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'FROM THE RECTORY' - FESTIVALS

At the beginning of May there was a pronouncement on the radio that this was the beginning of the festival season. Of course, they were speaking of the *music* festival season which lasts during the better weather. One of the most famous of these is the Glastonbury Festival held each at the end of June. *Better weather* a relative term (perhaps a subjective one) meaning that it is not as bad as it might be, for example, in January. Anyone who has tasted the delights of Worthy Farm during the Festival, or even viewed them on television, will know from experience that the weather plays nearly as much a part of the Festival as the music. Attendees don't forget your wellies!

However, there are many other festivals other than music ones. Two that come to mind are the Edinburgh International Festival and the Fringe that originates from it. And TruckFest which, as the name implies, celebrates all things to do with commercial vehicles. The latter is held in various locations around the country; in this region it is at the East of England Showground (Peterborough.) So, there are many diverse festivals other than just music ones. The word itself is derived from the Latin *festivs* meaning feasting. Therefore, festivals are almost inextricably linked to eating and thus to celebration. There is well-founded research that demonstrates a clear causal relationship between eating and feeling good. Archaeological evidence shows that human beings have been eating and celebrating from pre-historical times.

Has this anything to do with religion? You may well ask because the often-held view of any form of worship that it should be solemn and even doleful. In the 1662 Book of Common Prayer even weddings are entitled The Solmization of Matrimony. From the earliest times of any form of organised religious observance people have incorporated celebratory meals into their worship. This is most clearly evidenced in Judaism as well as Islam and, naturally, Christianity. In the first part of the *Hebrew Writings*, known to Christians as the Old Testament, there are Festivals delineated and proscribed in the first five books that are in Hebrew named *Torah* meaning The Law. The principle one of these is *Passover* that celebrates the freeing of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt.

I recently bought a book called *Exciting Holiness*. It has Collects (Prayers of the Day) and Bible Readings for the various Festivals and Lesser Festivals of the Anglican Churches. There are few days in the year when it is not a principle Festival or a Lesser Festival. The principle ones such as Easter, Christmas and Pentecost (Whitsun) are known as red-letter days after the colour used in the Calendar, the official list of Services of the Church; the Lesser ones are in black. In medieval times the Clergy and aristocracy took holidays (Holy Days) on each of the 80 (yes eighty!) of the red-letter day Festivals. The *Easter Anthems* begins with verses based on 1 Corinthians 5: 7b & 8 - Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us, so let us celebrate the feast. It is a celebration that, through Faith in Christ, we have been freed from the slavery of sinfulness. That is truly worthy of a Festival.

Tony Mills

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RECIPE PAGE

CHERRY WALNUT SLICE

Ingredients

1 pack or ready rolled shortcrust pastry

250g unsalted butter

250 golden caster sugar

50g plain flour

250g ground walnuts

5 medium eggs

Jar of cherry jam

A little icing sugar

16 glacé cherries

Method

- 1) Preheat oven to 160°C
- 2) Blind bake the pastry for 15 mins in 5cm deep tray.
- Meanwhile beat the softened butter with sugar then gradually add beaten eggs until the mixture is even and smooth. Fold in grated walnuts and sifted flour.
- 4) Cover shortcrust pastry with cherry jam then pour the mixture over.
- 5) Bake for 30-35 mins until firm.
- Mix a little icing sugar with few drops of water then drizzle over the cake.
- Decorate with halved glacé cherries.

Vesna Hudson [Beachamwell]



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THE NORFOLK CHURCHES TRUST

Bike Ride 2023 - our 40th Bike Ride!

This year's Bike Ride is on Saturday 9th September and is an opportunity for all of us to raise money for the churches we love.. It is also the 40th Bike Ride in Norfolk and we will be giving it a real push - so we hope you can too! You can now download a poster for the event <u>here</u>. Please can you publicise in your parish magazines?

Registration is now open as well and the packs will be sent out at the beginning of July.

You will find all the information you need on our <u>website</u> but do get in touch if you need any further information -please email <u>info@norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk</u>



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COUNTRYSIDE NOTES

The Brecks is one of the warmest and driest parts of the UK and last month I wrote about Thetford Forest and what Breckland was like before hundreds of thousands trees were Because of extensive forestation and expansion of intensive farming the planted. original habitat only survives in conservation areas where it is being preserved. It is now mostly chalk grassland although a few reserves like Cavenham and Icklingham Heath (IP28 6SD) also have a covering of heather. Breckland has an amazing concentration of flora and fauna including 600 species of beetle, 25 of butterflies and 400 plants. Some of the 25 species of invertebrates also found there are in danger of extinction. Over 12,500 different species have been recorded in Breckland of which nearly a third is classified nationally as rare. Weeting Heath (IP26 5NQ) is one of the finest remaining grass heaths and one of the best preserved parts of original Breckland. It is the prime site in the county to see the now rare stone curlew, once a common bird of the Brecks. Brettenham, East Wretham (IP24 1RU), Knettishall (IP22 2TQ) and Barnham Heaths (IP24 2NW), all near to Thetford, are other examples. Wangford Warren (IP27 0SJ), close to the airbase at Lakenheath, is a unique area of 38 acres of sparsely vegetated inland sand dunes. Cranwich Camp is a 32-acre biological Site of Special Scientific It once housed forestry workers but is now grassland. Nearby is Cranwich Interest. Heath (IP26 5JP) which was originally planted with conifers in 1929 but not replanted when they were harvested. It has since been managed to restore it to grassy heathland. The chalk beneath Breckland acts as a huge reservoir and as a result there are several small rivers running through it. The Nar is the most northerly and the Lark is in the south. In between are the Thet, Little Ouse and the Wissey. There are also meres and fens. Close to home is Boughton Fen. On the Norfolk/Suffolk border Redgrave and Lopham Fen (IP22 2HX) comprises of woodland, fen and heath and is home to a diversity of plant life and the rare fen raft spider. Thompson Common near Watton (IP17 1DP) is famous for its Pingos which are small, water filled, post glacial depressions in the ground. Not only does such a varied habitat encourage a wide range of bird life but also many other Nineteen species of dragonflies and damselflies have been recorded as species. breeding, in addition to many species of butterfly and hundreds of beetles. Rare animals like the otter and amphibians such as the Northern pool frog and great crested newt are also to be found there. The carpark is signed as "The Great Eastern Pingo Trail" and is open from dawn till dusk every day.

Public access to reserves is sometimes limited or prohibited during the bird breeding season between March and September, so check before visiting. Some reserves allow dogs but only if kept on a short lead.

Jill Mason [Barton Bendish]

PS I cannot guarantee the accuracy of post codes!!

QUIZ PAGE

1. Which word meaning to take money illegally for your own use contains two Zs?

2. Gynophobia is a fear or hatred of what?

3. A Royal stag must have at least how many points to its antlers?

- 4. Why are embalmed bodies called mummies?
- 5. In 1956 Rose Heilbron became Britain's first what?
- 6. What is different about a Dutch auction?

7. Subtract the number of years in a tin wedding anniversary from a silver wedding anniversary.

8. Which Burns poem is also a hat?

9. What do the initials of Harry Potter author JK. Rowling stand for?

10. Buona sera is an Italian greeting. What does it mean?

11. Which member of the Royal Family celebrates their birthday on June 10th?

12. In which town in the North of England can you find a statue of Eric Morecombe on the promenade.

13. What is the difference between a meteor and a meteorite?

14. A mercer was a merchant dealing in what?

- 15. Name the long-nosed character who 'was here' leaning over a wall.
- 16. Name four breeds of dog containing the names of different animals.
- 17. Should a men's lacrosse team consist of ten or twelve players?
- 18. Rat's Tail is a variety of which plant?
- 19. Which film did the Beatles make for TV?
- 20. Which is better for you-thinly cut chipped potatoes or thick chips?

Answers: 1. Embezzle; 2. Women; 3. Twelve; 4. From the Arabic word 'mum', the wax with which they're embalmed; 5. Female Judge; 6. The price starts high and comes down until someone bids. The first bidder secures the item; 7. 15; 8. Tam O'Shanter; 9. Joanne Kathleen; 10. Good evening; 11. Prince Philip; 12. Morecombe; 13. A meteorite is the remains of a meteor which reached farth; 14. Expensive textiles, cloth etc; 15. Mr. Chad, also known as Kilroy; 16. bulldog, otterhound, Old English sheepdog, foxhound, Irish wolfhound etc; 17. Ten players; 18. Cactus; 19. Magical Mystery Tour; 20. Thick chips; 17. Ten players; 18. Cactus; 19. Magical Mystery Tour; 20. Thick chips;

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Barton Bendish Community Library and Second Hand Bookshop



Open every day 10am – 4pm St Andrew's Church PE33 9GF

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

Beachamwell

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Come and explore with the Wednesday Walkers

On the first Wednesday each month,

leaving the Memorial Hall at 10.00 a.m.

All welcome

dogs on leads please



Enquiries: 01366 328452

Wereham VILLAGE HALL CAFE

The Village Hall Cafe is open from 10am to 2:45pm each weekday, serving a range of hot and cold drinks, confectionary, 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 - 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 ...

Beachamwell Book Group

Tuesday 4th July 7.30

Book to be discussed over a glass of wine

'Pompeii'

Robert Harris

New members welcome

Enquiries: 01366 328470

Wereham Pop Up Café

Tuesday 4th July & 1st August

10.45 -1 .00

Enjoy a delicious traditional lunch of Ham, Egg & Chips (or Vegetarian Sausage, Egg & Chips) at only £3.00 per person. Choose from a variety of hot drinks - each served with one of our luscious homemade cakes or pastries - for just £2.00

Enquiries: 01366 500 218

Registered Charity Number 1168472

Barton Bendish Bernie Pop Up Pub



Friday 14th July 7.00pm Last orders 10.30

Barton Bendish Village Hall

Enquiries: 01366 347 983

Boughton Full English Breakfast Church



Every 2nd Sunday in the month at 10am All Saints Church

All ages very welcome.

We eat, we chat, we sometimes sing a hymn, we listen to a bible reading and offer up our prayers.

Contact Pippa (01366) 328663 or Pam at p.wakeling621@btinternet.com

Please contact us the week before. Dietary requirements can be catered for with advanced notice.

No specific cost, donations though gratefully received.





11am-2.30pm St Margaret's Church See page ? for details of what you will be able to enjoy. Enquiries: 01366 500052, 01366 500218 or 01366500976



Beachamwell Pop Up Pub



Friday 28th July 7.00pm until 11.00

Beachamwell Village Hall

Enquiries: 01366 328892

Beachamwell

Afternoon Tea and a Chat.....'

Wednesday July 19th 2 - 4pm

Memorial Hall



Enquiries: 01366 328108

Boughton

14th Annual Jazz Picnic Barry Tylers Original Dixieland Jazz Band

Saturday 29th July 12.30 - 3.30 Rectory House, PE33 9AH Tickets £10 on the gate, Children free Come early, bring chairs and a picnic. Real ale on sale. Ample parking

Enquiries: 01366 3500 315 paulcoulton@btinternet.com

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Barton Bendish Film Club

Proudly Presents:

'Good Luck To You, Leo Grande'

Saturday 22nd July

6.30 [D/O] For 7.00pm [S] 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/

Barton Bendish



Pop Up Café

July 26th 12 noon - 3.30 Village Hall

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

bartonbendishevents@gmail.com

Wereham

SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB Every Thursday 2pm until 4pm

£2.50 per player - free refreshments NEW PLAYERS WELCOME! Meet our friendly club members, try a new activity, have fun! HOPE TO SEE



YOU SOON!

For more info, or just a chat, call Philip on 01366 501330

Nar Valley Ornithological Society (NarVOS)

Wednesday 26th July 2023 at 7.30 Indoor meeting at the Assembly Rooms, 1 Market Place, Swaffham, PE37 7AB.

More info at www.narvos.org.uk "Working With Raptors"

Simon Dudhill from the Hawk and Owl Trust will talk about working with raptors and how he helps improve the habitats they need and monitors their populations, with barn owls and red kites as a special focus. This includes the provision of nest boxes for owls and small falcons and advising landowners on habitat management.

Visitors most welcome. Admission £4 on the night; free to NarVOS members. Enquiries: 01760 724092

BARTON BENDISH & EASTMOOR VILLAGE NEWS

Barton Bendish Open Gardens 2023

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much" - Helen Keller Two years ago we awaited Open Gardens with some trepidation. Along with the Arts and Crafts Event, Open Gardens is, arguably, the most important event in our calendar. After all the restrictions imposed by the Pandemic, we couldn't be sure whether people might be a little afraid to venture out and mix freely with others, having not been encouraged or allowed to for so long. History shows that we needn't have worried. People came in droves, determined to enjoy sunshine, company and some fabulous gardens. Last year wasn't quite as busy but Open Gardens had obviously re-established itself. The problem then becomes how you keep the momentum going.

We had some worryingly cold days and evenings in the days before but the weather improved at the weekend and things looked good as Sunday dawned. What a good feeling there was around the village. Many people commented on what a lovely and hospitable village we live in. In many ways I think that sense of hospitality is what matters most as well as some quite remarkable gardens. What most people don't see of course is the small army of volunteers who man the Village Hall kitchen from very early in the morning, make and sell cakes, man the Pimms Tent, organise the Classic Cars, advertise the event, put up signs, sell plants and provide the leadership necessary to co-ordinate an event like this.

They say that Barton punches above its weight and I think that's fair. Many people spend hours selling tickets, carrying furniture and supporting the work of our dedicated PCC but what strikes me most is the way people work together to ensure success. The Village Hall is incredibly helpful in making sure that a brilliant facility is used to maximum benefit.

In statistical terms: 465 paying visitors, 12 gardens were open, 147 Ploughman's Lunches served as well as an ocean of tea and coffee. In addition, a record amount of money was raised, which will support continuing care for the churches in our village.

As a footnote, I note that our local council cut the grass verges on the day after Open Gardens. At least there was no excessive use of weedkiller this year!

Well done everyone. Events like this make us proud to be Bendishers,

Andrew Stephen



BARTON BENDISH & EASTMOOR VILLAGE NEWS

Farewell to the Hot Hub

"There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about." - Margaret Wheatley

By the time you read this the Hot Hub events will be a thing of the past. The money will have run out and the original purpose of giving a warm space to meet in during cold weather as energy prices soared has moved on for the moment. As one of the conditions for the very generous grant of £2,000. I have had to write a number of evaluations, giving me plenty of food for thought, so much so that I now realise that the original reasoning became superseded by another, more significant one.

I have already reported that there was opposition in the village to a scheme which was seen primarily as something to help "poor" people, not that there is anything wrong with helping people who are vulnerable in that way. Another neighbour claimed that in our village 20% of people get involved and 80 % go their own way. I know that those figures are nowhere near accurate but I am also aware that there are some people who are rarely seen at village efforts. Of course in many cases this is a choice and there are those in self-contained family units or not here for long who see no point in mixing or joining in. But there are others, those who are socially anxious, not sure they fit in or who have spent a lot of time feeling alone and anxious. Some who came to the Hot Hub cafes told me that they weren't sure they would be welcome. I've never been quite sure why people might feel like this or what, if anything, can be done about it. We surely should try though.

Our fish and chip evenings were very popular and many of the participants said how much they had enjoyed meeting their neighbours and wished they could do so more often. Given the disastrous closure of our pub and the long term effects of the Pandemic, I think we need to think quite deeply about the prevalence of mental illness, social isolation and the lack of opportunities to mix in numbers. What I saw at the Hot Hub cafes were a number of people I haven't seen elsewhere and people bringing art work, photographs, things they'd written and their own stories to share with others. I saw friendships developing and heard suggestions about what elderly people in particular struggle with. The increasing need to use technology is just one of the things that many people need support with and we had some thoughts about lessons in computing and simple ways of using mobile phones.

Perhaps, for me, the greatest pleasure of all was watching how some people blossomed in company. Some talked about how easy it is to get out of the habit of socialising, conversing and making friends. I'm not saying that the Hot Hub solved any of those problems but it did expose them and I will say I felt privileged to experience the genuine warmth generated by the pleasure of people enjoying company and someone to listen. The Pandemic has damaged us all. The conversation about how to improve things must continue. **Andrew Stephen**

BARTON BENDISH & EASTMOOR VILLAGE NEWS

Barton Bendish Parish Council

Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 17th May 2023

The Parish Council elections on 4th May were an uncontested election with six candidates for the seven vacancies. The Parish Council was pleased to welcome Cllr Andrew Stephen as a new member, along with returning members Cllrs Will Chapman, Robin Simon, Stephen Tilburn, Tim Webster and Debbie Wells.

At the annual meeting, the Parish Council elected Cllr Will Chapman as Chairman and Cllr Stephen Tilburn as Vice-Chairman.

Parish Councillor Vacancy - Following the May 2023 elections there is a vacancy on the Parish Council. The vacancy will be filled by co-option. If you would like to be considered for co-option please contact the Parish Clerk.

Earlier this year the Parish Council agreed to install village gateways on Boughton Long Road, the aim of these being to reduce speeding on the road. The Council have been successful in a grant application made to Norfolk Parish Partnerships, the grant will fund 50% of the cost to purchase and installation the village gateways. The remaining 50% of the project costs has been paid for from Community Infrastructure Levy funds. Norfolk County Council Highways Department are responsible for installing the village gateways, and this will happen later this year.

The Annual Accounts for 2022/23 have been finalised, the Annual Return was approved and is available on the Parish Council website.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 12th July 2023. This will be an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting starting at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Mrs Sharon Sweet, Clerk to Barton Bendish Parish Council Email: bartonbendishparishcouncil@aol.com

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

Future Events

Details of these can be found on pages 8—11 in this magazine



BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

Mobile Post Office

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

Beachamwell Parish Council



The next meeting will take place on Monday 10 July, 7.30 pm in Beachamwell Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to join us. *Mrs Sharon Sweet PSLCC Clerk to Beachamwell Parish Council* <u>beachamwellparishcouncil@gmail.com</u>

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Afternoon Tea and Chat

A reminder that on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, Gay Paterson very kindly organises a thoroughly enjoyable 'Tea and Cakes'. Everyone is welcome so if you haven't yet managed to get there try to do so – you won't regret it. It is a lovely way to catch up and meet with people. Gay would welcome donated cakes but please let her know in plenty of time beforehand *Eileen Powell*

BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

Rose Guild



It was with great sadness that we learnt of the death of Rose on 29th Mav 2023 She was а delightful lady who brouaht sunshine and friendship into the lives of people she met.

Dave and Rose lived in Beachamwell for over 40 years arriving in 1983. They celebrated their 73rd Wedding Anniversary on 20th May 2023.

Dave was exactly 4 days older than Rose. They were devoted to and supported each other in the many activities they organised and helped with over the vears in Beachamwell one of the main ones beina The Horticultural Show.

Our condolences to Dave and the rest of the family at this very difficult time

Rose and Dave were/are so proud of their family two sons, two daughter in laws - several grand children and great grand children.

Eileen Powell

The Funeral will take place at Mintlyn Crematorium, Kings Lynn at 2.30 on 4th July and afterwards at Beachamwell Village Hall.

All welcome at both or either venue. *The Family*

BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

St Mary's Church



Beachamwell PCC

Our next service will be held on Saturday 8th July at 11.00 am on the village green. All welcome. Refreshments afterwards as usual in the Village Hall.

At the Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting (APCM) and the Parochial Church Council (PCC) Meeting held immediately afterwards, on Thursday 18th May 2023, the

following were elected to the PCC. Peter Berendt (Churchwarden and Vice Chairman) Sue Pennell (Churchwarden) Pat Clarke (Treasurer) Susie Rix (Secretary and Electoral Roll Officer) Karen Butler (Safeguarding Officer) Ann Knox Whittet (Deanery Synod Representative) The Chairman of the PCC is Rev'd Dr Ian Mack **Susie Rix [Secretary]**

Beachamwell Village Hall

Pop up pub will be on Friday 28th July from 7pm until 11pm. Look forward to seeing you there! **Cathy Friend 07818453323**





David (Golly) Cooper



It is with great sadness that I am putting this piece together, following the sudden and recent loss of David Cooper. Not only has Shirley and her family lost a husband, Dad and Grandad, but Boughton is now without – to coin the journalists' favourite phrase – a villager stalwart.

Dave, or Golly, as many knew him has involved himself in village life in so many ways, it is hard to do him justice. For those who did not know him, you will have still had the benefit of his contribution to the village, as he quietly fixed blocked drains, cleared away

fallen branches, tidied up all manner of things, and kept much of the village maintenance equipment running. He did these things without being asked, never expecting any reward – and was always there to help when it was needed.

When he wasn't busy cutting the cricket pitch, his contribution to Boughton Fen was invaluable. He would turn up to working parties with tools, fuel, strimmer line and all sorts of other bits and pieces ("you need my rabbiting spade for that") just when we needed them, and was one of the regular volunteers keeping the green mown and strimmed for many years. He was a Parish Councillor for a long period, and was about to be co-opted at the recent May meeting, but he could not attend as he had just been taken to hospital. Despite this, he phoned from his hospital bed the next day to ask how the meeting had gone.

Over the years, he has been involved in several significant events; often manning the gate at Paul Coulten's Jazz Picnic's, and valiantly being part of the judging team at the 2012 Jubilee and Torch Relay pie competition, when some fifty assorted, home-baked pies had to be tasted and assessed – no mean feat.

Last year, when the water levels in the pond were dangerously low, it was Dave and Tam who worked tirelessly throughout the hot summer to keep the pond aerated, and almost certainly prevented a catastrophe with dead fish. During this time, Dave took a starring role in the film made by Anglia TV when they

revisited the locations filmed during the 70's in their series 'Portrait of a Village'. He was a complete natural in front of the camera.

On a personal note, Mark and I were fortunate to have him as a friend. When Mark was suddenly taken ill, his support and concern throughout that time, and after Mark's death was invaluable. I know other people that have also had this consideration and help, so it is hardly surprising that Dave had many friends, and was still in contact with former colleagues from a long career at British Sugar. This is borne out by the number of cars seen outside his house, with the occupants having a chat over the gate.

Dave was a proper countryman, both interested and knowledgeable in nature, the local area, field sports and current events. The three of us that spent a morning with him in early April, installing a new bench on the fen have found it hard to grasp that he is no longer here. We had a cracking morning, with lots of laughs and mud, and David was in his element.

He was kind, reliable and a gentleman – traits which are becoming much rarer these days. It has been a privilege to have known him and I shall miss him. *Sue Pogmore*



Boughton Open Gardens

Could we have asked for better weather? Phew, it was HOT. The weather, understandably, kept some punters away and others were not able to visit all the gardens due to the intense heat but the majority of our visitors enjoyed their afternoon waltzing around Boughton and the attraction of the coolness of the church ensured a steady flow of patrons seeking refreshment.



Our grateful thanks to everyone involved, not only on the day as a lot of work is required pre and post event, especially those of you agreeing to open your garden and keeping your garden looking spectacular. Thank you to Boughton Surgery for the use of their car park, the gentleman who spruced up the railings around the pond, the brilliant cake and quiche makers, the marquee/furniture moving team, the 'Green' team who mow around the pond and playground, the ticket sellers, the Tombola Queen, the flower arranger who crafted beautiful table and windowsill arrangements with flowers from her own and her

neighbours gardens, the refreshment cashier, the amazing lunches, teas and cake team, Accent Fresh for donating the wonderful salads, the washing up gang, our village farmer who dusted down, transported and set up a fun bowling game on the church lawn for all to enjoy and those of you who sold sundry items in your gardens on the day. Once again, thank you to the fabulous Alpacas who joined in meeting and greeting visitors. You all helped to create a successful and pleasant day for all.

A huge thank you to all of you who donated plants and garden items, the plants tried to look their best in the heat but a few did require urgent rehydration. We also had some amazing donated Tombola prizes, thank you. Visitors are remembering that our Tombola is different as in 'if you win, you pick a prize' which saves us an enormous amount of time to be getting on with other things!

Together, Boughton and her church community raised a magnificent £1,776.50 for All Saints' Church. We send out a very, very special thank you to the ladies who, although they do not live in the village, attend our church services and volunteered to serve refreshments in the church. We enjoyed working alongside you and trust you had an enjoyable day.

A final, thank you everyone, we could not have achieved it without you all. **Boughton PCC - Pam, Pippa, Angela, Andrew, Carol and Sue**



WEREHAM VILLAGE NEWS

St Margaret's Church

This year's Summer Festival will be held in the grounds of our lovely medieval Grade II listed church in the centre of Wereham on Sunday 16 July from 11am to 2.30pm.

Together with the Open Gardens, which took place in June, the Festival is one of the major fundraisers of the year in support of our historic St Margaret's Church. It is a real community event, and is a great day out for the whole family. There will be a wide variety of stalls to keep everyone entertained, including Hoopla, Bookstall, Tombola, Horseshoes, Tasty Cakes, Jams and Preserves, as well as a Barbecue and a Raffle. Test your skills and win prizes. Bring the children along to play games and enjoy all the different activities taking place on the day.

There will also be a range of activities and events taking place inside the church throughout the day, including a special art exhibition, featuring the work of a number of local artists of all ages, with many of the exhibits available for sale.

We would still greatly appreciate any donations for our stalls, prizes for the Raffle, Tombola and Hoopla, bottles of wine for the Wine Bottle Stall, as well as Cakes, Preserves, Home Made Jams and Pickles. Items will be gratefully collected if you call any of the following contacts:

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Do come and join us on Sunday 16 July. With everyone's support we can ensure that our lovely church remains open, vibrant and available to all.

Benefice Pentecost Service



There was a lovely service recently attended by several adults and children from all the churches in the Benefice. Afterwards there was a chance to catch up with friends and neighbours and enjoy a splendid spread - well done and thank you to all concerned.

However, one young girl very kindly agreed to share her thoughts. It really is outstanding and makes us think. **Well done** Nicole - not many adults could have written such a clear, comprehensive piece. Thank you so much *Eileen Powell, Ed*

Pentecost Through the Eyes of a Child

I loved hearing the story of Pentecost! 50 days after Jesus died, all the disciples were praying when a strong wind came over the room and tongues that looked like fire settled over their heads (but it didn't burn them). Suddenly they were all speaking in different languages. The amazing part is that there were Hebrew

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people (who loved God) in the town who were from different countries. When they heard what was happening, they gathered and were astonished that these Galileans (who could not speak Hebrew) were now supernaturally speaking in all the different Hebrew dialects! AND... all the Hebrew people could understand that the disciples were speaking about the works of God! Now the people who could not understand made fun of the disciples, saying, "they must be drunk!" But Peter stood up and said, "these men are not drunk... it is only 9am!" When many people realised the miracle of the supernatural power, 3000 people became believers in God and His Son, Yeshua Jesus.

One more interesting fact... and then one funny thing! I found out that the Hebrew word for The Spirit of God is 'Ru-ach Adonai'. Ru-ach also means energy or wind!

The funny thing is that my Mum was asking my little sister to listen to the wonderful story because my sister was becoming wriggly and distracted. I watched my funny little sister pretend to 'put her listening ears on' as Rev. Burman passionately announced that "this church needs to be set on fire!" Well the look on my little sister's face was so funny as she furiously asked Mum why Rev. Burman wanted to set our church on fire! I saw Mum praying quickly and I laughed when she told me that she was asking the Holy Spirit to descend upon her to explain in Ella's language what it meant for our church to be set on supernatural fire!!

Nicole Bourne



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Wereham Parish Council

Next Ordinary Meeting Date Monday 10th July 2023 at 6.30 pm (To be held in the Wereham Village Hall – Community Room).

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 too.

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/

Helen Richardson

Wereham Parish Clerk and Finance Responsible Person Email werehampc@gmail.com or Phone/Text: 0779 500 6811

Village Hall



Weekly/Regular Activities

You'll find a great range of activities taking place at Wereham Village Hall, we aim to cater for all ages, levels of interest and experience. Current regular activities/events include Yoga, Line Dancing, Zumba Gold, Pilates, Short Mat Bowls and weekly Cash Bingo. (Painting Classes to restart in the Autumn) There is a monthly Craft Group (second Tuesday), the monthly Pop-up Café with tasty, wholesome, home-cooked food

at a very reasonable price (first Tuesday); plus monthly indoor car boot sales (last Sunday of the month) - movie nights will recommence in the Autumn too. There's a range of activities for youngsters, with Little Movers & Baby Movers, Little Ruggers, Dodgeball and Multi-Sport Mash-up running each week. To see 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 or check out our Facebook page.

CHURCHWARDENS AND CONTACTS

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Weekly Online Services

Sunday 6.30Service of The Word (West Dereham Cell)Tuesday 5.00Prayer GroupWednesday 5.30ComplineFull details from janet.tanton@gmail.com or pickwickclub.cc@btinternet.com

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JULY CHURCH SERVICES WISSEY VALLEY GROUP

Sunday 2nd 4th Sunday after Trinity

9.30 Methwold 9.30 Wretton/Stoke Ferry 6.00 Wereham Holy Communion Holy Communion Evensong

Saturday 8th July

11.00 Beachamwell [on the Village Green]

Sunday 9th 5th Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 16th 6th Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am Methwold Benefice Holy Communion Bishop Dagmar

Sunday 23rd 7th Sunday after Trinity

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

Fifth Sunday 31st July. 8th Sunday after Trinity

4.00 Whittington Benefice Outdoors Songs of Praise

Every Sunday 6.30 pm online service. See page 25 for details to connect

Midweek Services

West Dereham Church Cre8
Methwold Evening Prayer
Wretton with Stoke Ferry Morning Prayer
Methwold Morning Prayer
Wretton with Stoke Ferry Holy Communion

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Fincham	Holy Communion
Wormegay	Holy Communion
Watlington	Morning Prayer
Wimbotsham	Holy Communion
	Wormegay Watlington

Midweek Communion

Contact Church Wardens for information [see page 25]

MOBILE LIBRARY

We are writing to let you know about the changes that are being made to the mobile library service, following the public consultation last year and the final decisions made by Norfolk County Council Cabinet in January 2023. We are preparing to decommission one mobile library and continue to operate five vehicles and an electric mini mobile, due for commission later this year. In accordance with the key principles agreed by Members, Norfolk Library and Information Service will cease the majority of stops that happen within 1.5 miles of a branch library.

We will be working with customers to ensure they know what is happening. Anyone that is unable to visit a branch library will be able to contact their local library and request a visit from the Home Library Service (HLS) that we operate in partnership with the Royal Voluntary Services (RVS).

Every route and stop has now been reviewed and whilst we have tried as hard as we can to minimise disruption, it does mean that in a number of cases the day and time which the mobile library visits has had to change. This is to ensure that we make best use of the mobile library resource for as many people and communities

Customers at all affected stops are being given a copy of the new timetable and the planned introduction date for the revised services is Monday 3rd July. All the new stop and route information will be on our website www.norfolk.gov.uk/ libraries (available from 30th June).

Should you have any comments about these amendments please don't hesitate to contact us at <u>central.mobiles.lib@norfolk.gov.uk</u>

The Mobile Library Team Community Information & Learning Tel: 01603 222594 | Dept: 01603 222303 Whitegates, Norwich Rd,Hethersett, NR9 3DN



COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS

DATE	VILLAGE	LOCATION	TIME
Tues see page 28	Barton Bendish	Hatherley Gardens	11:10 am
Tues see page 28	Beachamwell	Old Post Office	09:45 am
Tues see page 28	Drymere	Telephone Kiosk	09:45 am
Tues see page 28	Boughton	Mill Road	10:45 am
Friday July 27th	Wereham	Queen's Close	12.25 am
Thuay July 27 ll		Village Hall	12:45 am

For services to all 'Group 4' villages ring Mobile Library Information on 01362 869415 or 01603 222303 or look at the website - <u>https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/</u> <u>libraries-local-history-and-archives/libraries/your-local-library/mobile-library-routes</u> -and-timetables

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Boughton	Pam Wakeling	01366 500429	
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	www.werehamvillage	hall.co.uk/hallhire	Anytime

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Wereham	Thursday	Downham Market	£4.50	Kings Lynn

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