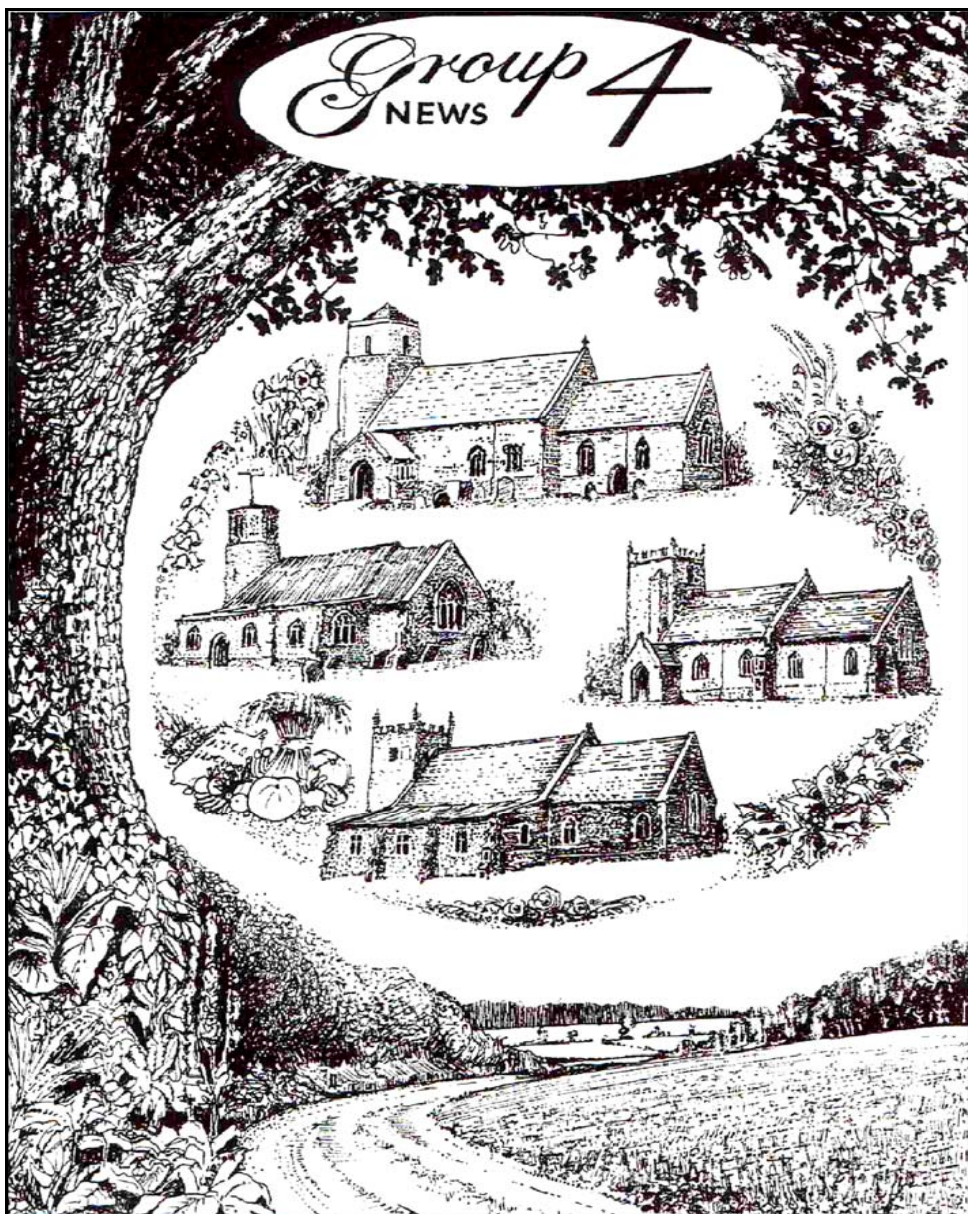


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The Parishes of Barton Bendish & Eastmoor; Beachamwell, Shingham & Drymere;
Boughton; Wereham

June 2013

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WELCOME

For a while, it seemed as if spring had come and the winter wardrobe would no longer be necessary! Writing in mid May, I'm wearing the same clothes I've been wearing all winter! However, the year is advancing and the longest day will be in June. Everyone hopes that you will take advantage of the daylight to visit some of the many events being staged in the villages. The Spring Fayre at Fincham was just the start.

The gardens are still struggling, but will get there in the end. Make a note of the open gardens days and the flower festivals, plus Wereham Village Festival, a strawberry tea at Marham and the Downham Market Horticultural show at the beginning of July. We hope to see many local residents at these events.

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

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

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

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Dear All,

This month we celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the 60th anniversary of her accession to the throne on that cold day in early 1952. Before she came to the throne the Queen, on her 21st birthday, made a solemn promise to serve her people. She dedicated her life to them, certain that her deep Christian faith would sustain her. The Queen has remained faithful to her promise and has served our nation and the Commonwealth with integrity for 60 years. Faithfulness is not seen as much of a virtue these days. The habit of faithfulness is being lost – in families, amongst churchgoers, and in many other spheres of life – and so to reflect on the Queen's life of unfailing loyalty and faithfulness is truly inspiring. She has been upheld and supported by Prince Philip who has been steadfast in his role as her Consort, putting the Queen, and her duties, before everything else. Let us remember both of them in our prayers, and may we, like them, be always faithful to God, our families and our Church. May God bless them both.

Yours in God's service

Barbara

BENEFICE NEWS



Following the best week of weather that we have experienced in months, the day of the 8 Village Country Fayre dawned clear and bright, but with the promise of showers by the afternoon. I had offered to be on the field at Fincham at 5.30am to make sure the company providing the hog roast set up in the area that had been designated to them, and while waiting for them to arrive

it gave me time to reflect that no matter how the day finally ended, the whole process that had resulted in the fayre taking place had been a triumph in showing how people who live in eight local villages could work together to support a cause that affected us all. The Fayre had taken ten months of planning by a committee made up of people who live in all eight villages, and from the very first meeting we worked as a team, I will always be grateful to them all for their commitment and enthusiasm. Each village with one exception had elected to take a stall, the proceeds of which would be donated to the final total raised. In addition 25 other stall holders made donations based mainly on the percentage of income they took on the day. By the time the Fayre opened at 11am the field was a hive of industry. Our thanks to the ladies of Fincham Village hall who opened the refreshments at 8.30' and served so many bacon rolls during the day I am sure they lost count, but I can assure them that the stall holders were grateful for their early start, they kindly also provided home made cakes teas and coffees throughout the day to the visiting public

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank a number of other local companies and organisations for their support of the event, these include Boughton village for the use of their tables and marquee, Con-tented services of Shouldham Thorpe, the Thetford Twinned Committee, The Nicholas Hamond Academy Swaffham, and the Narborough Village Hall Committee, who all generously loaned equipment for us to use on the day. Our thanks also to the local schools in Shouldham and Marham, who ensured that every child took home a flyer about the Fayre in the weeks leading up to the event and to the children who took part in the "garden in a tray" competition, that was kindly judged by Mrs Joyce Williamson of Shouldham Thorpe a professional gardener with over 60 years experience. The overall winner of this competition was Ella Sole from Shouldham school

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who had taken a great deal of trouble to research appropriate plants for her
d i n o s a u r g a r d e n .

The dog show organised by the Remus Horse sanctuary started at mid-day and was a great success, all the dogs got on so well which given the variety of sizes and breeds was amazing, by mid-afternoon there were lots of happy owners proudly displaying rosettes on their dogs collars, and also the possibility that one of the greyhounds from the Retired Greyhound Trust stall may have found a new home after a member of the public fell in love with him at the Fayre.

Throughout the day husbands, fathers and friends of the committee members did a sterling job ensuring that the car parking went well and have estimated that we had between 350 and 400 visitors. Amongst these were the Mayor And Mayoress of Downham Market, who were shown around the Fayre by Barbara Porter who lives in Marham and is a church warden at Fincham, the Mayoress was presented with a bouquet of flowers by the owner of dog who won the final event in the dog show the "best in show " category.

The Mayor kindly agreed to draw the raffle which took some time given the 28 prizes which had so generously been donated by companies both locally and as far away as Hunstanton and Norwich.

My lasting memories of the day will be the smiles on people's faces, as they enjoyed everything that the Fayre had to offer, from face painting, the climbing wall and bouncy castle for the children, to discussing the best place for certain plants in the garden at the plant stall and waiting to see if he had won a prize in the Tombola to discussing if bell ringing was a hobby they wanted to take up at the bell ringing recruitment stall, and the weather was kind to us in the end, just one shower late afternoon which in no way spoilt the day.

The proceeds from the Fayre were to help with the expenses of the parishes of Barton Bendish, Beachamwell, Boughton, Fincham , Marham, Shouldham , Shouldham Thorpe and Wereham, and we finally raised £3624. Our thanks goes to Anne Clark, Richard Hoff and the Rev Robin Blackall for their generous donations to this amount. At the beginning of this report I thanked the members of the committee for their help and support but there is one member of the committee, who has freely given so much of her time that I have to thank her separately. Sarah Addly arrived on my doorstep last August, when she returned from university she had heard about a one off fund raising event and came to offer to help, she has helped in every way possible, from taking minutes of meetings, helping to source equipment and finding a replacement company

for the hog roast just five days before the event and at 10pm on a Sunday night, Sarah is an amazing young woman, who is a credit to her family, her generation and the community she has grown up in. Thank you again to everyone that has been involved in this community event.

BELL RINGING

Those of you who came to the Spring Fayre will have seen the display of information



about bell ringing,, staffed by two volunteers from Watlington. Ringers help each other out and the local towers rely very heavily on ringers getting together for practices and to ring for weddings and other special occasions. Without that, the art of bell ringing would rapidly die in this part of the world. When I moved here, more than twenty years ago, there were several local towers with good bands and now too many of them are silent.

Happily, the display stand resulted in several people putting their names down and registering an interest in finding out more about bell ringing and possibly having a go. We have been in touch with all but one so far and we are trying to find a mutually convenient time and place to hold an initial training day, helped by the education officer from the Ely Diocesan Association, to which the local towers are affiliated. If you are interested, and would like to come along, please contact either Brian Hullah at Shouldham or Stewart Waterston at Fincham. It's a fascinating hobby on many levels and the local bells are enjoyable to ring and not too demanding physically. Help us to keep them alive! *Pam Wakeling*

EILEEN RICHARDSON—RETIREMENT

Running the administrative side of a number of parishes is not easy, and my arrival here was made easier by the help and support of Mrs Eileen Richardson, who until recently acted as parish administrator. Eileen was originally appointed by my predecessor, Revd David Pomery, and did invaluable work in supporting the parishes after his departure. I have had the pleasure of working with Eileen for almost three years, and she has made my job a lot easier and has never refused to go that extra mile in busy times. Eileen has a lot of hobbies and activities which she enjoys, so I am sure that the additional time she now has will not be underused. My thanks go to her for all she has done, and my best wishes are with her for the future. *Barbara Burton*

CHURCH ANNUAL STATISTICS FOR 2011

The Church of England has recently released its annual statistics for 2011. Across the Church, 1,000 couples were married, 2,600 baptisms were celebrated and over 3,000 funerals were conducted every week of the year. The statistics show that, in Ely diocese in 2011, there were 960 marriage or blessing services, 1,900 baptisms (of which 140 were adults), 75 thanksgiving services and 2,360 funerals conducted. Christmas 2011 drew 14.5% more worshippers to Church of England services than attended in 2010, reaching a total of 2,618,030. In Ely diocese some 51,500 people attended a Christmas Day service (23,200 attended Easter services). Nationally the number of christenings increased by 4.3% and was accompanied by a rise of just over 5% in adult baptisms with a combined total of 139,751 baptisms. Thanksgivings for the birth of a child also rose; an 11.9% increase taking numbers to 6,582. Average Weekly Attendance nationally fell by less than half of one per cent (0.3%) to 1,091,484 - a stabilising of average weekly attendance figures. Nationally there was a 1.2% increase in children and young people attending to 216,928. Weddings saw a slight decrease of 3.6% in 2011, to 51,880, whilst the number of wedding blessings (Services of Prayer and Thanksgiving following a civil ceremony) was up by 4.5%. CofE Clergy and lay ministers conducted 162,526 funerals in 2011, a fall of 2.8% on the previous year, reflecting figures from the Office for National Statistics which showed a fall of 1.8% in deaths in England and Wales in 2011.

HISTORIC FINCHAM WINDOW

A medieval stained glass window in the chancel of St Martin's has attracted wide attention. Experts have identified it as dating from c.1420 to c.1435. It features four angels and what is particularly interesting is that they are playing musical instruments. Two have lutes, one a harp and the other a portative organ which is a very old type of hand held organ. Although some of the coloured glass has been replaced by white glass there is still a great deal of the original left –after almost six hundred years! The window clearly needs restoring in the near future and we have begun the process. Estimates are being sought –there are very few firms specialising in this type of work and one is coming from York! The modern way of protecting windows is to use an internally ventilated protective glazing system which basically means the elements cannot get at the leaded parts which are sealed on the outside by glass but to the eye look the same. Stained glass windows are a great heritage and each generation has to make an effort to repair and preserve some for the future. Watch this space for appeals for funds for this project.!

GARDENIING TIPS

At long last we have had some better weather. Although April was dry, plant development was held back by the continued cold conditions particularly the continuing night frosts. However, the much warmer weather early in May was a very welcome relief and the plants in my garden, with the help of a little watering, started to grow quite quickly. Because my young seedlings were so slow to produce any real growth, I pricked them out when they were much smaller than would normally be the case and after a few days gave them a weak feed of phostrogen. I followed that up with another feed of normal strength solution a week later and that did the trick. I usually buy in a hundred or so red geranium plugs each year and on this occasion they were nothing like as good as usual, which was not too surprising. Once I had potted them up and given them time to settle, they also had a feed of phostrogen and I am pleased to report that all my plants are now growing away strongly and should be ready to plant out at the usual time. Many of you may be aware of just what a little encouragement can do but if not make a mental note for future reference.

This month there will probably be quite a few jobs in the garden left over that would normally be completed in May and they will need to be finished quickly because, despite the prolonged winter, plant life and growth will largely be back to normal by the early part of June unless something quite unforeseen occurs. My lawns are taking much longer to recover than some other things despite being lightly scarified and fed. I think this is mainly due to the fact that we have had no appreciable precipitation for some time. I do not like watering lawns if it can possibly be avoided as unless the area is really saturated quite frequently the action of watering only brings the grass roots nearer to the surface with really disastrous results if conditions continue to be dry.

Keep an eye open for aphids – I have found none so far this year, but the advent of warmer and damper conditions will surely bring them out! Roses are one of the first to be affected but fruit bushes and fruit trees may not be far behind. I have written about this subject before (May 2010) so I will not prolong this discourse today but one word of warning, if you use an insecticide do not spray fruit bushes or fruit trees when they are in flower. If you have to do something then use plain water with a moderate spray action but do not spray directly into an open flower if it can be avoided. It will take quite a time but in some cases it can also help pollination – this is particularly so in the case of both broad and runner beans.

No doubt most of your early and main crop vegetables are planted but now that the danger of frost should be passed, is the time to plant your out door tomatoes, sweet corn, marrows and courgettes. Similarly in the flower garden dahlias, cannas and other delicate subjects can be set out. Dahlias will grow quite well in almost all soils but they do like it rich and they need plenty of water when in full growth. Cannas will also grow in almost any soil, they too like plenty of moisture but they need reasonably good drainage

to perform well. Both are, of course, frost prone and only a modest ground frost when they are first planted out can be quite devastating, so keep an eye and an ear on the weather forecasts and delay your planting if necessary.

Hanging baskets can be put in place now with little danger from frost damage, also the more delicate subjects in tubs and other containers, but whatever happens do not let them dry out. It is a good idea to use the water gel granules when mixing up the compost for both baskets and containers – they really do help.

For many years I have grown my tomatoes in a soil bed in the greenhouse, but I have not been too satisfied with their performance over the last the last two seasons, particularly so during the very wet conditions last summer. This year I am trying out a modified system with and a different compost. So far, although delayed by the early growing conditions, the plants seem to be doing well but it is early days. I will write further about this subject

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COUNTRYSIDE NOTES

As you tuck into nice fresh vegetables and salads have you ever wondered about the historic journey they made to appear on your plate?

Potatoes are now part of our staple diet. Originating in the Andes region of South America they were first brought to Europe in 1536 by returning Spanish Conquistadors. With them they also brought **peppers** and **chillies**. **Parsnips** grew wild across Britain and Europe and were a luxury for ancient Roman aristocracy. Later they were used widely as a staple until replaced by the potato and are unique as they come to little harm left in the ground all winter so need not be stored. Wild Carrot is indigenous to Europe and parts of Asia although **carrots** aren't thought to have developed from them. Instead they probably originated in Afghanistan 5,000 years ago. Ancient Romans used them as medicine and also an aphrodisiac. Carrots varied in colour and were imported to southern Europe in the 14th century. In the 16th century through selective breeding Dutch growers created the orange carrot that we know today.

Cabbage developed from wild cabbage and has been cultivated for 4,000 years. The Celts are credited with bringing cabbage to Europe from Asia in 600BC. **Sprouts** are thought to have been cultivated in ancient Rome and possibly originated in China. By the 13th century they were being grown in Belgium, hence Brussels sprouts, but only arrived in England in the late 18th century.

Archeologists date discoveries of **peas** made in the Middle East to 4,800BC. One of the first wild crops to be cultivated they would have been dried and stored. Peas reached France in 800AD but it was the late 17th century before they were eaten fresh. **Runner Beans** originated in the high altitude regions of Central America and were brought to Britain in the 17th century by King Charles 1's gardener. At first they were grown only as a decorative plant.

Wild sea beet which grew round many coastlines including Britain is the ancestor of all our beets, including **beetroot**. At first only the leaves were eaten. In early times its medicinal properties were of most importance and it was much used by the Romans.

Lettuce, a member of the daisy and thistle family, is one of the oldest known vegetables dating back to 4,500BC and the ancient Greeks. It originates from the Mediterranean area and thought to have been introduced by the Romans. **Cucumbers** originate from India, have been cultivated for at least 3,000 years and had reached England by the 14th century. **Tomatoes** can be traced back to 700AD and the early Aztecs of Central Mexico and have been grown in Europe since the 16th century but were slow to catch on in Britain as they were thought to be poisonous. This myth grew because acids from the fruits leached out lead from pewter platters resulting in lead poisoning however the poor were unaffected as they used only wooden platters.

Jill Mason

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Lemon and Almond Roulade

Serves 6-8

Lemon curd

8 oz caster sugar

4 oz unsalted butter

Grated rind and juice of 3 lemons

3 eggs

(or use a jar of lemon curd)

The lemon curd will fill 2 roulades. Place all ingredients except eggs in a basin fitting snugly over a pan of boiling water. Leave over heat until sugar and butter have completely melted. Whisk eggs in separate bowl then strain through sieve into another bowl. Start beating the lemon mixture and quickly pour in the eggs beating fast until all the egg is incorporated. Cover basin and leave to cook gently over the hot water stirring with a whisk every few minutes. The final texture should be like half whipped cream. Pour into jars.

Roulade

4 large eggs separated

4oz caster sugar

Grated zest and juice of 1 lemon

3 oz ground almonds

½ pint double cream whipped

Put yolks and half the sugar into a wide bowl with the lemon rind and whisk until thickened and beginning to trail. Fold in ground almonds and lemon juice. Whisk egg whites until stiff then add remaining sugar and whisk for 10seconds. Fold in ground almonds and lemon juice. Whisk egg whites until stiff then add remaining mixture a little at a time using balloon whisk with quick movements or large metal spoon. Do not over whisk or you will lose air. Spread on silicone paper on baking tin 12x18 ins and bake at 325° F for 15 minutes until golden brown and firm to touch. Have ready a large sheet of greaseproof paper sprinkled with caster sugar. Tip roulade on to this, paper side up, and quickly remove silicone paper. Do this in strips if the sponge threatens to tear or stick. Leave to cook for 10-15 minutes; spread with lemon curd and whipped cream: roll up like a Swiss roll using paper to do so.

Maryse Gold

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INCINERATOR UPDATE

Following the County Council election extraordinary changes are underway, at County Hall, they could spell the beginning of the end for the incinerator and deliver reforms to how Norfolk is governed. At their first meeting on 13th May Newly elected Councillors from across the political spectrum united to reject Councillor Borrett's continuation as NCC's leader. They also overwhelmingly decided to hold a full council debate on the future of the incinerator, which is expected to take place in June following the preparation of reports and the release of contract details. At the time of writing this update County Council officers were refusing to make the incinerator contract available for the newly elected members to inspect. This situation will have to be resolved if members are to make an informed decision about the project's future. More information about incinerators on the continent has come to light. After signing long incinerator contracts some German waste authorities found themselves locked into paying 3 times the going rate to dispose of their waste, effectively subsidising 3rd party and imported waste disposal. Dutch incinerators are so short of material to burn they are looking to the UK as a source of rubbish to be imported. Here in Norfolk more efficient waste treatments (previously ignored by NCC officers) should now receive the attention they deserve. If NCC officers continue to ignore them it may be time to change the officers responsible. The Planning Inquiry has



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FROM CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE TO CAMPANOLOGIST

They say that distance lends enchantment to the view, but - looking back over a lifetime of contact with the Church of England - I sometimes wonder how I came to get so tied down with church matters. In short, at about 15 years old, my mother decided I should honour the vows made by my godparents and be confirmed. At the brief, weekly classes conducted by our suburban parish priest, I met several other young people and we were duly ushered into the mysteries of the Eucharist, as well as the rituals that you were expected to perform. It was "High Church", so there was a lot of kneeling and crossing yourself - and we didn't dare really ask why! Apart from taking a few notes in an exercise book, the most memorable part of those classes (for the boys) was getting there early to meet with the vicar's daughter, Alexandra, and play scratchy 78 rpm records on an old wind-up gramophone which she had in an outhouse behind the Victorian vicarage! Her mother was a flamboyant Frenchwoman who flounced down the aisle to her seat at the front, and Alex had many of these characteristics. It was probably thanks to her that we all stayed the 12 week course and were finally confirmed by the Bishop of Bedford on Whit Sunday 1957.



After Confirmation, in that congregation it was expected that you would "do something useful", ie: sing in the choir, be a server, become a sidesman, etc. Those sort of things didn't appeal to me, but it so happened that the tower contained a fixed chime of 8 bells which were sounded from a tiny gallery at the rear of the church. Two men - Arthur Fry Snr. and Arthur Fry Jnr. - were the chimers. The elder Fry was already over 80 and had a job to climb the vertical ladder and squeeze through the trapdoor to the gallery. When I asked if I could have a go, his prayers for a replacement were answered and he arranged for his son to demonstrate. The bells were sounded from a kind of keyboard of eight wooden levers connected by stout wires and cranks to the bells high in the steeple. It was possible to play simple hymn tunes from a booklet scored by numbers, or otherwise you just ran your hands, one over the other, in any order of changes you wished. I soon got the hang of the mechanism and can vividly remember playing "*Now the Day is Over*" for Evensong all those years ago. You were also paid 5/- (25p) for chiming at a wedding; and as they had many weddings at that church, it proved quite profitable to a hard-up teenager like myself. However, when I told an older lad at school (who I knew rang at Watford parish church) that I was a "bell-ringer" he scorned the idea of chiming a fixed peal, saying that proper ringing involved wheels and ropes. It was then that I decided to find out more about "the Art". But that, as they say, is another story.....



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Fincham and District Women's Institute

Twenty four members met in the Memorial Hall for the May meeting of Fincham & District WI. A letter was read out from the Norfolk Wildlife Trust thanking members for their donation following the talk on cider making at the March meeting.

The money is for the Living Landscape Appeal, in particular, the Rising Heath, with its range of habitats such as lowland heath, acid grassland and valley mire wetland at Roydon, which attract a range of wildlife such as lapwings, linnets, skylarks and short-eared owls.

Continuing the wildlife theme, Speaker for the evening was Alan Hale who gave a talk entitled "Boughton Fens Through the Seasons," highlighting the work done in catching and ringing the many birds seen in the 40 acres of fen. This is the 3rd talk that Alan has given to Fincham WI and he never fails to impress with his enthusiasm and knowledge of his subject. He showed some amazing slides of insects, birds and wild plants, close-up shots showing how delicate the wings of the dragonfly are and how intricate the petals of wild flowers. Several members confessed that they had not heard of Boughton Fens but were amazed to learn of the abundant variety of wildlife on their own doorstep and resolved to visit the area in the near future.

During the meeting members voted to support the resolution to preserve the country's small independent shops and High Streets. One comment was that improved car parking facilities would possibly encourage more people to shop in the High Street. The resolution is to be discussed at the National AGM in June. Voting in favour of the resolution was unanimous.

Birthday posies were presented to W Baines (after the meeting,) and to J Tidy.

The table flowers, arranged by J Reid, were presented, after the meeting, to member of the committee, Mrs S Amies, who is unwell.

The competition, "A small wild flower posy," was won by C Hammond, 2nd – P Biggs, 3rd – I Delderfield, 4th – J Strangward and C Dungay.

The raffle, organised by J Lynskey, was won by M Riches. Refreshments were provided and served by P Wakeling, J Reid and J Strangward.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 12th June at 7.30pm, when there will be a demonstration on Belly – Dancing. New members most welcome. Just pop along and introduce yourself.

Sue Westwood

An Exhibition of Paintings

By
The All Saints' Painters

All Saints' Church
Stoke Ferry
Norfolk PE33 9SF

Saturday 18th May to
Sunday 2nd June

Open from 10-5 daily



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Breckland Society

'The Breckland Flora'

A Field-Study Day Led by Tim Pankhurst from 'Plantlife'



and Neil Armour-Chelu from the Forestry Commission

In arid and sandy Breckland, rare plants are found. Some are unique to the Brecks and only grow on a few sites. Come and see some of these rarities with the experts.

Saturday 15th June 10am - 3.00 pm

Meet at 10.00 at the car park north of the railway line at Santon Downham (grid reference TL 82040 88047)

The afternoon session will be at Cranwich Camp (grid reference TL 77518 940750)

Members Free, non-members £5.00 (bring a picnic)

To book your place please email:
info@brecsoc.org.uk

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

MARHAM

STRAWBERRY TEA



Saturday

June

15th

2.30-4.30

All

welcome

Barton Bendish Open Gardens

June 2nd

11.00am - 5.00pm

Adults £3.50 Children Free

Ploughman's' Lunches served
from 12 noon

Afternoon Teas from 2pm
Cake Stall, Plant Stall & Raffle

All proceeds to St. Andrew's
Church

Enquiries

Maureen Tasker 01366 347432

Boughton Open Gardens

June 9th

12noon - 5pm

Lunches and Teas

Plant Stall

All proceeds to All Saints'
Church

There is still time to offer your
garden....

Enquiries

Pam Wakeling 01366 500429

Wereham Open Gardens

Sunday June 16th

1.00pm - 5.50pm

Adults £3.50 Children free
Lunches served from 12noon
Teas * Plant Stall * Raffle

Proceeds to St Margaret's
Church

Gardeners Songs of Praise at
7pm

Enquiries

Liz Baddock 01366 500233

Beachamwell Open Gardens

Sunday June 23rd

12noon - 5.00pm

Adults £3.00 Children free
Novinka Folska Band on Village
Green and in The Old Rectory
Organ Recitals in the Church
Ploughman's Lunches, Afternoon
Teas, Variety of Stalls, Raffle and
Tombola

All proceeds to St. Mary's Church

Enquiries

John Sanderson 01366 328818

Richard Wainer 01366 328706

St Andrew's Church Barton Bendish**Answers to Drinks and Beverages Quiz Sheet**

1. Plentiful in Brazil (6): Coffee 2. Aristocratic coloured letter (4,4,3): Earl Grey Tea 3. Help a yellow fruit (8): Lemonade 4. Looks after in loco parentis (7): Fosters 5. Sounds like a pizza (9): Margarita 6. A crag man (8): Armagnac 7. Sour citrus (6,5): Bitter lemon 8. A brine (6): Ribena 9. Piping confectionery (3,9): Hot chocolate 10. Partners of Jill and the lion (4,7): Jack Daniels 11. Old pop group (5,4): Buck's fizz 12. Name of a tweeny (4): Milo or Fizz 13. Part equine tongue movements (8): Horlicks 14. Tipple for a Scottish clan (3,8): The Macallan 15. Khaki elms (9): Milkshake 16. Beach resort (6): Malibu 17. Herbal lotion (5,2,6): Creme de menthe 18. Tipple for a foul-mouthed chef (7,3): Gordon's gin 19. Breaks (7 or 8): Schnap(p)s 20. Batman's favourite? (7): Bacardi (logo is a bat) or Mirinda (featured Batman in one of its flavours) or Alfredo (Alfred is Batman's valet and surrogate father figure) 21. Cried (5): cider 22. Joan Collins and Leonard Rossiter liked this according to the adverts (7): Cinzano 23. Harbour (4): port 24. The fox's favourite (3,8,3): Old Speckled Hen 25. Two plants (9,3,7): Dandelion and burdock 26. Majestic drink named after a mayor of Dijon (3,6): Kir royale 27. First liqueur allowed in the cellars of the House of Lords (8): Drambuie 28. Named after Spanish blood (7): Sangria 29. Not the washing kind (4): Soda 30. Vessel for horse attire (7,3): Stirrup cup 31. Bean hits (8): Absinthe 32. These fights are cold! (8): Snowball 33. Shape plus a fork prong (8): Ovaltine 34. Indian town (10): Darjeeling 35. Jersey detective (8): Bergerac 36. Como but not Italy's (5): Perry 37. You sound cold Mr Capp (6): Brandy 38. Change map (9): Champagne 39. Drink for Mr Simpson (2) or (6,5): OJ (orange juice) 40. Hand tool (11): Screwdriver 41. Sailor's grog (3): Rum 42. Eagles saw this sunrise (7): Tequila 43. Pumpkin (6): Squash 44. Spice girl feeling ill (6,3): Ginger ale 45. Moorland bird (3,6,6): The Famous Grouse 46. Shaken not stirred (7): Martini 47. Bit more than a lobbed explosive (9): Grenadine 48. Scarlet bovine (3,4): Red Bull 49. Inventive monk (3, 8): Dom Perignon 50. A neurotic (9): Cointreau 51. Fat (5): Stout 52. Not 50 shades of this bird (4,5): Grey Goose or Grey Heron 53. Letter number letter (3): J2O or H2O or P0P or OXO 54. Sign of the toucan (8): Guinness 55. Almost bigger (5): Lager 56. A drink in a hurry? (8): Espresso 57. Sail bye (7): Bailey's 58. Elf (6): Sprite 59. Drain soon (9): Disaronno 60. You know who (9): Schweppes

Thank you to all you who took part in our quiz. As some of you realised our proof readers (all three of us!) had mental blanks and had given the wrong number of letters for the answers in three cases. To make the marking fair, we have not included the answers for numbers 30, 40 and 50 in the final score so the quiz is marked out of 57. Please accept our apologies for this error, and if anyone would like to help us proof read next time please let us know! There were four people who scored 57 out of 57. Their names were put into a draw and the winner was Barbara Smith from Fincham. We are pleased to say that approximately 145 people took part. Many thanks as always to the people who sell the quiz sheet on our behalf. Other charitable organizations are welcome to use part or all of this quiz sheet but we ask that a donation is made to St Andrew's Church Fund.

The next quiz will be available at the end of May. The proceeds of this quiz sheet will be used to help buy flowers at the Joint Festival of Flowers with Beachamwell to be held at St Andrew's Church (next year St Mary's, Beachamwell) on July 27th and 28th. The theme of both the quiz sheet and the Festival of Flowers will be "Book and Play Titles". If you would like a copy sent to you please send an SAE with £1 to: Linda Webster, Rowan House, Church Road, Barton Bendish, King's Lynn, PE33 9GF.

DIARY DATES

1. **July 2nd** Tuesday Beachamwell Book Group 7 - 9
Leah Spencer 01366 328536
2. **July 3rd** Wednesday Walkers Beachamwell Memorial Hall 10.30
Sue Pennell 01366 328452
3. **July 4th** Thursday Beachamwell WI 7.30 Memorial Hall
Jenny Gabrielsen 01366 328297
4. **July 10th** Wednesday Fincham Coffee Morning St. Martin's Church 10 -12
May Pinches 01366 347228
5. **July 10th** Wednesday Beachamwell Scrabble 2 - 4
Sonia Williams 01366 328774
- 6 **July 13th** Saturday Barton Bendish Jazz Festival 12 - 3 Gates open 11.30
Mhari Blanchfield 01366 347849 and Linda Webster 01366 347563,
- 7 **July 13th** Saturday Beachamwell Barn Dance & Hog Roast, St John's Farm
Caroline Sanderson 01366 328244
8. **July 17th** Wednesday Beachamwell Afternoon Tea & Chat 2 - 4
Sonia Williams 01366 328774
9. **July 20th** Saturday Boughton Jazz Picnic 12 - 3.30
Paul Coulten 01366 500315
10. **July 20th** Saturday Fincham Quiz Memorial Hall 7 for 7.30
Babs Porter 01760 444 116
11. **July 27th & 28th** Saturday & Sunday Joint Flower Festival Barton Bendish and Beachamwell. *Church Wardens - page 38 for telephone numbers*
12. **August 18th** Sunday Beachamwell Horticultural Show
Carol Wilson 01366 328628
13. **September Friday 13th** Harvest Supper Fincham
Babs Porter 01760 444116
14. **September 28th & 29th Saturday & Sunday** Barton Bendish Art & Craft Weekend *Mhari Blanchfield 01366 347849 & Linda Webster 01366 347563*
15. **Saturday October 5th** Group Harvest Supper Boughton All Saints' Community Centre

FINCHAM HISTORY GROUP

Wednesday June 5th 7.30pm
Memorial Hall

'Peter Carter—The Fens Last
Traditional Eel Catcher'

Entrance - £2.00

Enquiries Janet Lynskey 01366
347694



Wereham Village Festival

Sunday 21st July 11-3.30pm

BBQ, Traditional Stalls and
Games, Archery

Raffle - top prize £75



Fire Engine

Vintage Cars



Fancy Dress competition

Tray Garden competition

'Creations' exhibition in the
Church by local children

Raffle drawn at 3pm

Lucky Programme Draw

Proceeds to St Margaret's Church

Barton Bendish Film Club

Kindly Sponsored by Janet & Alan Reid

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Les Misérables

The 2012 adaptation of the hit West End
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Running Time 158 minutes

Showing at Barton Bendish Village Hall
7.00pm Friday 14th June 2013 Tickets £4
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JAZZ AT THE HALL

**SATURDAY 13th JULY
2013**

12 noon – 3pm (Gates open at 11.30am)

A Jazz Picnic in the grounds of Barton
Bendish Hall

Tickets in advance £5 per person or £6
on the day. 16 yrs and under free)

**Posh Picnics available ordered in
advance from The Berney Arms
(delivered to the venue)**

Bring a picnic and enjoy some Jazz music
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the day

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STARTING FROM SUNDAY 26TH MAY
FROM 9.00 AM - 12.00 PM



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May - Sept
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Refreshments &
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Enquiries: Victoria 01366 501277 or Helen 500174
All proceeds go to Village Hall

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COME ALONG AND SUPPORT
OUR NEW ORGANISER ROGER

Wereham Village Hall
Wednesdays

Doors open 7.00 pm

Eyes down 7.30 pm

Starting from Wednesday 3rd April



Enquiries: Roger Collins 01366 500088
All proceeds go to Village Hall

Answer to puzzle on page 67

Let x be the age of the man at the time of his death. His age consists of the number of years he spent as a child plus the number of years he spent as a teenager plus the number of years between his coming of age and his marriage plus five plus his son's age (half his own) plus four. In mathematical terms, this is:

$$\begin{aligned} x &= x/6 + x/12 + x/7 + 5 + x/2 + 4 \\ x &= 14x/84 + 7x/84 + 12x/84 + 42x/84 + 9 \\ x &= 75x/84 + 9 \\ 84x/84 - 75x/84 &= 9 \\ 9x/84 &= 9 \\ x/84 &= 1 \\ x &= 84 \end{aligned}$$

So the man lived to be 84 years old.

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BARTON BENDISH & EASTMOOR VILLAGE NEWS

Quiz

A very successful Quiz Night was held in Barton Bendish on Saturday 20th of April. 14 teams just managed to squeeze into the village hall for an evening of frustrating and taxing questions which were compiled by Tim Webster and Chris Parsons. The evening was enjoyed by all, as were the half time refreshments from Linda Webster and Janice Parsons.

A huge thank you to Tim, Linda, Janice and Chris for all the hard work that goes into organizing such an evening which raised just over £300 for St Andrews Church.

Barton Bendish Open Gardens Day

SUNDAY 2nd JUNE

Gardens will be open from 11am - 5pm with Ploughmans' Lunches being served from noon and Afternoon Teas from 2pm in the Village Hall. The replacement plaque commemorating the planting of the lime tree next to the village sign on Coronation Day in 1952 will be unveiled at 2pm. There will be a Cake Stall, a Plant Stall and also a Raffle. All proceeds from the day go to St. Andrew's Church. Please let me know if you are able to help in any way on the day, even just for an hour or so, it will be much appreciated. We will be very grateful of donations of cakes, plants or raffle prizes on the day. For further details please contact Maureen Tasker 01366 347432

Barton Bendish Film Club

- 14th June

Our next presentation, kindly sponsored by Janet and Alan Reid, is **Les Miserables** on 14th June 2013. Please note that with a running time of 158 minutes this film will start at 7pm with a 20-30 minute interval for refreshments. The club is intending to purchase new audio speakers to improve sound quality in the hall.

To ensure that no one is turned away on the night, we ask that tickets at £4 be purchased **in advance only**; via Box Office 01366 347849 or website at <http://bartonbendishfilmclub.btck.co.uk> or email at cinemabarton@gmail.com

Big Lunch- Pot Luck Picnic

SAT 29th JUNE

We hope to see many Villagers at our Big Lunch Picnic. If you have not reserved your place and let us know what type of food you are bringing could you please let us know by June 10th so that we can invite people from neighbouring villages if there is space. If you are not a resident and would like to attend please call us after 12th June to see if we have space. We are still looking for raffle prizes to raise money to cover picnic expenses and pay for the new plaque on our Coronation Tree. We will be providing soft drinks. If you want alcohol you may bring your own or buy it from the Berney Arms across the road. We are still open to ideas for activities for children and adults if the weather is good

e n o u g h t o b e o u t s i d e .

Please bring your food from noon onwards to start lunch at 12.30pm
Organisers:- Val McAlister 01366 347570 Maureen Buck 01366 347703 Joan Eves
0 1 3 6 6 3 4 7 4 4 2
We will be unveiling the replacement plaque on our Coronation Memorial Lime Tree during Open Gardens at 2pm on Sunday 2nd June.

Jazz Picnic

Jazz at the Hall has been arranged for Saturday July 13th from 12 noon 'til 3pm See advert

Joint Flower Festival

Calling all floral artists in Barton Bendish. You are invited to display your talents at the Joint Flower Festival at St Andrew's Church, Barton Bendish on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th July 2013. This is a joint event with St Mary's Church, Beachamwell and this year's theme is "Book Titles". If you are interested in displaying an arrangement of flowers please give your details and title to either Linda or Mhari. You do not have to have years of floral experience, it is open to everyone and we encourage you to go on and have a go!

Arts and Craft Exhibition

A date for your diary in September is the Barton Bendish Arts and Crafts Exhibition. This year it is a little later in the month – Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th – but in every other respect it will run in the usual way. If you are interested in exhibiting any medium of artwork, photography or any crafts we would be delighted to add you to our list and would ask you to give your details to either Linda or Mhari.

THE BARTON BOUGHTON ANNUAL CHALLENGE 2013

Dear Residents of Barton Bendish and Eastmoor, WE NEED YOU!!!!

Are you still up for a Challenge? Geoff & Frank have done it again! Having told you that this year's event would be the perfect rose, well they are changing it – that's part of the Challenge.

Instead, it will be the best home-baked loaf of bread. Any shape, any size, plain or decorated.

They have challenged Barton Bendish to go up to Boughton with our bread, and see if we can take the Shield this year.

Entry will be donation by Adults, Juniors Free.

For all the stresses and strains of modern life we are informed that kneading and rolling dough is very therapeutic, and provides excellent health benefits (as if the honour of our villages was not enough!!). Release your inner Paul Hollywood and get practising!

We anticipate a date in August for the judging day. There will be more information to follow. There will of course be the usual sin bin, and of course the usual candidates in it!!

Good Luck

Linda and Mhari.

Sponsorship Wanted

Don't forget that Anthony is seeking sponsorship for his solo 100 mile bicycle ride along the Kennet and Avon Canal from Bristol to Reading on July 6th and 7th in aid of the digging of a well for a school in Vellore a small town in Southern India. He wants to raise £1,000 towards the project and if anyone would be kind enough to sponsor him please contact him on 01366 347849 or email anthony.blanchfield@btinternet.com

Church Notice

Please note that due to the Gardens Open Day there will **NOT** be a Church Breakfast on 2nd June.

Linda and Mhari

News from St Andrew's

Quinquennial Report

This five yearly inspection, carried out by an architect for the Ely Diocese (to inspect each church to determine all the work needed to keep it maintained and in good state of repair) was carried out in February. The report of the work needed was ready for our Parochial Church Annual Meeting to discuss in April.

Our new architect, Ruth Blackman, is extremely thorough and has highlighted a large number of jobs to be undertaken - many small - that are mainly maintenance or restoration, both in the church and churchyard. The PCC is actively gaining quotations for the jobs that require a professional stonemason's input, but there are many that we hope to be able to do 'ourselves' and thus be able to put our hard-earned funds to their best use.

We hope to form a working party sub-group that can work on these many and diverse tasks - there are jobs that will suit all ages and skills!! If you are interested in helping us we would be extremely pleased to hear from you, we would be grateful for whatever time you are able to offer, and don't worry that you will be asked to do something that you do not feel able to do, there really are a great number of different things that need to be done.

We are planning to arrange a meeting to discuss what we need to do once we know who is interested in helping. For more information please contact Linda 347563 or Mhari 347849

FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR 2013

SUN JUNE 2nd GARDENS OPEN see advert

FRI JUNE 14th Film LES MISERABLES see advert

SAT JUNE 29th POT LUCK PICNIC see advert

SAT JULY 13th JAZZ FESTIVAL Barton Bendish Hall see advert

SAT/SUN JULY 27/28th JOINT FLOWER FESTIVAL St Andrew's Church

SAT/SUN 28/29th SEPTEMBER ART and CRAFT EXHIBITION

THURS/FRI 21/22nd NOVEMBER WREATH MAKING (also possibly a daytime

BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

Mike Bushby



We all had a very nasty shock in March when Michael, my brother died. From the amazing turn out at his Cremation it was obvious that Michael had endeared himself to many people in Norfolk through his numerous activities. When he first arrived in Norfolk, many years ago, he was an active member of the Young Farmers and Holt Rugby Club not to mention a keen sailor – in those days he sailed from the Brancaster Sailing Club. Later he became a member of Wells Sailing Club where he spent many happy hours. My brother never did things by half – he became passionately interested in birdlife and worked closely with the RSPB to provide good

breeding grounds for the Stone Curlew at Rowley Farm, where he followed another passion, namely caring for the land. Every Christmas Michael would make the long trip to Somerset to join our family, which was always a joy. Latterly with grown up nephews and nieces to think about for Christmas presents he created the 'Lucky Dip' with many varied and fun presents; you might end up with a toothbrush or a bottle of champagne!

We shall all miss him greatly. **Judy Clive-Ponsonby-Fane**

London Marathon

Congratulations to Martin Ive who completed the London Marathon in 3hrs 10mins, brilliant.

Brian Wilson

Beachamwell Half Marathon

43 participants, runners, walkers cyclists and one dog enjoyed fantastic sunny weather for the annual Beachamwell Half Marathon. There were more runners and lots of children eager to get going. It was good to see friends from Gooderstone, Boughton, Oxborough, Marham, Shouldham and even London take part. Brian gave his usual health and safety talk and showed the new signs they would see enroute. gave the "off" and the village green was soon empty. The going was really rough in parts, last year puddles and mud but this year thick sand and flints. The children did brilliantly especially Isabel Moriarty from Marham who aged only 7years old completed the 13 mile course with ease in a brilliant time of 1hr. 46mins (before some of the adults) and earned herself the youngest to take part medal. I feel sure we will see her in a cycling event in the

Olympics one day. We didn't see much wildlife this year, but we were really pleased when one of the three drinks stations came into view, water, orange juice and biscuits on the menu. On return to the village hall more food was available for those who had burnt many calories, also the services of Michael Belshaw, who gave the weary runners a massage. Our newly elected County Councillor Ian Monson, who did come on his bike to the event, welcomed everybody and thanked them for supporting the event. He presented trophies to:



1st Cyclist: Jason King, Beachamwell, 57mins

1st Male Runner: Ashley Gilbert, Gooderstone, 1hr. 26mins

1st Female Runner: Susan Matthews, Shouldham, 1hr. 28mins

1st Junior Cyclist (tied): Douglas Sanderson aged 10, Beachamwell and Oliver Moriarty aged 11, Marham 1hr 20mins

Youngest to enter: Isabel Moriarty, Marham aged 7, 1hr. 46mins

Brian and I thank everybody for supporting the event, sponsored, or cheering us on the way. Special mention to the wonderful band of Marshals who gave up their Sunday morning, without their support the event could not happen. Nevin Ranner, Leah Spencer, Mark and Eileen Powell, Peggy English, Graham Johnson, Graham and Sonia Williams, Marie Rich, Sue Pennell, Val and David Sidey, Martin Ive, John and Jill Sanderson, Dave Tonks (always a brilliant tale end Charley – and so patient!!). If anybody would like to help next year we would be really grateful..

Drinks Station: Karen and Alan Butler, Betty and Ian Phillpot + Katya Brown. Di Lambert.

Registration: Verena Hartley and Jim White (also time-keeper)

Refreshments: Jenny and Eigil Gabrielson Rachael Bond Green, First Aider, at base

We will have raised £1000 when all sponsor money is handed in and with gift aid we will have started the £8,000 needed to repair the porch of our lovely Church.

Carole Wilson

St. Mary's Church

Beachamwell Half-Marathon: First of all I would like to thank Carole and Brian Wilson for once again organising this on Sunday 5th May and, on behalf of the Churchwardens and PCC, I would like to thank all those who made this year's event so very successful. The money raised by the Half-Marathon this year will amount to approximately £1,000 by

the time Gift Aid is added and Carole and Brian have generously donated this to the church restoration fund which includes the repair and restoration of the medieval porch roof. Next year Carole and Brian will need a few more people to volunteer to act as marshals along the route. It is essential that there are enough marshals so if you are able to help perhaps you will contact Carole and Brian. I know it is a very long time ahead and I will repeat this request in the New Year but please bear it in mind.

The Coffee Morning and Plant Sale held at Orchard House on 27th April to raise money to help fund the floral arrangements for the Festival of Flowers which we are jointly organising with Barton Bendish on 27th and 28th July was very well supported and I would like to thank everyone who came and had coffee, donated plants, cakes and raffle prizes. I am very pleased indeed to let you know that £221.10 was raised and this will be used to give a donation towards the cost of the flowers to everyone who creates a flower arrangement for the Festival.

Open Gardens' Day: The organisation of this on Sunday 23rd June is well under way and a lot of people are already working very hard indeed to ensure the event is a success and I hope everyone will come along and have a really enjoyable afternoon. Tickets can be obtained in on the Village Green. The Novinka! Folskaband will be playing on the Green at the beginning of the afternoon for an hour or so and then later in The Old Rectory Garden. There will be organ recitals in the church. Ploughman's lunches will be available in the Hall and Afternoon Teas at The Old Rectory. You will find a cake stall and plant stalls as you wander through the gardens as well as a raffle and tombola in the marquee on the Village Green – so lots of things are being planned. I do hope you will be able to join us.

The Festival of Flowers being jointly organised with Barton Bendish will be held in St Andrew's Church, Barton Bendish this year on **27th and 28th July** and the theme is "**A Book Title**". If you are able to help in any way please contact the organisers. Their names and contact numbers are at the bottom of this paragraph. Please support this event by either creating a flower arrangement or by offering to help with the refreshments, stewarding, selling raffle tickets etc. The Festival of Flowers is open on both days between 11am and 4pm and if you can spare an hour or two on either of these days to help in any way the organisers will be really pleased to hear from you.

Barton Bendish: Linda Webster (347563) linntim@btinternet.com

Mhari Blanchfield (347849) mhari.blanchfield@gmail.com

Beachamwell: Sonia Williams (328774) williamsoldies@gmail.com

Gill Sanderson(328818)

A date for your diary - I am delighted to tell you that David Mason will be giving a presentation about the Western Isles on Friday 15th November in Beachamwell Memorial Hall at 7.30 p.m. I will let you have more information nearer the time.

Graham Williams (Churchwarden)

St. Mary's Flower & Brass Cleaning Rota

2nd Olwyn Locke; **9th** Betty Phillpot; **16th** Eileen Powell; **23rd** Several People [Gardens Open Day]; **30th** Marie Rich

If anyone is interested in joining the Flower Rota please contact me and I will explain what is involved.

Eileen Powell



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Our May Meeting had to be held at Barton Bendish Village Hall, due to ours being used for voting. What a lovely Hall it is and we enjoyed having our meeting there. The main part of the meeting was to discuss the Resolution which this year involved using our local shops or loose them. It was obvious that everybody voted for the Resolution. The Windmill Handbell Ringers were our Speakers/Entertainment for the evening. The three ladies who came were very skilled at handbell ringing and obviously really enjoyed playing them. They told us many interesting facts about the bells and played different songs which we could hum along too. It was really relaxing and enjoyable.

Val won flower of the month, Heidi the competition and Maggie the raffle. Irene and Carole were on refreshments. Thought for the month was given by Eileen:-

As each new dawn is breaking

As each new day unfolds,

Take strength and hope and courage

From the promise that it hold

It was wonderful to welcome Jill Mason back for the evening as a guest. Next Meeting will be our Birthday Supper to be held on the Memorial Hall. **Carole Wilson**



We thought we would have the world to ourselves, but no! Two groups of tourist walkers, guidebooks to hand, were also doing a circular walk like us! But long before all of us, in earlier times the children from Eastmoor also trod this path as they walked to and from school in Beachamwell. Did they too, like us, stop to stare at the trout in the water?

Sue Pennell

Horticultural Show

Please note the date for the Horticultural Show August 18th. This year, with the help of Leah Spencer, it has been decided to do something a little different. Because of the bad winter and unusual growing conditions, we think it will be a good idea to add craft work into the Show. We will still have some veggies, flowers "Grow the Biggest Onion" and of course THE BOX. Help will be needed setting up the Show and on the day. We are looking for helpers and if you can spare a couple of hours we would be most grateful. Watch out for more details in G4N, flyers and Posters. Please support us, it is so important we keep our village events going.

The Committee Carole or Brian Wilson 01366 328628

Beachamwell April Table Top Sale

Mary and Sonia would like to thank all those who made the sale such a happy and enjoyable event, both our dependable friends manning the stalls and our many happy customers celebrating their purchases with the excellent refreshments. Special thanks to everyone who helped set up the stalls and clear away afterwards.

Sonia Sandell

Mobile Post Office

Monday, Tuesday,



Swaffham and District Swimming Pool Association (SPA) held it's AGM at the Community Centre on 22nd April 2013 with Dennis Tallon in the chair and seven members present.

The chairman stated that the land Swaffham Town Council had bought for a swimming pool at the EcoTech Business Park, which was under a five year agreement, now lapsed. The council would now have to decide how they proceed with the plot.

The treasurer reported that the SPA funds held at the Norwich and Peterborough and Scottish Widows had grown to £13,690, these funds will be locked in for the next few years.

The existing officers were re-elected to serve for a further twelve months.

Dennis Tallon (Chair)

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS - Please note changed days/times

DATE	VILLAGE	LOCATION	TIME
Thursday	Beachamwell	Post Office	10:05 am
6th June	Drymere	Telephone Box	10:40 am
4th July	Boughton	Sycamore House Mill Road	15:20 pm 15:35 pm
	Barton Bendish	Hatherley Gardens	9:40 pm
Thursday	Wereham	The Pond	9:30 am
6th and 20th June 4th and 18th July		Queen's Close	16:20 pm

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

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RAF Marham	Third Friday 9:00am to 2:00pm
Swaffham	First and Third Sunday
Watton	Sadly no longer trading

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VILLAGE AND PARISH HALL BOOKINGS

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

CHURCH SERVICES

June 2013

Because of the village open gardens days in June, several services have been cancelled. Please check carefully if you usually attend services in the Barton Bendish half of the group.

THURSDAY COMMUNIONS: 6th, 20th, 27th Fincham, 13th Boughton

Services at 10:00 am followed by tea/coffee. All Welcome

- June 2nd Barton Bendish—no service because of Open Gardens
 Beachamwell—Rogation Walk. Meet at the church at 11 am
 Wereham—Evensong 6 pm
 Shouldham—Holy Communion 9.45 am
 Marham—United Morning Service (HT) 10.30 am
- June 9th Boughton—no service because of Open Gardens
 Fincham—Evensong 6 pm
 Shouldham Thorpe—Holy Communion 9.30 am
 Marham—United Morning Service (MC) 10.30 am
- 16th June Beachamwell—Family Service 11 a
 Wereham—no service because of Open Gardens
 Shouldham—Morning Prayer 9.45 am
 Marham— Holy Communion 10.30 am
- June 23rd
- 23rd June Barton Bendish—Holy Communion 6 pm
 Beachamwell—Open Gardens
 Boughton—Holy Communion 11 am
 Fincham—Holy Communion 9.30 am
 Marham—café church 10.30–11.30 (MC)
- 30th June Shouldham Thorpe Group service of Holy Communion 11 am

CHURCHWARDENS

Barton Bendish	Mhari Blanchfield	01366 347849
	Linda Webster	01366 347563
Beachamwell	John Sanderson	01366 328818
	Graham Williams	01366 328774
Boughton	Pam Wakeling	01366 500429
Wereham	Sheila Smith	01366 858165

BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS Please contact the Revd. Barbara Burton or the Churchwarden in your parish.

BOUGHTON VILLAGE NEWS

Boughton Cricket Club - Latest News

The cricket season is up and running and Boughton played their first match of the season on 12th May at Gooderstone – Unfortunately the game was abandoned due to rain after Gooderstone declared on an impressive total in excess of 200. It would have taken some chasing for the Boughton lads but disappointingly they didn't get the chance to make the reply.

Our finalised fixture list is set out below and anyone wanting to come and watch and support would be most welcome to any of the fixtures whether at home or away.

12th May	Gooderstone (A)
19th May	East Rudham (A)
9th June	Sandringham (A)
7th July	Chatteris XI (H)
21st July	Jesus Long Vacation XI, Cambridge (A)
28th July	East Rudham (H)
11th August	Gooderstone (H)
25th August	Lads vs Dads (H)
15th Sept	Farmers Match (H)

We have also been busy fundraising in the past couple of months to fund our upcoming season and to secure the future of the club. One of our members Jon Allen arranged a four day cycle ride from the home of cricket, Broadhalfpenny Down in Hampshire back to Boughton over the Easter weekend and I ran in the Kings Lynn GEAR 10k run on 5th May – Together the events have raised around £2500 for club funds and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that helped and supported us in those events- they were a spectacular success for us. I will keep you posted of future events but please note in your diaries Paul Coultons Jazz Picnic on 20th July proceed from which he is kindly making a donation to the cricket club.

I hope to see you over the season and let's hope for some good cricket weather in 2013 and a successful season for Boughton Cricket Club.

Steve Short Chairman

Boughton Fen report to Parish Council on 3rd May

Since our last meeting, we have continued with well attended working parties on the drier areas of Highland Fen, cutting back areas of scrub that had begun to advance again from our trimming a few years ago.

We also constructed a bridge over the ditch at the entrance to the fen as this had been impassable for much of the winter with high water levels making access a very damp affair.

Using contractors, larger areas of scrub have been cleared in an area adjacent to Stringside Drain on Middle Fen.

All clearance work has now been completed for this season, but we will turn our attention to keeping the Wildlife Walk clear throughout the growing season so that everyone can enjoy a nice stroll around the fen. If you would like to help with this work throughout the summer, please give me a call on 01366 500461.

On a more disappointing note, we seem to be suffering from some dog mess on the walk, and we believe it is always the same culprit. It is a great shame that the enjoyment of the fen is being compromised by one irresponsible dog owner. Please enjoy the fen with your dog, but keep it on a lead and clear up after it.

Hopefully, the Environment Agency will be able to carry out the promised work on the Stringside Bank this autumn as part of the water management plan for the fen. They were unable to do this over the winter due to the excessively wet conditions.

An interesting visitor came to the fen a few weeks ago in the form of a Great White Egret, which is a rarity for this part of Britain. It is a heron, similar in size to our usual birds, but pure white in colour. Spring is at last here, with many summer visitors arriving, including cuckoos, which have been heard by several people over the last few days.

Once again, a huge thank you to all those who have helped in any way over the past few months. *Mark Pogmore*

Open Gardens 2013

It's that time again when we watch the weather even more carefully than we usually do. So far (May 17th) I have ten gardens promised and a huge thank-you to everyone who has volunteered theirs. At least we are all in the same boat! Perhaps literally if it rains as much as last year. Seriously, it's an important day in the church's fundraising calendar and a great advertisement for a lovely village where many groups come together. We are always grateful for the people who come to support us even if they are not churchgoers. There will be no Breakfast Church that day, but Sandy and her team will be serving lunches and teas as usual. Come along, bring your friends, publicise the event as much as possible and pray for a fine day. Even if it rains, we always have the faithful visitors who often come from some distance away to see how gardens progress over the year. If you have anything for the plant stall, or can spend a even a short time helping somewhere, do come forward and volunteer. Pam Wakeling 500429

Boughton Annual Challenge. 2013.

Are you still up for a Challenge ? Geoff & I have done it again ! Having told you that this year's event will be the perfect rose, well we are changing it – that's part of the

We also challenge Barton Bendish to come up to Boughton with your bread, and see if you can take the Shield this year.

Entry will be donation by Adults, Juniors Free.

For all the stresses and strains of modern life we are informed that Kneading and rolling dough is very therapeutic, and provides excellent health benefits.

We will be calling on you in the coming weeks, just when you least expect it !

We anticipate August for the judging day. There will be more information to follow. There will of course be the usual sin bin, and of course the usual candidates in it.

Good Luck. *Frank & Geoff.*



WEREHAM VILLAGE FETE

To be held on Sunday 21st July - 11.00 to 3.30 pm

For the Youngsters.....

Festival Exhibition - your creations - paintings, sculptures, Lego creation, etc - no particular theme - just create! Bring them into the church on Saturday 20th. The exhibition will be open on the Sunday.

Tray Gardens should be brought into the church on Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning.

Last, but not least—don't forget about Fancy Dress outfits. The Fancy Dress competition will be held at 11.30 on Sunday.

Stalls



Raffle (top prize £75). All the traditional stalls - Barbecue, Produce, Homemade Cakes, Plants, Hoopla, Horseshoes, Hoop Bowls, Beanbags, Bric-a-Brac, Books, Hook a Duck, Guess the Panda's name, Tombola and Vintage Cars. Methwold Fire Station has kindly agreed to bring a fire engine (operational commitments permitting) we are also hoping that a Police car will be able to come....

Lucky Programme Draw on the day with a prize for the winning number.

Thank you to local companies

We have received donations towards the festival from the following companies:

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... and we are keeping our fingers crossed that British Sugar will sponsor the Archery again this year.

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As ever the success of the Festival depends not only on the generosity of local companies but also on the help and support from the village. We know that you have lots of calls on your resources at the moment but please would you consider what help you could offer us in the way of prizes, donations or produce for the stalls below:

- Home grown garden produce and home made jams/marmalade and chutneys for the Produce Stall
- Cakes for the Cake Stall
- Small gift items for the Tombola and Hoopla
- Raffle prizes—bottles and chocolates are always popular!
- Plants for Ronnie's Plant Stall.
- Bric a brac for the White Elephant Stall
- Books for the Book Stall

All items can be dropped off with Lynda at Crown House (501308), Lizzie at Chile House (500233) or Doreen Queen's Close (500218) **See you there!**

Wereham On Facebook

To find out what's going on in the village and look at local and event pictures log into Facebook we are **Wereham Village Group**

Parish Council Meetings: The last meeting was held on Tuesday 14th May. If you would like a copy of the Minutes from that meeting, please contact:-

Mrs N E Clifford-Everett (Parish Clerk)

33 Lynn Road ,Southery, Downham Market, PE38 0HU, 01366 377799

The next meeting is Tuesday 9th July at 7.30 pm. All welcome.

Wereham Tots _ Friday mornings from 10.00am to 12.00 noon. All welcome. *Angela*

Bingo - Every Wednesday, at the Village Hall. Doors open 6.45 pm eyes down at 7.30 pm. Cash prize, raffle, refreshments with complimentary biscuits. Come along and support our new organiser, Roger. All proceeds to the Village Hall. Enquiries to Roger Collins on 01366 500088.

Car Boot Sale - car boot sale, last Sunday of every month, 9-12pm, from May to September, Wereham Playing Field. £5 per pitch, refreshments & bacon butties. Next date: **June 30th**. All proceeds to the Village Hall. *To book a pitch call Victoria 501277 or Helen 500174.*

Ink Cartridges And Mobile Phones - the collection boxes are located on the piano in the Village Hall. Alternatively, I'll collect - *Victoria 501277*

Wereham Bonus Ball Club

.Thank you to everyone that has become a member of the Wereham Bonus Ball Club we managed to sell all of the 49 numbers, the first draw will have happened by the time you read this on the 1st June so we will have our first lucky bonus ball club winner up to £50! regards Helen Richardson, Secretary of the Wereham Village Hall Committee.

Wereham School Reunion

The 4th Wereham School Reunion will be held on Saturday 8th June 2013 at 12 noon in the George and Dragon. I will be sending emails and phoning members that I have addresses and phone numbers for.

Everyone who attended the school is welcome. Please get the message out to as many people as possible.
Sid West.





Some photos from old Wereham!

Do you recognise yourself or anyone else?

Wereham Open Gardens

Don't forget that we have our Open Gardens on 16th June from 1pm to 5.30pm. Adults £3.50 Children Free

Lunches & Teas served from 12 onwards in the Village Hall.

Come and give us a look we would be pleased to see you!

Lizzie Baddock

Please note that Gardeners Songs of Praise on June 16th is cancelled.

Update From Wereham Village Hall Committee

AGM: We had our AGM on 9th April. For a copy of the minutes please contact our Secretary, Helen Richardson, on 500174 or email helenandadam82@btinternet.com. In brief, all Trustees rejoined the new committee. We welcomed a new Trustee, Doreen Rolph, who has joined as a representative of the 'Friends of Wereham Village Hall Group'. Jacqueline Butcher retired as Secretary, and John Eastgate retired as Vice Chair, thank you both for your hard work over the last 12 months. Helen Richardson has become Secretary, Ian Hart has become Vice Chair. The following roles remain unchanged, Victoria Gray as Chair, John Eastgate as Treasurer. We are now a Committee of 11 Trustees.

Governance: For the benefit of the Charity, Trustees and funding applications, we are in the process of replacing our 1961 Trust Deed with an up to date version supplied by the NRCC. We are working with our holding Trustees (the Parish Council) on this.

New Build Team: Our project plan has been delayed whilst we resolve the new Trust Deed. Hopefully back on track next month.

A big thank you to Roger Collins, who since taking over the Bingo has raised £175.

Everyone who has bought a Bonus Ball number from Helen Richardson. This will raise £48.00 a month.

Friends Of Wereham Village Hall Group

If you would like to join the Friends of the Group, or to find out more, contact Doreen on 500218 or email doreenrolph@talktalk.net.

On behalf of myself and the rest of the Committee, thank you for your continued support -
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**Saturday 15 & Sunday 16 June,
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**Thursday 20 June, 7.30pm
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Booking essential

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**Friday 21 June, 7pm – 9.30pm
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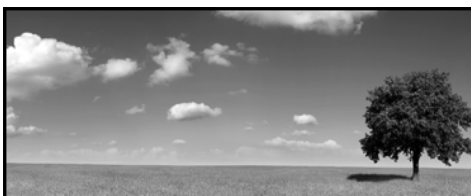
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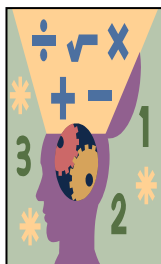
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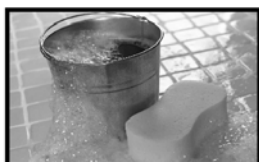
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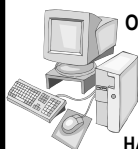
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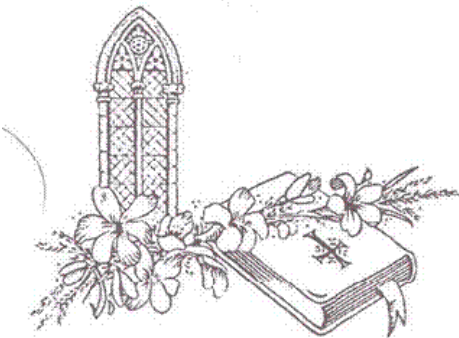
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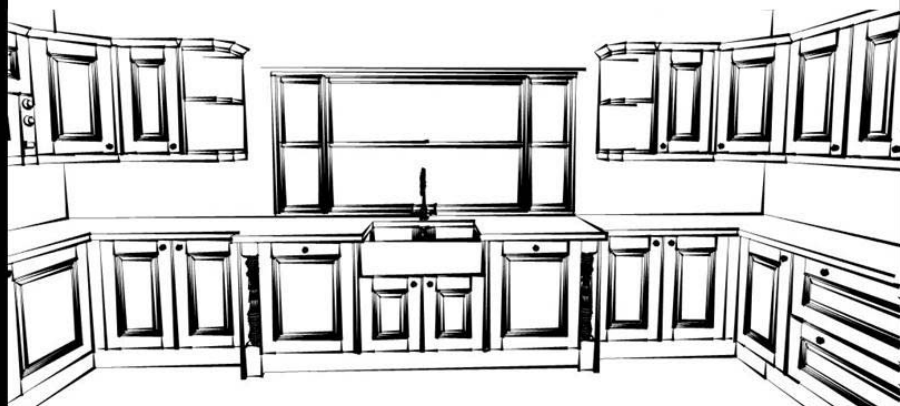
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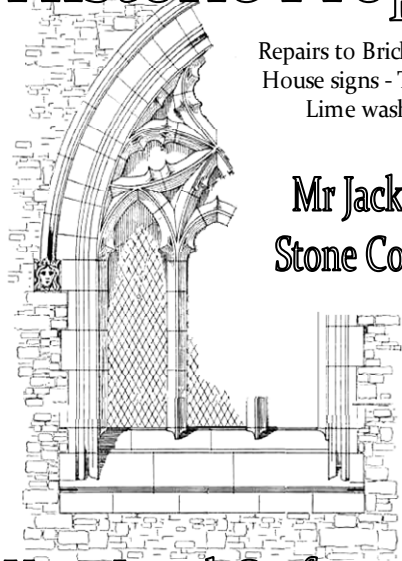


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CHILDREN'S PAGE

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Dog Show: If there are 196 legs and 126 eyes at the dog show, how many people and how many dogs are present? (All the people and all the dogs at the show have the

There are 28 people and 35 dogs.

First, since dogs and people both have 2 eyes, divide 126 by 2. There are 63 at the dog show. You know that dogs have two more legs than humans. There are 70 more legs than eyes. Half of 70 is 35. Subtract $63 - 35 = 28$. So there could be 35 dogs and 28 people. (or 28 dogs and 35 people) To check if there are 35 dogs, multiply $4 \times 35 = 140$ then add $28 \times 2 = 56$ for the number of human legs. $140 + 56 = 196$.

normal number of eyes and legs.)

Dog Trial : Someone's dog goes around the neighborhood every night getting into people's garbage pails and making a mess. Some of the neighborhood kids say they know what the guilty dog looks like, but the culprit strikes at night, so it's hard to see. Each of the four witnesses has one and only one detail right, and each detail is described correctly by only one witness. Dan says the dog is white, fluffy, wears a red collar, and has a long tail.

Karen says the dog is black, has short hair, wears a red collar, and has a long tail.

Max says the dog is brown, has long, silky hair, wears a blue collar, and has a long tail.

Emma says the dog is spotted, fluffy, wears a red collar, and has a short tail. Can you correctly describe the guilty pooch?

Next, cross out the details in each column that are repeated. (only one detail is described correctly by each witness: the dog can't be fluffy, can't wear a red collar, and can't have a long tail.) Now you have all the information you need:

The dog wears a blue collar and has a short tail.

The dog must be white, because Dan is wrong about the hair, the collar, and the tail, and he has to be right about one detail. Karen, Max, and Emma are wrong about the dog's color; therefore the dog must have short hair, because Emma has to be right about one detail.

The dog is white, has short hair, wears a blue collar, and has a short tail.

To arrive at the answer, begin by making a chart like the following:

	Colour	Hair	Collar	tail
Dan	White	Fluffy	Red	Long
Karen	Black	Short	Red	Long
Max	Brown	Long and silky	Blue	Short
Emma	Spotted	Fluffy	Red	short

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1. Which Saint's feast is on Boxing Day?
2. What are the two former names of the Russian city, St. Petersburg?
3. What saintly name is given to an atmospheric glow that appears on the extremities of pointed objects such as ship masts and church spires?
4. Who is the patron saint of lost causes?
5. Which European republic was founded by St. Marinus and his Christian followers?
6. What event inspired George Bernard Shaw to write the play 'St. Joan'.
7. Where is St Edmund buried?
8. According to folklore, what will happen if it rains on St. Swithin's day?
9. Which saint was the first Archbishop of Canterbury and founded the Christian Church in the South of England?
10. Who is the patron saint of doctors? (Answers on page 5)

1. St. Stephen 2. Petrograd (1914-24), Leningrad (1924-recently) 3. St. Elmo's Fire 4. St. Jude 5. San Marino 6. The canonisation of Joan of Arc in 1920. 7. Bury St. Edmunds 8. It will rain for an-

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