West Norfolk are being encouraged to book an appointment for a free home assessment from Careline Community Services.

The assessments, which are carried out by a team of qualified staff, will help residents, who may be living with a disability or dementia, or who are simply older and less mobile, to identify concerns in their property which may be affecting their day-to-day life.

The assessor, trained by the Disabled Living Foundation, will inspect the home to see whether measures could be introduced that would reduce the possibility of slips, trips and falls and generally make it easier for people to live safely and independently in their own homes.

Measures that could be considered include installation of a Careline personal alarm, improved lighting arrangements, heating checks, draught proofing, smoke detectors and easy-to-use taps along with recommendations for other adaptations that may reduce any potential risk to the resident. Practical solutions for those living with dementia are also available, this includes signage or colour differentiation for those who suffer with memory loss and are visually impaired.

The assessors will also be able to advise whether any grant funding is available for any works required.

To book an appointment call the Careline Community Team on 01553 760671

COULD YOU HELP A YOUNG PERSON WITH A DISABILITY TO THINK ABOUT THEIR FUTURE?

The CSV Futures Project supports young people with learning disabilities to explore their options as they think about leaving education.

Volunteer Mentors provide one to one support to a young person to help them develop a personal profile of their skills and interests, their likes and dislikes and their future goals. The Mentor can then support the young person to start working towards these; this can include accessing work experience and training opportunities plus the chance to try out volunteering and new social activities.

CSV needs volunteers who can offer a couple of hours of their time each week to mentor the young people as they make choices about their futures, raising aspirations by exploring together the young person's skills, interests and abilities.

We are looking for people ages 16+ - Mentors can come from all walks of life and no experience is needed but patience, the ability to listen and a sense of humour are all useful skills. Mentors receive full training and support and out of pocket expenses are paid.

If you would like to find out more about becoming a Volunteer Mentor for the CSV Futures Project please contact:

Vicki Howling, the project co-ordinator for an informal chat.

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Everyone, including people from
surrounding villages, welcome
to borrow or buy books

Beachamwell

Creative Writing Group



Meets every
second Monday
Afternoon

2.30pm

Everyone with an interest in
putting pen to paper welcome.

Enquiries: 01366 328895
or
james@jamesknoxwhittet.plus.com

Beachamwell

Wednesday Walkers

Not sure where the footpaths are?
Come, walk and explore with us.

We meet at the Village Hall
10.00 a.m.

First Wednesday of the month.

Walks are free, lasting between
one-and-a-half and two hours.

All are welcome
(dogs too but they must be kept on
leads at all times)

Further details from
01366 328452.

Barton Bendish



Pop Up Café

March 30th
12 noon - 4.00
Village Hall

Drop by for lunch or afternoon tea
and have a chat with friends!
Everyone welcome -no need to
book

bartonbendishevents@gmail.com

Beachamwell Book Group

**Tuesday 5th April
7.30**

Beachamwell Village Hall

Book to be discussed over a glass of wine

'The Daughter of Time

Josephine Tey

New members welcome
Enquiries: 01366 328960

Barton Bendish 'Tenebrae Service'

A Service of Reflection and preparation for Easter

**St Andrew's Church
Wednesday April 13th 7pm**

Boughton 'Easter Vigil and Communion'

**All Saints' Church
Saturday April 16th 7pm**

Beachamwell Pop Up Pub



**Friday 15th April
7.30pm
Last orders 10.45**

We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible

Beachamwell Memorial Hall

Enquiries: 01366 328892

Beachamwell Afternoon Tea and a Chat.....'

**Wednesday
April 20th
2 - 4pm**

Memorial Hall



Enquiries:
01366
328108

Barton Bendish



Film Club

Proudly Presents

'West Side Story

Saturday 23rd April

Doors open 6.30 for 7.00 screening

Barton Bendish Village Hall

Tickets £5

Free post screening refreshments included

To reserve your seat please contact

Box Office: 01366 347849

email: cinemabarton@gmail.com

www.bartonbendishfilmclub.btck.co.uk/

Wereham

CAR BOOT AND CAFE

Car Boot Sale will be on Sunday
24th April from 8.00am to 1pm

Cafe open from 8am for hot
breakfast rolls, snacks, and
drinks.

£5.00 a pitch to book indoor/
outdoor pitch, call, or text Phillip
on 07759 033492

SHORT MAT BOWLS

Every Thursday 2pm until 4pm
for further details contact Phillip
on 01366 501330

Barton Bendish

Gardeners' Question Time



**Wednesday 27th April
7pm**

Village Hall

Tickets £5 Children free of charge
**To book a place please call 01366
347849**

Please send in any questions you'd
like answered by the panel in
advance

email or send questions to Anthony.blanchfield@btinternet.com

In aid of Barton Bendish Village Hall

Boughton



Book Brocante All Saints' Church

**Saturday 30th April
11 am to 3 pm**

Come along and purchase your
summer reading.
Paperbacks 50p each or 3 for £1
Take a break from browsing our
selection of books with a slice of
cake and cup of tea or coffee.

Hardbacks as priced.

Plants for sale.

Greetings cards £1 each.

All proceeds in aid of the organ appeal

Wereham



Village Cinema

Proudly Presents

'West Side Story

Friday 29th April

Bar opens 6.45 for 7.30 screening

Wereham Village Hall

Tickets over 16's only £5.00

12—16's £3.00

Available: on line at

www.werehamvillagehall.co.uk

from the Village hall 10am - 3pm or
on the door.

Wereham

ZUMBA

Every Wednesday and Friday

mornings 9.30am to 10.30am

Strength, Stretch, and relax

Friday's 11:00am to 12:00pm

Seated Fitness 12:15pm to

1:15pm contact Domonique

07769 341680

BADMINTON

Friday nights 7 to 9pm, except

when the hall is being used for
other functions e.g Film nights.

Racquets and shuttlecocks
provided £3 per session contact

Kevin Adcock 07747 861011

Please arrive in kit ready to play,
and bring your own water bottle

Wereham

YOGA with Amy

Mondays 9.30am to 10.30am

contact norfolkyoga@yahoo.co.uk

DODGEBALL

Every Thursday 4.30- 5.30

age 5 upwards contact ICS

Coaching 07765601690

PILATES

Every Tuesday 9:30 to 10:30

contact Christine 07796 102677

POP UP CAFÉ

1st Tuesday of Month 10:45/13:00

Contact Doreen 01366 500218

Wereham

Cash Bingo

Every Wednesday

Doors open at 6.30 Eyes down at

7.30

Café open before and during the

break

Weekly prize money and jackpot

Call Diane on 01366 500798

EASTER CASH BINGO

Wednesday 13th April doors open

6:30 eyes down 7:30

King's Lynn Festival Chorus

Presents: Durufle and Poulenc

Saturday 23rd April

7pm

King's Lynn Minster

Tickets: £20 (£5 for under 16s) are available from the Corn Exchange in King's Lynn Tel 01553 764864 or online

www.kingslynncornexchange.co.uk

Further details are on the Chorus' website

www.kingslynnfestivalchorus.co.uk

We look forward to seeing you at the concert for an uplifting evening!



Nar Valley Ornithological Society (NarVOS)

Wednesday 27th April at 7.30

**Indoor meeting at the Assembly Rooms, 1 Market Place,
Swaffham, PE37 7AB.**

More info at www.narvos.org.uk

Please come along to this illustrated talk by **Matt Andrews** entitled:

'Bolivia - High Altitude Birding

Bolivia has some fantastic wildlife viewing opportunities which Matt will show from a recent trip through this little known South American country. From the Amazon basin, through rainforest, up to the high Altiplano with its unique flora and on to the Andes cloud forest, up to Lake Titicaca, the highest large lake in the world with its associated wildlife. Matt began birding in the 1970's and enthusiastically shares his experiences and adventures.

Visitors most welcome. Admission £4 on the night; free to NarVOS members.

Enquiries: 01760 724092.

or go to www.narvos.org.uk



Open Monday – Friday 10 - 4

Saturday 10 -1

Howard Carter and his Discovery of Tutankhamun Tomb

(upgraded this year)

Local History Archaeology

Admission charge £3 Adults / £1 Child over 5 / Family of 4 £7

Town Hall 4 London Street, Swaffham PE37 7DQ

Tel: 01760 721230

www.swaffhammuseum.co.uk for updated information

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COMMUNITIES FOR OVER 50 YEARS

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Voluntary Norfolk is looking for volunteers to support the NHS and vulnerable people needing extra help in the community. We have a wide variety of volunteer opportunities and are happy to work with you to find the volunteering role that is right for you, fits your interests, skills, location and availability.

Current volunteer vacancies, include supporting carers and the people they care for; volunteer drivers to assist patients in accessing key healthcare appointments; meet and greet, admin support and stock room roles in community hospitals and GP surgeries; marshals and administration roles at Covid vaccination centres; volunteers to help people with a newly diagnosed long term condition achieve health goals and improve their quality of life; volunteers to help clients use smart phones and computers to connect with family and friends and, of course, telephone befrienders to reduce isolation and loneliness.

All our volunteers are friendly, approachable, have a sympathetic manner, good communication skills, and are determined to help and support others living in Norfolk.

If you would like to have a conversation about the volunteering opportunities available at Voluntary Norfolk, please get in touch.

1. Email us at volunteering@voluntarynorfolk.org.uk providing your preferred contact information
2. phone 07385 378740 and speak to a volunteer coordinator or leave us a message,
3. fill in the volunteer registration form for the relevant service you are interested in via this link: <https://www.voluntarynorfolk.org.uk/home-2/register-to-volunteer-2/>

We look forward to hearing from you and thank you for your help.

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The Sound Bath Experience

Linda & I are just back from one of the most relaxing hours I think we have ever spent in the new village hall. We have been to a Sound Bath. No I never knew what that was either and not being able to attend the first session during the day we were pleased when Alice Moore and Antonina Acaster came back but this time in the early evening so we could discover for ourselves what it was all about. The tension of the day and the week began to disperse the moment we entered the warm village hall as all the main lights were off with only the delicate glow of soft fairy lights strung out on the floor. Three gongs hung in the centre and to the side were a collection of Achemy Bowls. We were a group of about a dozen ladies (men are invited and welcome too), and right from the start we were asked to snuggle down and make ourselves comfortable on yoga mats with rugs, blankets and pillows which we brought. Alice and Antonina had brought extra cushioning and blankets. Then began the process of letting go of the stresses of modern life while we spent the next hour losing ourselves to the sounds and vibrations of the bowls and gongs played by Alice and Antonina. The hour went more quickly than we expected, and we certainly felt much the better for doing, well, not very much really. Lying down in comfort and warmth not thinking of anything or anybody while calming and soothing sounds resonated all around. We understand that Alice and Antonina will come to Barton Bendish once a month and places can be booked online, scanning the QR code on their poster in the porch of the Village Hall or by keeping an eye on the Friends of Barton Bendish Facebook page. It really was a great way to relax and unwind and just chill out for a while!

Mhari Blanchfield & Linda Webster

Gardens

National Garden Scheme - Barton Bendish Hall - Sunday June 5th

The Walled Garden at Barton Bendish Hall is opening again this year. This will be the second time the garden has been opened under this NGS and we are looking for volunteers who might be able to help with parking and refreshments. The garden is to be open from 11am until 5pm and if you can help for 2 hours or more please let me know. All offers of baking will be gratefully received!

Village Open Gardens - Sunday June 26th 11am – 5pm

Our Village Open Gardens event normally attracts a lot of visitors so why

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not join in and open your garden. It doesn't need to be big or grand and it's always good to have some new ones on display. If you don't want to open your garden then please bear in mind that help is needed in many other ways on what always turns out to be a very busy day.

Mhari Blanchfield (01366 347849)

Gardeners' Question Time

This is an invitation for novice or green fingered garden experts alike, to come along to a Gardeners' Question Time at Barton Bendish Village Hall on Wednesday 27th April for 7pm (doors open at 6:30pm).

On the night we'll be guided by and in the safe hands of three professional horticultural experts who have kindly agreed to answer any fun, prickly or thorny questions. Also, if you'd like to, please do send in any questions to the panel in advance.

To book a place please call 01366 347849 alternatively, send an email and or questions to Anthony.blanchfield@btinternet.com.

Tickets £5 in aid of Barton Bendish Village Hall. Children FOC

Anthony Blanchfield

It's a Community Thing

"Some people think they are in community but they are only in proximity. True community requires commitment and openness. It is a willingness to extend yourself to encounter and know the other." David Spangler

Some have said that I have been too critical of the Church, although, having said that, my criticism of the Church of England has been directed at the Institution and its top heavy hierarchy, which is responsible for its failure to respond to the needs of the modern world. It is interesting that now Beachamwell Church has been largely burned down, that the Diocese are suddenly offering a lot of support. Before that, it was effectively run down in common with many other parish churches in a desperate attempt to save money. Those churches which can't afford to pay their parish share face a challenge to survive and we are told that the church are short of priests. The Church of England is very wealthy but obviously has some difficulty deciding how to use it. It is as if having a presence in each community doesn't matter as much as Bishops' advisors and sound investments in property and suchlike. There are more people on the poverty line and lacking in hope than there has been for decades. Surely when we make choices serving them and meeting their needs should take priority?

Throughout the pandemic, many individual churches have been doing a terrific job and, now that the terrible war in the Ukraine is in its third awful week, local churches, such as those at Northwold and Crimlesham are acting as collecting centres for aid which is quickly despatched to Ukraine. The church has a vital humanitarian role to perform and I'm sure it would appeal to far more of us if it

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became more involved in helping the less fortunate, the lonely and the alienated in a variety of practical ways. They also need to be welcoming and embrace everyone. Recently, Liz and I visited Ashill and at one of its churches we found a working party tidying up the churchyard. The fact that there were so many was hugely impressive, a tangible example of community action working as it should. Additionally, many of them took the time to speak to us, complete strangers, and to offer us hospitality. We had a similar experience years ago when we turned up just after a service at the church in East Coker. I was interested in TS Eliot who is buried there. Many of the congregation spoke to us and offered us hospitality. We were so struck by it that we talk about it still. Churches should be at the heart of their communities and they should be welcoming places. If they are neither of these things they serve no useful purpose. In Barton Bendish, where our church is more or less unheated, services take on different forms and move to different places. Recently a Harvest Breakfast was held in the village hall, a place playing an ever more important role in bringing people together.

Village halls all have a vital role to play. Last week I was in Marham, where the village hall and its committee were doing a marvellous job of collecting and dispatching aid to Ukraine. They were envious of the marvellous building we have in Barton and the committee are coming to visit it and to talk to us about how the dream of a better village hall was achieved. They are doing this during our pop up café event on March 30th between Noon and 4pm. People can simply drop in for lunch or a cup of tea without booking and I hope that many will. There is work to do to recreate community feeling after the pandemic. For anyone who is lonely, fed up or simply wants to get to know their neighbours better, drop in sessions like this are ideal. I hope that they will become a regular event in our village hall and that this will encourage and enable more and more people to feel part of the community which they are fortunate to live amongst.

Andrew Stephen

Barton Bendish Parish Council Dates for your Diary

Future parish council meetings have now been confirmed as:

11 May

13 July

7 September

9 November

11 January 2023

8 March 2023

All meetings will be held in Barton Bendish Village Hall and will start at 7.30pm.

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Memorial Token



The memorial token was presented to the parish in honour of the community efforts made in the pandemic year immediately before the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 9th March by James Bagge.

Mary Simon received the token on behalf of the Parish.

[Well done. Ed]

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Flexibus+ The new fully accessible bus service for Swaffham and the surrounding area is now due to launch on **Monday 28 March**.

Details of the service have not changed from the previous email. It will be called flexibus+ and will run from 7am – 7pm Monday to Saturday. Passengers will need to book their journey in advance which can be done quickly and easily using the flexibus+ app, online or via telephone.

Fares start from as little as £2 and through ticketing options will be available for travelling on to Kings Lynn, Dereham and Norwich.

The current service 12 (North Pickenham to Swaffham - Monday to Friday) and the service 31 (Beachamwell, Oxborough, Gooderstone, Cockley Cley South and North Pickenham to Swaffham), will stop running from Monday 4 April and will be covered by the new service giving wider travel options. Information regarding this and the service in general is due to be available soon.

The flexibus+ is a Norfolk County Council service delivered in partnership with Vectare Ltd. and Via. Further information will be available in due course, including on the NCC website and with and with Vectare, The service operator.

See next page.

Helen Carrier, Parish Clerk

Telephone number: 01945 430930

Email: bartonbendishparishcouncil@aol.co.uk

Further information is available on the Parish Council website at bartonbendishparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk

Save the Dates 2022

As the country begins to slowly and carefully emerge from the restrictions of the past 24 months we would like to announce some dates of future events coming on in Barton Bendish. There will be dates of Church services to come when they are confirmed along with other future fundraising events.

April

Sunday	10 th	Palm Sunday Procession & Service	10.30am
Wednesday	13 th	Tenebrae Service	7.00pm

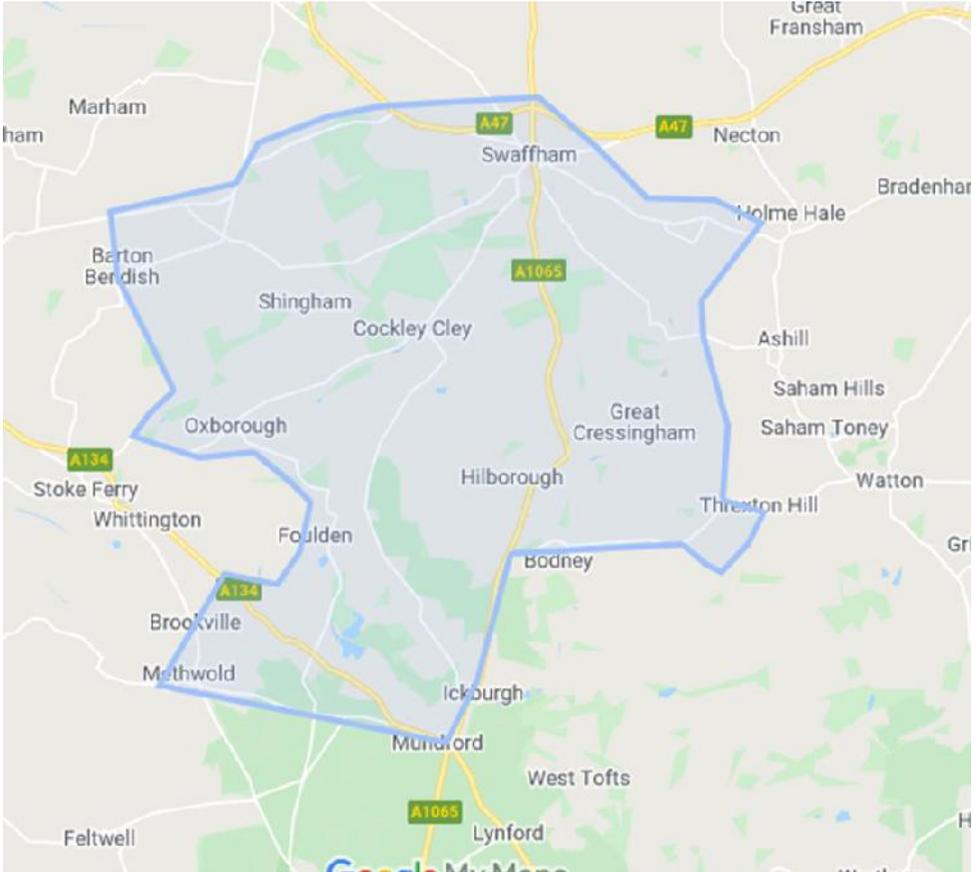
May

Wednesday	4th	Pop Up Café	12 – 4pm
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June

Saturday	4 th	Service of Celebration of Platinum Jubilee	TBC
Sunday	5 th	NGS Open Garden at The Hall	11-5pm
Sunday	26 th	Village Open Gardens	11-5pm

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July

Wednesday TBC Pop Up Café 12-4pm

September

17th & 18th Art & Craft Exhibition 10-5pm

November

Sunday 13th Remembrance Service 10.45am

24th, 25th & 26th Wreath Making Workshops

December

Saturday 17th Victorian Evening 6pm

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Mobile Post Office

Monday and Thursday 13.00 – 13.15: Tuesday and Wednesday 11.10 – 11.30

Parish Council



(Ordinary Meeting) and 9th May (Ordinary Meeting and AGM) They will be held at 7.30 in Beachamwell Memorial Hall.

Claire Prentis (Clerk to the Council) 07591 220390

beachamwellparishcouncil@gmail.com

Councillors:

Cllr. Tom Sanderson (Chairman):

01366328244 07803963804

tomsandesonson@btconnect.com

Cllr. Diana Lambert (Vice Chairman):

01366 328227

Cllr. Richard James:

01366 328968 rjj1james@gmail.com

Cllr. Pat O'Donnell:

01366 328385

Tuesday 5th July 2022 at 7.00pm

Tuesday 11th October 2022 at 7.00pm

In the Swaffham Town Hall

Join your local Beat Managers, Pc Button and Pc Johnson, to discuss any local concerns, vote in new priorities and hear updates on the current priorities

Snap Meetings

Here are the forthcoming dates



PC Button & PC Johnson
Beat Managers
Swaffham Safer Neighbourhood Team

If you cannot make the meeting but still want to raise a concern please email the Beat Managers at SNTSwaffham@norfolk.pnn.police.uk



CONTACT US THROUGH OUR
SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS



CALL US ON 101 OR 999 IN
AN EMERGENCY



TALK TO YOUR LOCAL
BEAT MANAGER

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St. Mary's Church



Friends of St Mary's Beachamwell

As I am sure you can imagine there is a lot going on following the fire at the Church and I will try and keep you updated as much as I can in the G4N. At the moment the Friends are working with the diocese and the PCC to help take the necessary steps to stabilize the building and remove the debris. The structure which remains also needs to be protected by

what is called a "tin hat" which will cover the walls from the weather. Over the next weeks there will also be one or two containers arriving both to store the artefacts from the church and provide welfare facilities for the contractors. One will be in the corner of the churchyard and another along the lane running to the west of the church. Hopefully as far as possible they will not be too much of an eyesore for the village but they are a necessary and essential part of the recovery work.

The Friends are meeting with the diocese and Ian Mack, Assistant Curate, to work out the best way to consult with the village as to the nature of the restoration work to be done. Hopefully before too long there will be an opportunity to let us have your views. All these steps (and those involving the insurers) take a certain amount of time but please be reassured that progress is being made even if nothing appears to be happening on the ground at this stage.

It has been heartening to have the numerous offers of help and ideas from many of you. We plan to have a meeting in due course to keep you all up to date.

Peggy Ray

Parochial Church Council

Following the catastrophic fire in which we lost our lovely church the members of the PCC were delighted to have received such a tremendous support from our clergy: Bishop Dagmar and Bishop Stephen, Rev'd. Ian Mack, Rev'd Ray Burman and Pippa Blackall.

Friends of the Church have also been tirelessly working with us on producing a community consultation questionnaire and collating and cataloguing the church contents that were lost in the fire.

In response to our notice for new members we've had several offers from local residents to be included in the Church Electoral Roll and join the PCC.

It is truly remarkable to have had so many offers of help and several monetary donations from individuals and also other churches, both near and far away. It has been heartwarming to know that the tragic loss of our ancient little church has touched so many people.

We will be holding our Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Thursday 7th April

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starting at 7pm at the village hall, where we will be reporting on the progress so far and electing our new PCC. Everyone is welcome.

There is a lot of work ahead of us but we remain confident that, with the support of the local community, the dedicated members of our clergy and the Diocesan representatives, we will succeed in rebuilding our iconic church which stood at the heart of our village for a millennium.

To help us all with the sense of loss and grief and with our prayers for the good outcomes we propose to hold monthly memorial services, on the first Saturday, at 11.00 am at the Green or the Memorial Hall (depending on the weather).

Please consult the church noticeboard for details of these, and also note details of other services in the neighbouring churches of the Wissey Valley Benefice.

Vesna Hudson

on behalf of the PCC

Beachamwell Wednesday Walkers

Wednesday, 2nd March, saw the 'Walkers' set off from the Memorial Hall on a dank, grey and drizzly morning. It was ten brave souls who trudged across the fields by the ruins of St. John's to the Green Drove and on to the footpaths of Barton Bendish. Although the mud and puddles were something to behold and to negotiate, we remembered that this was only the third walk in poor weather since we began exploring in 2012.

The wildlife did its best to cheer: snowdrops en masse, excellent views of brown hares, yellowhammers and a red kite, AND the hawthorn was coming into leaf. The far most point of the walk was St Mary's Glebe, a couple of barns on land once farmed for the rector of St Mary's in Barton Bendish as tithes. We returned home via Murgot's Lane having walked just under four and a half miles.

Hopefully, next month on Wednesday, 6th April, the sun will shine on us as we explore public rights of way towards Eastmoor. (There will be stiles.) You are all very welcome join us. The Wednesday Walkers leave the Memorial Hall at 10.00 am and hope to be back by noon.

Sue Pennell

Forthcoming events to which you are welcome to join in

Beachamwell Book Group

Tea and Chat



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Memorial Hall



The AGM was held on the 10th of March and was attended by 4 members of the public. A brief report was given by each of the Officers. Finances are ok, usage is down, kitchen development plans are on going, money raising activities will resume with the Fete in September and a website is under construction. There was one resignation from the Committee which is Helga Corey-Wright due to her move to Swaffham. The Trustees and Committee

members remain unchanged as follows:

Chair: Peter Garner (Trustee)

Vice Chair: Colin Friend (Trustee)

Secretary: Ann Whittet-Knox (Trustee)

Bookings Secretary: Cathy Friend (Trustee) 07818453323

Allan Butler (Trustee)

Mark Lusby

Tim Hudson

Graham Hood

Jackie Hood

Pop up Pubs are back!!! Put the date in your diaries. 3rd Friday of the month

15th April

20th May

17th June

15th July

19th August

16th September

All start at 7.30pm with last orders at 10.45pm



There will be a Big Lunch to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee on Sunday 5th July from 12 - 4pm. BBQ and pop up pub. The concept of the Big Lunch is to get people to stop what they are doing and get together with neighbours in a nationwide act of community and friendship. It would be lovely to see the Village Hall grass full of people. Don't forget to bring chairs!!

Cathy Friend



I'm sure that everyone will agree the daffodils planted around the village look splendid so thanks again to those of you with the foresight and those of you who did the planting - well worth the effort.

Eileen Powell

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS

DATE	VILLAGE	LOCATION	TIME
Tues 19 April	Barton	Hatherley Gardens	11:10 am
Tues 19 April	Beachamwell	Old Post Office	09:45 am
Tues 26 April	Drymere	Telephone Kiosk	09:45 am
Tues 19 April	Boughton	Mill Road	10:45 am
Friday 16 April	Wereham	Queen's Close	12.25 am
		Village Hall	12:45 am

For services to all 'Group 4' villages ring Mobile Library Information on 01362 693184 (Barton, Beachamwell, Boughton & Drymere) or 01366 383073 (Wereham) or look at the website - <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries-local-history-and-archives/libraries/your-local-library/mobile-library-routes-and-timetables>

MARKETS - Farmers' and Indoor

Ely (Farmers')	Second and Fourth Saturday each month 8.00am to 2.00pm
Fakenham (Farmers')	Fourth Saturday each month 8.30am to 12.00pm
Kings Lynn (Farmers')	Second and Fourth Saturday each month
Swaffham (Indoor)	Every Friday 9.00am to 1.00pm
Wisbech (Farmers')	Alternate Fridays 8.30am to 2.00pm

For information:- www.farmersmarkets.net or your local Tourist Information Office. Check to see if they are actually taking place.

VILLAGE, COMMUNITY and PARISH HALL BOOKINGS

Barton Bendish	Mary Simons	01366 347 790	
Beachamwell	Cathy Friend	01366 328892	
Boughton	Pam Wakeling	01366 500429	
Wereham	Angie, Lyn or Sara	07497 430005.	weekdays 10 - 3
	www.werehamvillage	hall.co.uk/hallhire	Anytime

APRIL CHURCH SERVICES PRIORY GROUP

Sunday, 3 April [Fifth Sunday of Lent. Passiontide begins]

09:30	Runcton Holme	Holy Communion
10:00	Shouldham	Morning Prayer
11:00	Watlington	Morning Prayer
11:00	Marham	Holy Communion
18:00	Online & Phone	Evening Prayer

Sunday, 10 April [Palm Sunday]

09:30	Shouldham Thorpe	Holy Communion
11:00	Fincham	Morning Prayer
11:00	Stowbridge	Holy Communion
11:00	Watlington	Holy Communion
18:00	Online & Phone	Evening Prayer

Sunday, 17 April [Easter Day]

09:30	Wormegay	Holy Communion
11:00	Marham	Holy Communion
11:00	Shouldham	Holy Communion
11:00	Watlington	Holy Communion
18:00	Online	Evening Prayer

Sunday, 24 April [Second Sunday of Easter]

09:30	Fincham	Holy Communion - BCP
11:00	Tottenham	Holy Communion
11:00	Watlington	Holy Communion
11:00	Wimbotsham	Holy Communion
18:00	Online & Phone	Evening Prayer

Midweek Services

Watlington

Wednesdays 10:00 Morning Prayer (BC)

Thursday, 3 February

10:00 Runcton Holme (Holy Communion)

Thursday, 10 February

10:00 Fincham (Holy Communion) (to be confirmed)

APRIL CHURCH SERVICES WISSEY VALLEY GROUP

Saturday 2nd April

2.00 - 3.45 West Dereham cre8 in the Village Hall

Sunday, 3 April [Fifth Sunday of Lent. Passiontide begins]

9.30 Methwold Holy Communion

9.30 Wretton/Stoke Ferry Holy Communion

6.00 Wereham Evensong

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April 24th Second Sunday of Easter

9.30 Methwold Service of the Word

9.30 West Dereham Service of the Word

9.30 Whittington Holy Communion

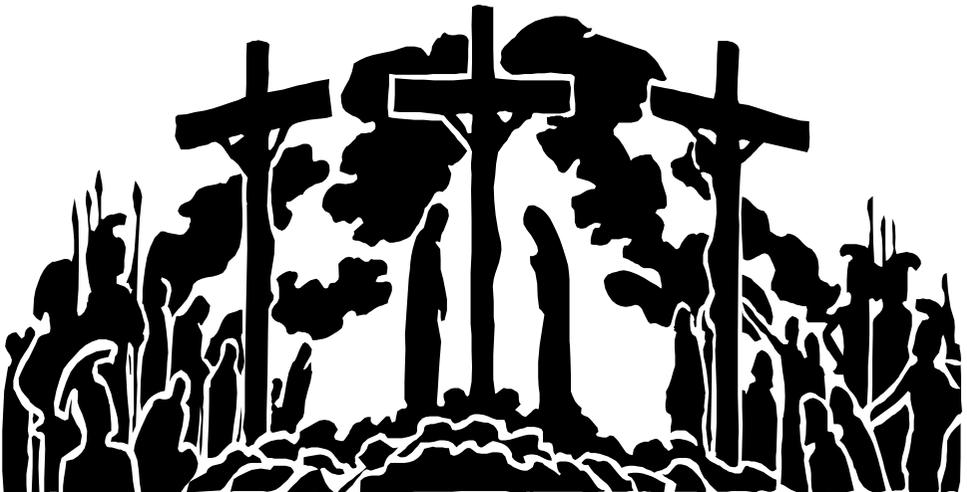
11.00 Boughton Holy Communion

Midweek Services

Wednesdays 9.00 am Wretton with Stoke Ferry Morning Prayer

Thursdays 8.30 am Methwold Morning Prayer

Thursdays 9.30 am Wretton with Stoke Ferry Holy Communion



HOLY WEEK SERVICES



April 10th Palm Sunday.

10.30 am	Barton Bendish	Procession and Service
9.30 am	Whittington	Palm Sunday Service
9.30 am	West Dereham	Service of the Word
9.30 am	Methwold	Palm Sunday Service

Monday 11th April

5.30pm	Methwold	Evening Prayer
7.00pm	Boughton	Evening Prayer (BCP)

Tuesday 12th April

5.30pm	Methwold	Evening Prayer
7.00pm	Wretton	Evening Prayer (BCP)

Wednesday 13th April

7pm	Barton Bendish	Benefice Service Tenebrae
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Thursday 14th April Maundy Thursday

7pm	Wereham	Benefice Service Washing of the feet and Communion
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Friday 15th April Good Friday

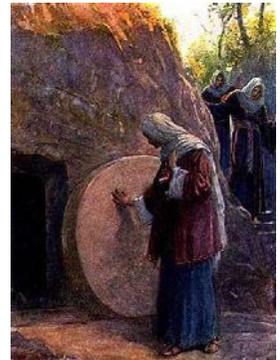
11.00am	Stoke Ferry	Walk of Witness. Meet by Stoke Ferry War Memorial
1.00pm	Methwold	Good Friday Service
2.00pm	Wretton	Seven Last Words from the Cross. Music, readings and prayers

Saturday April 16th Easter Eve

7 pm Boughton Pascal Vigil and Holy Communion

Sunday April 17th Easter Sunday

9.30 am	Methwold	Holy Communion
9.30 am	Wretton	Holy Communion
11.00 am	West Dereham	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Wereham	



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ONLINE SERVICES IN APRIL

Online Zoom services (Service of the Word) are due to take place every Sunday at 6.30pm

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Latest details may be found on the Wissey Valley Facebook group at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/205146954071877/>



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Village	Day	Destination	Price	With Concessionary Pass	Office
Barton Bendish	Tuesday	Swaffham	£5.50	£4.00	Swaffham
Beachamwell	Tuesday	Swaffham	£5.50	£4.00	Swaffham
Boughton	Tuesday	Downham Market	£5.50		Kings Lynn
Drymere	Tuesday	Swaffham	£4.50	£3.00	Swaffham
Wereham	Tuesday	Downham Market	£4.50		Kings Lynn

**You need to be a member and you must pre-book your seat.
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 Kings Lynn - 01553 776971
 Swaffham – 01760 720906**

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All Saints' Church

Thank you so much to all the people in the village who have donated to the organ appeal. It's truly amazing! We have been putting in grant applications as well, and hope the organ will be repaired after Easter. We've been offered the use of a harmonium for Easter, so we are hoping to have something approaching our Easter Vigil service on Saturday 16th April. This was instigated by Robin Blackall and became a huge part of our tradition. It's a year since he died, which is amazing, and (I hope a eulogy in this magazine will remind us all of our dear friend)

There is no longer a benefice choir, but if anyone wants to join us to sing responses, please get in touch.

Angela has been busy as usual, and we are always grateful for what she does. She has been collecting books for sale and that will be after Easter. Pippa has organised this month's Breakfast Church, with help from Carol and Angela, but the second Sunday in April will be Palm Sunday and we will hope to join with the other parishes at Barton Bendish for the Palm Sunday service.

We are still hoping that Open Gardens Day will be possible this year, but more gardens are needed. Please contact me if you are willing to take part, or contact me if you aren't sure what it involves. We will also need helpers on the day and people who make cakes!

Pam Wakeling

Boughton Open Gardens 2022

Will you be able to open your garden on Open Gardens Day this year? This event will take place on June 12th, the second Sunday of the month. Please consider opening your garden in aid of the church and continuing the opportunity to showcase our village to a large number of people. It's hard work, but always worthwhile for more than the fundraising aspect and especially as we have not had the event for the last two years due to Covid it would be the perfect opportunity to socialise and welcome new residents to the village. We already know that a couple of our usual gardens will be unable to open for various reasons and people have moved from the village, so we desperately need new gardens and new volunteers. This is the main fundraiser for the church and usually raises a large proportion of the money we have to pay Ely; it also helps keep the church warm, both for services and when it is functioning as a community hall. Your garden doesn't have to be perfect – just friendly and inviting to a range of visitors who share a liking for gardens.

As usual, we will have the Garden Emporium which sells anything garden related and a Tombola stall both of which require donations, so if you find anything suitable during your spring clean of 2022 then Angela Faherty

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will be willing to take them off your hands! Please drop items off at Tapestry Cottage or give Angela a call on 501335 and she will gladly collect.

If you are splitting plants this spring, then consider putting a piece aside and labelling it for sale on the day. You may be raising seedlings as well, so any spares could find a forever home with our visitors.

If you aren't able to open your garden, perhaps you can offer to help on the day, either way I would be pleased to hear from you.

Pam Wakeling 01366 500 429

Boughton Church Organ Appeal

We have had an amazing response to our organ appeal and at the time of writing (14th March) the donations to date from the kind hearted people of Boughton and members of our congregation amount to £1,130 with an additional gift aid claim of £210. We have also applied for grants towards the cost of the repair and await to see if we have been successful with our applications.

Thank you for your generosity.

Boughton PCC

Boughton Book Brocante ~ Saturday 30th April

Come along to our fundraiser for the church organ appeal at All Saints' Church, Boughton on Saturday 30th April between 11 am and 3 pm. There will be an abundance of books to choose from also plants, greetings cards and we will be serving tea and cake.

Angela Faherty – Boughton PCC

Cricket Club

The storm of Feb 18 managed to distort the Cricket Club's bowling frame. Happily Stephen Eyles from Brookville is able to repair it, and add some cross braces to prevent a recurrence. More happily, our Kings Lynn and West Norfolk Councillor Colin Sampson has been able to endorse our request for a Councillor Community Grant, and the Club will be receiving a donation of £200 to help defray the cost.

The club has withdrawn from the County Leagues this year, in view of the difficulty in raising a full team, and will be playing a series of Friendlies instead.

Sadly several clubs face the same difficulty in fielding a team, and some fold altogether. So any budding players, young and older, male or female are especially welcome to join us for a game on our lovely ground in Wretton Road. Worth it just for the delicious teas from Karen and Clare alone.

Paul Coulten (treasurer)

BOUGHTON VILLAGE NEWS

Boughton Parish Council

On 8th March, Boughton Parish Council held its regular council meeting. Prior to



the meeting Deputy Lieutenant Nick Pratt on behalf of the Lord Lieutenant, Lady Dannatt, presented a Pandemic Commemoration plaque to the Chairman, who received it on behalf of the community. The plaque represents the resilience and community spirit shown by the community individually and collectively during the pandemic.

The meeting heard from our county councillor who informed the parish that county council tax will be increased by 2.99% this year (including a 1% increase for adult social care). Our borough councillor pointed that borough element of the overall tax equates to 4p in the pound, just 23p per day per household to provide all their services. As previously reported the parish precept remains as before.

The latest speed sign data shows that vehicles approach the village along Stoke Road at 51mph past the 30 repeater sign, close to the blind corner. We have asked highways to expedite a "SLOW" sign on the road surface in response to this finding.

Residents are reminded that the children's play area is not a suitable place for animals (except service dogs). This includes the horses that were observed in there recently. We will update the signs accordingly. Horse droppings may be good for roses, but I would not want my grandchildren playing in it.

Prompted by the closing of the village permissive path due to the inconsiderate

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actions of dog walkers leaving mess on private property, the council discussed the purchase and maintenance of dog bins in the village. As these are quite expensive and their siting can be contentious we resolved not to pursue these at this time, but to ask residents to submit reported sightings of mess so we can create a map of properly locations.

We will be creating an Emergency Plan for Boughton, which will document how the community can respond to extreme events, such as being snowed in, or a long period without power. You should have received a questionnaire by now and I urge you to fill it in.

Our regular litter pick will take place on Saturday 2nd April, 10am, starting at The Green. Please lend a hand if you can.

The next parish meeting will also be the Annual Parish Meeting, a public meeting for all residents to air their concerns and set the agenda for the upcoming year for the parish council. Please do come along. It will be held in the church on Tuesday 3rd May at 7pm

Neil Matthew, Chair, Boughton Parish Council

chair.boughtonpc@gmail.com

Facebook: All About Boughton @boughtonpc

Website: <https://boughtonparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk>

Pathway

We will be re-opening our part of the permissive path for April. Hopefully it will be drier underfoot by then, and that we won't find any of those little bags on our land.

Paul Coulten



WEREHAM VILLAGE NEWS

Mobile Post Office

Will park near the village pond on the following days/times,

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St Margaret's Church

After a very successful planning meeting in February, a gentle reminder that we have a further planning meeting on Tuesday 12th April at 7.00pm . The invitation is open to all who are interested in helping the Church of St Margaret to survive the difficult times we live in today. The meeting will last no longer than an hour. Thank you for your continued support ,
Tom Golden 500052 and Chris Murray 500796

Wereham Village's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations



At an open meeting, hosted by the Village Hall in early February, lots of great ideas came forward for ways in which the people of Wereham could celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and we are delighted to announce that plans for an exciting range of activities and events are already progressing well.

The aim is to bring together as many members of the local community as possible, both young and old, to share the celebrations with family, friends and neighbours.

Although this is a year long celebration, the designated Platinum Jubilee Weekend will run from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th of June. Each day will bring something special for everyone to enjoy and participate in.

There will be open events in and around the Village Square and our lovely St Margaret's Church and Village Hall will both be host to a varied programme of activities and entertainments both inside and outside the buildings. There will be music and dancing, sideshows and games and plenty of fun for everyone. There will also be lots of different food and refreshments to enjoy.

This will also be an opportunity to look back at past Jubilee celebrations in Wereham and the surrounding villages, with lots of photographic material on show, as well as national archive film and footage from the Queen's 70 year reign.

And as is traditional at any party there will be a big cake made by local residents for everyone to enjoy!

A full programme of Wereham Jubilee Celebrations will be published soon and details will be distributed throughout the village and promoted to the wider local community. So look out for further news of everything that is planned to take place in our wonderful village, encourage your family and friends to take part, and join us for what promises to be a truly memorable Jubilee.

Keith Murray

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Village Hall

Car Boot and Cafe

The next car boot is April 24th, the cafe will be open as usual 8am until we finish, with all the usual goodies. Jayne and her helpers will make you very welcome. There is a warm and friendly atmosphere in the village hall and a children's play ground out on the sports field.

For further details please contact Philip on 01366 501330. Or 07759033492.

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Short Mat Bowls

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Craft Group

We hold our craft group meetings on the second Tuesday of every month 10.30am until 12.30 pm. For our March meeting we are having a Macramé work shop, I am currently arranging a date to have a Sashiko workshop, Sashiko is Japanese embroidery. We are a group of 14 women some knit, some sew and some just come for the social side of things. I have booked 2 dates for this year's Craft Fairs, 18th June and 12th November If there are any crafters out there who would like to book a craft fair table please get in touch as soon as possible as tables are going fairly quickly. For further details please Rosemary on 01366 501330, or 07749240606,

e-mail rosemary.pease@btinternet.com.

Prize Bingo

Friends of St. Margaret's Church are holding a Bumper Prize Bingo at on Saturday 14th May 2022. Eyes down at 7.30pm.

Proceeds are going to St., Margaret's Church. mWe look forward to seeing you there.

Pop-up Café

We are back!! Every 1stTuesday of the month from 10.45am onwards.

Like many other venues during the past 18 months many people have not been able to meet up, but now we can, Wereham Village Hall 'Pop up Café' is the ideal place to meet and greet friends and neighbours over a tea/coffee and a choice of home baked cakes and pastries.

We hope you will be able to join us.

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Parish Council

Next Meeting Date – Monday 9 May 2022 at 6.00pm (To be held in the Main Village Hall). Annual Wereham Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Meeting of the Wereham Parish Council

Agenda items must be received before the end of the month prior to each meeting, items received after this time will not be possible to discuss. Please send to the Parish Clerk at werehampc@gmail.com. The Agendas for meetings are always published on the Wereham Village Notice Board three clear days before the meeting, and notified via the Wereham Parish Council Facebook Page and on the website www.werehamparishcouncil.co.uk You will also find minutes of all meetings here.

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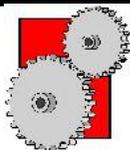
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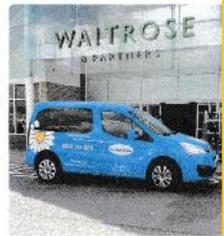
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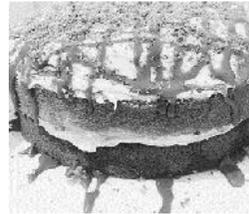
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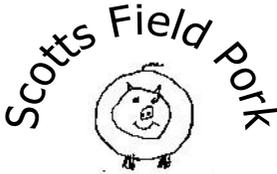
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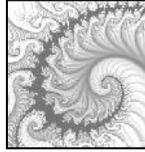


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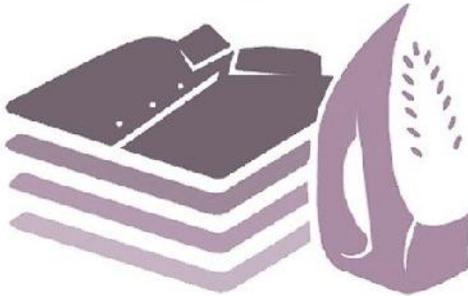
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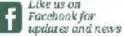
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On a less epic scale but importantly, some refugee organisations such as Reset and the sanctuary foundation are working flat out to match potential hosts in this country with those who need hosts and hopefully some guests will arrive even in this rural corner of Norfolk.

It would be great to link up with any other people who are interested in this project; not necessarily to host, but who might be able to offer help to people trying to acclimatise to our local communities.

There will be plenty of paperwork to do with GPS , schools, bank accounts, and also helping hosts with introducing guests to life in our villages and local towns.

There is plenty of activity online of course and a look at some of the organisations who are at the heart of this huge effort such as Reset and the Sanctuary Foundation will produce useful information.

All the Best

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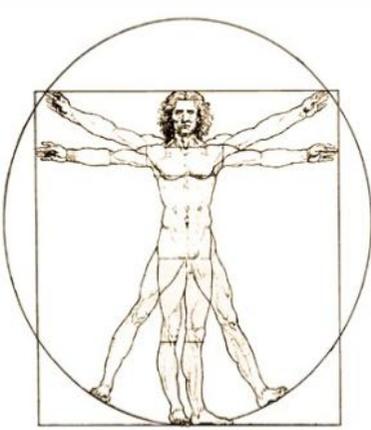
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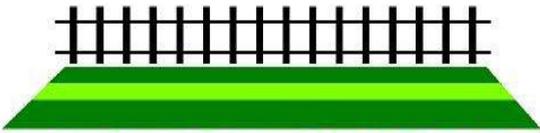
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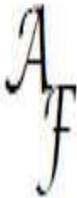
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