

Group 4

NEWS



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

May 2014

WELCOME

Plenty to do, as usual. A charity walk, fish and chip supper, bingo, concerts, coffee mornings and of course, time to book your June weekends in good time for the Open gardens days. Every village says 'offers of help welcomed' so please ring the numbers given and **offer. Too often organisers struggle and someone always says 'I would have helped if you'd asked me.'** Ring the number, email the address, and offer to help. You will be warmly welcomed and all help is appreciated.

The days are drawing out and more time is available for gardens. . Please consider your neighbours and keep radios, etc at a level that doesn't impinge on their enjoyment of their own gardens.

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,

I was reading an article the other day on ‘responsible shopping’. As I’m dashing around a supermarket I often simply forget to weigh up the real cost of the things I’m buying. Things like the air miles or road miles the goods have travelled, the amount of packaging that has been used, as well as the human cost of things that are not Fairtrade. The Fairtrade initiative supports about 20 million workers and their families around the world, ensuring they have a fair wage for the work they do. Like most things it started fairly small but in this country we now spend about £2 billion on Fairtrade products each year.

Recently I have heard comments that we should really be supporting our own local farmers rather than buying Fairtrade goods. Well I don’t know about you, but I haven’t seen bananas, pineapples, tea and coffee grown in this part of Norfolk, so I think there is a place for both initiatives. Let’s support our local farmers where we can, but for other goods let’s support Fairtrade whenever we can. In the current economic climate we are all counting the pennies but we also have to see the bigger picture and count the real cost. Psalm 24 tells us that “The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it.” It is a great privilege for us to be entrusted with it, but an awesome responsibility, too.

Barbara

Next Archdeacon of Cambridge appointed

The Bishop of Ely is delighted to announce that The Revd Dr Alexander Hughes, Vicar of Southsea St Luke and St Peter, has been appointed as the next Archdeacon of Cambridge. He succeeds the Ven John Beer who retired in March.

Dr Hughes was ordained in Oxford in 2000. He served his curacy at Headington Quarry in Oxford diocese before moving to the Diocese of Portsmouth as Bishop's Chaplain in 2003. Since 2008 Alex has been a parish priest in inner-city Portsmouth. He is also Chair of Governors at a secondary Academy.

The Bishop of Ely, the Rt Revd Stephen Conway, said: "I am delighted that Alex Hughes has accepted the invitation to become the next Archdeacon of Cambridge.

"Alex comes to us as an exceptional priest who encouraged the appointment panel with his passion for God, theological maturity and heart for the clergy and parishes. He comes with excellent educational experience as chair of a secondary academy to take on the role as Chair of the Board of Education.

"Alex is already eager to be involved in what we are seeking to develop as our generous and transformative vision in how we serve God's mission across our diocese."

Speaking about his appointment, Alex said: "I am hugely excited about joining the Diocese of Ely. I especially look forward to serving the parishes and deaneries of the archdeaconry, as they respond to the call to mission with generosity and imagination, and to working with the Board of Education in support of the Church's ministry in schools." Alex's wife, Sarah, is a trainee psychodynamic counsellor, and they have two children, Thomas (8) and Joseph (5). In his spare time Alex enjoys cooking and entertaining, reading, music and theatre. He took up running in 2012 and is currently training for the London Marathon.

Biography: Alex was born in Honiara, capital of the Solomon Islands, though he grew up on the south coast of England, in Southampton and Seaford. He came from a Christian family, but it was not until he was at Oxford studying theology that he sensed a call to ordination. After graduating Alex worked as a factory labourer at Parker Pen. In 1998 he married Sarah, and they spent their honeymoon back-packing round East Africa, Australia and Fiji. On return they

moved to Westcott House in Cambridge where Alex completed his ordination training and undertook post-graduate study.

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Parish Buying and Office depot Paper can be expensive, especially if you use lots of it for the newsletter or parish documents. Parish Buying has secured a paper deal through approved supplier Office Depot, for just £9.20 per box! That's five reams per box, 500 sheets per ream, all at high quality 80gsm. To view the latest offers, please visit the Office Depot website to browse and order, or go direct to the [Parish Buying website](#) to find out more.

The Big Bluebell Dog Walk

Where: All Saints Church, Boughton, Norfolk PE33 9AQ

When: 11th May 2014 @ 2pm

Contact: Hannah-Lou Blackall on hlblackall25@gmail.com or
07900 243275

It couldn't be easier to take part in The Big Dog Walk; it's all about walking your support for Canine Partners and raising awareness of our amazing dogs.

Tickets cost £5 for adults or a donation, £2 per child.

Meeting point at the church

Canine Partners—not sure what it means? Canine Partners is a charity based in Sussex that provides highly trained dogs to assist people with disabilities. They also help war veterans. The dogs assist with everyday activities that most people take for granted ie picking things up, getting the telephone, tugging off clothes and help out and about by paying with the owner's credit card (luckily they don't know the numbers!) and taking things down from supermarket shelves. HLB <http://www.caninepartners.org.uk/>

COUNTRYSIDE NOTES

THE BATTLE AREA

Anyone who has been fortunate enough to have visited the Stanford Training Area (STANTA) will have thought they had taken a step back in time, indeed several locations were used in the filming of the 1970's TV series 'Dad's Army'.

The Battle Area is a massive training area extending for 30,000 acres from Hilborough estate in the north, almost to Thetford in the south and close to Watton in the east. It was created in 1941 when this huge tract of land was taken over by the MOD for training troops to fight in the Second World War. It resulted in the complete evacuation of six villages, Stanford, Buckenham Tofts, Sturston, Langford, Tottington and West Tofts at very short notice, about three weeks in fact. It also encompassed hundreds of acres of heathland, forestry and parts of several other parishes. David's friend, who died recently at the age of 100, was one of the first soldiers to be sent to Stanford. He arrived in mid-summer and recalled finding gardens of the abandoned cottages full of fresh vegetables and fruit for then nearly every family would have been growing as much of their own food as they could. The hungry soldiers made the most of this unexpected bounty. It must have been such a very sad time as families were forced to leave their homes and become split up.

Now occasionally organized groups are granted a guided tour and although there is no sign left of the cottages the churches have been spared and much of the landscape is little different to what it was then. For centuries the prime source of income from such poor quality land had come from farming rabbits. They were kept in enclosed warrens and bred both for their fur and meat but this organized management had been eroded when tree planting began in the 1920s and came to an abrupt end when the army moved in. Immediately post war a short-lived attempt was made to farm small parts of the training area and warreners, employed by the Ministry of Agriculture, were accounting for 30,000 rabbits a year. Modern farming is carried out in places on the periphery but the heart of the Battle Area is still very much in use for military training. Today, although some rabbits are still present, it is many hundreds of sheep that keep the unspoiled landscape open and relatively free from encroaching trees and scrub. There are a few small rivers and man-made lakes within the battle area as well as two or three natural 'meres'. These unpredictable lakes are sometimes dry, most often in winter, but a few months after the winter rains, when the water has had time to slowly permeate through the chalk beneath, they

mysteriously begin to fill which often happens in summer. This phenomenon varies from year to year.

Surprisingly the MOD take great pride in conservation management and under their care this natural habitat is carefully preserved as best it can be for the benefit of the animals, birds insects and plants that share this unspoiled area despite its continuing use as a high profile training area. *Jill Mason*

Fincham Chorus Present 'Lost Voices'

Music from the Great and 2nd World Wars

The Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul Swaffham

Saturday 28th June 2014 at 7.30 pm

Supported by King's Lynn Male Voice Choir Cy Paine and the Downham Market Swing Orchestra
Special Guest Appearance by Richard Spendlove MBE –broadcaster

Tickets £10 including refreshments Available from Fincham Stores

Answers to quiz on page 71

1. Transplant seedlings and small plants
2. Venus fly-trap
3. Tomato
4. Mushroom
5. Pistil
6. Orange
7. Roses
8. Shamrock
9. Bark
10. Californian Redwood
11. Deciduous
12. Xylem
13. rice
14. Wheat
15. Ovary
16. Seed
17. Topiary
18. Mountain Ash
19. Fuchsia
20. They are poisonous.
21. Snapdragon
22. Lotus
23. Belladonna
24. Nectar

25. Count the rings.
26. Leylandii
27. Chile
28. Busy Lizzie

Answer to puzzle on page 17

The only lockers that remain open are perfect squares (1, 4, 9, 16, etc) because they are the only numbers divisible by an odd number of whole numbers; every factor other than the number's square root is paired up with another. Thus, these lockers will be "changed" an odd number of times, which means they will be left open. All the other numbers are divisible by an even number of factors and will consequently end up closed.

So the number of open lockers is the number of perfect squares less than or equal to one thousand. These numbers are one squared, two squared, three squared, four squared, and so on, up to thirty one squared. (Thirty two squared is greater than one thousand, and therefore out of range.) So the answer is thirty one.

IT IS THE MONTH OF MAYING.....

The month of May was named for the Greek goddess Maia, who was identified with the Roman goddess of fertility, Bona Dea, whose festival was held in May. Conversely, the Roman poet Ovid provides a second etymology, in which he says that the month of May is named for the *maiores*, Latin for "elders," and that the following month (June) is named for the *iuniores*, or "young people"

May 1st - Observed as May Day, a holiday and spring festival since ancient times, also observed in socialist countries as a workers' holiday or Labour Day.

May 1, 1707 - Great Britain was formed from a union between England and Scotland. The union included Wales which had already been part of England since the 1500's. The United Kingdom today consists of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

May 1, 1960 - An American U-2 spy plane flying at 60,000 feet was shot down over Sverdlovsk in central Russia on the eve of a summit meeting between President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Soviet Russia's Premier Nikita Khrushchev. The sensational incident caused a cancellation of the meeting and heightened existing Cold War tensions. The pilot, CIA agent Francis Gary Powers, survived the crash, and was tried, convicted and sentenced to 10 years in prison by a Russian court. Two years later he was released to America in exchange for an imprisoned Soviet spy. On his return to America, Powers encountered a hostile public which apparently believed he should not have allowed himself to be captured alive. He died in a helicopter crash in 1977

May 3 Birthday - Italian writer and statesman Niccolo Machiavelli (1469-1527) was born in Florence, Italy. He offered a blunt, realistic view of human nature and power in his works *The Prince* and *Discourses on Livy*.

Birthday - Golda Meir (1898-1978) was born in Kiev, Russia. She was one of the founders of the modern state of Israel and served as prime minister from 1969 to 1974.

May 4, 1494 - During his second journey of exploration in the New World, Christopher Columbus discovered Jamaica.

May 6, 1937 - The German airship Hindenburg burst into flames at 7:20 p.m. as it neared the mooring mast at Lakehurst, New Jersey, following a trans-Atlantic voyage. Thirty six of the 97 passengers and crew were killed. The inferno was

caught on film and also witnessed by a commentator who broke down amid the emotional impact and exclaimed, "Oh, the humanity!" The accident effectively ended commercial airship traffic.

May 7, 1954 - The French Indochina War ended with the fall of Dien Bien Phu, in a stunning victory by the Vietnamese over French colonial forces in northern Vietnam. The country was then divided in half at the 17th parallel, with South Vietnam created in 1955.

Birthday - Composer Johannes Brahms (1833-1897) was born in Hamburg, Germany. He composed over 300 songs and numerous orchestral, choral, piano, and chamber works, including his *German Requiem* commemorating the death of his mother

May 10, 1994 - Former political prisoner Nelson Mandela was inaugurated as president of South Africa. Mandela had won the first free election in South Africa despite attempts by various political foes to deter the outcome.

May 12, 1937 - George VI was crowned at Westminster Abbey in London, following the abdication of his brother, Edward VIII. King George reigned until his death in 1952. He was succeeded by his daughter Elizabeth, the current reigning monarch.

May 18, Birthday - Pope John Paul II (1920-2005) was born (as Karol Wojtyla) in Wadowice, Poland. In 1978, he became 264th Pope of the Roman Catholic Church, the first non-Italian elected in 456 years and the first Polish Pope.

May 20, 325 A.D. - The Council of Nicaea, the first ecumenical council of Catholic Church was called by Constantine I, first Christian Emperor of the Roman Empire. With nearly 300 bishops in attendance at Nicaea in Asia Minor, the council condemned Arianism which denied Christ's divinity, formulated the Nicene Creed and fixed the date of Easter.

May 20, 1932 - Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic. She departed Newfoundland, Canada, at 7 p.m. and landed near Londonderry, Ireland, completing a 2,026-mile flight in about 13 hours. Five years later, along with her navigator Fred Noonan, she disappeared while trying to fly her twin-engine plane around the equator.

May 21, 1991 - Former Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi was assassinated in the midst of a re-election campaign, killed by a bomb hidden in a bouquet of flowers. He had served as prime minister from 1984 to 1989, succeeding his mother, Indira Gandhi, who was assassinated in 1984.

Birthday - Russian physicist and human rights activist Andrei Sakharov (1921-1989) was born in Moscow. Although he helped construct the first atomic and hydrogen bombs for Soviet Russia, he later denounced the Soviet government and was exiled from 1980 to 1986. He was instrumental in formulating the political reform concept called *perestroika* and in encouraging *glasnost* (openness) in restrictive communist countries.

May 24, 1844 - Telegraph inventor Samuel Morse sent the first official telegraph message, "What hath God wrought?" from the Capitol building in Washington, D.C., to Baltimore.

May 28, 1961 - Amnesty International was founded by London lawyer Peter Berenson. He read about the arrest of a group of students in Portugal then launched a one-year campaign to free them called Appeal for Amnesty. Today Amnesty International has over a million members in 150 countries working to free prisoners of conscience, stop torture and the death penalty, and guarantee human rights for women.**May 29, 1453** - The city of Constantinople was captured by the Turks, who renamed it Istanbul. This marked the end of the Byzantine Empire as Istanbul became the capital of the Ottoman Empire.

May 29, 1660 - The English monarchy was restored with Charles II on the throne after several years of a Commonwealth under Lord Protector Oliver Cromwell.

Birthday - Founder of the Russian empire Peter the Great (1672-1725) was born near Moscow. He vastly increased the power of the Russian monarchy and turned his backward country into a major power in the Western world. Among his accomplishments, he completely overhauled the government and the Greek Orthodox Church as well as the military system and tax structure. He built St. Petersburg, established printing presses and published translations of foreign books, modernized the calendar, simplified the Russian alphabet and introduced Arabic numerals. He died at age 52 and was succeeded by his wife Catherine.

Village Open Gardens Days in June

The four villages in the southern half of the benefice invite you to visit them for their traditional open gardens days in aid of their churches. Each village and each church differs in character and appearance, but all are welcoming and friendly. Please note the following days in your diaries

Sunday 1st June St Mary's Church Beachamwell Many lovely Beachamwell gardens are open from 12 noon until 5 pm. There are organ recitals in the beautiful round towered and thatched church, with ploughman's lunches and teas available within a short walk. There will be a variety of stalls, a raffle and a tombola. Adults £3 and children free. Contact 01366 328339/328706/328818 for further enquiries.

Sunday 8th June All Saints' Church Boughton A range of gardens will be open around the village from 12 noon until 5 pm. The plant emporium will be open again and lunches and teas will be available in the church. If you have already seen our reordered church and sampled Sandy's refreshments, you won't need a second hint. If you haven't, come along and enjoy good food and a warm welcome. Toilet available. Dogs on leads welcome. Adults £3.50 and children free. Contact 01366 500429.

Sunday 15th June St Margaret of Antioch Wereham At least 8 village gardens will be open from 12.45 pm to 5.30 pm. Garden maps will be available from the church. Salad lunches will be served from 12 noon. Teas, a plant stall and a raffle will also be available. Adults £3.50 and children free. Contact 01366 500233

Sunday 29th June St Andrew's Barton Bendish Numerous gardens open, including the gardens of Barton Bendish Hall. Ploughman's lunches, available from noon in the village hall. Afternoon teas, raffle, plant stall and cake stall. The redundant church of St Mary's will also be open. Adults £3.50 and children free. Contact 01366 347563/347849

Extra! Extra! 10th May Orchard House, Beachamwell Coffee morning/Plant Sale in aid of the flower festival in July.

17th May Barton Bendish Village Hall 10.30 am Coffee Morning in aid of the Flower Festival.



Monday May 5th

10.00 - 14.30

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Friday May 16th

AGM and Nightingales
at Lackford Lakes Reserve
near West Stow
with Suffolk Wildlife Trust

Nightingale Walk 6.30 pm
AGM 7.30 pm

Enquiries:

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Beachamwell WI

Thursday May 1st

7.30pm

Beachamwell Memorial Hall

'Resolutions and Discussion'

Enquiries:

Jenny Gabrielsen 01366 328297

Beachamwell Half Marathon Sunday May 4th

Set off 9.00 from
Beachamwell Memorial
Hall

Enquiries

Brian & Carole Wilson
01366 328628

Beachamwell Book Group Tuesday May 6th

7.00 - 9.00pm

Beachamwell Memorial Hall

Book to be discussed at this meeting

'A Thousand Splendid Suns'

Khaled Hosseini

£2.00 + Bring & Buy Bookstall
New members welcome

Enquiries:

Leah Spencer 01366 328536

Beachamwell Wednesday Walkers

Wednesday May 7th

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

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

This makes a very easy and quick supper dish served with a green salad.

TOMATO TART

INGREDIENTS

1 Pkt of Ready-roll Puff Pastry

1 Jar of Pesto

1 Box of small Plum Tomatoes

Handful of Parmesan Shavings

Sprinkle of Italian Herbs

Few drops of oil

Beaten Egg

METHOD

Roll out the pastry into an oblong larger than the baking sheet and trim round leaving

Enough pastry to add an extra layer all the way round to make a side for the tart.

Spread the base with the pesto and cover with the tomatoes. Prick each tomato to stop them bursting in the oven.

Sprinkle the top with the parmesan and herbs and dot all over with the oil. Brush around the edge with the beaten egg.

Bake in the oven at 180 until the pastry is cooked and looking golden. The tomatoes should have collapsed at this stage. 40 – 50 mins.

Sandy Reid

St Martin's , Fincham Coffee Morning

We would like to thank all those that have supported our coffee mornings, and supplied us with prizes each month and home made sausage rolls and cakes. We are very grateful, and to all those that help out as well, so in we made April £111.50. Our Next one will be held on Wednesday 14th May , newcomers will always be made welcome.

St Martins Harvest Supper at Fincham Memorial Hall on Friday 17th October at 6.30 -7.00pm
Hot Meal, desserts and raffle Prizes, £7.00 per person.

Calling all word game and crossword fans!

Look out for the next Barton Bendish quiz sheet. There are 50 questions with answers all on a 'Celebrations' 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 July. To get your sheet you can contact;

Barton Bendish: Mhari Blanchfield 01366 347 849 Linda Webster 01366 347563

Jill Mason 01366 347928 St Andrew's Church The Berney Arms 01366 347995

Eastmoor: Ann Lewing 01366 328350

Beachamwell: Margaret Webster 01366 328888 Sonia Williams 01366 328774

Debbie Fisher 01366 502224 **(Boughton)**

Lynda Eddy 01366 501308 **(Wereham)**

Post Office, **(Fincham)**

Quiz sheets are also available in St Andrews Church and at Barton Bendish fund raising events. Proceeds to help fund the flowers for the joint Festival of Flowers at St Mary's Beachamwell on July 26th and 27th.

Jazz at the Hall

Jazz Picnic in the grounds of Barton Bendish Hall

Sunday 13th July 2014 12 noon – 3pm (Gates open at 11.30am)

Tickets in advance £5.50 per person or £6.50 on the day

(16 years and under free) Bring your picnic and enjoy the music !

Beer, Raffle, and Ice Creams,

Posh Picnics available to order from the

Berney Arms (01366 347995)

For more details or tickets contact

Mhari 01366 347849 or Linda 01366 347563

Proceeds to St Andrew's Church, Barton Bendish



GARDENING TIPS

What a pleasure it has been to be able to get out into the garden, enjoy the warm spring sunshine and get a good start to the 2014 season which I believe, will turn out to be quite different in timing to anything we have experienced for a number of years. Seldom have we had such a continuous cornucopia of colour over such a long period both from spring flowers and shrub blossoms. I have a *Viburnum Carlisii* in my garden and this year it is a pleasure to behold – absolutely smothered in pink/white blossoms with such a heavenly scent. However, there is work to be done!

Dead head any bulb subjects as soon as the flowers have died off and give a feed of bone meal *gently* forked into the surface of the soil. If dry weather persists then the fertilizer will need watering in. When the flowers on spring flowering shrubs have died off lose no time in pruning the bushes. If the shrubs are getting oversize or out of shape this is a good time to deal with these matters as well. However, if you do have to prune hard then give the bushes a little help to recover. A dressing of blood, fish and bone watered in around the bush followed by a generous mulch will bring good dividends in subsequent years and help to keep the weeds at bay.

I anticipate that the soft fruit bushes and the cane bearing subjects will produce their fruit rather earlier than usual this year and will benefit from a dressing of sulphate of potash early this month. This applies equally to all the fruit bearing trees and bushes but do remember to *gently* water the fertiliser into the ground – it will do no good at all left on the surface of the soil!

Alpines and rockery plants in general will need tidying up as soon as their flowering period has passed. The old fashioned rockery plants need cutting back quite hard to keep them within their allotted space. However, the finer alpines should be treated with a little more TLC to get the best from them. Once the area has been cleaned up it is again a question of assistance from a suitable fertiliser to help them on into the new growth for their next season. Many rockery plants grow on very poor soils so don't overdo the feed, I usually give just one application of a soluble feed.

At the end of my April notes I commented upon the sad situation affecting two of my lawn areas. Having carried out the moss treatment I wrote about I think one area will recover with regular soluble feeding without having to reseed, but the jury is still out on the worst affected patch! Watch this space! Whatever the situation, all lawns having been raked out to remove the old dead matter left over

from the winter will require a spring and summer type feed.

It is early in April as I write this piece and at the moment I believe we shall continue to experience fairly settled conditions, with possibly the occasional unsettled day or two, for some time ahead. If I am right then we shall all be doing jobs in the garden several weeks ahead of what is normal. There is, however, always a fly in the ointment where weather conditions are concerned – if we continue to experience anticyclonic conditions, subject to where an anticyclone settles, we could run into late frosts. I can remember it happening in the past. In one such year I lost the entire top growth from my early potato crop in the first week of June! It reduced the yield by about 50%. So beware, even though we have an early season do not be in too much haste planting out those tender subjects! Those of us with the benefit of a greenhouse and a cold frame can usually manage to keep plants moving along on time. The problem with an early season such as we have this year gives the impression that we can plant our subjects with impunity. If you can provide the care that is necessary with the really tender subjects then you can get ahead by putting them outside on nice warm days and then back under cover at night or when conditions are inclement, but if you don't, then be patient.

In the vegetable garden the only items that now need care are runner beans and sweetcorn – it would be unwise to put them out into their permanent positions until the danger of frost has gone. You must watch the met forecasts day by day to get a true picture. On that note, which I am sure some of you will laugh at, I will finish this set of notes. The thought of believing a weather forecast – well I never! The Met people these days are more than careful after some of their rather unfortunate prognostications, but they are usually fairly accurate when it comes to predicting frost patterns. Those of you who live in known frost hollows must be particularly careful. *Roy Coughtrey*

This is the 45th article Roy has written for our magazines and I'm sure everyone finds them interesting and enjoyable to read. Many thanks, Roy.

Think about it.....A high school has a strange principal. On the first day, he has his students perform an odd opening day ceremony: There are one thousand lockers and one thousand students in the school. The principal asks the first student to go to every locker and open it. Then he has the second student go to every second locker and close it. The third goes to every third locker and, if it is closed, he opens it, and if it is open, he closes it. The fourth student does this to every fourth locker, and so on. After the process is completed with the thousandth student, how many lockers are open? Answer on page 40

INCINERATOR DEFEATED

I am very pleased to say; on 7th April 2014 the incinerator was finally defeated. Stopping it was the difficult part however; we still need to ensure Norfolk implements a sensible waste strategy. KLWIN and Farmers Campaign acted as a catalyst but the campaigns' success depended on active community involvement and a core of outstanding politicians. When we asked you to write letters, thousands responded making the difference between success and failure. West Norfolk Borough Council has been exemplary by standing up to County Council pressure. Henry Bellingham led Norfolk's MPs, effective lobbying on our behalf. Fortunately in 2013 many pro incinerator Councillors lost their seats. April's victory at County Hall was due to the cross party 'gang of six'. They are: UKIP leader Richard (Toby) Coke, John Dobson Conservative, Alex Kemp (now Independent), Andrew Boswell Green Party, Richard Bird Independent and Tim East LibDem. They set aside party politics to work together on our behalf. All UKIP and Green Party Councillors honoured their manifesto promises to stop the incinerator. The incinerator could be described as a 'near miss' in many ways; if it had continued regardless of the public mandate to stop it, voter participation in future elections might have collapsed. After all, why bother voting ever again, if politicians working together cannot stop the incinerator? Thankfully they did stop it, underlining just how important it is, to consider your vote carefully at every election.

If we don't vote or don't bother looking at the candidate behind the rosette it is easy to get 'stuck with' a second rate politician. Encouraging more people to pay attention to local government politics will help protect our future; we ignore it at our peril.

Lastly, Michael de Whalley deserves special recognition for his part in starting the campaign; and Richard from Burton Environmental Consulting, for providing his vital support entirely free of charge, Thank You.

Mike Knights

Fairgreen Farms, Hill Road, Middleton, PE32 1RN

St Martin of Tours Fincham Goodbye and Good Luck to John & Teresa Clarke

After the AGM and PCC meeting in the Church the PCC are the same, but due to our Secretary John Clarke moving to a new part of the country with his wife Teresa, they will be greatly missed with all the hard work that they put into supporting the Church, Fetes, concerts over the years etc., and his Secretarial work on the PCC for over 29 years,. We are all very grateful.

Many people in the southern half of the benefice will also know John and Teresa and agree that they will be greatly missed by all their friends. We wish them every happiness in Devon.



Church Road, Barton Bendish



Traditional village Inn offering luxury accommodation and restaurant with AA Rosette.

Real ales, good food and a warm welcome.

Open 7 days a week, Monday to Saturday 12 noon to 11pm, Sunday's 12 noon to 10pm.

Locally sourced, home cooked food served every day.

Enjoy our extensive gardens & unique Children's Play Church Tower, traditional deck chairs & large multi-coloured bean bags.

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Come and try out our speciality coffees and chocolate including Nestle Grand Cru Coffee and Cailler Swiss Chocolate - even more delicious served with homemade cakes.

**Check out the website for details of all the menus and the diary of events
www.theberneyarms.co.uk or call 01366 347995.**

Phil, Sue and the team will be happy to help with any enquiries.

Wereham Messy Church
Thursday June 5th 4pm -5.30pm

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

The next Wereham Messy church will be about Noah . (No we are not praying for rain!). It will again be informal, fun and enjoyable. It will include stories, singing, activities and FOOD. Don't miss it. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Please put these dates in your diary

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

Pop-Up Café



Tuesday 6th May

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.

SPECIAL EVENT PLANNED?

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Wereham Village Hall
Wednesdays

Doors open 6.45 pm

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Raffle and Refreshments
with complimentary biscuits



Enquiries: Roger Collins
01366 500088

All proceeds go to Village Hall
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WEREHAM

Village Yard Sale

Sun May 4th

Maps on Sale in Village Hall

Teas, Coffees Cakes

Hall opens at 8:15

Yards open at 0:900

More info Contact Jacqueline 500880

Boughton



**THE GREAT BRITISH
FISH & CHIPS SUPPER**
Friday 16th May, 7.30 pm
Village Centre

Enjoy an evening of traditional
British Fayre, a Norfolk Quiz thrown in
and help support a worthy cause

Tickets £10.00 each

(Choice of Fish, Chicken, Sausage, or
Scampi & Chips)

Tea/Coffee/Soft Drinks included

Booking is essential **Contact Debbie on 502224 or
Peter on 500044**

The Great British Fish & Chips Supper is all
about getting together, having fun and
raising money for the Spinal Injuries
Association, so please come and join us

'A Boughton Village Caravan Production'

Shouldham

In aid of

All Saints' Church

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 Ann Hullah (347814)
asap to book.

New tables very welcome.



All Saints', Shouldham

Praise Him upon the Loud Cymbals Psalm 150 is often used at bell-ringers' services because its references to lutes, harps, trumpets, etc. are no doubt thought appropriate to people with a noisy pastime! It is remarkable that almost six years have passed since All Saints' bells were rededicated following their major overhaul in 2007/08. Our faithful small band of ringers practises every Thursday, as well as ringing for most Sunday services; and there can be no doubt that the standard of our ringing has greatly improved since 'the Art' was re-started here in 1996.

Four of our bells are over 350 years old, with the two smallest being added by Sir Thomas Hare's family when the church was completely restored in 1870. No. 5 bell is the oldest, having been cast in the reign of Mary I (c.1556). It bears the founder's name: **AUSTEN BRACKER MAD (sic) ME ANNO DOMINI M...**

(the rest of the date filed off). Some of the letters are back-to-front, but there are also several, small shields on the bell's crown, including one of a Tudor rose with radiating sun's rays. Research has shown that Austen Bracker came from Ely and was an itinerant founder who probably cast the bell in a nearby field. Only about 8 of his bells still exist.

Bells Nos.3,4 and 6(the heaviest) were cast by the Norwich founder, John Brend II in 1652. The Brends (or Brands) had established a foundry in the city in 1564 and four successive generations continued it until the family was wiped out by plague in 1666. This second John Brend (1594-1658) cast a large number of bells for the Norfolk/Suffolk area, and is important to us as his inscriptions give a hint of the status of people connected to these castings. No. 3 bell is inscribed: **"Edmund Morris John Harplye Church Wardens I.B. 1652"** (the initials are those of the founder); No. 4 has: **"Lennard Chambers Roger Erish I.B. 1652"**; and No.6 – **"Margaret Dunham: Peter Gage: John Skiner (sic) I.B. 1652"**. These other names are likely to have been more affluent citizens who subscribed to the cost of casting. [Unusual at this time of the Puritan Commonwealth]. These ancient bells have neat scratch patterns inside their lips, showing where they were deliberately chipped with special hammers and chisels to bring them into tune with each other. Thus they still sound today exactly as they always have across the centuries.

As ringers, it is something of a privilege to perform on these antique instruments and to continue to announce the Gospel message. We are keen to introduce others to this very English skill, so if you are interested, please contact Brian Hullah (347814) or just come to see us ringing – absolutely no obligation! *Brian Hullah*

Fincham ringers would also be pleased to welcome returning ringers or new recruits.

BARTON BENDISH & EASTMOOR VILLAGE NEWS

`Request from David Mason

In my recent talk about the history of Barton Bendish I included an old picture of the Peace Day celebrations which was captioned as having taken place in Barton on July 19th 1919. It appears that the children in the picture have each been given a mug to commemorate the occasion and I would love to be able to get a photo of one of these. Does anyone happen to have one? If so please give me a ring on 01366 347928 or 07884411619 or email me at davidmasonimages@gmail.com Thanks *David*

Coffee Morning May 17th 10.30am-12.30pm

We will be holding a Coffee Morning in aid of St Andrew's Church in the village hall on Saturday 17th May at 10.30am. All donations of cakes and raffle prizes will be gratefully received!

Mhari and Linda

Barton Bendish Gardens Open Day Sunday 29th June

This year we have the last Sunday. Gardens will be open from 11am-5pm. Ploughmans' Lunches will be served in the Village Hall from 12 noon. Afternoon Teas will be served from 2pm also in the Village Hall. All proceeds from the day go to St. Andrew's Church. This is one of the main fundraising events for the Church, so we need as many gardens open as possible. They do not have to be big, fancy or showy, so please join in if you can. Please can you let me know if you are able to offer help in any way on the day, even if it is for just an hour or so, it will be much appreciated. We will be grateful of donations of cakes, plants or raffle prizes on the day. For further details please contact Maureen Tasker 01366 347432

News from St Andrew's

Quiz Night Barton Bendish held its annual quiz night on 29th March. A packed village hall answered questions ranging from the identity of crime-fighting duos to naming the artist, recognising the advertising slogans to questions about crossing continents. Thank you once again to Chris, Tim and Janice for devising the

questions and to the 13 teams that took part. A massive £320 was raised.

Quiz Sheet The next quiz sheet will be available at the end of May. Its theme will be 'Celebrations' which is the theme for the joint flower festival to be held at St Mary's Church, Beachamwell on July 26th and 27th. The proceeds will help to fund the flowers for the festival. Anyone who would like to take part in the Flower Festival, either by doing an arrangement, helping on the stalls, refreshments or raffle or by baking cakes would be very welcome.

Please contact Mhari (347849) or Linda (347563) for details.

Easter Chicks and Bunnies Thank you to the ladies in the village who have knitted the cute chick, bunny and rabbit Crème egg covers that have been for sale at the events at Barton Bendish and at the Berney Arms. They have been very popular and we have been amazed at the amount and the variety that our skilled knitters have produced. Thank you also to Sue and Phil at the Berney Arms for selling them too. At the time of writing they have raised approx. £120. An amazing effort!!

Working Parties Last year we had two very successful working parties that tackled general maintenance and small repair jobs within the church and churchyard. We are hoping to organise similar events this year – there are tasks to suit all ages and abilities and refreshments and lunch will be provided. We would love to hear from anyone who is interested in helping, even for an hour or two, and then we can arrange some mutually convenient dates. Please contact Mhari (347849) or Linda (347563)

Service Dates

11th May 11am Family Service with Holy Communion

25th May 6pm Evensong

8th June 11am Family Service with Holy Communion

22nd June 6pm Evensong BCP

Flower Rota

May Linda Webster **June** Maureen Buck **July** Anne Baird

Annual Parish and Ordinary Parish Council Meetings 12th March, 2014

1. Annual Parish Meeting

- a. a. The meeting was chaired by Cllr J.R.Bostock and minuted by the Parish Clerk; 10 parishioners attended.
- b. Parishioners made no comments and did not raise any points for discussion.
- c. The Chairman closed the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.10 pm.

2. Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

a. Cllr Bostock explained that some residual difficulties remained after his recent illness and that he would therefore be handing over the chair for the Parish Council meeting to Cllr T.M.Webster. The meeting was attended by seven Parish Cllrs, one Borough Cllr, the retiring Parish Clerk, Lt Col Berchem, and the new Clerk, Miss Sarah Thorpe and three members of the public.

b. The new Clerk was introduced to Cllrs. Her telephone number is : 01945-430930 and her e-mail address is: bartonbendishparishcouncil@aol.co.uk

c. A social event is to take place in the Village Hall on Saturday, 2nd August to commemorate the outbreak of WWI.

d. The Council expressed its appreciation of the work done by Barton Bendish Farms on the base of the War Memorial.

e. Although several road repairs have recently been done within the Parish, verge repairs are still required at Dairy Barn Corner, opposite Mason's Clamp on Fincham Road and pothole repairs in Church Road. The direction post at the junction of Beachamwell Road and Eastmoor Road will have the missing indicator arms replaced shortly. NCC Highways are aware of all these requirements.

f. The next meeting of Barton Bendish Parish Council will take place on Wednesday, 14th May, 2014. This will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting starting at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall. This will be followed by an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting starting at around 7.30 pm.

Lt Col I.R.Berchem, Parish Clerk

Lt. Col. I.R.Berchem

March 31st 2014 saw the retirement of Ian Berchem as Clerk to Barton Bendish

Parish Council a post Ian had held continuously for almost seven years following his appointment on 01 May 2007. It is difficult for me to do full justice to the dedication consistently displayed by Ian in his devotion to serve the best interests of all Parishioners throughout the whole of his period of service. There was never any difference between helping a single individual over some relatively minor matter and tackling a major issue affecting the whole of Parish life.

By way of illustration there are a few things I particularly recall.

July 2010 saw the resignation of some Councillors who could not agree with others and Ian was faced with a depleted Councillor number and the possibility of business failing because of the lack of the legally required quorum for the conduct of business. Ian dealt with the problem in a cool and detached manner arranging for the invitation of co-option volunteers as against the alternative of the expense of a full election. A full complement of Councillors was soon in office again with business being conducted in a thoroughly positive and friendly manner.

The early years of Ian's term as Clerk saw increasing concern over the stability of the War Memorial to the point where an eventual toppling over appeared an increasing possibility. Ian identified a specialist firm prepared to take on and guarantee the straightening and stability by means of silicon injections under the original footings and a fixed price contract of almost £4000 was agreed. Almost alone Ian arranged for successful grant applications covering the total cost and this meant that the work was soon completed at no expense whatever to Barton and Eastmoor Parishioners. The Memorial was cleaned and re-lettered and at the Remembrance Day Service of November 2011 was formally Re-dedicated.

The Coronation Jubilee celebrations at Barton Bendish were generally recognised as having been amongst the most successful of events in other Norfolk villages of a similar size. In typically enthusiastic fashion Ian ensured that our local celebrations got away to a flying start by hosting a superb garden party and flag raising ceremony at Holly House. This started a weekend of joyful activities culminating in Barton Bendish playing its part in the lighting of a nation-wide chain of Beacons to bring events to a most satisfying conclusion.

Ian Berchem takes with him into retirement as Parish Clerk the sincere and grateful thanks of the entire Barton Bendish and Eastmoor communities.

Ray Bostock Chairman Barton Bendish Parish Council

Old Downham! don't know whether anyone would be interested but the Downham Market Heritage Society are showing a collection of slides of Old Downham in the Town Hall, Downham on Friday June 13th. Tickets are £5 and available from Lewks or the Heritage Centre during opening hours. *Jill*

Summary of Forthcoming Events

MAY 17th Coffee Morning 10.30 in the village hall

JUNE 29th Village Open Gardens

JULY 13th Jazz Picnic

26th & 27th Flower Festival at St Mary's Church, Beachamwell

AUGUST 2nd WW1 Commemorations Social Evening

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

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 St Andrews Church and Village Hall

Cristingle Service at 3pm in St Andrews Church on the 7th

13th Victorian Evening of Christmas Entertainment in the Village Hall

Fincham Memorial Hall

Great new market in the village hall every Thursday 9am to 1pm

with a vast range of both food and craft.

All produce and suppliers are sourced locally. There will be all fresh fish, meat, bread, pies, vegetables, Indian cuisine, cheese, jams and pickles, cakes, to name but a few.

The craft will include bespoke glass, jewellery, wood, candles, art, pottery, cards, gifts and much more.

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.

Beachamwell Sonia Williams 01366 328774

williamsoldies@gmail.com

Beachamwell Gill Sanderson 01366 328818

Barton Bendish Linda Webster 01366 347563 linntim@btinternet.com

Barton Bendish Mhari Blanchfield 01366 347849 Mhari.blanchfield@gmail.com

Nar Valley Ornithological Society (NarVOS)

Tuesday 27th May 2014, 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 David Pelling, entitled:

BIRDING IN CUBA

David Pelling is well-known to many as a NarVOS member and keen photographer. Accompanied by friends from NarVOS David enjoyed the birds, the people and the atmosphere of this enigmatic island as you will see as he regales us with his trip to Cuba. The presentation is bound to be up to David's usual high standard.

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.

BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

St. Mary's

The date of St Mary's Vestry Meeting and AGM has been changed to Monday 28th April and will be held in Beachamwell Memorial Hall starting at 7.30 p.m. This is an open meeting and everybody in the parish is very welcome to attend. We would very much appreciate your views and any suggestions you may have on any topic that concerns the church.

Porch Roof Repairs: The porch roof repairs are urgent and, thanks to a generous donation, we are half way towards the cost of the project. Because of this donation we are able to apply to a larger number of Trust Funds who specialise in grants for repairs and restoration of churches and require 50% of the funds to be raised before they will consider our application. We have recently had a few disappointments but are continuing to send applications to other Trust Funds. All ideas and suggestions for raising these funds for the porch roof are very welcome bearing in mind that apart from raising money for these repairs we still have to pay for the general running of the church including lighting, heating, insurance and general maintenance among other things.

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If you have any spare plants or seedlings we will be very pleased indeed to have them for our Plant Stall. Please let me know if you would like me to collect them. I do hope you will join us for what is a very enjoyable morning and this year we have booked non-stop sunshine instead of the torrential downpours of the last two years! I look forward to seeing you.

Open Garden's Day: Our annual Open Gardens' Day is, as I am sure you all know by now, Sunday 1st June this year from 12 noon – 5 p.m. As well as the open gardens there will be organ recitals in the church, ploughman's lunches, afternoon teas with live music, various stalls and a raffle. There will also be another chance to see the superb exhibition that the Connecting Threads' Group created for their "Walking Weekend". If you didn't have the opportunity to see the exhibition, which includes a wonderful quilt, in Beachamwell Memorial Hall at the beginning of April you have another opportunity as it will be created again

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in the church on Open Garden's Day.

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As you will also see from the flier help is needed in all sorts of ways such as stewarding in the church and helping with refreshments in the Village Hall. Please do let the organisers or myself know if you can help in any way at all.

If you would like any information about any of the above events please contact me on 01366 328774 or williamsoldies@gmail.com

Graham Williams Churchwarden

Cakes: I will be having my usual cake stall in Park House garden at the open garden day on Sunday 1st June and would very much appreciate donations of homemade bread, cakes or biscuits. With thanks,

Gill Sanderson 01366328818

Flower Rota

4th Jenny Gabrielsen [*Bank Holiday Weekend*]; 11th Heidi Hale; 18th Vesna Hudson; 25th Diana Lambert **Eileen Powell**

Horticultural Society

By the time you read this many of you will have enjoyed Allan Hale's Film Show 'A Birder's Year in Norfolk.' We thank Allan very much for presenting the Film Show to help us with funds for the forthcoming Show. Schedules will be included in the June issue of G4N. If you would like something special to be considered for inclusion in the Schedule please let me know. Giant Onions will be on sale soon. **Carole Wilson 01366328628**

Mobile Post Office

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

Some changes are due to take place in the near future. We will let you know the details asap.

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The April meeting was rather interesting. Pauline Main demonstrated how hats and fascinators can be made for very little outlay.



As always, after the speaker we had time to socialise and then we continued with the business part of the evening. Final arrangements were made for the forthcoming outing to Dents Restaurant at Hilgay and catering for the Walking Weekend on the Sunday.

Five of the members provided excellent and well presented refreshments for the returning

walkers and visitors to the exhibition.

Nine of the members enjoyed a workshop, lead by Gilly Spencer, on how to crochet. She is such a super teacher it is impossible not to enjoy and learn whilst with her. Remember, you will be very welcome to join us at the next event, so think about it. **Eileen Powell**

Parish Council

The Annual Parish Meeting and the Parish Council Meeting will take place on Monday 12th May 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)

Plans for a Local History Group

For years people have said there ought to be a local history group in Beachamwell - perhaps this is the right time to start one. After the interest shown in the local history displays during April's Walking Weekend, an initial meeting will take place in Beachamwell Memorial Hall 7.30pm Monday 19 May. Representatives from groups in Fincham, Oxborough and West Dereham will talk about their experiences and help us to make the idea a reality.

Leah Spencer 01366 328536

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Beachamwell Memorial Hall

Two more Pop Up Pubs have been held in the village hall in March and April. It is great to see so many locals, of all ages, getting together to enjoy a sociable evening.

We were also very pleased to see large numbers of people enjoying the exhibitions and refreshments in the hall over the Walking Weekend in April. In the visitors' book, the hall received a lot of positive feedback, with visitors and local residents remarking on how attractive it looks. We are delighted to announce that the Connecting Threads commemorative quilt and photographs will remain on display.

Plans are well underway for this year's Fete and Country Fair on Sunday 31 August, but new ideas are always welcome. Please contact Susie Davis (suedavis@afiweb.net) if you have any suggestions or ideas.

Memorial Hall Committee

Wednesday Walkers

The April walk began normally enough. We walked across fields, along tracks and besides a stream. We admired the daffodils, the blossoms and the birds singing. Then, when we were nearly back in the village, what did we stumble



upon? A pop-up restaurant in an asparagus field and the Look East TV crew with Mike Liggins.....and glasses of bubbly!
(Thank you Caroline)

Sue Pennell
01366 328452

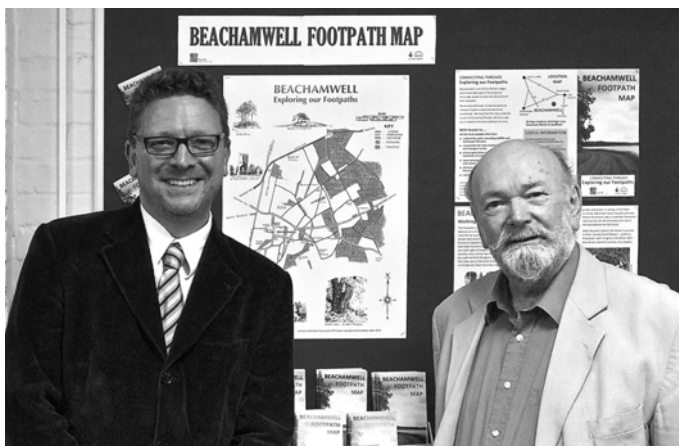
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Beachamwell Walking Weekend

Bright sunshine was the perfect start for walkers at the beginning of the two day event celebrating the conclusion of Beachamwell's year-long Connecting Threads project. The programme of 6 guided walks on Saturday and Sunday attracted 100 people of all ages who enjoyed the chance to see and learn about the local countryside. One walker noted: 'My first organised walk. Surprisingly pleasant! Everyone very friendly and helpful. I shall return.'

At the Launch Party James Parry, Chairman of CPRE Norfolk (which had

sponsored Connecting Threads as part of their Protect Our Paths campaign) said: "It is truly inspiring to see and hear about the various initiatives that have been taken forward in Beachamwell, and to such a high standard. A wonderful example of the power of community action! CPRE is delighted to have been involved."



During the Weekend 240 visitors viewed the exhibition and displays on show in the Memorial Hall. There was widespread praise for the range of interesting exhibits and the professional standard of presentation - compliments too for the refreshments provided by St Mary's Church and Beachamwell WI. Visitors were pleased to be able to take away a free copy of the new Beachamwell Footpath Map drawn and illustrated by local artist Mark Powell.

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On Saturday evening author and naturalist Mark Cocker attracted a full house for his fascinating talk 'Meet the Neighbours' in which he encouraged the audience to look more closely in their gardens to see the wide variety of wildlife resident there.

Speaking at the conclusion of the Walking Weekend, Philip Spencer said: "A lot of people have put in a tremendous amount of work throughout this project and during the Walking Weekend in particular. I am delighted that all their efforts have paid off with this resounding success." Although Connecting Threads has now come to end it is planned to make some of the research and material available online at www.exploringourfootpaths.co.uk, and the idea of forming a Beachamwell Local History Society is being discussed.

If you missed the exhibition, it is planned to stage it again in St Mary's Church at Beachamwell Open Gardens (1 June) and Beachamwell Fete (31 August).

Copies of the free Beachamwell Footpath Map are available locally.

Wednesday Walks continue on the first Wednesday of every month.

Philip Spencer Photographs Eileen Powell and Dave Richards

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS - Please note changed days/times

DATE	VILLAGE	LOCATION	TIME
13th May	Beachamwell	Post Office	10:05 am
	Drymere	Telephone Box	10:40 am
	Boughton	Sycamore House Mill Road	15:20 pm 15:35 pm
	Barton Bendish	Hatherley Gardens	9:40 pm
12th May	Wereham	The Pond	9:30 am
		Queen's Close	16:20 pm

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

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

FARMERS' MARKETS

Ely	Second and Fourth Saturday 8:00-2:00pm
Fakenham	Fourth Saturday 8.30am to 12:00pm
RAF Marham	Third Friday 9:00am to 2:00pm
Swaffham	First and Third Sunday
Fincham	Thursdays 9 am—1.00 pm

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

VILLAGE AND PARISH HALL BOOKINGS

Barton Bendish	Bill Tasker	01366 347432
Beachamwell	Caroline Sanderson	01366 328244
Wereham	Doreen Rolph	01366 500218
Boughton	Pam Wakeling	01366 500429

CHURCH SERVICES FOR MAY

Please note changes to the normal pattern

Sunday May 4th

Shouldham	9.45 am	Holy Communion
Marham	10.30 am - 11.30 am	Café Church
Beachamwell	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Wereham	6.00 pm	Evening Service

Sunday May 11th

Shouldham Thorpe	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Boughton	10.00 am	Breakfast Church
Marham	10.30 am	Holy Communion
Fincham	6.00 pm	Evening Service

Sunday May 18th

Shouldham	9.45 am	Morning Prayer
Marham	10.30 am	Morning Worship
Beachamwell	11.00 am	Morning Prayer
Wereham	11.00 am	Morning Prayer

Sunday May 25th

Fincham	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Marham	10.30 am	United Holy Communion
Boughton	11.00 am	Morning Prayer
Wereham	6.00 pm	Evening Service

Thursdays at 10 am

1st—Fincham

8th—Boughton

15th, 22nd, 29th Fincham (29th is Ascension Day)

25th May will be the 50th anniversary of Alan Bennett's ordination and he will be celebrating Communion at Fincham on that day.

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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.

BOUGHTON VILLAGE NEWS

All Saints Church

We were pleased to welcome the James Bradfield School to our church for their end of term service. This visit at the end of the Easter term has become a tradition and it is always a pleasure to see them. They are well versed in the Easter story—contrary to what you read in the press, schools do teach RE—and they are well behaved and enthusiastic. Reading aloud in church can be daunting for some adults, but the children did well. The singing is also excellent.

Harold Rix :On Maundy Thursday a former Boughton resident was buried in the churchyard after a short service. There are few people now living in the village who were born here, but Harold Rix and his twin brother John were natives of the village. They grew up and married twin sisters and lived in converted red single decker buses on land just across the road from the church. Harold's daughter Ann told me that they used to collect water from a spring in the churchyard. Harold worked on the land for George Wright in West Dereham. Harold died aged 88 and Hazel survives him. Does anyone remember Edith Marks? She was also buried in the churchyard, but no one knows where. It is very difficult to locate graves after many years if the family did not erect a name plate or a stone. Edith Marks died before I came to the village and if anyone can help locate her grave it would be appreciated.

The Easter service: As usual, Boughton celebrated Easter with the Vigil and first Communion of Easter on the Saturday night. It was a joyous occasion with most of the choir, fire, candles and a good congregation. Thanks to Robin, Pippa and Carol for celebrating and to everyone who came along and made it so enjoyable. **Open Gardens Day June 8th:** I now have several promises of gardens for the annual church fundraising event. If you haven't replied to my request, please do so. It makes it so much easier to plan and at the time of writing several people who normally open their gardens have yet to reply. It would be lovely to have a new garden as well. There is no pressure to make it perfect and a Kew Gardens replica. The people who come are interested in normal people's gardens—where there will be weeds!. Sandy will be doing lunches and teas again, so if you can offer to make cakes or anything else please contact her on 500743. I need people to sell tickets and put out posters, etc. Angela will be running her plant emporium, so if you are splitting plants or have anything else to offer please come forward. *Pam Wakeling*

Boughton Parish Council. Items that may be of interest from meeting on 11th April.

Speed Limit Following a note in a previous G4 edition, and posted on the notice board, asking for any opinions regarding a 20MPH speed limit through our village, we have received comments, written and verbal, indicating overwhelming support for this suggestion. The Parish Council have agreed therefore to take this forward to the next stage which is to consult the County Highways Authority to request this change. Thank you to the people who responded.

Children's Playground. The Annual safety inspection carried out in February by the Play Inspection Company highlighted no major issues. We have however corrected a number of observations in order to make the Playground safer.

An area of exposed concrete at the base of a support leg of the rope bridge has been turfed over. Area of rotting wood on the seat has been removed. Some sharp edges rounded off. Handrails of the swing bridge to slide painted. Moss removed from wood surfaces. Items still to action are; new shackles on the swing chains, and replacing of the small fence in the back corner.

It is a pleasure to see a great number of families and children enjoying this facility.

Highways A number of road surface problems have been reported to County Highways, and we look forward to remedial action. Boughton Parish Council

Boughton Fen Report for Parish Council Meeting 11.04.2014

Since my last report, the heavy rain during January and February has caused the fen to become very wet, but the new banks created by the EA have helped to retain some of the water. We will watch the new ponds formed behind the bank with interest, to see what arrives there.

Various people from Natural England have visited the fen recently, to refine some aspects of the HLS agreement with a view to enhancing habitats in localised areas.

Our major volunteer efforts for winter works have now come to an end, with large areas of scrub removed, pathways cleared and a new seat built on Highland Fen. Five working parties were held throughout the winter, with excellent numbers attending, including several new recruits, and my thanks go to all of them.

Over the next few days, the grass areas of Highland Fen will be cut to different levels to give varied habitat over the area. The cutting will be done by the Hawk and Owl Trust, who are kindly giving us a owl box for this part of the fen.

On 26th April, we are hosting a visit from CPRE Norfolk. We are one of six award winning sites opening their doors to guided tours. As of today .most of the places on the walk have been booked.

A number of seats are being built around the walk for you to break your stroll; we hope you enjoy them. Cutting of the path will, of course, continue during the summer. If you would like to help with this, please give me a call on 01366 500461. *Mark Pogmore*

Boughton Fen. Wild life walk.

Just a reminder that Boughton Fen Wild life Walk opening event is on Saturday 21st June 2014. Invitations will be posted to all Boughton residents in mid May.

Boughton Fen Committee.

The Big Bluebell Dog Walk

Where: All Saints Church, Boughton, Norfolk PE33 9AQ

When: 11th May 2014 @ 2pm

Contact: Hannah-Lou Blackall on hblackall25@gmail.com or 07900 243275

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Meeting point at the church.

Most of you will have seen and admired Higgins around with Hannah-Lou. Come along and support the event—you don't have to walk if you just want a cup of tea and a cake! Visit <http://www.caninepartners.org.uk/> and read page 5 for more information.

Parish Council AGM

Friday 2nd May at 7.00 pm in the All Saints' Church Centre. See noticeboard for the agenda. Everyone welcome.

WEREHAM VILLAGE NEWS

Wereham Open Gardens on Sunday June 15th 2014

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'!

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

Wereham Parish Council

Next meeting Tuesday 13th May at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. Any items that you wish to request for inclusion on the Agenda should be with the Parish Clerk by Monday 5th May. Full Minutes of the Meeting held on the 11th March 2014 can be requested from the Clerk at werehampc@gmail.com or on 500527.

Update from Wereham Village Hall Committee

Due to G4 press deadline being prior to the AGM, our next update will be in the June edition of G4, or log onto our Facebook page www.facebook.com/werehamvillagehall

New Build Team – We've started to fill in the Lottery application form. We have several gaps to work on over the next few months with the rest of the committee. We hope to submit the application by the end of the Summer.

Wereham Village Hall Website - Coming Soon

We still require pictures and feedback on the history of the village hall. If you've got a story to share, then please contact Helen Richardson on 07795006811 or helenandadam82@btinternet.com

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

Spring Sale 29th March – on a bright & sunny day, customers eagerly waited for the opening time of 1pm – bargains galore to be had, with some fabulous ladies' clothing & footwear. Thank you to all of you who donated your unwanted items and to all of you who came bargain hunting! With thanks to Diane & Angela for organising the event and all the volunteers who helped to set up and man stalls – we raised a cracking £300!

Thank you to our Friends of WVH volunteers who co-ordinated and supported several events during March -

Jacqueline Butcher's pop up café, the Loake family's indoor/outdoor car boots (a busy & wonderfully sunny day 29th March helped to raise £170) and to all our other Friends volunteers who've helped this month - Jim Hofwalt, Rosemary Pease, Pauline Holland, Doreen & Nicola, Debbie Rye & Wendy Bruce, thank you all.

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

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 6th May, then Tuesday 3rd June. Fresh cake & hot drink for £1, daily papers, chance to natter with friends. Cake donations/queries to Jacqueline 500880.

Indoor/Outdoor Car Boot – Next dates are May 25th & June 29th, 9am to 1pm. Café, bric a brac and book stall. To book your pitch, call Nikki/Chris on 501111.

Whole of Village Yard Sale -

We are organising another Village Yard Sale - to take Place On **Sunday** May 4th. We have held a Yard sale before and it proved a massive success for all. What could be more easier than just putting stuff on your front door step to sell. No cars to load, early wake-ups to contend with, miles to drive & cups of tea on tap. I will do all the advertising, papers, radios, boards etc.....all we ask from you is a minimum of £5.00 for your table which will then be promulgated on the Village Map!!!

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Yard Sale to Start at 9am - Maps, teas, Coffees on Sale from 8:15.

Please Contact me - Jacqueline on 500880, or Nicki on 500527 for any info or to BOOK a table. Lets make this a real good **Sunday** in the Village. Look forward to hearing from you.... Jacqueline, Friend of Wereham Village Hall.

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, Chair, Wereham Village Hall Committee

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Wereham Neighbourhood Watch A.G.M, Tuesday 18th March in Wereham Village Hall

We were pleased to welcome PCSO Jane Edwards to our A.G.M. She gave details of her duties and explained her special responsibilities for the village. She demonstrated various alarms, movement sensors which detect people entering your property and personal shed and handbag alarms.

The Chairman reported that co-ordinators had spent much time updating

membership lists. 13 new members have joined and total membership is now 169.

There is a worrying trend for telephone callers claiming to be police or bank

officials requesting details of PIN numbers or account number, you will **NEVER** be asked for this information over the phone so NEVER divulge it. PCSO Edwards advised us to hang up and wait for at least 5 minutes for the line to be

cleared and then call the police on 101.

Crime figures continue to fluctuate. In the last 6 months there have been 5 incidents reported to the police. 1 burglary other than dwelling, 1 theft from a motor, 1 aggravated vehicle taking, 1 theft not classified elsewhere and one fear or provocation of violence.

You are reminded that with the lighter evenings there is a danger that windows and doors may not be secured thus providing an opportunity for rogues to enter your property.

All Officials and co-ordinators were re-elected to stand for a further year.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th September at 7.30 in the Village Hall. All members are invited to attend.

Wereham Messy Church

The second Wereham Messy church was held on 3rd April. Again the church was full of children's' voices, laughter and enthusiastic singing and dancing led by the Reverend Barbara, Tom and Stina. Children made Easter cards, decorated easter eggs and made Easter bonnets supported by Lizzie, Stina and Pammie. The Easter Bonnet parade was won by Jayjay. We all enjoyed an excellent pasta Bolognaise followed by jelly and ice cream and chocolate Easter eggs expertly prepared by Diane and Doreen assisted by Nicci. Thanks to everyone for taking part. The event was filmed by a cameraman from Ely

Cathedral so we look forward to seeing the premier!



The next Messy Church service is on Thursday 5th June starting at 4pm in the church. Come and join the fun.

Debbie and Ian Rye



Fincham St. MARTIN'S 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 space will be covered for the duration!)**

All this is going to cost £10,200. So far we have £1,015 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.

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Fincham and District Women's Institute

President, Mrs C Dungay, welcomed members and their partners to the 87th Birthday Night of Fincham & District WI. Also present were 4 members from St German's WI and Mr Stewart Waterston who audits the WI books.

Mrs Dungay told members that a gift had been presented to long serving member, Mrs T Clarke, and her husband, who have moved away from the area.

The evening began with a delicious meal of roast pork and all the trimmings, provided and served by Van Pelt. The committee provided a variety of mouth-watering desserts. Members enjoyed a glass or two of wine, followed by cheese and biscuits and coffee, a meal fit for kings!

Roly Poly lady, Sue Cadman, continued with her story of life on a top TV show with the unforgettable Les Dawson. The group of unusual dancers were hired for one programme but ended up dancing in the whole series, touring the country and working abroad. The Speaker had a wealth of anecdotes to tell of her life on the road, and it was obvious that she enjoyed every minute of it all.

A birthday posy was presented to Mrs Wendy Bell, and to Mrs P Biggs, Mrs J Lock and Mrs S Westwood who celebrated birthdays in March.

Sandra Amies was presented with the Challenge Cup for collecting the most competition points this year. Decorative mugs were presented to S Amies, W Bell, I Delderfield and C Hammond who have collected 30 competition points.

The competition, A Bought Funny Postcard, was won by C Hammond, 2nd- J Lynskey, 3rd – T Taylor, 4th – J Fuller and I Delderfield.

A larger than usual raffle was organised by P Biggs and S Amies who announced, at the end of the meeting, that a sum of £73.00 had been taken. At the end of the evening everyone helped to clear up and all agreed that the evening had been very enjoyable.

Sue Westwood

Fincham and District WI meets on the second Wednesday of every month in the Memorial Hall. Members come from Boughton, Barton Bendish, Oxburgh, Denver, Marham, Downham Market—even South Wootton—so you don't have to live in Fincham. It's a friendly group and newcomers are always welcome.

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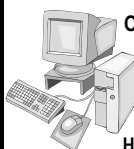
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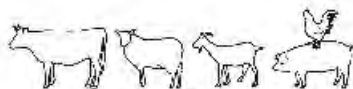
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Bat Walk

Friday 9 May, 7.45pm - 9.45pm.

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£9.50 including tea/coffee and biscuits on arrival.

Costume Weekend

Saturday 10 & Sunday 11 May 10.30am - 4pm.

Meet volunteers dressed as Tudors to discover who would have lived and worked on the Oxburgh Estate in the 1480s. Handle replica household items, dress as a Tudor and see the daily work of the servants, such as the seamstress and house steward, and visitors to Oxburgh such as merchants.

Normal admission.

Dawn Chorus Walk

Sunday 11 May, 6am-8am.

Join a well known local naturalist and our Outdoors Manager for the dawn chorus in this magical setting, an experience not to be missed.

£11 including tea/coffee and bacon sandwich.

Special offer. Pay only £16 if you book both the Bat Walk and Dawn Chorus Walk at the same time.

Hanging Basket Workshop

Tuesday 13 May, 10am - 12noon or 1pm - 3pm.

Develop your green fingers and learn how to plant your own hanging basket to take home. Please bring apron, thin gloves and secateurs. Tea/coffee and biscuits on arrival.

£20 (includes all materials and refreshments).

Limited numbers - booking essential.

Scarecrowfest

Saturday 24 May to Wednesday 18 June.

Children from local schools have been busy making a variety of scarecrow characters on the theme of '50 things to do before you're 11 ¾'. They will be displayed around the grounds for visitors to find and vote for their favourite. The crow with the most votes wins National Trust membership for a year for their school.

Normal admission.

House, Gardens and Estate open every day during half-term from 24 - 30 May, 11am – 5pm.

50 Things to Do before you're 11 ¾

Thursday 29 May 11am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm.

See how many of the '50 Things' list you can tick off in one day. Additional led activities will be available today to tick some of those things off the list that are harder to find, including pond dipping and kite making.

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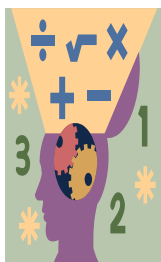
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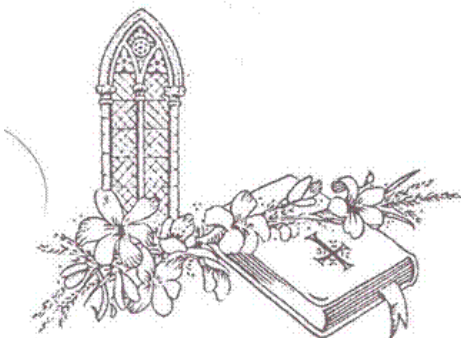
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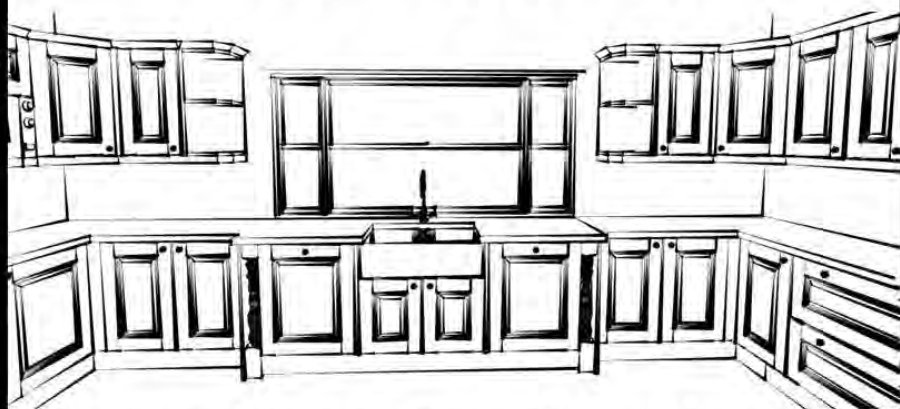
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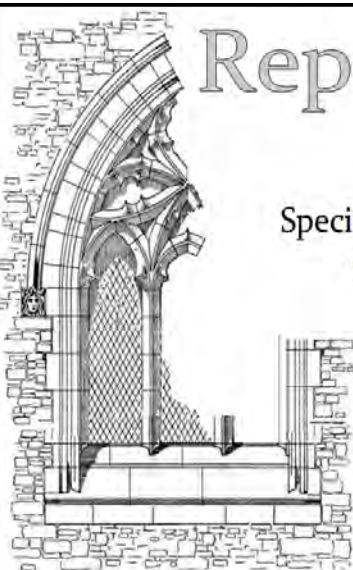
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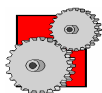
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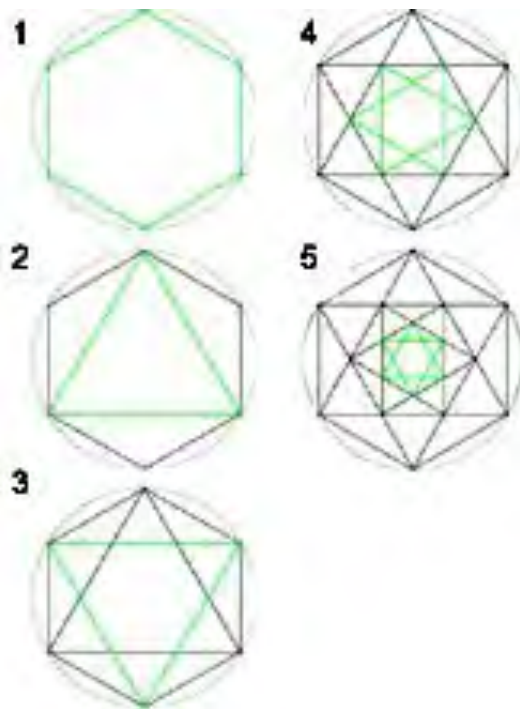
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Triangles and hexagons

Open the compass about two inches and press the point into the paper. This is the 'invisible' starting point from which the design will unfold. Draw a circle with the compass.

Put the compass point anywhere on the circumference of the circle and swing the pencil leg so that a mark is made on the circumference. Move the point of the compass to the pencil mark and make another pencil mark on the circumference. Continue doing this round the circle until there are six marks. From these six marks the series of hexagons and six-pointed stars illustrated here can be made.



Drawing stars within a hexagon

Join up the points in sequence round the circle to make the six-sided polygon, a hexagon. This has three pairs of parallel lines

Next join up every second point. You now have an equilateral triangle

Join up the other three points and you have a second equilateral triangle. Together these two triangles make up a star. One triangle points up to heaven, the other points down to earth. Three pairs of parallel lines make up the star. In the middle of the star is another hexagon

Joining up every second point of the inner hexagon, makes another

equilateral triangle in the inner hexagon. Joining up the other points makes a second equilateral triangle and another six-pointed star with a hexagon in the middle

This pattern can go on and on.

HORTICULTURAL QUIZ

1. What would a gardener do with a dibber or dibble?
2. Charles Darwin described this carnivorous plant as the most wonderful plant in the world?. What is the name of this plant?
3. The love apple is the original name for what?
4. The Death Cap is the most poisonous variety of what?
5. What is the name given to the female reproductive organ of a flower?
6. A Kumquat is a small Japanese variety of what sort of fruit?
7. Harry Wheatcroft was a renowned breeder of what?
8. What is the name of the 3 leafed clover associated with St Patrick's day?
9. Which part of a tree can be used to make cork?
10. What is the largest and tallest tree in the world?
11. What general term is given to those trees whose leaves fall in autumn (fall)?
12. Which tissue beneath the bark of trees forms wood?
13. Which cereal must be grown in water?
14. Which grain is used to make semolina?
15. Which part of a flower becomes the fruit?
16. Which part of a flowering plant is often used to make oil?
17. What is the name given to the technique of clipping trees and hedges into ornamental shapes?
18. What is another name for the Rowan Tree?
19. What flower is named after the Botanist Dr Leonard Fuchs?
20. What do Yew; Laburnum Seeds & Mistletoe berries have in common?
21. What is the popular name for the Antirrhinum?
22. What is the sacred flower of the Buddhist religion?
23. Which plant takes its name from the Italian phrase for Beautiful women?
24. Which liquid does a flower, to attract insects, produce?
25. How can you tell the age of a tree?
26. Name the evergreen hedge that has created many a neighbourly dispute?
27. The Monkey Puzzle tree originates from which country?
28. What is the popular name for the flowering houseplant Walleriana?

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