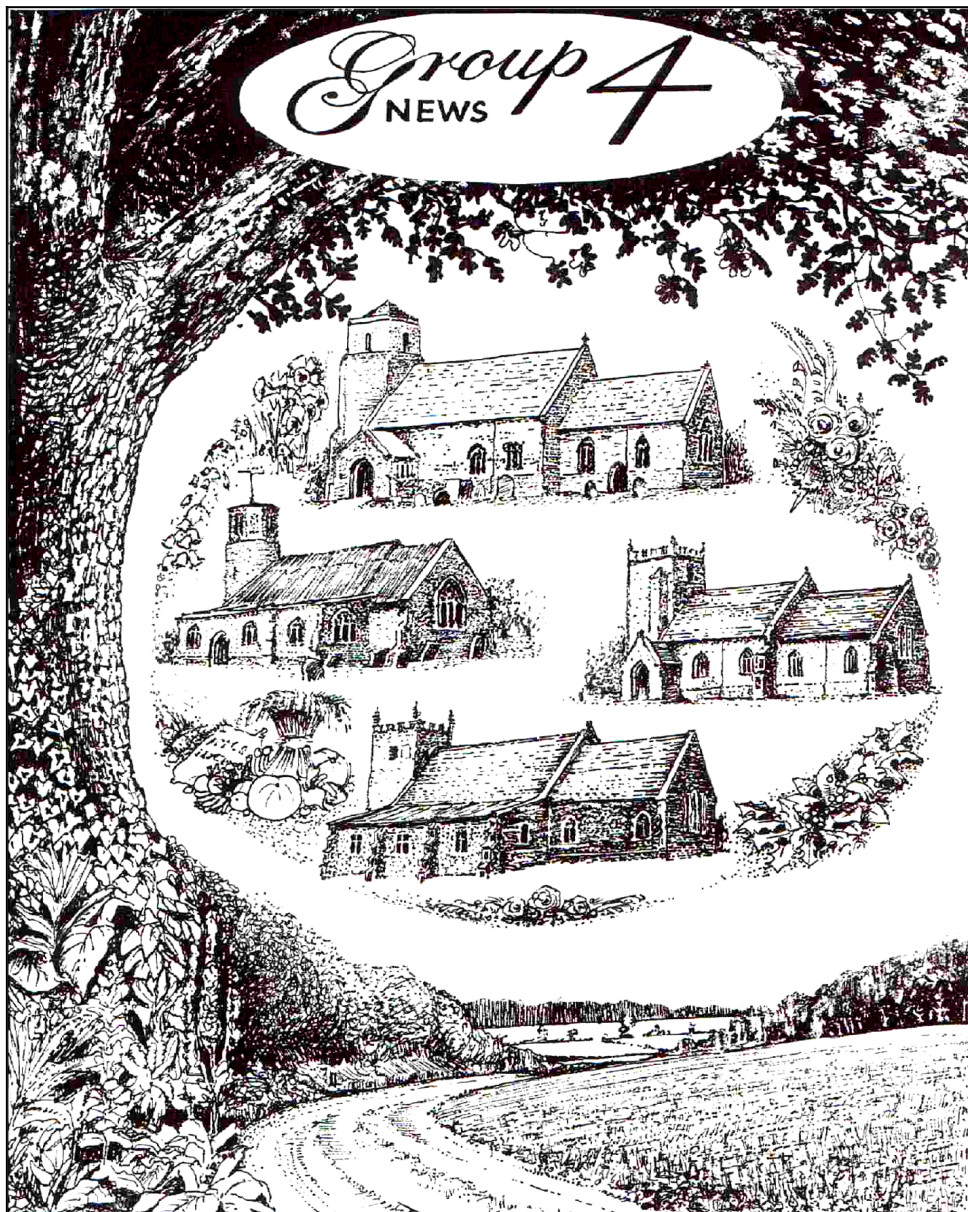


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**February 2023**

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## WELCOME

The days are lengthening. The snowdrops  
and daffodils are out!

As always, 'Happy Reading'  
The Editorial Team  
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## **ANOTHER FESTIVAL AND ANOTHER SAINTS' DAY?**

It has been said that Church Festivals and Saints' Days are like London Buses. You wait a long time and several come along all together! No sooner that the celebration of Christmas over on its sixth day that we have The Epiphany, otherwise known as The Revelation of Christ to the Gentiles. That is the day when the visit of the Wise Men to the infant Jesus is correctly celebrated. This despite the image of 3 figures on camels appearing on many Christmas cards. Ah! But in-between those there is the Feast of Stephen, the First Martyr (the day that Good King Wenceslas last looked out) known to us as Boxing Day. And then there is the, perhaps, rather obscure one to many of us, the Naming and Circumcision of Christ which falls on New Years Day, no wonder it's obscure! And hardly a wonder that it is a transferable Feast. That does not include the more 'ordinary' Saints Days that fall between those major Festivals. Similar important Festivals are called Red Letter Days because they are denoted as such in the Church's Calendar. It may not be surprising then, in medieval times the Clergy, monks and nuns together with the aristocracy and gentry enjoyed approximately 80 (Yes eighty) Holy Days. Of course, known these days as holidays. I once tried to acquaint my employer with these interesting facts in a vain attempt to get more of what the medieval folk enjoyed. He did not bite! But referred me to my Contact of Employment and Employees Handbook. My experience has taught me that, contrary to the old saying, there is harm in asking! So much for work/life balance thought I. My pride in my research into all these matters had come to naught. Ok! Another saying is 'pride comes before the fall'. In retrospect I believe that I ought to be thankful that my employer could not readily find someone to fill my position. If that had happened, I would have fallen further. That said, it appears these same facts have been used by some retailers as an excuse for putting Easter Eggs on display directly just after Christmas. If you've bought any check the use-by date would be my advice. Then along comes another Saints Day. Yes – 14 th. February – Valentine's Day. I once thought that he was a myth used to promote the sales of cards and flowers. And that despite having sent cards to a number of young ladies of my acquaintance. On one inauspicious occasion to two in the same office. One of whom shared my birthday, so the covert nature of such cards did not last very long! I maintained that stance right up to the time that I met my late first wife. As you can imagine Carole did not share my opinion. Rather, sentiment and romance took precedence over any attempt at what appeared to be the financial logic of my case. It was not until I began my training as a Lay Minister that I discovered just how wrong I had been. Valentine was real and was a martyr. It is uncertain exactly when he was martyred but it was around the year A.D. 270. The legend says that he was put to death for marrying two Christians. That is why he is the Patron Saint of lovers; specifically of the engaged and of good marriage. Incidentally, he is also the Patron Saint of beekeepers and those, particularly children, with serious illnesses. At that time, it was unlawful

to be a Christian. The Roman Emperor was worshipped as a god. And those who did not worship the Emperor were executed. Like the first Christian martyr in this country St.Alban (Feast Day 22nd . Jane), Valentine was put to death during the various persecutions that took place in the first 300 years of Christianity. It was not until the Emperor Constantine saw a vision of the Cross of Christ before going into a battle, during which he was victorious, that Christianity became the official religion of the Roman Empire. He may well have been influenced by his own mother, Helen, who is held to have been a British princess. In all probability there would have been residual Christianity worshippers in Britannia from the time before the Romans left. It is worth remembering and Praying about the fact that oppression and persecutions of Christians, and followers of other religions, are still going on in the world today.

What we face in England is not conventional persecution. Indeed, it is against the law to seek to prevent anyone from going to Church or practicing their religion. What we face is apathy and indifference. All too often, in my view, to peoples 'own disadvantage. Whilst I have found is that the majority of people have some belief in God, they do not see any reason to go to Church. Or any other form of religious practice. The results of the last census, widely commented upon in the media, demonstrate that to be so. Yet, it is because of our Faith that the Church continues to show God's Love towards those who regularly attend worship and those who do not. For, if we ever failed to do so, we would not be carrying out the duty that Jesus Himself gave us "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." (Matthew 28: 19).

## **A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR.....**

This is rather like the Covenant Prayer that many Methodist Communities use at the beginning of a new year. The prayer was also used at the enthronement of Dr Rowen Williams as Archbishop of Canterbury in February 2003.

I am no longer my own but yours.  
Put me to what you will,  
rank me with whom you will;  
put me to doing, put me to suffering;  
let me be employed for you or laid aside for you,  
exalted for you or brought low for you;  
let me be full, let me be empty,  
let me have all things, let me have nothing;  
I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure and disposal.And now, glorious and blessed God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
you are mine and I am yours.  
So be it.  
And the covenant made on earth,  
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen



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## **Licensing Act 2003**

### **Application for the Variation of a Premises Licence**

An application in respect of **Barton Bendish Village Hall, Church Road, Barton Bendish, Norfolk PE33 9GF** has been made to the Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk as follows:

Proposed Licensable Activities:

**The sale of alcohol by retail**

Monday to Sunday 11:00- 23:00

**Regulated Entertainment**

Monday to Sunday 09:00- 23:00

The application can be viewed by appointment with the Licensing team quoting reference **23/00022/LA\_VAR** at the Council's Office, King's Court, Chapel Street, King's Lynn (telephone: (01553) 616200)).

Anyone wishing to object to this application should do so, in writing by **16th February 2023** to Legal Services and Licensing, Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk, King's Court, Chapel Street, King's Lynn, PE30 1EX.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application to which a maximum fine of £5000 is liable on summary conviction.

**Applicant: Barton Bendish Village Hall Trust**  
**Date: 19th January 2023**

## **NEWS RELEASE from the Borough Council**

### **Help is at hand if you ask.**

We all know that Christmas and New Year was a time for celebration but for people struggling with everyday living costs it can feel like an extra demand on a budget that already doesn't go far enough and we appreciate that the stress this causes for many people is overwhelming and they tend to live life from day-to-day or even moment-to-moment and this has the effect of storing up bigger problems for later. People often respond to money problems in one of two ways. They either avoid the problem altogether because they don't know how to get out of it or panic and go for a short-term solution like giving up their home or going to a money-lender – both of which usually make things worse in the long term.

But it doesn't have to be like that and the council's main message is: talk to us before doing anything else – we can help.

We can check that you are getting all the financial benefits you are entitled to. If you're in debt we have services that will help you get back on track. If you find yourself in crisis we may be able to arrange help with food and rent costs. If you're struggling with your mental health we can put you in touch with people who can help with that too.

We understand that it can be really difficult to think beyond today's problems but if you can just take that first step of talking to us, it could be the most important conversation you have this year.

Get money advice, don't go to money lenders, we know that going to a money lender means fast access to cash without having to fill out forms we know it can be a really tempting choice. But these people prey on desperation, charging huge amounts of interest and sometimes threatening or using violence to make you pay.

There ARE alternatives. If you get proper money advice they can help you maximise your income, making sure you are getting all the benefits you are entitled to and other help, such as discretionary support payments. They may be able to help you consolidate some of your debt or help you make payment agreements that you can manage. The council pays for a money advice service that's specially to help with this and free to use – visit [moneyadvicehub.org.uk](http://moneyadvicehub.org.uk) or call 01553 970004.

Hang on to your home? Rent is usually a household's biggest cost and recently we have had a lot of phone calls from people who have given up their tenancies because they think they can't afford it. They intend to go on the housing register to get an affordable home. What many people don't realise is that in many cases Government rules see this as making yourself 'intentionally homeless', which means that the council can't do much to help. Even if we can help, it could be a long wait as very few affordable homes are available and there are around 1,400 people on the housing register in this borough alone. Over the past three months only 19 homes with 3 or more bedrooms have become available – that's about 6 each month. For most people the best plan is to work out a way of staying in your current home. We can help with this.

Even if staying where you are isn't right for you, the most important thing you can do is talk to us before making any big decisions as this is when we can give you the most help. We're here for you

If you feel ready to talk to us, you can call 01553 616200. Ask for housing options to talk about your housing situation or ask for Lily for anything else.

If you have internet access, have a look at our website pages on help with the cost of living at [west-norfolk.gov.uk/costofliving](http://west-norfolk.gov.uk/costofliving). The pages are broken down into different problems you might be facing.

With the payment plan in place, and the guarantee of ongoing support from our services to maintain his rent payments, Mr A's landlord agreed to withdraw the notice so he could remain in his home.

## FEBRUARY QUIZ

1. What star sign are you if you were born in early February?
2. February gets its name from the word 'februa', which comes from which language?
3. Valentine's Day is celebrated on which date in February?
4. The February Revolution was the first of two revolutions which took place in Russia in which year?
5. What happened in Britain on the 15th of February, 1971?
6. Februalia was the Roman festival of ritual what?
7. On 16th February, 1659, what was used for the first time in Britain as Mr Nicholas Vanacker settles a debt?
8. In leap years, February starts on the same day of the week as which other month?
9. Which violet variety of quartz, often used in jewellery, is the traditional birthstone for February?
10. In the DC Comics, on which date in February is Superman's birthday?
11. Which popular tradition is celebrated in the United States and Canada on February 2? (Hint: it's also the title of a 1993 comedy film starring Bill Murray.)
12. In which resort city on the Black Sea was the Crimea Conference held in February, 1945?
13. In the sporting calendar, which event usually happens on the first Sunday in February?
14. Which American federal holiday is celebrated on the third Monday in February?
15. On the 12 February, 1554, who was beheaded at the tower of London?
16. Which country's leader once said, "I have two generals who will not fail me: Generals January and February"?
17. In the poem called 'The Months' by Sara Coleridge, if 'hot July brings cool-ing shower' what does February bring?
18. True or false. It is possible to have Easter in late February?

**Answers on page 52**

**Paraprosdokians** - Sentences or statements with an unexpected ending.

Will glass coffins be a success?  
Remains to be seen.

What's the difference between a hippo and a zippo?  
One is really heavy and the other is a little lighter.

Hear about the new restaurant called Karma?  
There's no menu - you get what you deserve.

I went to buy some camouflage trousers yesterday, but couldn't find any.

What do you call a bee that can't make up its mind?  
A maybe.

I tried to sue the airline for losing my luggage.  
I lost my case.

Is it ignorance or apathy that's destroying the world today?  
I don't know and don't really care.

I wasn't originally going to get a brain transplant, but then I changed my mind.

Which country's capital has the fastest-growing population?  
Ireland. Every day it's Dublin.

I saw an ad for burial plots, and I thought: "That's the last thing I need!"

Need an ark?  
I Noah guy.

You're not completely useless, you can always serve as a bad example.

I broke my finger last week. On the other hand, I'm okay.

Did you hear about the guy who got hit in the head with a can of soda?  
He was lucky it was a soft drink.

To the mathematician who thought of the idea of zero.  
Thanks for nothing!

Son: "Dad, can you tell me what a solar eclipse is?"  
Dad: "No sun."

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*Submitted by Paul Coulten*

## COUNTRYSIDE NOTES   Snowdrops

I have great admiration for any plant that has the tenacity to survive whatever nature throws at it and snowdrops are one of them. They resolutely appear from late January and through February to herald the arrival of spring even if it means pushing through a deep covering of snow. They thrive best in the damp soil often found in deciduous woodland and along river banks but they don't like very dry, sandy soils. For this reason they flourish better around Barton than they do at Beachamwell. Many places hold snowdrops walks in February, frequently for an individual charity or through the National Garden Scheme charitable organisation. Spectacular displays can be seen at Anglesey Abbey, near Cambridge, Chippenhams Park near Newmarket and Raveningham Hall near Norwich. Walsingham Abbey in north Norfolk is also renowned for its carpets of snowdrops. An annual Snowdrop Festival is also held at Shaftesbury in Dorset. Closer to home Ryston Hall, near Downham Market, open their grounds to the public as do Lexham Hall and Oxborough Hall. The flower has long been associated with the Christian festival of Candlemas and they were frequently grown in churchyards.

Snowdrops are found across the UK and belong to the genus *Galanthus* which is native to Europe and the Middle East, where there are about 20 known species. Bulbs are best planted out 'in the green', that is when they have finished flowering but still have green leaves. If conditions suit them they will spread rapidly. Although snowdrops can be grown from seed the usual method of propagation is by dividing the clumps which develop when bulblets form around the original bulb.

Through artificial selection from the three main species, in excess of 1,500 cultivars have been bred around 240 of which can be seen at Anglesey Abbey. Snowdrops are not native to the UK and were not recorded in the wild until the late 18th century. It's thought originally they may have been grown as an ornamental garden plant as early as the 16th century. Just as the poppy has become associated with the First World War so the snowdrop is with the Crimean War. As a prelude to spring they raised the spirits of soldiers on the battlefield who, when they returned home, brought bulbs back with them to plant in their gardens. A medicinal treatment for dementia has been developed from snowdrop bulbs but they are poisonous if eaten.

Surprisingly there are people who have a special attraction to snowdrops and are known as galanthophiles. An obsession for them is known as galanthomania. Bulbs are sometimes auctioned on ebay with rare ones making incredible prices. In 2015 a single bulb made £1,390, a record which was broken in February 2022 when *Galanthus plicatus* 'Golden Tears' bred by Joe Sharman of Monksilver Nursery went for a phenomenal £1,850!!

Snowdrops have long been regarded as a symbol of hope for better times to come. Fingers crossed this is still true for the world at the moment is a sad, mad place. *Jill Mason*



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## WNAS January 2023 at Mundford Bowls Club

Methwold man, Tim Flatman RN, Officer Commanding 207 sqn at Marham, very kindly offered his time to present a talk about the revered American F-35 Lightning which is a single-seat, single-engined, all-weather stealth multirole combat aircraft; often visiting Mundford airspace. After coming into service in 2006 it has evolved into three different variants, A, B and C; less difficult to understand than some of the tech-speak in Tim's repertoire. This data however, was limited to an unclassified selection. He explained that the variants could be tailored to suit different requirements: speed, take-off and landing times, vertical take-off, ceiling, aircraft carrier stowage and manoeuvrability; the best of all these necessities is not available in one aircraft. To demonstrate the popularity of the machine he also gave details of the distribution of end users: 1300 in America, 138 in Britain, some in Canada, Australia and quite a few in a number of European countries; he didn't say whether Lockheed Martin had a contract with Russia; perhaps that information comes under 'classified'.

Tim described the qualifications necessary to produce a modern generation pilot: he or she no longer needed muscle, a seat-of-the pants approach or inertia conscious intuition, but, it is preferable to possess iPhone finger-tip coordination.

A pilot can no longer do or go where he/she pleases; the movements are monitored and recorded by base control and, the aeroplane will not allow the pilot to make commands beyond the aircraft's capability. The modern fighter pilot uses avionic technology which allows visual data to be retrieved through monitors in the helmet; information from the ground below can 'come through the floor'. Combined British and American training exercises take place over the North Sea but much of the expertise is achieved using simulators; about 50% .

It seems this well-composed and imposing matter-of-fact young man (say, 43) was responsible for the record turn-out (37 present, six of whom were ladies; very encouraging) or maybe it was the result of additional website data; maybe a bit of both. There was a barrage of questions at the end of the evening and one in particular asked by a lady who was alarmed by the F35's fuel consumption: "Was the aircraft 'green'"? At this point Tim lost a little of his composure and could have said, "No, it's silver" or, as a politician might say, "It's thirsty but for the greater good". Instead he savoured the moment of being part of a comedy double act. Please find here: [www.westnorfolkaviationsociety.org.uk](http://www.westnorfolkaviationsociety.org.uk) details of WNAS Calendar, Photos, Press Releases, and any changes to the schedule.



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To look at what opportunities we offer for you to have fun, socialise, get physically active, learn new skills, - or to volunteer - please go to [www.werehamvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.werehamvillagehall.co.uk) or check out our Facebook page

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## VILLAGE HALL CAFE

The Village Hall Café is open from 10am to 3pm every weekday, serving a range of hot and cold drinks, confectionery, biscuits and crisps, plus delicious home-made cakes when available.

The Cafe is the perfect place to relax and meet friends, browse/buy from our pre-loved bookstall and enjoy our free Wi-Fi.

With the current economic climate, please do feel free to pop up for a cuppa and a chat, possibly make new friends, please don't be cold and alone, there's always a warm welcome at Wereham Village Hall

*If you can spare a few hours and would like to join our team of volunteers helping to run the Cafe, please contact us on 01366 502214 or just pop into the Hall for a chat ...*

For more information on activities, cinema listings or to book, please go to [www.werehamvillagehall.co.uk/whats-on](http://www.werehamvillagehall.co.uk/whats-on)



WEREHAM Village Hall **The Village Cinema - A Special Event -** WEREHAM Village Hall

**FISHERMAN'S FRIENDS: ONE AND ALL**  
 BASED ON A TRUE STORY  
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Enjoy a Light Afternoon Tea, a performance from Nelson's Shantymen & the movie Fisherman's Friends - One And All  
**Sunday 29th January 2023 - from 3.30pm**  
 Tickets - £8 per person - from the Village Hall Office (01366 502214)  
 - Admission by ticket only -  
 - Bar Available -

*Nelson's Shantymen*  
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 A non-profit-making group, they have raised a significant amount of money for worthwhile charitable causes.

## Fincham & District Women's Institute Craft Day

Saturday 18th March 2023  
 Wereham Village Hall  
 10am - 3.30pm

Crafts - 1. Mixed Media. 2. Decorated material baubles. 3. Sugar Craft

4. Cards. 5. Fabric bowls  
 £25 including refreshments and lunch

Materials extra depending on craft.

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Contacts Mrs Sandra Amies

(01366500954)

Mrs Christine Dungay

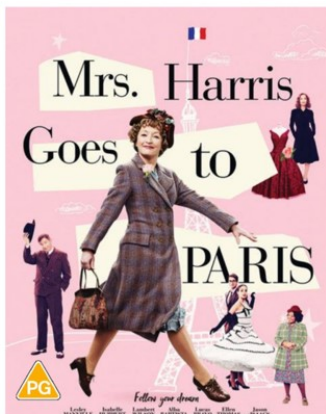
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# The Village Cinema



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**Programme begins 7.30pm**  
**Over 16s £5 12-16s £3**

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Werham Village Hall CIO, Registered Charity Number 1168472

## Beachamwell

### Afternoon Tea and a Chat.....'

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**February 15th**  
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Village Hall



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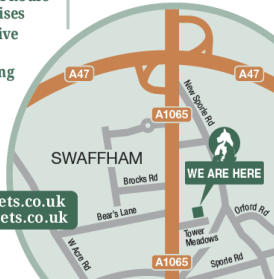
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**Soup and a Talk Evening**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March  
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Barton Bendish Village Hall**

**Homemade Soup with Crusty Bread  
will be served  
Booking is essential**

**For further details contact**

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**Barton Bendish Film Club**

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**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

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**Tickets £5.00 To reserve  
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**Barton Bendish**

**Pop Up Café**

**In**

**The Village Hall**

**On**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**12 Noon – 3.30pm**

**Mid- Morning Matters- Jan**

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## BARTON BENDISH AND EASTMOOR NEWS

### **Sarah Thorpe Clerk to Barton Bendish Parish Council RIP**

It is with great sadness that at the end of last year we were told of the passing of Sarah Thorpe who was clerk to Barton Bendish Parish Council and other councils in the area.

I had the pleasure of working with Sarah from when she started as clerk at Barton, Sarah's employment transformed the council and brought it up to speed. She had a wealth of knowledge on proceedings and was very professional and passionate about her role.

Sarah will be sadly missed.

JiWill Chapman

Chairman of Barton Bendish Parish Council

### **Wreath Making – November 2022**

We were pleased to welcome 150 Christmas Wreath makers over our 5 sessions. It was so lovely to see many returning makers again this year along with new faces with everyone keen to use this opportunity start the Christmas season. As always, the wreaths were equally beautiful but very individual and the creativity does not fail to amaze.

Many thanks go to those who opened their gardens to the organisers so vast quantities of greenery could be gathered and for not complaining about the pruning methods used! A big thank you to Joan and Mary for their delicious homemade mince pies which are always highly praised.

Being able to hold our workshops in our wonderful Village Hall is such a treat and we look forward to seeing many of you again this coming Christmas! If not before.....!

Mhari & Linda

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Andrew Stephen

**Pop Up Café Wednesday March 8<sup>th</sup> 12.00- 3.30pm Village Hall**

Everyone is welcome to come along and meet up informally for a chat. This is not a fund raising event but any profit will be donated to the Marie Curie charity. No booking required.

**Soup and a Talk March 15<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm**

The Rev Burman's homemade soup and crusty bread supper returns on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Further details in next month's G4

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**Pop-up Pubs**

The Village Hall is planning to run regular pop-up pubs. Well, given the local is closed, why not!

Provisional dates are set for Friday 14th April and Friday 12th May,

**Breakfast Church in the Village Hall    February 25<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am**

Everyone welcome but please book with either Linda 347563 or Mhari (347849) Please Details still to be finalised, but we're hopeful that we can get it organised and fill the social void left by the closure of the Berney Arms. Hopefully a balmy spring evening will allow us to open the doors onto the terrace and allow everyone to enjoy an end of the week tippie with friends, family, and neighbours. Watch this space.

Barton Bendish Village Hall Trust.

**News of a forthcoming show promoted by Creative Arts East as part of the Norfolk and Norwich Festival    14th May**

In other news, the Village Hall is pleased to have been selected as one of only 3 venues to host a show promoted by Creative Arts East as part of the Norfolk and Norwich Festival. The organisers are keen to make sure the festival reaches people from across the county, not just Norwich, and they have chosen Barton Bendish to host a show as part of this world-class arts festival. The show will be on Sunday 14th May with details and times to be announced, but for now, just save the date!

"**The Rest of Our Lives**" by Jo Fong and George Orange. is a cabaret of life and near death. Join Jo and George for a night of dance, circus and games. Jo is an old dancer, George an old clown. They are international artists with 100 years of life experience between them. They've reached the mid-way point, and now they're looking at the rest of their lives and wondering, what next? Armed with a soundtrack of floor-fillers, a book of raffle tickets and a sprinkling of eco-friendly glitter. Join them as they negotiate middle-life together with humour, tenderness and outlandish optimism.

It's a critically acclaimed contemporary physical performance that ends with the audience full-on disco dancing for their lives. Sounds like fun!

Chris

Barton Bendish Village Hall Trust

**Barton Bendish Village Hall Re Licensable Activities:**

Licensing Act 2003

Application for the Variation of a Premises Licence

An application in respect of Barton Bendish Village Hall, Church Road, Barton Bendish, Norfolk PE33 9GF has been made to the Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk as follows:

Proposed Licensable Activities:

The application can be viewed by appointment with the Licensing team quoting reference **23/00022/LA\_VAR** at the Council's Office, King's Court, Chapel Street, King's Lynn (telephone: (01553) 616200)).

Anyone wishing to object to this application should do so, in writing by **16th February 2023** to Legal Services and Licensing, Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk, King's Court, Chapel Street, King's Lynn, PE30 1EX.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application to which a maximum fine of £5000 is liable on summary conviction.

Applicant: Barton Bendish Village Hall Trust

Date: 19th January 2023

**Barton Bendish Parish Council**

Please contact the Parish Clerk for any matters concerning the Parish Council

Mrs Sharon Sweet, Locum Parish Clerk

Email: [bartonbendishparishcouncil@aol.co.uk](mailto:bartonbendishparishcouncil@aol.co.uk)

Further information is available on the Parish Council website at [bartonbendishparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk](http://bartonbendishparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk)

**Forthcoming Events**

Free Tea and Cake every Tuesday afternoon 2pm – 4pm Village Hall (except 14<sup>th</sup> of March)

February 25<sup>th</sup> Breakfast Church at 9.30am

February 25<sup>th</sup> Free Fish and Chip Supper

March 8<sup>th</sup> Pop-up Café 12-3.30pm

March 15<sup>th</sup> Soup and a Talk 6.30pm

March 25<sup>th</sup> Film 6.30pm for 7.0pm

## BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

### Mobile Post Office

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

### St Mary's Church

### Parish Council

### Village Hall

No news from the above so perhaps it is a case of 'No news is good news' .....

### Wednesday Walkers 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023

We thought it was going to be one of those '*should we*' or '*shouldn't we*' type of days. By morning however, the fierce over-night wind abated, so yes, it was safe for us to venture into the forest.

Our excursion found the six Wednesday Walkers plus canine, walking from the parish of Beachamwell into the parish of Cockley Cley to cover a circle of bridleways and un-numbered forest rides.

We found our route through the forest simply thronging with dog walkers taking advantage of the New Year sunshine. Seeing so many folk in the forest made it hard to remember that, not so many year ago, all this area was closed to the public. Now we are allowed to wander and discover delightful glades and ancient pines where goshawks and crossbills have been seen.

Our walk was just three miles: the perfect introduction to our walking programme for 2023. If you wish to see more of our parish and our rights of way, do come and join us. We meet again on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> February, walking from the Village Hall at 10.00 am. **Sue Pennell**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, Gaye Patterson very kindly organises a thoroughly enjoyable 'Tea and Cakes'. Everyone is welcome so if you haven't yet managed to get there do try to do so – you won't regret it. It is a lovely way to catch up and meet with people. The cakes, made by Gaye and donated by various people are delicious.

**Eileen Powell pp The Regulars**

## **WISSEY VALLEY SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY**

### **February 5th**

9.30 am	Methwold	Holy Communion
9.30 am	Wretton/Stoke Ferry	Holy Communion
6. pm	Wereham	Evensong

### **February 12th**

9.30 am	Whittington	Service of the Word
9.30 am	West Dereham	Holy Communion
10.00 am	Boughton	Breakfast Church
9.30 am	Methwold	Service of the Word

### **February 19th**

9.30 am	Methwold	Holy Communion
9.30 am	West Dereham	Service of the Word
9.30 am	Wretton/Stoke Ferry	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Wereham	Holy Communion

### **February 26th**

9.30 am	Methwold	Morning Worship
9.30 am	West Dereham	Sunday Worship
9.30 am	Whittington	Service of the Word
11.00 am	Boughton	Holy Communion

Every Sunday 6.30 pm online service

### **DETAILS OF ALL SERVICES ON WISSEY VALLEY BENEFICE WEBSITE**

<https://www.wisseyvalleybenefice.co.uk/>

### **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

Third Thursday 10 am **Boughton** Holy Communion

Second Saturday 11.00 am **Beachamwell** Outdoor Service

First Saturday **West Dereham church** Cre8

## PRIORY GROUP SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

**5<sup>th</sup> February** 9.30 am, Runcton Holme – HC

10.00 am, Shouldham – MP

11.00 am, Marham – HC

11.00 am, Watlington – MP

**12<sup>th</sup> February** 9.30am, Shouldham Thorpe – HC

11.00 am, Fincham – MP

11.00 am, Marham – MP

11.00 am, Stowbridge – HC

11.00 am, Watlington – HC

**19<sup>th</sup> February** 9.30am, Wormegay – HC

11.00 am, Shouldham – HC

**1** 1am, Marham – MP

11am, Watlington – MP

**26<sup>th</sup> February** 9.30am, Fincham – HC

11am, Marham – MP

11am, Watlington – HC

11am, Wimbotsham – HC

Every Sunday 6pm, Online & Phone – EP

## VILLAGE, COMMUNITY and PARISH HALL BOOKINGS

6.00 pm Online Evening Prayer (See WNP G website)

Barton Bendish	Bill Tasker	01366 347432
Beachamwell	Leah Spencer	01366 328536
Boughton	Pam Wakeling	01366 500429
Wereham	Doreen Rolph	01366 500218



## 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.

## Beachamwell Book Group

**Tuesday 7th February  
7.30**

**Beachamwell Village Hall**

Lucky Dip Book to be discussed over  
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## BOUGHTON VILLAGE NEWS

From Chair, Boughton Parish Council

The first 2023 meeting of Boughton Parish Council was held on 3rd January. No members of the public were present.

As previously noted this meeting is the point in the year where budgets are set. For the financial year 2023/24 the council has agreed a slightly increased council precept, at a rate significantly lower than inflation. As a result the Band D contribution will increase by £2.65 per year to £48.83.

We have submitted a grant request for funding of the playground improvements previously circulated. Thanks to those who wrote to us showing support for this project. We should have a response to this application in March.

While not in our parish we have contacted the highways department at county to ask them to address the flooding and mud collection that is happening at the end of Gibbet Lane where it meets the A134.

Your council has taken a "Civility and Respect Pledge" as part of a "whole council" approach to acting with dignity and respect in all its interactions. This is part of a drive towards being a Quality Council.

As mentioned last time, the local elections will be held in May and all seven of the council seats are up for re-election. If you are interested in standing, or would like to know more, please contact either myself or the clerk at [boughtonpc@gmail.com](mailto:boughtonpc@gmail.com).

Neil Matthew

Chair, Boughton Parish Council [chair.boughtonpc@gmail.com](mailto:chair.boughtonpc@gmail.com)

### All Saints' Church Christmas Activities

It was so lovely to be able to hold a full range of Christmas activities in December, we thank all those that came along to the various events during the month and hope you enjoyed coming together as much as we did. The month started with the **Children's Christmas Crafts & Party** for Boughton's children and grandchildren. It was a wonderful way to start the festivities with crafts, biscuit decorating, facepainting, party food and Bingo! Thanks to Jenny, Lesley and Angela for all their help at the event and to Angela and Jules for baking yummy cakes. Next in the calendar came **Breakfast Church**, the usual full English with delicious pastries and biscuits...well it was Christmas! Thanks to Pippa for leading, Pam for playing the Organ and Lesley and Jenny without whom it just wouldn't run so smoothly. The Church was then decorated

beautifully with seasonal foliage all ready for the **Nine Lessons and Carols**. Our thanks, yet again, to Jenny and Lesley for baking and serving mulled wine after the traditional readings and carols. It was then **Carols** again but this time on the Village Green, twinkling with fairy lights and torches, we gathered to hear a modern version of the Christmas story in verse interspersed by some of our favourite carols. Then the big day came and we were able to join together in the Church once more for our **Christmas Day service**. We are truly thankful to all those that helped prepare, run and lead our Boughton Christmas events (sorry if we've missed anyone) and thanks to all those that attended, it was great to see so many of you. *Carol on behalf of All Saints Boughton PCC*

My thanks must also go to everyone who helped or took part in our Christmas activities. —especially to Geoff Proctor who produced the beautiful Christmas tree and Karen Short who made our Advent Wreath—both at very short notice.. *Pam Wakeling*



### **Books, books, and more books .....**

We have so enjoyed hosting our book sales throughout 2022, whether you attended our Book Brocante in April or our Book Jumble in October we shifted an amazing number of books donated by you, our generous community, and raised £615.12 which was put towards the repair of the church pipe organ.

We would like to continue these fundraisers in 2023 as we now have a £4,000 plus estimate for substantial, much needed, repairs to the church boundary wall. So, if you have any unwanted books for us to sell, we would be most grateful to receive your donations. Please drop off books at Tapestry Cottage or phone me on 501335 if you would like me to collect.

Look out for the first fundraising event in G4 News where we can all meet up, enjoy tea and cake together and buy some good bargain reads for 2023.

### **Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Appeal 2022**

Many thanks to those of you who filled a shoebox or two and made a difference to children in need, this year they were distributed between the children in the Ukraine and the Ukrainian refugees in Poland. We are pleased to report that we delivered 26 shoeboxes from Boughton to the local collection point in Wretton.

Samaritan's Purse have since confirmed that Operation Christmas Child gave hope to even more children last year as it collected its 200-millionth gift-filled shoebox.

### **Poppy Appeal 2022**

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal house-to-house collection in Boughton raised £309.54. Many thanks for your generosity.

**Angela Faherty**



town via Stoke Ferry, Wretton and West Dereham.

Please see attached a timetable of the service which will also be available on the Wereham Parish Council Website and Noticeboard.

They hope that this new service into Downham town centre will be welcomed by the residents of Wereham, it has been backed by Norfolk County Council as part of their tackling rural isolation campaign.

Full leaflet timetable or any further information is available from them on request.

**Highways – Paths and Roads – Defects** Please report anything that you see verges, trees, pot holes, main holes, drains **to Norfolk County Council Highways** via their defects page of their website. You need to set up a login, and once on the site you can easily report issues and upload pictures of the issue. They will then arrange inspection. You are also able to track the report. The Parish Council will report issues that it finds, but if residents do this also we can increase the repairs that we need doing. <https://apps.norfolk.gov.uk/HighwaysDefect/>

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Wereham Parish Clerk and Finance Responsible Person

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**CAR BOOT and CAFE.** The car boot and cafe actually started again on 29<sup>th</sup> Jan and will continue on the last Sunday of every month the last one being the end of November. The cafe will as usual be open and Jayne and her helpers look forward to seeing you all to purchase your bacon baps etc. For further details please contact Philip on 01366 501330, 07759033492, [rosemary.pease@btinternet.com](mailto:rosemary.pease@btinternet.com).

**SHORT MAT BOWLS.** We are a small friendly group who don't take ourselves too seriously. We meet every Thursday afternoon 2pm until 4pm, cost is 2.50 per session with tea and coffee during the afternoon. New players always welcome no experience needed as we will show you what to do. For further details please contact Philip on 01366 501330, 07759033492, [rosemary.pease@btinternet.com](mailto:rosemary.pease@btinternet.com).

**WEREHAM CRAFT GROUP.** We meet in the village hall on the second Tuesday each month 10.30am until about 12.30pm. We all either sew or knit so someone with a different craft skill would be very welcome. We are looking for crafters with different skills who would come and demonstrate for us, expenses will be covered. I will be announcing the dates for this year's craft fairs very shortly so please keep an eye on Facebook for further details. I am especially looking for someone who does the Mexican craft Gods eyes or Ojos, if there is anyone you please contact me on 01366 501330, 07749240606, [rosemary.pease@btinternet.com](mailto:rosemary.pease@btinternet.com).

**Christmas with Friends of St. Margaret's, Wereham** Thank you to everyone who attended and supported all the events around the Church at Christmas, and firstly, may I apologise for the confusion about the times that were published. It was lovely to see the Church look so beautifully decorated, and thank you to all those who made her look so smart. What spectacular windows we had at Christmas! Thank you to the organisers and participants of the amazing Advent Windows. We not only enjoyed them, but it kept us fit too! Our Carol Service was well attended with some sweet singing, and didn't the village have a blast with our Singalong in the churchyard?! Wereham village has some great voices. It was such fun, and thank you to everyone for your support with this event. Below is the photo of the winner of our Luxury Christmas Hamper - Mrs Gill Sawatzki. This would not have been possible without the generosity of Mr Nigel Norton and team at Waitrose, Swaffham and Joyce, DB, Rita and Chris at Tesco Hardwick, King's Lynn. A big thank you.



Finally, thank you to those many intrepid worshippers who turned out very late on Christmas Eve to enjoy a Eucharist service, plus a sweet four legged friend who joined in the singing!

Just a reminder of our Summer Festival Meeting on Feb 7th at 7pm in the Church. If you can help us with the Festival, we would be very glad to see you at the meeting. If you cannot attend, please let us know how you can help. Contact: Tom Golden on 01366 500052. Chris Murray

**WEREHAM VILLAGE HALL**

**COMMUNITY LUNCH HUB & CAFE**

Since the launch of the local Community Hotspot in December, we have been delighted to welcome local residents, people from surrounding villages, and further afield, to the Village Hall -  
an excellent place for people to get together for  
a chat, a hot drink and a bite to eat.

With effect from Monday, 16th January, the  
**Community Lunch Hub** will be offering regular hot snack lunches on Mondays and Thursdays, from midday to 2pm. Everyone is welcome and we hope that you will bring along family members, friends and neighbours to join you too.  
The **Community Cafe** will also be open daily, Monday to Friday, 10am to 3pm - serving teas, coffees and light snacks.  
Wereham Village Hall is also acting as a collection point for anyone wishing to contribute items to the local Foodbank.  
This is to help other members of the local community with much-needed items for themselves and their families - donations of non-perishable foodstuffs (tins, packaged goods, etcetera) will be most welcome.

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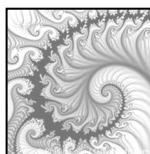
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### SWAFFHAM AND DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

The Lions and Lionesses have really been springing into action over the Christmas period! We had our Christmas Tree in St. Peter & Paul's Church Tree Festival, and did our share of stewarding and serving refreshments during the week. (photo)

We held our usual Christmas Tombola in the Assembly Rooms at the Rotary Christmas Fayre. This year was very successful, we sold out and thank you to everyone who supported us. All the prizes are donated, and all the money we raise goes to Charitable causes. (photo)

We helped with the Tesco Foodbank collections, and especially at Christmas time it is heart-warming to see so many generous donations for people less fortunate than ourselves. (photo)

We have also held our "Santa" Christmas collections at Waitrose and at Tesco.

Our big event was the *Pensioners' Christmas party*, which was held at The Nicolas Hamond Academy. There were over 70 people attending, many being provided with transport, and all enjoying a Christmas turkey dinner, Christmas pudding and mince pies. We are extremely grateful to all those from The Nicolas Hamond Academy who volunteered to help us, especially the cooks at the Academy who did a wonderful job, and the transport team who provided mini buses and did the driving. We also owe thanks to Tesco who generously provided food for the event.

We wish you all a very Happy New Year and Best Wishes for 2023.

Coming up: Chanter's Jigge, Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2023, 7.30pm Swaffham Assembly Rooms, in aid of The Big C Charity. Tickets £7.50. This musical event, entitled "Merrily Danced the Quaker's Wife" is a feast of traditional music from around the British Isles and beyond, played on ancient traditional and modern instruments. Join in with the chorus songs, clap your hands and stamp your feet to catchy dance tunes, or even have a dance. Hear humorous stories and anecdotes, and have a close look at the instruments. For tickets phone Lions on 01760 724304.

*Swaffham & District Lions and Lionesses.*

## FINCHAM MEMORIAL HALL DIARY DATES - FEBRUARY 2023

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**FINCHAM CHORUS** meets every **Tuesday** at 7.30pm - Contact John on 01366 348136 for information.

**PILATES FOR BEGINNERS** is on every **Wednesday** at 11.30 am. Contact Carol on 07512 047430 for information.

**FINCHAM W.I.** will meet on **Wednesday February 8<sup>th</sup>** at 2 pm.

**SLIMMING WORLD** will meet every **Wednesday** at 5.30pm. Contact Mikayla on 07940 817539 for details.

**FINCHAM HISTORY GROUP** will meet at 7.30pm on **Wednesday February 15<sup>th</sup>**

**QUIZ NIGHT** is on **Friday February 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Entry £2 per person. Raffle. Bring your own refreshments. Come join the fun - all welcome. Up to 6 in a team, either bring your own team or help make up a team on the night.

**BINGO NIGHT** is on **Friday February 17<sup>th</sup>** - **NEW FORMAT** - no entry fee. Cash bingo with prize raffle and other games. Just pay for the games you want to play. Doors open **7.30pm** with eyes down **8.00pm**. Bring your own nibbles & drink.

**FINCHAM FILM FOR ALL** on **Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup>** will be showing "Fisherman's Friends; one and all" Doors open at **7.00PM**. Licensed bar & popcorn available. Tickets £3 on the door.

**THE HAPPY DOG CLUB** will continue to meet every **Sunday** - Contact Kerry on 07903 409514 for details.

**Fincham Memorial Hall & Playing Fields** now has a web site: <https://finchammemorialhall.org/> so keep up to date with all activities and events.

Check also our **Facebook** page ( Fincham Hall) as well as the notice boards outside the hall for the latest information.

## **INFORMATION WHICH MAY PROVE USEFUL**

My dear reader,

I am sometimes asked about rules governing churchyards and burials therein, and hope that the following information is helpful.

First, the churchyard belongs to the parish and all parishioners have a right to be buried in their local churchyard. It is not for churchgoers only! Indeed, you will almost certainly find that having a service in church followed by burial in the churchyard is less expensive than fees at the local crematorium. Burials are also deemed to be environmentally friendly.

Secondly, the rules concerning who can be buried in a Church of England churchyard are governed by law. According to this, unless the churchyard is closed by Order in Council under the Burial Act of 1853 the following people have a right to be buried in their local churchyard: those who reside in the parish, those whose names are on the church electoral roll, and those who die in the parish. Where these qualifications cannot be met, the Vicar should be first approached for permission. Depending on the number of spaces available, the size of the village etc., the vicar may allow a person to be buried in the churchyard who does not live in the village or die therein.

The fact that previous generations of a family have been buried in the churchyard does not automatically give a person the right to be buried in a particular if that person no longer lives in the village. Such permission can only be granted by Faculty to the Diocesan Registrar in London. If you have any questions and would like advice or support, please contact the Church Office and we will be very pleased to assist you.

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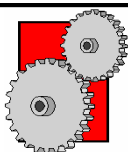
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