

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

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## WELCOME

At the time of writing, the fields are changing around us every time we go out, as the farmers begin to harvest their crops. It hasn't been an easy year, but there are still golden fields with bales of straw. The rape seed has been cut and views opened up again across the fields. It's now possible to see round corners which have been a mystery for months! In the garden, everything has grown faster and taller than ever before, with some plants looming overhead. There's still quite a bit of colour, as the rain keeps things alive. We'd become used to a dry, brown look in previous years. Fruit and vegetables are being harvested and heads shaken over the crop if it was smaller than usual. This edition tries to focus on the harvest and the work that goes on to produce it here, but also asks you to think of countries where the harvest fails over many years and the devastation that produces. Please support your local harvest festivals and give generously to the various collections that will be going on throughout the group.

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

Thanks to all contributors and apologies to any whose work has not been shown in this issue.

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

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## ‘FROM THE RECTORY’



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***Dear All,***

Recently I made three telephone calls to the same company where I was put on hold “for the next available customer adviser.” Loud music began playing in my ear and by the time of the third call I wanted to slam down the telephone receiver. I had waited seven or eight minutes on the first two calls without talking to a live person and had achieved nothing by waiting. Yet I knew I had to keep trying.

I have often found it difficult to wait, to be patient in situations where I have no control, and I have allowed frustration and impatience to get in the way of my plans. In so doing I know I have squandered opportunities in life.

It has taken me most of my life to see that God's timing seldom matches my expectations. As I reflect on God's faithfulness and perfect wisdom, I am reminded that I can turn my impatience, worries, and even my failures, over to him. I find that the more I wait for and depend upon God, the easier I find it to respond to trying situations with patience and love. So the next time you are fed up with being kept on hold, remember the prophet Isaiah, when he says that God longs to help and support us, and that all who rely on him are blessed.

***Barbara***

Reliable person needed to do a few hours work a week providing support for a young physically disabled person and maybe some cleaning help.

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## COUNTRYSIDE NOTES

September heralds autumn and is a time when many of our summer visitors are thinking about leaving. Indeed some, like swifts and cuckoos, have already gone. It was Sod's law that as soon as a hose pipe ban was introduced it began to rain, and rain. Because of the terribly wet spring and early summer they, and most of our resident birds, have not had a good breeding season. Cold and wet affects them in several different ways. There has been a desperate shortage of insects on which many species depend to feed their chicks resulting in poor survival rates. The cold also increases the need for parent birds to brood their babies to keep them warm meaning less time is available to gather food. However our robins and blackbirds seemed to have fared well but then the worms and grubs they need thrive best in wet ground. Many wading birds such as lapwing and snipe found their favoured nesting areas submerged, duck's and swan's nests were swamped with rising flood water. Parts of the Welney Reserve were flooded throughout most of the breeding season. Chicks of ground nesting birds which leave the nest soon after hatching are particularly vulnerable, trailing about in continually wet vegetation. It was pathetic to see chick numbers of the few broods of pheasants and partridges which managed to hatch dwindling day by day. Our local owls have had a tough time of it as well. The soft loose plumage which enables them to fly silently at night does little to protect them from the weather. Despite an apparent explosion in the mouse and vole population on which most owl species feed they have been hard put to catch sufficient to rear all their young because of the continual rain and strong winds.

Until the hot spell towards the end of July there were very few butterflies to be seen and dragonflies and damsel flies have also appeared to be in short supply. Perhaps most worrying though has been the lack of bee activity. So important for fertilising the crops we'll soon be discovering how this has affected yields. Despite the weather, or maybe because of it, there appears to have been more swarms than usual.

Plants seem to have mostly benefited from the rain although not all appreciated the cold temperatures. While cereal crops, beans and rape (which seemed to remain in flower for an exceptionally long time) appreciated the wet and cool temperatures the same couldn't be said for the freshly drilled sugar beet which looked most unhappy. A lot of trees and shrubs appear to have made excess growth this year. Lawns which had usually turned to a sad shade of brown by mid June remained lush and green. Our fickle British climate always seems to even itself out eventually, the difficulty is knowing when it will happen. A year and a half of drought has been more or less eliminated by four months of prodigious amounts of rain. *Jill Mason*

### **Found in Boughton**

**Tortoiseshell and white cat, wearing a red collar .Phone  
01366 500642**

## BENEFICE NEWS

**New members are invited to join the Group Choir** . We practice each Thursday during term time between 2:00 and 3:00 pm preparing music for special services during the year . Rehearsals alternate between Wereham and Fincham/Shouldham . We have members in most villages so it might be possible to share transport .If you are interested , have a word with choir members . No voice tests---- just come along!

More details from :- Joan Hodgson 347373 Pam Wakeling Tom Golden 500052

### **Harvest Festival Services around the Benefice**

Sunday September 2nd

Holy Trinity, **Marham**

10.30 am- combined service with RAF Marham and the Methodist Church

Sunday 9th September

St. Martin at Tours, **Fincham** 6 pm

St Mary's **Shouldham Thorpe** 9.30 am

Sunday 23rd September

All Saints, **Boughton** 11 am

Sunday 7th October

All Saints , **Shouldham** 9.45 am

St Margaret of Antioch, **Wereham**, 6 pm

**Saturday** 13th October

St Andrew's, **Barton Bendish** 6 pm followed by group Harvest Supper

Sunday 21st October

St Mary's, **Beachamwell**, 11 am

**Harvest Suppers** **Marham** This will be on Friday September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. Tickets £7.00 from Babs Sampson (01760 337154) and Norma Hayter (01760 339093).

**Barton Bendish** This will be on Saturday October 13th in the Village Hall, following the Harvest Festival service at 6 pm. Tables can be reserved for people wishing to attend both. Contact Mhari Blanchfield ( 01366 347849) or Linda Webster

## HARVEST

**Mark 4:26-29** [ *Jesus gives pictures of the kingdom's growth* ] Then he said, "The kingdom of God is like a man scattering seed on the ground and then going to bed each night and getting up every morning, while the seed sprouts and grows up, though he has no idea how it happens. The earth produces a crop without any help from anyone: first a blade, then the ear of corn, then the full-grown grain in the ear. And as soon as the crop is ready, he sends his reapers in without delay, for the **harvest**-time has come."

### **A farmer reflects on Harvest time**

'While the earth remaineth, seed time and harvest and cold and heat and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.'

When I started farming full time in the nineteen fifties, I was often reminded that 'there will always be a seed time and a harvest time', when I agonised about a fierce drought or over a prolonged period of rain. Biblical references were common amongst country people in those days: one man after recovering from a serious illness claiming that he had 'smelt the brimstone.'

Once again this season, in spite of the early acute drought, followed by weeks of cold drenching rain, harvesting of crops and garden produce is under way. For the gardener, although frost and cold weather may have damaged sensitive plants and flowers; apples, pears, wisteria, bay trees and plums suffering almost total wipe out in some cases; there has still been the pleasure of that first fork full of early potatoes, the first beans, peas and carrots. As the Chinese proverb ends - 'if you want to be happy in life, make a garden'.

A group of us asked the question 'what is the most satisfying part in your job?' a doctor giving the answer 'to deliver a healthy baby'. My own 'to drive a combine harvester in a crop of cereals, to see the corn falling to the knife and hear the threshed corn falling into the tank, this the culmination of a year's work, ploughing, seed time, fertilising, protection from pests, diseases, pigeons and watching the growth and maturity to harvest'. Those of us who live in the country are indeed lucky to still know the seasons and experience each year a new seed time and harvest. *John Sanderson*

The next generation.....

### **Harvest by Douglas Sanderson (aged 9)**

The first Harvest is always the most exciting. On the combine staring down at the optical illusion of the blades, watching barley or wheat rise up inside the tank, going out with Dad to pick potatoes or asparagus and helping in the farm shop or on the grader.

Summer Harvest is always two things: Rainy or Sunny. Which makes it Good or Bad. For Example – If it rains in the potato season, you can't go out on a hot day to run under the irrigator and slide in the mud. And if it is too sunny in the sugar beet season we have to wait for it to rain for it to be harvested so we can watch the big harvesters and nibble on small bits of sugar beet.

When you get older it gets boring (say 8 or over). On the combine the wheat or barley rises slower in the tank, the optical illusion is more understandable and the combine goes slowly down the field and the worst thing is harvest goes by too quickly when you're older. But grownups don't realise this because they're the ones who are driving the tractors and doing the work. It's great to think that one day I might be a farmer but I don't want to rush harvest as a child. All in all, Harvest is BRILLIANT!!!

### **Harvest with the Young Farmers**

After a wet spring and early summer with record rainfalls for June and July we thought it would never arrive, but we're well into harvest now. With most people getting their Oil Seed Rape finished later than normal by the second week in August and moving quickly on to any early drilled wheats and spring barleys. After heavy rain fell after the fields had been desiccated yields of Oil Seed Rape vary dramatically across the County depending on the isolated rain storms. Wet weather has also caused problems in wheat crops with farmers having trouble keeping disease out of the ears. Agronomists have been recommending an unusual T4 spray alongside the last T3 spray which would normally be enough protection to last until harvest. Subsequently the county and countries average yield could be significantly lower than years gone by. Time will only tell. With a few good days of sunshine the counties fields are definitely changing colour and before we know it crops will be drilled for the forthcoming season starting at the end of August with Oil Seed Rape establishment. Cultivations will soon be starting and seed bed preparations for the forthcoming rotations. Later than normal at the end of July early potato lifting commenced with farmers desperate to get potatoes out and a good price was paid for their product with much of the early crops now coming to an end prices are looking stable into the main crop harvest in late August early September.

**Downham Market Young Farmers** has had another fantastic year with lots of great meetings, successful events and most of all raising important money for Charity. We started the year back in September with our new chairman Matthew Waters and his new committee including some old faces and some new. We decided September would be the best time to hold a New Members evening and were really pleased to see some new people giving it a go. We haven't arranged a new members evening for this year yet but befriend us on facebook and you can find out about all our meetings. If you are aged between 16 and 26 please come along and see what it's all about, you don't have to be a farmer to be a young farmer! Our meetings have included the new Pumping Station at St Germans, the Sandringham Stud, Horse Riding, Corkers Crisps, The Bepak Factory, Tai Chi and Cornerways Nursery to mention a few. Our meetings are varied and we try to have a mixture of talks, visits and sports activities, we meet every Wednesday usually at 7.30pm. *Lucy Hartley*

### **Harvest traditions**

In Britain, thanks have been given for successful harvests since pagan times. Harvest festival is traditionally held on the Sunday near or of the Harvest Moon. This is the full

Moon that occurs closest to the autumn equinox (about Sept. 23). In two years out of three, the Harvest Moon comes in September, but in some years it occurs in October. The celebrations on this day usually include singing hymns, praying, and decorating churches with baskets of fruit and food. People bring in produce from the garden, the allotment or farm, as well as tinned and packaged food which can be distributed more easily to those in need in the local community, or used to raise funds for the church, or charity. In the USA, many churches also bring in food from the garden or farm in order to celebrate the harvest. The festival is set for a specific day and has become a national holiday known as Thanksgiving which falls on the fourth Thursday in November. In both Canada and the USA it has also become a national secular holiday with religious origins, but in Britain it is both a Church festival giving thanks to God for the harvest, and a more secular festival remembered in schools. 'Harvest' comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *haverfest*, "Autumn". It then came to refer to the season for reaping and gathering grain and other grown products. The full moon nearest the autumnal equinox is called the Harvest Moon.[1] So in ancient traditions Harvest Festivals were traditionally held on or near the Sunday of the Harvest Moon. An early Harvest Festival used to be celebrated at the beginning of the Harvest season on 1 August and was called *Lammass*, meaning 'loaf Mass'. Farmers made loaves of bread from the fresh wheat crop. These were given to the local church as the Communion bread during a special service thanking God for the harvest. Early English settlers took the idea of harvest thanksgiving to North America. The most famous one is the harvest Thanksgiving held by the Pilgrims in 1621. Nowadays the festival is held at the end of harvest, which varies in different parts of Britain. Sometimes neighbouring churches will set the Harvest Festival on different Sundays so that people can attend each other's thanksgivings. Until the 20th century most farmers celebrated the end of the harvest with a big meal called the harvest supper. Some churches and villages still have a Harvest Supper. In the Barton Bendish half of the benefice, the tradition is now that each church takes a turn in putting on the Harvest Supper, to which parishioners from all the churches are invited. These are very happy evenings and much enjoyed. For many years, Barton Bendish and Boughton shared the task when it was their turn as Boughton had no village hall, but next year we hope to have the first Harvest Festival in the All Saints Community Centre facilities at All Saints' Church. The modern British tradition of celebrating Harvest Festival in churches began in 1843, when the Reverend Robert Hawker invited parishioners to a special thanksgiving service at his church at Morwenstow in Cornwall. Victorian hymns such as "We plough the fields and scatter", "Come ye thankful people, come" and "All things bright and beautiful" but also Dutch and German harvest hymns in translation helped popularise his idea of harvest festival and spread the annual custom of decorating churches with home-grown produce for the Harvest Festival service. Church bells could be heard on each day of the harvest. A corn dolly was made from the last sheaf of corn harvested. The corn dolly often had a place of honour at the banquet table, and was kept until the following spring. Harvest is celebrated by many people but in Christianity, it is widely looked at in schools and focused on in church.



## HARVEST THOUGHT

Although harvest is a wonderful time of thanksgiving, I have read about two sets of statistics which are deeply disturbing.

One is that the world is facing a hunger crisis unlike anything it has seen in more than 50 years. 925 million people are hungry. Every day, almost 16,000 children die from hunger-related causes. That's one child every five seconds. There were 1.4 billion people in extreme poverty in 2005. The World Bank estimates that the spike in global food prices in 2008, followed by the global economic recession has pushed a further 100-150 million people into poverty.

The other is that James S Henry, a leading economist, has produced a report which indicates that in 2010 \$21 to \$32 trillion has been invested virtually tax-free in more than 80 "offshore" secrecy jurisdictions and it has been accumulated from 139 countries. He says: "By our estimates, at least a third of all private financial wealth, and nearly half of all offshore wealth, is now owned by the world's richest 91,000 people "just 0.001% of the world's population. The next 51% of all wealth is owned by the next 8.4 million, another trivial 0.14% of the world's population."

How many children have died from hunger-related causes since you started reading this? Many church collections at Harvest services will go to famine relief. It will be channelled through churches in the countries concerned to ensure the money reaches the right people. Please give generously. *Tony Highton*

## FROM THE CHRISTIAN AID WEBSITE

### West Africa food crisis: how we are responding: August 2012

**Christian Aid needs more funds to help us deliver emergency assistance in the Sahel region of west Africa, where more than 19 million people are in the midst of a severe food crisis.** Since our original appeal in March, we have provided much needed help to some of the worst affected communities. **But the situation in the region continues to deteriorate.**

Andrew Hogg, Christian Aid's head of media, has recently returned from **Mali** -one of the worst affected countries. **Cereal shortages** have been compounded by **conflict in the north**, which has driven hundreds of thousands of people from their homes and into areas already desperately short of affordable food.

### Issues: Food is out of reach

More than a million children across the region are at risk of severe acute malnutrition. Due to lack of rain and widespread drought, there is an overall cereal deficit across the Sahel. Cereal production across the region is 27% lower than last year and **food prices have increased**, meaning that available **food is out of reach of those who need it most.**

More than a million **children** across the region are at risk of severe acute malnutrition and an estimated **three million** are at risk of moderate acute **malnutrition**.

### Ongoing insecurity

In [Mali](#) and neighbouring countries, the situation has been exacerbated by **political instability** and conflict. In March, junior officers from the Malian army launched a coup and took control of the country.

Tuareg rebels and Islamist fighters took advantage of the confusion to seize large parts of the north of the country.

Since then, more than 174,000 people have been displaced within Mali's borders and more than **200,000 refugees** have fled to neighbouring countries, most of them moving to areas where food and pasture were already in short supply.

### Our response

We are bringing help to communities in **Niger, Mali and Burkina Faso**, some of the worst affected countries.

Our immediate response involved sending funds to finance an urgent **early intervention programme** in those countries where we have **long-term partners**.

We have so far supported **more than 175,000 people**. Donating to our appeal will help us reach more with emergency assistance, as well as contributing to communities' **long-term resilience** to drought.

This will enable farmers to grow enough food for their families, despite the increasingly difficult weather conditions.

### Our activities include:

Supplying **improved seeds** to communities in Burkina Faso to help them grow food despite the drought.

**Distributing rice and cereal** for displaced families in Mali. Despite the conflict, we are working successfully in communities badly hit by the food shortages.

Providing **food and nutrition training to pregnant women and mothers** of malnourished children in northern Niger, allowing them to have two meals a day for one month.

Christian Aid is also working with fellow NGOs in the Sahel Working Group (SWG), lobbying international bodies to release sufficient funds to tackle the crisis.

A land of milk and honey

Without land, we would be unable to grow and harvest the food that we need every day,



we would have nowhere to live and we would struggle to feed ourselves and our families. For millions in India, intimidation and fear are a daily reality when they try to access the vital resources on land that they have been living on for decades.

Yet, permanent access to land, to cultivate and live, could lift as much as 40% of India's population – 400 million people – out of poverty.

**Honey collecting** Khima Ram works as part of a five-man team in Rajasthan, identifying hives in the forest by day and collecting the honey by night.

With few work opportunities, the earnings he and his team receive from collecting honey are vital. Despite the Forest Rights Act, which protects the rights of adivasi communities (forest people) forest officials still attempt to deny Khima Ram access.

With the help and training of **Christian Aid partner Support Society**, forest communities across Rajasthan are now able to safely and freely gather, process and sell produce from their forest homes. With protective clothing and identity cards, Khima Ram can now rely on extra income allowing him to buy clothing, food and medicine for his family.

**Working towards a common goal** Once honey has been collected, it can be processed and packaged using equipment provided by Support Society. Through co-operatives and training in business management, groups are then able to come together, working together to get a better price for their product.

## Demanding land rights

Like Khima Ram, tribal chief Jumma Adivasi and his community experienced intimidation as they tried to harvest the land that they were living on.



With their livelihoods under threat, and their community afraid, Jumma and his wife joined the 'Janadesh' march organised by Christian Aid partner **Ekta Parishad** and with 25,000 other people demanded land rights from the Indian government. With the knowledge to fight for title deeds to the 23 hectares of land on which their community had been living, they were finally triumphant and today collectively own land which now promises harvest of **mustard plants, potatoes, wheat and groundnuts**. Despite successes

following the 2007 march the struggle continues for thousands still being denied access and rights to land they depend on.

Christian Aid partner Ekta Parishad is campaigning tirelessly across India for the most marginalised communities to be given rights to land, and access and control over forest resources.

## COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

### **Re: The Proposed Incinerator**

Members of Norfolk County Council Planning and Regulatory Committee would have read a number of reports, made a site visit and visited other operating waste disposal facilities in the UK before they came to the planning meeting to discuss the proposed Willows waste facility. In other words they were well briefed. They were at the meeting to listen to all sides of the argument before making a decision. This they did for seven hours before making decision on merit, by a vote of 9 to 4, to grant permission. All objections and comments were taken very seriously. The procedure could not have been more fair and Mike Knights in his recent article discredits himself for trying to argue otherwise.

The Environment Agency, after a lengthy detailed consultation, have issued a full operators licence to Cory Wheelabrator, and the Health Protection Agency has given it the green light. Both official organisations are adamant there is no health risk from the proper operation of the proposed facility as laid out in the licensing system.

The truth is the campaigners against this facility being built are deceiving themselves if they still think there are viable alternatives to incineration. Other alternatives have many practical problems, such as the financial risks, and the costs, which to obtain the same kind of efficiency as an incinerator, would be at least 50% more costly per tonne of waste processed.

I think the people of West Norfolk are sensible enough to realise that the closing of landfill sites (like Blackborough End) which currently scar our county is of the utmost priority and that we must all work together to this end.

*Paul Coulten*

### **Incinerator Update**

Norfolk County Council (NCC) are exploiting every opportunity to attack opponents of their incinerator. NCC tries to portray opposition as "NIMBY", "mischievous" or "ill-informed". Reality is very different to their press releases. Many critics at first supported the incinerator until they examined the detail. A succession of NCC claims have been shown to be wrong, they claimed incineration would reduce carbon emissions yet NCC's own principle planner agreed with figures (29.6.12) showing it is the worst of all options including landfill. NCC argued incinerators are "successfully" operating in Europe and America with Vienna being offered as a shining example doubling up as a tourist attraction. Upon closer examination it turns out Vienna's air quality regularly falls below safe standards and the incinerator has been reliant on 'free' gas paid for by the public purse. First America and now Germany have lost their appetite for building incinerators. Both have experienced problems with emissions, over capacity and costly contracts benefiting operators at the expense of ratepayers. In the UK Waste industry lobbying has helped steer us towards repeating the same costly mistakes. Economically & environmentally the incinerator would be bad for Norfolk. If the arguments are properly considered by an inde-

pendent planning inspector the chances of it gaining planning permission are slim. This is why NCC are desperate to avoid a 'call-in' from Eric Pickles MP which would publicly expose how weak their arguments are, they depend upon people not checking the detail. The Environment Agency does not inspire confidence in their scrutiny; mercury, cadmium and dioxin pollution is only required to be measured for 8 hrs twice per year, the Agency was asked if it could impose the more stringent *Amesa* monitoring system as required in Belgium. The Agency said they could not because *Amesa* would have to first be certified in the UK; they had not realised this was already certified for UK use! It also said Wheelabrator's violations in America would not be a permit consideration despite their numerous emission and monitoring violations there. If incineration really was the only option, then every waste authority would have opted for it and other countries would not be moving away from it. A recent Freedom of Information request shows Blackborough End landfill has 70 years capacity remaining! Nobody thinks landfill is a good idea but there can be no good reason for rushing in to a 25 year contract for something which does not provide a better solution. To find out more visit: [klwin.com](http://klwin.com) & [farmerscampaign.org](http://farmerscampaign.org) Please help stand up for West Norfolk & attend fund raising events.

#### Diary Dates:

All events at Fairgreen Farms, Hill Road, Fair Green, PE32 1RN

08.09.12 10-12 h Coffee Morning

13.10.12 09-13 h Coffee Morning +

10.11.12 10-12 h Coffee Morning

08.12.12 09-17 h Christmas Market *Mike Knights, Fairgreen Farms, Middleton*

### The Rest Of The Story

Adam was walking around the garden of Eden feeling very lonely, so God asked him, "What is wrong with you? Adam said he didn't have anyone to talk to. God said that He was going to make Adam a companion and that it would be a woman. He said, "This person will gather food for you, cook for you, and when you discover clothing she'll wash it for you. She will always agree with every decision you make. She will bear your children and never ask you to get up in the middle of the night to take care of them. She will not nag you and will always be the first to admit she was wrong when you've had a disagreement. She will never have a headache and will freely give you love and passion whenever you need it. Adam asked God, "What will a woman like this cost?" God replied, "An arm and a leg." Then Adam asked, "What can I get for a rib?" The rest is history ...

### Stress Reliever

Girl: 'When we get married, I want to share all your worries, troubles and lighten your burden.' Boy: 'It's very kind of you, darling, but I don't have any worries or troubles.'

Girl: 'Well that's because we aren't married yet.'

## GARDENING TIPS

I detected a decided chill in the air first thing this morning (7th August)! I do believe I can see the real possibility of more settled conditions ahead! We may still have to wait perhaps a couple of weeks before things really change as there is evidence of more thundery activity, probably about the middle of next week. However, hopefully, by the time this article is published conditions will be more settled.

Nothing stands in the way of time, and we are now rapidly approaching the autumn months and we can never be quite sure what Mother Nature has in store for us. We are all loathe to start dismantling our summer flower displays, but as various plants come to the end of their flowering cycle, unless wishing to take seed from them, I take out summer bedding and at least remove the seed heads from perennials. Some perennial seed left in place provides food for the birds in winter but on the other hand when scattered on the soil it can make for a lot of hard work removing them when they germinate the following year.

The summer vegetables are now almost at an end, so as ground becomes vacant clear away any remaining plants and weeds. After such a wet season there will inevitably be an abundance of slugs and snails about and any old vegetation left on the ground will provide them with food and hiding places. If you want to turn over the soil at this time there is no reason not to except that a prolonged warm spell in the autumn will allow another crop of weeds to grow and therefore you may need to repeat the job later in the winter. On the other hand turning the soil over early in a dry and warm autumn does allow the ground to 'air' and dry out which is very anti slugs and snails!

Towards the end of this month we could well experience our first frosts – the daylight hours may be very pleasant but it can get cold at nights quite suddenly. We therefore need to keep an ear to the weather forecasts so that suitable care and attention can be taken in respect of our more tender subjects. Dahlia tubers will need lifting if you wish to keep them for next year. In years gone by, particularly when I didn't have a greenhouse, I used to thoroughly dry out the tubers and then pack them away in trays lined and covered with thick layers of newspaper, inspecting from time to time for signs of rot or other damage. Even so I always seemed to lose quite a number of tubers. Now, with a greenhouse, I carefully clean up the tubers and put them into a fairly large wooden box lined with plastic, and provided with drainage holes. I surround the tubers with old, fairly dry composts and put the box in what I hope will be a reasonably frost-free spot under the greenhouse staging. About once a month through the winter I just damp the compost to stop the tubers from completely drying out. I have had very few losses over the past fifteen or so years using this method of storage.

The wet summer season will have leached much of the soil's goodness and thus autumn feed for the lawns and manure or home made compost for the cultivated areas will be required to replenish the deficit. If you have plants that are really in need, then an application of blood, fish and bone is a very good emergency treatment.

September is the ideal time to consider what you want from your garden in the following

year. Does the general plan of the garden need adjusting? Were the plants used this year in their right place or do they need moving? How long is it since the perennial flower border was thoroughly cleaned out and the plants split up? Many old gardeners reckoned that this job should be done at least every four years. What other plants do you want to try? Now is the time to make such decisions. If major work is needed don't delay making a start on it for too long, the autumn is a fickle time of the year. Plan your seed requirements for the coming season – the 2013 seed catalogues will be published later this month or early in October. I always recommend placing one's seed order in good time as supplies of popular varieties can run out quickly! *Roy Coughtry*

## FINCHAM CHORUS

Fincham Chorus was formed in December 2005 when Barbara Smith had "an idea"

Fincham Chorus

Presents

An

Autumn Concert

At

St Martin's Church

Fincham

On Saturday September 8<sup>th</sup>

At 7.30 pm

Tickets available from Fincham Post

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£5.00

prompted by a discussion with the then Rector, David Pomery, on the subject of raising funds for the restoration of St. Martin's church roof. Following the discussion, fundraising began, with the decision to decorate the church and hold a village carol service, as there hadn't been one for many years. The church was full to capacity, and at the end of the service a group of like minded villagers joined together to sing The Twelve Days of Christmas.

This was followed in 2006 by monthly rehearsals of Handel's Hallelujah Chorus, with new members joining along the way. These rehearsals were taken by Lissa Kinsey, and the

song was performed at the end of the 2006 village carol service. During 2007, under Lissa's direction more songs from Handel's Messiah were learnt. During December, as well as taking part in the carol service, the chorus also spent an evening carol singing around the village.

In 2008 Russell McKie, Musical Director of King's Lynn Male Voice Choir took up the same position with the Chorus, when rehearsals became a weekly event. Under Russell's expert direction they continued to learn a variety of pieces, gaining confidence along the way. Just before the carol service at St. Martin's church they sang at St. George's church Methwold.,

The Chorus was asked to sing at St. Edmund's Church in Downham Market, early in January 2009, and at the end of the year they again took part in the carol service, as well as singing at St. Mary's Shouldham Thorpe.

On St. George's Day 2010 they performed to a full church when their first concert was a great success. At the end of 2010 the Chorus took part in three carol services at Brandon, Swaffham and Fincham.

A second successful Spring concert was held at the end of April 2011 and in July the

Chorus sang at a wedding in St. Martin's Church. In October the same year they travelled to Leamington Spa to sing with The Village Voices at St. Nicholas's Church Warwick, and the concert was declared a resounding success. Hopefully The Village Voices will be returning the compliment and join them in a West Norfolk concert during 2013. To round off 2011 they took part in the carol services at Fincham and Brandon.

Over the years they have held many fund raising events and had many enjoyable and amusing moments along the way. As a result they have managed to raise in excess of £10,000. Most of this has been raised for St. Martin's Church Fincham, as well as other donations being given to Fincham Memorial Hall, Riding for the Disabled and Music Special Needs Norfolk.

Fincham Chorus is at present rehearsing and preparing for their Christmas Carol Concert to be held in December. Anyone interested in joining them should come along to Fincham Memorial Hall on any Thursday at 7pm. *Christine Callaby*

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## This article from Fincham Group News may be of interest to church congregations in our half of the benefice.....

### Seminar: 'Building a Future for Your Church'

On Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> July, Ann and I attended this day's conference organized - free of charge - by Ely Diocese, in conjunction with English Heritage, Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust and Cambridgeshire ACRE. The aim was to provide training for anyone involved with a church development project, hearing from specialists in such matters. Most of the 90 attendees were looking to install toilets, kitchens, etc. within their churches, though the crux of the issue hinged on how to fund any project, including that of restoration.

After the usual welcome by Archdeacon Hugh McCurdy, the main speaker was **Maggie Durran**. She was one of the first ordained women priests and then became Historic Churches Project Officer for the Diocese of London. Maggie has helped raise over £20 million for churches/church halls, as well as having written a definitive book: *"The UK Church Fundraising Handbook"*. She made a rather dry topic seem interesting, namely: how to go about project management - especially the funding. Here are a few sensible points that she made:-

- \* **Research any project very carefully.** Get an overview by visiting other churches to inquire

- how they tackled things, ie: learn from their successes and failures. Send out a questionnaire

- seeking support from your whole parish before embarking on large-scale building works.

- \* **Set a ceiling to your budget** and strive at all cost to stay within the limits. Find out what can be

- had for the money. As well as your church architect, use a quantity surveyor to help you cost it.

- (They're often more accurate with pricing!).

- \* **Be practical.** There's little point installing a costly kitchen if it's only going to be used to serve

- tea, coffee, etc. after services mostly attended by a small congregation. And don't duplicate

- facilities that already exist nearby. Think particularly of the cleaning (e.g. in the design of floor

- edges in toilets) and who will maintain any new facilities in the future.

- \* **Explore all avenues for funding.** Obviously the congregation will be approached, so why not

- print raffle tickets and at least get members of the church's Electoral Roll to sell them? Apply to

- as many trusts and land-fill organisations as possible. Consider printing a Legacy Leaflet to

give out or leave in church. [Who knows just when that anonymous benefactor might appear?]

\* **Plan with sensitivity.** Remember: a church is a sanctified place and any substantial alterations

ought to be sympathetic or complimentary to the worshipping environment.

\* **Produce a small explanatory booklet.** In it, describe the planned changes - what re-ordering of

pews is going to take place; what new lighting or heating is needed and so forth. Although this

entails an initial cost in printing, it is worth the outlay because it serves both as publicity and

can accompany Faculty applications, as well being sent to potential funders. In other words, it

saves re-writing the required details again and again.

After a coffee break, the next speaker was **Brian Haward**, an architect who has contributed to several prestigious projects in Bury St. Edmunds Diocese. Unsurprisingly, he warned of Maggie Durran's suggestion that PCCs should use the services of a quantity surveyor, other than for costing purposes. On **all** projects, he stressed the need to work closely with your architect at every point - from the planning of the brief, through any subsequent alterations, to the work's completion. He, too, emphasized the need to be mindful of structural changes to a worshipping environment; and also urged the audience to consider whether any planned changes were truly needed. After all, if a small, rural congregation had managed without a servery for centuries, was it necessary to raise huge sums for such an addition now?

In a shorter address before lunch, **Scilla Latham** (fund-raising helper with Ely Diocese) spoke of the importance of producing an effective Statement of Significance and Statement of Need. These are required when making application for a Faculty. She had provided two booklets on how to tackle such Statements where, again, the information could also be supplied to grant-making bodies. I personally was dismayed that - having stressed how much attention should be paid to many details - Scilla then said that such documents ought not to extend to more than 2 - 3 sides of A4 each. [We have copies of her guidelines, should anyone need them].

After a good lunch, we worked in groups of 8 to hear about a major church undertaking nearer home. Our table was led by Steve Young, churchwarden at Terrington St. Clement, who told of their recent project to install toilets and a serving area, where they were fortunate enough to receive huge bequests to cover the costs. A representative from English Heritage contributed to the discussion, along with those from Northwold where they also face massive re-roofing problems. It's always comforting to meet others with similar difficulties, and to pick up ideas that we may one day adapt for ourselves.

What could have seemed a tedious day turned out to be quite the opposite- even finishing at the satisfying time of 3pm.

*Brian Hullah*

## **(BARN) DANCE**

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## **Beachamwell Diamond Jubilee Village & Country Fete**

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**Beachamwell  
Book Group**

**Tuesday September 4th**  
7.00 - 9.00pm

Beachamwell Memorial Hall  
Book to be discussed at this meeting

**'Notes from a Small Island' by  
Bill Bryson  
and  
'The Alchemist' by Paulo Coelho**  
£2.00 + Bring & Buy Bookstall

All welcome  
Enquiries:  
Leah Spencer 01366 328536

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**Beachamwell WI**

**Thursday September 6th**  
7.30pm

Beachamwell  
Memorial Hall

**'Donkey Sanctuary'**  
Mrs Liz Wright

Visitors Welcome  
Enquiries:

## Beachamwell

### Scrabble

**Wednesday  
September 12th  
2 - 4pm**

Orchard House,  
The Street  
Beachamwell

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Sonia Williams 01366 328774



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**Nar Valley Ornithological Society (NarVOS)**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2012**

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Come along to this illustrated talk by Steve Cale, entitled:

**A World of Raptors**

Steve Cale is a Norfolk-based wildlife artist, tour leader and lecturer. He has written guide books, including 'Where to Watch Birds in Northern Cyprus'. Steve's talk will cover many aspects of birds of prey – one of his specialist subjects - here in the UK and across the rest of the World.

Visitors most welcome. Admission £2 on the night if you are not a NarVOS member. For more information about this meeting or NarVOS call Ian Black on 01760 724092



**Illustrated Talk**

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**Saturday September 29th 7.30pm**  
**Swaffham Assembly Rooms**

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**Enquiries**

**Eileen Powell 01366 328648**

**Beachamwell**  
**Craft Group**

**Thursday September 27th**

**2 – 4.30pm**

**Beachamwell Memorial Hall**

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

**£2.00 + Bring & Buy**

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**Enquiries:**

**Leah Spencer 01366 328536**

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**Quizmaster Stewart Waterston**

**Boughton All Saints' Centre**

**Saturday 29th September**

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**Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup>**

**7pm**

**Barton Bendish Village Hall**

**Enquiries ;**

**Mhari 01366 347849**

**and Linda 01366 347563**

**Harvest Festival 13<sup>th</sup> October 6pm**

**St Andrew's Church Barton Bendish**



**Beachamwell WI**

**Open Meeting - Everyone welcome**

**Wednesday October 17th**

**7.30pm**

**Beachamwell Memorial Hall**

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**Saturday 17th November 7:00pm**

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**Helen.dingle@alzheimers.org.uk**

## **2012**

**1. October 4th** Thursday 7.30 WI 'Textiles at Oxburgh Hall'

*Jenny Gabrielsen 01366 328297*

**2. October 6th Saturday** Seed Exchange Boughton All Saints' Centre 10 - 12

*Peter Agate 01366 500 044*

**3. October 6th Saturday** Fincham & District WI Craft Day. 10-4pm Stoke Ferry Village Hall. £14 for WI Members, £15 non Members including Lunch.

*Mrs P Steel 01366 38318 or Mrs S Amies, 01366 500954*

**4. October 10th** Wednesday Coffee Morning 10 -12 St Martin's, Fincham

*May Pinches 01366 347228*

**5. October 10th** Wednesday Scrabble 2 - 4pm Orchard House

*Sonia Williams 01366 328774*

**6. October 13th** Harvest Festival 6.00pm & Supper 7.00pm Barton Bendish

*Mhari Blanchfield 01366 347849 & Linda Webster 01366 347563*

**7. October 17th** Wednesday Afternoon Tea & a Chat 2 - 4pm Memorial Hall

*Sonia Williams 01366 328774*

**8. October 26th** Friday Bingo Marham Village Hall

*Norma Hayter 01760 339093*



9. **October 26th** Friday 'Wild Breckland' a talk by David Mason Beachamwell  
*Graham Williams 01366 328774*
- 10 **October tbc** Quiz Night Barton Bendish  
*Mhari Blanchfield 01366 347849 & Linda Webster 01366 347563*
11. **November 14th** Wednesday Coffee Morning 10 -12 St Martin's, Fincham  
*May Pinches 01366 347228*
12. **November 15th** Thursday Coffee Morning 10-12 Holy Trinity, Marham  
*Norma Hayter 01760 339093*
13. **November 17th** Saturday Coffee Morning 10–12 Barton Bendish Village Hall in aid of The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal  
*Freda Rumball 01366 327324*
14. **November 17th** Saturday 7pm Talk 'History of Cider Making in Norfolk'  
Boughton all Saints' Church  
*Peter Agate 01366 500 044 Debbie Fisher 01366 502224*
15. **November 21st** Wednesday Afternoon Tea & a Chat 2 - 4pm Memorial Hall  
*Sonia Williams 01366 328774*
16. **November 22nd & 23rd** Barton Bendish Village Hall Christmas Wreath Making Workshops  
*Mhari Blanchfield 01366 347849 & Linda Webster 01366 347563*
17. **November tbc** Bonfire Barton Bendish  
*Mhari Blanchfield 01366 347849 & Linda Webster 01366 347563*
18. **December 6th** Thursday 7.30 WI 'Homemade Chocolates'  
*Jenny Gabrielsen 01366 328297*
19. **December 8th** Saturday Hall of Stalls / **8th and 9th** Saturday & Sunday Christmas Tree Festival  
*Mhari Blanchfield 01366 347849 & Linda Webster 01366 347563*
20. **December 15th** pm Saturday Christmas Entertainment & Carol Service  
*Mhari Blanchfield 01366 347849 & Linda Webster 01366 347563*
21. **December 19th** Wednesday Afternoon Tea & a Chat 2 - 4pm Memorial Hall  
*Sonia Williams 01366 328774*
22. **December 21st** Friday Carols by Candlelight 6.30 St Mary's Church B/well  
*Sonia Williams 01366 328774*

## 2013

23. **January 26th 2013** Saturday Burns Night Supper  
*Mhari Blanchfield 01366 347849 & Linda Webster 01366 347563*
24. **June 23rd 2013** Sunday Gardens Open 12 noon—5pm Beachamwell

## Pun Fun

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How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me

This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down

I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.

Why were the Indians here first? They had reservations.

Class trip to the Coca-Cola factory. I hope there's no pop quiz.

How do you make holy water? Boil the hell out of it!

Did you hear about the cross eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?

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# **BARTON BENDISH & EASTMOOR VILLAGE NEWS**

## **AFTERNOON TEA**

An invitation to afternoon tea by Linda and Mhari is not one to be turned down except if you're absolutely determined to stick to a slimming diet. With such a delicious spread of scones (complete with cream and strawberry jam) and cakes to be enjoyed it proved very difficult to say no thank you. The weather, for once in this so called summer, was nice and everyone enjoyed a leisurely relaxing time in Linda's beautiful garden.

Thanks to both of you from all of us who came.

## **BARTON BENDISH JAZZ PICNIC**

The annual Jazz Picnic organised by Mhari and Linda was as usual held at The Hall with this year a couple of added attractions. Firstly nineteen members of the Rolls Royce Enthusiast Club brought along their beautiful Rolls Royce and Bentley cars, they were joined by four MG sport cars and Terry Sprosson with his Austin Healey. Secondly, a bar was set up and run by Phil and Sue of the Berney Arms providing beer, a summer punch plus a range of ice creams.

The weather was miraculously dry for the whole day after what had been an extremely wet week so we were able to sit and listen to the very professional Barry Tyler Jazz Band and enjoy our picnics whether home made or a pre-ordered "Posh Picnic" from the Berney Arms.

Our sincere thanks go to Luca and Caroline Padulli for providing the venue, Ian Berchem for organising the RREC presence, and for the members for bringing their cars. Anthony Blanchfield and his team for mowing the grass and widening the gateway for the cars. Adnams brewery for donating the beer, and the Berney Arms for donating the ice cream.

It was good to see Bill Tasker back in his usual roll as "traffic organiser" assisted by Keith Benn as cash collector. A "thank you" is due to Ray Bostock for providing a car park for the picnickers. Linda Webster capitalised on the old adage "making a virtue out of necessity" by shuttling those in need to and from the Village Hall loo and providing a guided tour of the village enroute!!

The final sum realised was a magnificent £770 after the band was paid. *Maureen Buck*

## **JOINT FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS**

The weather was again kind to us when we gathered at St Mary's Church Beachamwell, for this year's Festival of Flowers. The theme was 'Showtime', and with over 20 arrangements the titles chosen were diverse, - from Moulin Rouge to Fiddler on the Roof to Somewhere over the Rainbow – the flowers were magnificent and there was inspirational use of props too!! It was really great to have the two villages working together on such a well supported project. The range of people taking part was huge –

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from those who were experienced arrangers to those who 'had to be encouraged' to take part, young and old. It was a proper community event which drew much praise from visitors to the festival. On the Sunday Jane Harris took a lovely 'Songs of Praise' service and the church looked beautiful. (Many of the flowers lasted until the following Sunday when the group service taken by the Archdeacon was held at St Mary's)

Many thanks to the flower arrangers, the helpers on the raffle and the refreshments and stalls, to those who provided raffle prizes, plants and cakes and not least to those of you who supported the event and came to see it. The event raised approx £1200 to be split equally between the two villages. Next year the festival will be back in Barton Bendish and if you have any ideas for the theme please let us know! *Linda*

From the elaborate through to the relatively simple the originality and thought that had gone into the arrangements was to be greatly admired. Congratulations to all those concerned with the project. *Jill*

Some of the arrangements can be viewed on [Downham-market-online.com](http://Downham-market-online.com)

### **ART, PHOTOGRAPHY and CRAFT EXHIBITION — 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> September**

If you have a few hours spare and would like to help at this event – refreshments, raffle, stewarding etc please contact Linda or Mhari 347563/347849. Donations of cakes for the refreshment tent and raffle prizes would also be very gratefully received

### **VILLAGE CINEMA**

**Barton Bendish Film Club proudly presents, 'Salmon Fishing in the Yemen',  
showing: 21st September 2012 at 7.30 pm**

Thanks to generous sponsorship by WD Electrical, with support from The Berney Arms; Barton Bendish Film Club is proud to present:

#### **'Salmon Fishing in the Yemen'.**

Showing: Friday 21st September at 7:30pm at Barton Bendish Village Hall.

A fisheries expert is approached by a consultant to help realise a sheik's vision of bringing the sport of fly-fishing to the desert. An upstream journey of faith and fish then ensues, to make the seemingly impossible, possible. A British romantic comedy-drama directed by Lasse Hallström and starring Ewan McGregor, Emily Blunt, with Kristin Scott-Thomas. Tickets: £4 in advance, £5 on the door. Contact the Box Office on **01366 347849** or email [cinemabarton@gmail.com](mailto:cinemabarton@gmail.com), alternatively visit our web site at: [www.bartonbendishfilmclub.btck.co.uk](http://www.bartonbendishfilmclub.btck.co.uk)

# **BARTON BENDISH & EASTMOOR VILLAGE NEWS**

## **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING October 4th**

This year our Macmillan Coffee Morning will be held in Barton Bendish Village Hall on Thursday October 4th from 10 – 12noon. There will be the usual raffle, book, cake and produce stalls. Please come along and support this very worthy cause.

## **HARVEST SUPPER October 13th**

It is our turn once again to host the Harvest Supper. It will be held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm at the Village Hall. Following the meal there will be some 'local' entertainment, not to be missed! Tables of four people or over may be reserved. Enquiries to Linda or Mhari 347563 / 347849 Tickets will be available in September. Before the supper for those who would like to attend, our Harvest Festival will take place in St Andrew's Church at 6pm.

If you are able to help us to prepare the food please could you let Mhari or Linda know.

## **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL COFFEE MORNING**

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

## **EVENTS BEING HELD AT BEACHAMWELL MEMORIAL HALL IN OCTOBER**

Ian Berchem will be giving an illustrated talk titled 'My Life as a Cold War Soldier' Wed October 17th at 7.30pm Details Maureen Buck 01366 347703

David Mason will also be giving an illustrated talk titled 'Wild Breckland' Friday October 26th Details Graham Williams 01366 328774

## **Parish Council Meeting 18th July, 2012**

The meeting was attended by six Parish Councillors, the Parish Clerk and six members of the public.

1. A framework has been put in place whereby Trustees of both the Village Hall and the Poor's Charity will be required to hold at least two meetings per year. They will also submit to the Parish council in time for the Annual Parish Council Meeting each year an Annual report and Statement of Accounts as prepared for the Charities Commission.
2. Anglian Water will be requested once again to investigate the cause of the sewage smell which regularly permeates the village.
3. No progress has been made with Community Payback regarding footpath

## **BARTON BENDISH & EASTMOOR VILLAGE NEWS**

4. The Diamond Jubilee Sub-Committee has been disbanded with profuse thanks to Cllr A.V.McAlister and her team for a most successful village Jubilee celebration. The accounts for the entire programme of events were closed showing a small credit balance.

5. A new Projects Sub-Committee has been created to handle such projects as the Parish Council might wish to undertake. Should parishioners have any suggestions they should pass them to Cllr A.V.McAlister who is Chairman of the new Sub-Committee.

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2012 and not 19<sup>th</sup> September as previously indicated owing to the absence of the Chairman on the latter date.

Lt Col I.R.Berchem, Parish Clerk

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

SUN SEPTEMBER 2nd CHURCH BREAKFAST at 9.30am see advert

SEPTEMBER 15th and 16th ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION see advert

FRI SEPTEMBER 21st FILM - SALMON FISHING IN THE YEMEN at 7.30pm see advert

THURS OCTOBER 4th MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING 10am-12 see advert

SAT OCTOBER 13th HARVEST FESTIVAL 6pm AND SUPPER 7pm see advert

NOVEMBER tbc BONFIRE

SAT NOVEMBER 17th 10am – 12noon POPPY APPEAL COFFEE MORNING

NOVEMBER 22nd and 23rd CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING WORKSHOPS

DECEMBER 8th HALL OF STALLS

8th and 9th CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

SAT DECEMBER 15th CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT and CAROL SERVICE

JANUARY 26th 2013 BURNS NIGHT SUPPER

# **BARTON BENDISH & EASTMOOR VILLAGE NEWS**

## **Calling all word game and crossword fans!**

Look out for the next Barton Bendish quiz sheet in September. This quiz will keep you entertained for hours and only costs £1! There is a prize of £15 for the winner.

Mhari Blanchfield 01366 347 849 (Barton Bendish)

Linda Webster 01366 347563 (Barton Bendish)

Jill Mason 01366 347928 (Barton Bendish)

Margaret Webster 01366 328888 (Beachamwell)

Debbie Fisher 01366 502224 (Boughton)

Lynda Eddy 01366 501308 (Wereham)

The Berney Arms 01366 347995 (Barton Bendish)

Post Office, Fincham

Quiz sheets are also available in St Andrews Church and at Barton Bendish fund raising events. Proceeds to St Andrews Church, Barton Bendish

## **‘Down the Garden Path’ Answer Sheet**

1. Implement for the ‘grim reaper’ (6) – scythe. 2. Dwelling for Peter Pan’s friend. (5 5) – Wendy House. 3. Chilly border. (4 5) – Cold frame. 4. The owner of this saddle doesn’t need stirrups! (9) – Earthworm (the saddle or ‘clitellum’ is the enlarged segment in the middle of an earthworm) 5. Not of the meaty variety! (5) – Stake. 6. Sounds like it should be on a ship. (7) – Decking 8. What type of men are Bill and Ben ? (9) – Flowerpot 9. Worse than its bite. (4) – Bark 10. Dangling wickerwork. (7 6) – Hanging basket 11. Tot of whisky (4) – Slug 12. Slip (5) – Slide 13. Part of a horse’s foot (4) – Frog 14. Extra insurance for your wager (5) – Hedge 15. Keeping up appearances with Hyacinth (6) – Bucket 16. Not a flat in winter. (6 5) – Summer house 17. Umbrella for the sun (7) – Parasol 18. Incy Wincy (6) – Spider 19. Sounds like you almost look down (6) – Gazebo or boughs 20. Noise of a clock blown by the weather (4 5) – Wind chime 21. Germans are said to claim these with their towels (6) – Sunbed or chairs 22. They came from Liverpool (7) – Beetles 23. Elevated four poster (6 3) – Raised bed 24. Chinese, storm (7) – Lantern 25. The H<sub>2</sub>O doesn’t stop here (5 4) – Water butt 26. A French bell (6) – Cloche 27. Loved by Pandas (6 4) – Bamboo cane 28. A bit more than an auctioneers hammer (6) – Gravel

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29. Scheming carrots! ( 9 4 ) Scheming carrots! ( 9 4 ) 30. Not the type used on sheep ( 6 )  
Shears  
31. You do this with tears ( 4 ) Shed 32. The first half of this mans friend is Robin (3)  
Bat  
33. Its missing when you lose heart if you are clubbed for your diamond (5) Spade 34.  
See the  
column rise when the heat is on! (11) Thermometer 35. Caused by fungi not Tinkerbell!  
( 5 4 )  
Fairy ring 36. Not a blue bungalow ( 10 ) Greenhouse 37. Pile up your old vegetation ( 7  
4 ) Compost heap 38. Dishes for a Chinese army ( 10 4 ) Terracotta pots 39. Assassin  
to the scrawny ( 10 ) Weedkiller 40. A little bit different to the outside opening of your  
fireplace ( 8 ) Chiminea 41. He's glad he doesn't live in France! (5) Snail 42. Trevi,  
Chocolate ( 8 ) Fountain 43. Ancient clock (7) Sundial 44. Sun driven illuminations ( 5 7  
6 ) Solar powered lights 45. Tub for a pigeon (8) Birdbath 46. Hair for a listening insect  
(6) Earwig 47 Needs only one wheel to carry its load ( 11 )  
Wheelbarrow 48. Tired sailors bed place ( 7 ) Hammock 49. More at home for resting on  
a boat perhaps (4 5 ) Deck chair 50. Not the musical game (7) Statues

Thank you to all those people who took part in our quiz. There were five people who scored 49 out of 50 and interestingly they did not all get the same question wrong! Their names were put into a draw and the winner was Terry Duncombe from Eastmoor. We are pleased to say that approximately 130 people took part. Many thanks as always to the people who sell the quiz sheets on our behalf. Other charitable organisations are welcome to use part or all of this quiz sheet but we ask that a donation is made to St Andrew's Church Fund.

The next quiz will be available in September. If you would like a copy sent to you please send an SAE with £1 to

Linda Webster, Rowan House, Church Road , Barton Bendish, Kings Lynn, Norfolk PE33 9GF

Thank you once again for your support, it is much appreciated.



# BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

## WI

The August Meeting is traditionally in a Member's garden and this year it was at The Old Rectory. We were blessed with a warm and sunny afternoon which made the occasion most pleasant. Vesna, acting president, read the following poem by Mollie Caird (1922-2000)

### **On a Wet Summer**

O damp marquees where I have sat and sat,  
O grandstands where it gurgles down the drain,  
Why did I buy this garden party hat?

At the school sports I saw a water-rat;  
At prize giving I put it on in vain;  
O damp marquees where I have sat and sat!

At Lord's they never even touched a bat,  
At Wimbledon came flooding in the main;  
Why did I buy this garden party hat?

At Ascot — don't remind me now of that —  
I suffered from acute rheumatic pain;  
O damp marquees where I have sat and sat!

The vicarage flower-beds were all laid flat,  
At Henley everyone was drenched again;  
Why did I buy this garden party hat?

It cost ten guineas (all right, laugh, you cat!) —  
I might have known that it would pour with rain.  
O damp marquees where I have sat and sat,  
Why did I buy this garden party hat?



She reminded us of the Village Jubilee Fete and asked for goodies to sell on our stall. This is one of our main fundraising events so everybody is asked to bake or make as much as possible. Another event will be a talk by Ian Berchem on October 17th, more details later. An outing to Denver Windmill and a possible Craft Day are also being organised. Heidi won the raffle, Brenda the flower of the month and Ann the

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competition. There were two quizzes, 'What's in the Sock' won by Jackie and 'Name the Trees' won by Jill. Excellent refreshments were provided by the Committee. A lovely afternoon was enjoyed by 17 members. **Carole Wilson Photograph by Jackie Palmer**

As Carole wrote the above report she obviously couldn't praise her own garden. Needless to say, it was as immaculate as ever - always a joy to visit. Carole, Brian and Jim are to be congratulated on the outstanding work they do – well done. On behalf of the WI, I would like to thank Carole for hosting the garden meeting. A lot of thought and work had gone into this and was much appreciated. **Eileen Powell**

### St. Mary's Church Festival of Flowers

The Festival of Flowers organised jointly by the parishes of Barton Bendish and Beachamwell was held in St Mary's Church Beachamwell on the 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> July



this year. The church looked stunning and we were delighted to welcome over 300 visitors to view the very clever interpretations on the theme of "Showtime" and the beautiful flower arrangements on the altar and font. There are so many people to thank from both villages for all the hard work that went into organising this three day event. The talented flower arrangers who produced such lovely floral arrangements, the people who sold raffle tickets and acted as stewards in the church plus of course all the people who helped produce and serve refreshments, organise and man a variety of really interesting stalls in

the Memorial Hall. Numerous people helped in all sorts of way and I would like to thank everyone for all their hard work. I would just like to mention Linda Webster and Mhari Blanchfield from Barton Bendish and Gill Sanderson and Sonia Williams from Beachamwell who have been working since just after Christmas to organise this event and to say thank you to all of them. Last but not least – thank you to all the visitors who came and supported this event and with all your help the total the Festival of Flowers raised is £1,241.34 to date and as some of the donations we received were gift aided we hope to add approximately £50 to this amount in due course. This will be divided between the two parishes.

### Afternoon Tea

I am sorry we were not able to hold an Afternoon Tea and Cake in August. This was due to holidays and illness but please do come and join us on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September in

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Beachamwell Memorial Hall from 2 – 4 p.m. and enjoy a pot of tea, some home-made cakes and a bit of a chat.

## **Bells**

A big thank you to Douglas and George Sanderson who, with the help of Caroline and Gill Sanderson, rang our two bells to join the country-wide bell ringing at the start of the Olympics. It was really marvellous that Beachamwell could play its part along with the rest of the country.

## **“Wild Breckland”**

David Mason will be giving a talk on “Wild Breckland” on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 p.m. in Beachamwell Memorial Hall. Tickets will be £3.50 in advance and £4.00 on the door. There will be light refreshments during the interval. I do hope you will come along to this event. If you have heard one of David’s talks before you will know how good they are and if you haven’t – you are in for a treat. Tickets will be available from the PCC at the beginning of September or alternatively please contact me on 01366 328774 or [williamsoldies@gmail.com](mailto:williamsoldies@gmail.com).

The PCC are holding a meeting on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September. We welcome any suggestions or ideas for events that you would like to see in Beachamwell so if you have some thoughts on this please contact me or any member of the PCC.

**Graham Williams (Churchwarden)**

## **Flower Rota for September**

2<sup>nd</sup> Diana Lambert; 9<sup>th</sup> Olwyn Locke; 16<sup>th</sup> **Wedding** [*Flowers will be provided*]

23<sup>rd</sup> Betty Phillpot; 30<sup>th</sup> Eileen Powell

If anyone would like to join or have more information about this Rota, please let me know.

**Eileen Powell**

## **Mobile Post Office**

Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 11.35 - 12.20

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## **Parish Council**

The Parish Council Meetings for 2012 - 2013 will take place

September 10<sup>th</sup>, November 12<sup>th</sup>

2013 January 10<sup>th</sup>, March 14<sup>th</sup>, May 9<sup>th</sup> plus Annual Parish Meeting

As always, everyone is welcome to attend.

**Eileen Powell**

## COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

### MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS - Please note changed days/times

DATE	VILLAGE	LOCATION	TIME
Thursday 27th September	Beachamwell	Post Office	10:05 am
	Drymere	Telephone Box	10:40 am
25th October	Boughton	Sycamore House Mill Road	15:20 pm 15:35 pm
	Barton Bendish	Hatherley Gardens	9:40 pm
Thursday 13th, 27th September 11th, 25th October	Wereham	The Pond Queen's Close	9:30 am 16:20 pm

For services to all 'Group 4' villages ring Mobile Library Information on 01603 222267 or look at the website - [www.norfolk.gov.uk/Leisure\\_and\\_culture/Libraries/Mobile\\_libraries](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/Leisure_and_culture/Libraries/Mobile_libraries)

### VILLAGE BUS SERVICES

FROM	ROUTE	OPERATOR	DESTINATION
Barton Bendish	31 (Saturday)	Lewis Coaches	Swaffham
Beachamwell	31 (Saturday) 18 (Tuesday)	Lewis Coaches Eagles Coaches	Swaffham King's Lynn & Swaffham
Boughton	18 (Tuesday)	Eagles Coaches	King's Lynn & Swaffham
Wereham	28 (Mon to Sat) 40 (Mon to Sat)	Coach Services Coach Services	King's Lynn Thetford/Downham

Timetable requests:- (01603) 228888, Traveline (08706) 082608 ([www.traveline.org.uk](http://www.traveline.org.uk))

### FARMERS' MARKETS

Ely	Second and Fourth Saturday 8:00-2:00pm (8th and 22nd)
Fakenham	Fourth Saturday 8.30am to 12:00pm (22nd)
RAF Marham	Third Friday 9:00am to 2:00pm (21st)
Swaffham	First and Third Sunday (2nd and 16th)
Watton	First Saturday in each month, 8:30am to 12:30pm (1st)

For information:- [www.farmersmarkets.net](http://www.farmersmarkets.net) or your local Tourist Information Office

### VILLAGE AND PARISH HALL BOOKINGS

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

# CHURCH SERVICES

## September 2012

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	SERVICE
2nd September	09.30 am	Barton Bendish	Sandwich Service
	09.45 am	Shouldham	Morning Prayer
	<i>Harvest</i> 10.30 am	Marham	United Morning Service (HT)
	11.00 am	Beachamwell	Holy Communion
	6.00 pm	Wereham	Evensong
9th September <i>Harvest</i>	09.30 am	Shouldham Thorpe	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Boughton	Breakfast Church
	10.30 am	Marham	United Morning Service (MC)
	<i>Harvest</i> 06.00 pm	Fincham	Evensong
	16th September		
16th September	09.45 am	Shouldham	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Marham	Holy Communion
	11.00 am	Beachamwell	Family Service
	11.00 am	Wereham	Morning Prayer
	23rd September		
<i>Harvest</i>	09.30 am	Fincham	Holy Communion
	11.00 am	Boughton	Holy Communion
	6.00 pm	Barton Bendish	Holy Communion
	6.00 pm	Marham	Evensong
	30th September		
30th September	11.00 am	Fincham	Group Service of HC

### THURSDAY COMMUNIONS

6th, 20th, 27th at Fincham, 13th at Boughton.

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

### CHURCHWARDENS

Barton Bendish	Mhari Blanchfield	01366 347849
	Linda Webster	01366 347563
Beachamwell	John Sanderson	01366 328818
	Graham Williams	01366 328774
Boughton	Pam Wakeling	01366 500429
Wereham	Sheila Smith	01366 858165

### BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS

Please contact the Revd. Barbara Burton or the Churchwarden in your parish

## BOUGHTON VILLAGE NEWS

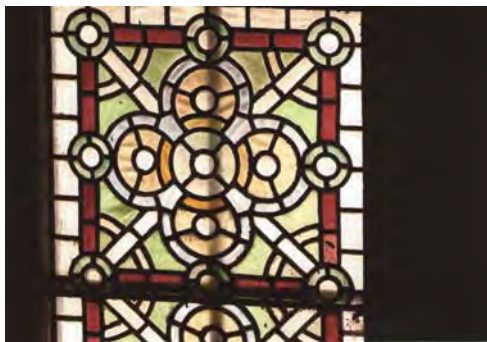
**Boughton Youth Gatherings. Tuesday evenings 6.30 to 8.00 p.m.**

Following the impetus provided by Paul Coulten when he purchased a good quality Table Tennis table for All Saints Village Centre, he, along with Michelle Heath and I, started Table Tennis evenings for Boughton's young people. Then other games were generously donated. We now can offer Table Tennis, Darts, Chess, Draughts, Monopoly, Tumble Tower (Jenga), Stratego, Swing Ball and Indoor Quoits. We currently have a splendid group of young people attending our Tuesday evening gatherings, and we are ably assisted by some parents. Everyone is welcome, and if anyone has young people visiting during School holidays please bring them along, they will be most welcome. It is really wonderful to have somewhere that our young people can gather to enjoy an evening together. They do appear to enjoy themselves.

We hope to develop other interesting things for them to do, for instance the girls are going to get together to do a few things of interest to them and we look forward to seeing what this will entail! Thank you very much to all that have donated games, and help to run the evenings. *Sandy.*

### **The East Window of the church**

All churches have to have a five-yearly inspection ( the quinquennial) of the fabric by an architect approved by the Diocese. We are fortunate that ours rarely shows the need for major works to be done, as in local terms the building is fairly modern - 1870s! However, the most recent quinquennial revealed that the East Window, the one behind the altar, was reaching the stage where it needed to be carefully restored.



The metal work holding the coloured glass was beginning to bow away from the perpendicular and if allowed to continue it would allow damp to penetrate. Since then, the parish has been raising funds for the work, estimated at just under £4000. With the aid of grants and a generous donation from the Panto and the Boughton Village Caravan, the money has been raised and work is expected to start in the week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> September. This will mean taking out the windows and boarding up the openings. The glass will be taken to the workshops of Devlin Plummer, a well-known firm of restorers and

incidentally the people who prepare much of the glass for Pippa Blackall's lovely work. High resolution pictures will be taken of the windows both internally and externally. Each panel will be carefully removed from the stone surrounds and accurate templates of the surrounds will be taken. The windows will be transported to the workshops and studios, where each panel will be placed on a 'light table' and further images taken. A 'rubbing' will be taken of each panel, noting the condition of the glass surface and where applicable, each panel will be carefully dismantled and cleaned using purified water and light bristle brushing. Once cleaned, each panel will be releaded where necessary and waterproofed by hand cementing. Further images will be taken, together with annotated

drawings and details of materials used, before the panels are taken back to the church and re-installed using lime based mortar. The individual windows will be attached to new internal black painted bronze saddle bars. The iron work (ferramenta) will be tipped where the metal enters the stone and treated with rust inhibiting paints, before being finally finished with a black satin coating.

All this will take several weeks, but at the end the windows will be safe for another few decades! Many thanks to all those who have worked to raise the money, including Alan Wilkinson whose skill in approaching Trusts which give money for this sort of work is unsurpassed. It means a great deal of form filling, which is not everyone's forte!

'Watch this space' will take on new meaning in Boughton for the next few weeks!

## **Quiz Night**

On September 29th, we will be holding another quiz night in the All Saints' Centre. Stewart Waterston has agreed to be our questionmaster again and all who have been to one of his quizzes will agree that it is an enjoyable experience. Tables of up to six people, **at £3 per head** can be booked by phoning me on 500429. Don't leave it until the last minute! Bring your own refreshments. Questions start at **7 pm**.

## **Boughton Jazz Picnic**



Remarkably, the Gods shone on Boughton once again, and a glorious window in this dreadful weather occurred for the Boughton Jazz Picnic on 21<sup>st</sup> July. It was a lovely day, warm without being too hot, and the crowds came out to enjoy it. Picnics were out in force, all over Paul's lawn and the barrels of real ale did not disappoint either. Barrie Tyler's Dixieland Jazz Band were on form and provided a super afternoon of music for all to enjoy. The proceeds this year were raised for 'Help the Heroes', and we understand from Paul that this amounted to around £2000. Our thanks go to Paul and his family for their hard work and hospitality for another memorable event. *Mark Pogmore*

### **Boughton Jazz Picnic**

What a lovely afternoon we had at Paul Coulten's Jazz Picnic on Sunday. Sun shining, beautiful setting and great music, the perfect setting for a lazy afternoon picnic.

Thanks Paul and the talented Barry Tyler's Dixieland Band for giving your time and a venue to raise over £1500 for the very good cause, Help for Heroes. We look forward to next year in the hope a similar event will be organised. *Bryan Bradley*



### Cycle Ride

Since the August edition came out, two people have responded to the call for cyclists to cycle for Boughton and raise funds for the church and the Norfolk Churches Trust. We are receiving a grant from the Trust towards the cost of the window restoration. If you are able to join our cyclists on the day, or to help by spending an hour in the church welcoming others, please contact me on 500429. Pam



### Harvest Festival 2012

This year our Harvest Festival service will be held on Sunday 23rd September at 11 am in the church. It will not be the normal Holy Communion service which we usually have on the 4th Sunday, but a service more of Morning Prayer with extra harvest hymns! If you have a favourite harvest hymn, please let me know. It would be lovely to see some of the people who come to Breakfast Church but perhaps do not want a communion service, and others from the village. We will be making a collection of dried and tinned goods, packets, jars, ready food which can be quickly prepared, to go to a women's refuge where sometimes meals have to be prepared without prior warning. There will also be [a collection towards famine relief. Please see the article on page zzz](#)

### Olympians of the future?

#### Georgia Reardon

Georgia has been accepted in the Girls Player Development Squad for Norwich City FC starting in September, after trials back in June. She has also just completed a week's advance training with them, with the treat of going to watch and meet some of the 1st team players training at Carrow Road. We are all very proud of her, she has worked extremely hard to achieve her goal!

#### Oliver Short

During the winter months and earlier this year Ollie was selected to train with the Cambridge County U14 Cricket Development squad with the aim to be selected for the main County squad.

Travelling once a week to Cambridge leaving straight from school, Ollie soon got used to make shift dinners and changing in the car, homework wasn't given a thought, just getting to the nets in time.

During these sessions Ollie worked hard on batting, bowling and fitness. Constantly absorbing the coaches advice with the selection firmly set in his mind.

Hard work and sheer determination does pay off; Ollie was delighted when he received his call up for the Cambridge County Squad.

WELL DONE OLLIE and GEORGIA!



## **BOUGHTON FEN REPORT TO PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 10.08.2012**

This is the quiet time of year when we generally keep a low profile on the fen.

However, with the creation of the new walk, there has been a tremendous effort by a number of volunteers to keep the walk clear in this year of unprecedented grass and weed growth. We have done this, firstly with strimmers, and then with a special cutting machine which we had on trial from Lawnboy at Downham Market. We may now purchase one of these cutters to assist with path maintenance.

The walk continues to be well used, and has been included in the Borough Council of Kings Lynn and West Norfolk "Fit Together" health walks programme, after Jackie Squires, from the District Council met Allan and I to try the route out for herself.

The Committee are preparing work schedules for the winter, and will be inviting tenders for this. We will, of course, still be organising our own working parties to carry out a variety of tasks in the coming months. *Mark Pogmore*



**Boughton Coffee Morning,**

**All Saints Village Centre**

**10-12**

**Saturday September 1st**

Something to think about...I am the Light and you do not see me

I am the Way and you do not follow me

I am the Truth and you do not believe me

I am the Life and you do not search for me

I am the Master and you do not listen to me

I am the Chief and you do not obey me

I am your God and you do not pray to me

I am your greatest Friend and you do not love me

If you are not happy do not blame me.

**St Francis of Assisi**

## WEREHAM VILLAGE NEWS

### St Margaret's Church Festival



The rain held off to our immense relief and the churchyard was transformed into a happy bustle of stalls and colour. This year the plant and vegetable stalls were totally inviting, displaying a profusion of beautiful, healthy plants and deliciously, colourful fresh vegetables, fruits, jam and home produce of all kinds. A real treat for the eye, not to say the purse, of course.

It was good to see the hamburger and hot dog kiosk in place--always so welcome and fare tasted as good as ever. The white elephant stall is an opportunity for sheer indulgence -just browsing for those odd things we just happen to need or in some cases don't really need – even better. The Tombola stall was as popular as ever and everyone had obviously worked very hard to put on the show of tempting raffle prizes. A wonderful array of cakes awaited us in the village hall and it was nice to be able to get away from the sun temporarily for a refreshing cup of tea!

There always seems to be something rather wholesome and satisfying about simple, traditional fairground games of skill and chance-tossing the horseshoe, hoopla, bean bags and target bowls - maybe because the opportunity only presents itself once or twice a year. But it's surely a lot of fun.

Some of the children were brave enough to dip their fingers in the goo to retrieve a star (and prize of course) and 'Guess the teddy's name' was a real tease, the name of the bear (Cadbury) only being guessed at the last minute! This year we had a new addition to games of skill – archery (courtesy of Greygoose Archery and sponsored by British Sugar) on the field behind the village hall. Certainly, those who tried it enjoyed the experience very much and we hopefully look forward to that opportunity again next year.

Congratulations to those who put together the exhibition in the church celebrating our Queen's Jubilee year and to the creators of the beautiful flower-arrangements - they were superb this year. Most of all, thank you to all those who contributed memorabilia and those personal memories which are the ones that make a difference in a village church. Did anyone manage to guess the identity of the baby in the photograph? No not in this village! As always, our organist, Tom, tirelessly provides the musical background to it all -it wouldn't be the same without him.

One final accolade must go to Dave and his very sporting Fishing Challenge. It invited sponsors to challenge him with the task of capturing 50 fish in an afternoon from the village pond. His final tally of 88 may have astonished everyone. Well done Dave.

*Pammie*

## WEREHAM VILLAGE NEWS

### Thank You from the Festival Committee

After so many weeks of rain we prepared for the worst, begging and borrowing gazebos from all quarters. On the day though we only needed them to shield us from the sun and what a welcome change to be able to moan about the heat!

Although we were competing with many other local events, we had a steady stream of visitors. Our thanks to everyone who contributed on the day - giving us donations, prizes, cakes, sponsorship and exhibition material or helped in any way with the festival from stallholders to table movers!



Many thanks also to Dave Frost for his Sponsored Fish Challenge in Wereham Pond in aid of the festival. Dave pulled out all the stops to catch 88 fish (all safely returned to the water afterwards) and raised £257, which should be matched by British Sugar.

The final total expected to be raised for the festival is £1,930.

*Lynda, Chandra and Karen and all the festival committee*

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

**KARAOKE** at the George and Dragon

**VILLAGE 'FIT CAMP'** Saturday 22nd September - starts 8.00 pm.

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

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

Contact Shaun on 07878770230 or 01366 501130

**CAR BOOT SALE** to be held 23rd September - on the playing field and in the Village Hall. £5.00 per pitch. Some tables will be available for use if you cannot bring one! There will be Fish and Chips, Ice Cream Van, a Bouncy Castle, Dog Show, Vintage Cars and we are hoping to arrange Pony Rides, and much more. Doreen 01366 500218

Janet 01366 500732

### BARN DANCE

To end the Summer Holidays, a Barn Dance in the Village Hall has been organised for Saturday 1st SEPTEMBER- starting at 7.30pm. We have fantastic live music by Fiddle and Squeeze and Barbara doing the dance calling. NO EXCUSE - get those dancing shoes on, cowboy hats at the ready and lets have a twirl around the Hall, Hay-bales also included!! Food will be provided in the interval. Its a good old knees up and only costing £6.00 a ticket and under 16's £3.00. Tickets will sell fast so please contact JACQUELINE 500880 OR NICKI 500527.

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### FIRST AID

Calling all parents/carers who would like to learn First Aid that is accessible and affordable covering the following -

**\* Resuscitation \* Choking \* Unconsciousness**

**\* Bleeding \* Burns and Scalds \* Common illnesses**

The course is a 2 hour session @ £15, conducted by Simon Hale, a registered Paramedic.

You will gain valuable knowledge, life saving skills, first aid book and a certificate of attendance.

Subject to sufficient numbers, this course will run in September.

If you are interested, please contact Angela on 500115 or Victoria 501277.

### WEREHAM ON FACEBOOK

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

**ATTENTION!** Do you have hedges or shrubs adjoining the pavement or road? If so, can you please make sure that they are trimmed back so as not to cause an obstruction to pedestrians or vehicles. Due to the very 'wet' summer everything has been growing more quickly...Thanks...*Phil Norris*

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS:** The next meeting will be on Tuesday 11th September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Everyone welcome!

The last Meeting was on 24th July - if you would like a copy of the Minutes from that meeting, please contact:-

Mrs N E Clifford-Everett (Parish Clerk)

33 Lynn Road

Southery

Downham Mkt

PE38 0HU

01366 377799

werehampc@gmail.com

The Draft Minutes will also be shown on the website [www. Werehamtoday.co.uk](http://www.Werehamtoday.co.uk) and in the Village Pump magazine..

### Update from the 50's night 28th July -

Wow! What a fantastic night! As I'm sure you've all heard - Dom and the Dadyo's were brilliant! Our best dressed 50's winners were Margaret Pickston and Adrian Gent - well done - you looked great - as did everyone else who made the effort to dress up for the occasion.

## WEREHAM VILLAGE NEWS

Thank you to everyone who joined us to dance the night away and thank you to those who couldn't attend, but supported the event by buying raffle tickets and supplying raffle prizes. We raised a wonderful £280.00!!  
Special thanks to -

- Pete @ Premier Bars, who waived the £100 deposit for our fundraiser.
- Shaun, Jack and Ivan who did a brilliant job lugging the stage from and back to Barton Bendish
- To the lovely girls at Beauty Profile in Downham Market for donating to the raffle.
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We can't wait for our next do - the Barn Dance on the 1st September - please call Jacqueline for your tickets on 500880.



Answers to quiz on page 71

1. Grendel 2. Beddgelert 3. Robin Hood 4. Rosslyn Chapel 5. Gawain 6. Israel 7. 13 8. the Dambusters 9. Riga 10. Alexander Fleming 11. Tango 12. Sting 13. Finn Mac-Cool 14. JRR Tolkien 15. Beadle (overseer of the workhouse) 16. Headmaster 17. Businessman 18. Clerk 19. thief 20 valet

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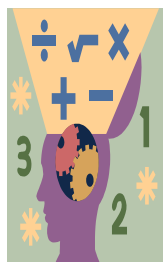
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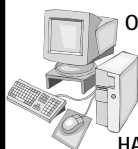
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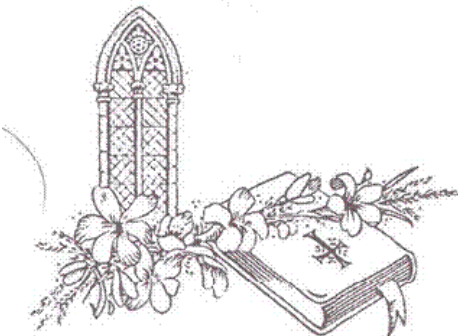
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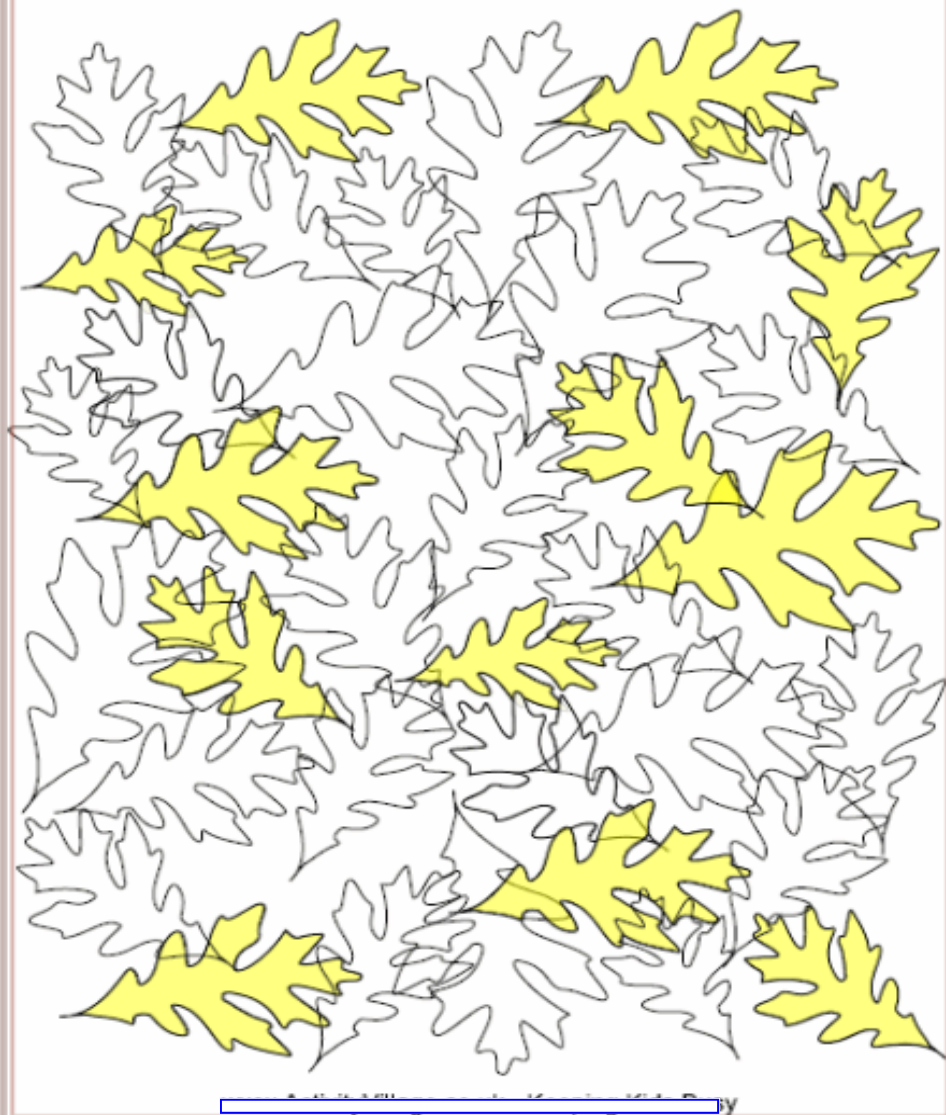
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## CHILDREN'S PAGE

Count the leaves and colour them in autumn colours



## PUZZLE PAGE

1. In the Old English saga Beowulf, what is the name of the monster?
2. A village in north Wales is named for the grave of a legendary dog. What is it?
3. Doncaster airport takes its name from which figure in folklore?
4. Which building in Scotland is said to hold the Holy Grail and features prominently at the end of the Da Vinci Code?
5. In Arthurian legend, who fought the Green Knight?
6. St George is the patron saint of England, but where would you find his tomb?
7. How many in a baker's dozen?
8. No.617 RAF Squadron is better known as what?
9. What is the Capital City of Latvia?
10. Who discovered Penicillin?
11. What does "T" stand for in the NATO phonetic alphabet?
12. Gordon Sumner is better known as .....?
13. Which Irish hero built the Giant's Causeway?
14. Which famous author hoped to create "a mythology for England"?

### **Give the occupations of the following Dickensian characters:**

15. Mr Bumble (Oliver Twist)
16. Thomas Gradgrind (Hard Times)
17. Jacob Marley (A Christmas Carol)
18. Uriah Heep (David Copperfield)
19. Bill Sykes (Oliver Twist)
20. Sam Weller (Pickwick Papers)

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