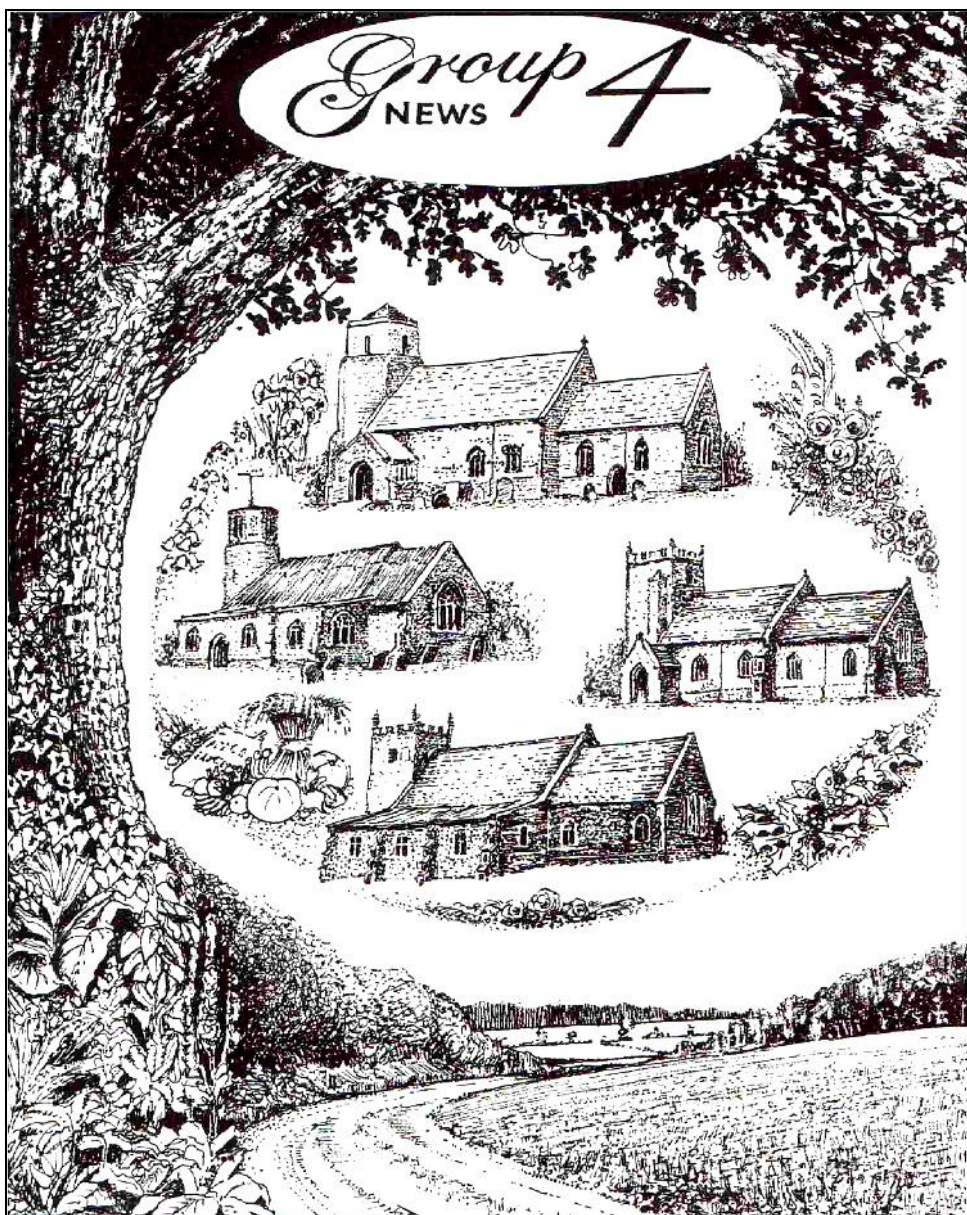


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The Parishes of Barton Bendish & Eastmoor; Beachamwell, Shingham & Drymere;
Boughton; Wereham

October 2022

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WELCOME



Hopefully you are still taking care and staying safe

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Please remember The Sanderson Family in your thoughts and prayers.

Happy Reading
Eileen and Pam

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

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GRIEF IS THE PRICE WE PAY FOR LOVE.

The words I have used as a title came from the lips of our late beloved Queen Elizabeth 11 at the time of the death of her husband Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. Only a year or so has passed since his death. By the time you read this the official period of mourning, the lying-in state and the state funeral of our late Queen will all have taken place. I have had to take those into consideration writing this only three days after her passing. May she rest in peace and as her son King Charles 111. said in his speech to the nation the day following that "May flights of angels sing thee thy rest. "As the Prime Minister said to the House of Commons "She was the rock on which modern Britain was built." "Her bedrock was her faith" said the Archbishop of Canterbury in his Thought for the Day on Radio 4 and has described her as a 'Faithful Christian Disciple.'

Whilst we have lost a beloved sovereign, the King together with other members of the royal family have lost a beloved Mamma, Grandmother and Great grandmother. However, unlike us who may in sadness pause or wake, or watch or weep all the members of the House of Windsor must carry out their duties as Monarch, Queen Consort, Prince of Wales, with other family members and the royal household must continue to carry out all the ongoing matters of state. At the Proclamation ceremony held at St. James' Palace the King did look visibly stressed to me. Understandable, given that event forms an important element of our constitution, coming less than 48 hours after his mother's sudden death.

It is often said that 'time is a great healer'. As if to say that, as time passes, we will to some extent forget those whom we have loved. My experience is that it is just not so! For, if we deliberately try to do so, grief comes to us in sometimes unexpected ways and at times not of our own choosing. This often happens at significant anniversaries or, perhaps, at Christmas. It is a mistake to keep our deep feelings to ourselves or to 'put a brave face on it'. That applies with equal force as much to the Monarch as to the Subject. As usual there is a quotation from William Shakespeare that expresses this succinctly "Give sorrow words; the grief that does not speak knits up the o-er wrought heart and bids it break. (Macbeth - Act V Scene 5) If our hearts are not to break then we must share our feelings with one another; those whom we can trust.

So often people say when they weep 'I'm sorry' as if they should not have done so. Don't be afraid to weep for it is one of the most natural expressions of our feelings. Moreover, by such expressions like weeping and like sharing of our thoughts with someone else, we may well be helping them too. I write as one who

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has had the enormous privilege of conducting a large number of funerals and thus being able to minister to bereaved families.

No words of mine can more eloquently express our feelings than the thousands that have been written and broadcast about our late Sovereign. Yes, we have lost one who has been truly regarded just like a member of our own family. And we have lost that sense of permanence that, among so many other virtues, she engendered. For the majority in our country Elizabeth 2nd has been the only one to wear the crown. She has carried out the vows that she made to us on her twenty-first birthday and at her Coronation. She has served the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth and on the world stage in a most exemplary way over the whole term of her life. But we? We must move on.

We have a new King, Charles 3rd. It may not be possible for all of us to regard him in the same way as we have his mother. But he is the most experienced person ever to have ascended to the throne; and the most widely travelled. Through the Princes Trust and his charitable work, he has made himself known and respected to a wide spectrum of our country's population. And he has also made similar pledges to us as his mother did over seventy years ago. Let us, then, give thanks for the monarchical succession. For it is not dependent on the vagaries of any political process but on a constitution established over many centuries and yet has evolved to deal with the modern world. Let us then give him our full support as, no doubt, he will give us his. God Save the King.

Tony Mills



COUNTRYSIDE NOTES

When I see someone thumbing through a book I often wonder if they've any idea how much work has gone into producing the finished article. Novels are relatively simple but non-fiction is a completely different matter as it normally requires a vast amount of research and often illustrations.

20 years ago I wrote 'Townies Guide to the Countryside' which in 2019 my publishers asked me to update as there had been so many changes. The first Covid Lockdown in March 2020 proved a golden opportunity to make a start but it took me until December 2021 before I eventually submitted the finished text. The editor, Karen, likes to include numerous photographs which fortunately for me David, my husband, was mostly able to provide. Karen likes to put her own stamp on the lay out and informed me the text was far too long to make an affordable book. While it took me more than 21 months of writing it took another eight months for me and her to complete and these intervening months were spent not exactly seeing eye to eye. She wouldn't agree to my suggestion to use fewer pictures, make them smaller or alter the lay out she had in mind. I suggested that if she wanted it shortened I should do it but she didn't agree to that either which created a lot of extra work for me as even the smallest omission can completely change the meaning of the text. Eventually I had to compromise as there were deadlines to be met.

It is a responsibility to pick up on every fault before a book goes to print but it's extremely difficult to proofread your own work multiple times. There's also much more to publishing books. Besides accuracy and creating an attractive layout there are technicalities involved. A large book is bound in sections so there is a format as to the number of pages required. Each new chapter needs to begin on a right hand page so that also has to be taken into account.

Unless you are famous and sales mount into tens of thousands you are lucky to cover your costs let alone receive any financial reward for the many hundreds of hours work involved. My contract entitles me to six free copies, after that I can buy any I want at a discount but sometimes it's cheaper to buy them on Amazon! Royalties paid by publishers are only a small percentage of sales the majority of which are at a 50% discount to retailers. Self-publishing isn't the answer either. It is risky, the outlay is considerable, sales are unpredictable, books are heavy and bulky to store and advertising exposure is minimal. Professional publishers are much better placed but even they take a big gamble with every book. Ink, paper, labour and transport costs have all risen and unfortunately my book originally planned to sell at £25 is now priced at £30.

'Everything you wanted to know about the Countryside (but didn't dare ask)'

Jill Mason



QUIZ PAGE

1. Which county in Scotland is known as 'Big Tree Country'?
2. Make a connection between the actresses Lois Maxwell and Samantha Bond.
3. What is unusual about the way camels chew?
4. Is the earth round or oval?
5. Which 'Soap' is set in Chester?
6. Which is higher, Nelson's Column or the Scott Monument (Edinburgh)?
7. Which teeth are nearer the front of your mouth - molars or premolars?
8. Which tree doesn't produce winged seeds — beech, ash or sycamore?
9. What type of lettuce is also a slang word?
10. Which two creatures feature on the front of a British passport?
11. Why do we say something imminent is 'in the offing'?
12. What is an inglenook in an old cottage?
13. Do fish have eyelids?
14. The following answers begin with London - (a) saxifrage umbrosa (b) Clash Album (c) giant wheel (d) Red transport
15. Netherland Dwarf, Polish, Dutch and Harlequin are all breeds of what?
16. When you deceive someone you 'pull the wool over their eyes'. How did this originate?
17. What was the last battle fought on Scottish soil?
18. What percentage of the Earth's land surface is permanently covered in ice and snow - 6%, 10%, 16% or 20%?
19. Are guinea pigs nocturnal?
20. What is a Lipizzaner?

Answers: 1. Perthshire because there are so many magnificent specimens in the area. 2. Both have played Miss Moneybags in Bond Films. 3. Their mouths move in a figure of eight. 4. Oval - it is slightly flat at the Poles. 5. Hollyhocks. 6. The Scott Monument is 200' whilst Nelson's Column is 185'. 7. Premolars. 8. Beech. 9. Cos. 10. Lion and unicorn. 11. The offing was the most distant part of the sea visible from land, so when a ship returned from a voyage it was seen first 'in the offing'. 12. A warm fireside corner or recess. 13. No, the water constantly washes and lubricates their eyes. 14. Pride, Calling, Eye and Bus. 15. Rabbit. 16. From the days when elaborate wigs were worn. Pulling someone's wig or wool down over their face temporarily blinded them. 17. Culloden. 18. Around 10.73%. 19. No. 20. A breed of horse.

RECIPE PAGE

PORK MEDALLIONS WITH ORANGE AND LEMON

1. A small pork loin, sinew removed and cut into 6mm wide medallions
2. Lightly season the pork medallions on both sides and fry in a little oil and butter over a medium heat for 2 minutes on each side.
3. Remove the medallions from the pan and allow them to rest on a warmed serving dish.
4. Add the zest and juice of 2 oranges and the zest plus a squeeze of lemon to taste to the pan to deglaze.
5. Once the juice comes to a simmer add a few cubes of cold butter and whisk in.
6. Pour the sauce over the pork medallions.
7. Serve with broccoli and green beans for a light lunch or dinner.



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SWAFFHAM AND DISTRICT LIONS AND LIONESSES



We had a successful and enjoyable fund-raising day at the Swaffham Historic Vehicle Rally on 28th August with our Tombola and Bric-a-brac stall, and helped selling programmes at the gates. It was a lovely day and well attended, with some fantastic vehicles on display.

The Lions and Lionesses were out in force for the Wayland Show, manning the main entrance gates, collecting the entrance fees and distributing wristbands to the children (with the parent's mobile phone number on) should they accidentally be separated from their parents. What a great day out that was!

Following a request for help, the Lions have donated £250 towards the re-tiling of the roof of St. Andrew's Church at North Pickenham.

Recently we held a *Calligraphy* session led by calligrapher Josephine, which was entertaining and informative. Also on the social front we have a Ten-pin bowling evening coming up at Fakenham, and a Halloween social event is planned for October 29th at Great Dunham Village Hall.

Fund- Raising Events coming up for October:-

Chanter's Jigge Musical Evening, Saturday 15th October, 7.30pm Swaffham Assembly Rooms, in aid of The Big C Charity. Tickets £7.50. Phone Lions on 01760 723377.

Quiz Night - Friday 28th October at Swaffham Conservative Club, 7.30pm start. The cost is £5 per head, teams of up to 6 people. To book your team in please call Adrian on 01760 724304 or mobile 07741 418781.

We were all shocked and saddened to hear of the passing away of our beloved Queen. On Sunday 11th September, Lion President David Merchant and Lioness Branch President Karen Nye were proud to attend the Proclamation ceremony of King Charles the Third at Swaffham Town Hall.

Swaffham & District Lions





"Film Director Greats"

ref C2228953

Tutor Nigel Herwin. Nigel will explore what makes directors "great" and show clips from their films.

Starting Friday 7/10/22 to 11/11/22, 10 am - 12 noon.

Swaffham Community Centre, Campingland, Swaffham. PE37 7RB

To enrol: phone 0300 303 3464 or online wea.org.uk

West Norfolk Aviation Society September 2022

Seldom does the WNAS play host to such an enthusiastic speaker as Andy Moore who, at the age of 7 years, became fascinated by the history of RAF Bexwell near Downham Market. From this early age he has had the opportunity to forage for buried relics, trawl various archives, study the remaining buildings and interview various people who lived through WW2.

To accompany his presentation he had two community hall tables full of memorabilia together with photos past and present.

Bexwell became a satellite station to Marham. Staff and crew transferring in 1942 were welcomed by the local community who often invited the airmen into their homes, as Andy's first-hand knowledge will attest; one can easily see how this camaraderie helped towards promoting Andy's ebullient delivery.

He highlighted the presence of some remarkable individuals at the time. When the airfield was being built in 1940 by W C French and the assistance of Irish and Welsh muscle there was a need to run power and communication services along the length of the runway. The conduit was so small that a very small Irish lady was requested to crawl along its length with a tow line. The airfield was also equipped with the first FIDO installation which consisted of giant blowlamps creating two, twenty foot walls of fire on each side of the runway; this was designed to clear fog for safer landings and could be seen from as far away as Peterborough.

There were two notable airmen, now commemorated by a plaque on the church green. They were both, posthumously, awarded a Victoria Cross. Details of this can be found on: <https://www.tracesofwar.com/sights/20939/RAF-Victoria-Cross-Memorial-Bexwell.htm>

A number of squadrons made a presence on the airfield: Lancaster, Halifax but mainly Mosquitos and Stirlings. Andy has a soft spot for both of the latter; the Stirling was more manoeuvrable than the Hurricane and the Mosquito was good at multitasking.

During one of Andy's guided tours for veterans in 2017 he met one Ft/Lt Colin Gell who flew Mosquitos from the airfield. Colin's story is long and he remembers many things: chasing the Germans out of Kiel harbour and dropping provisions for the starving Dutch; dropping little parcels of chocolate 'voor de kinder' and, he remembers the building at Bexwell where a tasty bevy of beauties packed the parachutes. Superstition played a part in his survival; he always knew that he would complete his 50 operations. It seems that he has survived more than that: he is now 103 years old and occasionally drives up from Tunbridge Wells to see his new friend Andy Moore. www.westnorfolkaviationsociety.org.uk **Nigel Tooth**

Nar Valley Ornithological Society (NarVOS)

Wednesday 26th October at 7.30

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

More info at www.narvos.org.uk

“Shetland to Scilly—Birds of the British Isles”
with Ashley Grove

As founder of “Experience Nature Tours,” photographer, tour leader, and much respected speaker, Ashley is well placed to provide the opportunity to familiarise yourself with some of Britain’s wonderful bird life, with many tips on identifying them. He will share his images of birds- from puffins in Shetland to rarities in the Isles of Scilly – and much more in between.

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

Enquiries: 01760 724092.



Open Monday – Friday 10 - 4

Saturday 10 -1

**Howard Carter and his
Discovery of Tutankhamun
Tomb**
(upgraded this year)

Local History Archaeology

Admission charge £3 Adults / £1 Child over 5 / Family of 4 £7

Town Hall 4 London Street, Swaffham PE37 7DQ

Tel: 01760 721230

www.swaffhammuseum.co.uk for updated information

Wereham CASH BINGO

Every Wednesday
doors open at 6.30pm
Eyes down at 7.30pm
Café open before and
during the break
Weekly prize money
and jackpot
Call Diane on 01366
500798

Wereham

CAR BOOT AND CAFE

Car Boot Sale will be Sunday 28th
August from 8.00am to 1pm
Cafe opens from 8am for hot
breakfast rolls, snacks, and
drinks.

£5.00 a pitch to book indoor/
outdoor pitch, call, or text Phillip
on 07759 033492

SHORT MAT BOWLS

Every Thursday 2pm until 4pm
for further details contact
Phillip on 01366 501330

PILATES (New day and Time)

Every Monday evening 7:30pm
contact Christine 07796 102677

Wereham

The Village Cinema

‘Elvis’ 28TH OCTOBER

Tickets £5 adults. Juniors £3
under 15 accompanied by
adult.

For details visit

[www.werehamvillagehall.co.uk/
events](http://www.werehamvillagehall.co.uk/events)

Bar open from 6:45pm

Wereham

VILLAGE HALL CAFÉ

The Village Hall Café is open from
10 to 3 every weekday, serving a
range of hot and cold drinks, cakes,
pastries and biscuits, a selection of
filled rolls with a choice of fillings,
toasted tea cakes and more.

The Café is the perfect place to
relax and meet friends, browse our
pre-loved bookstall and enjoy our
free Wi-Fi.

If you can spare a few hours and
would like to join our team of
volunteers helping to run the Café,
please contact us on 09747
430005 or just pop in to the Hall for
a chat.

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

Beachamwell

Creative Writing Group



Meets every
second Monday
Afternoon

2.30pm

Everyone with an interest in
putting pen to paper welcome.

Enquiries: 01366 328895
or
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.

Wereham

ZUMBA

Every Wednesday and Friday
mornings 9.30am to 10.30am
Strength, Stretch, and relax
Friday's 11:00am to 12:00pm
Seated Fitness 12:15pm to
1:15pm contact Domonique
07769 341680

Cash Bingo

Every Wednesday
Doors open at 6.30 Eyes down at
7.30
Café open before and during the
break
Weekly prize money and jackpot
Call Diane on 01366 500798

Beachamwell Book Group

**Tuesday 4th October
7.30**

Beachamwell Village Hall

Book to be discussed over a glass of
wine

'The Beautiful Indifference'

Sarah Hall

New members welcome

Enquiries: 01366 328960

Beachamwell



A SPECIAL HARVEST SERVICE

Sunday 9th October

11.30 am

Beachamwell Village Hall.

Meet at Flag Pole

This will be followed by a Bring and
Share lunch.

Wereham

**Pop Up Café
Tuesday 4th October
10.45 - 1.00
Village Hall**

Enquiries 01366 500 218

Barton Bendish Pop Up Café

**October 12th 12 noon - 4.00
Village Hall**

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

**Everyone welcome -no need to
book**

bartonbendishevents@gmail.com

Barton Bendish Community Breakfast

All Welcome

Come and break bread with us and
chat with friends.

Village Hall, Church Road,

Sunday October 16th at 9.30am

Linda (347563) or Mhari (347849)

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

**Wednesday October 19th
2 - 4pm**

Village Hall

Enquiries: 01366 328108

Beachamwell Pop Up Pub



**Friday 28th October
7.30pm**

Last orders 10.45

**Beachamwell Village
Hall**

Enquiries: 01366 328892

Methwold Badminton Club

Have Fun and Get Fit



This friendly Badminton Club meets every Thursday evening at St. George's Hall in the centre of Methwold from 7pm onwards.

Why not come along, meet new friends and enjoy an active evening playing Badminton?

Want more details? 01366 383342.

Hope to see you there.



Wereham

SHORT MAT BOWLS

Every Thursday from 7pm to 9pm
£2 per player includes tea/coffee and
biscuits

for further details contact Phillip on
01366 501330

BADMINTON CLUB

Fridays from 7pm to 9pm
£3 per player and all equipment
provided

Contact Kevin on 07747 861011

Wereham

Craft Group

**8th November 10.30 - 1.00
Village Hall**

**Meet Maxine and hear about
her work with original Kenya
Mission Trips**

Admission FREE ... with free tea,
coffee & biscuits - There will be
baskets for sale and a donation
bucket for the charity should you wish
to make a contribution to help these
amazing families

Enquiries: 01366 501 330

BARTON BENDISH & EASTMOOR VILLAGE NEWS

A community is partly defined by events which bring it together and help to show at its best. The two major events in the Barton Bendish calendar are Open Gardens and the Arts and Crafts Exhibition and Sale. I say this, not just because of the money they raise, but because these events bring many visitors to the village and inspire heroic efforts from proud villagers to make the events as popular as they are. They are planned for many months and involve hours of organisation and meetings. We know too that many more hours will go into running the kitchen, providing food for it, stewarding, collecting money, recording, fetching and carrying and lifting heavy things. The PCC oversees this with great skill and co-ordinates the efforts which make it such a lovely event to be involved in.



BARTON BENDISH & EASTMOOR VILLAGE NEWS

After the pandemic, every community is struggling to get back to normal. There is always a fear that numbers of visitors will be down on previous years. Friday night's preview evening helped to put any such doubts to rest. Approximately 120 people attended this event, drank deep, enjoyed each other's company and began to spend. Many commented on the improvement to the Village Hall, something which will continue to happen for a while yet I'm sure. All this accompanied by some fine guitar music. I particularly enjoyed some strains of Led Zeppelin. Not necessarily what you'd expect in West Norfolk!

Saturday and Sunday saw 280 paying visitors to the village. Many of them went home with wicker sculptures made by Bob Lever or work produced by 32 artists and 18 crafters. It is entirely appropriate that both St Andrew's and the Village Hall showcased the work. They are the hub of community life, as indeed they should be and it was heart-warming to see the constant bustle in both places. The event made a profit of £3,300 which will be divided between the Church and the Village Hall. The organisers were delighted with the success of the event and grateful to all the volunteers, many of whom worked long hours without complaint. Villages depend on participation and communities are judged by how much people feel they belong to them. Late on Sunday evening I looked across at the Memorial Bench to Val McAllister and thought we'd done her proud. Next year's event will be over the weekend of September 15th, 16th and 17th. Unsurprisingly, planning has already begun!

I've enjoyed the Community Breakfasts and Pop Up Cafés, which are always great fun to be involved in. Two of our granddaughters helped out at one and thought that it was a great privilege, which it is. I continue to rack my brains to think of attracting more people to attend. The Church and Village Hall belong to the people they serve but getting people to feel that they belong to their communities is not easy. We must try though. I have heard that funding is on its way to deliver more drop in sessions, to provide companionship, refreshment, warmth and free Wi Fi. I am sure that we will have a few volunteers to help with these sessions once they start to happen.

Good to see two very busy sessions at the last two Film Club screenings. One of the best cinemas around I think and its fame is spreading.

There are a number of important events coming up. Please look out for posters. 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.

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

BARTON BENDISH & EASTMOOR VILLAGE NEWS



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Macmillan Coffee Morning Tuesday 4th October

Our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning is up and running once again and this year will be held from 10 – 12noon on Tuesday October 4th. As usual there will be a raffle and a cake and produce stall. Donations for which would be very much appreciated.

You are assured of a warm welcome so please come along and show your support for this very worthy cause. Our best total yet raised for Macmillan is just short of £600 at the last one in 2019. Let's try to top that this year.

Donations of cakes/produce gratefully received

Hope to see you there

Jill and the gang (Jill Tel 01366 347928 or email jill.events@btinternet.com)

Pop Up Café Wednesday 12th October 12.00- 3.30pm

Once again many people dropped in for a bite to eat at Barton's last Pop Up Café in August. Whilst these events are not specifically fundraisers, the proceeds on this occasion were donated to St Mary's Church, Beachamwell in support of the re-building of their wonderful church. This amounted to £180 and included some donations as well as profits from the café. Everyone is welcome and no booking required.

Community Breakfast 16th October at 9.30 am

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

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

Remembrance Service Sunday November 13th 10.45am

Join us in commemoration at St Andrew's Church. All Welcome.

Wreath Making November 24th, 25th and 26th

Barton Bendish Village Hall Thursday 24th, Friday 25th or Saturday 26th November at 7.30pm or Saturday 26th at 10 am. All basic materials are provided but you can bring your own ribbon or everlasting decoration to add if you would like to. No experience necessary - you will go home with your own beautiful Christmas wreath. Just bring a pair of secateurs and dress for mess! The cost of this fun and informal workshop is £20 per person and includes festive refreshment. This event is always very popular so book early to avoid disappointment.

Linda Webster 347563 or Mhari Blanchfield 347849

BARTON BENDISH & EASTMOOR VILLAGE NEWS

More Forthcoming Events

Saturday 17th December Victorian Evening 6pm

Further information on all events can be obtained from Linda (347563) or Mhari (347849) or bartonbendishevents@gmail.com

Barton Power Cut

While we were grateful to be informed in advance by UK Power Networks of a power cut scheduled for Barton on 1st September we couldn't help feeling they went somewhat over the top with communications.

We received two letters in advance warning us followed by a text the day before. On the day work was taking place another told us it was about to begin. At lunch time a further text notified us that a customer support vehicle was on site outside St Andrew's to provide hot drinks, charging points, wi-fi connections and face to face support! This coincided with a home visit from a member of Power Network's welfare team. A later text informed us when the immediate work was completed and a final text next morning arrived to confirm this.

It was scheduled that the power would only be off for the seven hours between 9.00 and 16.00. Maybe because of our advanced years we fall into the vulnerable category but they forget we are members of a generation that has had to be resilient and think for ourselves. Obviously it would be different if the power was going to be off for a couple of days in midwinter but was it really necessary for Power Network to go to these lengths for such a short period without power in warm weather. Do they consider we are no longer capable of thinking for ourselves and using a bit of common sense?

Little wonder our electricity costs so much!!

Jill Mason



BARTON BENDISH & EASTMOOR VILLAGE NEWS

Update from Barton Bendish Parish Council



Barton Bendish Parish Council held an Ordinary Parish Council meeting in Barton Bendish Village Hall on 7th September.

Cllr Will Chapman chaired the meeting, with all Parish Councillors in attendance.

The Parish Council continue to investigate the option of installing village gateways on the road side, near the entrance to the village at the village sign. The gateways make the road appear narrower and drivers tend to slow down when they see them. Requesting a reduction in the speed limit along Boughton Long Road has been previously investigated by the Parish Council but unfortunately the road does not meet the criteria for this to be considered. The 'gateways' could be partially funded by an application to Norfolk County Council Parish Partnership Scheme and this is something the Council are considering.

At this stage we do not know if RAF Marham will be hosting their popular Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch in December this year. Last year the number of places on offer was reduced by half before RAF Marham unfortunately had to cancel the Christmas Lunch due COVID. If you have attended in the past, then we have a note of your details and will contact you if it goes ahead and you are eligible to go this year. If you are a senior citizen living in the parish and have not been before, but would like to go in the future, please contact the Clerk so that we can add your details to our list.

The date of the next meeting will be on Wednesday 9th November 2022 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

Further information is available on the Parish Council website bartonbendishparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk

BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

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

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Friends of St Mary's Church



We are very grateful to our friends in surrounding villages for their generous support recently. The quiz at Oxborough Village Hall raised £190, there was also a harp concert at Gooderstone Water Gardens and a Pop Up Cafe by our sister village Barton Bendish.

Many thanks to all those involved.

Our merchandise has recently been refreshed to include two new tea-towel designs, new mugs and some handy notecards (Designs by Mark Powell). There will be plenty of opportunities to buy and support our church restoration over the coming months. Mike and Janet Walker ran our stall at Beachamwell fete and raised £298.60 from sales and donations. **Helen Turner**

St Mary's Church, Beachamwell – Restoration Update 4th September 2022

As you will be aware, on the morning of 2nd February 2022, Beachamwell woke up with a church as shown in the photograph on the left, listed in the Domesday Book

of William I. By the end of the day, it looked like the photograph on the right, after the devastating fire.



BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

This is the official update from the PCC regarding restoration progress of St. Mary's Church.

Firstly, you should be aware that the church is fully insured and therefore works are taking place to rebuild and restore it. There is an appointed project team to oversee this, including the project manager, architect and structural engineer. This team works closely with the Parochial Church Council (PCC), this body is the insured party and therefore the client to the insurers and the decision-making body for the parish of Beachamwell and Shingham.

Within ten days of the fire a meeting took place of those involved with the restoration project. There were representatives from the PCC, the loss adjusters and insurers, contractors, Historic England, restoration specialists for the bells, stained glass and clock and Friends of St Mary's whose role is to fund-raise for material issues affecting the church.

Structural engineers opined the main structure of the church to be sound. This was great news as it meant that the retrieval of the floor brasses, bells and clock could be carried out, along with any salvageable stained glass, as promptly as logistics allowed. It is hoped that some of the stained glass may be able to be reused or, failing that, it will be invaluable as a template for the reproduction of new windows.

The site has been secured since February, closed to the public and preventing any further damage to the interior and the debris has been carefully sifted to ensure nothing of value is disposed of.

Phase One of the project is now underway. This phase involves the removal of debris, making the site safe to work in and the collection of damaged artefacts. It also involves the restoration of the round tower and removing the bells and clock. The latter two were completed on 23rd August 2022, with the bells being removed by Manta Ray Abseiling and removed from site for repair and storage by Taylor Bells. While the scaffolding is in place there are some maintenance issues, not caused by the fire (and thus uninsured), which will be addressed by the building contractors, S & L Restorations. The cost of these will be met through the PCC via donations and grants.

As well as the tower, the porch will be restored and the wall heads will be repaired and protected until the new main roof is ready to be delivered as part of Phase Two A. As the church is Graded 1 listed, the roof will be thatched as it was before the fire.

BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

Once the roof is done the interior will be addressed, this is not yet planned but all may rest assured that the memorial plaques and other wall decoration will be fully restored, as will the stained-glass windows.

Today, if you look at the church, you will see the tower surrounded by scaffolding that is three metres higher than the tower itself. This will remain in place until the tower roof repair is completed. It served to enable the removal of the bells and will enable the new roof to be placed on the tower. If all goes to plan Phase One will be completed by mid-December 2022.

Should you wish to contribute to the restoration of St. Mary's, the bank details for BACS payment are:

Beachamwell PCC

Sort Code: 20-28-20

Account Number: 10157295

This is a copy of handout available at the Village Fete 4th September 2022

Sue Pennell

St Mary's PCC

Phase 1 of the rebuilding of our beautiful church is going very well and to schedule. The PCC continue to hold regular meetings with the professionals involved on the project, together with monthly liaison meetings with the Friends of St Mary's to ensure a constant exchange of information between the groups. The PCC remain most grateful to the church's immediate neighbours for their tolerance of any noise due to building work and any associated vans or lorries which may cause inconvenience.

Dates for your Diary

Harvest Service:

A special service will be held to celebrate harvest on Sunday 9th October at 11.30 am in Beachamwell Village Hall. This will be followed by a Bring and Share lunch.

Remembrance Day:

The Beachamwell Remembrance Day Service will take place on Sunday 13th November at 11.00 am. Starting venue: the Flag Pole on the Village Green. Those attending will then move to the Village Hall for the service.

Susie Rix [PCC Secretary]

BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

Beachamwell Village Hall

What a fantastic day we had for the Fete. An excellent turnout and so well supported.

Hopefully I won't miss anyone out, but thanks must be given to all the stall holders, bakers, Mary and the Bric a Brac team, Colin and the BBQ team, David and the bar team and Cathy's tea and cake team. Also to the people who manned the games, raffle and tombola stall. The dog show team and Liz did an admiral job and all our four legged friends were well behaved and all participants seemed to enjoy their moment in the spot light. The construction team and deconstruction team - thanks to you all too.

There was a lot of help from outside the Village which is so very much appreciated especially as some of those people have still remained good friends of villagers and keep coming back for more!

The fish and chips were very much appreciated at the end of the day. I know that the people waiting for their orders were not that impressed as 71 portions were being packed up!

The final total has not been finalised yet as our meeting was postponed due to the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Once again the Trustees and Committee would like to thank each and every person who contributed in whatever way to the success of the 2022 Fete until the next time.....

Cathy Friend 07818453323 or 01366 328892

Bric-A-Brac Stall

Following the success of the Beachamwell Fete, the Bric-A-Brac Team would like to thank everyone who contributed their unwanted items which raised, together with the books, a total of £1,370 which will go towards the Village Hall funds. However, we still have a few items to sell and the total could be more. Also, a big Thank You to everyone who helped in any way during the week and on The Day **Mary Riches and The Bric-A-Brac Team**

Afternoon Tea and Chat

Remember, on the 3rd 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

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Wednesday Walkers

It was yet another outing when the weather gods looked kindly on the group of Wednesday Walkers for despite the overnight thunder, lightning and heavy rain, and the forecast of more to come, the sun shone!

We stopped to watch the workmen working up high on the church tower before making our way to the outskirts of the village, and across the fields to the ruins of St John's with its flock of newly-shorn sheep, and so on to the Green Drove.

We were not the only walkers. We usually have the world to ourselves so we were surprised when a large group of 'ramblers' came towards us, cheerily saying that they often walked our paths. On we went, spying a brown hare resting close by, and a buzzard overhead, until we reached Barton Bendish Footpath Number 15 near St Mary's Glebe Farm. This St Mary's is not connected to our St Mary's in Beachamwell, but is a reminder that Barton Bendish also once had three churches.

The hedgerows were loaded with ripe blackberries, and ivy flowers fully of bees.



We found a Dryad's Saddle, a bracket fungus officially called *Polyporus squamosus*, about eighteen inches in diameter growing on the base of a dead ash tree. Holly Blues and Common Blues, second generation butterflies that appear towards the end of summer, flitted around. What's the difference between them? Well, Common Blues generally fly close to the ground, and have brightly coloured

patterns on their underwings, whilst Holly Blues hug the tops of shrubs and have pale underwings with black marks rather like rain- drops.

The walking was easy down Murgot's Lane, across more fields and so back to the Village Hall. A distance if about three and a half miles.

Our next foray will be on Wednesday 5th October, leaving the Village Hall at 10.00 a.m. – do come and walk with us! **Sue Pennell**

Book Group

Tuesday October 4th at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

Book we will be discussing is "The Beautiful Indifference" by Sarah Hall.

Enquiries: 01366 328960

BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

Village Photograph taken at the Fete 4th September 2022



Photograph by Richard Hanson

BOUGHTON VILLAGE NEWS

Boughton Fen – Boardwalk repairs

Those of you who walk or birdwatch at Boughton Fen will probably be aware that



the boardwalk has not been in the best condition in recent months. The Fen Committee assessed it before Christmas, and quite a number of boards were going soft, or showing signs of rot, following three very wet winters. We had a contractor lined up to do the repair work, but in the meantime the very hot weather seemed to finish parts of it off, and in places the wood just seemed to disintegrate as it dried out and baked in the heat.

However – normal service is now resumed.

Our contractor has done a superb job on three sections of the boardwalk in Middle Fen. Even so, more had to be repaired in that area than we had anticipated only weeks beforehand, due to the

rapid and unexpected deterioration of some of the timber. So all the planks that had been ordered have been used, leaving a relatively small amount to be done in Highland Fen when new supplies are available. Hopefully this will have been completed before the winter.

As Autumn approaches, we will soon be thinking about our winter working parties again. If anyone is interested in joining us on these, please contact me on sue@pogmore.myzen.co.uk or 01366 500461. We would love to hear from you

Sue Pogmore

BOUGHTON VILLAGE NEWS

All Saints' Church

We had a successful Breakfast Church on 11th September, thanks to Jenny and Lesley, together with Brian Redgers. It's good to be able to get together again on the second Sunday every month and everyone is welcome. For practical reasons, we must ask that you tell us if you are interested in coming – don't want to run out of bacon!

We are hoping for a successful Harvest Supper before this magazine will be published, as Boughton has always supported these events.

The Parish Council

A book of condolence has been placed in the church following the death of the Queen, and the church has been open all day and every day up to the funeral. I hope everyone who wanted to sign has been able to get there to do so.

Boughton Pond



It's amazing to see how quickly grass and shrubs have been recovering in the rain, but I'm looking forward to the recovery of the pond. I've lived here for more than thirty years and never seen it so low.

Pam Wakeling

BOUGHTON VILLAGE NEWS

Boughton Harvest Supper

On Friday 23rd September, Boughton All Saints Church hosted a Harvest Supper.

What a lovely evening. Those who decorated the church the day before had done an outstanding job, with both the building and the table bedecked with flowers and autumn foliage. It looked absolutely stunning. The table itself was set for around twenty people and looked fabulous, with strings of coloured crab apples amongst the dishes of beetroot salad, cheese and coleslaw, along with a variety of condiments, and jugs of apple juice.

We were treated to a super salad, with jacket potatoes and carved ham, and then an interesting quiz between courses, which caused a lot of head scratching and laughter.

This was followed by an abundance of home cooked desserts, mostly involving apples in some shape or form, accompanied by cream and custard. The attendees ranged in age from around ten to those in their ninties, and everything in between, so this was clearly an event for all ages.

Many thanks to all those involved on the catering side – in particular, Jenny, Lesley, Anne and Pippa; Pam for coming up with an interesting quiz, and all those who decorated the church and brought in puddings.

Here's to the next one.

Sue Pogmore

Harvest Supper

Thank you so much to all who helped make the evening a success. Pippa and her team did an amazing job providing a delicious meal. Thanks to Fred for his help with setting up and to everyone who came. We were delighted to welcome several people from other villages - a very happy occasion.

Pam Wakeling



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OCTOBER CHURCH SERVICES PRIORY GROUP

Sunday 2nd October

09:30	Runcton Holme	Holy Communion
10:00	Shouldham	Morning Prayer
11:00	Watlington	Morning Prayer
11:00	Marham	Holy Communion
18:00	Online & Phone	Evening Prayer

Sunday 9th October

09:30	Shouldham Thorpe	Holy Communion
11:00	Fincham	Holy Communion
11:00	Stowbridge	Holy Communion
11:00	Watlington	Holy Communion
18:00	Online & Phone	Evening Prayer

Sunday 16th October

09:30	Wormegay	Holy Communion
11:00	Marham	Morning Prayer
11:00	Shouldham	Holy Communion
11:00	Watlington	TBC
18:00	Online & Phone	Evening Prayer

Sunday 23rd October

09:30	Fincham	Holy Communion - BCP
11:00	Watlington	Holy Communion
11:00	Wimbotsham	Holy Communion
18:00	Online & Phone	Evening Prayer

Sunday 23rd October

11.00	Marham	United Benefice Service
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Midweek Services

Watlington

Wednesdays 10:00 Morning Prayer (BC)

Thursday,

10:00 Runcton Holme (Holy Communion)

10:00 Fincham (Holy Communion)

OCTOBERCHURCH SERVICES

WISSEY VALLEY GROUP

Sunday 2nd October

9.30 Methwold	Holy Communion
9.30 Wretton/Stoke Ferry	Holy Communion
6.00 Wereham	Evensong

Sunday 9th October

9.30 Whittington	Service of the Word
9.30 West Dereham	Holy Communion
10.00 Boughton	Morning Prayer/Breakfast Church
9.30 Methwold	Service of the Word

Sunday 16th October

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 month

Sunday 23rd October

9.30 Methwold	Service of the Word
9.30 West Dereham	Morning Worship
9.30 Whittington	Holy Communion
11.00 Boughton	Holy Communion

Midweek Services

Wednesdays	9.00	Wretton with Stoke Ferry	Morning Prayer
Thursdays	8.30	Methwold	Morning Prayer
Thursdays	9.00	Wretton with Stoke Ferry	Holy Communion

Weekly Online Services

Sunday 6.30	Service of The Word
Tuesday 5.00	Prayer Group
Wednesday 5.30	Compline

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



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	Office
Barton Bendish	Tuesday	Swaffham	£4.50	Swaffham
Beachamwell	Tuesday	Swaffham	£4.50	Swaffham
Boughton	Thursday	Downham Market	£3.50	Kings Lynn
Drymere	Tuesday	Swaffham	£4.50	Swaffham
Wereham	Thursday	Downham Market	£4.50	Kings Lynn

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COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS

DATE	VILLAGE	LOCATION	TIME
Tues 4 October	Barton Bendish	Hatherley Gardens	11:10 am
Tues 4 October	Beachamwell	Old Post Office	09:45 am
Tues 11 October	Drymere	Telephone Kiosk	09:45 am
Tues 4 October	Boughton	Mill Road	10:45 am
Friday 28 October	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 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	Sara and Karen	01366 502214	weekdays 10 - 3
	www.werehamvillagehall.co.uk/hallhire		Anytime

ADULT TRUTHS

1. I think part of a best friend's job should be to immediately clear your computer history if you die.
2. Nothing sucks more than that moment during an argument when you realize you're wrong.
3. I totally take back all those times I didn't want to nap when I was younger.
4. There is great need for a sarcasm font.
5. Obituaries would be a lot more interesting if they told you how the person died.
6. I can't remember the last time I wasn't at least kind of tired.
7. Bad decisions make good stories.
8. You never know when it will strike, but there comes a moment at work when you know that you just aren't going to do anything productive for the rest of the day.
9. Can we all just agree to ignore whatever comes after Blue Ray? I don't want to have to restart my collection...again.
10. I'm always slightly terrified when I exit out of Word and it asks me if I want to save any changes to my ten-page technical report that I swear I did not make any changes to.
11. I keep some people's phone numbers in my phone just so I know not to answer when they call.
12. I wish Google Maps had an "Avoid Ghetto" routing option.
13. I have a hard time deciphering the fine line between boredom and hunger.
14. How many times is it appropriate to say "What?" before you just nod and smile because you still didn't hear or understand a word they said?
15. I love the sense of camaraderie when an entire line of cars team up to prevent a jerk from cutting in at the front. Stay strong, brothers and sisters!
16. Shirts get dirty. Underwear gets dirty. Pants? Pants never get dirty and you can wear them forever.
17. Sometimes I'll look down at my watch 3 consecutive times and still not know what time it is.
18. Even under ideal conditions people have trouble locating their car keys in a pocket, finding their cell phone and Pinning the Tail on the Donkey - but I'd bet everyone can find and push the snooze button from 3 feet away, in about 1.7 seconds, eyes closed, first time, every time.
- 219 Heal the past, live the present, dream the future. LIFE IS TOO SHORT

CHURCHWARDENS AND CONTACTS

WISSEY VALLEY GROUP

Barton Bendish:	Mhari Blanchfield	01366 347 849
	Linda Webster	01366 347 563
Beachamwell	Peter Berendt	01366 328 779
	Vesna Hudson	07854 261 273
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

PRIORY GROUP

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



ONLINE SERVICES IN OCTOBER

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

Link - <https://bit.ly/WisseyValleySundayServices>

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

WEREHAM VILLAGE NEWS

Mobile Post Office will park near the village pond on the following days/times, Monday and Thursday 14.00 – 14.15 & Tuesday and Wednesday 13.05 - 13.30 There are times when, unfortunately, the Post Office vehicle is off the road due to breakdowns. This is usually advised on the Wereham Village Facebook

Car Boot Sales

Only two more car boots this year, 30-10-22 and 27-11-22. Everyone very welcome. Come and join us for breakfast with one of our lovely bacon rolls that Jayne and her helpers prepare for you. To book a table call Philip on 01366 501330, 07759033492, rosemary.pease@btinternet.com.

Short Mat Bowls

Come and join us on a Thursday afternoon 2pm until 4pm, we are a small very friendly group who play for pleasure. No experience needed as we will show you what to do.

The cost is 2.50 per afternoon this includes tea or coffee with biscuits. For further information call Philip on

01366501330, 07759033492, rosemary.pease@btinternet.com.

Wereham Craft Group

Our Christmas craft fair is on 12th November 10am until 4pm. We have a lovely selection of stall holders so a good opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping. There will be a raffle and the cafe is open all day serving homemade soup and freshly made filled rolls and of course homemade cakes. We very much look forward to seeing you all. For details contact Rosemary on 01366 501330, 07749240606, rosemary.pease@btinternet.com.

Wereham Craft Group are also hosting a special event on Tuesday 8th November at 10-30.

We would love to see you all there to hear about the amazing work that Maxine does in Kenya.

Notice of Annual General Meeting of Wereham Village Hall CIO

Monday 10th October in the Wereham Village Hall (6.45 pm arrival for 7.00 pm) Business is to receive

- Draft Final Accounts for 2021/22
- Chairs Report
- Appointment of Independent Examiners
- Please contact Sara Hayward, Secretary to advise if you are able to attend on 01366 502214 or email: villagehallwereham@gmail.com

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WEREHAM VILLAGE NEWS

Wereham Parish Council

Next Ordinary Meeting Date – Monday 12 September at 6.30pm (To be held in the Main Hall (Wereham Village 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. 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.

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/>

Hedges and Trees - Please could residents who have hedges and trees that overhang the public footpaths in the village ensure that they cut right back to the boundary now that the bird nesting season is over. In particular Flegg Green and on the A134 near entrance to The Row and opposite the Farm.

Helen Richardson

Wereham Parish Clerk and Finance Responsible Person

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





The academy is now back in 'full swing' and we are well into the autumn term with the expected change in weather and darker evenings this will bring. The start to the term saw all our students arrive back to their studies together something we have not been able to arrange since the pandemic.

Staff and students were of course very saddened at the news of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II last month. Her dedication to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and to her other realms and territories, is unparalleled and we thank her for her service.

You may have seen our entry to the Swaffham Scarecrow Competition over the August Bank Holiday whilst you were visiting the town centre. In our large window facing the road stood a local farmer in his field amongst his crops together with a student enjoying reading in the library. It was lovely to be able to join in the local community effort and the standard of entrants seen in the town was extremely good and no doubt the judges found it difficult to find a clear winner amongst the wonderful array of characters. We very much look forward to next year!

Two of our students have spent their time considering how to help others and we are proud to share their stories. Firstly, Carly has had an amazing 23 inches of hair cut off as part of her fundraising efforts for children and young people with cancer. This will be used to make a wig for someone who has lost their own hair due to this terrible disease. Secondly, Casper has been deciding how to mark his 16th birthday and has decided on a skydive no less!

Finally, we are on the cusp of formerly launching our recycling programme to include plastics, food, paper and general recycling. As you may be aware our uniform is already very eco-friendly as we use suppliers with commitments to using 100% recycled polyester in all our academy blazers (with each saving 46 plastic bottles from landfill). Additionally, all trousers, academy skirts, shirts and blouses ordered via our uniform supplier's website use 100% recycled polyester and responsibly sourced cotton via certified yarn suppliers. Our 'Student Green Team' will ensure that everyone receives our message that we must try our best to look after the environment and this is a valuable way for us to contribute.



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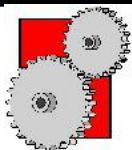
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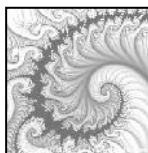
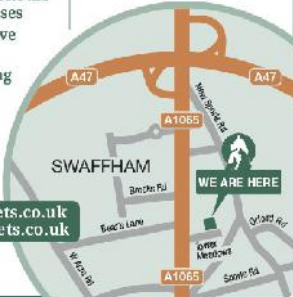
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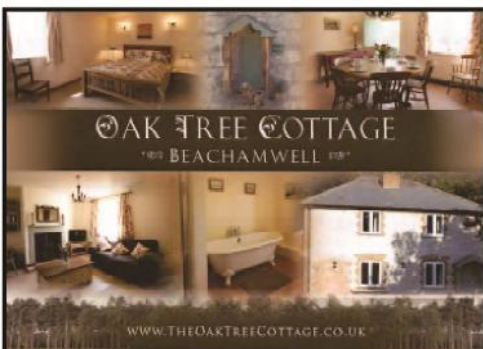
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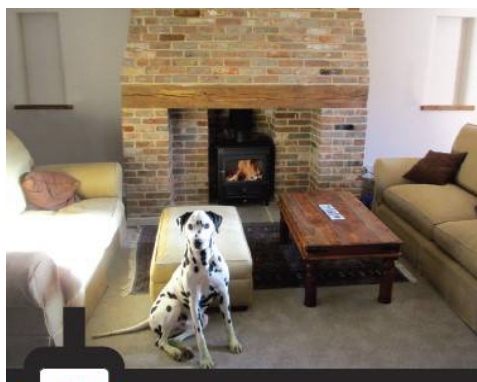
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