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Boughton; Wereham

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REMEMBER - REMEMBER

Many of us will remember the rest of the rhyme - the fifth of November, gunpower, treason and plot! Yes, a rhyme, but originally a chant. One that was chanted round a bonfire with an effigy of a conspirator in a plot to assassinate the king and blow up parliament. That conspirator's name was Guy Fawkes. He was what the American's call 'a fall guy' (unintended pun) because the chief conspirator was named as Robert Catesby. This foiled attempt at a *coup d'etat* we continue to celebrate on Guy Fawkes night with bonfires and fireworks.

The cause behind the plot was essentially religious. Catesby was a devout Roman Catholic who wanted to kill the Protestant King James 1st eliminate the Protestant parliamentarians and establish England as a Catholic country. I just hear the cries of 'religions cause wars'. And, one has to admit, there is a degree of justification for those assertions. For the Gunpowder Plot can be seen as a precursor to the English Civil War that began less than 40 years later in 1642. Incidentally, for our younger readers, *the* civil war was not just that between the Confederacy and the Union in the nineteenth century.

Why do we continue to remember the events of the past? One poinient quote from Winston Churchill is: *those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it*. The question is - does mankind learn from history? At face value, that would appear not to be so! We crave peace and rightly pray for peace. And yet there are, to quote Jesus the Prince of Peace, *wars and insurrections (Luke 21: 9)*. He also said *Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called children of God (Matthew 5: 9)*. The implication being that there would always be a need for peacemakers.

As I write this, war has again broken out in The Holy Land. I feel that epithet to be a misnomer! The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have written to all the Church of England Dioceses stating that they are *deeply grieved and concerned at the violence in Israel and Gaza*. Just as we all are at this outrageous tide of hideous terrorism. My personal belief being that, perhaps in different ways, both sides need to be called to account for their deeds. We continue to pray for all the other areas of the world where there is open warfare and where peace is fragile.

This year Remembrance Sunday is on the 12th of November. Being the closest Sunday to the date of the cessation of hostilities that marked the end of the First World War in 1918. We rightly pay tribute to the heroism and self-sacrifice of all the service personnel who suffered both mentally and physically as well as those who gave up their lives in the cause of freedom. In that conflict more than one hundred years ago and many hundreds of wars and insurrections since. Let us remember in our prayers all who live with the scars of battle and those who care for them. Proceeding those events during November, there is All Souls Day. When we particularly remember and give thanks for our loved ones who have passed from our sight to be eternally with our Heavenly Father. **Tony Mills**

COUNTRYSIDE NOTES

Invasive and Alien species

Grey squirrels, Muntjac and American mink, which cause significant damage to our native flora and fauna, are alien species of mammals now commonplace in the wild. In the UK the number of established invasive species, in one form or another, is estimated to be between 2,000 and 3,000 and increasing annually. The estimated cost to the economy is £4 billion a year compared to £1.7 billion in 2010! To forestry it is calculated to be £123 million, while agriculture, the most affected, is around £1.1 billion. Global warming is hastening the invaders success enabling some of them to survive and encouraging others to move northwards and spread widely across the country with devastating consequences. Despite strict import checks it's impossible to fully protect our native species and this is aggravated by people either bringing seeds or plants back with them from countries they've visited or dumping them instead of disposing of them responsibly. Imported diseases come in bacterial, fungal, virus and insect forms. More and more are being identified in the wild, principally having arrived here through importations of timber, young trees and plants from abroad. Some spread quickly and at least twenty are attacking our native trees.

Ramorum disease, a contagious fungus, is widespread and affects many species including Sweet Chestnut and Oak trees. First discovered on Larch trees in 2009 it has led to thousands of hectares being felled. **Ash Dieback** is relentlessly taking its toll as did **Dutch Elm Disease** in the 1970s. **Great Spruce Bark Beetles** are now present in Western England, Wales and Southern Scotland. They damage spruce trees, widely grown for commercial timber, by tunnelling into the bark. **Horse Chestnut Leaf Miners** turn the leaves brown and caterpillars of **Oak Processionary Moths** defoliate oak trees and are a health hazard to humans.

Rhododendron is hugely invasive and forms into large, impenetrable patches several metres high. It also carries diseases fatal to some of our native trees. Seriously invasive plants are now widely distributed across the UK. **Japanese knotweed** is notorious for causing structural damage to properties. The sap of **Giant Hogweed** is toxic, touching it releases a chemical which reacts with sunlight causing burns and blisters. **Spanish Bluebells**, introduced by the Victorians, are similar in appearance and readily hybridise with our native bluebells. **Pirri Pirri** is a dwarf shrubby plant widespread in some dry coastal areas that forms dense mats which overwhelm native plants. Our ponds and waterways are being choked by alien aquatic plants sold as ornamentals. Because they grow so prolifically **Floating Pennywort, Parrot's Feather, and Curly and Nuttall's Waterweed** are being dumped by irresponsible pond owners. In rivers and streams **American Signal Crayfish** are decimating our native crayfish as are **Asian Clams** our freshwater molluscs. They are already established in the Norfolk Broads. On the banks **Himalayan Balsam** is displacing the natural plants. **Harlequin Ladybirds** prey on our native ladybird larva as do **Asian Hornets** on bees and pollinating insects.



The Government is taking action through the recently launched GB Invasive Non-Native Species Strategy. **Jill Mason (Barton Bendish)**





REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

November 12th 2023

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.

Rupert Brooke



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;

**Wereham
Community Café
Village Hall
Monday - Friday
10.00 - 2.45**

**A selection of hot and
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Everyone welcome**

Enquiries 01366 502214

Beachamwell

**24 Public Rights of Way? Where are
they?**

**Come and explore with the
Wednesday Walkers**

**On the first Wednesday each month,
leaving the Memorial Hall at 10.00 a.m.**

All welcome

dogs on leads please



**Enquiries:
01366 328452**

**Wereham
POP UP CAFÉ
Village Hall**

**Tuesday November 7th
10.45am to 1.00pm**

Please feel free to bring along your family and friends. There's a Warm Wereham welcome for everyone. Wholesome hearty home-made Leek & Potato or Butternut Squash Soup served with fresh bread (at only £3.00 per person) plus a variety of hot drinks - each served with one of our delicious home-made cakes or pastries - for just £2.00.

For any further details please call Doreen on (01366 500218)

All proceeds to Wereham Village Hall
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**Barton Bendish
Pop Up Café**

**Friday November 10th
12 noon - 3.00**

Village Hall

**Drop by for lunch or
afternoon tea and have a
chat with friends!**

**Everyone welcome, no
need to book**

**All profits will be donated
to the British Legion**

**bartonbendishev-
ents@gmail.com**

Barton Bendish Bonfire Night

**Friday 10th November
6:30pm-9:30pm
Barton Bendish Hall
Bonfire**

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

Beachamwell St. Mary's Church Remembrance Service

**Sunday 12th November
10.45 am**

Please assemble at the Flag Pole on the Village Green for a short ceremony.

The service will take place after this in the Village Hall

Tea and coffee will be provided afterwards



Beachamwell



Afternoon Tea and a Chat.....'

**Wednesday November
15th
2 - 4pm
Village Hall**

Enquiries: 01366 328108

Barton Bendish



Bernie Pop Up Pub

Friday 17th November

**7.00pm until
Last orders 10.30**

Barton Bendish Village Hall

Enquiries: 01366 347983



Christmas CRAFT FAYRE

11TH NOVEMBER

11.30AM TO 1.30PM

LOVELY GIFTS

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

| RAFFLE |



BEACHAMWELL

VILLAGE HALL

Wereham Christmas Craft Fair



**Saturday
18th November**

10.00 - 4.30

Village Hall

Freshly made Filled Bread Rolls, Tasty Home-made Soup with a warm bread roll, Tea, Coffee and Cakes - all available from our Village Hall Café

Lovely prizes in our Christmas Raffle
For more info please contact Rosemary on 01366 501330 or 07749 240606

Wereham Nelson's Shantymen



Sunday November 19th

Venue open at 3pm

Playing 2 x 1 hour sessions

Tickets £10 (including Tea, Coffee, Cakes & Pastries) Available from the Village Hall office 01366 382214 or

call

Bar Open too - to help you to sing along!

Enquiries Angela on 07535 399883

Wereham



**SHORT MAT
BOWLS CLUB**



Every Thursday 2pm until 4pm

Every Monday 7.30pm until 9.30pm

£2.50 per player - free refreshments

NEW PLAYERS WELCOME!

Meet our friendly club members, try a new activity, have fun!

HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON!

For more info, or just a chat, call Philip on 01366 501330

Wereham The Village Cinema

Wereham Village Hall

Proudly Presents:

'A Good Person'

Friday 24th November

Programme begins at 7.30pm

Bar Opens at 6.45

Tickets Adults £5.00

15 -16 £3.00

Tickets can be purchased in advance from the Village Hall, Mondays to Fridays, from 9am to 3pm, or on the door.

Registered Charity Number 1168472

SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

60 YEARS

BEACHAMWELL VILLAGE HALL

FROM 7PM TILL MIDNIGHT



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SIXTY FANTASTIC
YEARS OF THE HALL.
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1960S THEME | COMPLIMENTARY FOOD | PAY BAR
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Barton Bendish



Wreath Making Workshops

If you'd like to try your hand at making a Christmas Wreath, don't miss the **Christmas Wreath Workshops** held in the Village Hall on

- Thursday November 23rd and Friday 24th at 7.30 pm
- Saturday 25th at 10am and 2.30pm.

The cost is £28 per person and includes refreshment and guaranteed fun! Dress for mess!!

Contact Linda (347563) or Mhari (347849) for further details and to book your place

Nar Valley Ornithological Society (NarVOS)

Wednesday 29th November at 7.30
Indoor meeting at the
Assembly Rooms, 1 Market Place,
Swaffham, PE37 7AB.

More info at www.narvos.org.uk

"My Life as a Gamekeeper - Friend or Foe?"

Nigel Davies, the much-respected gamekeeper, has worked on Stow Estate since 1972. His role has altered and expanded greatly since those early years and now his work includes more of the conservation and protection of nature. He is keen to pass on his extensive knowledge and experience of all things "countryside" and leads many walks including dawn chorus walks and deer watching. From the hundreds of bird boxes on the estate, thousands of birds have been ringed over the years revealing some fascinating facts about wild birds' movements. This will be a presentation with a difference - you will not just be gazing at a screen; there will be real examples to illustrate his talk. Come and share his enthusiasm for his life's work.

Visitors most welcome. Admission £4 on the night; free to NarVOS members.

Enquiries: 01760 724092

www.narvos.org.uk

Please note, there will be no indoor meeting during December.

Wereham



CAR BOOT SALE AND CAFÉ

Sunday November 26th
8.30am

Village Hall

Cafe opens from 8am for hot breakfast rolls, snacks, and drinks.

£5.00 a pitch to book indoor pitch

Enquiries: **Philip 01366 501330,**

07759033492,

rosemary.pease@btinternet.com.

Please note that in 2024 our car boot sales will change from the last Sunday to the first Sunday of the month, starting Sunday, 7th January 2024

Barton Bendish Film Club

Proudly Presents:

**'Mission Impossible, Dead
Reckoning Part 1**

Saturday 2nd December

6.30 [D/O] For 7.00pm [S]

Barton Bendish Village Hall

Tickets £5

Free refreshments during interval
included

To reserve your seat please contact

Box Office: 01366 347849

email: cinemabarton@gmail.com

www.bartonbendishfilmclub.btck.co.uk/

Wereham

A Little Bit Festive Quiz

**Saturday 2nd December
7.00 pm.**

Tickets £5 per person

Please bring your own snacks, drinks
and glassware.

For more information or to buy your
tickets please pop in to the Village
Hall office, call 01366 502214 or email
villagehallwereham@gmail.com - or
call John Eastgate on 01366 500766



Barton Bendish



**Carols by Candlelight and
Yuletide Refreshments**

Saturday 9th December

You are warmly invited to St Andrews
Church on Saturday 9th December at
4pm to celebrate Christmas with
traditional carols and readings. This
will be a short service of festivities
after which you are welcome to join in
yuletide refreshments in the Village
Hall at 5pm. We would be delighted
to have you join us at either or both of
these community seasonal gather-
ings. Any refreshment contributions
would be gratefully received.

**Contact Linda (347563) or Mhari
(347849) for further details**

Wereham



Christmas Party Night

Dancing to Live
Band

Gravel Road

Saturday 16th December

7.30 - 11.30

Wereham Village Hall

Ticket £12.00 including buffet
Bar and Raffle

Tickets: werehamvillagehall
01366 502 214 or 07722009507

All proceeds to Village Hall
Registered Charity 1168472

Fincham

Fincham Chorus
present

'A Christmas Concert'

Fincham Church

Saturday 16th December

7.30 pm.

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

£5 includes mulled wine and
seasonal snacks.

Pay on the door

Enquiries: 01366 348136.

Barton Bendish



St Andrew's invites
you to join in our
Christmas
Celebrations at a
Victorian Evening

of Christmas Entertainment, Music
and Carols

Sunday 17th December, 6pm
Village Hall.

Entrance is free, but to avoid
disappointment you can book your
place with Mhari (347849) or Linda
(347563) We are always looking for
new people to come and join us.

Everyone very welcome
Refreshments will be served

Barton Bendish Community Library and Second Hand Bookshop



Open every day 10am – 4pm
St Andrew's Church
PE33 9GF

Everyone, including people from
surrounding villages, welcome to
borrow or buy books

BARTON BENDISH & EASTMOOR NEWS

Macmillan Coffee Morning October 11th



What can we say but a huge Thank You to everyone who came and supported the Macmillan Pop-Up Café this morning in Barton Bendish. There is nothing better than seeing so many people coming together and enjoying each other's company while raising much needed

funds for a great cause.

With generous donations of various seasonal produce, plants, baking and raffle prizes the amazing sum of £600 will be sent to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Thanks must also go to Lesley, Jill, Maureen and Sonia for giving up their day to oversee the various stalls. Thank you to Liz and Janice for tending the till and to Andrew and later on Graham, for their waitering skills! The clearing up team at the end did sterling work and without them we would have been there until darkness.



We look forward to seeing many of you at next month's Pop-Up Café on the 10th of November which is in aid of the Poppy Appeal.

£150 was raised for EACH at the Pop-Up Café on September 29th

A big, big Thank You to Mhari & Linda. If it wasn't for them it wouldn't have happened! **Jill Mason**

Carols by Candlelight and Yuletide Refreshments

You are warmly invited to St Andrews Church on Saturday 9th December at 4pm to celebrate Christmas with traditional carols and readings. This will be a short service of festivities after which you are welcome to join in yuletide refreshments in the Village Hall at 5pm. We would be delighted to have you join us at either or both of these community seasonal gatherings. Any refreshment contributions would be gratefully received.

Contact Linda (347563) or Mhari (347849) for further details

BARTON BENDISH & EASTMOOR NEWS

Remembrance Service

Sunday 12th November, 10.30, St Andrews Church. During the Act of Remembrance the Last Post and Reveille will be played by a trumpeter. Everyone warmly invited.

The British Legion Poppy Appeal

Ever wondered where the idea of Remembrance Poppies came from? Why we use a red poppy to remember those who have given service in one of our armed forces during conflicts? Well here are a few things I found out.

We all know that wearing a poppy demonstrates support for Armed Service Personnel, Veterans and their families and has been a symbol of remembrance for over 100 years. During the First World War the only thing that would grow in the battle fields after the destruction and bombing was the red poppy.

Did you know that after losing a friend at Ypres in 1915 a doctor from Canada, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, was inspired to write a poem about the poppies growing in the battle scared fields entitled "In Flanders Fields". The poem inspired the then US War Secretary, Moina Michael, to buy poppies to sell to her friends to raise funds for service men in need after the First World War. This idea was adopted by the British Legion in 1921 when millions of poppies were sold on the 11th of November at the first Poppy Appeal.

Today, the funds raised help the British Legion support active service personnel, veterans and their families in many ways including financial assistance, rehabilitation, help with employment and housing along with many other vital services including The Battle Back Centre in the West Midlands which is the first port of call for wounded, injured and sick service men and women.

Poppies will be available to purchase in St Andrews church along with wooden crosses which have a poppy on them. A donation of £3 is suggested for the crosses then you can remember a loved one by inscribing their name on the cross and placing it around the War Memorial in the church grounds.

Linda Webster & Mhari Blanchfield



BARTON BENDISH & EASTMOOR NEWS

Victorian Evening Sunday 17th December

Come and get into the Christmas spirit at the Barton Bendish Victorian Evening on Sunday December 17th at 6pm in the Village Hall. There will be plenty of local entertainment and numerous songs, carols and best of all, laughter! You might even catch a glimpse of Royalty. No need to book but an indication to attend would be appreciated for catering numbers. Victorian dress is preferred but not compulsory

Also, if you would like to take part with a song, story, poem or entertain the audience with your musical talents we would love to hear from you. Please contact either Linda (347563) or Mhari (347849) and we will put you on the programme. As always, any donations of cakes etc is appreciated.

We very much look forward to celebrating Christmas together in Barton Bendish and invite everyone from the surrounding villages to join us.

St Andrews PCC

Barton Bendish Parish Council Meeting held 27th September 2023

Boughton Long Road The Council recently asked the Parish Clerk to discuss with the Norfolk County Council Highways Engineer the potential for reducing the speed limit to 40mph on Boughton Long Road. The NCC Highways Engineer provided the following guidance: Firstly, Boughton Long Road does not meet the criteria set by NCC for a reduction in speed limit from its current 60mph. Secondly, it was advised that the Parish Council should monitor the effectiveness of the upcoming village gateways installation (due by Dec 2023). Lastly, an alternative solution was proposed, wherein the Parish Council could explore the possibility of a SAM2 (flashing speed awareness) device within the boundary of the existing 30mph speed limit, as these monitors are not permitted on a 60mph road. The Council will continue to monitor road safety concerns on Boughton Long Road once the village gateways have been installed.

Small Grants Scheme can help projects that aim to make life better in West Norfolk (Borough Council of West Norfolk & King's Lynn)

A Small Grants Scheme has been launched in West Norfolk to support community projects and initiatives aimed at improving the lives of local residents. The scheme, backed by the Norfolk Community Foundation, offers funding for both capital and revenue costs, with grants of up to £10,000 available. Projects should align with specific outcomes, such as promoting cultural understanding, increasing community involvement, and enhancing community spaces. Applications are open until November 30, 2023, and a panel will convene in early 2024 to select grant recipients.

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For more details and to apply, please visit www.norfolkfoundation.com/funding-support/grants/groups/borough-council-of-kings-lynn-west-norfolk-small-grants-scheme/

Report issues (pot holes, overgrown paths, missing road signs etc) with 'Fix My Street' app!

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

Following the May 2023 elections, the Parish Council has a vacancy on the Parish Council. The vacant position will be filled through the co-option process. If you are interested in being considered for co-option, please kindly inform the Parish Clerk at least 10 working days before the next meeting.

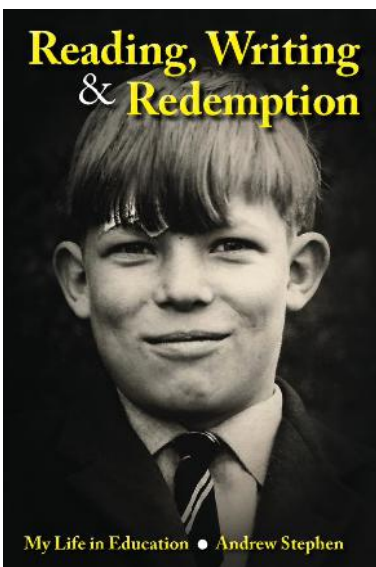
The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 8th November 2023. This will be an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting starting at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Mrs Sharon Sweet, Clerk to Barton Bendish Parish Council

Email: bartonbendishparishcouncil@aol.com

Further information is available on the Parish Council website at bortonbendish-parishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk

Another Author in Barton Bendish



It is perhaps unusual to write and publish a first book at the age of seventy and yet that seems to have happened to me. Perhaps moving to Barton Bendish inspired me. Perhaps the long isolation of the pandemic gave my idle hands the opportunity to try to capture some of my thoughts about education, as a consumer, victim and teacher. The book is autobiographical and much of it concerns local schools, KES in King's Lynn and two primary schools, St James' in King's Lynn and Marham primary school. Not everyone enjoys school but it has been the backdrop to my life. I am still very much involved with my old school in King's Lynn and desperate that today's young people get the best education they can. I am not keen on government interference in schools or treating education like a business. My contribution to

the literary world can be found on Amazon. Be gentle. **(Andrew Stephen)**

BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE NEWS

Verena Hartley

(Verena with Daisy, one of her 4 great grandchildren)



It was with great sadness we learnt of the death of Verena on 14th October 2023.

She was a kind, thoughtful and delightful lady who brought friendship into the lives of people she met. She will be sorely missed by people in Beachamwell and the surrounding area.

Raymond and Verena came to Beachamwell over 25 years ago. They supported the village in many, many ways two examples being Verena for many years dealt with 'The Poppy Appeal' and helped on 'The Bric a Brac Stall' at the Village Fete.

Our condolences to Raymond and the rest of the family at this very difficult time

Eileen Powell

Beachamwell Parish Council

Councillors:

Cllr. Diana Lambert (Vice Chairman)

Cllr. Richard James

Cllr. Pat O'Donnell

Cllr Geoff Siddons

No news from The Parish Council

Sarah Hunt [Locum Clerk to Beachamwell Parish Council]

Telephone: 07355694133 beachamwellparishcouncil@gmail.com

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

BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE NEWS

Beachamwell Village Hall



Just a reminder about the 60th birthday celebrations on Saturday 25th November (see advert page 12) (NO pop up pub the day before ie 24th which is the 4th Friday). Any vegetarians or gluten free requests please let me know - haven't received any yet! 07818453323. Bring a desert to share.

The mini Christmas Fayre is on Saturday 11th November (See advert Page 10) Light refreshments from the PCC and raffle for the Village Hall. Any raffle prizes - please pass onto Allan Butler.

31st December - New Years Eve party. Please bring a plate of food to share. Good news on the fence front after a working party has repaired a large section. Still some work to do but definite progress.

It is hoped a bike stand will be made and installed soon.

Hopefully - fingers crossed, a dishwasher will be installed before the birthday party. This will be the first major step in the kitchen upgrade and will be a big bonus for all users of the Hall.

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Cathy Friend 07818453323.



BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE NEWS

St Mary's Church

Beachamwell PCC

Rev'd Dr Ian Mack (Chairman)

Peter Berendt (Churchwarden and Vice Chairman)

Sue Pennell (Churchwarden)

Pat Clarke (Treasurer)

Susie Rix (Secretary and Electoral Roll Officer)

Karen Butler (Safeguarding Officer)

Ann Knox Whittet (Deanery Synod Representative)



St Mary's Church Update

Update on the Restoration of St Mary's Church. If all goes according to plan, by the time you read this article you will have seen the roofs of St Mary's rise from the wall tops. At the time of writing, the east gable end is being completed with the refurbished coping stones finishing it off. Between the 16th and 18th of October the roof trusses arrived and were installed. There then followed a period of joinery to secure and complete the basic roof over the nave and chancel. And by now, early November, I would hope that you can see the thatcher working on the north side of the church roof, and simultaneously, the south aisle metal roof will be restored. Once the latter is complete, and any hot works done, the thatcher will complete the south side of the main roof.



At this stage we will have back a building that externally resembles our much loved church. Of course this is not the end of the work, we still have to complete the electrics and heating, plaster the interior and the new ceiling, glaze the whole building and restore all the wall monuments and war memorial."

Peter Berendt (Churchwarden and Vice Chairman)

MOBILE LIBRARY

We are writing to let you know about the changes that are being made to the mobile library service, following the public consultation last year and the final decisions made by Norfolk County Council Cabinet in January 2023. We are preparing to decommission one mobile library and continue to operate five vehicles and an electric mini mobile, due for commission later this year. In accordance with the key principles agreed by Members, Norfolk Library and Information Service will cease the majority of stops that happen within 1.5 miles of a branch library.

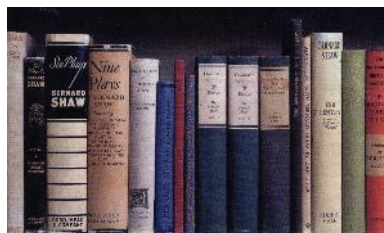
We will be working with customers to ensure they know what is happening. Anyone that is unable to visit a branch library will be able to contact their local library and request a visit from the Home Library Service (HLS) that we operate in partnership with the Royal Voluntary Services (RVS).

Every route and stop has now been reviewed and whilst we have tried as hard as we can to minimise disruption, it does mean that in a number of cases the day and time which the mobile library visits has had to change. This is to ensure that we make best use of the mobile library resource for as many people and communities

Customers at all affected stops are being given a copy of the new timetable and the planned introduction date for the revised services is Monday 3rd July. All the new stop and route information will be on our website www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries (available from 30th June).

Should you have any comments about these amendments please don't hesitate to contact us at central.mobiles.lib@norfolk.gov.uk

The Mobile Library Team
Community Information & Learning
Tel: 01603 222594 | Dept: 01603 222303
Whitegates, Norwich Rd, Hethersett, NR9 3DN



BOUGHTON NEWS

Book Jumble 16th September

Well, what can I say, yet another successful event supported by our great community and regular visitors from neighbouring villages.

The sun shone and we set up tables and chairs on the church lawn alongside the very popular and most tempting 'Home Produce Stall'. The fudge (I personally bought 3 flavours) was exceptional – thank you ladies – and young Robert your celeriac was greatly enjoyed by Andrew and I. If you missed out on the delights of the home produce stall then look out for future dates on the village notice board.

Good to see that so many of you brought bags to fill with books – again, the most popular overflowing table being thrillers, murder, mystery – I do wonder how some of you manage to sleep at night!

Many thanks to those of you that baked a cake or two, donated books and helped with setting up and organising books prior to the event.

We raised a magnificent £344.03 towards the rebuilding of the church wall, which thankfully, on the day, was not damaged by a runaway car!!

Angela Faherty

Greetings by Oscar ~ 'In a Box'

Many of you have purchased greeting cards at recent fundraising events and this is a reminder that we are happy to put together a selection of cards and deliver them to your home to enable you to look through them at your leisure with absolutely no commitment to buy. All cards are £1.00 each, some of which are high street names and we have numerous offers throughout the year.

If you are interested in browsing an 'Oscar Box' in the comfort of your own home then please contact Angela on 501335.

The Boughton Village Caravan



BOUGHTON NEWS

Storm Babet has brought us a lot of heavy rain. We have been fortunate in that we have not had it accompanied by much in the way of the forecast strong wind, but the rain itself has been considerable.

It started on Thursday 19th in the evening; and through to 8am on Friday morning we had 24.7mm. This was followed by continuous rain on 20th, measured on Saturday morning at 29.7mm, making 56.4 mm in total, in less than 36 hours.

This was preceded on 18th by 9.6mm, which was not part of the storm and I have yet to measure the rainfall today (Sat 21st) which has been persistent for most of the day. To date (21st) we have had 96.5mm in October which is exceptionally high for only part of the month. Let's hope it gives us a break now.

Sue Pogmore

Boughton Fen Working Party



The first working party of the season took place on 14th October. Those of you who walk the fen will probably be aware that we have had a number of fallen trees on the fen in recent weeks. One of these is definitely in need of

a professional tree surgeon, and this is in hand. The one nearest the road will be removed by the Environment Agency as it is not ours, and has fallen in the river. However, now that the leaves have fallen off, it has been possible to see the framework of the canopy much better, and one of our committee came up with an idea to clear it from the path, as well as the seat which was underneath it (Thank you Hugh and also for the photograph).

The rest of us tackled the smaller of the fallen trees, which was a simpler job with loppers and hand saws, but quite a lot of dragging and pulling. Once we had finished that, we went off to assist the other team with the larger pieces of wood. This left time for the outfalls to be strimmed ready for the winter and some general cutting back on part of the path.

If you would like to join us, new volunteers would be very welcome. You need to like being outside in the winter and enjoy teamwork. Specialist knowledge is not necessary. We have a some tools to borrow, as well as gloves and goggles if you do not have your own. Enquiries Sue 01366 500461 or sue@pogmore.myzen.co.uk

CHURCHWARDENS AND CONTACTS

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Beachamwell	Peter Berendt	01366 328 779
	Sue Pennell	01366 328 452
Boughton:	Pam Wakeling	01366 500 429
Methwold	Alan Burbridge	01366 727 002
West Dereham	Graeme Pressley	01366 501 179
Wereham	Karen Sams	01366 501 428
Wereham:	Sheila Smith	01366 858 165
Whittington	Susan Smith	07849 157 080
Wretton	Anita Horgan	01366 500 785
Whittington & Wretton	Elaine Taylor	01366 500 948

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ONLINE SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

Weekly Online Services

Sunday 6.30

Tuesday 5.00

Wednesday 5.30

Service of The Word (West Dereham Cell)

Prayer Group

Compline

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NOVEMBER CHURCH SERVICES

All Saints Day 1st November

6.00 Wereham

6.00 Methwold

All Souls Day 2nd November

6.00 Wretton

Sunday 5th 4th Sunday before Advent

9.30 Methwold Holy Communion

9.30 Wretton/Stoke Ferry Service of the Word

6.00 Wereham Evensong

Sunday 12th Remembrance Sunday

10.50 Wretton Service of Remembrance

10.50 West Dereham Service of Remembrance

10.50 Wereham Service of Remembrance

10.30 Methwold Service of Remembrance

10.50 Beachamwell Service of Remembrance

10.30 Barton Bendish Service of Remembrance

Sunday 19th 2nd Sunday before Advent

9.30 Methwold Holy Communion

9.30 West Dereham Service of the Word

9.30 Wretton/Stoke Ferry Holy Communion

11.00 Wereham Holy Communion

Sunday 26th Christ the King

9.30 Methwold Service of the Word

9.30 West Dereham Sunday Worship

9.30 Whittington Holy Communion

11.00 Boughton Holy Communion

5.00 Wereham All Age Worship

Midweek Services

Tuesdays 5.00 pm Methwold Evening Prayer

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

3rd Thursday of the month 10.00 am Boughton Holy Communion

Weekly Online Services

Sunday 6.30 pm West Dereham Cell

Tuesday 5.00 pm Prayer Group

Wednesday 5.30 pm Compline

Full details from janet.tanton@gmail.com or pickwickclub.cc@btinternet.com

WEREHAM NEWS

St. Margaret's Church



Pet Blessing Service - 8th October 2023. It was such fun to join this service with an amazing selection of bouncy canines, Harriet Hen and Sebastian Tortoise. A treasured toy dinosaur was also included in the blessing. Thank you to Tony Mills for blessing the animals. They all behaved beautifully whilst receiving their blessing.....

The hymn, 'I wish I was a butterfly.' was greatly enhanced by an impromptu sing-a-long by two fine young ladies, backed by the 'Doggy Chorus.'

This was all concluded with delicious canine and human refreshments.

A wonderful afternoon. **Chris Murray**

Wereham Car Boot and Cafe.

The last car boot for 2023 is on the 26th November starting in 2024 our Car Boot and Cafe will be on the first Sunday of every month, so the first one will be on the 7th Jan 2024 and dates for the rest of 2024 are as follows.

Feb 4th, March 3rd, April 7th, May 5th, June 2nd, July 7th, August 4th, Sept 1st, Oct 6th, Nov 3rd and Dec 1st. We hope to see you at all or any of our car boot and cafe mornings. Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and a healthy and happy new year. For details please contact Philip on 01366 501330, 07759033492, rosemary.pease@btinternet.com.

Wereham Craft Group and Make and Mardle

We welcome all knitters, crochet workers, Embroidery enthusiasts or just come for a natter and a tea or coffee, we meet on third 3rd Tuesday of every month in the foyer of Wereham village hall, at 10am. Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and a happy and healthy new year. For details please contact Rosemary on 01366 501330, 07749240606, rosemary.pease@btinternet.com. Many thanks. **Rosemary.**

Short Mat Bowls

We now play bowls on every Monday evening 7.30pm until 9.30pm and every Thursday afternoon at 2pm until 4pm. New players always welcome. For details please contact Philip, details with the car boot.

Monthly Activities

All activities and regular weekly events now featured in the separate inserted sheet. Also details for mobile Library and Post Office.

WEREHAM NEWS

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Sun shining on a beautiful Autumn morning, with the outside of Wereham Village Hall being festooned with bunting and balloons. Inside, stalls were being set up and plates of delicious scones and cakes were popping up like mushrooms! (There are so many talented bakers in the locality).

It was, once again, the Annual MacMillan Coffee Morning and the Hall soon filled with enthusiastic visitors supporting all the stalls and making the event such a success with takings of over £900. Everyone thoroughly deserves a sincere "Thank you" for any part they played towards achieving this marvellous result.

Thank you

Angela Goddon.

Parish Council

Next Ordinary Meeting Date Monday 13th November 2023 at 6.30 pm (To be held in the Wereham Village Hall – Community Room).

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. 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 You will also find minutes of all meetings here too.

Greening our Community Update

A working party of enthusiastic volunteers is developing a planting plan to take the project forward. If you were unable to attend one of our meetings and are interested in the project please contact me

Highways – Paths and Roads – Defects Please report anything that you see verges, trees, pot holes, main holes, drains to Norfolk County Council Highways via their defects page of their website. You need to set up a login, and once on the site you can easily report issues and upload pictures of the issue. They will then arrange inspection. You are also able to track the report. The Parish Council will report issues that it finds, but if residents do this also we can increase the repairs that we need doing.

<https://apps.norfolk.gov.uk/HighwaysDefect/>

Helen Richardson

Wereham Parish Clerk and Finance Responsible Person

Email werehampc@gmail.com or Phone/Text: 0779 500 6811

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS

DATE	VILLAGE	LOCATION	TIME
Tues see page 29	Barton Bendish	Hatherley Gardens	11:10 am
Tues see page 29	Beachamwell	Old Post Office	09:45 am
Tues see page 29	Drymere	Telephone Kiosk	09:45 am
Tues see page 29	Boughton	Mill Road	10:45 am
Friday see page 29	Wereham	Queen's Close	12.25 am
		Village Hall	12:45 am

For services to all 'Group 4' villages ring Mobile Library Information on 01362 869415 or 01603 222303 or look at the website - <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries-local-history-and-archives/libraries/your-local-library/mobile-library-routes-and-timetables>

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Swaffham (Indoor)	Every Friday 9.00am to 1.00pm
Wisbech (Farmers')	Alternate Fridays 8.30am to 2.00pm

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VILLAGE, COMMUNITY and PARISH HALL BOOKINGS

Barton Bendish	Mary Simons	01366 347 790	
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Boughton	Pam Wakeling	01366 500429	
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Beachamwell		Swaffham			
Cockley Cley		Swaffham			
Crimplesham				Downham	
Drymere		Swaffham			
Feltwell					Brandon
Foulton		Swaffham			
Gooderstone		Swaffham			
Hockwold					Brandon
Methwold				Downham	Brandon
Northwold				Downham	Brandon
Oxborough		Swaffham			
Southery	Ely *				Downham
Stoke Ferry				Downham	
Weeting					Brandon
Wereham				Downham	
Whittington				Downham	
Wretton				Downham	

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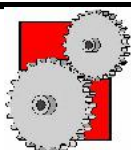
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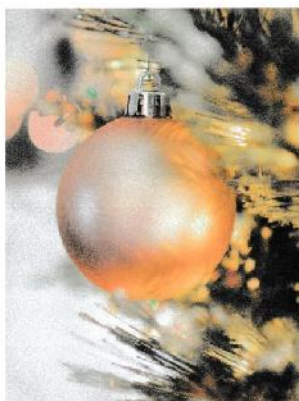
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This is the actual answering machine message for the school.

This came about because they implemented a policy requiring students and parents to be responsible for their children's absences and missing homework.

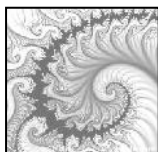
The school and teachers are being sued by parents who want their children's failing grades changed to passing grades - even though those children were absent 15-30 times during the semester and did not complete enough school work to pass their classes.

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Hello!

You have reached the automated answering service of your school. In order to assist you in connecting to the right staff member, please listen to all the options before making a selection:

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- To make excuses for why your child did not do his work - Press 2
- To complain about what we do - Press 3
- To swear at staff members - Press 4
- To ask why you didn't get information that was already enclosed in your newsletter and several flyers mailed to you - Press 5
- If you want us to raise your child - Press 6
- If you want to reach out and touch, slap or hit someone - Press 7
- To request another teacher, for the third time this year - Press 8
- To complain about bus transportation - Press 9
- To complain about school lunches - Press 0
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