

The Parishes of Barton Bendish & Eastmoor; Beachamwell, Shingham & Drymere;
Boughton; Wereham
March 2014

WELCOME

At last there are signs of spring and the days are noticeably longer. The wet weather and ever-present mud are depressing, but we constantly have to remember those who live in parts of the country which have been flooded or buffeted by the storms. Let's hope that things are going to be much easier for them for the rest of the year.

There are requests from every village for people to open their gardens or help in some other way on the now traditional open days. Please offer your help and/or your garden in support of your village churches. Without help from everyone in the community, the churches won't be able to keep going and pay the bills. They provide the heart of the villages, not just a place for a few to gather on Sundays.

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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‘FROM THE RECTORY’



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Dear All,

1st March is St David's Day. He is, of course, the patron saint of Wales, and was Bishop of Menevia. St David's Day has been a national festival in Wales since the 18th century, and is still marked with gusto and lots of daffodils and leeks. St David's real name was Dewi, and he died in about AD 589. His last words to his followers were in a sermon on the previous Sunday: 'Be joyful, and keep your faith and your creed. Do the little things that you have seen me do and heard about. I will walk the path that our fathers have trod before us.'

'Do the little things' is today a well-known phrase in Welsh (*Gwnewch y pethau bychain*). The former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, thinks that this phrase strikes a chord with people today because "It reminds us that the primary things for us are the relationships around us, the need to work at what's under our hands, what's within our reach." It's so easy to concentrate on the big things in life, when what's really important are the little everyday things – if we concentrate on them, and do them as best as we can, then we really will be doing God's work, and from those small seeds our lives can be transformed.

Barbara

BENEFICE NEWS

Announcement of the death of Ven. Jim Rone

The Ven Jim Rone, former Archdeacon of Wisbech in the Diocese of Ely, has died aged 78 after a long illness. He was a clerical member of the Ely DA.

Jim came to the Diocese of Ely after serving his Title in the Diocese of Oxford. He was appointed to the parishes of Fordham and Kennet in 1982. In 1989 he became Canon Residentiary of Ely Cathedral, assuming the portfolio of Canon Treasurer in 1992. In 1995 Jim was appointed Archdeacon of Wisbech, holding this office until he retired at the end of December 2002.

The Bishop of Ely, the Rt Revd Stephen Conway, said: "We give thanks for Jim's generous and warm ministry which exemplified the very best of the catholic tradition of the Church of England. We celebrate his service as parish priest, residentiary canon and Archdeacon of Wisbech.

"He bore great witness to his faith and to his deep humanity throughout a long illness, during which he has been cared for devotedly by his wife, Mary. We pray for her and for Jim's children and grandchildren. We pray that Jim may rest in peace and rise in glory."

The Requiem Mass for the Ven Jim Rone was held on Monday 10 February in Ely Cathedral.

Lent Services

The theme is 'Putting on the Whole Armour of God'

12th March Denver—Truth

19th March Downham Market—Righteousness

26th March Marham —Peace

2nd April Feltwell—Faith

BENEFICE NEWS

On 12 March 1994, the **first 32 women were ordained as Church of England priests**. The service was officiated by Bishop Barry Rogerson in Bristol Cathedral. Rogerson ordained the women in alphabetical order, so Angela Berners-Wilson is considered the very first woman to be ordained. The youngest woman to be ordained was Karen MacKinnon, with Jean Kings being the second youngest. The oldest was 69. In 2004 the tenth anniversary of the ordinations was celebrated at Bristol Cathedral and, by then, one of the women priests had died and 14 had retired.

Angela Berners-Wilson is considered to be the first woman ordained as a priest in the Church of England. She is currently a chaplain at the University of Bath. Her father was the rector of the rural parish of Frant in East Sussex. She married solicitor Andrew Sillett on 19 May 1984. Berners-Wilson was appointed chaplain to the University of Bath in May 2004.¹

In February 2009 she was appointed a prebendary of Wells Cathedral. The officiating bishop speculated that it would be 10 years before the first woman bishop was appointed. In 2014 measures are still being discussed and arrangements made for the ordination of the first woman bishop in the Church of England

Sponsored by the Diocese of Bath and Wells, the University of Bath and the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, she had a month's sabbatical in China in June 2008.^[9]

What's happening at Downham Market Library?

Ring us on 01366 383073 for more information

Fix it Friday – Health and Well being

Downham Healthy Community will be launching soon! Come to the library to find out more from Sean Christie, Community Health Engagement Officer.

There will also be representatives from Stroke Association and Age UK.

Friday 7th March 10 – 12 noon – just drop in!

COUNTRYSIDE NOTES

Origins of cultivated flowers

Yet again our loyal spring flowers have pushed through the debris of winter to cheerfully greet us. Although we probably rather take them for granted we shouldn't because most of them have condescended to grow in England even though they've not originated here. Many adventurers brought seeds back with them when they returned from their travels and the Victorians were avid plant collectors. Holland is famous for its spring bulbs but they didn't originate from there either.

The first to herald spring are *winter aconites*. These belong to the buttercup family and although naturalised in many places originated from southern Europe and across Asia as far as Japan. It was soldiers returning from the Crimean War who very kindly brought the *snowdrop* back for us to enjoy.

Crocus naturally had a wide range across central and southern Europe, north Africa, the Middle East, central Asia and across to western China. Bulbs were taken from Constantinople to the Netherlands in the 1560s.

The pretty miniature pale or dark blue spring *iris reticulata* are native to Turkey, Caucasus, Iran and Iraq *Gladioli* are another member of the iris family and their natural range also extended to tropical and South Africa as well as Asia.

Daffodils came to us from Spain and Portugal and *tulips* managed to adapt to our soggy climate from the arid areas of Central Asia. *Hyacinth* originally came from the Mediterranean region and North Africa.

Most varieties of *rhododendrons* and *azaleas*, which belong to the same family, come from Asia with the largest number originating in the Himalayas and parts of China.

Hollyhocks, which seem such a quintessentially English cottage garden flower, are thought possibly to have come from the Middle East, India or most likely China.

Lilies come from all around the Northern Hemisphere. *Alstroemeria*, also known as the Peruvian lily or lily of the Incas, was named after the Swedish Baron Claus Von Alstromer who returned with some seeds in 1753.

Not many of our garden flowers appear to have originated from across the Atlantic but the *sunflower* is believed to have been first cultivated for its seeds by Native Americans as long ago as 1,000BC and brought to Europe in the 16th century. *Dahlias* arrived here in the 16th century from Mexico and Central America

Hydrangeas were first discovered in Japan and 2,000 years ago *carnations* were found growing in the Far East.

Surprisingly *clematis*, of which there are 300 hundred species, like aconites belong to the buttercup family and mostly came to us from China and Japan. We do however have a native species which prefers to grow on chalky soils and entangles itself in

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Quick and Easy Leek and Potato Soup

½ lb potatoes

½ lb leeks

Chicken or vegetable stock cube (preferably not brown ones as they make the soup a strange colour)

Peel the potatoes and cut into small chunks so they cook quickly. Put into a saucepan with an ounce of butter and sauté gently for 5 minutes. Don't allow to brown.

Trim the leeks minimally, but use as much of the dark green part as possible as it helps the colour. Slice the leeks lengthways and then cut into inch long chunks. Rinse thoroughly.

Add enough water to cover the potatoes and add the stock cube. Bring to the boil and simmer for ten minutes or until the potatoes are cooked. Put the leeks in a covered steamer above the potatoes for five minutes.

Turn off the heat; add the leeks to the potatoes and mix with a stick blender until you reach your preferred consistency. Add more water, milk or cream as desired and reheat gently without boiling. Season to taste and serve with crusty rolls.

Anne Carpenter

hedges, shrubs and trees. This is often known as 'old man's beard' or 'travellers joy' and becomes most obvious in winter when its woolly seed heads show white amongst the leafless branches.

Then there are our lovely roses. Although we have the native dog rose growing in our hedgerows the cultivated varieties are said to have originated from Crete, Greece. The Egyptians and Chinese were apparently the first to cultivate roses 5,000 years ago

Jill Mason

THE SMALLHOLDING IN THE WETTEST OF WINTERS

In years gone by when there were no home comforts such as electric light and central heating and even hard fuel was hard to find and to collect, it must have been hard to know where to look for signs of hope that winter would eventually end with some promise of another spring and another harvest to come. It is not surprising that those dependent upon the land for their very livelihood should do something to encourage the 'powers that be' not to forget them and their activities on the land in the course of the New Year.

Early in January, the Epiphany season, when the days were still dark, and unknown to us would become even wetter, I had the good fortune to take part in two ceremonies which remembered the good things of harvest past and looked forward to the new season of hard work and a future harvest.

Those of us who had enjoyed the fruits of the orchard met to enjoy both apple and cider, remembering the days in the autumn when we pressed and stored the juice in a variety of ways. It was Pightle's attempt at a Wassailing party. The dictionary gives various definitions of wassailing but the one which is nearest to what we were trying to do goes like this: to 'keep wassail', to sit carousing and health-drinking; and then to drink to fruit trees and cattle, in order to ensure their thriving. My big 'Book of Apples' gives this: Wassailing the orchards on the eve of Twelfth Night – the practice of thanking or appeasing the deity of apple trees to ensure next year's crop – became one of the most important events of the year in cider counties. Well we certainly caroused, probably did pagan things in the orchard which were Christianised by the vicar's prayer over the trees and back indoors by singing the Wassailing Carol and Jesus Christ the Apple Tree. It was all great fun and a real beam of light in very dark January night.

The second winter ceremony I became involved in was that of Blessing the Plough. This is traditionally held on the nearest Monday after the Epiphany (6th January). My invitation was, in the absence of the vicar, to bless the plough and join in the traditional activities at Northwold School. The children had been well rehearsed in Mummers plays and dances that accompany the plough – appropriately adorned with brussel-sprouts carrots and parsnips. That was on the Friday afternoon and on the following Monday evening, which became a dark, dark night the plough was paraded from Northwold's pub to the church, accompanied by a torch lit procession (real and smoky) and groups of Mummers, Morrismen and Green men who after the vicar had duly blessed the plough from the litchgate, enacted plays and dances and did the things that those folk do. They were accompanied by a wonderful group of musicians

who were adorned with pheasant feathers in their hat bands. It was colourful, noisy, sincere and great fun. Again, an activity that encouraged optimism as we continue in winter and look forward to spring.

All that of course was jolly escapism but it faced the fact that life on the land can be faced with optimism when are sure of God's blessing.

Back at home we still have the feel good factor of apples in store and juices – some fermented. That is an encouragement when we survey the ravages of this sodden winter, mud everywhere, brussel sprouts feeding rabbits rather than ourselves and the same pests getting at the fruit trees where-ever there is a chink in their protective armour! However hedging is well underway to reveal exactly where the burrows are, prior to a visit from a team of ferreters.

A stretch of old hedge has been cleared and we are gearing up (seeking courage) to do some more traditional hedge-laying. There will inevitably be many gaps but these will be filled with new hawthorn, blackthorn and a few hollies.

In spite of the never ending rain aconites and snowdrops are a reminder that plant life generally is waking up. The Epiphany season with its emphasis on 'light to the world' coincides with a lengthening of days with the promise of new life in a new year.

We might well complain about the soggy soil but our water problems are nothing compared with those on flood plains and by the coast, for whom we prayed at the weekday Eucharist this morning. It is of course ironic that California is experiencing its worst drought on record.

Robin Blackall

Answers to quiz on page 71

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| 1. Rice | 11. Paw Paw |
| 2. Apple pie | 12. Sweetbread |
| 3. Spey | 13. Fish |
| 4. Those without a Y in | 14. Five Spice |
| 5. Norway | 15. Couscous |
| 6. Bread | 16. Delia Smith's |
| 7. Sloe | 17. Fromage Frais |
| 8. Beeswing | 18. Hot Pot |
| 9. Brawn | 19. L'Escoffier |
| 10. Sunflower | 20. Souffle |

GARDENING TIPS FOR MARCH 2014

As I write this morning I am thinking of all those unfortunate people, particularly in the West Country, some of whom are up to their knees or beyond in water and today many thousands without power. What have we done to warrant such terrible weather? Those of us who avidly watch the weather forecasts are fully aware of what is causing the problem the other side of the 'pond' but that doesn't help! Conditions will change and I hope from the gardening point of view, if no other, that it has happened by the time this article is published.

Under normal circumstances in March, we can make a start with our plantings in the open garden. However, subject to the weather in February, and because of all the heavy rainfall, we may have to delay and plant a bit later. Whatever happens I always like to wait until the soil warms up before I plant in the open ground. If conditions are right then an early sowing of things like parsnips, broad beans, first early peas and even a row or two of first early potatoes can be made with the prospect of reasonable success. However, with the potatoes you will have to be prepared to protect them from frost once the shoots are above the ground. Personally, I would not recommend planting carrots and beetroot until the end of the month, by which time the danger of hard frosts should be past. If it is your ambition to grow good size carrots and beetroot as exhibits in the local Show then now is the time to plant in tubs, pots or any other suitable container – carrots early in the month and beetroot towards its end. Use John Innes No. 3 compost, thin to one plant as soon as possible after the seed has germinated. Place the pots in plastic saucers and water into the saucers. Take care to water enough to keep the plants growing but in the case of the carrots be careful as too much water will cause the carrots to split!

Many of the spring bulbs are well ahead of schedule this year. I have snowdrops and crocus in bloom and members of the narcissi family with buds well above the ground. My hellebores are in full colour and it is time to remove the old leaves remaining from last year. Primulas (now advertised as coloured primroses) are in full colour and some of them have born flowers ever since last December! If you haven't already done so it is the time to clean up the perennial flower borders getting rid of the old dead stems and any other rubbish and weeds from around them. The areas around the crowns of these plants are prone to attract slugs and snails and this year, as a result of the wet and mild conditions, I hate to think how many thousands of the pests are just waiting for those young, succulent shoots to appear. In fact they won't wait

until they are above ground, they will nibble them off before they get that far! Many of you may not like the idea but a few blue mini biodegradable slug pellets used wisely will save a lot of heartache later in the year!

At the end of the month prune your large flowered (HT) roses. Take them down to 4 to 6 inches (10 to 15cms), generally pruning to an outward pointing bud, but above all prune to a bud pointing in the direction you want the shoot to grow! Cluster roses (floribundas) should be pruned to about 12 to 18 inches (30 to 45cms). If you did not prune your climbing roses last autumn there is no time to lose. Take out as much old wood as is possible taking the remaining briars over in a smooth curve angling the tip as low as possible without breaking and tie them in. This method will make the new growth nice and upright to give a good display of blooms. Pruning complete, clean up around the bushes taking care to remove any old leaves, particularly if the bushes had black spot last year, and then I always spray with a fungicide and an insecticide either very early in the morning or very late in the evening. Finally top dress around the plants with a proprietary rose fertilizer of your choice. It will take a time for the hard pruned bushes to recover, but they will, and produce first class blooms

Many of the lawns I have seen this year have really suffered from the over wet conditions. Moss seems to be the main problem, and to recover a decent sward the moss must be dealt with. There are several commercial products on sale which claim to solve the problem but I use an old remedy that I make up myself. Take 2oz (50gms) of sulphate of iron, 2oz of sulphate of ammonia and dissolve in 2 gallons (4.5ltrs) of water. Using a rose on the watering can, water the resultant solution over the entire area to be treated and keep off the said area for several days until the solution has been absorbed and the grass is dry. Rake out the dead moss and dispose of it safely. In badly affected spots you may need to repeat the treatment and ultimately reseed badly scarred areas. If you are fortunate and have no bad moss problems then the usual treatment at this time of the year will suffice.

Roy Coughtrey

Saturday July 12th Downham Market Horticultural Show in Downham Market Town Hall. It's an open show, so anyone can enter. It's not difficult, or intimidating, and we certainly aren't experts. If you've followed Roy's writings over the years, you will have something to enter! Or come along and enjoy the show as a visitor. There are also classes for Art , Handicrafts, Flower arrangement and cookery. Contact Pam Wakeling for further details. 01 366500429



Update on ministry share consultation

At the request of Bishop Stephen, the Revd Canon Brian Atling began a diocesan-wide consultation about proposed changes in the ministry share calculation last Autumn.

Brian has now nearly completed his visits to all deanery synods. In the past few months, he has received 100s of emails with observations and comments about the new proposals. This feedback is providing valuable insight and information to the small group working with the diocesan accountant and others involved in managing our finances as they continue to develop the new model.

The timetable going forward is as follows:

3 March - draft model to come before the Deanery Liaison Group (DLG)

15 March – proposed model – first presentation to Diocesan Synod for discussion

4 June – final model & budget to Diocesan Synod for approval

Between March and June, there will be an opportunity for further discussion and consultation, and materials and resources will be available to help deaneries and parishes understand the new model.

If you wish to comment or provide feedback on the proposal, please contact [Brian](#)



Poetry Readings

With
**Martin Figura
and Helen Ivory**

Sunday March 16th 3.00pm

Swaffham Assembly Rooms

£7.00 for members:£10 non-members

Accompanied children free

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Enquiries

Eileen Powell 01366 328648

FAMILY COFFEE MORNING

at

Barton Bendish Village Hall

on Easter Saturday APRIL 19th

10am-Midday

Children's and Adult's Competition for

Easter Bonnet or Boy's/Man's Easter Hat

**Easter Egg Tombola Produce stall,
Cakes, Raffle, etc**

Any Donations very welcome

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In Aid of the Village Hall

For more information please contact:

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Coach Trip to Torquay Christmas 2014

22nd - 27th December plus day
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plus lunch 25th and 26th.

Indoor swimming pool.

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Enquiries:

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Barton Bendish Film Club

Proudly presents



PHILOMENA



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Showing at Barton Bendish Village Hall

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Beachamwell Book Group

Tuesday March 4th

7.00 - 9.00pm

Beachamwell Memorial Hall

Book to be discussed at this meeting

'Ghost Light'

Joseph O'Connor

£2.00 + Bring & Buy Bookstall
New members welcome

Enquiries:
Leah Spencer 01366 328536

Beachamwell Wednesday Walkers

Wednesday March 5th

Meet at 10.00am outside
Beachamwell Memorial Hall

Walk will be approximately
2 hours

Dogs to be walked on a lead

Enquiries:
Sue Pennell 01366 328452



Beachamwell WI

Thursday March 6th

7.30pm

Beachamwell Village Hall

'From Pigs to Oil Lamps'
Mr Richard Wright

Enquiries:
Jenny Gabrielsen 01366 328297

Beachamwell Parish Council Meeting Monday March 10th

7.30

Beachamwell Memorial Hall

Enquiries:
Eileen Powell: 01366 328648

Beachamwell BMH Committee AGM Tuesday March 11th

7.30

Beachamwell Memorial Hall

Enquiries
Susie Davis 01366 328249

Beachamwell

Scrabble
Wednesday March 12th

2.00 - 4.00
Orchard House,
Beachamwell

Enquiries:
Sonia Williams 01366 328774

Beachamwell

"Pop Up" Pub
Friday 14th March
6.30 pm onwards

Beachamwell Memorial Hall



Bring your friends
Licensed Bar with selection of beers,
wines and bar snacks

Enquiries
Susie Davis 01366 328249

*A Beachamwell Memorial Committee
Event*

**Shouldham Spring Quiz - Sat. 17th
May** in the Village Hall, **7pm start.**

Usual arrangements re: own
refreshments etc. -£4.pp and tables of
up to 6 contestants. Please contact
AnnHullah (347814)

annhullah@btinternet.com) asap to
book. New tables very welcome;
profits to church funds.

Beachamwell Afternoon Tea and a Chat.....

Wednesday
March 19th
2 - 4pm

**Beachamwell
Memorial Hall**

Enquiries
Graham & Sonia Williams
01366 328774

The Breckland Society

Friday March 14th
7.00 pm



A Private View of the
Exhibition

'Thetford's Lost Tudor Sculptures'

**Ancient House Museum
Thetford**

Members: £5.00
Non-members £8.00

Booking is essential
Sue Pennell 01366 328452
info@breksoc.org.uk

Beachamwell Craft Group

Thursday March 27th

2 – 4.30pm

Beachamwell Memorial Hall

Bring along something you are already working on or start a new hobby in a friendly group of like minded people.

£2.00 + Bring & Buy

All welcome.

Enquiries:

Leah Spencer 01366 328536

BEACHAMWELL

WALKING WEEKEND

Saturday April 5th & Sunday April 6th

Guided walks – long, medium & short
10.00am, 10.30am and 2pm (Free)

Exhibitions & Displays

Village Hall 10am – 4pm

Free Entry. Refreshments

Mark Cocker

“Meet the Neighbours: the Wildlife Around Us”

Saturday 5 April, 7.30pm,
Beachamwell Memorial Hall

Tickets: £6 inc glass of wine/soft drink

Enquiries: Philip Spencer 01366 328536

www.exploringourfootpaths.co.uk

Fincham Family History Group

Tuesday March 18th

2.00 - 4.00

Fincham Memorial Hall

An opportunity to begin to trace your family history or sort out what you already know at a new monthly group.

£2.00 per session

Enquiries:

Janet Lynskey 01366 347694

or

Leah Spencer 01366 328536

Fincham

Local History Group

Talk

‘Poaching in the Fens’

Peter Carter

Wednesday March 19th

7.30

Fincham Memorial Hall

£2.50 per session

Enquiries:

Anna Lynskey 01366 347440

BEACHAMWELL

Horticultural Society

Talk with slides

'A Birder's Year in Norfolk'
Allan Hale

Friday 25th April
7.30

Beachamwell Memorial Hall

£2.50 including refreshments

Enquiries:
Carole Wilson 01366 328628

BEACHAMWELL

Coffee Morning and Plant Sale

Saturday 10th May
10 am – 12 noon

Orchard House
The Street
Beachamwell

All proceeds will be used to give a donation towards the floral arrangements at the Festival of Flowers to be held in Beachamwell in July

Enquiries:
Sonia Williams: 01366 328774



FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS

SATURDAY 26TH & SUNDAY 27TH JULY 2014

This year's Festival of Flowers, which will again be held jointly with Barton Bendish, will be held in St Mary's Church, Beachamwell.

The theme will be "Celebrations and Commemorations" as there are many events that people would like to celebrate and this year thoughts will also be with the commemorations of the start of The Great War in 1914. We hope many of you will feel able to get involved in this event and a circular will be sent out in the Spring asking for people to take part both with making a floral arrangement or by helping in other ways.

It is not essential to keep to the theme if you would rather not and we will be delighted to have offers of all types of flower arrangements. We would particularly like to hear from some-one who is willing to make our war memorial look very special.

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ST MARTIN'S FINCHAM - WINDOW APPEAL

We have now been 'granted a faculty' to restore the window in the north wall of the chancel. The window dates from the rebuilding of the church around about 1420-1430. It has aroused great interest because it depicts four musical angels, two playing lutes, one a harp and one a portative organ. Some of the original coloured pieces have been replaced with plain glass and there is heavy corrosion of the surviving paint and damage to the lead, as well as heavy deposits of algae on both inner and outer surfaces. Underneath are three tracery lights with glass dating from the 18th Century. One has been restored but the other two will be restored along with the medieval sections above. It should be a magnificent sight when nearly six hundred years of deterioration have been remedied. The window will have an internally ventilated protective glazing system when repaired which will not be noticeable but will protect it from the elements. The window will be removed and taken to the stained glass repairers in York. (yes - the window will be covered for the duration!).

All this is going to cost £10,200. So far we have £1015 donated by the Fincham Chorus from the proceeds of a concert, a donation of £1000 from Ken Blyth, a descendant of the Rev William Blyth, whose own commemorative stained glass window is opposite this one in the south chancel wall, a grant of £750 from The Glaziers Trust and the use of two legacies. This leaves us needing about eight hundred pounds. We are inviting donations of £5 to 'sponsor' a pane of glass for a member of your family or loved ones etc. that you wish to be recorded on a Master Drawing which will be and kept in the church.

Instructions for how to pay will be placed in the Church and all payments plus cheques (made payable to: St Martin's PCC), can be given to Mrs Babs Porter, or Mrs May Pinches.

There will be envelopes supplied for Monies etc. The envelopes can also be placed under the Vestry Door at the far end of the Church in the Chancel Area on the left hand side, if there is no one around. Further information will be in place inside the Church area nearest the door. Any further inquiries please contact Mrs Babs Porter (Churchwarden) on 01760 444116

(a faculty is the official permission from the Diocese to carry out works in the church building)

ALL SAINTS', SHOULDHAM

Meet the Ancestors - At All Saints' we still have all the PCC Minutes dating from 1957. Looking back 50 years, it is interesting to see what events and issues were recorded then and how they compare with today. The first significant entry for 1964 is an official invitation card, issued by the Churchwardens, for the Induction of Rev. Angel Rubio, D.D. to be made Vicar of Shouldham and Shouldham Thorpe on Sat. 7th March at 3pm. No mention is made of other parishes, so one assumes that Rev. Rubio would probably have been the last priest to have this (united) single parish to himself. And he was soon busy as the PCC AGM followed on 6th April at 7pm in the Village Hall. The two churchwardens elected were Mr. Edward Barker and Mr. Dorrington - both very long-serving officers of the PCC - with Mr. Ron Buxton as Treasurer and Mrs. Iris Carney as PCC Secretary. The new vicar was formally welcomed by Mr. Barker, with Mrs. Rubio also being elected to the PCC.

The statistics for the time are amazing. There were 93(!) names on the church's Electoral Roll; the Quota for 1964 was £91; and there were 15 persons on the PCC, plus the vicar. By comparison, today we have 10 names on the E.R; our Quota is £3,700 and the PCC consists of 10, including the vicar. As late as 1963, the Vicarage (now Hill House) had no telephone, because it had just cost £10/10/- to install it. The PCC was making a case that they would only pay 50% of this and the Deanery should pay the rest! During that Spring, Mr. Dorrington had donated part of his field to widen the footpath for vehicular access to the church; there was to be a summer fete and a Sunday School Outing to Wicksteed Park, Kettering. The vicar also suggested an illuminated neon cross to be fixed to the tower (later changed to repairing the curtains then hanging between the ringing area and the nave). Some issues were subject to acquiring the appropriate faculty and were agenda items for many more PCC meetings. Rev Rubio announced that he hoped:... "we would dwell together in Unity and continue to grow as a family". Such aspirations show that the Christian message remains changeless even when day-to-day church business stays much the same from one year to the next. *Ann & Brian Hullah*

HOLY TRINITY, MARHAM

IN MEMORY OF BETTY AND BRENDA

The first meeting of the Cherry Marham Handbell Ringers this year opened with tributes to two of our longest-serving members who had recently passed away. "Lead me Lord" was played for Betty Matthews, her favourite hymn. Betty passed away on Boxing Day, having attained the grand age of 95 years. She enjoyed playing the handbells until her 91st year. Betty had a very keen sense of humour and was the source of many hilarious instances. The ringers gave regular concerts at Ashville House whilst Betty was resident there and she always dressed in her ringer's uniform for those occasions. Brenda Mitchell, who was our long-serving treasurer, also delighted in playing the handbells and until the onset of her ill health, never missed a meeting. She passed away on the 11th of January at the age of 82 years. Her favoured tune was "We are sailing." Both these dear ladies will be greatly missed. *Tony Bullock, pp Cherry Marham Handbell Ringers.*

Wereham Messy Church

April 3rd 4pm - 5.30pm

Starts in the church followed by activities and a free meal in the Village Hall

We hope you enjoyed the first Messy Church on Feb 27th. The next one will have an Easter theme and will be on April 3rd. It will again be informal, fun and enjoyable. It will include stories, singing, activities and FOOD (yes Easter Eggs too!).

Don't miss it. We are looking forward to seeing you there. ALL WELCOME.

Please put the following dates in your diary

5th June

25th September

27th November

Look out for further details.

To book places or for further information please ask Debbie or Ian Rye telephone 502083 or call in at The Old Chapel by the pond.

Wereham

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Incinerator Update

At Norfolk County Council we may see another vote in April whether to terminate the incinerator contract. At the time of the last vote in October 2013, officers were telling Councillors the authority would go bankrupt if it did not continue. It has since been revealed, Cabinet members knew the bankruptcy claim was false but did not share that information with backbench colleagues before voting. The price range of alternatives is known to be, between £55-£85 per tonne, they are so much cheaper than the 'Willows' incinerator at £105 - they could save up to £8.5M annually compared to the 'Willows'! Paying a contract termination penalty in the short-term is much less painful than paying the UK's highest incineration charges for the next 25 years.

The campaign against the incinerator is not party political, this is exemplified by the strong cross party alliance of Councillors working tirelessly to oppose the 'Willows' at every opportunity. This alliance includes the independent councillor Richard Bird, Conservative John Dobson, LibDem Tim East, UKIP Richard Coke, Green Party Andrew Boswell and Labour's Alex Kemp. She represents the Division where the incinerator is proposed. Sadly some of her Labour Party colleagues including NCC's leader George Nobbs have 'changed their tune' since getting elected on an anti-incinerator 'ticket'. Labour's Cabinet have put pressure on Cllr Kemp to stop opposing the incinerator. She now faces disciplinary action from her own party for refusing to break her election promises. Standing up for local people might lead to her expulsion from the Labour Group at County Hall.

It will be important to remind all Councillors before they next vote on the incinerator how unpopular, costly and unnecessary it is.

KLWIN Fundraising Events:-

Easter Fayre 29th March 9-4pm

Stalls available

Tel 01553 840640 for more details.

For more information visit: www.farmerscampaign.org and www.klwin.com.

Mike Knights

Fairgreen Farms, Middleton

info@farmerscampaign.org

BIBLE BOOK QUIZ HIDDEN IN THIS PUZZLE ARE THIRTY BOOKS OF THE BIBLE—CAN YOU FIND THEM?

This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much that he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his johnboat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column.

Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving that she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the books are not necessarily capitalised. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund-raising event which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi-lemonade booth set a new sales record.

The local paper, the Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, the books are all right here in plain view hidden from sight. Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also, keep in mind that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you to compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember there is no need for a mad exodus. There really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found.

DID YOU KNOW.....HOW MANY EVERYDAY PHRASES COME FROM THE KING JAMES BIBLE?

Skin of my teeth: *Job 19:20 My bone cleaveth to my skin and to my flesh, and I am escaped with the skin of my teeth.* Job is suffering in every way. *The Skin of Our Teeth* is a 1942 play by the US author and playwright Thornton Wilder.

Strait and narrow: *Matthew vii, 14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.* The road to Hell is broad but the road to Heaven is narrow. In *The Pilgrim's Progress*, Christian is assured that he will be welcomed at the wicket gate if only he can get there.

Feet of clay: *Daniel ii, 33 His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay.* King Nebuchadnezzar has a dream, which Daniel interprets. There is a large statue made of various materials that is smashed. The materials represent different empires but the "feet of clay" mean that each of them is vulnerable. Terry Pratchett used *Feet of Clay* as the title for one of his Discworld novels.

DATES IN MARCH

- 1st March** Klaus Fuchs, communist spy, jailed for 14 years in 1950
- 2nd March** Dr Seuss, author and illustrator, born 1904
- 5th March** The Hula –Hoop is patented 1963
- 6th March** The ferry, 'Herald of Free Enterprise' sank at Zeebrugge 1987
- 7th March** The boardgame Monopoly was invented in 1933
- 8th March** International Women's Day
- 11th March** Mary Shelley's 'Frankenstein' published 1818
- 16th March** England severed relationships with the Roman Catholic Church 1534
- 17th March** First official St Patrick's Day 1753
- 22nd March** World Water Day
- 24th March** The Exxon Valdez oil disaster off Alaskan Coast 1989
- 24th March** Lady Day—one of the quarter days
- Aretha Franklin born 1942**
- 28th March** Three Mile Island nuclear power station meltdown 1979
- 30th March** Mothering Sunday
- Summer Time begins!!**

Saint David is the patron saint of Wales and he is celebrated on 1st March

There aren't many facts about St David; but here are the only undisputed ones.

- He really existed
- He was at the heart of the Welsh church in the 6th century
- He came from an aristocratic family in West Wales
- His mother was a saint, Saint Non
- His teacher was also a saint, St Paulinus
- He founded a large monastery in West Wales

- He was one of the early saints who helped to spread Christianity among the pagan Celtic tribes of Western Britain
- He became Archbishop of Wales, but remained in his community at Menevia (now called St Davids)
- His shrine became a great place of pilgrimage; four visits to the shrine at St David's were considered the equivalent of two to Rome, and one to Jerusalem!
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The most famous story about Saint David tells how he was preaching to a huge crowd and the ground is said to have risen up, so that he was standing on a hill and everyone had a better chance of hearing him.

Calling all word game and crossword fans!

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

To get your sheet you can contact;

Mhari Blanchfield	01366 347 849 (Barton Bendish)
Linda Webster	01366 347563 (Barton Bendish)
Jill Mason	01366 347928 (Barton Bendish)
Ann Lewing	01366 328350 (Eastmoor)
Margaret Webster	01366 328888 (Beachamwell)
Debbie Fisher	01366 502224 (Boughton)
Lynda Eddy	01366 501308 (Wereham)
The Berney Arms	01366 347995 (Barton Bendish)
Post Office,	(Fincham)

Quiz sheets are also available in St Andrews Church and at Barton Bendish fund raising events.

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Norfolk's Great Big Read – Norfolk Narratives

12th April – 19th May

12th April from 10 – 1pm.

Display of local history by Downham Heritage Centre

Town Walk led by local historian Michael Bullen

Storytelling by Jason Cobley, author of The Legend of Tom Hickathrift

28th April 2 – 3:30pm Downham Market Library

An illustrated talk by Christine Adams author of Miss Savidge Moves Her House... from Ware, Hertfordshire to Wells-Next-the-Sea in Norfolk. Forced by a demolition order to dismantle her beloved medieval house, May Savidge spent the rest of her life rebuilding it.

Booking essential. Tickets £3 (includes refreshments. To book your place please pop into the library or phone us on 01366383073

There will be a range of books which celebrate our beautiful county through the written word available for you to borrow and enjoy.

Jobseeker support sessions

- Help with writing CVs and covering letters.
- Information about funding.
- Interview tips and tricks.

Confidence building.: Sessions with an Advisor will be held weekly on Fridays from 7th March. To book please ask in the library or ring 01366 383073

Jobseeker Support Book Collection

Norfolk libraries have a new book collection available to help people in the county who are looking for employment. The collection of books aims to support people with job seeking, during times of unemployment and periods of change. The collection includes titles on Interview skills, writing CVs, job searching, careers, confidence building to titles on starting a business and money management. The full collection of books is available at Norfolk & Norwich Millennium Library, Thetford, Great Yarmouth & Kings Lynn libraries. Downham Market Library will have some titles from the collection available. All of the titles in the Jobseeker Support collection can be reserved free of charge and borrowed for up to 6 weeks. For more information please see

http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/Leisure_and_culture/Libraries/Library_services/Libraries_for_health_andwellbeing/ncc134496

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January and February have been unusually quiet months for Barton but as you will see from the list below there are many events planned for the rest of 2014. Among them is the annual Easter Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Village Hall. As usual this will be held on Easter Saturday which this year is on April 19th. The film 'Philomena' on April 4th is something else not to be missed and there is our Quiz night on March 29th and a new quiz sheet is now available – see adverts

BARTON BENDISH DATES FOR 2014

MARCH

- 5th David Mason's talk on the History of Barton Bendish. 7.30pm in the village hall.
- 29th Annual Village Quiz. 7.30pm in village hall

APRIL

- 4th Barton Bendish Film Club presents 'Philomena' 7.30pm in the village hall.
- 19th Easter Coffee Morning 10-12noon in the village hall.

JUNE

- 29th Village Open Gardens

JULY

- 13th Jazz Picnic
- 26th & 27th Flower Festival at St Mary's Church, Beachamwell
- "Celebrations and Commemorations"

AUGUST

- 2nd WW1 Commemorations

SEPTEMBER

- 27th & 28th Art and Craft Exhibition St Andrews Church and Village Hall

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NOVEMBER

20th & 21st Wreath Making Workshop in the village hall.

Optional Lunch at The Berney Arms on Thursday.

DECEMBER

6th & 7th Hall of Stalls and Christmas Tree Festival

St Andrews Church and Village Hall

7th Cristingle at 3pm in St Andrews Church

13th Victorian Evening of Christmas Entertainment

Village Hall

HISTORY OF BARTON BENDISH – Illustrated talk – repeated 5th March

David and Jill have kindly agreed to give the presentation again on March 5th at 7.30pm in Barton Bendish Village Hall. Tickets are £4, payable on the night. Once again this event has virtually sold out so to avoid being turned away on the night please check with Linda (347563) if there are any seats available before you come.

Other Talks

David is also presenting his talk on the Western Isles (Scotland) at Boughton on March 1st and 'Wild Breckland' in aid of the Swaffham and Litcham Home Hospice at Cockley Cley Hall on Friday March 7th. Please phone 01760 336645 for further details.

QUIZ NIGHT 29th March

Our next annual village quiz night will be held on Saturday 29th March, 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Teams can be up to 6 people, £3.50 per person. Tea and coffee will be available and please bring your own food and other drink. To book a table please contact Janice (01366 347983) or Linda (01366 347563)

BARTON BENDISH FILM CLUB PRESENT 'PHILOMENA'

Barton Bendish Village Hall **on Friday 4th April 7:30pm**

At
A
comedy-drama based on the book, The Lost Child of Philomena Lee by Martin Sixsmith. It tells the true story of Philomena Lee's 50-year-long search for her son taken from her at birth after she became pregnant; being then forced to live in a convent. Nominated for

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numerous awards, directed by Stephen Frears with a cast including Dame Judi Dench, Steve Coogan and Anna Maxwell Martin. Running time 98 minutes. Tickets £4 in advance £5 on the door; with refreshments and raffle.

Please call Box office: 01366 347849

or email: cinemabarton@gmail.com

or see our website at : [http://](http://bartonbendishfilmclub.btck.co.uk)

bartonbendishfilmclub.btck.co.uk for details."

EASTER COFFEE MORNING

Bring along the family and join in the fun on Easter Saturday April 19th. Donations of Easter eggs, cakes, produce and raffle prizes will of course be much appreciated. Jill 347928

WWI COMMEMORATIONS IN BARTON BENDISH

POPPIES It is time to start sowing our Flanders Poppy seeds. If you have a good site where many people could see them and need seeds, then please call Maureen Buck (347703) or Valerie McAlister (347570) to order your seeds. We hope to have a good display this summer.

SOCIAL EVENING

We are planning a social evening on Saturday 2nd August, the closest to the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of WWI for Britain. We will have a quiz about some of the causes, the events and the results of these hostilities. We will intersperse the questions with a variety of snacks typical of some of the countries involved. We will also have a number of 'Factoids' about the era, which we hope will be interesting and entertaining. More details later.

St ANDREWS

The pattern of our services at St Andrew's is changing this year in an attempt to provide a broader range of worship to suit a wider range of preferences.

We are returning to our former time **of 11am on the second Sunday of the month with a Family Service including Holy Communion**. This service is suitable for all ages and is relaxed (children of all ages are encouraged),- whether you wish to take communion or not, you are very welcome. Refreshments will be available after the service.

The service on the **fourth Sunday of the month at 6pm will be Evensong** and the service type- Common Worship or BCP will alternate. The February service will be BCP. Again everyone is very welcome.

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Please remember with both these services that whilst we guarantee you a warm welcome our church can be chilly, so please dress warmly!

Flower rota

February Mrs Rumball

March No flowers in Lent (6 weeks before Easter)

April All arrangers please – Church fully decorated for Easter.

Ordinary Parish Council Meeting, 8th January, 2014

The Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 8th January, 2014 was attended by six Parish Councillors, the Parish Clerk and three members of the public. The new Parish Clerk has been appointed. She is Miss Sarah Thorp who lives in Marshland St James and she will take over the position on 1st April, 2014.

- The Council approved a precept bid that will not result in any increase in the Barton Bendish element of the Council Tax.
- The Highway Ranger team should repair the damaged grass verges at the junction of Church Road and Fincham Road in February.
- The next meeting of Barton Bendish Parish Council is due to take place on Wednesday, 12th March, 2014. This will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting starting at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall and will be attended by the new Clerk.

Lt Col I.R.Berchem, Parish Clerk

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Pacific Ocean | 12. The Sahara Desert in Africa |
| 2. Iron and nickel | 13. Red |
| 3. The centre of the earth | 14. Mount Everest |
| 4. Magma | 15. Hang from the ceiling |
| 5. Lava | 16. Waterfall |
| 6. Australia | 17. Seismologist |
| 7. A geologist | 18. The ozone layer |
| 8. Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous | 19. Iron(32%) and oxygen (30%) |
| 9. False – 5000 ft (1500 m) | 20. Oxygen (21%) |
| 10. Mariana Trench | |
| 11. Diamond | |

Answers to quiz on page 70

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St Mary's Church Open Gardens Day

Our annual Open Gardens' Day will be held on Sunday 1st June this year from 12 noon – 5 p.m. As well as open gardens there will be organ recitals in the church, ploughman's lunches, afternoon teas with live music and much more so I do hope you will make a note of the date in your diary.

BEACHAMWELL OPEN GARDENS' DAY SUNDAY 1ST JUNE 2014 CAN YOU HELP?

We are currently planning this year's **Open Gardens' Day**. If you have opened your garden in the past we thank you very much indeed and will be delighted if

you are able to do so again this year. We will also warmly welcome people who would like to open their garden for the first time.

We would like to emphasise that our visitors enjoy walking round large and small gardens, wild gardens, formal gardens, untidy gardens, unusual gardens, sunny and shady gardens and also "gardens in progress" so please don't think your garden has to be "perfectly neat and tidy" – in fact a lot of visitors like to see various projects in progress and we have

noticed they produce lots of chat and ideas amongst various groups of visitors.

If you can take part this year either by opening your garden or helping in any other way we will be extremely happy to hear from you.

Dick Wainer 01366 328706 (dickwainer@hotmail.co.uk)

John Sanderson 01366 328818

Bob Baker 01366 328339



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Beachamwell Half-Marathon

This year the Beachamwell Half-Marathon, organised by Carole and Brian Wilson, will take place on Sunday 4th May. Please support the Half-Marathon by taking part, sponsoring a participant or coming to support the runners, walkers and cyclists when they set off from the Memorial Hall at 9 a.m.

Carole and Brian Wilson would very much like some more volunteers to act as marshals along the route. It is essential that there are enough marshals so if you are able to spare an hour or two during the morning of 4th May they will be very pleased to hear from you 01366 328628.

Festival of Flowers

The Festival of Flowers held jointly with Barton Bendish will take place on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th July in Beachamwell this year. This year's theme will be "Celebrations and Commemorations". Apart from flower-arrangers we will again need a rota of people to help with refreshments, the raffle, the stalls and to "steward" the church for both days.

As we did last year both villages are planning fund-raising events to raise money to help pay for the flowers. With the money raised we will offer an equal sum to everyone who is making an arrangement to help defray its cost. In order to raise these funds in Beachamwell we are again holding a Coffee Morning and Plant Sale which this year will be held on Saturday 10th May here at Orchard House, The Street, Beachamwell. We do hope you will be able to join us and if you have some spare seedlings or plants we will be very pleased indeed to have them for the Plant Stall. The last two Coffee Mornings we have held at Orchard House have been plagued by appalling weather but this year it is going to be warm and sunny with blue skies

New Noticeboard

We now have Services in the Church on the first and third Sundays in the month and so that everyone knows when there will be a Service we now have a small noticeboard that will be put up several days before each Service. This noticeboard will be in the north east corner of the churchyard and will be removed between Services.

Graham Williams Churchwarden

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Beachamwell Memorial Hall

The AGM of the Beachamwell Memorial Hall Committee will take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday 11th March and we do hope lots of people will come along to hear what we have been doing during the past year, as well as some of the things we hope to do in the future.

Our hall is an essential part of village life, providing a focus for the social life of our community and the AGM is an important opportunity for you to share ideas and give feedback. You may even wish to join the committee!

Peter Garner (Chair), Susie Davis (Secretary), Judith Blatchford (Treasurer), Mike Walker, Caroline Sanderson, Jayne Frost, Leah Spencer

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The February meeting was enjoyed by a quite a large group of members and guests. Our speaker for February was Sue Pennell who gave a fascinating talk



on the work of 'The Breckland Society'. Sue is so knowledgeable about the area and its flora and fauna which made her presentation so enjoyable. It was very interesting for everyone as it was all about the local area we live in and I think most of us learnt a lot too.

Brenda came first in the competition with Joan a close second. Val won the flower of the month. Jill and Vesna won a raffle prize each – lovely hyacinths.

The next meeting on 6th March is an OPEN MEETING so guests are

very welcome as always. Our speaker will be Richard Wright with a talk entitled 'From Pigs to Oil Lamps'

Jenny Gabrielsen Photograph Eileen Powell

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Walking Weekend

New Footpath Map for Beachamwell: Local artist Mark Powell has created a special map showing the complete network of rights of way in the parish of Beachamwell. His hand-drawn map features in a leaflet produced as part of the Connecting Threads project. The map also includes drawings by Mark showing a selection of historic landmarks in the village. Free copies of the map will be available at the Walking Weekend on 5 -6 April.

Beachamwell is one of four Norfolk villages chosen by CPRE Norfolk to take part in Connecting Threads, a Heritage Lottery funded project exploring the history of local footpaths and encouraging people to use them.

For more information about the Beachamwell Walking Weekend visit www.exploringourfootpaths.co.uk or Tel:01366 328536 **Philip Spencer**

Your Chance to Choose Exhibition Photos: One of the features of the Beachamwell Walking Weekend taking place on 5 and 6 April will be an exhibition of photographs of local paths and the surrounding countryside.

Members of the Connecting Threads group in Beachamwell have been capturing the project on camera and the results are available to view online from the 1st March.

The photographs are organised into 10 categories including wildlife, the seasons, farming and even the 'Unexpected'! However, because exhibition space is limited, organiser Dave Richards is asking the public to choose their favourite pictures to make the set of 20 exhibition prints that will go on show.

View the photographs online at www.flickr.com/photos/ctbeachamwell

For instructions on voting, please contact

Dave Richards, email: d.richards48@btinternet.com

Parish Council

The next meeting will take place on Monday 10th March at 7.30 in the Memorial Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you have any items for the agenda please give them to me in writing at least a week before the meeting.

As always if you have a query or a problem, you can consult any of the Councillors at any time – they are more than willing to listen and help if they can.

Eileen Powell (Parish Clerk)

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Wednesday Walkers

The forecast was dreadful but 7 women walkers braved the elements and met on the village green at 10am Wednesday 5 February. Our reward was an invigorating walk across to Shingham and Larchwood then onto the Warren and back home again via Shingham. The wind was wild but it stayed dry – a minor miracle given the general weather conditions this month.

We next meet 10am Wednesday 5 March. Why not join us?

Leah Spencer and Sue Pennell 01366 328452

Beachamwell Craft Group

The first meeting of 2014 was held on 30th January and it was lovely to see everyone again after a break of almost 2 months. We were also delighted to welcome Helen, who has just moved into the village. A variety of textiles crafts are practised by members – knitting, crochet, embroidery, patchwork and tapestry... If you are interested why not come along to our next session 2pm Thursday 27 March? ***Leah Spencer 01366 328536***

Beachamwell Horticultural Society

For many years the Beachamwell Horticultural Show has held a successful show during the summer. Now we are trying to extend what the society offers by introducing a limited programme of talks, garden visits etc throughout the year.

Our first event will be of interest to gardeners and ornithologists alike; all those of us who love to see birds in our gardens and the surrounding countryside. Allan Hale is going to give an illustrated talk on 'A Birder's Year in Norfolk' on Friday 25 April 7.30pm in Beachamwell Memorial Hall. Please put the date in your diary. Tickets will cost £2.50 including refreshments and will be on sale at the beginning of April. ***Carole Wilson***

Beachamwell Half Marathon

I hope you have started to think about training for the Beachamwell Half Marathon to be held on Sunday May 4th. The route is mainly off road and you can run, cycle or walk. We look forward to seeing you there. Watch out for further details on village notice boards. ***Carole Wilson***

Mobile Post Office

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 11.15 - 12.00

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MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS - Please note changed days/times

DATE	VILLAGE	LOCATION	TIME
Thursday	Beachamwell	Post Office	10:05 am
21st November	Drymere	Telephone Box	10:40 am
19th December	Boughton	Sycamore House	15:20 pm
		Mill Road	15:35 pm
	Barton Bendish	Hatherley Gardens	9:40 pm
Thursday		The Pond	9:30 am
7th, 21st November	Wereham	Queen's Close	16:20 pm
5th, 19th December			

For services to all 'Group 4' villages ring Mobile Library Information on 01603 222267 or look at the website - www.norfolk.gov.uk/Leisure_and_culture/Libraries/Mobile_libraries

VILLAGE BUS SERVICES

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

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FARMERS' MARKETS

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Swaffham	First and Third Sunday
Watton	Sadly no longer trading

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

VILLAGE AND PARISH HALL BOOKINGS

Barton Bendish	Bill Tasker	01366 347432
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Wereham	Doreen Rolph	01366 500218

CHURCH SERVICES IN MARCH

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	SERVICE
March 2nd	Shouldham	9.45 am	Holy Communion (said)
	Marham	10.30am	Café Church
	Beachamwell	11 am	Holy Communion
	Wereham,	6 pm	Evensong
March 9th	Barton Bendish,	11am	Family Communion
	Boughton,	10 am	Breakfast Church
	Marham	10.30 am	Holy Communion
	Fincham,	6 pm	Evensong
March 16th	Shouldham	9.45 am	Morning Prayer
	Marham	10.30 am	Morning Worship
	Beachamwell,	11 am	Family Service/Morning Prayer
	Wereham,	11 am	Morning Prayer
March 23rd	Fincham,	9.30 am	Holy Communion (said)
	Marham	10.30 am	Holy Communion
	Barton Bendish,	6 pm	Evensong
	Boughton,	11 am	Holy Communion

March 30th Group Service Shouldham Thorpe

Holy Communion at 10 am

THURSDAY COMMUNIONS

1st, 3rd and 5th Thursdays at Fincham. 2nd Thursday at Boughton. Service at 10 am, followed by coffee and biscuits. Everyone welcome, even if you don't wish to take communion.

CHURCHWARDENS

Barton Bendish	Mhari Blanchfield	01366 347849	Linda Webster 01366 347563
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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.

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DOG WALKING ON THE FEN



During the past few weeks, dog walkers have been allowing their pets to foul repeatedly along the grassy track on the way into Highland Fen. This is unnecessary, unpleasant and anti-social.

A variety of people use the fen – wildlife watchers, families, walkers and other responsible dog owners.

Sorry if this seems a bit dogmatic, but we should all be able to enjoy this lovely site.

Dog walkers are welcome, but you must keep your dog on a lead as this is a Site of Special Scientific Interest, and **CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET**.

BOUGHTON COASTAL WALK

On the morning of Sunday 2nd February, a good sized group of Boughton villagers, plus a handful from neighbouring parishes, gathered in the car park of the Jolly Sailors at Brancaster Staithe .

Despite the problems created by the December storm surge – there had been extensive flooding of property, and serious damage to the sea walls - we were still able to walk a lovely route of just under seven miles. Making a final check on it earlier in the morning had been a bit tricky though, when we found the tide still in on Brancaster Beach Road, almost to the board walks . No place to take a car. My thanks must go to Mark, who fairly legged it from the village, on foot, to discover that the Environment Agency had fenced the path off further down, cutting off the intended route. He even

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managed to interrogate some local dog walkers to ascertain that the path was accessible the other side of the sea water, which thankfully had gone down by the time the walkers reached it.

The weather was fantastic – in sharp contrast to the previous week end. We could not have asked for better – brilliant blue sky, bright sunshine, not too cold, and the drying wind of the previous day had worked wonders on Friday's deluge, so it was not even very muddy.

We all arrived back at the pub to enjoy a good lunch, and some even made it to the sticky toffee pudding!!

Sue Pogmore

Open Gardens Day

Amazingly, it's time to start thinking about the 2014 event, which will take place on Sunday June 8th. Open Gardens Day in Boughton has been going for more than twenty years and it's the church's biggest fundraiser of the year. If you, like me, are looking out of the window on a wild and wet day, thinking 'Open my garden—you must be joking!!', remember it will change. The sun will come out, plants are already shooting up and everyone is in the same position. Some gardens have been open every year since we started and our faithful visitors have been coming all that time, pleased to see the changes and that not every garden is perfect. We do the best we can in our own circumstances and everyone enjoys the results. It's a good day, with excellent refreshments now held in the church—no more mornings spent hoping the teas will not be drenched. Everyone does what they can—we need people to open their gardens, but we also need help with ticket, publicity, catering, donations.....please give it some thought and open your garden if you can. The church building houses the community centre, so the funds raised help everyone in the village to maintain this valuable asset.

Pam Wakeling

After the success of the visit from Active Norfolk, we plan to start a games evening once a week in All Saints Centre. This will feature table tennis, where we may be able to provide coaching, along with curling, which proved very popular during the visit. Obviously we don't curl with real stones on ice, but the kit, which Active Norfolk will loan us in the first place, provides a convincing target, and stones on ball bearings, all well suited to our smooth floor. Like croquet and bowls, it seems a genteel game, but with a vicious streak! Indoor bowls may follow, and we already have a badminton outfit. Details to follow, probably by email. If I don't have your email address, and you would like to be notified of this and other project activities, say hello to paulcoulten@btinternet.com

The next Pilates course (of six classes) starts on Saturday March 6 and for the following five Saturdays. There may be a vacancy or two, if you wish to register your interest. As a result there is no coffee morning in March, and the next one will be on April 19.

Paul Coulten (All Saints Centre project treasurer)

WEREHAM VILLAGE NEWS

Important Notice for all parents

Norfolk County Council are currently consulting on proposed changes to the Primary School catchment area for Wereham. Initial options suggest removal of Wereham from the Hillcrest Primary School catchment boundary. Further information will be distributed to all Wereham parishioners to assist response to these proposals, and a **Public Meeting has also been arranged for 7pm on Tuesday 11th March at Wereham Village Hall** where Mr Snowden, the Head of School Admissions at Norfolk County Council will be in attendance to explain the proposed changes and take feedback and questions to add weight to the consultation process. *For further information please contact the Parish Clerk on 01366 500527.*

Parish council meetings

The last meeting was held on 14th January. If you would like a copy of the Minutes from that meeting, please contact:

Mrs. N. Cooper, Parish Clerk, Wereham. Email@werehampc@gmail.com

Clavering House, Stoke Road, Wereham. Tel: 01366 500527.

The next meeting is Tuesday, 11th March at 7.30 pm. All welcome.

Wereham has a social group on Face book - Wereham Village Group. If you've lost something, have a question or something to share, come and join us!

Wereham Open Gardens on Sunday June 15th 2014

Hopefully when you read this the worst of the winter will be over and thoughts will have turned to the garden. If you would like to open your garden or are thinking of opening your garden this year for a first time I would be pleased to chat to you about it. We are definitely not looking for 'show gardens'! Our visitors enjoy wandering around the gardens, getting ideas, looking at the plants and chatting with the owners. Finally, ending the afternoon with a cup of tea and a cake on hopefully, a sunny Sunday summer afternoon. This will be our 12th year of Open Gardens and last year we raised over £1000 for church funds which is tremendous and our best yet!

We also serve salad lunches and afternoon teas. If you feel you would like to help with either of these by baking a cake, buns, scones or biscuits, helping to prepare and serve on the day or in any other way before the day please contact me. I am always extremely grateful for any help that you may wish to offer either on the day or before the event! Looking forward to hearing from you!!

Lizzie Baddock 01366 500233

Update from Wereham Village Hall Committee

Update from our meeting on the 21st January – Wereham Village Hall Website - Coming Soon

The Committee are delighted to share that we have been successful in being the winning bidders for a Free Website Design run by the West Norfolk Voluntary and Community For Action Group. Helen Richardson (WVH Secretary) is meeting with Clare Fiander at WNVCA to use her free service in

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designing a new website for the Wereham Village Hall. The website will include up to date event and clubs information, Committee and Friends of Wereham information and a latest announcement blog on the main page. It will be a few months until it is launched as we have just begun but we will keep you posted on progress. In the meantime we need some old photos that includes the Village Hall for a page about the history of the Village Hall site, and certainly any information on its origins would be welcomed also, if you have any photos that are old and showing the village hall then please contact Helen Richardson on 07795006811 or helenandadam82@btinternet.com

Upgrades to the hall – new Fire Evacuation procedure with a fire evacuation bell, new movement sensor floodlight fitted to the entrance, new handrail fitted at the entrance, new child friendly locks on the toilet doors, new ramp for the disabled access, new gas switch cage.

For all the pictures and feedback from our events, log onto www.facebook.com/werehamvillagehall . By clicking on the 'Like' option, you will be kept up to date on events, pictures and the progress towards a new village hall.

Update from the new build team – Followers of www.facebook.com/werehamvillagehall , will have seen how busy the New Build Team have been in the last few weeks. Meetings with our development officer Barry Duffin from the NRCC & meeting with Jamie Conway from the Lottery to clarify actions required to enable us to submit our application. Our user groups have been completing surveys telling us what issues they're experiencing with the existing hall and what they need in a new hall. We attended a funding session at Downham Town Hall on the 31st Jan with Elizabeth Truss and our contact from the Lottery, Jamie Conway and finally, we visited our funding partners at Thornham Village Hall, who were successful with their lottery bid in 2012, their funding team imparted all their advice and experience. Our next task is to evidence via focus groups, we will be inviting some of you who expressed an interest in supporting this process. Thank you to all of you for supporting us to help deliver this project, we're going to be working our socks off (!) to put the application together over the next 3-4months. Victoria & Helen.

A big thank you to Friends –

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- Jacqueline for the February pop up café, 38 people attended.

- The Loake Family for organising the January indoor car boot. Most pitches were taken with bookings in the bag for next month!

Wereham Village Hall Bonus Ball Club – The Winners of £50 each for the February Lotto draw were Jan Bradbury & Sheila – congratulations! If you'd like to be added to the waiting list, contact Helen on 07795006811. Many thanks, Helen Richardson, Secretary, Wereham Village Hall.

Ink Cartridges & Bottle tops- collection boxes on the piano in the hall, open 10-12 Fridays. Or alternatively, leave them in a bag at the door of the village hall.

Events list -

Bingo - every Wednesday, doors open at 6.45pm, eyes down at 7.30pm. Cash prizes, raffle, and refreshments with complimentary biscuits. Enquiries to Roger on 500088.

Pop up Café – Next date is Tuesday the 4th March, then Tuesday the 1st April, fresh cake & hot drink for £1, daily papers, chance to natter with friends. Cake donations to Jacqueline 500880.

Indoor/Outdoor Car Boot – Next dates are March 30th & April 27th, 9am to 1pm. To book your pitch, call Nikki/Chris on 501111.

Quiz Night – Saturday 8th March at 7.30pm. Ticket only event, £5 per person, includes a jacket potato & topping supper, please bring your own drinks. For tickets, please call John on 500766.

Spring Clean Sale – Saturday 29th March at 2pm. Time to have a spring clean and donate all those unwanted items to the Spring Clean Sale! Donations can be left under the porch at the hall or collected by calling Diane on 500798.

Active Norfolk Sports Roadshow – we've pencilled in a date for the 12th April. Lots of sporting activities for young and old with professional coaches, details to follow in the next edition.

If you have any queries with regards to the plans to get funding for a new village hall, or anything we're doing, please contact - Victoria Gray on 501277 or email me on darren.gray@tesco.net

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Wereham Village Hall Committee
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WEREHAM PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

There were a few changes to Wereham Parish Council at the end of 2013, we would like to make sure that all parishioners are up to date on who your Councillors are, how you can contact them and also explain a little about the meeting processes.

Your Parish Councillors are:

Cllr Jo Bruce (Chair)

Cllr Dave Deighton (Vice Chair)

Cllr Philip Norris

Cllr Gail Koopowitz

Cllr Karin Newell

Cllr Brian Bruce

Cllr Roger Lankfer

The Parish Clerk is always the first point of contact for the Council and can be contacted on 01366 500527 or at Werehampc@gmail.com. Wereham Parish Council meets on the evening of the second Tuesday every other month. Usually this would be in January, March, May, July, September and November. Agendas and notices of meetings are display on the Parish Council notice board before each meeting. Minutes can be requested from the Clerk.

By law members of the public must be admitted to all Meetings of the full Council and it's Committee, but are not allowed to take part in the debates. If you have any items that you wish to raise at a Meeting it is essential that you raise these with the Parish Clerk 10 working days prior to the Meeting, to ensure these can be included on the Agenda Each Agenda will include the opportunity to temporarily adjourn the meeting to allow the public and our County Borough Councillors the opportunity to speak. If you wish to raise a point which is not included on the Agenda you are free to do so, however, the Council's discussion of the point may need to be carried over to the next Meeting as the Council is unable to make a decision binding in law unless a specific item is included on the Agenda.

Next Wereham Parish Council Meeting: Tuesday 11th March at 7.30pm at Wereham Village Hall.

Any items that you wish to request for inclusion in the Agenda should be with the Parish Clerk by **Monday 3rd March.**

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Notes from the meeting held on 14th January:

*Please can everybody using the Playing Field be vigilant for picking up dog mess and advise the Clerk if they are repeatedly noticing that field is not being kept clear of mess.

*A Wereham Parishioner, Mr. Loake, is putting the wheels in motion to operate a Community Speed Watch in Wereham.

If you are interested in contributing some time to be trained and volunteer as a member of the Community Speed Watch team, please contact Mr. Loake on 07825 769355

Full minutes of the meeting can be requested from the Clerk at werehampc@gmail.com or on 500527

WEREHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th March at 7.30pm in Wereham Village Hall. All welcome.

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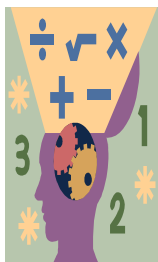
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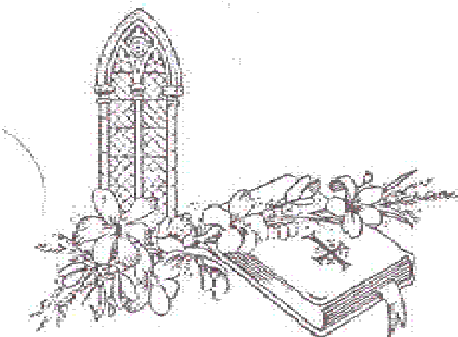
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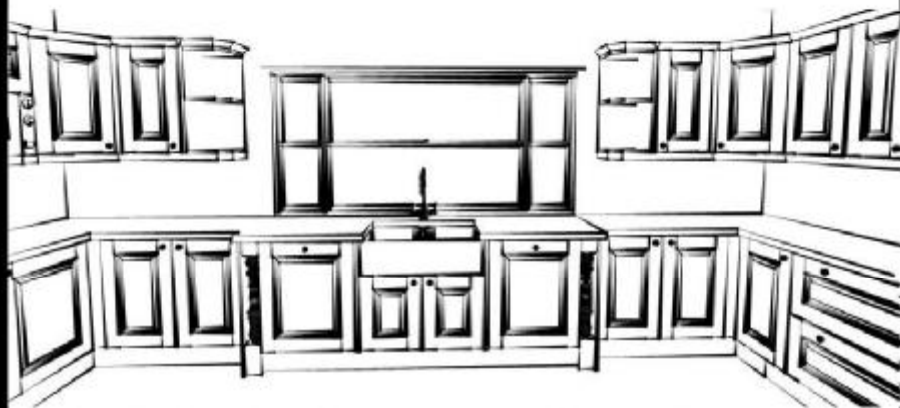
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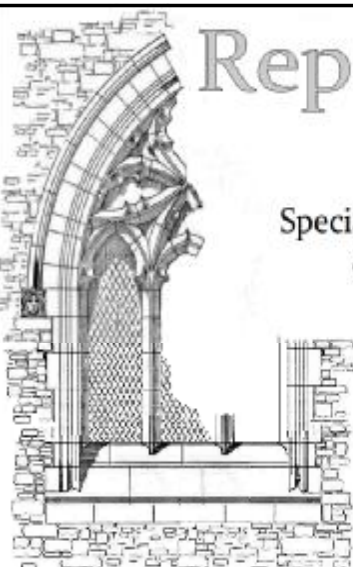
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CHILDREN'S PAGE

1. What is the name of the largest ocean on earth?
2. What are the two main metals in the earth's core?
3. Which is hotter, the center of the earth or surface of the sun?
4. What do you call molten rock before it has erupted?
5. What do you call it after it has erupted?
6. The Great Barrier Reef is found off the coast of which country?
7. What do you call a person who studies rocks?
8. Name the three time periods of the dinosaurs.
9. True or false? The Grand Canyon is around 10000 feet (3000 meters) deep.
10. What is the name of the deepest location in the world's oceans?
11. Over a long period of time while under extreme heat and pressure, graphite turns into which precious mineral?
12. Outside of Antarctica, what is the largest desert in the world?
13. The gemstone ruby is typically what colour?
14. What is the name of the highest mountain on earth?
15. Do stalactites rise from the floor or hang from the ceiling of limestone caves?
16. 'Cascade', 'horsetail', 'plunge' and 'tiered' are types of what?
17. Someone who studies earthquakes is known as a what?
18. What is the name of the layer of earth's atmosphere that absorbs the majority of the potentially damaging ultraviolet light from the sun?
19. The mass of the earth is made up mostly of which two elements?
20. What is the second most common gas found in the air we breathe? Answers on page 66

PUZZLE PAGE

1. What is another name of the Papaya or the Tree Melon?
2. When served as a dish, what is the pancreas of an animal normally named as?
3. Rick Stein, the TV chef from Cornwall, is known for his recipes containing mainly what?
4. How is the combination of Anise, Pepper, Cinnamon, Cloves and Fennel better known?
5. Which name is given to a type of hard wheat semolina, originating from North Africa, which is soaked in water and served with spicy meat and vegetables?
6. Whose restaurant would you be visiting if you dined at the City Brassiere in Norwich?
7. What name is given to smooth yoghurt, which translated from the French, literally means 'fresh cheese'?
8. What is the most popular dish served in the Rovers Return?
9. Which chef is credited with inventing more dishes than anyone else
10. From the French word meaning 'blown', what name is given to a light sponge baked dish made by mixing egg yolks and either cheese or fruit with stiffly beaten egg whites?
11. What is the chief food for half the people in the world?
12. By the eighteenth century, what had become so popular a dessert in America that Yale College served it every night at supper, and did so for more than a century?
13. Which Scottish River supplies over 90% of the water used in Whisky manufacture?
14. Which months are you told not to eat shellfish in?
15. Gjetost is the national cheese of which country?
16. Which food stuff not rationed during World War 2 was rationed afterwards?
17. What name is given to the fruit of the Blackthorn?
18. What is the name of the film which forms on the side of good old port?
19. What is the name of the traditional English dish made from pork trimmings and pigs head?
20. Lettuce is a member of which flower family?

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