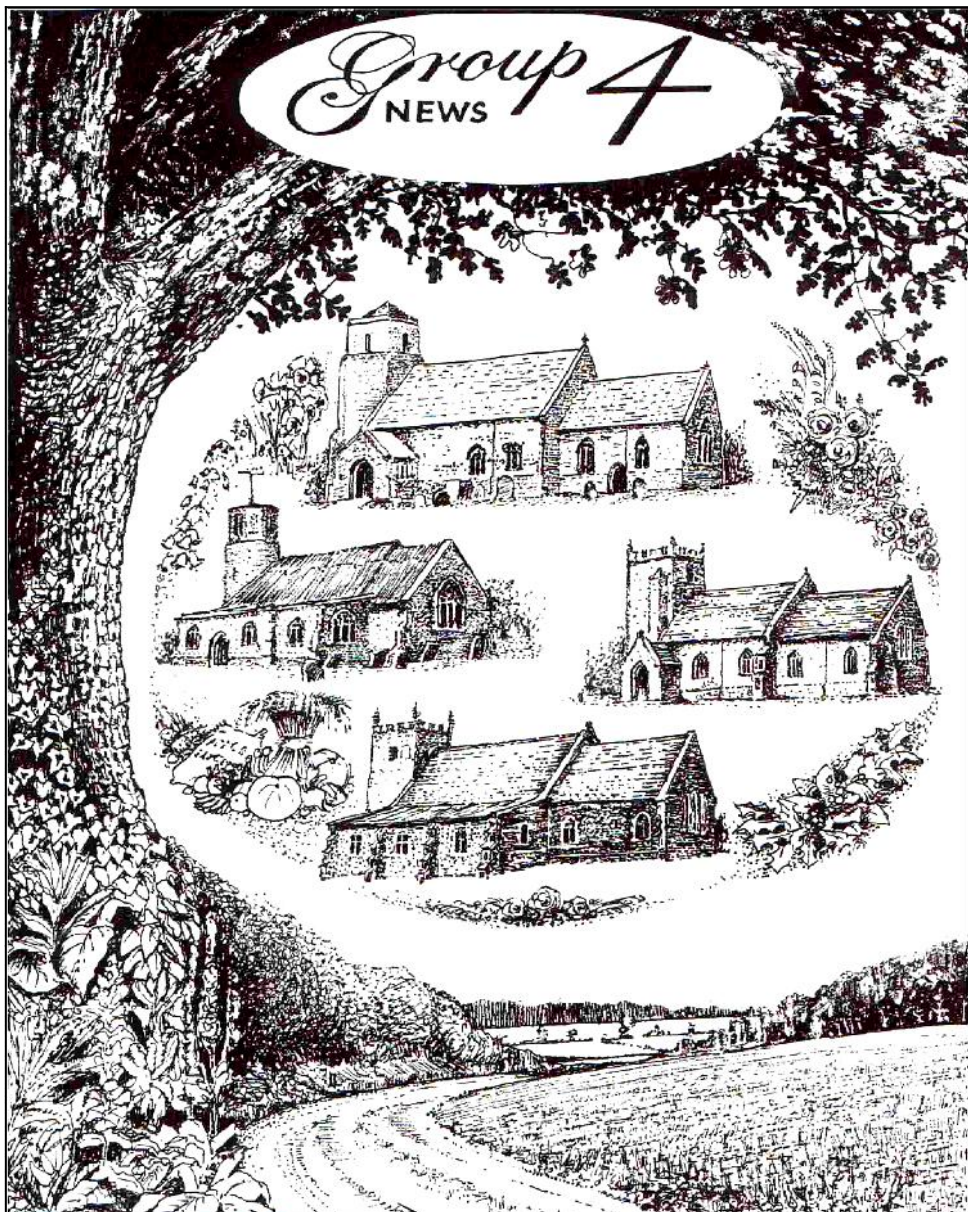


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NEWS



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

**September 2024**

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## WELCOME

Can't believe that this is the September edition already! Must be having fun when time goes so quickly. We are already talking Harvests and thinking about Christmas services.

Please give some thought to those less fortunate than us—whether through poverty, ill health or events beyond their control. Maybe we can help.....

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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## LOST CAUSES?

I felt drawn to write about lost causes for this month's magazine. In particular, about what became known as the Keep Sunday Special campaign against shop opening on Sundays. That became law with the passing of the Sunday Trading Act 1994. So, we've been able to shop on Sundays for the past 30 years. A lost cause? I wonder because the rationale behind the passing of the Act really no longer applies. With so many people now working from home and the re-emergence of deliveries from supermarkets, the need for Sunday opening has largely disappeared. Shopping has become the most 'popular' leisure-time activity. However, in my opinion, Spirituality is only one of a number of reasons why allowing shopping (of all things) seven days a week is harmful. The amount of pollution caused by so many vehicles making their way to supermarkets and other large stores can only be imagined. Together with that produced by the lighting and heating of such large buildings. But there are sociological physiological and psychological reasons why this 'pastime' is harmful in itself. There is a lack of interaction between people when shopping at any self-service store. And the effects on people who are carrying out activities that they really find distasteful (a minority of shoppers actually like doing so). It must be admitted that, for most of our fellow citizens, Sunday is not special but is the 'second half of the weekend'. Despite what many calendars and electronic devices display, Sunday is legally the first day of the week. For the Christian it is the Sabbath which originally meant 'to rest'. The prophet Isaiah wrote call the sabbath a delight (Isa. 58: 13). And Jesus said The sabbath was made for humankind, not humankind for the sabbath (Mark 2: 27). As a change from the workaday routine, it should provide opportunities for self-development. To exercise mind and body that is difficult during the working week. That, surely, must never be a lost cause! When looking for suitable quotes for this article I was surprised find one in the 'lost causes' category from Martin Luther King Jnr. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that. Surprised because whoever compiled these quotations regarded what Dr. King had said to be a 'lost cause'. The Bible is full of wonderful imagery. Among the most poignant are those that distinguish between light and darkness. And those between love and hate. As I write this, the riots during August resulting from a lack of light and a lack of love were still forefront in the minds of those of us who care for those around us. They only stopped because the full force of the law, as one senior police officer called it, was brought to bear. However, one of the most heartening consequences of those violent disturbances was the number of people who counter-protested. Those that took part showed solidarity against oppression and extremist attitudes. They were living in light and love. Again, not a lost cause. *Tony Mills*

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## COUNTRYSIDE NOTES INSECTS September 2024

An insect is described as being any small creature with six legs and a body divided into three parts, many have wings. There are over 24,000 species in Britain. On the good side there are those that pollinate crops, provide natural pest control, decompose waste and recycle nutrients. The baddies cause serious damage to agricultural crops and trees and distress to animals. Either way, without insects the planet's ecological systems would collapse. Compared to a century ago insect populations are estimated to have fallen by more than 90%. When I was a kid the pastures were alive with crickets, the floors of harvest wagons heaved with insects and glow worms shone at night. Not that many years ago if you left the light on after dark in a room with the window open and the curtains not pulled you ended up with it full of assorted moths and other flying insects. A car journey through the countryside resulted in a mass of insects becoming squashed on the windscreen, more than the washers and wipers could cope with, making it necessary to remove them by hand. A method now used to estimate the abundance of insects is to count how many get splattered on car number plates. Recently conservation charities Buglife and the Kent Wildlife Trust asked members of the public to do just this. Compared to a similar survey in 2004, analysis of records from 26,500 journeys across the UK revealed the amount had fallen by over 75%. Of course, there will always be natural fluctuations depending on the weather. This summer has seen an abundance of ants and a dearth of butterflies. The latter have declined by 80% in the last 50 years.

Declining numbers of insects mean there is less food available for the dwindling numbers of airborne insect-eating birds such as swallows, swifts and house martins, as well as bats. Many seed eating birds feed their young partly on insects or their larvae which also play a major part in the diet of many other birds. The little green caterpillars blue tits feed to their young are the larval form of the winter moth. Insects also prey on other insects.

Although the widespread use of agricultural pesticides is inevitably blamed for the decline the reason is much more complex than that. It's the accumulation of a number of factors that include the increase of intensive farming, habitat loss and fragmentation and pollution, particularly in our water ways as many insects hatch from larvae developed from eggs laid in freshwater. Climatic changes are also affecting their distribution and survival. In my personal opinion a contributory factor is that there are now very few mixed farms. The greater variety of habitat the more insects they'll be. The major part of a 50 acre cereal field, even with a conservation headland, is a sterile place but 50 acres of pasture grazed by cattle will be buzzing with life. There's nothing like a cow and its cowpats to attract insects and beetles!

*Jill Mason*

## August 2024 News from the Magpie Centre

Following the Charity Ride held at the Magpie Centre, home of West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled Association in the grounds of Wallington Hall on June 30th, we are delighted to report that the event attracted 70 riders and raised £1,122 for WNRDA.

Said Ellie Head, Chairwoman of Hoofbeats, who organised the ride: "Two of the riders are registered disabled and we were happy to support the Magpie Centre and all the good work it does. We are already looking forward to another successful ride next year!"

And moving from four feet to two, Stephen Riley-Elliot, whose child rides at the Magpie Centre, put in a huge effort to accomplish a 50km Ultra Marathon (Boudicca Way 50k) on July 20th, boosting the Centre's funds by a further £1,175 in sponsorship.

An aspect of the Centre's work, which is gaining momentum, is for home-schooled children, many of whom are on the autistic spectrum, to take up riding. The benefits are not only physical but include increased confidence and enhanced communication skills.

If you wish to explore this option please call the Magpie Centre office on 01553 810202 to request an application form. Once this has been completed and returned, the participant will have an assessment, which lasts about half an hour and is free of charge. If all goes well, the participant will be slotted into a class (maximum 4 riders) of riders of similar ability for regular lessons.

And lastly, our Chairwoman, Bernadette Ford, will be standing down, for personal reasons, at the end of September and we are seeking to appoint her successor. Knowledge of horses and/or of people living with disability, although desirable is not essential. More important is the ability to lead a team including staff, volunteers and the Board of Trustees. This role might suit a newly retired person with management experience. For more details and an informal chat, please call the Centre on 01553 810202.

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## NOTES FROM BARTON BENDISH

“There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about.”

Margaret Wheatley

Traditionally, this is a quiet time in the village. People are on holiday, the Sun is supposed to be shining and there is likely to be a minor invasion of children and grandchildren who can be a bit of a distraction-and a joy of course. The Community Hub continues to attract people who enjoy a bit of company, a chat and the odd cup of tea. Recently, in Norwich, we had a bit of lunch in St Stephen's, a city centre church which runs a community café. We were intrigued by its mission statements, which included, “A place to belong, to share hobbies, to connect, to learn new skills and to be known by a name and not a label.” Couldn't put it better myself. Many have commented on how they feel welcome and accepted. It should be so everywhere but sadly it isn't always. It is one of my weekly highlights where I enjoy the company of people I like and admire. If you haven't tried it yet, please do. We will be pleased to see you. Some of those who come enjoy various Arts and Crafts. Some will be involved in the creation of a wall hanging for St Andrew's. We are always happy to listen to suggestions for activities which the community might benefit from. Let us know if you are aware of any needs which we could help to meet.

Community breakfasts and the pop up café continue to flourish. Eating with your neighbours is one of the best ways there is to get to know them. The last pop up café which raised funds for Tapping House attracted a record number of people. It was a delight to be there and witness the pleasure of people enjoying the company of their friends and some wonderful food. As a result the PCC were able to donate £200 towards the great work done by Tapping House. The next Pop Up café will be raising money for MacMillan.

The community Library continues to be very well used and attracts people into St Andrew's. We continue to benefit from some very generous donations. There is truly something for everyone. We are still waiting with great anticipation for the opening of the Berney Arms café. It will make quite a difference. Families Day at RAF Marham was perhaps a bit of a disappointment. No Battle of Britain Flight or Red Arrows but we can't complain about a display we see for free every year. Everything is growing like mad and the village is a sea of Hollyhocks. Beautiful. And there is the odd mystery such as what manner of bird dropped a huge fish into the field behind us. A Heron perhaps?

There is never a dull moment here and I am profoundly grateful to all those people who put in hours of work to create the events which bring people together and bring so much pleasure to us all.

Andrew



### **St Andrew's Church, Barton Bendish**

Would you like to take part in a creative project?

Our church organ will soon be 150 years old and we would love to celebrate this by creating a wall-hanging to be on permanent display in St Andrew's Church.

We would like to create a "patched" hanging consisting of twenty-four 18" x 18" (46cm x 46 cm) "patched" squares made using any medium - a patchwork stitched design; crochet or knitted; fabric painted; tapestry or indeed any other craft.

The idea is to use your imagination & celebrate Norfolk and what this wonderful county means to you personally.

The blocks must be the same size so that the hanging can be completed once we have enough squares. A small team will be organising the project, but it will be the work of the community showcasing their skills.

For more information, please contact:

Linda

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## **Reflections from Marham—*Brian Ferguson***

This latest article has a theme. I will leave you to discover it as we progress. In my paper I have learnt that after 900 years, St Paul's Cathedral now has girl choristers. Hallelujah!! Jesus would be/ is delighted! In the same spirit he would be delighted that thanks to the campaigning of the Suffragettes not only can ladies vote, they can also be government ministers and MPs....and rightly so. Let us also celebrate the arrival of female Anglican priests., which occurred around 30 years ago. Moving on up, I was privileged in 2015 to attend the service in York Minster when Libby Lane was the first female bishop to be ordained ....the service conducted by the gentle giant Archbishop Sentamu, the Ugandan. And Wikipedia now tells me that almost 30 percent of priests are now women. We are ahead of the game, in my opinion. Politics? Business? Well we have had female Prime Ministers and Global business , like Glaxo, with women as chief executives. So ...let's get back to Marham. Opposite Holy Trinity is the precious ruin of the only Cistercian nunnery in England. When it was built almost a thousand years ago, who gave permission for it to be built? It was Eleanor of Acquitaine, our English Queen , French born.

I suspect you can guess my theme now. And as a nation we are right to celebrate these achievements. In all seriousness, I look forward at some future point to reading how Russia, China, North Korea and others can be led by women. And why stop there? Why not the Arabian countries and Muslim states. It will surely happen ,albeit not in my lifetime. Rome wasn't built in a day. ...can anyone remember Indira Gandhi, leader of the second largest country on earth?.The dream has to be positive.

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6. Brussels
7. Jean Valjean
8. 1958
9. Alan Bean
10. Richard II
11. Shanghai, China
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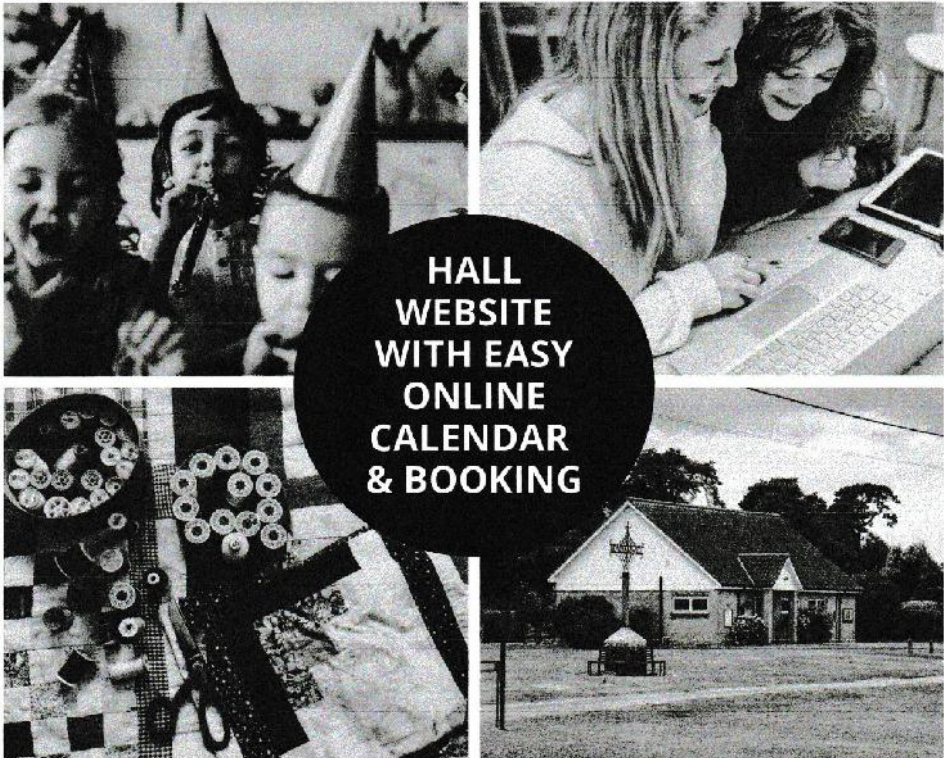
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Jonathan Cooper, Sally Davies, Colin Friend

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No news this month

## ***Sarah Hunt [Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer]***

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## **Wednesday Walkers – August 2024**

The Walkers explored footpaths and bridleways towards the east side of the parish.

Cars were taken to the edge of Swaffham Forest to walk the ride that curves and turns to follow the perimeter bank of the mediaeval Cockley Cley Wood. This boundary bank is clearly visible as it rises several feet on the south side of the ride.

The route turned north at Bridleway 18 to cross yet another but not so defined bank before joining the even older Peddesty or Saltesty track (Bridleway 3). This old road winds across the Brecks and up to the coast, but the Walkers turned west at Warren Farm at Bridleway 24 towards Larch Wood and Bridleway 11, before reaching the metalled road at the arboretum.

The final stretch took the Walkers back to an unnumbered forest ride to hunt for flora and lepidoptera. Gatekeepers Meadow Browns, Speckled Wood, Large Skipper butterflies and a Six-spot Burnet Moth were all spied before the Walkers returned to their cars and so back to the village: an expedition of some three miles on a hot and humid morning.

The Wednesday Walkers will explore again on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> September, leaving Beachamwell Village Hall at 10.00 am. Do come and walk with us, perhaps along public rights of way you have not yet

# BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

## **Beachamwell Village Hall**

Set up for the fete will be on Saturday 30.8.24 from 9.30am. This will be putting gazebos, marquees, bunting and sorting the dog show field out. Hopefully chairs and tables will go in the bar too.

On Sunday morning it will be all hands to the deck moving the bric a brac, setting up the bar, teas and cake and BBQ.

Even if you have not volunteered to help you will be more than welcome. No one will be turned away!

Bakers please bring your goodies on Sunday. Any problems please let me know on 07818453323.

Fish and chips - like after the last fete will need to be ordered and paid for before the day. Information should have been received prior to you receiving Group 4. Again if any problems please let me know.

September's pop up pub is on Friday 27th from 7pm onwards and last orders at 10.45pm.

I do hope that you can help at the fete. Look forward to it being a fabulous and successful day! See you there!!

***Cathy Friend***



# BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

## St Mary's Church



The Lady Aurelia Young gave a talk on her father, Oscar Nemon, on Saturday August 3rd. What a great evening, Aurelia arrived with her husband, Sir George Young, at the village hall at 2.30pm where they were met by representation from both the PCC and the Village Hall. After ensuring that

the technical aspects of the talk would work Aurelia took the opportunity to look around the restoration of the church and was explained to re-ordering improvements that we had planned, including the level access. She expressed great pleasure at seeing the ongoing work.

We had an audience of 40. After deduction of costs the talk raised some £393 for St Mary's, so a massive thank you to all those who purchased tickets for the event. The talk itself was not wholly focussed on Nemon, but also the nature of Beachamwell and the Hall in the mid 20th century. It was an informative, amusing and emotional talk that was very well received. The PCC hoped that the audience enjoyed the prosecco and canapes that were served after the event, they certainly all disappeared.

Now back to church repair from fundraising. Our next service is scheduled on Saturday 14 September at 11am and the October service will be followed by a Harvest Festival lunch, to which all are welcome, watch the notice boards for details nearer the time and the St Mary's Facebook Page."

**Peter Berendt (Church Warden)**

(It certainly was a splendid talk so many thanks to the PCC and the Speaker for all the work they did behind the scenes, it was much appreciated Eileen Powell)



# BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

## Update on the Friends of St Mary's



In November 2022 it was decided that the Friends would suspend their fundraising activities for two years as their involvement was not needed to help the PCC who are undertaking the major refurbishment of the Church. The preliminary stages of the restoration involved the replacement of the roofs and work on the tower and

porch. The PCC have done a very good job keeping progress going, working with the insurers and dealing with the necessary paperwork with the Diocese. The new roofs look splendid.

The next stage of the restoration will involve very careful negotiation with the insurers as the interior of the Church is designed. There may be aspects of the original church building which are no longer needed to be kept (for example there was a memorial to a person who is unknown and no one is able to identify) and savings there can be applied towards other enhancements to make the building viable for the long term future. The PCC have identified as a priority the provision of disabled access which is very welcome. There will also be uninsured work which can be done which will ensure the building can be actively used for a variety of purposes, both religious and secular.

The Friends note that the PCC share this vision for the future of the building which is so central to Beachamwell. In the circumstances the Friends are springing back into action to help. We will hold our AGM as usual in November and will keep the village informed of our fundraising activities. Currently we are focussed on providing funds for the provision of a water supply and drainage with a view to the installation of a WC and small servery, as supported by the majority of those who responded to the village survey and who have attended meetings in the past. There are many steps to be taken before this can progress and we hope we will be able to work constructively with the PCC to explore the best way forward. **Peggy Ray**

## SERVICES FOR WEST NORFOLK PRIORY GROUP

### 1st September

9.30am	Runcton Holme	Holy Communion
10.00am	Shouldham	Morning Prayer
11.00am	Marham	Holy Communion
6pm	Online & Phone	Evening Prayer

### 8<sup>th</sup> September

9.30am	Shouldham Thorpe	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Fincham	Morning Prayer
11.00 am	Marham	Morning Prayer
11.00 am	Stow Bridge	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Watlington	Holy Communion
6pm	Online &Phone	Evening Prayer

### 15<sup>th</sup> September

9.30am	Wormegay	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Marham	Morning Prayer
11.00 am	Shouldham	Holy Communion
6pm	Online & Phone	Evening Prayer

### 22<sup>nd</sup> September

9.30am	Fincham	Holy Communion
9.30am	Tottenhill	Holy Communion (April to September)
11.00 am	Wimbotsham	Holy Communion
6pm	Online & Phone	Evening Prayer

### 29<sup>th</sup> September

**11.00 am United Benefice Service – as Advised ( see notices in church)**

6pm Online & Phone – Evening Prayer

## SUNDAY SERVICES FOR WISSEY VALLEY BENEFICE

### **First Sunday – 1st September**

9.30 am Methwold

9.30 am Wretton/Stoke Ferry

5.00 pm Barton Bendish

6.00 pm Wereham

### **14th Sunday after Trinity**

Holy Communion

Holy Communion

Evensong

Evensong

### **Second Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

9.30 am Methwold

9.30 am Whittington

9.30 am West Dereham

10.00 am Boughton

### **15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

Service of the Word

Service of the Word

Celtic Service

Breakfast church

### **Third Sunday – 15<sup>th</sup> September**

9.30 am Methwold

9.30 am West Dereham

11.00 am Wretton/Stoke Ferry

11.00 am Wereham

### **16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

Holy Communion

Holy Communion

Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival and baptism

### **Fourth Sunday – 22nd September 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

9.30 am Methwold

9.30 am West Dereham

9.30 am Whittington

11.00 am Boughton

Holy Communion

Harvest Informal Breakfast Church

Service of the Word

Harvest Festival

### **Fifth Sunday – 29<sup>th</sup> September**

10.00am Wretton

### **St Michael and All Angels**

Benefice Service



### **Rural Dial - a - Bus**

We offer a Rural Dial - a - Bus weekly service from a variety of villages into local towns. All our vehicles are wheelchair friendly and we provide a door to door service. Please see timetable below for the day of the week each service runs and the destination.

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Beachamwell		Swaffham			
Cockley Cley		Swaffham			
Crimplesham				Downham	
Drymere		Swaffham			
Feltwell					Brandon
Foulden		Swaffham			
Goaderstone		Swaffham			
Hockwold					Brandon
Methwold				Downham	Brandon
Northwold				Downham	Brandon
Oxborough		Swaffham			
Southery	Ely *				Downham
Stoke Ferry				Downham	
Weeting					Brandon
Wereham				Downham	
Whittington				Downham	
Wretton				Downham	

Locations marked with a \* are not every week.

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### **Volunteer Community Car Scheme**

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## BOUGHTON VILLAGE NEWS

### All Saints' Church

There's still time to sign up for the Norfolk Churches Bike Ride – see poster in this magazine. The church will get half of any money you raise and, as they say, 'every little helps'. We've also registered for the EasyGiving fund, as recommended by the Diocese. Many of us shop online, even if it's only the grocery shopping, and there are many shops registered with the scheme who will make a contribution to our fundraising when we do so. It's easy and worth the effort of registering yourself, and you'd be able to help the PCC keep the church in good shape and open. Do you shop online? You can help All Saints, Boughton raise FREE funds by using #easyfundraising when you buy anything from your favourite brands like eBay, Just Eat, Trainline, Argos and Waitrose, Tesco, etc. It's an easy way to support us just by doing what you do anyway and it doesn't cost you a penny extra. Please support us by clicking here: <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/all-saints-boughton/hvliims/ca/aBZKjyjL/A2304/facebook>

I've posted this on the village Facebook pages, so please sign up if you can.

We are still awaiting the report from the church architect – the Quinquennial – to tell us what we need to have done for the general maintenance of the church fabric, on top of the work being done to investigate the causes of the structural problems from earlier in the year. If you can add a little to our funds, it will all help. If – but a regular Direct Debit is also very welcome.

Boughton Church will be open daily from Wednesday to Sunday from the start of September. We hope that you will feel able to find comfort and peace from the space. September services will be Breakfast service on the 8th September and the Family Harvest Festival on the 22nd. If you would like to come to Breakfast Church, please let us know by Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Sept. The Harvest Festival will be a family service, and we hope to see as many of you as possible. Donations of tinned goods can be left in the church porch during the previous week. The collection will be for Farm Africa, as there are many people who need that help. Decorating the church will be on Friday 20<sup>th</sup>, all help welcome from 10am. Please join us for Harvest Supper on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 7 pm – numbers would be welcomed and notification of any food allergies - payment by donation on the day, (not tickets). We look forward to seeing you.

***Pam Wakeling Churchwarden***

## Musings on New Zealand 2 – Seasons and Nature

*There was a misprint in part 1 Languages. It is classed as respectful to call teachers Mr or Mrs, rather than the more formal Sir or Miss. Alternatively it would be using a title and surname. See later for the quiz answers.*

This week I had to get stronger medication for my hayfever - welcome to summer in Boughton. When I first arrived in New Zealand, my hayfever was decidedly reduced. Summer in NZ is the months of December, January and February. I was allergic during spring to some of the grasses but not as bad as my memories of the English countryside, especially the oil seed rape. I was, however, allergic to the NZ Christmas tree which indoors is a different pine not the same smell as England, so we got an artificial tree - apologies to the traditionalists. The tree most associated with Christmas in NZ is the pōhutukawa (pow-hoo-too-kau-uh), which is an evergreen and has a lovely red flower that blossoms in December and is seen on many Christmas cards.

The majority of trees in NZ are evergreen, with native trees such as Rimu, Kauri, Manuka (ma-nu-ka), Kowhai (ko-fai) and Flax. The 'wh' in NZ is pronounced like a 'f'. The thing that I loved, when travelling around, was all the different greens of the trees and bushes. Include the Cabbage Tree and Ferns and the textures were also very different. Sometimes I missed the reds and oranges of Autumn, but you would come across Oaks, Chestnuts, Silver Birches, Walnut and Magnolia planted by people immigrating from their home country. Many of the grape vines were from Germany, Dalmatian coast and Croatia. The national emblem is a Silver Fern, which is a fern tree only found in NZ, with a silver underside. Māori believe it shows strength, resistance and enduring power,

Our Church in Henderson didn't have a harvest festival, whilst I was there. Harvest in NZ would be March, April, May which gets a bit mixed up with Easter. On one hand there are fluffy new chicks, Easter eggs, new birth and resurrection versus thank you for our crops and all those who work on the land.

Auckland is built on 51 extinct volcanoes so rather 'hilly'. The bigger concern was from earthquakes. Actual tremors tend to be felt further down the North Island around Wellington on the west and Napier/Gisborne on the East. Napier had a very large 7.8 earthquake in 1931. The fire that broke out in the city centre caused damage to many of the shops and buildings. The CBD was

rebuilt in the Art Deco style and is well worth a visit and tour. 40km<sup>2</sup> of the sea bed became dry land along the coastline. Many have heard of the two Christchurch Earthquakes in 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 2010 and then 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2011, which the city is just fully recovering from. NZ, due to the seismic activity, has geothermal hot springs, Rotorua and Hamner Springs being two of the most well-known.

The north of the North Island is quite tropical and Auckland tends to be 3 – 5 degrees warmer than Broughton. When we first arrived, we never had frost or ice on the windscreens. Once we had a large ball of ice from a hail storm but that was it. In the last few years, winters have got a bit cooler in Auckland. I had a few iced windscreens in recent years and had to find an old credit card!! I also explained to friends about do's and dont's of cleaning off ice. This would usually be around August. '

The desert road on State Highway 1 in the central north island gets closed with snow. It is about 3500ft above sea level. The 'desert' is that it is a deserted plateau in the mountains. You can go for the day to Mount Ruapehu on the North Island to ski. The better ski areas and more well known are in the central and south of the South Island – Queenstown with Coronet Peak and The Remarkables; Cardona and Treble Cone near Wanaka and Mt Hutt, near Christchurch. The most well-known glaciers are Franz Josef and Fox glaciers on the west of the South Island. NZ is well worth a trip; however, you should allow at least a month. *Moira Saunders*

### Answers to quiz in August magazine

Highlighter pen

Supply teacher

School register

Paper used in class. NZ students supply their own exercise books & paper.

Swimming kit. Word also used in Australia.

Timetable

Rota

Serviettes

Flip Flops. Called Thongs in Australia.

Local corner shop in city, town or village.

Friendship -Walking with a friend in the dark is better than walking alone in the light.

[Helen Keller](#)

### **Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes 2024**

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse whereby gifts are sent to children in need across the world. An opportunity for you and your family to join in the world's largest children's Christmas project by filling shoeboxes with toys, personal care items, school supplies and fun gifts. Pre-printed shoeboxes are available for villagers in Boughton if you wish to send a gift to a child this year for 'What Goes in My Shoebox?' please see website [www.samaritans-purse.org.uk](http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk) where gift ideas and 'items not to be included' can be found. Decide if your gift is for a boy or a girl and the age category and fill your shoebox with a variety of new gifts that a child will love. Then post the suggested donation of £5 for each shoebox you fill in the pre-paid envelope supplied or pay online, secure your shoebox with an elastic band and drop off at Tapestry Cottage, Chapel Road, Boughton before Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

Pre-printed shoeboxes are available to anyone wishing to take part in this year's appeal. They can be collected from Angela on 501335 or boxes can be delivered if more convenient.

**Angela Faherty**

## **WEREHAM VILLAGE NEWS**

### **Monthly activities**

All activities and regular weekly events now also featured in the separate inserted sheet, for Wereham residents. Also details for mobile Library and Post Office. Further details can be found on the website [www.werehamvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.werehamvillagehall.co.uk) and on their Facebook page.

### **Wereham Parish Council**

Next Meeting Date Monday 9th September 2024 at 6.30 pm, Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

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



changed for any reason.

**Wereham Cemetery**, The Row – Interment Area - The Parish Council would like to trace the family/next of kin for some of the interment ashes plots in the Wereham Cemetery as it would like to make improvements Autumn 2024, with gravel inlay and edging. If you are next of kin or know family of those loved ones in the interment area of the Wereham Cemetery, The Row please contact the Parish Clerk, contact details below. The Parish Council would like to seek endorsement from the next of kin for the improvements prior to going ahead.

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

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

Helen Richardson

Wereham Parish Clerk and Finance Responsible Person

Email [werehampc@gmail.com](mailto:werehampc@gmail.com) or Phone/Text: 0779 500 6811

### **WEREHAM SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB – SINGLES COMPETITION**

The final of the Wereham Short Mat Bowls Singles Competition took place on Thursday, 1st August, at Wereham Village Hall. The winner was Mrs Joan Murphy, runner-up was Mr Geoff Smith.

Wereham Short Mat Bowls Club meet at Wereham Village Hall on Mondays, 7:30-9:30pm, and on Thursdays, 2-4pm. New members are welcome (charge per session is £2.50, including tea or coffee and a biscuit bar). For more information please contact Philip Pease on 01366 501330.

**PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?** - The Wereham Village Hall Trustees and Friends of Wereham Village Hall are currently raising funds in order to provide a defibrillator within the Village Hall. This will be an invaluable asset for the whole community. All donations, however great or small, would make

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As part of our fundraising for the defibrillator, we are also holding a raffle for a fabulous Pimm's and Goodies Hamper. The draw will take place during The Village Hall Quiz Night on Saturday, 7th September.

With your help we can reach our target very soon and make this very worthwhile project a reality.

## **ST MARGARET'S CHURCH WEREHAM SUMMER FESTIVAL**

SUNDAY 21st JULY 2024

St Margaret's Church Wereham brought a burst of sunshine to the village with their ever-popular Summer Festival on Sunday, 21st July.

With a great festival team of local volunteers and supporters it made for a great day out for the whole family, with many happy visitors.

There was a wide variety of stalls to keep everyone entertained, including Raffle, Hoopla, Tombola, Hoop Bowls, Horseshoes, Bookstall, Tasty Cakes and Preserves, Produce, Teddy Tombola, 'Turn Water Into Wine' Stall, as well as a great Hog Roast. Many skills were tested by both young and old, and prizes were taken away with big happy smiles on faces.

## **ST MARGARET'S CHURCH WEREHAM SUMMER FESTIVAL**

Inside the Church there was a very popular and beautiful exhibition of wedding dresses, featuring brides attire across the ages.

On the day the festival raised over £1,369 for the benefit of the Church, and the Festival Team would like to thank all of the many local businesses and individuals who kindly donated prizes, as well as the immense energy and enthusiasm of everyone contributing to that success.

The Festival, together with the Open Gardens in June, and the annual cycle ride with the Norfolk Churches Trust in September, these events for St Margaret's Church, help to ensure that it remains open, vibrant and available to all in the heart of the local community. So please don't forget to sponsor

our riders in September - The Wereham Wobblers!

Chris Murray



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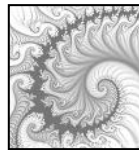
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## Multiple Choice quiz

1. In which city did poet John Keats die: (a) Rome, (b) Paris, or (c) London?
2. Which two states border Florida: (a) Alabama and Georgia, (b) Alabama and Louisiana, or (c) Georgia and Louisiana?
3. The first ever commercial bungee jump took place in which country: (a) South Africa, (b) Australia, or (c) New Zealand?
4. Britain's first black archbishop became bishop of where in 2005: (a) Durham, (b) York, or (c) Canterbury?
5. Who played Colonel Pickering in the 1964 film *My Fair Lady*: (a) Wilfrid Hyde-White, (b) Rex Harrison, or (c) Stanley Holloway?
6. The river Senne flows through which capital city: (a) Amsterdam, (b) Brussels, or (c) Copenhagen?
7. Who is the protagonist of Victor Hugo's 1862 novel *Les Miserables*: (a) Jean Valjean, (b) Jean Piaget, or (c) Jean Seri?
8. When did the British children's television programme *Blue Peter* first air: (a) 1958, (b)1968, or (c)1978?
9. Who was the fourth man to walk on the moon: (a) Mr. Bean, (b) Mr. Darcy, or (c) Mr. Kipling?
10. Who was king during the Peasant's Revolt: (a) King John, (b) Henry III, or (c) Richard II?
11. Where did Disney open a resort on June 16, 2016: (a) Singapore, (b) Shanghai, or (c) Tokyo?
12. What was Charles Dickens' first novel: (a) The Pickwick Papers, (b) The Old Curiosity Shop, or (c) Oliver Twist?

**Answers on page 16**





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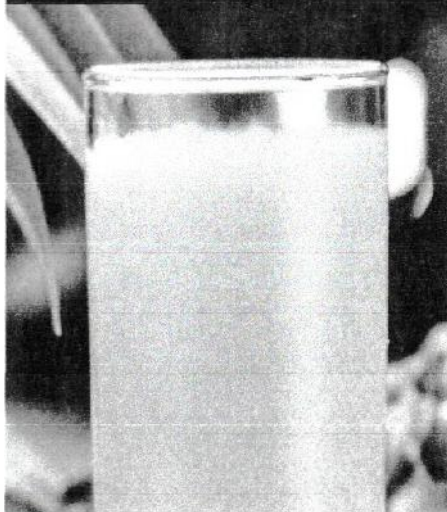
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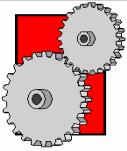
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## **Fincham and District WI**

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14h August 2024

Apologies V Hudson

Thirteen members met in the memorial hall for the August meeting. This being an open meeting, members from Downham Market and Southery WI's also attended.

President, Mrs C Dungay welcomed everyone to the meeting which began with the singing of "Jerusalem."

Minutes of the last two meetings were read, agreed to be correct, and signed.

Matters arising

Christine reported that the Group Meeting went well, although attendance was

disappointing.

The visit to True's Yard was very enjoyable and well worth a visit and Christine

thanked Sandra Amies for organising it.

AOB

The federation autumn meetings are, unfortunately, being held some way away, near Norwich, but two members ( J Fuller and C Dungay,) will attend the meeting at Heathersett.

Speaker for the afternoon was Leonard Priestley, who gave a spirited account of his time as a lorry driver and furniture removal man. He started his working life in 1965his helping mother and father with their mobile shops but soon grew tired of the work and moved onto driving lorries, the prospect of which horrified his father. He worked or Smedleys for a number of years, moving on to establishing his own furniture removal and storage company, a job which he reluctantly gave up after 33 years.Not wishing to retire completely he still, from time to time, at the age of 79, drives minibuses and school buses. Mr Priestley began his talk by declaring that all his stories were true, and very amusing they were, sometimes unbelievably so !

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