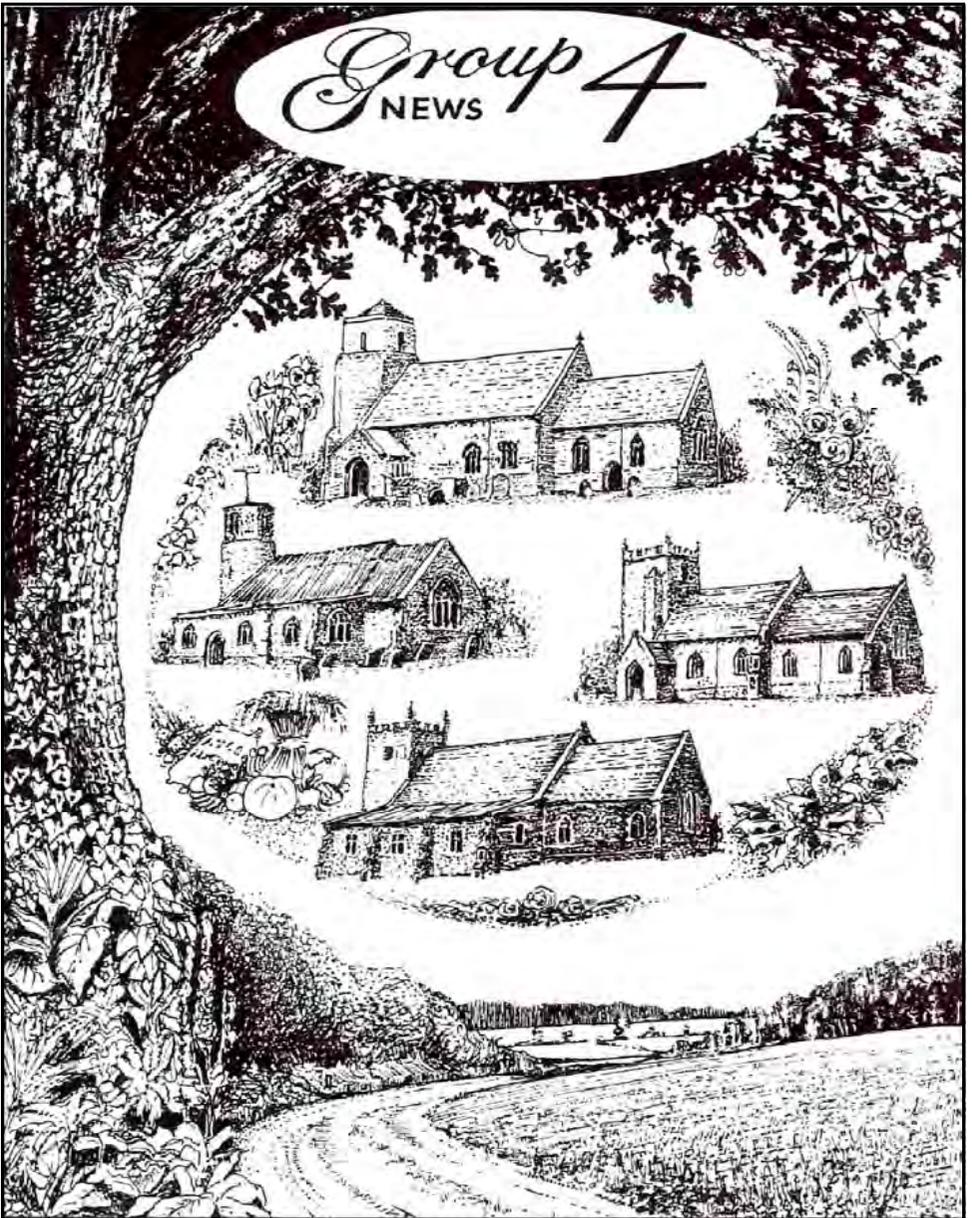


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WELCOME

A lovely evening on October 13th, when people from several of the group villages joined together for Harvest Supper at Barton Bendish. This was the annual group meal and next year it will be the turn of another village to host it. What a good idea Michael and Shirley Tucker had all those years ago—it's a communal event that showcases the best in village life and helps to draw us together. There are many other events on in the next couple of months in which everyone can share. If there is no service at your church one Sunday—try someone else's! If there is a social event in the next village—go along and join in. You don't have to talk to anyone, but just your presence will make it all the more enjoyable and worthwhile.

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

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

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Dear All

November is a month of two very contrasting days. On 5 November we celebrate the defeat of the Gunpowder Plot of 1605, when we all 'Remember, remember, the Fifth of November, Gunpowder, Treason and Plot', These days it is less a day of celebration and more of a season, with fireworks seeming to go off for weeks during the autumn. Yet even this celebration reminds us of those who gave their lives for their Christian faith. Catherine Wheels, for example, are named for St Catherine, who was martyred on an instrument of torture called the breaking wheel. Roman Candles are named for the Christians martyred in the Roman arena by being burned at the stake.

Less than a week later on 11 November, we come to Remembrance Day, a day of quiet respect and memory, when we honour the dead lost in two world wars and the many other conflicts in which our armed services have fought. We cannot meet Remembrance Day with the jollity with which we celebrate Guy Fawkes Night, yet nonetheless we should not be ashamed to remember those we have lost in war. By doing so we are not being warlike or promoting conflict, but rather we can ask that the peace in which they now rest may be a peace to calm our fears for the future of our world, and we can ask God to help us bring justice to all peoples and harmony between all countries. Let us pray for that peace and harmony, so that the future may indeed be one where we celebrate the whole world's freedom and reconciliation, just as we celebrate our democratic freedoms on 5 November.

Yours in God's service

Barbara

Services for Remembrance
Sunday November 11th

10.30 am

St Martin of Tours, Fincham

Holy Communion and Act of
Remembrance

Holy Trinity, Marham Joint
service with the Methodists and
Act of Remembrance

10.45 am

Holy Communion with Act of
Remembrance

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Act of Remembrance

St Mary's Beachamwell

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All Saints', Shouldham

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GARDENING TIPS

Wow! We have been so lucky in this area as regards the recent two or three weeks weather. We have had one or two rather wet occasions but compared to many parts of the country we have been treated very kindly. I don't recall seeing any long-range forecasts for the coming month or so – perhaps these so called weather experts (not the Met. Office I would hasten to say) have learnt their lesson - they have been way out of late! I am writing this article on 9th of October and whilst I have noted recently one or two butterflies going into hibernation, the ladybirds are still a bit active and the blackbirds, which left our garden back in July, have still not returned. Based on this I personally don't think the weather is likely to take a major turn for the worst in the near future. However, November is a very different 'kettle of fish'. My advice would be to get everything done outside that can be done, very early in the month.

Although there may still be the odd bloom left on your rose bushes don't be tempted to leave the autumn cut for too long. Wind rock can severely damage the plants so cut the bushes down to approximately 18" (45.5cm). At this time there is no need to worry about cutting to an outside bud – that can be taken care of at the end of March next year, but do cut out any damaged, weak or diseased wood. If my bushes have been affected by black spot I always defoliate them at the same time as the autumn cut, carefully removing the affected leaves, which should really be burnt; they must not be put in the compost bin.

Sweet peas sown in October will soon be ready for potting up. I have always used the collapsible black plastic transpots for this purpose or you can use an ordinary 3¹/₂" (9cm) flowerpot or the special sweet pea root trainers available in most garden centres. I prefer to use John Innes No1 for this potting, as this material tends to hold its moisture so much better than a peat or similar based compost. I recommend that after potting, the plants should be watered well and then kept in the cold greenhouse for a few days whilst they acclimatise to their changed situation. At this stage move them on into a cold frame, ventilated at the front edge by about 2 to 3" (5 to 8 cm). Slight frosts will not damage the plants but if hard frosts are forecast then shut the frames and if possible cover the lights with a piece of old carpet or similar. I made myself wooden covers that trapped about an inch of air between the glass and the wood some eighteen years ago and with a couple of coats of creosote they have lasted well. Don't leave the lights open if rain is forecast – sweet peas are like us humans; they do not like being wet and cold! In fact from that initial watering when they are potted up they will probably only need a light watering once a month until next March. A lot has been written about over wintering these plants and I can only tell you what has worked well for me. If you are already growing, using different methods that work for you then stick to them. Other than keeping hard frosts and rain off of the plants they will need little or no attention until early next March when the plants should be stopped just above the second set of leaves in order to promote the growth of side shoots. Some experts suggest stopping earlier than March - it depends upon your location and facilities. In very bad weather with frost and snow do not attempt to clear the snow from your covers, leave it to go naturally and keep the covers in place until the

hard spell has gone. Direct sunlight onto frozen plants can cause 'Brown Stem' which will make the plant unfit for use and ultimately kill it. You must also keep mice away from the plants – more are lost to these creatures than are ever lost to frost!

Now having the plants under way you must prepare the ground for them. Ideally you need to take out a double depth and double width spit (trench), line it well with well rotted vegetable material or perhaps mushroom compost and a dusting of sulphate of potash. Fill in the spit and leave it to settle over the winter. As soon as the ground is workable next March fork over the surface to start breaking up the soil into a planting tilth and apply a dressing of blood, fish and bone at the prescribed rate working this into the surface of the soil. The plants can be set out into the open ground as soon as conditions are suitable. From then on you can grow them as single stem cordons or as multi-stem plants to ramble over netting, pea sticks or whatever you chose. In the October issue I promised to write more on growing sweet peas. My apologies for taking up almost the entire space of this article if the subject is of no interest to you!

November is generally considered to be the month to start the winter digging in the vegetable garden. Choose the occasions you can get onto the land carefully – you can so easily do more harm than good if you walk about on very wet soil. There is plenty of time between now and the latter stages of the winter to get the job done. Finally, please make sure all those tender subjects are well protected and do take care on wet and slippery surfaces at this time of the year.

Roy Coughtrey

A SEASONAL SUGGESTION

A great way of preserving pears or plums is to make them into a cake and freeze it. For the pear cake halve the pears and arrange flat side down in a cake tin. At this stage you can put bits of stem ginger (the kind in syrup that you get in jars) between the pears. Sprinkle with sugar and put In oven at 175 degrees while you make a simple vanilla sponge cake mix using 100 grams each of SR flour, sugar and butter or margarine, and 2 eggs with a few drops of vanilla essence. I put it all in the food processor.

By this time the pears should be hot which is important. And you take them out, put a layer of cake mix on top and put it back. Bake until set.

For a plum cake, put the cake mixture in the tin first, put halved stoned plums on top in circles and sprinkle liberally with Demerara sugar.

You can do these with other fruits and they all freeze perfectly; I do them in batches. All delicious and great favourite.

Pippa Blackall

COUNTRYSIDE NOTES—CIDER

I very much hope to get to the talk on November 17th at Boughton about the history of cider making in Norfolk, one of my husband's uncles worked for Gaymers at Attleborough. Cider however is usually associated with the West Country. Herefordshire, Somerset and Devon remain as principal counties for managed fruit growing. A by-product of these orchards is mistletoe and Tenbury Wells in Worcestershire is well known

for its Christmas mistletoe auctions.

Wild apples, which we now know as crabs, were growing in Britain in Neolithic times. The Romans brought cultivated apples to Britain and the Normans introduced more new varieties including the Pearmain which was first recorded in 1204. It is known that orchards were established at monasteries in Ely, Canterbury and Battle in Sussex where records show that in 1275 cider was being sold to the public. In the 16th and 17th centuries extensive orchards were planted in Kent and the West Midlands. Today the National Fruit Collection at Brogdale Farm in Kent is home to a collection of more than 2,000 varieties of apples

Cider remains a popular drink and there are about 300 specific varieties of cider apples although it can be made from any kind of apple, dessert or cooking. It is produced both commercially and on a smaller scale. Although commercially produced brands are clear and carbonated traditional cider is flat and cloudy. Real cider is 100% naturally produced with nothing extra added or taken away. Somerset is famous for its scrumpy cider which is not fully matured and described as being rough, cloudy and unsophisticated although it can actually vary greatly in quality. Perry is a similar drink but is made from pears. In the first instance bees play a very important role by fertilizing the blossom in spring. Apples are not gathered until they are fully ripe, this is done either by hand or mechanically with a machine which shakes them off the trees and sweeps them up. They are then left to mature for a week or more after which they are washed before being crushed. The pulp is then squeezed twice in a press to extract as much juice as possible. The residue can be used as animal feed or for the manufacture of pectin. The juice is then poured into wooden barrels and left to ferment for several weeks or months. Old tradition has it that the barrel shouldn't be tapped until the first cuckoo in spring has been heard. There are two stages to the fermentation process. Yeast may be naturally present on the apple skins or deliberately added, while naturally present lactic acid and bacteria also contribute to the action. Obviously flavour and sweetness varies with apple varieties and sugar may be added towards the end of the process. Records show that cider brandy was first made in 1678 and it is still available. *Jill Mason*

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REMEMBRANCE DAY

Remembrance Day (also known as Poppy Day or Armistice Day) is a memorial day observed in Commonwealth countries since the end of World War I to remember the members of their armed forces who have died in the line of duty. This day, or alternative dates, are also recognized as special days for war remembrances in many non-Commonwealth countries. Remembrance Day is observed on 11 November to recall the end of hostilities of World War I on that date in 1918. Hostilities formally ended "at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month," in accordance with the Armistice, signed by representatives of Germany and the Entente between 5:12 and 5:20 that morning. ("At the 11th hour" refers to the passing of the 11th hour, or 11:00 a.m.) World War I officially ended with the signing of the Treaty of Versailles on June 28, 1919. []

The day was specifically dedicated by King George V on 7 November 1919 as a day of remembrance for members of the armed forces who were killed during World War I. This was possibly done upon the suggestion of Edward George Honey to Wellesley Tudor Pole, who established two ceremonial periods of remembrance based on events in 1917. The red remembrance poppy has become a familiar emblem of Remembrance Day due to the poem "In Flanders Fields". These poppies bloomed across some of the worst battlefields of Flanders in World War I.

The common British, Canadian, South African, and ANZAC tradition includes either one or two minutes of silence at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month (11:00 a.m., 11 November), as that marks the time (in the United Kingdom) when the armistice became effective.

The Service of Remembrance in many Commonwealth countries generally includes the sounding of the "Last Post", followed by the period of silence, followed by the sounding of "The Rouse" (often mistakenly referred to as "Reveille"), and finished by a recitation of the "Ode of Remembrance". The "Flowers of the Forest", "O Valiant Hearts", "I Vow to Thee, My Country" and "Jerusalem" are often played during the service. Services also include wreaths laid to honour the fallen, a blessing, and national anthems.

The central ritual at cenotaphs throughout the Commonwealth is a stylized night vigil. The Last Post was the common bugle call at the close of the military day, and the Rouse was the first call of the morning. For military purposes, the traditional night vigil over the slain was not just to ensure they were indeed dead and not unconscious or in a coma, but also to guard them from being mutilated or despoiled by the enemy, or dragged off by scavengers. This makes the ritual more than just an act of remembrance but also a pledge to guard the honour of war dead. The act is enhanced by the use of dedicated cenotaphs (literally Greek for "empty tomb") and the laying of wreaths—the traditional means of signalling high honours in ancient Greece and Rome.

In the United Kingdom, although two minutes of silence are observed on 11 November itself, the main observance is on the second Sunday of November, Remembrance Sunday. Ceremonies are held at local war memorials, usually organized by local branches of the Royal British Legion, an association for ex-servicemen. Typically, poppy wreaths are laid by representatives of the Crown, the armed forces, and local civic leaders, as well as by local organizations including ex-servicemen organizations, cadet forces, the Scouts, Guides, Boys' Brigade, St John Ambulance and the Salvation Army.

The start and end of the silence is often also marked by the firing of a cannon. A minute's or two minutes' silence is also frequently incorporated into church services. Further wreath-laying ceremonies are observed at most war memorials across the UK at 11 a.m. on the 11th of November, led by the Royal British Legion. The beginning and end of the two minutes' silence is often marked in large towns and cities by the firing of ceremonial cannon^[23] and many employers and businesses invite their staff and customers to observe the two minutes' silence at 11:00 a.m.

The First Two Minute Silence in London (11 November 1919) was reported in the Manchester Guardian on 12 November 1919:

'The first stroke of eleven produced a magical effect. The tram cars glided into stillness, motors ceased to cough and fume, and stopped dead, and the mighty-limbed dray horses hunched back upon their loads and stopped also, seeming to do it of their own volition. Someone took off his hat, and with a nervous hesitancy the rest of the men bowed their heads also. Here and there an old soldier could be detected slipping unconsciously into the posture of 'attention'. An elderly woman, not far away, wiped her eyes, and the man beside her looked white and stern. Everyone stood very still ... The hush deepened. It had spread over the whole city and become so pronounced as to impress one with a sense of audibility. It was a silence which was almost pain ... And the spirit of memory brooded over it all.'

POPPY FACTORY

The **Poppy Factory** is a factory in Richmond, Surrey, where remembrance poppies are made. It was established in 1922 and makes approximately 36 million poppies each year. **Lady Haig's Poppy Factory** in Edinburgh was established in 1926 and makes approximately five million remembrance poppies each year.



Artificial poppies for the first poppy appeal in 1921 had been imported from France, but in 1922 the Disabled Society, a charity established in 1920, received a grant of £2,000 from the British Legion to employ disabled ex-service personnel to make remembrance poppies in England.^[1] They set up in a former collar factory on the Old Kent Road. Soon the factory was employing 50 disabled veterans. The factory made a million poppies within two months.

In November 1924, the Prince of Wales (later Edward VIII) visited the Poppy Factory, which made 27 million poppies that year. Most of the employees were disabled, and by then there was a long waiting list for prospective employees. The old collar factory eventually proved too small as demand increased, and in 1925 the factory moved to the disused brewery site in Richmond that is still its home. The name of the charity was changed to the British Legion Poppy Factory at about the same time. In 1933 the factory was rebuilt on the same site.^[1] As of 2011, the Richmond factory is operated by Royal British Legion through a separate company, The Royal British Legion Poppy Factory Ltd, and employs approximately 40 full-time workers, most of whom are disabled, who make the poppies throughout the year in preparation for the period around Remembrance Sunday.

In addition, the charity employs approximately 90 home workers who live within 10 miles of the factory. Total production is approximately 36 million poppies each year, although it has been as high as 45 million and there were once 365 workers

The Richmond factory also makes approximately 80,000 poppy wreaths each year, including the wreaths laid by Queen Elizabeth, other members of the British Royal Family, and British politicians at the National Service of Remembrance at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday. It also makes wooden tokens of remembrance (originally remembrance crosses, now a variety of shapes for different religions, including for 'no faith') and organises the Field of Remembrance at Westminster Abbey.^[1]

The premises are open to the public for guided tours. It also assists wounded, injured and sick ex-service men and women to find employment outside the factory.^[1]

THE BRITISH LEGION

The Downham Market and District Branch of The Royal British Legion including its Sub Branch of Terrington St. John had 232 members on the 30th September 2011. Many had been members of the Branch for a very long time. Sad to say, these days, young members seem remarkable by their absence but I'm glad to say there are exceptions and we have received great support from the local cadet corps and local schools. The Branch has shown remarkable resilience over the 90 years that it has been in existence and has provided help and support to many, many people throughout that time.



90 years generate a lot of memories. Memory – that all-important key to a successful life. Without memory I suggest there is very little meaning to life. Yes it is technically possible to exist without it but only with a very great deal of help and does existing equate to living? A place, a name, a sound, a scent, a view, a sensation of any sort, all require memory, and sadly so does death and the horror that goes with war.

Each year on Remembrance Sunday, lists of those who died in the Great War and the Second World War and other memorable conflicts are read out to congregations all over the world. I believe it is vital that we all take time to remember. It will not, of course, ensure that such conflicts never happen again but it will, I think, make us pause and think and, perhaps inspire the thinker to take action to try and ensure that those no longer with us did not give their lives in vain.

The statistics are horrendous the reality even more so. These wars that touched the lives of all of us, sometimes in ways that we did not discover at the time, still dictate our thinking and our actions in the present. Do we build an aircraft carrier or a hospital? Memories are not all sad however – very far from it and I would be extremely surprised to be told that the following headline did not raise a smile, both here and in Afghanistan. I heard it on the radio a couple of days ago. **“Baby boy delivered to soldier at Camp Bastion”** – That’s a memory that won’t fade for a little while!

Talking of Afghanistan it seems to feature all too often in the British annals of conflict

throughout the world but then Britain seems to have featured all too often in the annals of war all over the world. Will the day ever come when a child can ask "Did people really go to war in the old days dad?" and genuinely not know the answer. I suppose it depends on the age of the child but sadly I think it is unlikely to happen for a few years yet.

As I finger the keys of my laptop I look down of the garden wall that runs along the boundary between our back garden and the area of 'common land' known, in these parts, as 'The Howdale'. The house and garden that used to occupy the land on our side of the wall is now known as 'The Towers' but originally it was the house that bore that name. Dating from the third quarter of the 19th century various people occupied the house until it was destroyed by fire in 1965.

During the first world war The Towers was used as a convalescent hospital for wounded soldiers and as a result the wall that I am looking at still has a number of small slits in it which I am told were to allow riflemen to defend the hospital in case of attack. Reminders of war are everywhere!

Hardly a day goes by, as I'm sure those in Barton Bendish will confirm, without a noisy reminder from R.A.F. Marham of the need for vigilance. Hardly a day goes by without somebody somewhere getting killed for being in the wrong place at the wrong time! Sadly the need for support from The Royal British Legion is as great today as it ever was and in some ways even greater.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning many of us, quite rightly, remember those who died or were injured in conflicts around the world but in addition to remembering this sad fact an even bigger task is to help support those that survived. I refer to those that were left with injuries that no man or woman should be expected to bear alone. We also need to support the families of all those that are now deprived of the support that their loved one can no longer give them. The Legion presently spends £1.7 million every week on beneficiaries.

I am glad to say that Downham Market and the surrounding villages do a fantastic job in helping to raise these much-needed funds. Horace Cross, who stepped down from the position of Poppy Collection Organiser for this area at the end of the campaign last year, presided over the collection of well over £200,000 in eight years. A great team effort superbly led by Horace.

Unfortunately during recent Remembrance campaigns my wife and I have been, more or less confined to barracks, counting money and have only had limited contact with all our splendid helpers who keep the money rolling in. The fact that it does keep rolling in shows just how successful you all are! I would like to thank you all, wherever you are, town or village, and to assure you that your efforts are very greatly appreciated. Thank you and please keep up the good work.

Mike Coles



THE CENOTAPH

The Cenotaph in Whitehall, London has played host to the Remembrance Service for the past nine decades. But how did the monument become such an indelible part of the UK's commemoration of those who lost their lives in past conflicts?

Originally intended as a small part of the Peace Day events of July 1919, The Cenotaph was designed and built by Edwin Lutyens at the request of the then Prime Minister Lloyd George

The Cenotaph - which literally means Empty Tomb in Greek - was initially a wood and plaster construction intended for the first anniversary of the Armistice

in 1919. At its unveiling the base of the monument was spontaneously covered in wreaths to the dead and missing from The Great War. Such was the extent of public enthusiasm for the construction it was decided that The Cenotaph should become a permanent and lasting memorial.

The Cenotaph, made from Portland stone, was unveiled in 1920. The inscription reads simply "The Glorious Dead".

On the Sunday nearest to 11 November at 11am each year, a Remembrance Service is held at the Cenotaph to commemorate British and Commonwealth servicemen and women who died in the two World Wars and later conflicts. The monarch, religious leaders, politicians, representatives of state and the armed and auxiliary forces, gather to pay respect to those who gave their lives defending others.

The service has changed little since it was first introduced in 1921, hymns are sung, prayers are said and a two minute silence is observed. Official wreaths are laid on the steps of The Cenotaph. The ceremony ends with a march past of war veterans; a poignant gesture of respect for their fallen comrades.

Services of Remembrance are held at war memorials and cenotaphs throughout Britain and the Commonwealth nations.



"In Flanders Fields" is a war poem written during the First World War by Canadian physician and Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae. He was inspired to write it on May 3, 1915, after presiding over the funeral of friend and fellow soldier Alexis Helmer, who died in the Second Battle of Ypres.

It is one of the most popular and most quoted poems from the war. As a result of its immediate popularity, parts of the poem were used in propaganda efforts and appeals to recruit soldiers and raise money selling war bonds. Its references to the red poppies that grew over the graves of fallen soldiers resulted in the remembrance poppy becoming one of the world's most recognized memorial symbols for soldiers who have died in conflict. .

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks still bravely singing fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the dead: Short days ago,
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved: and now we lie
In Flanders fields!
Take up our quarrel with the foe
To you, from failing hands, we throw
The torch: be yours to hold it high
If ye break faith with us who die,
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
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Warm & Well Fund

The Norfolk Warm & Well Fund has been set up to support groups in Norfolk that work to assist vulnerable people in their local community who face particular hardship over the winter months. **Grants of up to £2,000 are available** to support activities that help to reduce isolation for older and disabled people, provide a hot meal or help vulnerable people to access local services.

Grants are not available to individuals. Constituted voluntary / community groups and charities can apply. Organisations such as churches and Parish Councils may also apply for projects that benefit the wider community and are outside statutory obligations.

Examples of groups and activities that could be considered:

- Community transport schemes
- Lunch clubs for the elderly and disabled
- Day Centres
- Drop in services and outreach for the homeless and rough sleepers
- Befriending schemes
- Carers support groups

The closing date for applications is 9 November - decisions will be made in early December. Read the full guidance and apply online at www.norfolkfoundation.com. The Grants Team will be happy to discuss your project - contact us on 01603 623958 / email grants@norfolkfoundation.com

WHO DOES WHAT

A man and his wife were having an argument about who should brew the coffee each morning.

The wife said, 'You should do it because you get up first, and then we don't have to wait as long to get our coffee.'

The husband said, 'You are in charge of cooking around here and you should do it, because that is your job, and I can just wait for my coffee.'

Wife replies, 'No, you should do it, and besides, it is in the Bible that the man should do the coffee.'

Husband replies, 'I can't believe that, show me.'

So she fetched the Bible, and opened the New Testament and showed him at the top of several pages, that it indeed says . 'HEBREWS'

Fincham Local History Society

The next meeting of Fincham Local History Society will be held on Wednesday 5th December. Entitled "Memories and Mince Pies" it will take the form of an informal pre-Christmas get-together with, as the title suggests, mince pies and punch as well as the usual tea and coffee! Stewart, Janet and Anna will discuss what they are currently researching and everyone is welcome to bring along anything of local interest (it doesn't necessarily have to be about Fincham) Time 7.30pm and entrance fee £1.00 as usual.

University historians visit Fincham

Recently a group of historians from UEA have carried out research on the building of St. Martin's. They looked at mason's marks and documentary evidence and have come up with some interesting conclusions.



They believe most of what we see today was built in the 1420's and 1430's, about 50 years earlier than was previously thought. The exception is the tower, obviously built in stages, one stage being marked by the Fincham heraldry in flint, probably the result of a legacy left by Simon de Fyncham who

died in 1458. The tower was completed by the end of the 15th century.

The rood screen dates from the 1430's or very soon after. They say it is very fine and there only appears to be a small amount of repair of a later date. The painting is likely to be original although to be certain it would need a 'scrape and analysis'.

The medieval glass in the north wall of the chancel shows angels playing different instruments and is typical of Norfolk glass of the 1430's. This window is being examined by an expert to determine what work is needed on it.

They say the figures on the roof posts are very interesting. The message of the carvings seems to be the battle between good and evil, virtue and vice, symbolised by the figures of the angels, the demons and other figures which appear human but are distorted by long tongues or animal faces. Figures of this roof type appear to be quite special to this part of Norfolk and to this particular period. The figures are difficult to see but close up photos of these figures will be displayed at the History Group meeting on Dec 5th.

Stewart Waterston

Fincham Village Quiz

Fincham Village Quiz 2012 will be held in Fincham Village Hall on Wednesday 28th November. 7.30 for 7.45pm start Entry £2.50 per player max teams of 6. Please bring own refreshments. To book contact 01366 347694. Remember not only do the winners get a prize but they also have the privilege of setting next year's quiz on behalf of their organisation or their chosen charity!

Jan Lynskey

All Saints', Shouldham

Autumn Quiz - Saturday, 10th November at **7.00pm** in the Village Hall. Tables of up to 6 persons, £3.50 pp. Please bring own refreshments - all other usual arrangements. Proceeds to church funds. To book, please contact Ann Hullah on 347814 or annahullah@btinternet.com asap.

Christmas Trees in Church - We intend to repeat the decoration of the church with small Christmas trees (real or artificial) in memory of loved ones. These need to be in church before the service of **Nine Lessons and Carols** which is to be held on **Monday, 17th December at 7pm**. The church will be candlelit for the Carol service, and the decorated Christmas trees add significantly to the sense of occasion. Please contact Ann Hullah (above) if you would like to provide a tree.

Ann and Brian Hullah

Life isn't fair, but it's still good.

When in doubt, just take the next small step.

Life is too short – enjoy it.

Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Some of your friends and all of your family will.

Pay off your credit cards every month.

You don't have to win every argument. Stay true to yourself.

Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying alone.

It's OK to get angry with God. He can take it.

When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.

Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.

Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.

If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn't be in it.

Everything can change in the blink of an eye. But don't worry, God never blinks.

Take a deep breath. It calms the mind.

Get rid of anything that isn't useful. Clutter weighs you down in many ways.

It's never too late to be happy. But it's all up to you and no one else.

When it comes to going after what you love in life, don't take no for an answer.

Burn the candles, use the nice sheets, wear the fancy lingerie. Don't save it for a special occasion. Today is special.

Be eccentric now. Don't wait for old age to wear purple.

No one is in charge of your happiness but you.

Always choose life.

Forgive but don't forget.

What other people think of you is none of your business.

Time heals almost everything. Give time time.

However good or bad a situation is, it will change.

Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.

Believe in miracles.

God loves you because of who God is, not because of anything you did or didn't do.

Don't audit life. Show up and make the most of it now.

Growing old beats the alternative -- dying young.

All that truly matters in the end is that you loved.

Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere.

Envy is a waste of time. Accept what you already have not what you think you need.

The best is yet to come.

No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.

Yield.

Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift."

INCINERATOR UPDATE

Having a February public inquiry date is not ideal and is earlier than originally expected. Those promoting the incinerator can afford a team of professional advocates. KLWIN cannot match their financial resources but we do have stronger arguments. Our chances of defeating the incinerator at the inquiry can be improved by engaging a professional planning consultant to help us prepare and during the process. This is our chance to get a fair hearing, it is vital we make as good a job as possible within the limited time. Preparations and fundraising must go hand in hand. The more money we raise the more we can reinforce our arguments with professional planning support. Some people have expressed concern the Planning Inspectorate might not look at every objection. In reply to an email the Inspectorate confirmed they are taking ALL previously submitted objections into account. If anyone wishes to raise further objections or wants to speak at the inquiry they will need to inform the Planning Inspectorate. Few West Norfolk County Councillors have done anything to stop the incinerator or stand up for our democracy. Unless they are going to start working for residents, what was the point of their standing for election? What will they do between now and the May 2013 elections? West Norfolk Borough Council on the other hand has investigated a recycling alternative. If successful it would save money and leave virtually nothing for incineration. KLWIN is working on behalf of the community, if you can help us in any practical way, either selling raffle tickets, calendars or help at events please get in touch we need your support.

Future events all at:

Fairgreen, Farms, Hill Road,

Fair Green/Middleton, PE32 1RN

10th Nov **Double Event Day:** Coffee Morning 10-12h. Tea Dance 4-8pm incl. Refreshments & tuition. Licensed Bar. No need to come with partner. All welcome. Tickets £10/Adv. Or £12/door. To book call 01553 840640.

8th Dec 9-5pm **Indoor Christmas Market** Art & crafts, Live harp music, choir, mulled wine, raffle prize draw. Entry 50p, kids free.

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Christmas Tree Festival

St Andrews Church, Barton Bendish

Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th December 2012

Sat 10am -4pm Sun 12-4pm

Lots of decorated trees, a Remembrance Tree and a Message for Father Christmas Tree.

Refreshments available. Free entry

As always we are looking for people who would be willing to display a Christmas Tree in our church for this festival . It can be real, artificial or imaginative – a collection of branches have been used in previous festivals, to great effect. It can be decorated in any way you wish,- it could be themed , have a message or can be

decorated in memory of someone dear to you. You do not have to be a 'church goer' to take part- everyone is extremely welcome.

For more information contact

Mhari 01366 347849 or Linda 01366 347563

Hall of Stalls

Barton Bendish Village Hall

Saturday 8th December 10am -4pm

Come and buy your Christmas gifts. A wide range of handmade crafts, cards, and ideal presents available Refreshments and light lunches.

For more information contact

Mhari 01366 347849 or Linda 01366 347563

Bonfire

at

BARTON BENDISH HALL

on

Friday 9th November 2012

From 6.30 p.m.



£5.00 per adult

(no charge for children)

Price includes hot dog and a glass of wine

Proceeds to: St Andrew's Church,



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Saturday 17th November 7:00pm

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Contact: Debbie on 01366 502224

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On

8th & 9th

December

Sat 10am – 4pm

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at Barton Bendish church

to see an amazing display of

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CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

There is also a Remembrance Tree to leave

your own thoughts for loved ones and a

tree for children's letters to Father Christmas

Free Entry

CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP

Would you like to have a go at making your own Christmas wreath?

Come along to Barton Bendish Village Hall on Thursday 22th and Friday 23rd November 2012 at 7.30pm

Cost is £12 per person and includes a glass of mulled wine or a cup of tea or coffee and a mince pie. All basic materials are provided but you can bring your own ribbon or everlasting decoration to add if you would like, no experience necessary. Just bring a pair of secateurs and dress for mess!

For more information and to book a place please contact Mhari – 01366 347 849
Linda – 01366 347 563

DIARY DATES

2012

1. **December 6th** Thursday 7.30 WI 'Homemade Chocolates'
Jenny Gabrielsen 01366 328297
2. **December 7th** Friday 3 - 5 Bingo Marham Village Hall
Norma Hayter 01760 339093
3. **December 8th** Saturday Hall of Stalls
Mhari Blanchfield 01366 347849 & Linda Webster 01366 347563
4. **December 8th and 9th** Saturday & Sunday Christmas Tree Festival
Mhari Blanchfield 01366 347849 & Linda Webster 01366 347563
5. **December 12th** Wednesday Coffee Morning St Martin's Fincham 10 - noon
May Pinches 01366 347228
6. **December 12th** Wednesday Scrabble Orchard Hse Beachamwell 1.45-3.45
Sonia Williams 01366 328774
7. **December 13th** Thursday Coffee Morning Holy Trinity Church 10 - 12
Norma Hayter 01760 339093
8. **December 15th** pm Saturday Christmas Entertainment & Carol Service
Mhari Blanchfield 01366 347849 & Linda Webster 01366 347563
9. **December 19th** Wednesday Afternoon Tea & A Chat 2 - 4pm Memorial Hall
Sonia Williams 01366 328774
10. **December 21st** Friday Carols by Candlelight 6.30 St Mary's Church B/well
Sonia Williams 01366 328774

2013

1. **January 10th** Monday Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm Memorial Hall
Eileen Powell 01366 328648
2. **January 16th** Wednesday Parish Council Meeting 7.00pm Village Hall
Ian Berchem 01366 347759
3. **January 26th** Saturday Burns Night Supper
Mhari Blanchfield 01366 347849 & Linda Webster 01366 347563
4. **June 23rd** Sunday Gardens Open 12 noon—5pm Beachamwell
Alan Butler 01366 328817

Beachamwell Book Group

Tuesday November 6th

7.00 - 9.00pm

Beachamwell Memorial Hall

Book to be discussed at this meeting

'Of Mutability' by Jo Shapcott

£2.00 + Bring & Buy Bookstall

All welcome

Enquiries:

Leah Spencer 01366 328536

Beachamwell Wednesday Walkers

Wednesday November 7th

Meet at 10.30am outside
Beachamwell Memorial Hall

Walk will be
approximately 2½ miles

Enquiries:

Leah Spencer 01366 328536

Beachamwell

Scrabble

**Wednesday
November 14th
2 - 4pm**

Orchard House,
The Street
Beachamwell

Enquiries:

Sonia Williams 01366 328774

Beachamwell Afternoon Tea and a Chat

**Wednesday
November 21st
2 - 4pm**

Beachamwell
Memorial Hall

Enquiries

Graham & Sonia Williams
01366 328774



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Beachamwell
Craft Group

Thursday November 29th

2 – 4.30pm

Beachamwell Memorial Hall

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

£2.00 + Bring & Buy

All welcome.

Enquiries:
Leah Spencer 01366 328536

Nar Valley Ornithological Society (NarVOS)

Tuesday 27th November 2012, 7.30pm at the Barn Theatre, Sacred Heart Convent School, Swaffham. Access & parking from Sporle Road. Please come along to this illustrated talk by Allan Hale, entitled:

Chile – from Top to Bottom.

Allan Hale is a local birdwatcher who is heavily involved in conservation in the NarVOS area. Allan is a founder member of NarVOS and is highly regarded for his wildlife talks to various organisations. This talk is bound to demonstrate Allan's excellent photography as well as his knowledge and engaging wit.

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

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Art, Photography and Craft Exhibition

The village hall and St Andrews Church played host to another successful weekend of art and craft in Barton Bendish. A lively preview evening on the Friday night got the event off to a great start and our thanks go to Hylton Gott for sponsoring the refreshments, the Berney Arms and ladies from the village for the delicious canapés and to Fraser Dawbarns for printing the programmes. It was lovely to see so many people there.

The number of artists exhibiting their work was 50 which was a similar number to last year. Painters, photographers and craftspeople displayed a wonderful variety of work most of which was for sale. Our thanks go again to David Mason who had built another exhibition stand for us. Thanks also to the ladies who took such care with hanging the pictures so expertly and to Peter Carter for his beautiful guitar playing which created a wonderful ambiance. The photography and craftwork was in St Andrew's Church and our thanks go to the army of volunteers who stewarded there and manned the raffle.

The refreshments available over the weekend were very popular and our thanks go to all the wonderful bakers who provided the mouthwatering cakes and biscuits as well as the soup and bacon rolls. Thank you to all those who helped serve them up and to those who helped wash up!

The total raised was just under £1000 and this is to be split between the Church and the Village Hall. This is a fantastic amount, thank you to everyone who was involved in any way. It was a real community event with lots of volunteers giving their time and talent to help make the weekend such a success. Thank you! *Linda & Mhari*

Macmillan Coffee morning

A big thank you to everyone who supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning in the village on October 4th by helping, making cakes, donating raffle prizes and produce or just by coming along. The grand total we raised together was £265.72

Barton Bendish Bonfire Night Friday 9th November 6:30-9:30pm

All are invited to enjoy a Bonfire and informal BBQ evening with a glass of wine at Barton Bendish Hall on Friday 9th November at 6:30pm. No fireworks, just good company and a warm welcome. Suggested donation - £5 per adult, children free. All proceeds to St Andrew's Church and Barton Bendish Village Hall.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning

Freda will be holding a Coffee Morning in aid of the Royal British Legion on Saturday November 17th from 10am 'til noon in Barton Bendish Village Hall.

Village Cinema

Barton Bendish Film Club are proud to present at Barton Bendish Village Hall the following two film showings both on Saturday 1st December.

The Pirates!

For the first time we're delighted to be able to present an afternoon Matinee performance

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for our younger (and younger at heart), film goes, showing 'The Pirates' at 2:30pm. An animated film from the creators of 'Chicken Run'. All tickets: £2 with accompanying adults free. This is an occasion for all the family and we ask that children be accompanied by an adult. Refreshments included. Running time: 88 mins

The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel

An evening 7:30pm showing of this new British Comedy, starring Bill Nighy, Dame Judi Dench & Dev Patel. A group of British retirees decide to 'outsource' their retirement to less expensive and seemingly exotic India. Running time 124 mins. Tickets £4 in advance, £5 on the door. Advanced booking advised. Festive refreshments included! Raffle.

Please visit our website www.bartonbendishfilmclub.btck.co.uk, email us at cinemabarton@gmail.com or telephone 01366 347849 for tickets or more information.

AN EVENING OF WARTIME CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

Come and join in the Christmas celebrations at this evening of entertainment for all ages on Saturday 13th December at 3.30pm. This will be followed by light refreshments and mulled wine. Entrance is free but donations are gratefully appreciated.

For more information and to book your seat please contact Mhari 347849 or Linda 347563

News from St Andrew's

Happily the long awaited Faculty to install electrical heating in the Chancel and electric sockets in the Nave was granted in August and work is currently underway to do this - hopefully this will mean that our winter services which we hold in the Chancel will be much more comfortable and

we may be able to go without the blankets we have handed out in other years! This work has benefited from a grant of £2000 kindly given by The Churches and Community Fund and has been made possible by your support at our fundraising events over the past few years. Also on the Faculty agreement was the re installation of the medieval glass window that was originally taken out many years ago when a coke boiler was installed to heat the church. The window (opposite the main door in the Nave) was then bricked up. The window glass has already been repaired and our stonemason is working on returning it shortly to its original place.

BREAKFAST CHURCH and SERVICES IN NOVEMBER and DECEMBER

Our last Breakfast Church of this year took place on October 7th and was the best attended yet.

In November we have our village Remembrance service on Sunday 11th at 10.45 and our Holy Communion Service at 6pm on the 25th. In December there will be a Christingle Service amongst the Christmas Trees on Sunday

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9th at 10 am and this will be followed by refreshments.

After the success of our Victorian Entertainment and Carol Service last year we are following the same format this year but with a 'wartime ' theme on 15th December 3.30pm, in the Village Hall. Everyone very welcome.

Parish Council Meeting 26th September, 2012

1. The meeting was attended by six Parish Cllrs, one Borough Cllr, the Parish Clerk and three members of the public.
2. The Council is most unhappy about the "Welcome to the Brecks" sign which has appeared on the A1122 near the junction with White's Road. This view has been communicated to The Brecks Partnership and the next step is being considered.
3. The Council has adopted the national rules governing Cllrs' Code of Conduct.
4. The continuing problem of sewage smell is being pursued yet again with Anglian Water. A very positive and constructive meeting was held in the village with a senior team from Anglian Water on 28th September, 2012. General points were discussed with the Council Chairman, Cllr English and the Parish Clerk. Cllr English then discussed the particular problem areas in and around Hatherley Gardens with them.

The Projects Sub-Committee is examining;

- i. Cutting back the Coronation lime tree on Buttlands Lane (this has subsequently been done by Albanwise) and replacing the Coronation commemorative plaque.
- ii. Tidying up the base of the War Memorial; volunteers are being sought to assist with this task.
- iii. Repairing the church clock.
- iv. Creating a Village Hall sign
- v. The Footpaths Sub-Committee is examining the practicality of self-help to maintain the footpaths around the village.

The Council approved the annual donation to St Andrew's church funds of £250.

The next meeting of Barton Bendish Parish Council will be held on Wednesday, 21st November, 2012.

Lt Col I.R.Berchem, Parish Clerk

PS Albanwise have not only tidied up the Coronation lime tree but also the length of Buttlands Lane as well as the grounds of the Rectory. Actually, I think it could be called more of a clearance than a tidy up but what a great improvement it has all made to the look of the village.

Jill

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QUIZ SHEET

Barton Bendish quiz sheet is now available. It will keep you entertained for hours and only costs £1! This time it has a London theme and there is a prize of £15 for the winner. Available in the village from Mhari, Linda, Jill, the Berney Arms and St Andrew's Church.

Christingle Service

St Andrews Church , Barton Bendish Sunday 9th December
2012 at 10am

Come and enjoy taking part in our service for all ages surrounded by the Christmas Trees. All denominations very welcome.

An Evening of Wartime Christmas Entertainment, Music and Carols

Come and join in the Christmas celebrations at this evening of entertainment for all ages!

Saturday 13th December 3.30pm

War time dress is optional for the audience but if you have any 'suitable costumes' you could lend us for the 'cast' we would be very pleased to hear from you!

The entertainment will be followed by light refreshments and mulled wine. Entrance is free but donations are gratefully appreciated.

For more information and to book your seat please contact

Mhari 01366 347849 or Linda 01366 347563

See adverts for other events in Barton Bendish!

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Liz Cooper, House Manager at Oxburgh Hall, gave a fascinating presentation about the Textiles – including the Marian Hangings – which are there. These famous needlework panels were made by Mary, Queen of

Scots and Bess of Hardwick and are well worth seeing if you haven't done so already. Liz's knowledge and enthusiasm for her subject were obvious and the result was an excellent evening.

Thanks must go to Val Sidey who was acting president. It was the first time she had done this and her friendly, enthusiastic manner was much appreciated.



Eileen Powell

St. Mary's Flower Rota for November

4th Sonia Sandell; 11th Gill Sanderson; 18th Sheila Smith; 25th Sonia Williams *Eileen Powell*



Beachamwell Fete 2012

The 2012 Beachamwell Village & Country Fete was opened this year by none other than Her Majesty The Queen. After such a busy year it was amazing to get her but anything is possible on the Memorial Hall Committee.

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Just a shame she didn't have time to shave her legs but none the less it was a pleasure to have her. The Ewelympics this year continued to draw a crowd and our woolly stars are now regular features in the local press and we are often asked to race the sheep at other venues but our racing rambos are exclusive to Beachamell.

Many thanks must go to every one who comes out to help over the weekend – although our committee is very small the numbers swell over the fete weekend and help comes from all directions. Although hard work we do have great fun and we are always pleased to see new people help. This year we raised over £2500 towards the running of the Memorial Hall – mostly from the amazing and now famous Bric-a-Brac tent and from our unique games such as Chicken Lottery and Bowl for a Pig. We are keen to continue the tradition of the local fete and though our priority is to draw the community together for the weekend we manage to raise funds at the same time.

Next year the Barn Dance returns at the end of July so it has been decided to alternate this event with the Fete returning in 2014. We always need help for these events so please tell us if you would like to get involved or indeed run an event yourself! We are having a break until the New Year but the Memorial Hall is there for us all so please get involved.

Don't forget that this is a great venue for your parties and get together with fantastic rates for villagers.

Caroline Sanderson 328244

Due to circumstances beyond my control Caroline's report missed last month's edition – apologies. ***Eileen Powell***

Wednesday Walkers!

We got off to an excellent start on 3 October, with 8 people (and 3 dogs) doing a circular walk of approximately 2¼ miles in beautiful autumn sunshine. We walked the footpath from the old school across to Gooderstone Road, then down Murgot Lane to Green Drove, across to St John's Church and back to The Street.

There was a lot to look at in the hedgerows and Sue Pennell pointed out places of local historical interest, which added to everybody's enjoyment. It was great to talk to new people and to appreciate how lucky we are to live in a village with so many footpaths and bridleways to explore.

Sue has planned a programme of walks for the next 14 months. On 7 November we

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meet at 10.30am outside the village hall and head off to Shingham and beyond! The walk will be about 2 ½ miles.

New members welcome.

Enquiries: Sue Pennell 01366 328452 or Leah Spencer 01366 328536

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Please note new times

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

Parish Council

The Parish Council Meetings for 2012 - 2013 will take place

2012 November 12th

2013 January 10th, March 14th, May 9th plus Annual Parish Meeting

As always, everyone is welcome to attend. *Eileen Powell*

St. Mary's

We have recently had our Quinquennial Report. This is the 5 yearly report on the fabric of the church which is required by the Diocese of Ely. The main area of concern is the roof of the medieval porch which needs urgent restoration as the timbers supporting the roof need to be replaced. We are currently obtaining estimates for the work. Watch this space !

The very old registers of baptisms, marriages and deaths which have been kept in the church are in the process of being sent to the Norfolk Archives in Norwich which is in line with the policy of our group of churches. This will ensure that the registers are safe and well preserved and eventually all the information contained in them will be available online.

Our next Fund Raising event will be a Coffee Morning hosted by Marie Rich date tba.

Remembrance Day Service will be held at 10.45 on Sunday 11th November and Carols by Candlelight Service will be held at 6.30 on Friday 21st December. We do hope you will join us for both of these special services.

We also hope you will join us for Afternoon Tea on Wednesday 21st November between 2 – 4 p.m. in Beachamwell Memorial Hall. The organisers will be delighted if you were able to make a cake for Afternoon Tea this month or any future months. Please just bring a cake along or contact Sonia Williams 01366 328774 or Gill Sanderson 01366 328818.

Graham Williams (Churchwarden)

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS - Please note changed days/times

DATE	VILLAGE	LOCATION	TIME
Thursday 22nd November	Beachamwell	Post Office	10:05 am
20th December	Drymere	Telephone Box	10:40 am
	Boughton	Sycamore House Mill Road	15:20 pm 15:35 pm
	Barton Bendish	Hatherley Gardens	9:40 pm
Thursday 8th ,22nd November 06, 20th December	Wereham	The Pond Queen's Close	9:30 am 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) 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)

FARMERS' MARKETS

Ely	Second and Fourth Saturday 8:00-2:00pm (10th and 24th)
Fakenham	Fourth Saturday 8.30am to 12:00pm (24th)
RAF Marham	Third Friday 9:00am to 2:00pm (16th)
Swaffham	First and Third Sunday (4th and 18th)
Watton	Sadly no longer trading

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

VILLAGE AND PARISH HALL BOOKINGS

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

CHURCH SERVICES

November 2012

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	SERVICE
4th November	9.45 am	Shouldham	Morning Prayer
	10.30 am	Marham (HT)	United Morning Service
	11.00 am	Beachamwell	Holy Communion
	6.00 pm	Wereham	Evensong

11th NOVEMBER—REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY—see page 4

18th November	09.45 am	Shouldham	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Marham	Holy Communion
	11.00 am	Beachamwell	Family Service
	11.00 am	Wereham	Morning Prayer
25th November	09.30 am	Fincham	Holy Communion
	11.00 am	Boughton	Holy Communion
	6.00 pm	Barton Bendish	Holy Communion
	6.00 pm	Marham	Evensong

THURSDAY COMMUNIONS

1st, 15th, 22nd, 29th at Fincham,
8th at Boughton.

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

All Welcome

CHURCHWARDENS

Barton Bendish	Mhari Blanchfield	01366 347849
	Linda Webster	01366 347563
Beachamwell	John Sanderson	01366 328818
	Graham Williams	01366 328774
Boughton	Pam Wakeling	01366 500429
Wereham	Sheila Smith	01366858165

BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS

Please contact the Rev'd. Barbara Burton 01366 348079 or the Churchwarden in your parish.

BOUGHTON VILLAGE NEWS

Glorious Boughton pile on the runs

Boughton Cricket Club 195-6 off 33 Overs (Alex Reardon 51* (declared); Phil Koopowitz 43*) Geoff Proctor's Invitational XI 104 all out off 29.3 Overs (Kevin Fisher 27) Boughton won by 91 runs

Boughton Cricket Club's season ended much as it had begun, with a well-earned victory on a windy day when rain threatened to disrupt the proceedings. BCC won the toss and opted to bat, hoping to build a large score and then restrict Geoff Proctor's Invitational XI by bowling tightly. Alex Reardon and Eliot Koopowitz began cautiously on a pitch that offered seam and bounce. The loss of Koopowitz for 7 brought a new recruit, Chris Yates, to the crease and he made a good start, putting his foot down the wicket and cracking the ball through the off and on sides for a admirable 14 before being stumped. At number 4, Bernie Bartrum came in, but before facing a ball was run out after a mix up. BCC were looking unsteady, but Alex Reardon played a masterful innings for his 51 not out, whipping the ball over mid-wicket and long on for several fours before gallantly retiring. Supported by the ever extravagant Phil Koopowitz who put on 43 not out, they steadied the innings and with late flourishes from Owen Chandler (15) and vice-skipper Hugh Jenkins (15), Boughton accelerated to a massive total of 195 for 6.

It looked a daunting total on a pitch that favoured the bowlers and Geoff Proctor's Invitational XI made a restrained start to the accurate bowling of Mark Pogmore and Josh Reardon. Between them, they put the pressure on the opening batsmen and something had to give, Pogmore (5-2-4-7) taking a wicket in first over and two in his second and well-supported by the thrifty Reardon (7-0-18-1) at the other end. The loss of the first three wickets for just five runs brought Kevin Fisher to the crease, one of BCC's own who had defected to the other side and who proceeded to bat excellently for his 27, leaving BCC with the distinct impression he has been training in secret! He was well-supported in the middle order by their opening bowler and a fifty partnership meant that Geoff Proctor's Invitational XI were looking in good shape if they did not lose wickets. Sadly for them, quick wickets did fall to Wilkinson and Eliot Koopowitz. A mini fight back was led by their wicket-keeper (12) and Barry Ovel (another BCC renegade!) but the total was simply too great and, with further wickets to Koopowitz and Chandler, BCC wrapped up the game with four overs to spare.

As the Club's most successful year since its foundation with victory in three of our four games, this was a fitting end to a season that has been disrupted by torrential rain and waterlogged pitches. It is also fitting that one of our juniors, Alex Reardon should make a half-century and be named Man of the Match. With luck and good weather, BCC will be raring to go next season and we look forward to seeing lots of you then. *Ben Wilkinson*
Captain, BCC

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BOUGHTON CRICKET CLUB

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held on Monday 12th November 2012 at 7.00 pm in All Saints' Church,
Boughton.

Nominations for Officers of the Club must be made in writing on the attached Nomination forms AND MUST BE SIGNED BOTH BY THE NOMINATOR (who must be a Member of the Club) AND BY THE NOMINEE .

COMPLETED NOMINATION FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY ME AT HALL HOUSE, BOUGHTON, BY 6.00 PM ON MONDAY 29th OCTOBER 2012.

Nomination forms will also be available to download for current Members of the Club, or further copies will be available from me.

The Officers of the Club who form the Management Committee and who require to be elected are:-

Chair

Secretary

Treasurer

Welfare Officer

Publicity Officer

Club Captain

Head Groundsman

Fundraising Manager

Junior Representative

Two (or more) Ordinary (Non-Executive) Members.

Rosemary Wilkinson. Club Secretary.

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Congratulations to Georgia Reardon on being selected for Norfolk County Cricket u13's girls, after completing trials in September. She has worked very hard this past season and done very well under the guidance of Swaffham Cricket Club. We are very proud of her.

WANTED

Boughton Cricket Club is in need of a small shed for storing equipment approx. size 6x8

If you can help please call Barry on 07867503203, thank you.

Boughton School 1984 I have been interested in the history of Boughton ever since we found this delightful village seven years ago. Many hours of trawling the internet have produced some remarkable photographs and links to the past. One such photo, that I found in Downham Library last year, is of the old Boughton school when it was still open. This picture was taken on the 3rd of October 1984 exactly 28 years ago to the day as I write this piece. I wonder who the gentleman teacher is in the picture? Was he the Head Master? Also the lady, another teacher?

There are also about two dozen or so children, some looking through the fence, others up the climbing frame, who are they?

Now the interesting thing is that some of them may be you! Or indeed someone you know and it would be fascinating to get some feedback on the names and current whereabouts of those pictured. As the photo will not come out too well in G4N there will be a finer copy on the website at www.group4news.co.uk Please visit the website to see if you can unravel the mystery of who is featured in this recent piece of Boughton's past.

I hope to be able to update this piece with more information on those featured in the photo in later editions of the magazine. *Peter Agate 01366 500044*

Harvest Festival

Thank you to all the people who decorated the church and provided gifts for the collections. As usual, the church dresses up well and it was a very pleasant service with a good congregation. After the service, we enjoyed good food and a drink. Thanks to those who provided it., and to Angela who has kept the flowers going for a good period of time.

The tins and packets of food were taken to Swaffham Baptist Church where they are part of the Norfolk Food Bank initiative for those who are struggling to keep going. The

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collection, which was just over £86, was donated to Christian Aid's Famine Relief appeal.
Pam

Lawn mowers

Most of us are hoping to put our lawnmowers away for the winter, so it seems a good moment to thank Frank for keeping the green mowed and looking so good throughout the summer. Thanks also to those who help him. I'd also like to thank Tony Gold for cutting my front lawn all through the summer. I really appreciate the help, Tony. *Pam*

Harvest Supper

The annual group Harvest Supper was held at Barton Bendish on October 13th. This tradition of the supper being hosted by a different village in the group each year was started by Michael and Shirley Tucker more than twenty years ago and continues to be well supported by the four villages with increasing and welcome support from friends in the four northern villages, notably Fincham. It was, as usual, a most enjoyable evening with more than seventy people sitting down to a three course meal ably hosted by Linda and Mhari, with their team of helpers. Many thanks to all of them. The entertainment was provided by the Singing Shepherd, otherwise known as David Mason, together with his wife Jill, who read two of her poems about farming and the changes it has seen. This was followed by the small choir under the direction of Lissa Kinsey. A great deal of work had gone on behind the scenes! Next year, it will be Boughton's turn to host the evening. Many thanks to all concerned. *Pam Wakeling*

Remembrance Day Poppies will be on sale in the village in the two weeks before November 11th. Thanks to Angela for offering to do this. Please support her and the work of the British Legion.

November 11th

The Remembrance Service starts at 10.45 am with laying of the wreaths and Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial.

Instead of our usual Breakfast Church, the service will be followed by lunch in the church starting at 12 –12.30 pm. This replaces Breakfast Church for November only. All welcome—contact Sandy on 500743 if you wish to attend.

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Sponsored bike ride 8th September 2012

On a lovely September morning, armed with our bottles of drink and sweeties, my running partner, Dawn and I set off from Downham Market on our mission to see how many churches/chapels we could visit that day.

First stop would be Wimbotsham church, unfortunately no sign of anyone, so onto the chapel, not being sure where it was we asked some local builders, "The only chapel we know of has been converted into a house". Not the answer we were hoping for, undeterred, we ventured down the street to find a young lady of about 70 who told us it was round the corner and up the hill. Fortunately we saw several bikes parked outside the chapel which was manned, enabling our form to be signed for both houses of worship. After greeting the other bikers we set off across the A10 to Stow Bardolf church but alas there was more life in the graveyard than the church, but we noted the time and set off towards Stow Bridge to avoid the A10 and onto RunctonHolme. Who should we see but the same group of bikers from Wimbotsham, this would be a feature of the day as we progressed round, although we managed to get the odd extra church in between meetings. So onto Watlington to be greeted by Father James who offered us refreshment and apologised for the lack of personnel at our next port of call, St Botolph'sTottenhill or at West Briggs to be more precise. At least there was a drink and biscuits available which we enjoyed sat on the bench with the sun beating down, all very pleasant! Continuing round the single track road we emerged onto the A134 to battle with the numerous lorries who seem to find cyclists a constant irritation and drive by as if we weren't there. Although unscathed we were pleased to turn off the main road into Shouldham Thorpe where we found a stamp to use on our form. There was a bowl of apples near the other refreshments so I took one and thoroughly enjoyed it. Dawn then asked if they weren't part of the harvest thanksgiving arrangement,Oops! Again the group of cyclists arrived as we were leaving, they were aiming to have their lunch at the Swan in Fincham so continued to track us to Shouldham All Saints. Unfortunately there was no one at the church, but what a picturesque view looking down across the field towards the village with several breeds of cattle grazing on the slope, almost a Constable moment!

We then set off to overcome our biggest challenge, the" Fincham hill", we'd ran up this hill several times but not biked before and we found it almost as exhausting. Relieved to free wheel down the other side we called in to St Martins before making our way to Boughton for our well-earned lunch.

Diane greeted us at Boughton as we continued on the second half of our mission. We then rode off round to Wereham andWretton before eventually arriving at Bexwell church

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for a welcome drink and biscuits. We preferred to cycle on the back roads so we could enjoy the scenery rather than contend with the traffic. Then back into Downham and St Dominics where I noticed I had more churches on my sponsor form than he had visitors on his list! Denver was our next call enabling us to cut back across the A10 to St Michaels at Ryston before returning to Downham centre and up to St Edmundsbury's where I almost became a mascot on the front of a four-wheel drive vehicle driven by a young woman who failed to see my outstretched right arm as I turned into the church driveway. We again met up with the bikers as they headed back to their start. I was disappointed to find nobody here to welcome us despite there being a "do" on outside the church. Finally we were just in time to catch the volunteer in the Methodist church before he decided to close at 4.30 as he'd only seen a handful of people all day.

So on reflection, I didn't see that many cyclists doing their bit to raise money, so I can understand why it's difficult to get volunteers to sit for hours to see so few people come to visit their church. On the plus side, we thoroughly enjoyed the challenge and would recommend anyone to get on their bikes, get out in the fresh air and enjoy the day. Finally I would like to thank all who sponsored me and paid up so readily!

Andy Beeston

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BINGO every **Wednesday** evening at the **Village Hall**, starts 7.30 pm. Cash prizes.

KARAOKE at the **George and Dragon - Friday 23rd November** - starts 8.00 pm.

VILLAGE 'FIT CAMP'

Coffee morning ad

The Village 'Fit Camp' is held in the Village Hall on **Monday** and **Friday** evenings from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. The sessions are motivational, fun and designed to help weight loss, toning, general health and fitness.

Booking is essential as there is limited space. The cost is £5.00 per session or block book 6 weeks for £24.00.

Contact *Shaun* on 07878770230 or 01366 501130

WEREHAM ON FACEBOOK

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

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS: The next meeting will be on Tuesday 13th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Everyone welcome! The last Meeting was on 11th September - if you would like a copy of the Minutes from that meeting, please contact:-

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33 Lynn Road

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ATTENTION DOG WALKERS !! Please make sure that you '**clear up**' after your dogs when walking around the village. Thanks.

CAR BOOT SALE Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Car Boot Sale in September. I would like to thank everyone who helped Doreen and myself on the day. We raised £680.00 towards the Village Hall Rebuild. Once again thank you to you all. *Janet*



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MILLENNIUM YEW TREE

Wereham Churchyard 2000 AD *For the record*

At the turn of the millennium, there was a scheme to plant commemorative yew trees in churchyards. From this scheme Robin Blackall acquired a young tree. I planted this tree in the North East corner of the Churchyard early in the year 2000. Unfortunately, it did not survive. The next year, another tree from the same source was planted in its place, but this did not survive either. I had a small self seeded yew tree in my garden. It came from a large yew tree next door in the Old Vicarage House garden. The seed is likely to have germinated in the year 1999 or 2000. I transplanted this tree in the Churchyard early 2003 and it is now growing well. The ancient yew tree from which the seed came is estimated to be over 200 years old.

Thus the tree has ancestry in the Village for at least that time.

Dudley Pickston

30th September 2012

(This information is being entered into the Church Records)

WEREHAM TOTS We are back up and running after the school holidays. Thank you to all the parents/carers who refrained from bringing older siblings during the holidays. We've seen some new faces in the past few weeks, so anyone wishing to join us will be made very welcome. Just a reminder that we meet on Friday mornings 10.00am to 12.00pm in Wereham Village Hall. **'First visit free'** then £1.50 per child (second child or more 50p each). We have a vast array of toys for all ages and tabletop activities. Healthy snacks and juice for the children, plus teas and coffees for the adults (as much as you like)!

FIRST AID A very relaxed but informative evening was held in the Village Hall for people wishing to learn, or 'brush up' the basics of First Aid. Topics included - resuscitation, choking, bleeding, burns and scalds, unconsciousness and common illnesses. Thank you to Victoria and Nicky for being our patients! Each person received a certificate of attendance. We'll be organising another in the near future. Please contact me if you would be interested in attending. *Angela 01366 500115*



CHILDREN IN NEED

A **Coffee Morning** is being held in the Village Hall during our 'Tots session' on Friday 16th November. Pop in between 10.30am and 12.30pm - £1.50 entrance fee. There will be a cake stall and raffle. If you would like to donate a prize or cakes for the event, all will be gratefully received.

Contact *Angela 01366 500115* or *Victoria 01366 501277*.

PLEASE SUPPORT US IN THIS WORTHY CAUSE

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Primary School Youth Club-Monday's 4pm - 5pm.

We have had to change *Primary Youth Club* opening times to every other week. In November we will be open Monday 12th and Monday 26th, 4pm to 5pm. We have exciting craft things to do in getting ready for Christmas. As ever please, support us by coming along or donating juice, biscuits or a cake for the children. The cost is £1.00 for the first child and 50p thereafter.

As you are all aware Nicki will soon be having time off - due to the new forthcoming baby, Cooper, so if anyone would like to help me every other Monday just for two hours it would be much appreciated, and stop us having to close the club - If you think you could help please contact **Jacqueline on 500880**.

Update from the Wereham Village Hall Committee

We held a Village Hall Committee Meeting on Tuesday 25th September - thanks to all who attended. Ruth Masters kindly came over from the West Dereham Village Hall to speak to the Committee about registering as a charity and which funds they applied to for the refurbishment.

It's apparent that the New Build Team have a huge task ahead. This is an **urgent cry** for dedicated people within the village to help with paperwork, project managing, problem solving etc. If you think you could help with this please contact

Victoria on 501277/07725513583.

The Barn dance was a roaring success as was the Car-boot in September. Dates are being discussed for another Barn Dance in early Feb 2013 - **watch this space**.

Barbara's famous **Christmas Bingo** is to be held on Wed 5th December in the Village Hall. Donations of any raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Barbara, Doreen or Janet.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR on Sunday 9th December 2.00pm to 4.30pm. in the Village Hall. Father Christmas will be there as well as stalls. Further details next month.

Contact Janet 01366 500732 or Doreen 01366 500218

Please support our Village clubs - as without you the Hall would not be able to function, we all live in a fantastic little Village with a great community spirit and we have to hold on to that.

It was decided to hold a special meeting to discuss a revision of the Trust Deed and creating Trustees to enable applications for funding on Monday 26th Nov at 19:30.

The next Committee meeting is set for Tuesday 4th Dec at 19:30.

Jacqueline - Village Hall Secretary

WEREHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION held a meeting in Wereham Village Hall on Tuesday 18th September 2012. Special Inspector Kevin Banham attended and gave a very interesting talk. He said farmers' haystacks were being set on

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fire and thieves are still targeting oil tanks and he emphasised how important it is for members to inform the police of any incident they see, no matter how trivial, for example a car parked in a gateway. For non urgent calls please use the new number of **101**, and as usual for urgent calls **999**.

Chairman Tom Golden felt it was important for members to be notified as soon as possible when a crime was committed in our area. Members are reminded they can register for free weekly updates of incidents by logging on to www.policedirect.norfolkpolice.uk. At present co-ordinators circulate this information by hand but it was suggested that if members were happy to give either their email address or telephone number, only to be used for informing them of any incident in this area, the information would be circulated quicker.

Signs would be put up in the Village giving this information.

(Apologies for missing out the notice for this meeting from last month's magazine. (EDs.)

VILLAGE HALL ROOF

To whom it may concern - there have been reports that people have been seen climbing on top of the Village Hall roof. The supporting roof joints do not need any undue pressure upon them as we have had to fix the roof numerous times in the past and this has caused damp in the joists. We are constantly fundraising and running clubs to maintain the hall and this year we have had to re-roof the same area a couple of times, which has taken time and resources away from the main hall, where it is most needed. Many people in the village give their time and effort to keep the hall running and use it for weekly clubs - whilst a few individuals seem to want to cause unnecessary damage. If those whom this concerns would like to contact me, we could maybe improve activities or get together and come up with new and fresh ideas For the Village to enable the roof to be left alone. **Jacqueline Butcher Village Hall Secretary**

New Build Team update

On the 9th October, The New Build Team had an open meeting where all Wereham residents were invited to attend.

Our guest speakers were –

Lucinda Leonard from the NRCC. The NRCC are a charity responsible for supporting rural communities. Lucinda has been instrumental in guiding several village halls to success with Lottery and other applications – most recently Thornham village hall, who were awarded £500,000.

Keith Mitchell – honouree member of Great Dunham Village hall – the project manager responsible for winning funding and managing the new build of the village hall at Great

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Dunham.

We opened the meeting with a brief history of the hall and explained why we need a new build team.

Lucinda confirmed, that to be able to proceed with applications to the major funders (Lottery, Wren and the County Council Community Construction Fund) we need to -

- 1 - Create a committee of Trustees
- 2 - Become registered as a charity

Then we can proceed to action a community survey and all the other fun stuff to enable us to apply for funding.

Lucinda also gave an insight into how the Lottery manage the applications and the times scales, plus other village halls that she has guided to success and how their New Build Teams did it.

Keith gave an insight to the process from conception to completion - which opened our eyes to how much work is required to be successful!

The meeting closed, with agreement from those present, that we would resolve the issues required to move forward during our next Committee Meeting on Monday the 26th November @ 7.30pm.

This village hall was entrusted to the village of Wereham, if you live in Wereham, it's your hall and your say. Watch this space for details of how you can have an input in to the New Village Hall, [your village hall](#).

Victoria Gray & Helen Richardson - Wereham Village Hall New Build Team.

A brief history of Wereham Village Hall -

- * A wooden WW1 military building was delivered to the village during the 20's
- * 1961 – The building (then called the YMCA hut) and the land from the front of the road to the back of children's play area was entrusted to the residents of Wereham, managed by a committee of 16 trustees.
- * During the 60's, the hall had a brick skin applied and 2 brick built extensions (kitchen, meeting room, store room and toilets)
- * During 2009 a structural report concluded that building is beyond economic repair.
- * In response to the structural report, a previous Committee Chair instructed an Architect (see drawings displayed in the hall) and gained relevant demolition and planning permissions
- * June 2012, we were awarded £15k funding from the Borough Council

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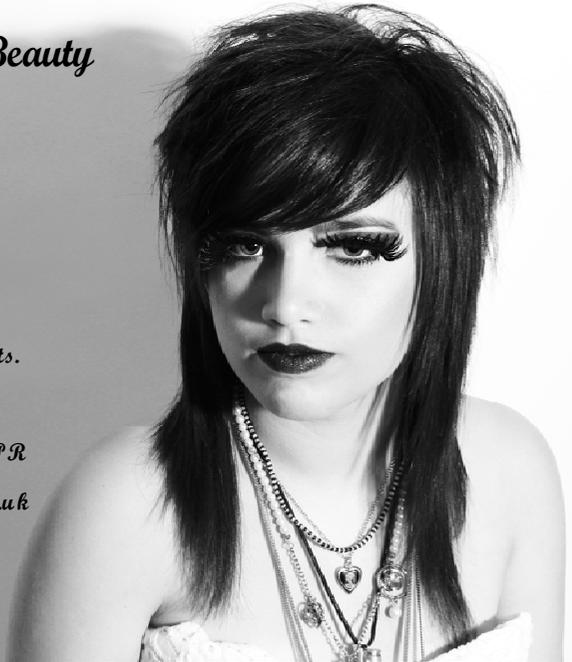
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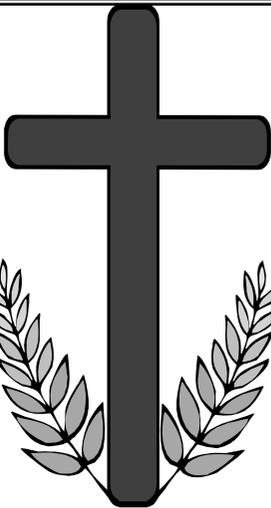
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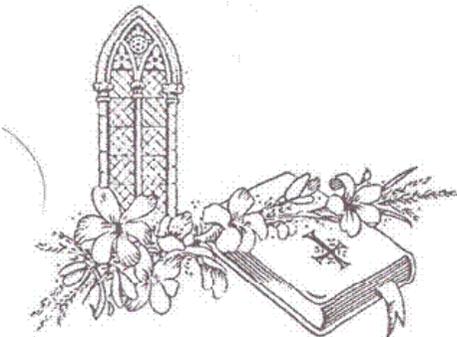
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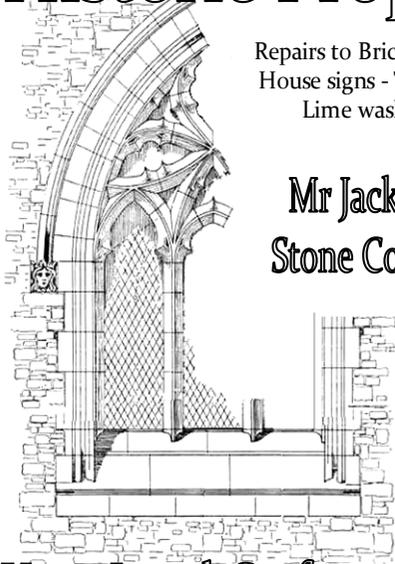
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2. Centipedes always have 100 feet.
3. Olympus Mons, Mount Olympus on Mars, is taller than Mount Everest.
4. The world's oldest known tree is over 9000 years old.
5. $111,111,111 \times 111,111,111 = 12,345,678,987,654,321$
6. Muscle turns to fat if you stop exercising..
7. A 'cria' is the name for the offspring of which type of animal?
8. What does RAM stand for, when describing computer hardware?
9. What term is used for one-billionth of a second?
10. Coeliac disease is associated with an intolerance to what?
11. Which is the primary bodily organ affected by hepatitis?
12. What is the collective noun for a group of polecats?
13. 9. How often does Halley's comet appear?
14. What is the correct scientific name for laughing gas?
15. Petra is a World Heritage site in which country?
16. Who is the famous television presenter wife of Vernon Kay?
17. How many pieces does each player begin with in a game of chess?
18. Mount Rushmore has sculpted heads of four American Presidents; George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt... and who else?
19. Calvados is a brandy made from which fruit?
20. In the nursery rhyme 'Sing a Song of Sixpence', where was the queen?

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