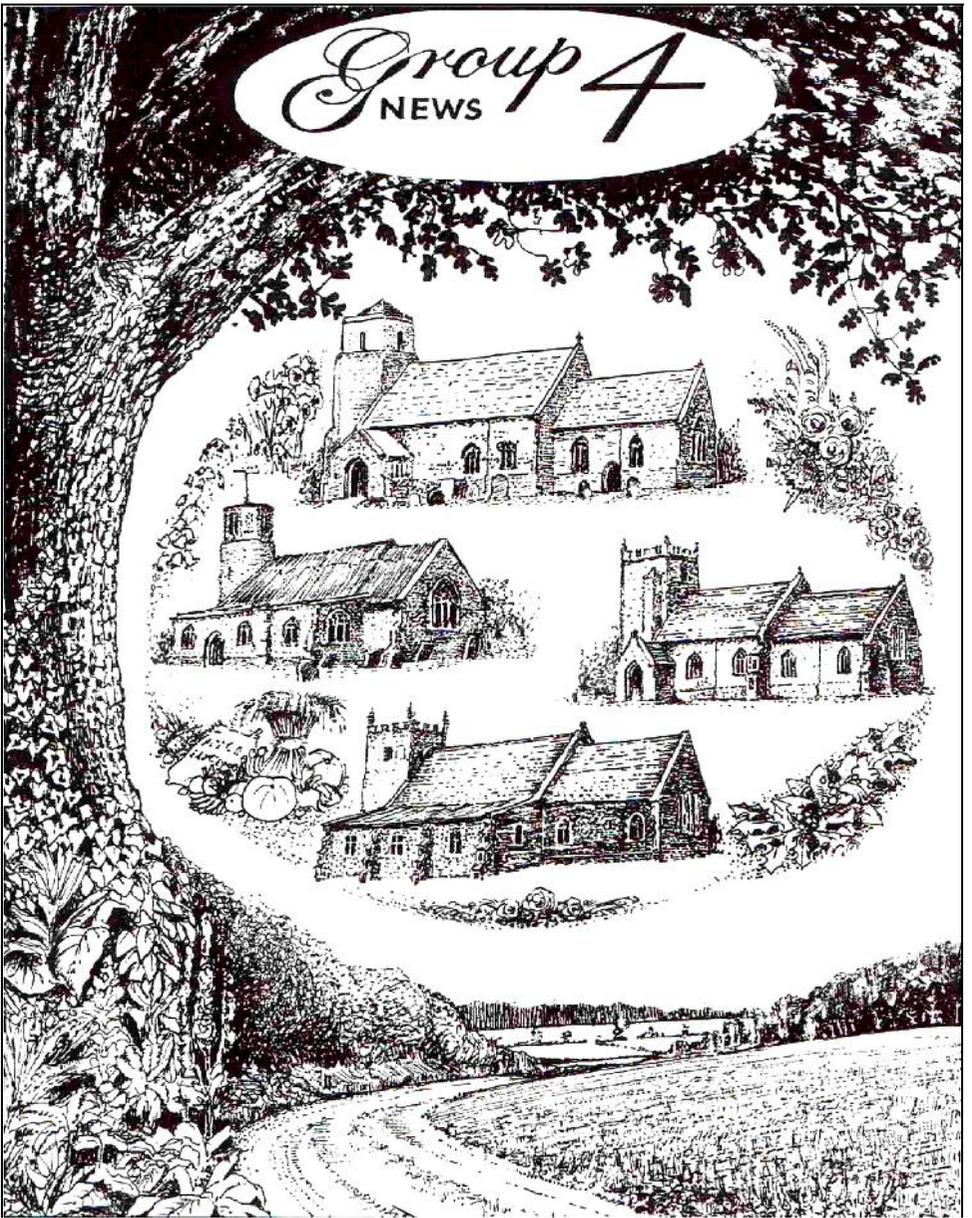


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The Parishes of Barton Bendish & Eastmoor; Beachamwell, Shingham & Drymere;  
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**November 2021**

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## WELCOME



Hopefully you are still taking care and staying safe

Once again we would like to thank Alan for dealing with the adverts, Kevin for the website, Andrew and Liz for collecting and delivering to the villages, Limetree Printers for their super efficiency and everyone who has helped with G4N in any way - we do appreciate your continued support.

Happy Reading  
***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

As the evenings draw in and the mornings become crisp and chilly, my thoughts start to turn to November and to Remembrance Sunday.

Public attendance at Remembrance events has fluctuated over the years, but has increased more recently, partly due to greater awareness of the scale of sacrifice of our soldiers, sailors and airmen, especially when we commemorated a hundred years since the end of World War One in 2018.

In our rural villages here in Wissey Valley it is perhaps easier to comprehend in human terms the impact of the World Wars as we look at the number of names on our village war memorials. We can imagine the impact it had on these small communities, where everyone would have known those who had died and also the wives, young children and families they left behind.

Nowadays we increasingly also think of the service personnel who survive wars and conflicts, but are left with deep and enduring injuries, both physical and psychological. One of the privileges I had as a doctor was to care for some of the veterans of the two World Wars. They were a generation who had kept many things to themselves and suffered considerably in their silence. As a society we are now doing better in supporting them – but it is by no means perfect.

I hope over the coming weeks you will have time to reflect on how best to commemorate the lives of all those who served in the conflicts of the Twentieth and Twenty-First Centuries. Across the Benefice many of our churches will be holding services of Remembrance on 12<sup>th</sup> November, including a two-minute silence at 11.00am.

We should also look at how we can support those who still bear the scars of the service they gave for us and for humanity.

***Rev'd Dr. Ian Mack***





## LEST WE FORGET



They didn't know where they were going,  
They didn't know what was to come,  
They said goodbye to their innocence  
The day they were handed a gun.  
They put their faith in their leaders,  
They did as they were told,  
They surrendered their lives to a conflict  
That meant some would never grow old.  
They fought for king and country,  
They were brave, they were steadfast and true,  
They died without knowing their killers,  
They died for the red, white and blue.  
And what has been learned from the carnage,  
The destruction, the grief and the death?  
What was achieved in the name of those men  
Who have breathed their very last breath?  
There are graveyards with millions of headstones,  
White crosses to mark where they lie,  
Huge monuments built to remember  
Those soldiers who all had to die.  
Yes they fought for king and country,  
They fought for the red, white and blue,  
But mostly they fought for the freedom  
Of people like me and you.

**Victoria Burman 20/06/2014**

I have meant for some time to recommend to the readers of G4N and FGN an excellent app called lectio365. It was created to help people of any denomination or none to pray. Every day there is a morning and evening short devotional. Down to earth and simple yet profound and personal, it can be accessed anywhere and is free to download. The deliverers of this gem would be grateful for any contribution however small (£1 a week seems very little for the mighty word of God expertly channelled to your phone) but they don't nag and you really can have it free.....

**Pippa Blackall**



**REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE**  
**ST ANDREW'S CHURCH**  
Barton Bendish

**NOVEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>**  
**10.30AM**

**JOIN US IN COMMEMORATION**



## **THE SOLDIER**

If I should die, think only this of me:  
That there's some corner of a foreign field  
That is for ever England. There shall be  
In that rich earth a richer dust concealed;  
A dust whom England bore, shaped, made aware,  
Gave, once, her flowers to love, her ways to roam,  
A body of England's, breathing English air,  
Washed by rivers, blest by suns of home.  
And think, this heart, all evil shed away,  
A pulse in the eternal mind, no less  
Gives somewhere back the thoughts by England given;  
Her sights and sounds; dreams happy as her day;  
And laughter, learnt of friends; and gentleness,  
In hearts at peace, under an English heaven.  
November – December 1914

**(Rupert Brooke)**

## RECIPE PAGE

### PARTRIDGE WITH APPLE

The game season is now underway and you should have no difficulty sourcing fresh partridge, contact me if you do and I will try and help. Partridge can become tough if over cooked so beware of this, serve it pink.

#### Ingredients:

No specific quantities as almost any ratio works well

2 Partridge breasts per person

Bramley (or any other cooking) apple diced and added to cold water with lemon juice

Butter

Shallots, finely diced

Pernot or equivalent

Apple juice

Optional double cream

Optional seasoning



#### Method:

1. In a medium hot frying pan brown off the partridge breasts for around 3 minutes in butter. Remove and keep warm.
2. Dry then brown off the apple cubes in the same pan, keeping a bite to them. Remove and keep warm.
3. Add the shallot and cook gently in butter until soft.
4. Now add apple juice and a little pernod to deglaze the pan - start with 1/2 tsp of pernod and taste - add more if you like a stronger flavour. Add seasoning now if wanted. Reduce the sauce until starting to thicken - at this point you can either add cold butter to make a buttery sauce or double cream if that is what you prefer.
5. Pop the partridge and apple back into the sauce for 30 seconds to warm then serve straight away with your vegetables or salad of choice.

With best regards

**Geoff Siddons**

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## COUNTRYSIDE NOTES

Seals, or rather peoples' irresponsible interaction with them, were recently making headlines. Once seals were a rare site in England but during this century their population has exploded. There are two species to be found around Britain – the Grey seal and the Common, aka the Harbour seal, which ironically is the less prevalent. The Common is smaller and has a more rounded head and shorter nose than the Grey. Both species are large mammals with the Common reaching 5-6ft (1.5 m) in length and varying in weight between 180 -330 lbs (80-150kg). Greys are much bigger with males growing up to 9ft (3m) and weighing as much 650lbs (300kg) when fully grown. In the wild seals can live for up to 35 years. They are carnivores and feed principally on fish. They have no natural enemies and since gaining various degrees of legal protection since 1970 numbers have greatly increased which must be impacting on our coastal fish species.

Although numbers of grey seals dropped to only 500 in the early 20th century, there is now estimated to be more than 120,000 around Britain representing 40% of the world's population. The UK population of Common seals is around 55,000 and they are more abundant in northern waters. Only a few colonies exist along the east coast in sandy estuaries, between Scotland and the Wash.

Seals come ashore to have their young which they only suckle for three to four weeks. Their milk is very rich and the pups grow rapidly. The breeding area is known as a 'rookery'. Common seals have their young between June and August, the Greys between November and January. During this period they also moult and mate. The seals then return to the sea leaving their pups to fend for themselves.

We are very fortunate in Norfolk that there are two places where we can view seals close up. Grey seals can be seen at Horsey Gap during their breeding season from a viewing area which is accessible on foot. Both Common and Grey seals can be viewed by boat at Blakeney Point the year round. Trips are organised according to the state of the tides and depart from either Morston Quay or Blakeney. Seals can also sometimes be found on sandbanks off of Hunstanton and at Winterton. Blakeney Point is home to England's largest Grey seal breeding colony with well over 3,000 pups now being born each year. Numbers have consistently increased year on year since the first Grey seal pup was recorded there in 1988.

It's even actually possible to see seals closer to home. A couple of years ago we saw one swimming in the Great Ouse between Denver Sluice and Ten Mile Bank. Not sure how it negotiated the Sluice! Even closer than that was Billy who, in the 1920s and early 30s, was resident in Boughton Pit (pond). He was fed fish and by all accounts would make his way across to the George and Dragon for a beer! Billy is immortalised by being depicted on the village sign. **Jill Mason (Barton Bendish)**

# A PICTURE FOR YOU TO COLOUR



## QUIZ PAGE

1. Which word meaning to take money illegally for your own use contains two Zs?
2. Gynophobia is a fear or hatred of what?
3. A Royal stag must have at least how many points to its antlers?
4. Why are embalmed bodies called mummies?
5. In 1956 Rose Heilbron became Britain's first what?
6. What is different about a Dutch auction?
7. Subtract the number of years in a tin wedding anniversary from a silver wedding anniversary.
8. Which Burns poem is also a hat?
9. What do the initials of Harry Potter author JK. Rowling stand for?
10. Buona sera is an Italian greeting. What does it mean?
11. Which member of the Royal Family celebrates their birthday on June 10th?
12. In which town in the North of England can you find a statue of Eric Morecombe on the promenade.
13. What is the difference between a meteor and a meteorite?
14. A mercer was a merchant dealing in what?
15. Name the long-nosed character who 'was here' leaning over a wall.
16. Name four breeds of dog containing the names of different animals.
17. Should a men's lacrosse team consist of ten or twelve players?
18. Rat's Tail is a variety of which plant?
19. Which film did the Beatles make for TV?
20. Which is better for you—thinly cut chipped potatoes or thick chips?



**Answers:** 1. Embezzle; 2. Women; 3. Twelve; 4. From the Arabic word 'mum', the wax with which they're embalmed; 5. Female Judge; 6. The price starts high and comes down until someone bids. The first bidder secures the item; 7. 15; 8. Tam O'Shanter; 9. Joanne Kathleen; 10. Good evening; 11. Prince Philip; 12. Morecombe; 13. A meteorite is the remains of a meteor which reached Earth; 14. Expensive textiles, cloth etc; 15. Mr. Chad, also known as Kilroy; 16. bulldog, otterhound, Old English sheepdog, foxhound, Irish wolfhound etc; 17. Ten players; 18. Cactus; 19. Magical Mystery Tour; 20. Thick chips;

## IT'S ALL SYSTEMS GO AT MAGPIE CENTRE



With the start of the new school term, riding lessons have resumed at the Magpie Centre, home of West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled.

Funding for these lessons has received a huge boost from the Central England Co-op community fund, although only one of its stores, in Terrington St Clement, is within both the Central England Co-op and West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled catchment areas.

A grant of £3,700 will help to fund vital lessons for young people, living with a wide range of physical and learning disabilities.

Caroline Dudley, who volunteers at the Magpie Centre, and shops at the Terrington store, said: 'I picked up a leaflet about the fund and mentioned it to our Trustee who deals with grant applications. I never thought we'd have a chance because we are right on the eastern edge of the Central Co-op area.

'Next thing I knew, we'd been awarded a grant to subsidise 200 lessons. The benefits of riding, to people living with disabilities, is immense and range from the obvious physical ones to an improvement in communication skills and social confidence. I was over the moon,' she added.'

Funds for the Magpie Centre sensory garden, officially opened in July by HRH the Princess Royal, also received a welcome boost, thanks to the efforts of two Trustees, Jan Calvert and Andy Beeston, who completed the Grand East Anglia Run in very good times and raised more than £700 in sponsorship for the garden.

Said Jan: 'Completing the run was a fantastic experience and many thanks to the kind people who so generously sponsored us.'

Second pilot session of Tea With a Pony took place early in September and was a huge success. These mornings aim to attract people living with dementia and their carers, who can socialize over tea and cake in the sensory garden and stroke some of our gentle ponies. Cost is £10 per participant, including carer.

A further session will be held in October. To book, call the Centre on 01553 810202 or visit our website: [www.rda-westnorfolk.org.uk](http://www.rda-westnorfolk.org.uk).

Finally, look out for the Magpie Centre 2022 calendar, now in production, which will be available from early October. It features lots of lovely pony pictures, plus ways in which you can help us, and there's plenty of space on every date to note appointments. To get your hands on one, try Chalk and Cheese in Shouldham, West Winch Post Office or order via our website.

Queries [c.dudley@success-in-english.co.uk](mailto:c.dudley@success-in-english.co.uk) or 01553 828935

**Caroline Dudley**

# WEST NORFOLK AVIATION SOCIETY



The West Norfolk Aviation Society rose again on Tuesday 5th October at the Mundford Bowls Club. The chairman, Chris Halliday, also rose to the occasion by mounting a chair, thus allowing room for his copious cue cards to parachute to the floor. But, prior to these theatricals, David Allen, founder and multi-rolled member, gave a résumé of the part played by the society since its inception nearly 30 years ago; its motto then: 'Dedicated in the Desire to Defy Gravity'.

Between the two of them, 'Manager' and Chairman, the meeting was conducted with professionalism and good humour, many objectives being achieved with willingness among attendees to be appointed to ranks in the chain of command. Attendance was better than expected; there were present two ladies, two prospective new members and a forty year old boy who might have been a lot younger; our president until a few years ago was a 97 year old Wing Commander, Ken Wallace.

There was no guest speaker on this occasion but there was, nevertheless, no shortage of entertainment with aeronautical anecdotes and banter ascending from the floor.

It was decided that with a surplus in the kitty, the club should squander some of this on a visit to some exotic aeronautical extravaganza and also, purchase some sound and vision enhancement equipment in order to create a fold-out cinema environment for future events.

The meeting ended with our grateful thanks to the ever popular Val and Len for their customary hospitality, humour and wholesome fare.

***Nigel Tooth***

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### **Lily Has Changed!**

From 1 July 2018, our Lily service expanded to include everyone over 18, not just those in later years.

Lily provides a comprehensive range of support in West Norfolk to combat loneliness and social isolation in adults of all ages. The project is linked to the 'No Lonely Day' initiative and encourages our residents to develop friendships and engage in their local communities.

The Lily online directory lists organisations, services and activities that help people to live healthy, active and independent lives. It includes information relevant to adults of all ages. If you would like your event or organisation to be included in the directory, get in touch [asklily.org.uk](http://asklily.org.uk)

Lily Advisors from local charities are available to offer one-to-one support to people at home or in community locations.

Lily has a strong focus on community development, by helping groups to arrange activities and encouraging volunteering, and by providing community events, onsite information sessions, and support for employers, schools, and colleges.

If you, or anyone you know, would like to know how Lily can help, call 01553 616200 and choose option 6.

### **Free Home Assessments on Offer**

Older, disabled or vulnerable residents of West Norfolk are being encouraged to book an appointment for a free home assessment from Careline Community Services.

The assessments, which are carried out by a team of qualified staff, will help residents, who may be living with a disability or dementia, or who are simply older and less mobile, to identify concerns in their property which may be affecting their day-to-day life.

The assessor, trained by the Disabled Living Foundation, will inspect the home to see whether measures could be introduced that would reduce the possibility of slips, trips and falls and generally make it easier for people to live safely and independently in their own homes.

Measures that could be considered include installation of a Careline personal alarm, improved lighting arrangements, heating checks, draught proofing, smoke detectors and easy-to-use taps along with recommendations for other adaptations that may reduce any potential risk to the resident. Practical solutions for those living with dementia are also available, this includes signage or colour differentiation for those who suffer with memory loss and are visually impaired.

The assessors will also be able to advise whether any grant funding is available for any works required.

To book an appointment call the Careline Community Team on 01553 760671

# COULD YOU HELP A YOUNG PERSON WITH A DISABILITY TO THINK ABOUT THEIR FUTURE?

The CSV Futures Project supports young people with learning disabilities to explore their options as they think about leaving education.

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CSV needs volunteers who can offer a couple of hours of their time each week to mentor the young people as they make choices about their futures, raising aspirations by exploring together the young person's skills, interests and abilities.

We are looking for people ages 16+ - Mentors can come from all walks of life and no experience is needed but patience, the ability to listen and a sense of humour are all useful skills. Mentors receive full training and support and out of pocket expenses are paid.

If you would like to find out more about becoming a Volunteer Mentor for the CSV Futures Project please contact:

Vicki Howling, the project co-ordinator for an informal chat.

Telephone 01366 386972 or 07926 044845

Email [vhowling@csv.org.uk](mailto:vhowling@csv.org.uk)

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2.30pm

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or  
[james@jamesknoxwhittet.plus.com](mailto:james@jamesknoxwhittet.plus.com)

## **Beachamwell**

### **Wednesday Walkers**

Not sure where the footpaths are?  
Come, walk and explore with us.

We meet at the Village Hall  
10.00 a.m.

First Wednesday of the month.

Walks are free, lasting between  
one-and-a-half and two hours.

All are welcome  
(dogs too but they must be kept on  
leads at all times)

Further details from  
01366 328452.

## **Beachamwell Book Group**

**Tuesday 2nd November  
7.30**

**Beachamwell Village Hall**

Book to be discussed over a glass of  
wine

**'Ophelia'**

Lisa Klein

New members welcome  
Enquiries: 01366 328960

## **Barton Bendish Bonfire Night**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November**

6.30 – 9.30 pm

**Barton Bendish Hall**

Entry £6 adult/Free for accompanied and supervised children.

Includes hotdog or vegetarian alternative and glass of wine.

To benefit  
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## **FINCHAM CHURCH**



**Coffee Morning  
November 10th**

10 - 12

(always second Wednesday of every month)

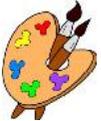
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## **Barton Bendish Art Day**



With local artist  
**Janette Williams**

(Sculpting with watercolour and mixed media)

**Village Hall**

**Friday November 12th**

**10 am - 4pm**

**Beginners welcome**

**No experience necessary**

£25.00 (including buffet lunch and refreshments throughout the day)

Contact: Linda 347563/Mhari 347849

*See page 24 For more details*

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

**Wednesday  
November 17th**

**2 - 4pm**

**Village Hall**



Enquiries:  
01366  
328108

## **Beachamwell Pop Up Pub**



They will be taking place on the 3rd Friday of each month.

We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to what will be fun evenings.

The next one is on  
**Friday 19th November at 7.00pm**

Beachamwell Village Hall

Enquiries: 01366 328892

## **Fincham Fincham Chorus**

and Christine Bennett

*(noted soprano)*

present

### **‘A Christmas Concert’**

**Fincham Church**

**Saturday 11th December**

**7.30 pm.**

An evening of lovely Christmas music, including some traditional carols and popular Christmas songs.

Tickets include mulled wine and seasonal snacks.

Raffle.

Enquiries: 01366 348136.

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

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30**

**Indoor meeting at the Assembly Rooms, 1 Market Place,  
Swaffham, PE37 7AB.**

*More info at [www.narvos.org.uk](http://www.narvos.org.uk)*

Please come along to

### **‘An Evening With Chris Knights’**

It's a while since we had an evening with Chris Knights, so we look forward eagerly to his presentation – on whatever wildlife subjects and locations he chooses. Chris is well known as a farmer, conservationist, award winning photographer and film maker. Whatever topic Chris chooses, it is bound to be enthralling, entertaining and informative with superb photography.

Visitors most welcome.

Admission £4 on the night if you are not a NarVOS member.

Enquiries: 01760 724092.

## Barton Bendish



### Wreath Making Workshops

Thursday 25th, Friday 26th  
at 7.30pm or Saturday 27th November  
at 10.30am or 7.30pm

Cost £20.00 per person - includes festive refreshment. All basic materials are provided but you can bring your own ribbon or everlasting decoration to add if you would like to, no experience is necessary and you will go home with your own beautiful Christmas wreath.

Just bring a pair of secateurs and dress for mess!

Places limited/RSVP required

Enquiries and Bookings

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Barton Bendish Village Hall

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## SILLY APHORISMS

***[pithy observations which contains a general truth.]***

1. A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.
2. Sea captains don't like crew cuts.
3. Reading while sunbathing makes you well red.
4. When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.
5. A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two tired.
6. In democracy your vote counts. In feudalism your count votes.
7. If you don't pay your exorcist you get repossessed.
8. With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.
9. Show me a piano falling down a mine shaft and I'll show you A flat minor.
10. When a clock is hungry, it goes back for seconds.
11. The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.
12. A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.
13. Every calendar's days are numbered.
14. A lot of money is tainted - It aint yours and it taint mine.
15. A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.
16. He had a photographic memory that was never developed.
17. A plateau is a high form of flattery.
18. Those who jump off a Paris bridge are in Seine.
19. When an actress saw her first strands of grey hair, she thought she'd dye.
20. Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.
21. Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.
22. Marathon runners with bad footwear suffer the agony of defeat.
23. The poor guy fell into a glass grinding machine and made a spectacle of himself
24. Acupuncture is a jab well done.
25. Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.
26. Money isn't everything, but it sure keeps the kids in touch.
27. If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you
28. The reason Politicians try so hard to get re-elected is that they would hate to have to make a living under the laws they've passed.
29. A fool and his money can throw one heck of a party.



# BARTON BENDISH & EASTMOOR VILLAGE NEWS

## St Andrew's Church



One of the great honours, as a priest, is to be asked to preside at a church service of remembrance on Remembrance Sunday.

I think the first Remembrance service I attended was as a boy scout and I must confess the significance probably passed me by. As an Army Cadet, Army Reservist and as a Police Officer, I went on to attend innumerable Remembrance

services, many of which seemed to be held on a freezing cold or very wet day.

Whether we watch the BBC television coverage of the service at the Cenotaph in Whitehall, attend our local parish church or privately observe the two minute silence, the significance of the day isn't lost on us. I've often thought that just holding a two minute silence isn't a great sacrifice and allows us to reflect and remember all those who gave their lives so that we can live in safety and in freedom.

Our church Remembrance Service will be on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November this year and will commence at 10.30am, so why not join us at St. Andrew's and give up an hour or so of your time to remember those who gave their everything for us.

***Rev Ray Burman [Wissey Valley Benefice]***

## Cawston Shock

One of my favourite trips as a teenaged schoolboy in a highly competitive cross country team was to Cawston College near Aylsham. This was partly because the school was housed in a fabulous building and partly because they fed us with wonderful high teas. Sitting in the Refectory there contemplating heaving plates of goodies made all the pain worthwhile. More importantly, the school was set in acres of beautiful heathland, dotted about with picturesque lakes. Our races were much more enjoyable since the combination of solitude, striving and outstanding surroundings was, I thought, a pleasure denied to most. One year two young marshals threw mud at me on the way past. On the second lap I nudged them off the narrow track into the lake where they stood knee deep in water, looking a little surprised. Naturally no grudges were held.

I was sad to hear that the school had folded in 1980 and went back to visit the site on one of our many Norfolk holidays. The railway station no longer had trains running through it and one of the pubs had closed but, those things apart, the village was much the same. If you find yourself nearby, visit the majestic

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atmospheric church, if only to look at the roof and roodscreen. Take a walk along the old track bed to Reepham and beyond. Take time to walk around Cawston Heath and explore the woods and lakes. If you want to know what is best about this hidden county, you will find it here.

The old school looked much the same, except it had now become Cawston Park Hospital. As soon as we parked, we were approached by sinister looking security men who brought us into reception and fired questions at us about what we were doing there. Eventually I was allowed to explain that I just wanted to walk around the once familiar campus but was told that this would be forbidden because Cawston was a high security psychiatric hospital with some potentially dangerous patients. Under escort I was allowed a glimpse of the former playing fields and told to leave.

Years later I was horrified to hear about the three entirely preventable deaths and abuse of patients which had happened there and led to the closure of the hospital. Now I can't help wondering whose security the guards were really concerned about. Many young people spent many happy and fruitful hours there as they prepared for their adult lives. What a tragedy that the same, lovely building has been used for such unkind and evil purposes. **Andrew Stephen**

### **The Barton Bendish Arts and Crafts Event**

This hugely prestigious event, like so many others, couldn't be held last year and there was some very natural apprehension about how successful it would be compared with previous events in less troubled times. We needn't have worried. Like Open Gardens a couple of months before, it was an unqualified success. Indeed, it was the most successful ever. There was a palpable buzz around the village all weekend.

There is no doubt that people have missed doing normal things and opportunities to be part of something bigger. Looking at the work of artists and craftsmen...or craftspeople as I should say is always a real tonic. There was a display of real skill and variety, quite astonishing in its quality. So many visitors pointed out how amazed they were that such a small village keeps producing such impressive events. Many commented on what a lovely village it is and it's obvious that the villagers here are very proud to live here. We feel very fortunate too. Today's Barton Bendish is a far cry from the place derided by the Daily Mail as "the loneliest place on Earth" after a notorious murder in the Nineteenth Century. The secret of course is to be found among the people who live here. Some of them have transformed the Village Hall into a community facility that anyone would be

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proud of. It is bigger, more airy and thoroughly modernised. Soon people will be falling over themselves to hire it! It is the PCC, however, who must take the credit for the Arts and Crafts Event and for so many others due to return. They are tireless and well organised and they supported this event with music, excellent catering and craft demonstrations. They made sure that exhibitors were helped as much as possible and that volunteers were very clear about their duties. We are all very grateful to them and look forward to the resumption of community breakfasts and a whole raft of familiar events.

Sales amounted to over £8,000 of which £3,500 is profit. 25% of this will go to the Alzheimer's Charity this year. The rest will go to St. Andrew's Church. It is a wonderful thing to see this amount of money raised for such good causes but it has also been so encouraging to see the community come together in such troubled and fractured times. **Andrew Stephen**

## **Harvest Breakfast**

How good it was, after all this time, to be back in the village hall for another memorable breakfast. There is no start to the day better than breaking bread with your friends and neighbours, particularly when you have been denied that simple pleasure for over eighteen months. The event is another regular treat which is organised by the PCC but it is open to all, whether you are of any particular religious persuasion or not and, like the Barton Breakfast Club, you don't have to live in Barton Bendish to attend. We are always delighted to see our friends from surrounding villages, many of them are regulars. Events like these, which bring people together and encourage friendship between people from different villages, are more essential and valuable now than ever.

It was a particular pleasure to hear the reaction of people who hadn't seen the newly extended, improved and modernised hall before. It is a thing of wonder. It is warm, airy and comfortable and full of very welcome facilities. Those doing the cooking will have found that job much easier than they would have of yore. A fully modernised and well equipped kitchen with a great deal more room to move in is a huge improvement on the cramped and limited facilities of the past. The hall possesses impressive audio visual equipment and we were able to enjoy atmospheric music at the connection of a phone rather than having to find a cassette player or radio. What a go ahead bunch we are here. I know there are plans to create more community events to be held in the hall and I hope that many of them will be a bit like this, an opportunity to meet and chat in convivial surroundings. The numbers were a little low but after Covid this was

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understandable. They will grow as will the message that the village hall belongs to the community, all of us. Our next target will be to persuade more people that there is a place for all of us, however independent we may be.

**Andrew Stephen**

## **Update from Barton Bendish Parish Council**

The Parish Council is still looking for suggestions from residents on how we can spend the Community Infrastructure Levy payment from the Borough Council of £2356.65. There are limitations on how this money can be used as it must be on a project which is for the benefit of the community. We have received a few suggestions so far but are still looking for more. If you can think of something that you feel we should consider, please get in touch with the Clerk.

The date of the next meeting will be on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021 from 7.30pm in Barton Bendish Village Hall. All meetings are open to the public to attend.

Miss Sarah Thorpe, Parish Clerk

Telephone number: 01945 430930

Email: [bartonbendishparishcouncil@aol.co.uk](mailto:bartonbendishparishcouncil@aol.co.uk)

Further information is available on the Parish Council website at [bartonbendishparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk](http://bartonbendishparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk)

## **Barton Bendish Events' Art Day**

Following on from our successful Exhibition and Sale, Barton Bendish PCC are holding an Art Day in our Village Hall in November led by Janette Williams, a local artist who exhibited in September. It will be open to anyone interested in 'having a go' so please encourage friends and relatives to consider coming along and joining in.

On Friday November 12<sup>th</sup>, from 10am until 4pm, there will be an art workshop in the Village Hall, which will include a demonstration by a local artist, Janette Williams.

Participants will be invited to create light and shadow, form and shape using a credit card edge to sculpt out flower shapes in a loose and informal way. Although we might all want to create a masterpiece, this will be an opportunity for us all to have fun with art. Beginners are welcome. No experience is necessary to join in.

The morning session will be a demonstration by Janette showing her thought processes and the afternoon workshop will give us an opportunity to create our own mixed media painting.

The cost of the day will be £25.00 which includes a buffet lunch and refreshments throughout the day. Please contact Linda (01366 347563) or Mhari (01366 347849) for further details or to sign up for the day.

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## Remembrance Service – November 14<sup>th</sup> 10.30am

Barton Bendish will be holding an act of Remembrance at St Andrew's Church. A wreath will be laid at the village war memorial during the service. The names of those from the village who gave their lives will be read out. If you would like to contribute by mentioning names or reading out stories, however short, please contact either Churchwarden and they will be included.

## Forthcoming Events

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November

(Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November

(Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November

(Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Barton Bendish Hall Bonfire Night at 6.30pm

Art Day 10am - 4pm (Village Hall)

Remembrance Service, St Andrews Church

Christmas Wreathmaking

Film 'Last Christmas' at 7pm

Christmas Celebration (Village Hall or St  
Andrews Church)

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

Burns Supper (Village Hall)

*Don't forget to look for the adverts in other parts of the magazine.....*

## ASPIRES DAY SERVICE

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# BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

## Mobile Post Office

Monday and Thursday 13.00 – 13.15: Tuesday and Wednesday 11.10 – 11.30

## Parish Council



After the meeting of the 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021, the next meeting of the Parish Council will be 10th January 2022 and will be held at Beachamwell Village Hall.

***Mrs Sharon Sweet Clerk to the Council:***

07823 772 270

[beachamwellparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:beachamwellparishcouncil@gmail.com)

## Councillors:

Cllr. Tom Sanderson (Chairman):

01366328244      07803963804      [tomsanderson@btconnect.com](mailto:tomsanderson@btconnect.com)

Cllr. Diana Lambert (Vice Chairman):

01366 328227

Cllr. Richard James:

01366 328968      [rjj1james@gmail.com](mailto:rjj1james@gmail.com)

Cllr. Pat O'Donnell:

01366 328385

## St. Mary's Church



The recent quiz raised £288.00 for The Friends of St. Mary's.

This makes a grand total of £2,211.50 since we started the quizzes in January 2018.

It was a fun evening enjoyed by the nine teams [45 people] who joined us and we would like to thank them for their support.

It was good to see Mick and Brenda East who had returned to the Village for the quiz - thank you for making the effort.

We would especially like to thank John Norton and Mark Lusby for helping us - your efforts are much appreciated.

The next quiz hopefully will be held in January 2022 so watch this space.....

***Peggy English and Eileen Powell***



# BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

## COMMUNITY UPDATE OUR PRIORITIES

Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel (SNAP) Priority Setting Meeting

   [www.norfolk.police.uk](http://www.norfolk.police.uk)



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E: [SNTSwaffham@norfolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:SNTSwaffham@norfolk.pnn.police.uk)

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA :FACEBOOK: [Breckland Police](#) TWITTER: [@BrecklandPolice](#)

The Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel (SNAP)  
Priority Setting Meetings 2022 for Swaffham will be held on

**Thursday 6th January at 7.30pm**

**Tuesday 5th April 2022 at 7.00pm**

**Tuesday 5th July 2022 at 7.00pm**

**Tuesday 11th October 2022 at 7.00pm**

**In the Swaffham Town Hall**

Join your local Beat Managers, Pc Button and Pc Johnson,  
to discuss any local concerns, vote in new priorities and  
hear updates on the current priorities



**PC Button & PC Johnson**

Beat Managers

Swaffham Safer Neighbourhood Team

If you cannot make the meeting but still want to raise a concern please email the  
Beat Managers at [SNTSwaffham@norfolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:SNTSwaffham@norfolk.pnn.police.uk)



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TALK TO YOUR LOCAL  
BEAT MANAGER

# BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

## Village Hall



### The Trustees:

- Pete Garner (Chairman)
- Colin Friend (Vice Chairman)
- David Snodgrass (Treasurer)
- Ann Knox Whittet (Secretary)
- Allan Butler
- Cathy Friend (Bookings)

### Committee Members:

- Tim Hudson, Mark Lusby, Helga Corey-Wright, Graham and Jackie Hood



A successful time was spent planting 1000 daffodils. Thanks for the volunteer planters and the WI funding of the project. Let's hope they look as good as they should in the spring!!

The last Pop Up Pub was a great success — more about this next month. The photo, kindly submitted by Kim Begg, shows people eagerly waiting for the very popular Korean Food.

# BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

## Diary Dates

November 19th Friday: Pop up Pub 7pm start. Last orders 10.45pm.

December 4th Saturday: Mini Christmas Fayre / Coffee Morning (11am to 1.30pm). Homemade refreshments and mulled wine. Raffle and Christmas crafts. We are aware that this date clashes with the Swaffham Christmas Market but all weekends are busy in December. Any profits will be for the kitchen refurbishments.

December 17th Friday. Pop up pub 7pm start. Last orders 10.45pm. Christmas nibbles and carols.

December 31st Friday (New Year's Eve) Pop up Pub. 8pm until late. Bring a plate of food to share.

January 21st Friday: Burns Night Celebration. Limited numbers so get your tickets quickly. Please let me know your numbers and any special dietary requirements as soon as possible.

*Any queries please contact **Cathy Friend 07818453323 or 01366 328892***

## Beachamwell Wednesday Walkers 6<sup>th</sup> October



The rain had eased but the wind was somewhat fiercely cold as we set off towards the woods and Shingham. The many puddles and the mud made us walk carefully, picking our way around the worst bits, as we approached the parish boundaries with Cockley Cley and into Oxborough. The walk took us past Folly Barn and along the pine-lined lane to Langwade before returning to Shingham, then through Stambles Plantation and back from we had

started – a distance of just over four miles.

We were a smaller group than usual as urgent appointments kept some regular walkers away. However, we were delighted to be joined a new recently arrived resident to Beachamwell and to show her some of our many rights of way and the delights of our parish.

We will be walking again from the village hall at 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November – do come along and walk with us **Sue Pennell**

# BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

## Beachamwell Local History Group – An Update

Amazingly it is now over seven years since Beachamwell's Connecting Threads Weekend, which comprised guided walks and an exhibition in the village hall illuminating the history of the footpaths that criss-cross our village and celebrated the nature to be seen there. That weekend spawned an active Local History Group which in following years staged a number of events, which attracted a lot of local interest. It hosted a variety of talks, most notably two about people connected to Beachamwell Hall, Constance Villiers Stuart and the sculptor Oscar Nemon. The group also organised exhibitions showcasing archaeological finds, the history of Beachamwell Hall and some notable local families and the history of the churches in and around the village. At the 1918 Remembrance Day commemoration, Pat Stringer related the results of her research into men named on the War memorial in St Mary's Church. Philip Spencer created a website of items of local historical interest which is still (for the moment) accessible at [www.beachamwell.org.uk](http://www.beachamwell.org.uk).

The number of active members has dwindled as some have moved elsewhere. three (Mark Powell, Brian and Carole Wilson) have sadly died and the Covid pandemic meant the group became dormant. At the moment, our small band are looking at ways to conserve the materials used in past exhibitions and to make them more accessible to a wider audience, but none of us are able to take a lead on any future work. To carry on, the group would need someone new to steer a fresh course. If you are such a person and would be interested in resurrecting Beachamwell's Local History Group, we would really love to hear from you.

As the current chairman of the group, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those BLHG members who over the years worked hard to organise and contribute to the exhibitions, website and talks: Janet and Mike Walker, Helen and Gordon Ranger, Nevyn Ranner, Pat Stringer, Eileen Powell, Simon Smith, Chrissy Barr and of course, Philip and Leah Spencer.

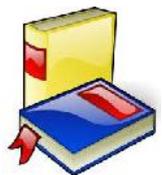
**Maggie Mackenzie 01366 327023**

## Beachamwell Book Group

This takes place on the first Tuesday of the month — see advert on page 16.

Why not come along? New members welcome

**Enquiries: 01366 328960**



# BOUGHTON VILLAGE NEWS

## **Parish Council**

Ordinary meeting was held on 6th September and items discussed included:

**Casual Vacancy:** we still have an opening for a parish councillor. Should any resident like to learn more about what it entails being a councillor and wishes to be considered, please contact the chair or the clerk on [boughtonpc@gmail.com](mailto:boughtonpc@gmail.com).

**Borough Council:** we received a report from our borough councillor, Colin Sampson, on activities at BCKLWN. Of note is their intention to reduce their carbon footprint and to strengthen their processes with regard to fly-tipping and anti-social behaviour. In addition, they are aware of quality issues with refuse collection after the change to Serco.

**Play Park:** Our regular inspections have determined that the grass over-matting has become brittle in places and will need to be replaced in the near future.

**Pond Safety Equipment:** In response to our recent risk assessment we have now deployed an emergency throw line for anyone to use should they discover someone in difficulty in the water - a very low risk surely, but one we cannot ignore.

**Councillor Allowances:** The council agreed to continue its convention of not offering councillors or chair any remuneration or allowances.

**Jubilee Tree:** A tree to mark the Queen's Jubilee next year has been ordered and will be planted on the East side of The Green in due course.

**Picnic Table:** Councillor Coulten undertook to inspect the picnic table by the pond. He has subsequently done this and rebuilt one of the seats that had become unstable.

**Grass Cutting:** Two additional volunteers have come forward to help with the grass cutting and strimming on The Green and the Play Park. More help would still be welcome. Please get in touch if you can assist.

At our next meeting, the council will discuss its plans and budget for 2022/3 including the level of council tax it will need to levy as the parish precept. If you have any ideas or questions for the council, please come along. The meeting, as always, is open to the public and this is your opportunity to have a say in what your council does for your village.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 2nd November 2021 at 7pm in the church.

Regards

***Neil Matthew, Chair, Boughton Parish Council***

[chair.boughtompc@gmail.com](mailto:chair.boughtompc@gmail.com)

<https://boughtonparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk@boughtonpc>

## BOUGHTON VILLAGE NEWS

### All Saints' Church

There has been much discussion in recent months about the future organisation of the Deanery, the groupings of churches in this area. As an area with mostly small parishes, it's difficult to maintain and grow the local churches, many of them with long traditions attached to their villages. A noble group of representatives in the Deanery have been developing a strategy, following an initiative from William Burke, the previous Rural Dean. Fraser Reich from Bexwell has done a great deal of work, looking at the situation and presenting it to Deanery Synod for onward transmission, with the aim of presenting a coherent plan to the Diocese about the future of these parishes. Many thanks to them for all the work they have put in and we've done our best to pass on the information within this parish. On September 30<sup>th</sup>, we met for a PCC meeting in the church and discussed the place of our church and our hopes for the future. We are a small band of regular worshippers, but we felt that there is a place for us and we voted to remain as a Parish Church for as long as possible, and to keep the present benefice structure (small groups of parishes with a focal minister), rather than have a model where one minister ran all 30+ parishes as one vast unity. We want a local minister who knows us, as we felt this would be more efficient and more acceptable. All these deliberations have now been sent back to Fraser and his team to be collated with everyone else and sent to the Diocese.

We are a small congregation and we are very glad to see those from other parishes who visit and join our fellowship. It would be lovely to welcome more people from the village, especially anyone who has just moved in and doesn't really know anyone. Apart from our two Sunday services (we are hoping to resurrect Breakfast Church before too long!) we also have a Thursday morning Holy Communion on the third Thursday of the month at 10 am. It doesn't matter if you are not a communicant, but just want to get out of the house, make a few friends and enjoy a cup of coffee. We are very friendly!

I must pay tribute to the PCC members, without whom I couldn't carry on. Everyone plays a part and puts in a great deal in different ways.

Future plans include:

Breakfast Church: 12<sup>th</sup> December - if you are interested, please contact Pippa 07899912020

Nine Lessons and Carols: 14<sup>th</sup> December is planned

Crib Service: 24<sup>th</sup> December

10.30 am Holy Communion on Christmas Day, thanks to Brian Redgers.

***Pam Wakeling (Church Warden)***

# BOUGHTON VILLAGE NEWS

## **Can You Help?**

It would be most useful if someone could do an update on the churchyard. We have had several burials in recent years and the plan needs updating. If anyone is interested in doing this, please get in touch

***Pam Wakeling 01366 500429***

## **Boughton Fen – Latest News**

The working party season has started again and we have just had our first session. These can be a bit weather dependant and sometimes called at quite short notice, particularly when we start reed cutting. The tasks we undertake can be quite varied but are a great opportunity to meet new people and contribute to the maintenance of this wonderful site that we have on our doorstep.

If you would like to help, please contact me on [sue@pogmore.myzen.co.uk](mailto:sue@pogmore.myzen.co.uk) or 01366 500461 for more information.

***Sue Pogmore***

## **BVC Autumn Social Event – 16<sup>th</sup> October**

After several requests for an event, and a lot of deliberating as to the wisdom of a holding a social evening in the current climate, it was decided to go ahead with organising a ‘do’ to give people the chance to meet up for the first time in almost two years.

With her usual common sense and innovative thinking, Angela came up with the idea that instead of having the usual ‘bring a plate’ arrangement, we would just have simple ‘pub snacks’ – crisps, peanuts etc, already shared into individual portions, so that people had control over their own refreshments. The event was free, but with a raffle to defray some of the costs.

The entrance looked magical, with lanterns lining the church path and porch. Very quickly, people started to arrive, along with several children and we were delighted to see some of the recent arrivals to the village who were keen to join in and meet some of their neighbours.

The wine was flowing pretty freely, as was the conversation. Interestingly, it soon became apparent that red wine was the tipples of choice, although when it ran out, people did not seem too choosy about what they had to follow on. The evening went on considerably longer than we had anticipated, and it was quite clear that a substantial group of residents were really in the mood to party.

One thing was obvious. Everyone has missed the opportunity to socialise, and the evening really did go with a swing.

***Sue Pogmore***

## COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

### MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS

DATE	VILLAGE	LOCATION	TIME
Tues 2 & 30 November	Barton Bendish	Hatherley Gardens	11:10 am
Tues 2 & 30 November	Beachamwell	Old Post Office	09:45 am
Tues 9 November	Drymere	Telephone Kiosk	09:45 am
Tues 2 & 30 November	Boughton	Mill Road	10:45 am
Friday 26 November	Wereham	Queen's Close Village Hall	12.25 am 12:45 am

For services to all 'Group 4' villages ring Mobile Library Information on 01362 693184 (Barton, Beachamwell, Boughton & Drymere) or 01366 383073 (Wereham) or look at the website - <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries-local-history-and-archives/libraries/your-local-library/mobile-library-routes-and-timetables>

### MARKETS - Farmers' and Indoor

Ely (Farmers')	Second and Fourth Saturday each month 8.00am to 2.00pm
Fakenham (Farmers')	Fourth Saturday each month 8.30am to 12.00pm
Kings Lynn (Farmers')	Second and Fourth Saturday each month
Swaffham (Indoor)	Every Friday 9.00am to 1.00pm
Wisbech (Farmers')	Alternate Fridays 8.30am to 2.00pm

For information:- [www.farmersmarkets.net](http://www.farmersmarkets.net) or your local Tourist Information Office. Check to see if they are actually taking place.

### VILLAGE, COMMUNITY and PARISH HALL BOOKINGS

Barton Bendish	Mary Simons	01366 347 790
Beachamwell	Cathy Friend	01366 328892
Boughton	Pam Wakeling	01366 500429
Wereham	Angie, Lyn or Sara	07497 430005. weekdays 10 - 3
	<a href="http://www.werehamvillagehallhire.co.uk/">www.werehamvillagehallhire</a>	hall.co.uk/ hallhire Anytime



**West Norfolk Community Transport provides door to door transport for the local community allowing access to the market towns for medical appointments, shopping or visiting friends.**

Village	Day	Destination	Price	With Concessionary Pass	Office
<b>Barton Bendish</b>	Tuesday	Swaffham	£5.50	£4.00	Swaffham
<b>Beachamwell</b>	Tuesday	Swaffham	£5.50	£4.00	Swaffham
<b>Boughton</b>	Tuesday	Downham Market	£5.50		Kings Lynn
<b>Drymere</b>	Tuesday	Swaffham	£4.50	£3.00	Swaffham
<b>Wereham</b>	Tuesday	Downham Market	£4.50		Kings Lynn

**You need to be a member and you must pre-book your seat.  
For more information please call  
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Swaffham – 01760 720906**

## CHURCH SERVICES IN NOVEMBER (WISSEY GROUP)

These are the planned services during November,

Latest details may be found on the Wissey Valley Facebook group at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/205146954071877/>

### **Sunday, 7 November** [The 3rd Sunday before Advent]

9.30am	Methwold	Holy Communion
9.30am	Whittington	Service of the Word
11.00am	West Dereham	Family Service
6.00pm	Wereham	Evensong

### **Sunday, 14 November** [The 2nd Sunday before Advent]

10.30am	Wretton & Stoke Ferry	Remembrance
10.30am	Methwold	Remembrance
10.30am	Barton Bendish	Remembrance
10.30am	Wereham	Remembrance
10.50am	West Dereham	Remembrance
11.00am	Boughton	Morning Prayer <i>please check</i>

### **Sunday, 21 November** [The Sunday next before Advent – Christ the King]

9.30am	Methwold	Service of the Word
9.30am	West Dereham	Holy Communion
9.30am	Whittington	Holy Communion
11.00am	Wereham	Holy Communion

### **Sunday, 28 November** [Advent Sunday]

9.30am	Methwold	Holy Communion
9.30am	West Dereham	Service of the Word
9.30am	Wretton & Stoke Ferry	Holy Communion
11.00am	Boughton	Holy Communion

### **Midweek Services**

Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9.00am	Wretton with Stoke Ferry	Morn Prayer
Thursdays 8.30am	Methwold	Morn Prayer
Thursdays 9.00 am	Wretton with Stoke Ferry	HC
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 10am	Boughton HC	
Fridays 9.30 am ?	Wereham	...Morn Prayer

# CHURCH SERVICES IN NOVEMBER (PRIORY GROUP)

For up-to-date information check the WNPG website at:

<https://www.westnorfolkpriorygroup.co.uk/calendar>

## **Sunday 7th November** [The 3rd Sunday before Advent]

9.30 am	Runcton Holme	Holy Communion
10.00 am	Shouldham	Morning Prayer
11.00 am	Marham	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Watlington	Morning Prayer
6.00 pm	Online Evening Prayer	

## **Sunday 14th November** [The 2nd Sunday before Advent]

### **Remembrance Sunday**

9.30 am	Shouldham Thorpe	HC followed by Act of Remembrance
10.50 am	Fincham	MP beginning with Act of Remembrance
10.50 am	Marham	MP beginning with Act of Remembrance
10.50 am	Watlington	Holy Communion beginning with Act of Remembrance
11.00 am	Stowbridge	Holy Communion
6.00 pm	Online Evening Prayer	

## **Sunday 21st November** [Christ the King (next before Advent)]

9.30 am	Wormegay	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Marham	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Shouldham	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Watlington	Holy Communion
6.00 pm	Online Evening Prayer	

## **Sunday 28th November** [Advent Sunday]

9.30 am	Fincham	Holy Communion (BCP)
11.00 am	Watlington	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Stow Bardolph/Wimbotsham	Holy Communion
6.00 pm	Online Evening Prayer	

### **Midweek Services**

Every Wednesday 10.00am **Watlington** Morning Prayer.

Thursday 4th 10.00am **Runcton Holme** Holy communion

Thursday 11th 10.00 am **Fincham** Holy Communion

## CHURCHWARDENS AND CONTACTS

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### PRIORY GROUP

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	Glenda Jayes	01760 339688
Shouldham	Brian & Ann Hullah	01366 347814
Shouldham Thorpe	Gordon Reid	01366 347253



## ONLINE SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

Online Zoom services (Service of the Word) are due to take place every Sunday at 6.30pm

Link - [https://bit.ly/WisseyValleySunday Services](https://bit.ly/WisseyValleySunday%20Services)

Latest details may be found on the Wissey Valley Facebook group at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/205146954071877/>

# WEREHAM VILLAGE NEWS

## Wereham, Christmas 2021



In the Christmas season of 2020, during the chaos of the Covid 19 pandemic, our village made a really marvellous effort to celebrate, enjoy, share, support and engage with each other.

We came together within the community, for the Community, working around the limitations to create a series of marvellous events. The Advent Windows and Nativity Scene, together with the Carol Singing and

outreach Christmas Gift Boxes were a brilliant and delightful success. They brought a smile to faces and a wish and hope for better things to come; an end to the Lockdown and this dreadful Pandemic.

We showed that this community is willing to embrace and support new ideas.

- ◆ Can we repeat and improve on this great success?
- ◆ What will Christmas 2021 look like in Wereham?
- ◆ What do you want to see happen this Christmas?

Do you have ideas for decorating **St Margaret's Church**, inside and outside?

What "themes" would you like to see?

**Wreaths:** All over the church made by individual households from the village. Help, advise and some materials supplied in a brief craft class.

**Angels:** Robbie Williams might help!

**Stars:** Our church already has some eye-catching stars on the ceiling of the chancel.

Could we decorate **ALL** the Windows? ....or make a special effort to decorate our beautiful **Lancet Windows**.

How about **Environmentally Sound Decorations**? - Just because St Margaret's is old, does not mean we cannot use modern ideas and imaginative themes.

Please come and help decorate **OUR LOVELY CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS**.

All ideas and suggestions appreciated and considered. Please contact me, Sue Candler 07915 869685 or visit church on 30<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm to chat through ideas. Everyone will be welcomed and refreshments are promised!

St Margaret's, our village Church, has been the centre of this community for hundreds of years and is now in our care.

Let's honour that history, by making it a place for our community and congregation to enjoy and share, especially for Christmas 2021.

# WEREHAM VILLAGE NEWS

If you have never been inside St Margaret's....it's lovely...come and see ...you will be made welcome and you are needed.

## Advent Windows 2021

Duncan Slade is going to organise the Advent Windows again - Hooray! He will be putting details on the Wereham Village Facebook page shortly.

I am sure this creative and delightful event will be enthusiastically supported.

Thank you Duncan. We all await instructions!

**Sue Candler 07915 869685 April Cottage, Cavenham Road.**

## Drama Group Relaunching at Wereham Village Hall



We need you!!!! After long periods of lockdown, we are delighted to announce that the drama group is re-launching at the Village Hall. This is a great way to meet new people, have fun and get involved in putting on plays and shows. No previous experience required, just plenty of enthusiasm. If you would like to find out more then give us a call for a chat. We look forward to hearing

from you. **Keith and Chris Murray 01366 500976**

## Magnificent MacMillan

It's always heartening to report a success story, especially when so much other news seems depressing. This particular success occurred on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>

September at the MacMillan coffee morning in Wereham Village Hall which raised the staggering sum of just over £1400.

The event was well attended creating a real community atmosphere and folk gave generously to the various stalls and games whilst the delicious selection of cakes and savouries disappeared at an alarming rate! The morning ended with a raffle of over forty prizes.

We all know the time and effort it takes to organise such events and the unfailing willingness of those folk prepared to give their support in any way, be it baking a cake or giving a prize or donation. Many thanks to everyone who helped, too many to mention, but one person should be named, the one who makes it all happen, Angela Goddon. Well done, Angie. Magnificent! **[Certainly is ED.]**

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# WEREHAM VILLAGE NEWS

## Wereham Parish Council

Next Meeting Date – Tuesday 9 November 2021 at 7.00 pm (To be held in the St Margaret's Church, St Margaret's Hill, Wereham pending covid safety – check Agenda on Website for the most up to date meeting details, if deemed unsafe the meeting will be cancelled). The Church will be the venue for Parish Council meetings for the rest of 2021 until further notice whilst we air on caution in social distancing ourselves during the meeting, the room at the Village Hall that is usually used for meetings is not of the right size and the main hall has ongoing activities planned.

Agenda items must be received before the end of the month prior to each meeting, items received after this time will not be possible to discuss. Please send to the Parish Clerk [atwerehampc@gmail.com](mailto:atwerehampc@gmail.com) . The Agendas for meetings are always published on the Wereham Village Notice Board three clear days before the meeting, and notified via the Wereham Parish Council Facebook Page and on the website [www.werehamparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.werehamparishcouncil.co.uk) You will also find minutes of all meetings here too.

Budget 2022/23 – The Council will be considering the budget for 2022/23 until when they approve in January. If you have ideas or anything you think should be considered, please attend a meeting to share by emailing the Clerk on [werehampc@gmail.com](mailto:werehampc@gmail.com) who will share with the Council at the meetings.

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See page 19 For this month's film

## WEREHAM VILLAGE NEWS

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### **Car Boot and Café**

28<sup>th</sup> November is your very last chance for this year to book a car boot table.

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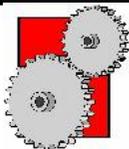
### **Craft Group**

November 13<sup>th</sup> is the date for our pre-Christmas craft fair. We have a fully booked main hall and Community room so plenty of choice for some early Christmas shopping. The cafe is open all day serving soup with a roll or freshly made filled rolls, cake, teas and coffee. We have our little Christmas party in December so our next open meeting will be January 11<sup>th</sup> 2022, at 10.30am in the village hall. For details, please contact Rosemary on 01366 501330 or 07749240606 e-mail [rosemary.pease@btinternet.com](mailto:rosemary.pease@btinternet.com).

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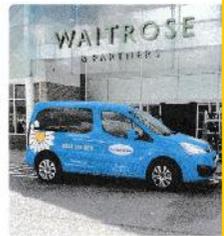
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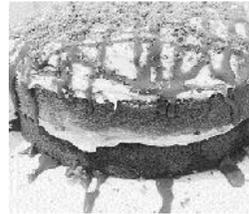
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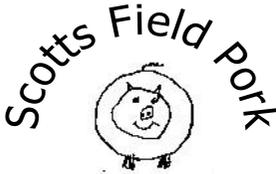
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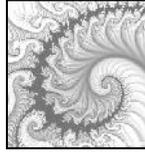
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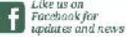
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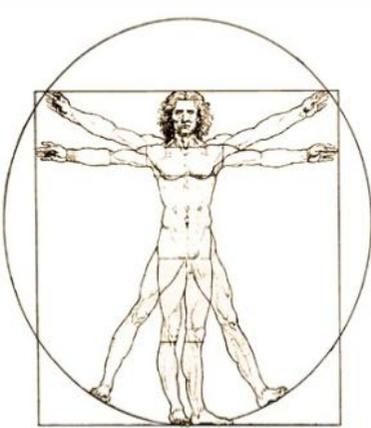
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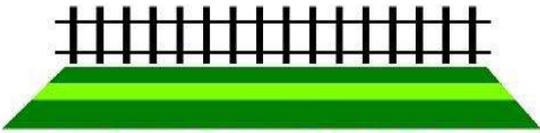
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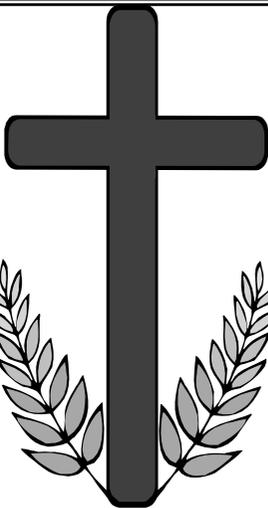
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