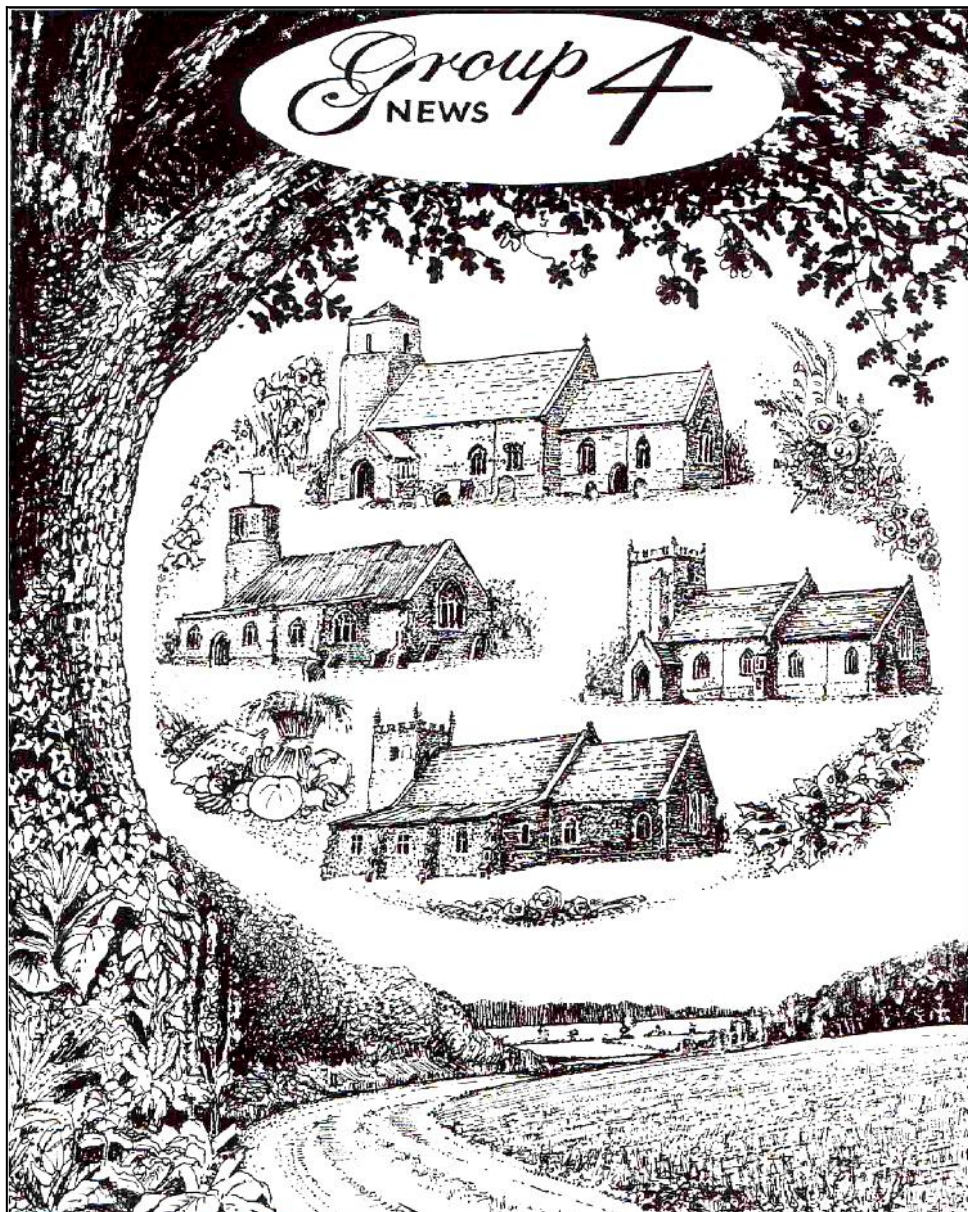


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The Parishes of Barton Bendish & Eastmoor; Beachamwell, Shingham & Drymere;  
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**November 2022**

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## WELCOME

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



***Lest we forget.....***

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## REMEMBRANCE.

November is the season of Remembrance; which the dictionary defines as the 'action of remembering something' and specifically 'the action of remembering the dead.'

So remembrance is not a passive thing which just happens, but a deliberate and intentional act which carries with it ideas of someone or something special and worthy of thanksgiving and gratitude, with deep meaning for our lives.

First comes All Saints on 1st November when we remember with thanksgiving the whole company of Saints and Martyrs during Christian history, followed by All Souls on November 2nd when we remember all the faithful departed; the saints with a small 's', including our own loved ones.

It can be a comfort to go to a reflective church service and light a candle for them, which is why there will be All Souls' services in our churches at Wereham on Tuesday 1st November and at Whittington on the 2nd.

Then on Remembrance Sunday, this year on November 13th, we come together to honour with gratitude those who gave everything in the defence of our country and the freedoms and values which we hold dear. Principally we think of the two world wars of the 20th century, but Remembrance Sunday has come to embrace those others who have died in many conflicts since.

This time last year we did not dream that on Remembrance Sunday 2022 there would be a war raging in Europe again and refugees from that conflict living among us while their loved ones are fighting for their lives back home in the Ukraine.

So while we pray constantly for Ukraine and all peoples suffering from war, and that there may be an end to all hostilities, in this season we also pray for our loved ones who have gone before us to where 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes and there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain..'

I particularly like this Prayer which is often used at Remembrance Sunday services because of the belief that however and at whatever stage of life a person died, God's loving purpose for them cannot be thwarted but will still be fulfilled as it will be for us all.

Almighty and eternal God,  
From whose love we cannot be parted,  
either by death or life:  
hear our prayers and thanksgivings  
for all whom we remember this day;  
Fulfil in them the purpose of your love;  
and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

*Pippa Blackall*

## COUNTRYSIDE NOTES SPIDERS

Spiders are members of the Arachnid family of which there are around 650 species in the UK. All Arachnids have eight legs and look like insects, the only difference being that insects have six. UK spiders range in size from tiny with a leg span of just a couple of millimetres up to large at 70mm across. They are predators equipped with a pair of fangs with which they catch their prey. Some will eat other spiders.

The larger outdoor spiders construct elaborate webs which are displayed to perfection in autumn when dew glistens on them. A species of Money Spider, *Lepthyphantes tenuis*, is believed to be the most common and one of the smallest and is normally found in low growing vegetation and leaf litter. Members of this family are responsible for the carpets of gossamer draped over fields of short grass which shimmer in the early morning light.

There are many kinds of spiders categorised as 'house spiders' which vary greatly in shape and size and appear to be mostly nocturnal. Daddy long-legs spiders have very small bodies and can be found anywhere in the house. They weave untidy webs even crossing a room with their invisible threads. Harvestmen or Harvest spiders look very similar but have no silk glands and therefore cannot spin webs. There are other little black spiders which seem to prefer living close to the ceiling and big black ones which show an unwelcome desire to take up residence in the bath. I usually catch these and drop them out of the window but quite often they soon reappear even though our bathroom is upstairs. September is definitely the month of the house spider. It is the time when they seem particularly active not only looking for a mate but invading our homes in search of a place to spend the winter which is warm and dry with plenty of nooks and crannies to hide in.

One of the largest species of spider found in the UK with a span of 7cms, including its legs, is the very rare Raft Fen spider. It only lives in fens and wetlands and is able to walk on the water surface. Only three populations are known in the UK one of which is Redgrave and Lopham Fen on the Norfolk/Suffolk border. The Water spider is the only species that lives underwater.

There are 12 venomous species of spiders in the UK of which the most feared is the False Widow spider which arrived from warmer countries as a stowaway on ships a century ago. Described as the UK's most venomous spider its bite is said to be on a par with a wasp sting. The very hot summer has meant they have bred in high numbers. People who suffer from Arachnophobia have an extreme or irrational fear of spiders. Various deterrents are tried including dried citrus peel and putting down strong smelling liquids such as peppermint or lavender oil. The age old practice of placing conkers around the house is unproven. *Jill Mason*



### CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOPS Would you like to have a go at making your own Christmas Wreath?

Then come along to **Barton Bendish Village Hall** on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> or Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2022** at **7.30pm or Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> at 10 am or 2.30pm**

The cost of this fun and informal workshop is £20 per person and 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! For more information and to book a place please contact

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## WNAS October 2022

Following an assignment he made some years ago to talk to us about his exploits in Antarctica, Steven Parker from Feltwell, paid us another visit to account for the role he played in the handling of the Falklands war, code named operation Black Buck.

Stephen, who spent 23 years in the RAF, was stationed at Marham for 5 years serving as Chief Technician whilst working on Victor Bombers. During his time there, the war broke out and 24 of these bombers were converted into tankers in

order to refuel the Waddington based Vulcan (nicknamed the flat iron) which had been chosen to target the Argentine held Port Stanley airport. Steven seemed to have his own rather cynical view about whether this was a wise decision especially when it was revealed that a slide rule bought on Swaffham Market was used to assist with the calculations involved in the planning of the refuelling operations. Eighteen of the converted Victors waiting at Wideawake airport on the RAF Ascension Island were to be juggled in training exercises before the actual assault. Steven, now based there too, gave an account of his own personal problems: breathing (dust); accommodation (tents); manoeuvring aeroplanes (Vulcan's weight so great with cargo, bombs and fuel the wheels sunk into the soft runway). Steven also gave an account of the part played by other support aircraft. Among them were: Sea Harrier jump jet, Nimrod and Hercules. The latter was another aircraft adapted for tanker duties, but, Steven remarked, 'owing to its speed limitation it needed to adopt an unconventional flying attitude': once connected to its recipient the pair would descend in a shallow dive in order to transfer fuel more efficiently.

At the end of his talk Steven, very modestly, revealed that he and an associate of his, Brian Martin, had written a book entitled 'Marham Tankers'. So impressed was our base Commander, David A, that he suggested our society buy three of these to present to worthy stalwarts of our crew: twenty one strong on the night.

The Speaker Meetings are usually held at the Mundford Bowls Club on the first Tuesday of the Month at 1900hrs. As well, our Commander has organised a morning splinter group meeting at 1100 hrs on the following Friday to chat about fascinating trivia and provide succour to some of our veteran members who find it difficult to attend the speaker meetings in the evening.

Please find here: [www.westnorfolkaviationsociety.org.uk](http://www.westnorfolkaviationsociety.org.uk) details of WNAS Calendar, Photos, Press Releases, and any changes to the schedule.

**Nar Valley Ornithological Society (NarVOS)****Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm**

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Visitors welcome. Admission £4 on the night; free to NarVOS members. For more information contact Ian Black on 01760 724092 or go to [www.narvos.org.uk](http://www.narvos.org.uk)

**QUIZ TIME—PRIME MINISTERS**

1. Who was PM at the turn of the 20th century? (i.e. on 1/1/1900)
2. Who was the last PM of a Liberal Government?
3. Who was the first Labour PM?
4. Who immediately followed Harold Macmillan as PM?
5. Who was the last peer to become PM?
6. How many Labour PMs had there been in the 20th century?
7. Who was PM during the abdication crisis of 1936?
8. What forced Bonar Law to resign as PM in the early 1920's?
9. Who was the longest serving PM of the 20th century?
10. Which PM played the organ and was a yachtsman?

Answers on page 14

*I'd actually looked up this quiz for the Harvest Supper back in September! ED.*

## **Fincham bellringers**

We are still very short of ringers and rely heavily on people from outside the immediate area. If you are a lapsed ringer, or wish to find out more about learning, please contact 01366 500429 for information. We were delighted to receive an email from a local resident after our last practice, saying how lovely they sounded. Others say how much they enjoy hearing the bells again, but without more recruitment it may not be for much longer. I'm doing my best to keep them going. Age is not necessarily a barrier, we are friendly and helpful, and it is a rewarding hobby at many levels. While we would welcome members of the congregation, church attendance is not compulsory.

Ringling requires some commitment, and people progress at different rates, but we are hoping to ring the bells half-muffled for the Fincham service on Remembrance Sunday.

( I heard today that it is hoped to recruit 8000 new ringers to ring for the Coronation—why not come along and see if you can be one of them?)

*Pam Wakeling*

## **Fincham and District WI**

Four members went to Dersingham on October 11th for one of the Autumn Federation meetings held around the county. It was held at the Roman Catholic church, which proved to be a welcoming and well organised venue. There were stalls for the various sub-committee activities and for WI shopping and stationary—I managed to get something for my Christmas shoebox. There was information about a Zoom meeting to discuss resolutions for next year's NFWI AGM. Where would we be without Zoom. The Norfolk Federation Chairman and Secretary welcomed us all. The main speaker for the morning was from the Norfolk Wellbeing Service, with some very interesting information about spotting when others, and possibly ourselves, are in trouble and might need just that bit of outside help. The second speaker was Cheryl Cade, a beer and cheese sommelier. She reminded us of the link between smell and taste—and colour. Blue does not make good potato dishes! An enthusiastic and interesting speaker

The speaker at our monthly meeting was 'the will master' who made a complicated subject much simpler. *Pam Wakeling*

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Answers to quiz on page 7

1. Lord Salisbury (1895-1902).
2. Herbert Asquith (Lloyd George only ever headed coalitions).
3. Ramsey Macdonald.
4. Sir Alec Douglas-Home.
5. Lord Home of the Hirsel, same chap as above - renounced his peerage to enter the House of Commons.
6. Five; Ramsey Macdonald, Clement Attlee, Harold Wilson, Jim Callaghan and Tony Blair.
7. Stanley Baldwin.
8. Illness.
9. Margaret Thatcher.
10. Ted Heath



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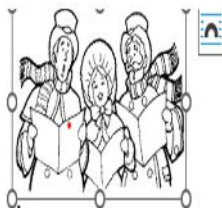
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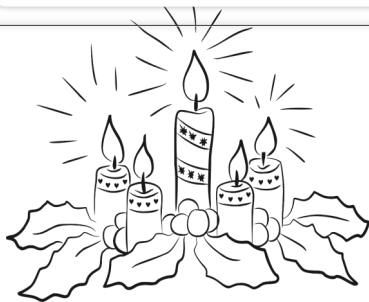
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## BARTON BENDISH NEWS

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning on Tuesday 4th October**

For a variety of reasons we were a bit light on numbers but even so we managed to make £380 for Macmillan which we were very pleased with. Several people who weren't able to make it very kindly sent donations.

Many thanks to everyone who made cakes, gave raffle prizes, helped out and who came along to support this excellent cause. Raising that amount made it all worthwhile.

Jill

### **Barton Bendish Hall Bonfire Friday 4th November - 6:30pm-9:30pm**

You are invited to Barton Bendish Hall Bonfire Night. Entry £6 adult/Free for accompanied and supervised children. Includes hotdog or vegetarian alternative and glass of wine. Everyone welcome.

To benefit Barton Bendish Village Hall and St Andrew's Church

There are a number of other important events coming up. Please look out for posters with more complete details at the beginning of this G4.

Our **Remembrance Service** will be held at St Andrew's on November 13<sup>th</sup> at 10.45. Now I know something about the people of Barton who died as the result of war, it feels more personal. All the more reason to commemorate their brave sacrifice.

If like to try your hand at making a Christmas Wreath, don't miss the **Christmas Wreath Workshops** held in the Village Hall on November 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm or Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> at 10am and 2.30pm (please note additional time). I've seen some tremendous wreaths produced. The cost is £20 per person and includes refreshment and guaranteed fun!

**Don't miss Carols by Candlelight** at St Andrew's on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm. Everyone is welcome. This event is being held to support the Children's Society.

Finally, St Andrew's asks you to join our Christmas Celebrations at a **Victorian Evening** of Entertainment, Music and Carols at the Village Hall on December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Do dress up! We are looking for people happy to perform a turn. All our welcome. There is no charge but you might want to book a place with Linda (347563) or Mhari (347849).



Further information can be found by contacting: [bartonbendishevents@gmail.com](mailto:bartonbendishevents@gmail.com)

*All our events are for everyone. Do join us.*

Andrew Stephen

### **Barton Bendish Poor's Charity**

The Trustees for the Charity are considering making grants for winter fuel to senior citizens, who are in receipt of state pension, and to widows/widowers. All applicants must have resided in the parish for a minimum of 2 years. One grant will be issued per qualifying household.

All residents who believe they are eligible and wish to receive the grant, whether they have applied previously or not, should contact Dr Tim Webster, Trustee, on the details below, to confirm their eligibility and complete a form to authorise the Charity to hold their personal information.

**The deadline for applications is 31 December 2022 to enable grants to be made early in the New Year.**

Dr Tim Webster, Trustee, Barton Bendish Poor's Charity, Rowan House,  
Church Road, Barton Bendish, King's Lynn, PE33 9GF

Telephone: 01366-347563

e-mail: [bbpoorscharity@btinternet.com](mailto:bbpoorscharity@btinternet.com) (Please note the e-mail has changed).

### **Barton Bendish Parish Council**

The date of the next meeting will be on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021 from 7.30pm in Barton Bendish Village Hall. All meetings are open to the public to attend.

Mrs Sharon Sweet, Locum Parish Clerk

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

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



## NOVEMBER SERVICES WEST NORFOLK PRIORY GROUP

### **6<sup>th</sup> November**

9.30am, Runcion Holme – HC  
10am, Shouldham – MP  
11am, Marham – HC  
11am, Watlington – MP  
6pm, Online & Phone– EP

### **13<sup>th</sup> November (Remembrance Sunday)**

9.30am, Sh'dham Thorpe – HC  
11am, Marham - MP  
11am, Fincham – HC  
11am, Stowbridge – HC  
11am, Watlington – HC  
6pm, Online & Phone – EP

### **20<sup>th</sup> November**

9.30am, Wormegay – HC  
11am, Marham – MP  
11am, Shouldham – HC  
11am, Watlington – MP  
6pm, Online & Phone – EP



### **27<sup>th</sup> November**

9.30am, Fincham – HC  
11am, Watlington – HC  
11am, Wimbotsham – HC  
6pm, Online & Phone – EP

### **Midweek Holy Communion**

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> November**

10am, Runcion Holme

#### **10<sup>th</sup> November**

10am, Fincham

## BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

### Michael Pearson



Michael passed away 14 September 2022. We would like to thank all our friends and neighbours and everyone in the village who sent us all the lovely flowers and cards. They were really appreciated

### **Vera and Greg Pearson**

Condolences to Vera and Gregory at this sad time. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

### **Margaret Webster**

Sadly Margret passed away on 12<sup>th</sup> September. She was a delightful, friendly lady who will be missed by



many in the Village.

Condolences to Tim, Linda, Holly and Jess. Our thoughts and prayers are with them



### **Parish Council**

#### **Clerk to the Council:**

Mrs Claire Prentice

07591 220390

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01366 328227

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# BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

## Village Hall

A massive £3700 was raised by all who attended and supported the Fete last month. A big cheer and pat on the back to you all.

The Committee will be planning the work in the Hall soon which will be mainly concerned with updating the kitchen and getting new white goods, most importantly a dish washer to save Allan washing up at the pop up pubs. It will be so much more convenient for all users too!

Pop up pubs continue to be successful with the next one on Friday November 25th. We hope to have a barbecue too. As usual serving from 7 until 10.45pm. Food served until 8.30pm unless sold out before then!!

**Cathy Friend 07818453323 or 01366 328892**

## Wednesday Walkers 5<sup>th</sup> October

The word to describe this month's foray is **WINDY** and that is in capital letters and in bold! It was certainly easier walking with the wind behind although it made one think of spreading wings and taking to soaring in the sky.

Our walk took us up Chestnut Walk where we stopped to learn why the rams have pale mustard coats. The saleroom colour them thus to enhance their visual appeal – not to other sheep but to potential buyers. These yellow rams are Border Leicesters, a rare breed now being shepherded in Beachamwell and Shingham to increase their chances of long-term survival.

We followed the metalled road to opposite the gates of Beachamwell Hall then turned up the public right of way as far as the cottages on the warren and right to skirt the forest. Our route continued to the edge of Larchwood before following the bridleway, which was windier and wilder than elsewhere, towards the village, then back down Chestnut Walk, where we stopped to gather plump sweet chestnuts and large conkers.

The walk took us about an hour and three-quarters, covering some four and a quarter miles.

The next walk will be on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November. **Sue Pennell**

## Afternoon Tea and Chat

Remember, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, Gay Paterson very kindly organises a thoroughly enjoyable 'Tea and Cakes'. Everyone is welcome so if you haven't yet managed to get there do try to do so – you won't regret it. It is a lovely way to catch up and meet with people

## Book Group

Tuesday November 1st at 7.30 in the Village Hall. Book we will be discussing is "Snowdrops" by A.D. Miller **Enquiries: 01366 328960**

## BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS



### **Friends of St Mary's Church**

Gay Patterson continues with her marvellous tea and chat afternoons, having raised £208 at the last get together. The Friends are very appreciative – thank you.

This is to give notice that the AGM of the Friends of St Mary's will take place at 7pm on the 11 November 2022 in the village hall. All are welcome to attend and we look forward to seeing you then.

***Peggy Ray (Chair of the Friends of St Mary's)***

### ***Committee***

#### **Peggy Ray Chair**

Peggy English - Treasurer

David Levitt

Mark Lusby

Irene Ranner

Debbie Roberts

Helen Turner

Janet Walker

Mike Walker



# BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

## **St Mary's PCC**

"We enjoyed a beautiful sunny morning for The St Mary's Church Harvest Festival Service which took place on the village green on Sunday 9th October, led by Pippa Blackall. The service was followed by a very enjoyable bring and share lunch in the village hall. Several bags of food donations were taken by Karen Butler for delivery to local charities. Thanks go to Pippa for the service, Ann for the service sheets and Karen for taking the donated food for distribution.

A Remembrance Service will take place on Sunday 13th November at 10.45 am. Those attending are asked to assemble at the flagpole on the village green for a short ceremony and the service will follow in the village hall. Tea and coffee will be served afterwards.

The restoration work continues on the church and the builders are doing a fantastic job keeping up with the time schedule. PCC members attend regular update meetings with the specialist teams involved and continue to hold regular PCC and Liaison Group meetings with the Friends of St Mary's on a monthly basis.

The PCC wish to express their grateful thanks to the Village Hall Committee for their constant support and for allowing use of the Hall for our many meetings and our services.

***Susie Rix [Secretary]***

## ***PCC Members***

*RevDoc Ian Mack: Chair*

*Peter Berendt: Vice Chair and Church Warden*

*Karen Butler*

*Pat Clarke: Treasurer*

*Vesna Hudson: Church Warden*

*Anne Knox Whittett*

*Sue Pennell*

*Susie Rix: Secretary*



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## CHURCHWARDENS AND CONTACTS

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### PRIORY GROUP

Fincham	Cathy O'Brien	01366 347279
Marham	Philip Fay	01760 444199
	Glenda Jayes	01760 339688
Shouldham	Brian & Ann Hullah	01366 347814
Shouldham Thorpe	Gordon Reid	01366 347253



## **NOVEMBER SERVICES WISSEY VALLEY BENEFICE**

### **First Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent**

9.30 am Methwold Service of the Word Tony Mills  
9.30 am Wretton/Stoke Ferry Holy Communion  
6.00 pm Wereham Evensong

### **Second Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Nov Remembrance Sunday**

10.50 am Whittington Service of Remembrance  
10.50 am West Dereham Service of Remembrance  
10.50 am Wereham Service of Remembrance  
10.50 am Methwold Service of Remembrance  
10.50 am Beachamwell Service of Remembrance  
10.50 am Barton Bendish Service of Remembrance

### **Third Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November Christ the King**

9.30 am Methwold Holy Communion  
9.30 am West Dereham Service of the Word  
9.30 am Wretton/Stoke Ferry Service of the Word  
11.00 am Wereham Morning Prayer

### **Fourth Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November Advent 1**

9.30 am Methwold Holy Communion  
9.30 am West Dereham Sunday Worship  
9.30 am Whittington Holy Communion  
11.00 am Boughton Holy Communion

Every Sunday 6.30 pm online service

### **Midweek Services**

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2-3 pm cre8 club **West Dereham** Church  
Wednesdays 9.00 am **Wretton with Stoke Ferry** Morning Prayer  
Thursdays 8.30 am **Methwold** Morning Prayer  
Thursdays 9.30 am **Wretton with Stoke Ferry** Holy Communion

## **BOUGHTON VILLAGE NEWS**

### **UPDATE ~ All Saints' Church Organ Appeal**

We had a good turnout for our book jumble on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October, many of you went home with bags of books to enjoy through the forthcoming winter months. The only interruption from browsing was to indulge in tea and cake and catching up with friends and neighbours. We raised a handsome £240 towards our organ appeal.

Unbeknown to me, the book jumble was the final fundraiser for the organ appeal as a cheque for £750 has since arrived in the post, a most welcome grant from the Benefact Trust who provide grants to support churches.

Our final cost to repair and restore the pipe organ in All Saints' Church was £4,401.06 and we have slightly exceeded this figure by the grand sum of £1.56!!

Our organ appeal raised £1,747.50 – thank you to all who kindly and very generously donated. Our three grants totalled £1,250 – our thanks to The On Organ Fund, KL&WNBC Community Grant and the Benefact Trust. Our fundraising efforts totalled £701.12 – thank you to all who supported our fundraising by coming along and attending events, donating books, buying raffle tickets, making scrummy cakes and volunteering to serve in the kitchen. We were also able to claim the VAT on part of the repair and restoration amounting to £704.

Special thanks to Tom Golden who played the restored organ at our Afternoon Tea so beautifully I saw a tear or two in many an eye – including mine! Special thanks also to Holmes and Swift aka Edmund and Margaret for carrying out such a magnificent repair and tender restoration.

The Parochial Church Council are most grateful to you all.

***Angela Faherty – Boughton PCC Treasurer***

## BOUGHTON JAZZ PICNIC

For once Boughton jazz picnic was blessed with good weather which if anything was too hot. This was the first time I was grateful to those pesky poplar trees, which someone before me had planted along the roadside, as they afforded some lovely shade. As usual this time of year they have now reverted to their nuisance role, shedding loads of leaves for me and my neighbours to deal with.

Anyway a good time was had by around 200 visitors, as they relaxed on the lawn to the sounds of Barry Tylers band, all the while helping to produce a healthy profit, which in turn goes to various charities. This year the main beneficiary was Opora, which helps Ukrainians fleeing their homeland to settle as best they can in the UK. Every last drop of real ale from the Norfolk Brewery at Hindringham was consumed, which was a relief as it saves me the task of drinking any leftovers. As usual, it's thanks to those who helped - Barry Ovel at the bar, Geraldine on the gate and "Golly" Cooper in the car park. Once again the raffle was well supported, with prizes kindly donated by locals - Stoke Ferry Timber, Thos Bonnett, Lawnboy, Hudson's Garage, Downham Garden Centre, Sargeants Butchers, Hugh Jenkins, Accent Fresh, Charlotte Rose Acupuncture, my daughter's holiday cottage (for a week) and hay bales from A.N.Other.



## WEREHAM VILLAGE NEWS

**MOBILE POST OFFICE** will park near the village pond on the following days/times,

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### **Wereham Car Boot and Cafe.**

November 27th is the last car boot and cafe for 2022. The first one for 2023 is on Jan 29th usual time and place. The cafe is always open for car boot with all the usual favourites, Bacon Baps etc. Please come and join us for a relaxed morning looking for that elusive item you have been searching for. For details please contact Philip on 01366 501330, or 07759033492, rosemary.pease@btinternet.com.

### **Wereham Short Mat Bowls.**

Come and have a relaxed afternoon playing bowls, we are a friendly mixed group and we welcome new players male and female. We play every Thursday afternoon 2pm until 4pm. 2.50 per session with free tea, coffee and biscuits. We also run a 50/50 raffle for those interested. For details please contact Philip on 01366 501330, 07759033492, rosemary.pease@btinternet.com.

### **Wereham Craft Group.**

Don't forget our CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR is on 12th November 10am until 4pm. We are now fully booked for this craft fair but there will be 2 next year in June and November

We also have a special event on Tuesday 8th November 10.30am until 12.30, when we welcome Maxine who is going to be talking to us about her interesting original KENYA TRIPS and the families she strives to help. There will be beautiful baskets for sale which the ladies in Kenya make. Free entry and free coffee, tea and biscuits. We look forward to seeing as many people as possible on the 8th November. For further details please contact Rosemary on 01366 501330, 07749240606, rosemary.pease@btinternet or on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday you can speak to Karen in the village hall office on 01366 502214. Many thanks. Rosemary.



### **WEREHAM MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING.**

Once again our MacMillan coffee morning was a great success raising a grand total of £1100. At a time when many families are feeling the cost of living pinch it is heartening to know that so many people willingly continue to give their time and money to support this most worthwhile cause.

Many thanks must go to the organisers and to the helpers and stallholders. Once again the array of cakes and pastries was genuinely mouth watering and a big thank you to all those who baked such a great selection. There were dozens of raffle prizes, again all willingly donated. Thanks also to the George and Dragon for their support and contribution towards the total.

Finally, thanks to everyone who came and spent so generously and cheerfully, not just from Wereham but surrounding villages too. The large turnout gave the morning a real feeling of our local community doing its bit and doing it well. Congratulations all.

### **WEREHAM VILLAGE HALL**

The Trustees of Wereham Village Hall are delighted to announce that they have recently received two prestigious awards for architectural excellence and craftsmanship as part of the Mayor's Design Awards, which took place in King's Lynn last Tuesday.

The Village Hall was overall Winner in the Community Schemes category, and was also Highly Commended in the Craftsmanship category.

The awards were presented at Kings Lynn Town Hall by West Norfolk Mayor, Lesley Bambridge, who praised the high quality of design and innovation and construction standards across the borough.

### **Wereham Parish Council**

**Next Meeting Date (Ordinary) – Mon 14 November 2022 at 6.30 pm** (To be held in the Wereham Village Hall – Main Hall).

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 at [werehampc@gmail.com](mailto:werehampc@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

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### **Downton Abbey Film and Afternoon Tea**

The people came from near and far to this special cinema event in our Village Hall. The event was a huge success with some ladies attending wearing traditional clothes of that era (well done). We were all treated to a fabulous traditional English afternoon tea, with sandwiches, cakes, scones and of course plenty of tea! All prepared and presented by Gordon and Sue (many thanks). Thank you to all those who attended, your positive comments on the afternoon were greatly appreciated, hopefully we will be able to put another special event on soon. We hope you enjoyed the film and look forward to seeing you again at one of our regular cinema nights.



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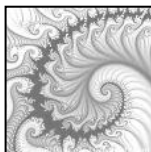
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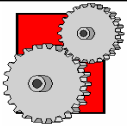
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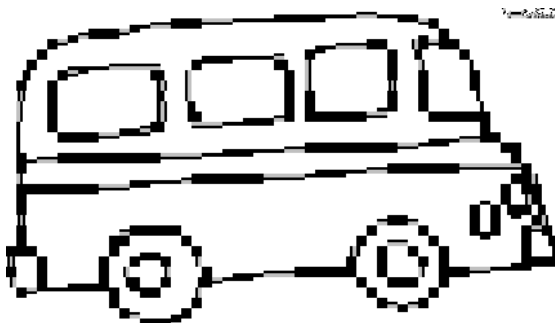
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