

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

**March 2016**

## WELCOME

How quickly the year goes by! It has been a funny year in terms of weather, with daffodils out weeks before they should be, not much frost in our area, the odd flurry of snow and a great deal of rain and wind. We are so fortunate in comparison with other areas of our country.

At the end of March, the clocks will go forward. In the middle of February, the days are already noticeably longer—still too cold to work outside, though! Gardens need tidying and we can all see where work is needed on the house, but at the moment it's ok to stay indoors in the warm!

You can be sure of a warm welcome at all the events listed in the magazine, from church services ( and breakfasts) to Easter bunny events and quiz nights, fish and chip suppers and so on.....Take part and support what you can and you won't regret it.

As always, 'Happy Reading'  
The Editorial Team



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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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 18<sup>th</sup> 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

The 'Group' Service was like this .

Bells ringing , the service about to begin ,  
The priest , the people , choir and organist are in ,  
Singing to lift the gloomy day ,  
Thoughtful words for us to pray ,  
Hands touch , a smile , a nod , an embrace ,  
To share the Peace in this Holy place .  
We listen to readings from the Word ,  
And through the sermon , no-one stirred ,  
Challenging thoughts on lives that are broken ,  
Where darkness and light are interwoven .  
Then side by side , the 'Group' are kneeling ,  
The Holy Sacrament each receiving .  
A final hymn and God's Blessing is given ,  
Then time to talk and share the 'group' nibbles .

E.J.S.

It was a joy to be there .

### Pew Sheets

For several years, the pew sheets which we use in church have been printed for us by Anne Clarke's firm in Downham. They have also distributed them for us without charge. We are extremely grateful to Anne and her staff for all that they have done. Pew sheets contain the readings and some prayers for the services, plus local notices and forthcoming services. They will be missed if not available.

Sadly the system now has to change. Pew sheets will now be distributed by email, to the churchwardens who will make their own arrangements to get them to their congregations, to the people who take services and to anyone else who wants them and has access to a computer. There is already a long list of people who will receive them, but if you would like to be added to that list just let me know your email address and I will add you to it. Where you have no email address of your own, it may be possible for you to arrange for a friend/relative to do it for you. My email address is [pwakeling621@btinternet.com](mailto:pwakeling621@btinternet.com). I'm not infallible, so the system may not always work, but I shall do my best! We may find that this new arrangement reaches more people than before, as I already have about fifty people on my list.

Pam Wakeling

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## **Gardening Tips Number 65 for March 2016**

The weather systems affecting the U.K. seem to be in a thoroughly stormy state. Will it ever stop raining? I suppose I shouldn't complain too much as we don't normally get the worst of the weather directed against our islands; but it would be nice to have a period of settled weather even if it was a bit colder. At least we wouldn't have the persistent winds that seem to have been such a feature of late, and as I write seems to be the main feature for the early part of the week ahead.

However, whatever the weather we must do what we can with the plantings due this month. Having written that, I am reminded of my earlier writings of 'making haste slowly'. We would normally be making sowings of early vegetables in March but this year the ground will be so wet, that unless we get a period of dryer weather, the soil is going to be colder than usual and when wet the soil takes longer to warm up. Be patient – seeds may just rot in the ground if conditions are not right.

If you followed my earlier recommendations you should, by the middle of this month, have good quality dahlia and chrysanthemum shoots just ripe to take as cuttings. Pot them up in a 50/50 mixture of grit sand and peat (or similar). If you use rooting hormone make sure it is fresh this year. Put five cuttings round the edge of a clay or plastic 3 1/2 inch diam. (9cm) pot and water well and allow to drain. You may now need to top up the pot with a little more of the potting mixture. Ideally the cuttings should go into a propagator at about 550F (120C). If you don't have a propagator then putting them over another source of heat will suffice – it will take a bit longer for rooting to take place and the percentage failure rate could be greater, so take a few extra cuttings.

Normally we would look to take the first cutting off of our lawns and other grassed areas towards the latter part of the month but this year it is different. Some people's lawns near where I live have been cut more than once through the winter period. I haven't touched mine yet but if the warm weather continues, as it seems to be doing, then the mower will have to make an appearance very early in the month. I did in fact get it out and start it up a couple of weeks ago, so I know that at least it works!

Many gardens have had narcissi in bloom for some time so a bit of early dead heading may be on the cards. Some of my winter pansies have found the very wet conditions just too much to bear and have simply rotted off. Primroses have been in bloom since last November and are now showing signs of demise – they will be missed come April time! I have been looking for signs of buds in my many wallflower plants but there are none! Wallflowers are not normally affected by



abnormal conditions, they plough their own furrow and tend to stick to normal flowering times, but I ask myself, "have we finished with winter or is the worst yet to come"? The plum blossom being so early this year a sharp frost could do so much harm.

I wrote the first of my 'garden tips' articles for the Group4 magazine in the April issue of 2010. My own gardening career started way back in 1936 at the ripe old age of six, when I was given my own little piece of garden to grow what I liked. I have gardened continuously since then, with the exception of my period of regular service in the R.A.F. as a navigator on, what was then, Transport Command. Most of my service career was spent flying over much of the African Continent and the Middle East but even then, when the opportunity allowed, I would try to grow something around our living quarters. Over the years I have been Honorary Treasurer and Show Secretary, to three Horticultural Societies and eventually Chairman and President of one, covering a period of some thirty-five years. Over the past few years I have had the pleasure of judging at various venues but retired from the aspect at the end of last year. I have thoroughly enjoyed all of my involvement but I am now closing in on the start of my eighty-seventh year and the time comes when one has to say enough is enough and I am this year retiring from the outside horticultural world. I hope to be able to continue to enjoy my gardening here at home for some time to come and I trust my articles for Group4 have given a few people a pleasurable read and even perhaps a bit of help with their own gardens. I wish you all gardening success in the future, but these are my final few words for Group4.

*Roy Coughtrey*

*I find it difficult to believe either Roy's age or that he had been contributing to our magazines for six years. I have known him much longer than that through*

*the Downham Market and District Horticultural Society and his advice was invaluable to me in my years as chairman. He was responsible for making the Annual Show the success that it is and for impressing his own high standards. His articles have been full of wise advice and it will not be easy to find a successor. Many thanks, Roy.*

*Pam Wakeling*

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## ALMOND SLICES

4 oz butter

2¼ oz ground almonds

5 oz dried milk powder

7 oz granulated sugar

½ tsp saffron threads( optional)

3 eggs, lightly beaten

1 tbsp flaked almonds

Preheat the oven to 160 C/325F/Gas Mark 3.

Grease a shallow 20cm/8" square baking tin.

Place the ground almonds, dried milk powder, sugar and saffron in a large bowl and stir to mix well.

Place the butter in a shallow saucepan and melt over a low heat.

Pour the melted butter over the dry ingredients and mix until thoroughly combined.

Add the eggs to the mixture and stir to blend well.

Spread the mixture in the tin and sprinkle with the flaked almonds.

Bake in the preheated oven for 45 minutes, or until a skewer inserted into the centre comes clean.

Cut into triangles or slices and serve hot or cold.





# COUNTRYSIDE NOTES

## GATES and STILES

Having visited many parts of the British Isles it's interesting to see the wide variety of gates and stiles. Here in the Norfolk countryside we have little in the way of livestock (other than pigs!) therefore have few permanent fences and definitely no stone walls to negotiate. Gates serve to keep animals and humans either in or out and come in all shapes and sizes. In the past elaborate gates, usually of wrought iron, became status symbols and there are some magnificent examples about. They were a sign of wealth and grandeur but were also functional. The conventional 'five bar gate', made from wood or iron, is the most common. Another we may come across is of the 'kissing gate' design comprising of a half round barrier with a swinging gate across the middle which is completely stock proof. Cattle farmers often use a cheap substitute known as a 'Hampshire' or 'New Zealand gate'. This is a continuation of the fence and comprises of wire netting or three or four lengths of barbed wire with a post attached to the end and 'spacers' in between. It is fastened tight by loops at the top and bottom of an upright post. Large insulated springs are used to fasten strands of electric fencing. Cattle grids set in the ground are another extremely effective method of containing livestock.

Many church yards are entered through a 'lych gate' beneath a pitched roof. Many of these were built during the Middle Ages, when corpses were wrapped only in a shroud, to offer shelter to the priest who conducted the first part of the service on entry into the churchyard. Unique to several churches in Sussex are 'tapsel gates' which are wooden gates with a central pivot.

Where we encounter stiles in our local countryside they are most likely to be the conventional couple of boards set diagonally at different heights to provide steps over railings or barbed wire. In places where 2 metre high deer proof fencing is used 'ladder stiles' resembling a pair of steps enable access over the top. 'Squeeze stiles' are often found built into dry stone walls although they may also be constructed from wood in other places. Humans can negotiate the narrow gap less than ten inches wide but not livestock. Another form of stile, a 'step stile', can be found in the Lake District. Here protruding stones are set diagonally in the dry stone walls creating a series of steps on either side. Small holes may be seen in the base of these walls, these are known as 'smoots'. The smallest allow rabbits and hares to pass through and slightly larger ones are for lambs to access fresh grazing.

One problem people find when walking with large dogs is getting them over a stile so 'dog gates' are sometimes constructed alongside. These are usually in the form of a trap door that can be pulled up by a rope allowing passage through and which will drop down again when released.

*Jill Mason*

## **Beachamwell Book Group**

**Tuesday 1st March**

7.30 - 8.45pm (note new time)

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**Thursday 3rd March**

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Memorial Hall

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## **Beachamwell Parish Council Meeting**

**Monday 14th March**

7.30

Beachamwell Memorial Hall

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## **Beachamwell Afternoon Tea and a Chat.....**

**Wednesday 16th March**

2 - 4pm

Beachamwell Memorial Hall

Enquiries: 01366 347673

## **Beachamwell and Fincham Family History Group**

**Tuesday 15th March**

**2 – 4pm**

Beachamwell Memorial Hall

Looking at Naval Records

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**March 7th and 21st**

**7.30 - 9.30pm**

Beachamwell Memorial  
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**£4 All welcome but please book**

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## **Beachamwell St Mary's Church**

**Family Activities Morning**

**Good Friday 25 March**

Beachamwell Memorial Hall  
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+ Crafts

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+Easter egg hunt

+ Making an Easter garden

+ Ending with a very short service  
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A part-time Secretary is required to assist in the administration of the Breckland Society's work. This will involve working closely with the Chairman of the Society and other members of the Committee, handling membership (new joiners, renewals, etc.), organising Society events (advertising to members, booking venues, liaising with speakers, ensuring equipment is available, etc.) and assisting with the quarterly Newsletter and website updates, as well as circulating papers and taking the minutes at approximately four Committee meetings each year and the Society's Annual General Meeting.

General administrative experience is essential, especially the compilation and maintenance of membership and distribution lists (requiring full working knowledge of Microsoft Excel and Word).

An honorarium (payable quarterly) is offered for this work. If you are interested

please contact Dr Robert Baker, the Chairman, by email at [info@brecksoc.org.uk](mailto:info@brecksoc.org.uk) or through the

Society's website at [www.brecksoc.org.uk](http://www.brecksoc.org.uk).

## Family Coffee Morning

at  
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on

## Easter Saturday

## March 26th

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## Beachamwell

### Memorial Hall Committee AGM

**Wednesday 30th March  
(note new date)**

**7.30**

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## Beachamwell

### Craft Group

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**March 1st is St. David's Day**, the national day of Wales, and has been celebrated as such since the 12th Century..



So who was St. David (or Dewi Sant in Welsh)? Not a lot is known for sure.

Both his parents were descended from Welsh royalty. The site of David's birth is marked by the ruins of a tiny ancient chapel close to a holy well and the more recent 18th century chapel dedicated to his mother Non can still be seen near St. David's Cathedral.

The young David grew up to be a priest, educated at the monastery of Hen Fynyw and taught by St. Paulinus. According to legend David performed several miracles during his life including restoring Paulinus' sight. It is also said that during a battle against the Saxons, David

advised his soldiers to wear leeks in their hats so that they could easily be distinguished from their enemies, which is why the leek is one of the emblems of Wales!

A vegetarian who ate only bread, herbs and vegetables and who drank only water, David became known as Aquaticus or Dewi Ddyfrwr (the water drinker) in Welsh. Sometimes, as a self-imposed penance, he would stand up to his neck in a lake of cold water, reciting Scripture! It is also said that milestones during his life were marked by the appearance of springs of water.

David became a missionary and travelled throughout Wales and Britain, even making a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, where he was consecrated bishop. He founded twelve monasteries, including Glastonbury and one at Minevia (St. David's) which he made his bishop's seat. He was named Archbishop of Wales at the Synod of Brevi (Llandewi Brefi), Cardiganshire in 550.

Monastery life was very strict and the brothers had to work very hard, cultivating the land and pulling the plough. Many crafts were followed - beekeeping, in particular, was very important. The monks had to keep themselves fed as well as provide food and lodging for travellers. They also looked after the poor.

St David died on 1 March 589A.D., at Minevia, allegedly over 100 years old. His remains were buried in a shrine in the 6th century cathedral which was ransacked in the 11th century by Viking invaders, who plundered the site and murdered two Welsh bishops.

After his death, David's influence spread far and wide, first through Britain and then by sea to [Cornwall](#) and Brittany. In 1120, Pope Callactus II canonised

David as a Saint. Following this he was declared Patron Saint of Wales. Such was David's influence that many pilgrimages were made to St. David's, and the Pope decreed that two pilgrimages made to St. David's equalled one to Rome, while three were worth one to Jerusalem. Fifty churches in South Wales alone bear his name.

It is not certain how much of the history of St. David is fact and how much is simply legend. However, in 1996 bones were found in St. David's Cathedral which some think could be those of Dewi himself.

**St. Patrick of Ireland** is one of the world's most popular saints. He was born in Roman Britain and when he was fourteen or so, he was captured by Irish pirates during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. At the time, Ireland was a land of Druids and pagans but Patrick turned to God and wrote his memoir, *The Confession*. In *The Confession*, he wrote:

"The love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was roused, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same. I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain."

Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britain and was reunited with his family.

A few years after returning home, Patrick saw a vision he described in his memoir:

"I saw a man coming, as it were from Ireland. His name was Victoricus, and he carried many letters, and he gave me one of them. I read the heading: 'The Voice of the Irish.' As I began the letter, I imagined in that moment that I heard the voice of those very people who were near the wood of Foclut, which is beside the western sea-and they cried out, as with one voice: 'We appeal to you, holy servant boy, to come and walk among us.'"

The vision prompted his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained by St. Germanus, the Bishop of Auxerre, whom he had studied under for years, and was later ordained a bishop and sent to take the Gospel to Ireland.

He is celebrated on March 17th.

Patrick arrived in Slane, Ireland on March 25, 433. There are several legends about what happened next, with the most prominent claiming he met the chieftan of one of the druid tribes, who tried to kill him. After an intervention from God, Patrick was able to convert the chieftain and preach the Gospel throughout Ireland. There, he converted many people -eventually thousands - and he began building churches across the country.

He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity and entire kingdoms were eventually converted to Christianity after hearing Patrick's message.

Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in Confessions. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461.

He died at Saul, where he had built the first Irish church. He is believed to be buried in Down Cathedral, Downpatrick. His grave was marked in 1990 with a granite stone.

In His Footsteps:

Patrick was a humble, pious, gentle man, whose love and total devotion to and trust in God should be a shining example to each of us. So complete was his trust in God, and of the importance of his mission, he feared nothing -not even death.

**"The Breastplate," Patrick's poem of faith and trust in God:**

Christ be within me,  
Christ behind me,  
Christ before me,  
Christ beside me,  
Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me,  
Christ beneath me,  
Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet,  
Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger."



# COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

## MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS - Please note changed days/times

DATE	VILLAGE	LOCATION	TIME
Tuesday March 15th	Barton Bendish	Hatherley Gardens	9.55 am
	Beachamwell	Old Post Office	10:15 am
	Drymere	Telephone Kiosk	10:40 am
	Boughton	Mill Road	14:20 pm
Monday March 14th and 28th	Wereham	The Pit	9:30 am
		Queen's Close	16:20 pm

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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

Timetable requests:- (01603) 228888, Traveline (08706) 082608 ([www.traveline.org.uk](http://www.traveline.org.uk))

## FARMERS' MARKETS

Ely	Second and Fourth Saturday 8:00-2:00pm
Fakenham	Fourth Saturday 8.30am to 12:00pm
King's Lynn	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month
RAF Marham	Third Friday 9:00am to 2:00pm
Swaffham	No longer trading

For information:- [www.farmersmarkets.net](http://www.farmersmarkets.net) or your local Tourist Information Office

## VILLAGE, COMMUNITY and PARISH HALL BOOKINGS

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

**Bill Miller**, a long standing resident of Boughton passed a piece of work by his son David to the Parish Council recently, and with his permission we re-create part of the work here.

It is a fascinating insight into Boughton in 1969. It was written before the many changes that have occurred in and around Boughton including the by-pass around Stoke Ferry, and at a time when many still worked on the land. The original document, including some illustrations, can be viewed on the Group 4 website in Boughton/History section.

### **A General Study of Boughton by David Miller**

#### **Road System.**

Boughton is a small village in Norfolk, situated 7¼ miles south-east of Downham Market and 1 mile north-east of Stoke Ferry. It is in the South West division of the county, Clackclose Hundred and petty sessional division, Downham union and county court district, rural deanery of Feltwell and archdeanery of Wisbeach and diocese of Ely. Boughton could be thought of as a minor landmark as all the land, except that to the north slopes gently down, in the distance about ¾ mile, to the west of the surrounding land which is some 80 feet lower than the village. From the heart of the village Wretton lane runs to the east and at the bottom of this, some ½ mile away, is the main road, the A134. The road that goes through the village is unclassified.

At the southern end of the village is a second road running to the east which goes to Stoke Ferry, just over 1 mile away. Going southwards is the Oxborough Road which goes down to the Oxborough fen only ¾ mile distant. It is significant that this is the only road from Boughton that still is completely by thick, high hedges and trees, or the like that may have been growing alongside the other roads have been pulled up during the last 15 years as the verges of the roads have not been considered so susceptible to giving way under the weight of the transport that invariably has to use them, because the roads are so very narrow, as those of the Oxborough Road. Even though the ground is firmly held together by thickets and so forth down the Oxborough fen, several times a year lorries or tractors sink into such an extent that they are almost on their sides due to the fact that their road-side wheels do not sink in so far as all the load is transferred to the other side on account of the ground sloping down from the road. At the northern end of the village a road runs to the west to Barton Bendish, about 2 miles away which was tarmacaded about 7 or 8 years ago. Another furlong to the north of the Barton Bendish road is a road branching off to the east for Wereham, which is ½ mile away. The road has been newly surfaced with tarmac during the last year. This, as the other roads stemming from Boughton, is unclassified and hardly carries any traffic. Opposite the opening of this road is really the continuation of it which goes to Fincham, fractionally over 3 miles away. The by-road which continues northward eventually reached the A134 from where the nearest towns are Downham, 7 miles, and Kings Lynn 14 ½ miles. In the village is a private road for farm use that goes past the church and leads to an area of land that is locally known as the 'Common' The hedgerows that have disappeared from the roadside have also vanished from around most of the fields to make several small fields into one large one of a greater acreage that is easier to work. The removal of hedges not only makes the fields larger but also improves the working conditions for farm implements as they are hindered by these obstructions. ( *look out for further instalments!*)

## **COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD**

### **STUDENT AT THE NICHOLAS HAMOND ACADEMY IS 'BOWLED OVER' BY SUCCESS**

At only 14 years of age a student at The Nicholas Hamond Academy in Swaffham is enjoying great success. Nicole Mosely (known as 'Minnie' in bowling circles) has reached the Norfolk English Bowling Association Ladies under 25s Final.

To add to this success she has also reached three finals in the Norfolk Federation, the under 25s, mixed pairs and the mixed triples. She has also qualified in the last 8 of the Lincolnshire under 15s and is the Lynn Sport under 25s champion. Nicole will play in the Federation finals on 28th February and should she win any of her matches looks forward to playing in the national finals at Newark IBC.

## **Swaffham WEA**

**Wednesday 16th March**

**7.30pm**

**Swaffham Assembly Rooms**

### **'IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO LEARN'**

A light-hearted anthology  
of poetry & prose  
presented by

**THREE'S COMPANY**

Preceded by Swaffham WEA AGM

Enquiries: 01366 328536

Free entry. All welcome

### **Nar Valley Ornithological Society (NarVOS)**

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2016, 7.30pm at the  
Barn Theatre, Sacred Heart Convent  
School, Swaffham. Access and parking  
from Sporle Road. Please come along to  
this illustrated talk by John Geeson,  
entitled:

#### **WESTERN INDIA**

John Geeson lives in Norfolk and is a welcome and occasional visitor to NarVOS. John's talk is a compilation of three trips he made with his late wife Judy to Western India over the last decade. John will focus on a mix of scenery, the birds, some mammals and a few of the architectural highlights of the Rajasthan, Gujarat and Chambal/Agra areas.

Visitors most welcome. Admission £2 on the night if you are not a NarVOS member. For more information about this meeting or NarVOS call Ian Black on 01760 724092.

## Wereham

### Pop-Up Café



**1st Tuesday  
every month  
10.30 to 12.00**

Fresh coffee/tea, home-made  
cakes, sit and read papers or  
have a natter....



Just £1.00.



All proceeds go to Village Hall.

## Wereham Weekly Cash



**Wereham Village Hall  
Wednesdays**

**Doors open 6.45 pm**

**Eyes down 7.30 pm**

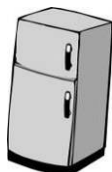
*Raffle and Refreshments  
with complimentary biscuits*



**Enquiries: Doreen Rolph  
01366 500218**

All proceeds go to Village Hall  
Registered Charity Number 1151336 Wereham Village Hall

## SPECIAL EVENT PLANNED?



**NEW Range cooker  
and spacious larder  
fridge/freezer  
available when you  
hire**

## WEREHAM VILLAGE HALL!

Contact Doreen on  
500218 for Book-  
ings





## **SIGNPOST BRIDGE CLUB**

The bridge group meets every Thursday at The White Hart, Foulton from 7.30pm.

This is a social occasion to be enjoyed and it is not too serious. The only costs are those incurred over the bar. About half way a welcome feast is generously provided by Angela and Sarah.

Please come and join us if you would like to play – all level of players would be most welcome.

We will be offering a brief teaching sessions from 7.00-7.30pm. If you enjoy playing cards and would like to learn the basics of bridge than come and join us. Bridge is like whist and you play with partners trying to make as many tricks with the cards you have been dealt. The clever bit is telling each other the strength of your hand with a bidding system.

If you would like to join the 7-7.30 session please contact David on david.e.stancombe@gmail.com or phone 01366 328153

## **WHAT DID SWAFFHAM MARKET LOOK LIKE 200 YEARS AGO?**

Swaffham Museum reopened in February for the 2016 season. If you haven't visited recently – or indeed perhaps you have never visited - there is now a very good reason to make the trip. Particularly if you enjoy the Saturday Market.

As part of the 800 Market Celebrations we had the oldest known painting of Swaffham Market conserved. It is a water colour painted on paper and took a long time to clean and mend as it was very fragile. The artist is unknown.

Our volunteer photographers then enhanced it and it was put into a light box. We now have a fascinating view of Swaffham somewhere between, we believe, 1803 and 1817.

There are nine enlarged sections of the painting, one of which shows the Fakenham to Brandon coach and another shows the Town Pit and the Well ... or maybe it is not a well but a weighing machine?

Come and see what Swaffham was like 200 years ago.

Normal museum entry charges apply



“Hold a Fish and Chip Supper to help spinal cord injured people rebuild lives after injury”

### **Great British Fish and Chip Supper – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 20th May 2016 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA’s vital services.

You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 8 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £40.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

Just £50 could contribute towards the support from our Peer Support Service for one hour, in a district general hospital or Major Trauma Centre.

In 2016 we want to make the batter matter and raise £40,000 from everyone holding suppers. Last year we raised £12,000 from the suppers.

The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to rebuild lives after spinal cord injury. Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.

Community Fundraising Manager, Elizabeth Wright, says, “The Fish and Chip Supper is a wonderful opportunity for a great evening with friends and family. We are also encouraging people who work to hold a Fish and Chip Lunch in their work places to raise even more funds. You may be even a local community group wanting to run a fun evening with your group.

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 071 4350 or email [fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk](mailto:fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk) or visit [www.siafishandchips.co.uk](http://www.siafishandchips.co.uk)

## BARTON BENDISH NEWS

**Burns Night** Robbie Burns was honoured in true traditional style with our Burns Supper here in Barton which, I hasten to add, is a village not without genuine Scottish representation. It was especially nice to see guests join us from Boughton, Beachamwell, Oxborough, Wereham, Shouldham, Cambridge, Lynn and Tottenhill.

Once the formality of addressing the haggis was over, ably carried out by Mhari (a born and bred Scot) and kindly interpreted by Linda for the benefit of us Sassenachs, we tucked into large helpings of haggis, neeps and tatties, followed by cheese and biscuits, which in turn was followed by coffee and shortbread. Alan then presented the 'Toast to the Immortal Memory' describing different aspects of the Bard's life which was followed by toasts to the Lassies conducted by Frank and to the Laddies by Robyn. Finally the 63 guests were left in awe by Ian's (another true Scot if ever there was one) recitation of Tam O'Shanter. Incredibly 224 lines off by heart with never a falter!!! All these formalities were interspersed with well known songs penned by Burns led by Tom Golden and Sandie Reid. The evening ended with a rousing rendition of Auld Lang Syne.

What an enjoyable evening we had thanks to the brilliant organization and hard work of Mhari and Linda. I'm sure everyone who was there will also join me in saying a huge thank you to Joan, Fran, Janine, Lee, James, Emily and Zach who spent the evening working so hard in the kitchen and serving food, the evening would not have been such a huge success without them, and also Elizabeth for the flower arrangements. Thanks to the team's effort about £800 was raised for St Andrew's church fund. *Jill*

**Thefts of Heating Oil** In the last couple of months there have been cases of heating oil being stolen from residents in the village. Please be vigilant and if you see anything suspicious make a note of the vehicle number and report it to the police.

**Village Sign** If you notice that the village sign is missing it hasn't been stolen – it has been taken away to be restored.

**Barton Bendish Film Club** will be screening the hugely popular The Lady in The Van, by Alan Bennett on Saturday March 12th 2016 in our village hall.

Tickets are £4.00 in advance or £5.00 on the door, and can be reserved through

01366 347849, by email to [cinemabarton@gmail.com](mailto:cinemabarton@gmail.com) or on our website <http://www.bartonbendishfilmclub.btck.co.uk/>

**Easter Coffee Morning** We will be holding our annual Easter Coffee Morning in aid of the Village Hall on Saturday March 26th from 10am 'til 12noon. As usual there will be an Easter Egg Tombola, a display of Easter hats (with a small gift for every child who exhibits one) as well as a raffle and book, cake and produce stalls. Please bring the family along and join in the fun. *Jill* (347928)

**Her Majesty the Queen's 90th Birthday Party** On Saturday the 23rd April from 3pm for tea at 4pm in the village hall, we are planning to hold a Birthday Party to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday. All residents of Barton Bendish and Eastmoor are invited to attend, and bring their favourite "High Tea" food, e.g. Sandwiches, scones and small cakes. We need to know by the 9th April how many are planning to come, because seating is limited. Also your food choice, so that we have a good selection.

If you are bringing children please let us know their ages.

Please contact Val McAlister, 34757, Maureen Buck, 347703, or Elizabeth Smith, 347531 .

**Quiz Night** Our annual Quiz Night is being organized for Saturday April 30th.

**New Quiz Sheet.** The theme for the new Quiz sheet is film titles and it will be available shortly.

### **Easter Chicks and Bunnies**

Once again we are selling knitted Easter bunnies and chicks stuffed with Cadburys crème eggs, in aid of St Andrew's church fund. They can be purchased at the Berney Arms, at Barton Bendish fundraising events and from Linda or Mhari.

If you enjoy knitting and would be willing to join our knitters (wool and patterns can be provided), or you have oddments of wool you would be happy to donate, please contact Mhari (347849) or Linda (347563)

### **Palm Sunday**

Palm Sunday service takes place on 20th March starting at St Mary's at 10.00am and then in procession to St Andrews for the main part of the service.

**Barton Bendish Ordinary Parish Council Meeting**

**held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

The meeting was chaired by Cllr P A J Carter, who had been elected as the Parish Council Chairman at the previous meeting in November 2015. Four parishioners attended.

The Parish Council agreed to co-opt Mr Jack Richardson of Boughton Long Road to fill the vacancy for a Parish Councillor. Mr Richardson is a former Chairman of the Parish Council and Councillors were pleased to see him return to the Council.

A decision was taken to instruct a sign restorer to repaint the village sign. Please do not be alarmed if you see it being taken away for this work to be carried out. It will be returned to its rightful place and should be looking better when the work has been completed.

The Parish Council made a decision on the Precept for 2016/17 and agreed to set the figure at £4623, which includes a Council Tax Support grant of £120. This would represent another year of no increase for parishioners.

An email had been received from the Better Broadband for Norfolk team to advise the Parish Council of the installation of an additional cabinet, which will be called "Fincham 3." This will be installed in the verge near to The Lodge on Fincham Road during the next 6-12 months. When this cabinet is fully operational it should improve the broadband speed for residents.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2016. This will be the Annual Parish Meeting followed by an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting starting at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall. *Miss Sarah Thorpe, Parish Clerk*

Telephone number: 01945 430930 Email: [bartonbendishparishcouncil@aol.co.uk](mailto:bartonbendishparishcouncil@aol.co.uk)

**Forthcoming Events**

WEDNESDAY MARCH 9th Parish Council Meeting 7pm

SATURDAY MARCH 12th Film 'Lady in the Van' 7-30pm

SUNDAY MARCH 20th Palm Sunday procession at 10-30 am from St Mary's church

SATURDAY MARCH 26th Easter Coffee Morning 10am – 12noon

SATURDAY APRIL 23rd HM the Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations from 3-0pm

SATURDAY APRIL 30th Quiz Night

# BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

## **St Mary's Church**

With Easter coming so early this year, the first three weeks of Lent are already behind us! Whether we've given up chocolate, alcohol or some other favourite treat of ours, this can sometimes make this period seem rather long.

The season of Lent is linked to the time when Jesus spent 40 days in the desert, without food. It is a reminder that Jesus went through suffering to make him stronger and more trusting in God the Father. The beginning of Lent is marked by Shrove Tuesday. This was the day when everyone used up their best and richest food such as eggs and fat, to prepare for 40 days of limited diet. Shrove Tuesday has become known as 'Pancake Day' because traditionally pancakes used up the good food and made a feast to begin the season with.

Mothering Sunday is always on the 4th Sunday during Lent and was originally a time when people returned to the church in which they were baptised, or where they attended services when they were children. This meant that families were reunited as adults returned to the towns and villages where they grew up. The fast of Lent is lifted on Mothering Sunday and traditionally many people prepared a Simnel cake to eat with their family on this day. A Simnel cake is a light fruit cake with a layer of marzipan baked into the middle of the cake. Traditionally, Simnel cakes are decorated with 11 or 12 balls of marzipan, representing the 11 disciples and, sometimes, Jesus Christ.

We hope you will join us for our Family Communion on Mothering Sunday - March 6th when all children will be given posies of flowers to present to their mums.

Good Friday is the day when we remember the death of Jesus on the cross. It is called 'good' because, when Jesus died, he paid the price for all the bad things people do – even you and me, so that we can be forgiven and start again.

Please join us for the Good Friday Activities which will be held from 10am at the Beachamwell Memorial Hall, followed by a short service at the church at 12 o'clock. There will be children's crafts and activities, Easter egg hunt, hot cross buns and refreshments for all.

Easter is the only time of the year when it's perfectly safe to put all your eggs in one basket. Have a Happy Easter!



## **BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS**

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Our PCC is currently working on the final stages of our Action Plan in response to the Diocesan Strategy 'Ely 2025'. The final document will be used to enable parishes, Rural Deans and Archdeacons to target funding and offer help to parishes in difficulties and at times of vacancies.

Following the AGM in April our PCC will have a vacancy for the post of secretary and we would be most grateful if someone could come forward to fulfil this vital role.

We've recently received a very generous donation from the Village Hall Committee – the sum of £750! This money is gratefully received and will assist us in meeting various costs involved in keeping our church warm, lit and well maintained.

The forthcoming Spring and Summer seasons will bring along two of our most important fund-raising events: Half Marathon and Open Gardens. The initial preparations by our usual organisers of these events are already under way. Any further offers of help would be most appreciated. We need volunteers to act as marshals at the half-marathon event and we will be very grateful to hear from our neighbours who might be willing to show their gardens in June. Please contact your churchwardens if you can help with either of these events.

***Vesna Hudson***





## BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

### St Mary's Flower and Brass Cleaning Rota

6<sup>th</sup> Vesna Hudson [*Lent no flowers*] ; 13<sup>th</sup> Bridget James [*Lent no flowers*]

20<sup>th</sup> Diana Lambert [*Lent no flowers*]

27<sup>th</sup> Several People - [*Easter*] flowers into Church on Easter Saturday

### Mobile Post Office

The new times are:

Monday and Thursday 12.45 - 13.05

Tuesday and Wednesday: 11.25 - 11.55

### WI

We were treated to another brilliant presentation called 'Plants-a-Plenty by Sue



Pennell. Sue has an amazing knowledge of wild plants quite unbelievable and her photographs are stunning.

She kept everyone enthralled, eager to learn more and determined to visit the places where we can see them for ourselves.

Thank you once again for all your hard work Sue, it was very much appreciated.

As always, we enjoyed the social side of the evening. The business was covered admirably by Irene in spite of her not feeling too good and Maggie.

The very popular 'Craft Evenings' are starting again this month on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7.30. Non WI members are welcome to join us. You will find more details on the notice elsewhere in the magazine.

The thought for the month is 'One day you will wake up and there won't be any more time to do the things you've always wanted.....do it now!'

**Eileen Powell**

# BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

## **Beachamwell Horticultural Society – Annual Show**

Things may be starting to get going in the garden but this is also a good time to think about making something for the Craft section of this year's show. There are three things you might like to try:

A handmade bag – any technique or material can be used

A handmade card – for any occasion, using any technique

Any item made out of wood e.g. a bowl, a toy ...

You have 6 months to make something from scratch, finish something already started or find something already finished and ready to show.

***Carole Wilson and Leah Spencer***

## **Beachamwell Creative Writing Group**

The creative writing group which is held in Beachamwell Memorial Hall every second Monday evening at 7.30pm has made a very promising beginning. I've been encouraged by the enthusiasm and abilities of the dozen people who have come along so far and new members will always be welcome. The group demonstrates that many people have valuable experiences that they would like to express if they can find a sympathetic and attentive audience.

There is no need for anyone to sign up for a series of sessions, you can just turn up one evening and see if it something you think you might enjoy whether or not you have any experience of putting pen to paper. Many people find that they have talents they didn't know they possessed until they had a go. During the evening, you will have an opportunity to try your hand at a piece of writing, however short, which you might like to continue with at home. Just as important, there is the opportunity to listen to the experiences of other people.

The cost per evening is £4 which includes coffee/tea and biscuits.

Dates for forthcoming meetings are:

February 29, then only one week gap to March 7, 21 (Hall not available 14 March), April 4, 18

Just turn up on the evening or telephone beforehand, either Leah Spencer on 01366-328536 or myself on 01366-328895.

***James Knox Whittet***

## BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

### Beachamwell Memorial Hall (Charity registration number 303900)

Christmas now a very distant memory but we would like to thank everybody who came to the December Pop up Pub. It was a great social evening, with mulled wine and free festive nibbles on the menu. As one happy customer wrote the next day: *'I thought the hall looked beautiful last night and the food was absolutely delicious!!! Thank you.'* By the time you read this, another pub will have been held on Friday 19 Feb and one is also planned for Friday 1 April.

A children's party was held in the hall on Sunday 20 December. 22 children



came along and enjoyed a programme of activities and games, plus party food and crackers. It was a lovely way for youngsters and their parents to get together in the run up to Christmas.

The Pop up Italian restaurant in January

was another sell out success, with a great meal and great company.

2016 promises to be another busy year for the committee with more Pop up Pubs and restaurants, the christening of our excellent new table tennis table and the Beachamwell Country Fair and Fete, which will take place on **Saturday 3 September** – please put it in your diary. The Accessibility Project will be keeping us busy throughout the year but improved disabled access will be worth it.

Our AGM will take place in the hall on **Wednesday 30 March**. (sorry for the incorrect date in last month's edition - well done to anybody who spotted it.)

Please come along to hear our plans for developing the hall and to give your feedback on how the hall is run. Beachamwell Memorial Hall is a great asset to the village and we are always happy to hear new ideas and suggestions for improvement.

If you would like to join our committee, email me [leah@wissey.co.uk](mailto:leah@wissey.co.uk) or phone 01366 328536.

**Beachamwell Memorial Hall Committee Contact: Leah Spencer**

# BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

## Parish Council

There is still time to let us know if you are interested in learning how to use a defibrillator. To date there hasn't been any response.

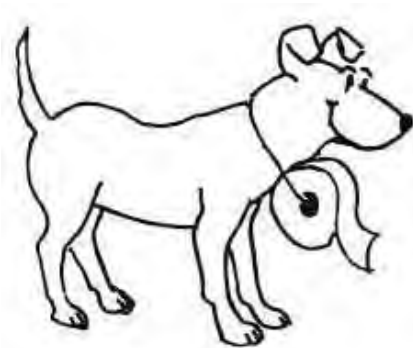


The 'drop in' session on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February (2pm - 7pm) re the new Breckland Local Plan was very successful. There was a comprehensive display co-ordinated by Cllr Spencer. Several parishioners turned up so hopefully they will have sent in the Consultation Response Forms, which were available, to Breckland Council.

Cllr Wilkinson congratulated the Parish Council on the effort they had put in to keeping the public informed - no one can say they didn't know anything about it! It is also interesting to know that Beachamwell was the only Parish Council to organise a 'Drop in Session'.....

The extraordinary Parish Council meeting was attended by 6 councillors and 7 members of the public. A long and searching discussion took place. The minutes will be available in due course.

Hopefully people are still clearing up after their dogs. Don't forget to keep the animals on leads.



Please use notice boards for notices **Not** the telegraph poles.....

[beachamwell-pc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk](http://beachamwell-pc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk)

**Beachamwell Parish Councillors**

## **SERVICES FROM PALM SUNDAY UNTIL EASTER SUNDAY**

**Palm Sunday March 20th**

**St Mary's Church, Barton Bendish at 10 am , continuing to St Andrew's for  
the reading of the Passion and Holy Communion**

**Wereham 6.00 pm—A service of readings and music for Easter, with choir,**

**Monday March 21st**

**6.00 pm Agape meal at Fincham—names to May Pinches 347228**

**Maundy Thursday March 24th**

**10 am Holy Communion Fincham**

**Good Friday March 25th**

**Fincham 6 pm– A service of readings and music for Easter, with choir**

**Saturday March 26th**

**Boughton -8.00 pm—Easter vigil and first communion of Easter with  
choir, fire and bells!**

**Easter Sunday March 27th**

**Holy Communion at:-**

**Marham 10.30 am**

**Sholdham 10.30 am**

**Beachamwell 11.00 am**

**Wereham 11.00 am**



# CHURCH SERVICES FOR MARCH 2016

## Sunday 6th March

9.30 am	Shouldham	Morning Prayer
10.30 am-11.30 am	Marham	Cafe Church ( <i>In The Methodist Chapel</i> )
11.00 am	Beachamwell	Holy Communion
6.00 pm	Wereham	Evensong

## Sunday 13th March

9.30 am	Shouldham Thorpe	Holy Communion
10.00 am	Boughton	Breakfast Church
10.30 am	Marham	Morning Prayer (MC)
11.00 am	Barton Bendish	Family Communion
6.00 pm	Fincham	Evensong

**For services from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday, see facing page**

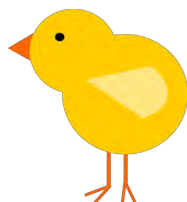
Thursday services at 10 am Holy Communion followed by refreshments.  
3rd, 17th and 24th (Maundy Thursday) at Fincham, 10th at Boughton

## CHURCHWARDENS

Barton Bendish	Mhari Blanchfield	01366 347849
	Linda Webster	01366 347563
Beachamwell	John Sanderson	01366 328818
	Graham Williams	01366 347673
Boughton	Pam Wakeling	01366 500429
Wereham	Sheila Smith	01366 858165

## Baptisms and Weddings:

For the immediate future please contact the Churchwarden in your parish.



## BOUGHTON VILLAGE NEWS

### **Boughton Fen Report for Parish Council Meeting 22.01.2016**

Winter work on the fen has continued apace, with considerable areas of scrub being cleared, along with the cutting back of a large storm damaged tree, and a fallen tree being removed from the river. The EA's contractor has trimmed reed in Stringside Drain, all as agreed with Natural England. Their work has continued all the way down to the River Wissey.

Two more successful working parties were held in November and December, continuing with more removal of re-growth before access became almost impossible with the recent heavy rains which have topped the fen up to levels we would expect at this time of the winter. The reed cutting programme will hopefully continue in February with new areas being cut and cleared.

I would like to thank Paul Smith and David Cooper for looking after the working parties and scrub clearance whilst I have been unable to take part.

*Mark Pogmore*

### **Boughton Cricket Club**

Hi everyone,

As you know, we're trying to raise 20k to complete the work on our pavilion. One really easy way of getting donations is to use EasyFundraising - this is a site which gives our Pavilion Fund cash overtime you buy from certain retailers online - at no extra cost to you. Hi {INSERT NAME HERE} So whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be raising a free donation for Boughton CC Pavilion Fund! There are nearly 3,000 retailers including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, the trainline and Sainsbury's, who will donate a percentage of the amount you spend to Boughton CC Pavilion Fund to say thank you for shopping with them. It's really simple, and doesn't cost you anything. All you have to do is:

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It would be great if everyone could sign up to the service - and get friends, family, milkmen, vets, colleagues - whoever! - to sign up for us too!

Thanks so much all - if everyone does this, our target will be lower before we know it! *Skip (Ben Wilkinson)*

### **All Saints' Church**

The PCC met in January and fixed the date of the Annual Parish Church Meeting for Wednesday April 20th at 6 pm.

Easter celebrations in Boughton will take place on Saturday 26th March, with the now traditional first communion of Easter. This includes lighting the fire, choir, candles, bells and is a joyous occasion taken by Revd. Robin Blackall. Even if you are not a communicant, come along and join us. The church is warm and friendly—and so are the congregation!

Breakfast church continues to be very popular, with an excellent breakfast prepared by Sandy and her helpers, and an short service of the Word, taken recently by Pippa. It's not starchy ( the service, that is) and everyone is most welcome. Let Sandy know if you are coming, so that she can order the right amount of food.

### **Open Gardens 2016**

This will be on Sunday June 12th and it would be so lovely to have people contact me offering to open their gardens in aid of the church. It's good fun and and our biggest fundraiser. We have to pay for the upkeep, the oil etc, but also a large amount to Ely Diocese towards the cost of maintaining a priest in the benefice. We would like to thank the Blackalls for their support and hard work in taking on extra services during Barbara's absence. At the time of writing the date of her return is still unknown.

**Congratulations to Ollie Short**, Wisbech Grammar School's 1st XV rugby captain, who has been selected for the Independent Schools National U18 rugby squad after an intensive national selection process which started with more than 300 players. Over the next three months he will take part in fixtures across the country, with the season culminating in a tour to Argentina over Easter, where he will face Chile U18s, Uruguay U18s and an Argentinian Select U18side.

His headmaster said that Ollie's elevation to play among the very best players of his peer group is testament to his hard work and desire never to be satisfied with his own performance, always seeking to improve and maximise his own potential.

## WEREHAM VILLAGE NEWS

### WEREHAM NEIGHBOUR WATCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY 15TH MARCH 2016 AT 7.30PM IN WEREHAM VILLAGE HALL.

At the last meeting in September it was agreed to have just one meeting a year and that would be the A.G.M. Should the need arise a short meeting could be called.

We still need a Secretary, anyone interested in taking this on please contact either Tom Golden on 500052 or Rosemary on 501023

### Wereham Messy Church Messy Easter

Thursday 10th March 2016 4pm -5.45pm

Starts in the church followed by activities and food for all in the Village Hall

The next Wereham Messy church is on Thursday 10th March.

Don't miss it.

We are looking forward to seeing you there.

For further information please ask Debbie or Ian Rye telephone 502083 or call in at The Old Chapel by the pond or just come on the night and see for yourself.

All Welcome

**WEREHAM MEMORIES** I felt I must put this in properly, as Sue Smith put that the Late John Ketts wrote that he was very good at a Norfolk dialect! As Sue put, John Kett had some association with Wereham. John was born here and lived with his parents in the house 'Cromer Lodge' His Mum and Dad were very popular in the village. Mrs Ketts was one of the founder members of the Women's Institute, which my late Mother introduced me to when I was married in 1953 and I enjoyed it very much. With regards to Billy the seal, I have his photograph. He went in Gothic Cottage and sat on the hearth. My youngest daughter now lives there. Billy went over to the 'Pub' and had a pint of beer. Unfortunately he got an infection on his tummy as the road was tarred in those days (1931) and he died. As for Annie Locke, she used to sit on the pit railings for a mardle (Norfolk dialect for a chat or gossip). My Late husband Derek Roberts, a friend of John Ketts, left to be a school headmaster at Cawston, Norwich.

There is lots of history in this lovely village. My eldest daughter, Jeanette, wrote The History of Wereham and I have still got it. It has been read by many residents. She wrote it in 1969 for her CSE at what is now called Downham Academy. My late husband was very much a 'village man' and liked 'social history', and he helped Jeanette with many photos for her folder. If anybody would like to read it they are very welcome.

I will be 85 years old in August (if I survive)! I have lovely memories of Wereham as I delivered milk for the late Mrs J.Newell, then later I was Post Lady for 25 years, which I enjoyed. Post now comes later in the day, mine was early mornings. Everything not the same and never will be, unfortunately.

*Barbara Roberts*

Do you have any memories or photographs of old Wereham? If you would like to share them please let me know Viv Scott. Tel: 01366 500346. Email: [Vivienne.scott@googlemail.com](mailto:Vivienne.scott@googlemail.com)

### **Wereham & Wretton Scout Group – Beavers are Back!**

Our Beaver colony is now up and running with latest adult recruit, Nicky Dickens, as Beaver Leader. There are still spaces available for boys and girls (age 6 to 8) to join the new section. Beavers meet on Monday evenings at our Scout HQ, Grange Farm, Crimplasham (just off the A134), between 5.30pm and 6.30pm. Do get in touch if your son or daughter would like to join or find out more by phoning Nicky on 07799 074679, or Paul (Group Scout Leader) on 01366 501224. Alternatively email [wereham.wretton.scouts@gmail.com](mailto:wereham.wretton.scouts@gmail.com)

We are still seeking an Assistant Beaver Leader to help Nicky in this exciting new venture – if you are interested please contact Paul on the number above.

### **Wereham & Wretton Scout Group – Fish & Chip Supper – Do Join Us**

The Scout Group will be holding a fundraising Fish & Chip Supper in West Dereham Village Hall on Friday 18th March. This is open to all – families especially welcome, and there is no need to have a connection with Scouting. There will be some entertainment (still at the planning stage), and a raffle. The star prize will be a child's bike, with smaller prizes also available.

If you cannot attend the event, but would like to participate in the main draw for the bike prize, please contact Pam (details below).

Doors will open just before 6.30 pm and we hope to be serving food between 7.00/7.30pm, so it is not too late for our younger guests. Licensed bar available.

The meal price is £8. Portions are generous; one could be shared between 2

(or maybe even 3) children, depending on ages and appetite. Meals must be ordered and paid for in advance (by afternoon of Thursday 17th at the latest) as our requirements need to be confirmed with the chippy 24 hours before the event. We hope you will support this venture – a chance to share a meal in good company and raise money for a local cause. Monies will directly benefit children (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts – aged between 6 and 14) in our group, as well as supporting our HQ maintenance projects.

Orders should be placed with Pam Walker, 01366 501426 or 07970 793018. Alternatively, order and pay at the White Hart Bar in West Dereham Village Hall on a Tuesday or Friday evening, or Sunday between noon and 4pm. Monies for meals ordered by phone should be popped through Pam's door (Fiddler's Roof, The Row, West Dereham – in named envelopes please) or at the Village Hall bar at the times above (again in named envelopes).

We look forward to seeing you on the 18th. *Paul Smith, Group Scout Leader*

### **Mobile Library Route 126**

The number of mobile library stops in the village has been reduced to one afternoon visit only (Queens Close, 16.20 to 16.35). The morning stop at the pond was under-utilised and has been withdrawn - a reminder that services need to be used to remain viable. The Library visits fortnightly on a Monday, although there will be just one visit in March (14th) due to the Easter Bank Holiday. Do take a look at what the service can offer – there's something for all ages, books, audiobooks and DVDs. Joining is free (proof of ID required).

### **February Update from Wereham Village Hall Committee**

January and February were frustrating as high winds meant closure of the hall on a number of occasions which impacted on some of our regular users (we really do need that new building!!). Even so, a bit of rescheduling meant that our regular events were still able to go ahead and the Pop-up café even worked the bad weather to their advantage with some impromptu Shrove Tuesday pancakes!

Our next big fundraising event is the Easter family prize bingo on Wednesday 23rd March. Everyone is welcome – there are prizes for all ages to be won! For further details please contact Doreen on 01366 500218 or Angela on 01366 500115 and, as always, we are always very grateful for contributions of prizes and refreshments.

If you would like to get involved with the Friends of Wereham Village Hall Group, we are always looking for new volunteers and now really is the time that we need as much help as possible - this year is going to be very busy - we have a huge job on as we push to increase our fundraising in support of the new hall.

There are jobs for everyone so contact Doreen on 01366 500218. Also, if anyone has any suggestions for new events to raise funds or feels a sudden urge to run a marathon/sit in a bath of custard/skydive etc. etc. for some well-earned sponsorship towards the new hall, please do let us know!

### **Update from the New Build Project Team**

Work continues apace as our Stage 3 lottery application deadline moves ever closer. January saw two public consultations. Project consultations in early January were attended by approximately 50 people and provided us with some useful feedback to use in the final design of the new hall. These were followed by an architect led consultation on 18th January where the final plans were unveiled and discussed. Again the evening was well attended and it was lovely to receive such positive feedback. For anyone who has not seen the final plans, they are available on our website and Facebook page.

As the plot of the current village hall is not big enough to accommodate the new, larger hall, Heygates Mills, who own the playing field, have agreed to sell a parcel of it to the Wereham Village Hall. It is likely that we will then need to sell the land the current hall sits on as a building plot as even with a successful lottery bid, we will still have a significant shortfall in funds that we will need to find before the build can begin. As such, we have now submitted two planning applications to the Borough Council. The first is for the new hall on the new plot and the second is for a pair of semi-detached houses to be built on the site of the current hall.

And finally, we would all like to say a really big thank you to Helen who has had to stand down from the Project Team due to other commitments. Her work over the past few years has played a big part in getting us to where we are today and we are all very grateful to her and will really miss the knowledge and experience she brought to the team. *Victoria, John E, John M & Rachel.*

### **Wereham Village Hall Bonus Ball Club**

The lucky winners of £60 each in February were Darren Edwards and John Voutt – congratulations to you both! Whilst there are no numbers available at present, if you are interested in joining, please contact me on 07795006811 and I will add you to the waiting list. Many thanks, *Helen Richardson, Secretary.*

### **Events list**

**Bingo** - Wereham Village Hall "Cash Prize" Bingo every Wednesday, doors open 6.45 eyes down 7.30pm. Teas/coffees available with complimentary biscuits. For enquiries contact Doreen on 01366 500218.

**Pop up Café** – first Tuesday of the month, 10.30-12. Next dates Tuesday 1st

March and Tuesday 5th April. Join us for a slice of homemade cake, a hot drink, a natter and a read of the daily papers – all for just £1. Cake donations/queries to Doreen on 01366 500218.

**Indoor/Outdoor Car Boot** – last Sunday of the month, 9am-1pm (café opens at 8am). Next dates Sunday 28th February and Sunday 27th March. Café serving bacon butties, hot dogs and hot drinks. £5 pitch or, if you have earned time credits, there are two pitches/tables available at a cost of 4 time credits each. To book call Colin on 07961130251/01366 502281.

**Easter Family Prize Bingo** – Wednesday 23rd March, eyes down 7.30pm. Donations of prizes gratefully received; please contact Doreen (01366 500218), or Angela (01366 500115).

For all the pictures and feedback from our events, log onto [www.facebook.com/werehamvillagehall](http://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.

If you have any queries with regards to the plans for funding a new village hall, or anything we're doing, please contact Victoria Gray, Chair, Wereham Village Hall Committee *Home: 501277 Mobile: 07725513583*

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## WEREHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The last ordinary meeting of Wereham Parish Council was on 12th January and an extraordinary meeting was held on 9th February. The minutes from both are available from the clerk or on [www.werehamparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.werehamparishcouncil.co.uk).

The next ordinary meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th March, 7pm at Wereham Village Hall. The agenda will be published on Thursday 3rd March. Any agenda items must always be with the clerk by the end of the month previous to each meeting.



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## SWAFFHAM AND LITCHAM HOME HOSPICE

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The presentation took place at the Home Hospice's Office in Swaffham.



We felt it appropriate to list our diary of events for this year and they are as follows:

5<sup>th</sup> March Coffee Morning at the Methodist Church, Swaffham. 9am start

2<sup>nd</sup> April Hunstanton Concert Band, Assembly Rooms, Swaffham. Tickets are available at Ceres Book Shop and our Office at the Echo Tech Business Park.

15<sup>th</sup> April Quiz Evening, The Conservative Club, Swaffham.

21<sup>st</sup> May our Street Collection in Swaffham.

24<sup>th</sup> June Beauty Evening in the Pedlar Suite, George Hotel, Swaffham. This event is being organised by Jarrolds of Norwich. An event for the Ladies. Tickets will be available at Ceres Book Shop, our Office and myself on Swaffham 01760 722924 or [davidgulliver640@btinternet.com](mailto:davidgulliver640@btinternet.com)

19<sup>th</sup> August Charity Golf Day, Swaffham Golf Club.

1<sup>st</sup> October Concert of Choirs, Assembly Rooms, Swaffham.

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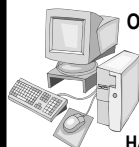
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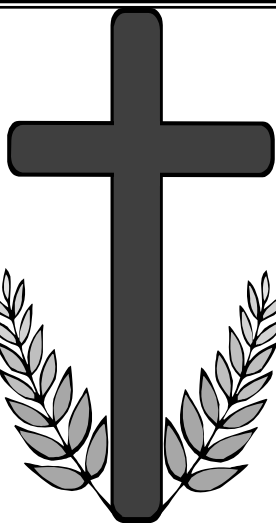
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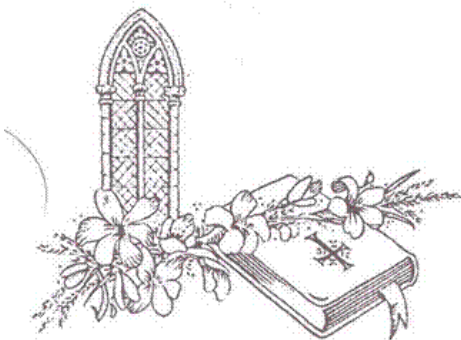
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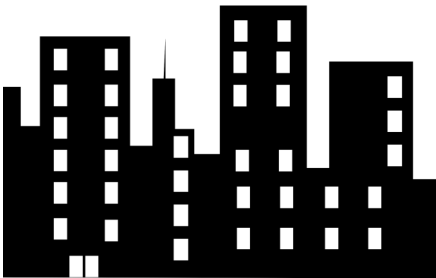
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2. A phlebotomist extracts what from the human body
3. What is the female equivalent of polygyny?
4. How many feet are there in a fathom?
5. Granadilla is another name for which fruit?
6. Nariyal is the Indian term for which nut?
7. Who was president of North Vietnam from 1945-54?
8. In which county of the UK is Bramber Castle?
9. What type of animal was inside Sputnik 2 when launched into orbit in 1957?
10. Who was the eldest of the Marx Brothers
11. What type of creature is a dugite?
12. What are the first names of English novelist G K Chesterton?
13. In computing what does DMA normally stand for?
14. Who painted The Water Lily Pool?
15. Which vitamin is also known as pantothenic acid?
16. A couple celebrating their crystal wedding anniversary have been married for how many years?
17. The song Luck be a Lady features in which musical?
18. In the city of Manchester (England) the Irk and Medlock join which river?
19. What type of animal is a Kolinsky?
20. Who wrote the book Catch-22?
21. Kodiak Island is in which US state?
22. In the human body what is the hallux?
23. In which year did Henry VIII become King of England?
24. The 1999 film Tea with Mussolini is based on whose autobiography?
25. Port Said is in which North African country?
26. In which year were premium bonds first issued in Britain?
27. Who designed the Beatles Sgt Peppers Lonely Hearts Club Band album cover?
28. Madame de Pompadour was the mistress of which French King?
29. What is the name of Moe's pet cat in the cartoon show The Simpsons?
30. Which country is known as the Pearl of Africa? (answers on page 7)

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