

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

April 2014

WELCOME



Hope you enjoy this latest edition of G4N.

Once again, there are so many events taking place in the villages and surrounding area we are spoilt for choice. If you are able to attend any of those advertised the organisers will be more than pleased and appreciate your support.

Please note the change of Library days.

Happy Easter and 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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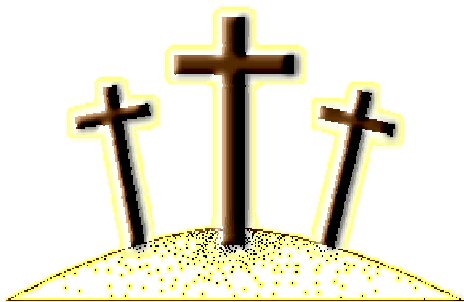
Dear All,

1st April is April Fools' Day and I've been thinking about how many fools there are in the Bible, or at least people who were prepared to be fools for God, and to act in such a way that their contemporaries would have thought them daft. Noah is a case in point. Who in their right mind would think of building a boat so far from water? He must have been ridiculed by his contemporaries and yet he stuck to his purpose and was, of course, proven right when all the rains came.

The biggest fool for God though must surely be Jesus. As he was hung on the cross it must have seemed as if all his work had been for nothing and his life was being thrown away. But he managed to hold on to God's promises, and we know what happened next. So when we find ourselves up against it because we are trying to work for God, and when we start to wonder whether we have the courage to be fools for Him, then we can remind ourselves of the Easter story, a story of new life and new hope, which reminds us that God's love has, and always will, triumph.

May God bless you this Eastertime.

Barbara



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*Happy Easter to all
readers
of G4N*



Whoever said that
diamonds are
a girls best friend..

Never owned a dog.



HOLY WEEK SERVICES



Palm Sunday April 13th

Group Service of Holy Communion

Starting at St Mary's Barton Bendish at 10 am and processing to St Andrew's

Followed by refreshments

Monday April 14th

Agape meal 6.30 pm at St Martin's, Fincham (contact May Pinches 347228)

Tuesday April 15th

Stations of the Cross at All Saints', Boughton 10 am

Thursday April 17th, Maundy Thursday 6.30 pm

Choral service at All Saints', Shouldham. Readings, hymns and choir – 'Nine Lessons for Easter'.

Friday April 18th Good Friday

"At the Cross" 10.30am Holy Trinity Church, Marham Good Friday Meditation

Choral service at St Margaret of Antioch, Wereham. Readings, hymns and choir – 'Nine Lessons for Easter'. 2.30 pm

Saturday April 19th

Easter Vigil with Holy Communion 8 pm at All Saints' Boughton – choral service

Sunday April 20th EASTER DAY

8 am Holy Communion Beachamwell

9.30 am Holy Communion by Extension Barton Bendish

9.30 am Holy Communion Fincham

9.30 am Holy Communion Shouldham Thorpe

9.45 am Holy Communion Shouldham

10.30 am Holy Communion Marham

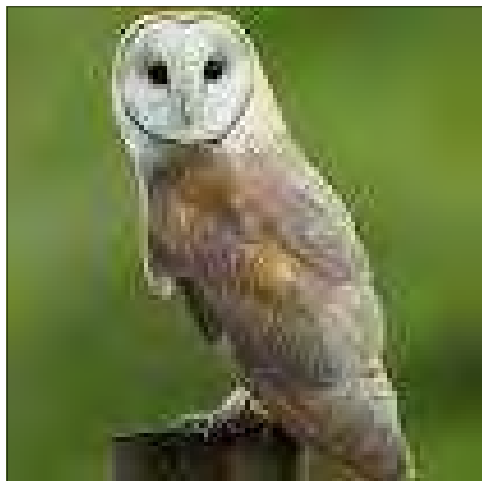
11. 00 am Holy Communion Wereham

COUNTRYSIDE NOTES

Owls

Most people like owls although it can be quite eerie to hear one calling on a still moonlight night. The most recognisable call is 'too – whit too – whoo' but the Tawny owl is the only one to make that sound and it is in fact two owls calling with one answering the other. There are five species native to Britain. Locally three of these species are common, the Tawny, Barn and Little owl. The latter is little larger than a song thrush and is not truly native to this country as it was introduced from the Continent in the late 1800s. Little owls have brown plumage speckled with white and it is quite common to see them sitting out in trees during the daytime. They nest in holes, most often in trees but also sometimes in walls, cliffs, straw stacks and even in the ground. Their diet consists mainly of insects such as moths, cock chafers, crane flies and worms but occasionally they may take small birds and mice.

The white Barn owl can quite often be seen hunting across fields and along roadside verges even during daylight hours.



Close up they are not as white as they appear for their backs are a golden-buff colour. Their call is more like a drawn-out strangled shriek and their diet consists predominately of small mammals such as mice, voles, rats, although they have also been recorded occasionally as taking small birds, moles, fish and even bats. Barn owls nest in old buildings and hollow trees. For decades their numbers have been declining and the trend for cutting down old trees and converting barns

into houses has aggravated the problem. Fortunately they have adapted to using specially designed artificial nest boxes instead. Barn and Little owls prefer open farmland but the Tawny likes to be amongst woodland and normally nests in holes in trees. It feeds on small mammals and will take birds up to the size of a partridge.

The attractive Long-eared owl make its home in coniferous woodland and nests in old squirrel dreys or magpie nests and also occasionally on dunes, marshes and heaths.

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GARDENING TIPS NO 44

What a difference a year makes! This time last year we were all waiting for the winter to go away! This morning as I type this article the sun is shining promising a beautiful spring-like day. However, don't be in too much of a hurry with your tender plants, although the weather may have improved quite early in March there is still time, right the way through into the latter part of May for frost to occur. The early warmth has brought plants in general into their flowering cycle much earlier this year and as a result dead heading – yes, even though it is only April, will be one of the jobs to do this month. In this regard I am thinking mainly of the narcissi family. Early flowering shrubs will also be shedding their blossom so pruning will be another task earlier than usual!

This month we can really start planting almost anything except for the more tender subjects. I have no doubt that those of you with vegetable plots will already have taken the chance to get ahead with quite a lot of work. Conditions now should be satisfactory to plant all of the remaining vegetables with the possible exception of sweetcorn. I have never tried the idea but I suspect that you could bring on your plants initially under glass and then plant them into the cropping situation when the danger of frost has passed. It's a thought that has worked well with other subjects and it could give an earlier crop, subject to growing conditions through the summer months.

Many of the annual flower seeds sown in the greenhouse last month will be ready to prick out into plant trays. With seedlings like antirrhinum and asters I like to plant forty into a large seed tray. This gives them ample room to grow to a size whereby they can be planted out into their flowering positions. Some other plants like dahlias grown from seed need more room to grow and I suggest about eighteen to a large tray. Indeed I often put these, in their seedling state, straight into a 4¹/₂ diam. x 3inch deep (11.5 x 9cm) pot. This gives the young tubers space to grow.

Autumn or even January sown sweet peas should now be ready to go out into their flowering positions. A week or so before planting them out give the soil a top dressing of blood, fish and bone and work the fertilizer into the top few inches of soil. One of the main problems this year where there has been a heavy rainfall through the winter will be leeching. All the wet weather will have drained many of the nutrients out of the upper layer of soil. If you are spring digging your plots then many of the nutrients will be brought back to the surface layer but whatever the case a good application of compost or a general fertilizer like Growmore will not go amiss.

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It's possible to see Short-eared owls locally but they are more commonly found on Northern open moorland where they nest on the ground. Their main diet consists of voles and numbers fluctuate in direct relation to the vole population.

Most species of owl hunt at night. They all possess soft loose plumage enabling them to fly silently. They not only have excellent eyesight but their acute hearing also helps them detect their prey. Because owls eat their prey whole the indigestible parts such as bones and fur are formed into pellets which are regurgitated. Owls sit on their eggs as soon as they are laid therefore the chicks hatch out several days apart. This safeguards the survival of at least one or two if food is scarce as the oldest and therefore the strongest ones survive. Only the female incubates eggs but both parents care for the chicks. When angry or frightened owls will snap their beaks and hiss.

Jill Mason

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Lawns, oh dear, if yours are anything like mine you have a big job on hand! Two of my grass areas suffered somewhat in the very dry period we had last summer. Partly due to the dry conditions, but I subsequently found it was more due to ground based insect life which I shall watch out for more carefully in future. The resultant bare patches, which I could not re-seed last autumn, have developed into severe patches of moss during the wet winter conditions and, my word, they are growing well! Having given the overgrown grass that remains an early cut, I shall use the remedy suggested last month to get rid of the moss. I then will probably have to seed the resultant bare patches to repair the lawns. This brings a problem in its wake as I would normally like to give the lawn areas a spring feed but, it is unwise to treat newly seeded grass in this way! I will report back in due course!

Meanwhile I wish my readers all the best for the new season.

Roy Coughtrey



RECIPE PAGE

Easter Biscuits

4oz margarine

4oz sugar

1 small egg

8oz plain flour

1tsp grated lemon rind

1/4 tsp cinnamon or mixed spice

2oz currants

A little milk



- Cream margarine and sugar together, add beaten egg, flour and rest of ingredients and mix to a stiff dough.
- Roll out 1/4" thick and cut into 4" rounds. Brush with egg white and dredge with sugar (optional)
- Bake until golden brown in a moderate oven.

Simnel Cake

1 6" rich fruit cake - bought or made

1/2 lb marzipan - bought or made

- Cut off 1/3 marzipan and roll out into a round slightly less than the diameter of the cake.
- Cut the cake across the centre and place the marzipan between the two pieces.
- Using half the remaining marzipan, roll out into a round and cover the top of the cake.
- Using the other half of marzipan make 12 small balls—they represent the apostles. Place them evenly around the top edge of the cake. Brush these over with a little egg wash.
- Put into a hot oven until the balls are browned. When cool, pour glaze icing into the centre and decorate with chicks, chocolate eggs etc.



Eileen Powell

HOW CHILDREN PERCEIVE THEIR GRANDPARENTS

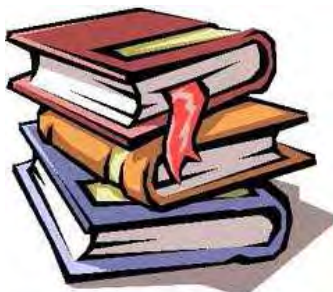
1. She was in the bathroom, putting on her makeup, under the watchful eyes of her young granddaughter, as she'd done many times before. After she applied her lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "But Grandma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye! I will probably never put lipstick on again without thinking about kissing the toilet paper good-bye...."
2. My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 80. My grandson was quiet for a moment and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"
3. After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was THAT?"
4. A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like. "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tyre; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods." The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this all in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"
5. A little girl was diligently pounding away on her grandfather's word processor. She told him she was writing a story. "What's it about?" he asked. "I don't know," she replied. "I can't read."
6. I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colours yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what colour it was. She would tell me and was always correct. It was fun for me, so I continued. At last, she headed for the door, saying, "Grandma, I think you should try to figure out some of these colours yourself!"
7. When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure." "Look in your underwear, Grandpa," he advised "Mine says I'm 4 to 6."
8. A 6-year-old was asked where his grandma lived. "Oh," he said, "she lives at the airport, and when we want her, we just go get her. Then, when we're done having her visit, we take her back to the airport."
9. My Grandparents are funny, when they bend over, you hear gas leaks and they blame their dog.

ADULT TRUTHS

So, so true....

- 1 Sometimes I'll look down at my watch 3 consecutive times and still not know what time it is.
2. Nothing sucks more than that moment during an argument when you realize you're wrong.
3. I totally take back all those times I didn't want to nap when I was younger.
4. There is great need for a sarcasm font.
5. How are you supposed to fold a fitted sheet?
6. Map Quest or Google Maps really need to start their directions on # 5. I'm pretty sure I know how to get out of my neighbourhood.
7. I can't remember the last time I wasn't at least kind-of tired.
8. Bad decisions make good stories.
9. You never know when it will strike but there comes a moment when you know that you just aren't going to do anything productive for the rest of the day.
10. Can we all just agree to ignore whatever comes after Blu-ray? I don't want to have to restart my collection..... again.
11. I'm always slightly terrified when I exit out of Word and it asks me if I want to save any changes to my ten-page technical report that I swear I did not make any changes to.
12. I keep some people's phone numbers in my phone just so I know not to answer when they call.
13. I think the freezer deserves a light as well.
14. I have a hard time deciphering the fine line between boredom and hunger.
15. How many times is it appropriate to say "What?" before you just nod and smile because you still didn't hear or understand a word they said?
16. I love the sense of camaraderie when an entire line of cars team up to prevent a jerk from cutting in at the front. Stay strong, brothers and sisters!
17. Even under ideal conditions people have trouble locating their car keys in a pocket, finding their cell phone and Pinning the Tail on the Donkey - but I'd bet everyone can find and push the snooze button from 3 feet away, in about 1.7 seconds, eyes closed, first time, every time.
18. The first testicular guard, the "Cup," was used in Hockey in 1874 and the first helmet was used in 1974. That means it only took 100 years for men to realize that their brain is also important.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT DOWNHAM MARKET LIBRARY



Norfolk's Great Big Read – Norfolk Narratives 12th April – 19th May

12th April: from 10 – 1pm.

- Display of local history by Downham Heritage Centre
- Town Walk led by local historian Michael Bullen
- Storytelling by Jason Cobley, author of The Legend of Tom Hickathrift

28th April: 2 – 3:30pm Downham Market Library

An illustrated talk by Christine Adams author of Miss Savidge Moves Her House...

from Ware, Hertfordshire to Wells-Next-the-Sea in Norfolk.

Forced by a demolition order to dismantle her beloved medieval house, May Savidge spent the rest of her life rebuilding it.

Booking essential. Tickets £3 (includes refreshments. To book your place please pop into the library or phone us on 01366383073

There will be a range of books which celebrate our beautiful county through the written word available for you to borrow and enjoy.

Jobseeker Support Sessions

- Help with writing CVs and covering letters.
- Information about funding.
- Interview tips and tricks.
- Confidence building.

Sessions with an Advisor will be held weekly on Fridays from 7th March. To book please ask in the library or ring 01366 383073

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT DOWNHAM MARKET LIBRARY

Jobseeker Support Book Collection

Norfolk libraries have a new book collection available to help people in the county who are looking for employment. The collection of books aims to support people with job seeking, during times of unemployment and periods of change. The collection includes titles on Interview skills, writing CVs, job searching, careers, confidence building to titles on starting a business and money management. The full collection of books is available at Norfolk & Norwich Millennium Library, Thetford, Great Yarmouth & Kings Lynn libraries. Downham Market Library will have some titles from the collection available. All of the titles in the Jobseeker Support collection can be reserved free of charge and borrowed for up to 6 weeks. For more information please see....

http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/Leisure_and_culture/Libraries/Library_services/Libraries_for_health_andwellbeing/ncc134496

Baby Bounce and Rhyme Times

Songs and rhymes for children up to 3 years old and their parents/carers are held weekly on Thursdays from 10:30 – 11:00 during term time only.

Storytimes are held during school holidays every Thursday morning from 10:30 – 11:30

All children must be accompanied by an adult

Computer Support

Our volunteers are on hand to help you gain confidence in using computers and the internet. Ask in the library or ring 01366 383073 for more details

Family History

If you would like help with starting to research your family history, or need help with tracing a particularly elusive ancestor, our Family History volunteer will be on hand to help. Phone the library for more information 01366 383073.

Knit and Natter

Absolute beginner? In need of a refresher? Or simply enjoy company while you create your own project. Free and friendly sessions every 1st and 3rd Wednesday in the month – term time only 1:30 – 3pm

INCINERATOR UPDATE

This April the County Council are due to vote again whether to abandon the incinerator. Since the last vote (28th October 2013) much has changed. Last time Council officials incorrectly claimed, ending the contract would bankrupt the Council. Since then emails, from the Government Department responsible for Local Government, showed the threat of bankruptcy was in fact false and at least two cabinet members knew this. Instead of alerting their colleagues they kept quiet and supported the myth of “Financial Armageddon”. Norfolk’s leader has now written to try and pressure Eric Pickles in to making the planning decision before the Council vote. The County officials behind the incinerator are finding it increasingly difficult to justify continuation. At £105 per tonne the ‘Willows’ would be the most expensive incinerator on this scale anywhere in the UK. Official figures show the UK average cost is £78 per tonne. Alternative offers could save up to £8.5M annually if used instead of the ‘Willows’. Even if Norfolk had to pay a ridiculous £20-£30M penalty to abandon the contract it is still much cheaper to get out than pay ‘over the odds’ for 25years. Some authorities negotiated to minimise or avoid expensive compensation clauses. For example, when the Sherwood Forest incinerator failed to get planning permission, Nottinghamshire County Council did not have to pay any compensation; they even managed to recover £2million in legal costs. Those who ‘negotiated’ the ‘Willows’ contract ‘on our behalf’ have some explaining to do. Despite the failure of some councillors, Alex Kemp has stuck to her pledge to fight the incinerator. Some councillors seem to think ‘crossing their fingers’ is a ‘good enough’ effort, they would do well to follow Councillor Kems example; she finally left her party to continue the fight free of the party whip.

More information can be found on:

www.farmerscampaign.org and www.klwin.com.

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WORLD WAR ONE HERITAGE FUND GRANTS



In the year that marks the centenary of one of history's most terrible wars, communities across the land are planning to mark the occasion and commemorate the millions of young lives that were lost.

A new 'World War One Heritage Fund' has been set up by Breckland Council to support local projects that explore, share and conserve the heritage of the First World War in the district.

Grants of up to £500 are available to support a wide range of projects such as documenting the war through film or audio recordings, collecting personal stories and memories of those affected by the war, staging exhibitions, producing books or organising talks.

Guidance notes and application forms are on the Breckland Council

website www.breckland.gov.uk

For more information about the fund, contact:

Breckland Council Communities Officer,

Samantha Patel on 01362 656870;

email samatha.patel@breckland.gov.uk



'FESTIVAL ON THE FARM' IS BACK FOR 2014



Our fantastic 'Festival on the Farm' is back again for 2014!

Once again, its one hundred percent family-focussed, with a terrific range of entertainment for children of all ages and adults too.

Children will love learning to build fires and shelters at the woodland survival camp, there's storytelling and theatre with the Highly Sprung Performance Company and Pif Paf Theatre will bring you bee-guides Bombus and Borage to explore topics such as pollination in a fun, child-friendly way.

There's plenty for adults including original craft stalls and our local food market. You could watch the finale of 'Breckland's Fittest Family', or even try your hand at archery.

We're still putting the programme together and there's lots more to come. We'll be sending out an update nearer the time, or you can keep an eye on the Festival website (www.festivalonthefarm.com) for the latest news.

Festival on the Farm 2014 is on Saturday 26 July, from 10am – 5pm, in the lovely grounds of the Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse. There's acres of space so lots of room for your little ones to run around. You just pay once to get in, and then all the activities are free of charge.



NHS BLOOD AND TRANSPLANT

Give the gift of life this Easter

In the run up to Easter, NHS Blood and Transplant is asking Anglia residents to think about those less fortunate than themselves and give blood, as well as giving gifts and chocolate to friends and family.

According to Derek Carr, Lead Donor Relations Manager for NHS Blood and Transplant for the Anglia area:

“Easter is a time of celebrating new life and what better way to celebrate than to help those who need it, by donating blood. It’s an important time to give, as blood stocks are often more vulnerable around public holidays, when people go away or are busy getting out and about as the weather improves.

“If you have an appointment to donate at an upcoming session, please keep it, especially if you are an O negative and B negative blood donor. If you don’t yet have an appointment booked, please make one to donate in the upcoming weeks and help us to keep stock levels healthy.

“We are always grateful to donors who respond to calls such as this and appreciate that in doing so they do give up some of their precious time. Please bear with us if there are slightly longer waits than normal on session as a result.”

Donors with blood group O negative are typically known as the “universal donor” as their blood can be given to patients with a different blood group. This can prove vital in an emergency situation when there may not be time for an immediate blood grouping test to be carried out

B negative blood is in demand because certain ethnic groups are more prone to particular diseases that require blood, such as sickle cell anaemia and thalassemia and a higher proportion of these ethnic groups are Group B. Group B negative blood can be given to B negative or B positive patients. Just 2% of the population are B negative.

Blood donations are a vital part of treatment for many conditions including cancer and long term illnesses, people involved in accidents and in maternity care. Hospitals across England and North Wales need 7,000 units of blood every day and each unit can save the lives of up to three people.

Anyone aged between 17-65, weighing more than 50 kg (7st 12lbs) and in

NHS BLOOD AND TRANSPLANT

general good health could potentially start saving lives by becoming a blood donor.

There is no upper age limit for donors who have donated in the last two years.

For more information or to book an appointment visit www.blood.co.uk or contact 0300 123 23 23.

For additional information please contact the NHS Blood and Transplant press office by calling 01923 367600.

For urgent, out-of-hours enquiries please call 0117 969 2444.

1. NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT) is a joint England and Wales Special Health Authority. Its remit includes the provision of a reliable, efficient supply of blood and associated services to the NHS in England and North Wales. It is also the organ donor organisation for the UK and is responsible for matching and allocating donated organs

2. Donors can search for sessions, change their contact details, book appointments and change/cancel their appointments in real time on www.blood.co.uk

3. There are apps available for Android and Apple Smartphone and tablet devices which enable donors to search for their nearest blood donation session

4. NHSBT's donor line - **0300 123 23 23** - is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week with all calls charged at the standard local rate, even from mobile phones

5. NHSBT collects 1.8 million units of blood each year from over 23,000 blood donation sessions in more than 3,000 venues

6. Hospitals in England and North Wales need around 7,000 units of blood every day to treat patients with a range of health issues

7. Only four per cent of the eligible population are active blood donors

8. A unit of blood is measured as 470mls (or just under a pint)

9. There are four main blood groups – O, A, B and AB. Group O is the most common and therefore the most in demand. Over 95% of the blood collected is processed into its main components – red cells, platelets and plasma. A regular supply of blood is vital – red cells last 35 days and platelets only 7 days

10. Female whole blood donors can give blood every 16 weeks, while male blood donors must wait 12 weeks between donations. Platelets can be donated every 2 weeks



Oxburgh Hall - What's On 2014

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To avoid disappointment, please book events in advance on 01366 327242, unless otherwise stated. A small booking fee applies to bookable events.

APRIL

Easter Holidays

**House, Gardens and Estate open every day during school holidays 7 - 22 April
11am - 5pm.**

Easter-themed trail in the Hall, plus outdoor games and other activities in the grounds.

Normal admission.

Easter Egg Trails 19, 20, 21 April

Join in the Easter fun with Cadbury Easter Egg Trails on Easter Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Normal admission, £2.00 per trail.



Wednesday April 9th

1.00 — 3.30

5.00 — 7.00

**Swaffham Assembly
Rooms
Market Place
PE37 7AB**



Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Monday 7th April

7.30 pm

Swaffham

Community Centre (Meeting Room)

Admission Charges:Free

**In aid of: Swaffham and District
Swimming Pool Association (S.P.A.)**

**Just turn up – no need to book –
Everybody is welcome**



The Breckland Society

Friday April 11th

6.00—8.00

A Guided Walk Around the Historic Parkland of the Euston Estate

Members: £5.00

Non-members £8.00

Booking is essential

Sue Pennell 01366 328452

info@brecsoc.org.uk



Music for Piano, Flute and Oboe

**Martyn Clarke, Phyllis Clarke and
Terry Edwards**

Sunday April 13th 3.00

Swaffham Assembly Rooms

£7.00 for members: £10 non-members

Accompanied children free

Tickets from

Green Parrot 01760 724704

Ceres Bookshop 01760 722504

Enquiries

Eileen Powell 01366 328648

EAST ANGLIAN REGIONAL HANDBELL TEAM

Saturday April 26th

2.30 pm

The Green Britain Centre
(formerly the Eco Centre)

Swaffham

01760726100

Tickets £5 available at the door or
from the centre of Swaffham

Hospice Concert includes the
Phoenix Ladies' Choir

This is a rare opportunity to see a
large gathering of handbells
covering five octaves.

Nar Valley Ornithological Society (NarVOS)

Tuesday 29th April 7.30pm

The Barn Theatre

Sacred Heart Convent School, Swaffham.

Access and parking from Sporle Road.

An illustrated talk by

Mike Edgecombe

25 Years of Birding in the Oriental Region

Brought up in Cheshire Mike Edgecombe later moved east to Norfolk and in the nineties developed a keen interest in birds somewhat further east, namely Asian ornithology. Mike is a Council Member and Promotions Officer with the Oriental Bird Club. Widely travelled across Asia and the Far East Mike is well qualified to entertain us with his presentation about the Orient

Visitors most welcome. Admission £2 on the night if you are not a NarVOS member

Enquiries: Ian Black 01760 724092

Wereham Pop-Up Café



**Tuesday
April 1st**
10.30 to 12.00

Fresh coffee/tea,
home-made cakes, sit and read
papers or have a natter....



Just £1.00.



All proceeds go to Village Hall.

Beachamwell Book Group

Tuesday April 1st

7.00 - 9.00pm

Beachamwell Memorial Hall
Book to be discussed at this meeting

'Miss Savidge Moves Her House'
Christine Adams with
Michael McMahon

£2.00 + Bring & Buy Bookstall
New members welcome

Enquiries:
Leah Spencer 01366 328536

Beachamwell Wednesday Walkers

Wednesday April 2nd

Meet at 10.00am outside
Beachamwell Memorial Hall

Walk will be approximately
2 hours

Dogs to be walked on a lead

Enquiries:
Sue Pennell 01366 328452

Wereham Weekly Cash



Wereham Village Hall
Wednesdays
Doors open 6.45 pm
Eyes down 7.30 pm

Raffle and Refreshments
with complimentary biscuits



Enquiries: Roger Collins
01366 500088

All proceeds go to Village Hall
Registered Charity Number 1151336 Wereham Village Hall

Wereham Messy Church

April 3rd 4pm - 5.30pm

Starts in the church followed by activities and a free meal in the Village Hall

We hope you enjoyed the first Messy Church on Feb 27th. The next one will have an Easter theme and will be on April 3rd. It will again be informal, fun and enjoyable. It will include stories, singing, activities and FOOD (yes Easter Eggs too!). Don't miss it. We are looking forward to seeing you there. ALL WELCOME.

Please put the following dates in your diary

5th June

25th September

27th November

Look out for further details.

To book places or for further information please ask Debbie or Ian Rye telephone 502083 or call in at The Old Chapel by the pond.



Beachamwell WI

Thursday April 3rd

7.30pm

Beachamwell Village Hall

'Hats and Trimmings'
Mrs Pauline Main

Enquiries:
Jenny Gabrielsen 01366 328297

Barton Bendish Film Club

Kindly Sponsored by davidmasonimages.com



Proudly Presents:

'Philomena'

The 2013 film based on a true story. A world-weary political journalist picks up the story of a woman's search for her son, who was taken away from her decades ago after she became pregnant and was forced to live in a convent. Starring Dame Judi Dench and Steve Coogan. Running Time 98 mins

Friday 4th April 7.30pm

Village Hall

Tickets £4 in advance £5 on the door

Raffle and Refreshments

Box Office: 01366 347849

email: cinemabarton@gmail.com

BEACHAMWELL

WALKING WEEKEND

Saturday April 5th & Sunday April 6th

Guided walks – long, medium & short
10.00am, 10.30am and 2pm (Free)

Exhibitions & Displays (Free)

Village Hall 10am – 4pm

Refreshments

Mark Cocker

"Meet the Neighbours: the Wildlife Around Us"

Saturday 5 April, 7.30pm,

Beachamwell Memorial Hall

Tickets: £6 inc glass of wine/soft drink

Enquiries: Philip Spencer 01366 328536

www.exploringourfootpaths.co.uk

Beachamwell

Vestry Meeting and AGM

Tuesday April 8th

7.00pm

Memorial Hall

Enquiries:

Sonia Williams 01366 328774

Fincham

Coffee Morning

Wednesday April 9th

10.00 - 12 noon

St Martin's Fincham

Enquiries:

May Pinches: 01366 347228



Beachamwell

Scrabble

Wednesday April 9th

2.00 - 4.00

Orchard House, Beachamwell

Enquiries:

Sonia Williams 01366 328774

Beachamwell

"Pop Up" Pub

Friday 11th April

6.30 pm onwards

Beachamwell Memorial Hall



Bring your friends

Licensed Bar with selection of beers,
wines and bar snacks

Enquiries

Susie Davis 01366 328249

*A Beachamwell Memorial Committee
Event*

Beachamwell Afternoon Tea and a Chat.....

Wednesday

April 16th

2 - 4pm

**Beachamwell
Memorial Hall**

Enquiries

Graham & Sonia Williams
01366 328774

Barton Bendish

Family Coffee Morning

Easter Saturday

April 19th

10am-Midday

Village Hall

Children's and Adult's Competitions
For

Easter Bonnet or Boy's/Man's Easter
Hat, Easter Egg, Tombola

Produce stall, Cakes, Raffle, etc

Any Donations very welcome

Please come along and join in the fun

In Aid of the Village Hall

Enquiries:

Jill Mason 01366 347928

Beachamwell

Craft Group

Thursday April 24th

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

All welcome.

Enquiries:

Leah Spencer 01366 328536

Beachamwell

Horticultural Society

Friday 25 April 7.30pm

Memorial Hall

'A Birder's Year in Norfolk'

Allan Hale

Talk with slides

£2.50 including refreshments

Enquiries:

Carole Wilson 01366 328628

Wereham

Car Boot Sale

Sunday April 27th

Café from 8am

Bacon butties, cakes & drinks

Children's playground,

Book Stall

Enquiries:

Nikki & Chris 01366 501111

07789695783

Wereham Village Yard Sale

Sunday May 4th

**Maps on sale in
Village Hall**

Tea, Coffee, Cakes

Hall opens at 8.15

Yards open at 9.00

**Enquiries
Jacqueline
01366 500 880**

Beachamwell Half Marathon **Sunday May 4th**

**Set off 9.00 from
Beachamwell Memorial
Hall**

**Enquiries
Brian & Carole Wilson
01366 328628**

BEACHAMWELL Coffee Morning and Plant Sale

**Saturday 10th May
10 am – 12 noon**

**Orchard House
The Street
Beachamwell**

All proceeds will be used to give a
donation towards the
floral arrangements at the Festival
of Flowers
to be held in Beachamwell in July

**Enquiries:
Sonia Williams: 01366 328774**

Boughton



**The Great British Fish
& Chips Supper**

**Friday 16 May 7.30pm
Village Centre**

Enjoy an evening of traditional British
Fayre, a Norfolk Quiz thrown in and
help support a worthy cause

Tickets £10.00 each

(Fish, Chicken, Sausage or Scampi)

Tea/Coffee/Soft Drinks included

Booking is essential

Enquiries: Debbie 502224 or Peter 500044

The Great British Fish & Chips Supper is all
about getting together, having fun and raising
money for the Spinal Injuries Association, so
please come and join us

'A Boughton Village Caravan Production'

Beachamwell

Annual Parish Council Meeting

7.00pm

Parish Council Meeting

7.30

May 12th

Barton Bendish

Annual Parish Council Meeting

7.00pm

Parish Council Meeting

7.30

May 21st

Barton Bendish

Coffee Morning

Saturday 17th May

10.30

We will be holding a
Coffee Morning in aid of
St Andrew's Church in the
village hall.

All donations of cakes and raffle
prizes will be gratefully received!

Enquiries;

Mhari Blanchfield: 01366 347849

Linda Webster: 01366 347563

Shouldham

Spring Quiz

Saturday May 17th

7pm

Village Hall

Tables of up to 6 persons, £3.50
per person. Please bring your
own refreshments.

Proceeds to All Saints' Church
funds - new tables always very
welcome

Enquiries:

Brian and Ann Hullah

01366 347814

Fincham Chorus Present

'Lost Voices'

Music from WW1 & WW2

Saturday 28th June

7.30 pm

The Parish Church of St Peter and
St Paul, Swaffham

Supported by King's Lynn Male Voice
Choir

Cy Paine and the Downham Market
Swing Orchestra

Special Guest Appearance by Richard
Spendlove MBE – broadcaster

Tickets £10 including refreshments
Available from Fincham Stores

FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS

SATURDAY 26TH & SUNDAY 27TH JULY 2014



This year's Festival of Flowers, which will again be held jointly with Barton Bendish, will be held in St Mary's Church, Beachamwell.

The theme will be "Celebrations and Commemorations" as there are many events that people would like to celebrate and this year thoughts will also be with the commemorations of the start of The Great War in 1914. We hope many of you will feel able to get involved in this event and a circular will be sent out in the Spring asking for people to take part both with making a floral arrangement or by helping in other ways.

It is not essential to keep to the theme if you would rather not and we will be delighted to have offers of all types of flower arrangements. We would particularly like to hear from some-one who is willing to make our war memorial look very special.

Beachamwell	Sonia Williams	01366 328774 williamsoldies@gmail.com
Beachamwell	Gill Sanderson	01366 328818
Barton Bendish	Linda Webster	01366 347563 linntim@btinternet.com
Barton Bendish	Mhari Blanchfield	01366 347849 Mhari.blanchfield@gmail.com

NOTICE

**THIS DEPARTMENT REQUIRES NO
PHYSICAL FITNESS PROGRAM.**

**EVERYONE GETS ENOUGH EXERCISE
JUMPING TO CONCLUSIONS, FLYING
OFF THE HANDLE, RUNNING DOWN
THE BOSS, KNIFING FRIENDS IN THE
BACK, DODGING RESPONSIBILITY,
AND PUSHING THEIR LUCK.**

SOMETHING TO DO TO KEEP THOSE GREY CELLS ACTIVE!

1. Johnny 's mother had three children. The first child was named April and the second child was named May. What was the third child 's name?
2. There is a clerk at the butcher shop, he is five feet ten inches tall and he wears size 13 sneakers. What does he weigh?
3. Before Mount Everest was discovered, what was the highest mountain in the world?
4. How much dirt is there in a hole that measures two feet by three feet by four feet?
5. What word in the English language is always spelled incorrectly?
6. Billy was born on December 28th, yet his birthday is always in the summer. How is this possible?
7. In California, you cannot take a picture of a man with a wooden leg. Why not?
8. What was the President 's name in 1975?
9. If you were running a race and you passed the person in 2nd place, what place would you be in now?
10. Which is correct to say, "The yolk of the egg are white" or "The yolk of the egg is white"?
11. If a farmer has 5 haystacks in one field and 4 haystacks in the other field, how many haystacks would he have if he combined them all in another field?

Answers

1. Johnny of course
2. Meat
3. Mount. Everest; it was always the highest despite not having been discovered.
4. There is no dirt in a hole.
5. Incorrectly
6. Billy lives in the Southern Hemisphere
7. You can't take pictures with a wooden leg. You need a camera to take pictures.
8. Same as is it now - Barack Obama.
9. You would be in 2nd. Well, you passed the person in second place, not first.
10. Neither, the yolk of the egg is yellow
11. One. If he combines all of his haystacks, they all become one big one.

BARTON BENDISH & EASTMOOR VILLAGE NEWS

Swaffham Community Hospital League of Friends Spring Envelope Appeal

In this copy of G4 you will find an envelope in which, if you wish, you can put a donation, it will be collected during April. If I miss anyone you are welcome to drop the envelope through my letter box at: 20, Fincham Road, Barton Bendish. Through your generosity last year I collected £206 which went towards buying equipment not covered by the NHS. Many thanks in anticipation.

Maureen Buck

History of Barton Bendish Talk

David Mason's historical talk on Barton Bendish was again a complete sell out. Over 60 people gathered in the village hall to hear David talk about various aspects of life in our village over the last 200 or so years. Familiar family names from the past, photos of days gone by and memories shared by members of the audience all made for a most interesting and entertaining evening which was enjoyed by everyone. We are very grateful to David and Jill for all their hard work in putting together such a professional presentation of all the various pieces of information that they have gathered. We thank them for the opportunity of looking into the past here on our doorstep. Thank you to everyone who donated raffle prizes and to those who helped with the refreshments. Thank you to all who came to the talk and helped raise £300.

Mhari Blanchfield and Linda Webster

Barton Bendish Film Club

'Philomena' at Barton Bendish Village Hall on Friday 4th April 7:30pm. A comedy/drama based on the book, The Lost Child of Philomena Lee by Martin Sixsmith. It tells the true story of Philomena Lee's 50-year search for her son taken from her at birth after she became pregnant; being then forced to live in a convent. Nominated for numerous awards, directed by Stephen Frears with a cast including Dame Judi Dench, Steve Coogan and Anna Maxwell Martin. Running time 98 minutes. Tickets £4 in advance £5 on the door; with refreshments and raffle.

Please call Box office: 01366 347849 or email: cinemabarton@gmail.com or see our website at <http://bartonbendishfilmclub.btck.co.uk>

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Easter Coffee Morning April 19th 10am – 12noon: Please bring along the family and join in the fun. It is in aid of the Village Hall to help with not only paying the inevitable annual costs of water, electricity, insurance and public entertainment licence but also towards further improvements. It is planned to purchase a dozen or so plastic chairs suitable for use outdoors (much needed) and a hand trolley which will make moving stacks of chairs about a lot easier.

As I've said before we are really lucky to have such a good village hall in which to hold the variety of events which appear on the village calendar each year so please give us your support and call in. There will be a raffle, cake stall etc and a few things for the kids to do and don't forget to bring along your Easter Hat (even if it's the same one brought last year) because as usual there will be a small prize for the winner of each category including the gentleman's for which there has been no entries for the last three years. Come on Alan!

Donations of Easter eggs, cakes, produce and raffle prizes will of course be much appreciated.

Jill Mason (01366 347928)

Coffee Morning May 17th 10.30am

We will be holding a Coffee Morning in aid of St Andrew's Church in the village hall. All donations of cakes and raffle prizes will be gratefully received!

Mhari Blanchfield and Linda Webster

Gardens Open Day June 29th

This is one of the main fund raising events for the church and it would be nice to have one or two new gardens open this year. They don't have to be big, fancy or showy, so if you feel that you would like to join in or help in any other way, you will be very welcome. I know it seems a long way off but it is surprising how quickly it comes around. For further details please contact

Maureen Tasker (01366 347432)

Quiz Sheet: They're still available although please note that they have to be returned to Linda by Friday April 11th. Re the answer to Question 20 'Noel Coward's spirit' the answer can be of either five or six letters.

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WWI Commemorations in Barton Bendish

We are close to finalising plans for the Social Evening on August 2nd to commemorate the centenary of the start of WWI in aid of Help for Heroes. This is the closest weekend date to the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of WWI for Britain. We plan to have a selection of snacks and drinks typical of several of the combatant nations. We will enjoy a singsong of some favourite songs of the period with Tom Golden providing the musical accompaniment. There will also be an optional quiz about the war and those involved and we will have some factoids of interesting, relevant and amusing facts from the era.

We would also like to have some personal input if anyone has a letter or diary from a father, uncle, or other relative who served, that they would like to read out. Please contact us.

Poppies

It is not too late to sow our Flanders Poppy seeds. If you have a good site where many people could see them and need seeds, then please call us to obtain them. We hope to have a good display this summer.

Val McAlister (01366 347570) or Maureen Buck (01366 347703).

Flower Rota

March: No flowers in Lent (6 weeks before Easter)

April: All arrangers please – Church fully decorated for Easter.

Forthcoming Dates

April 4th Barton Bendish Film Club presents 'Philomena' 7.30pm

19th Easter Coffee Morning 10-12noon in the village hall.

May 17th Coffee Morning 10.30 in the village hall

June 29th Village Open Gardens

July 13th Jazz Picnic

26th & 27th Flower Festival at St Mary's Church, Beachamwell

August 2nd WW1 Commemorations

September 27th & 28th Art and Craft Exhibition

November 20th & 21st Wreath Making Workshop in the village hall

December 6th & 7th Hall of Stalls and Christmas Tree Festival

7th Cringle at 3pm in St Andrews Church

13th Victorian Evening of Christmas Entertainment

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St. Mary's

We now have a small notice board in the south east corner of the churchyard facing The Street. This will be erected for a few days before our fortnightly Services and will state whether the Service is a Family Service or Holy Communion. I would like to emphasise that families and children are extremely welcome at both Services.

As you know the porch roof is urgently in need of repair and we are trying to raise just over £12,000. We are raising money as quickly as possible and applying for grants from various sources. We are also planning some fund-raising events specifically for the porch roof and we have the opportunity to add to our funds by organising the refreshments on Saturday 5th April during the Connecting Threads Walking Weekend. If you are able to help serve refreshments in Beachamwell Memorial Hall between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on that Saturday I will be very pleased indeed to hear from you. We will also be extremely pleased if you have time to make a cake or small cakes for this occasion. (We are happy to freeze cakes in advance)

We have five events for your diary and look forward to seeing you there:-

Saturday 10th May: Coffee Morning and Plant Sale at Orchard House, The Street.

Beachamwell 10 a.m. – 12 noon to raise money to help fund the floral displays at the Festival of Flowers in July. If you have any plants you can spare I will be very pleased indeed to have them for the plant stall.

Sunday 4th May: Beachamwell Half-Marathon – Please support the Half-Marathon by either taking part, sponsoring a participant or coming to support the runners, walkers and cyclists when they set off from the Village Hall at 9 a.m. Carole and Brian Wilson will be particularly pleased to hear from you if you are able to act as a marshal.

Sunday 1st June: Open Gardens Day – A large variety of gardens will be open, there will be Organ Recitals in the Church, Ploughman's Lunches, Afternoon Teas with Live Music in the Old Rectory Garden, a variety of Stalls, Raffle and Tombola

Saturday 26th July and Sunday 27th July: The Festival of Flowers. This will again be organised jointly with Barton Bendish. To be held this year in St Mary's Church, Beachamwell from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. (next year at St Andrew's Church, Barton Bendish). Flower Displays in the Church with the theme "Celebrations

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and Commemorations”, Refreshments, Plant Stall, Decorative Garden Ironwork Stall, Hand-Made Jewellery, Second Hand Books, Greetings Cards and much more

Don't forget our two regular monthly events Scrabble on Wednesday 9th April from 2 – 4 p.m. at Orchard House, The Street, Beachamwell. (01366 328774) and Afternoon Tea and Cakes on Wednesday 16th April in Beachamwell Memorial Hall from 2 - 4 p.m.

Graham Williams Churchwarden

Flower Rota April

6th Carole Wilson [*Lent Brass only*]

13th Brenda Branch [*Lent Brass only*] [*Palm Sunday*]

20th Several People [*Easter Sunday*]

27th Karen Butler & Jeanne Flynne

Eileen Powell

Afternoon Teas

What a pleasure it was to see such a wide age range of people enjoying 'Afternoon Tea and Chat'. The children were a credit to their parents – so well behaved and thoroughly enjoying themselves.

This social event is part of the Village calendar. Well organised, very relaxing and a chance to catch up with everyone. Well done to all concerned.

Eileen Powell

In February the monthly Afternoon Tea in Beachamwell coincided with half-term and a number of children came along with parents and grandparents to enjoy a piece of cake and a drink in the village hall. This was a golden opportunity for villagers of all ages to get together and a big thank you must go to Sonia and Gill for making everybody feel so welcome.

Leah Spencer

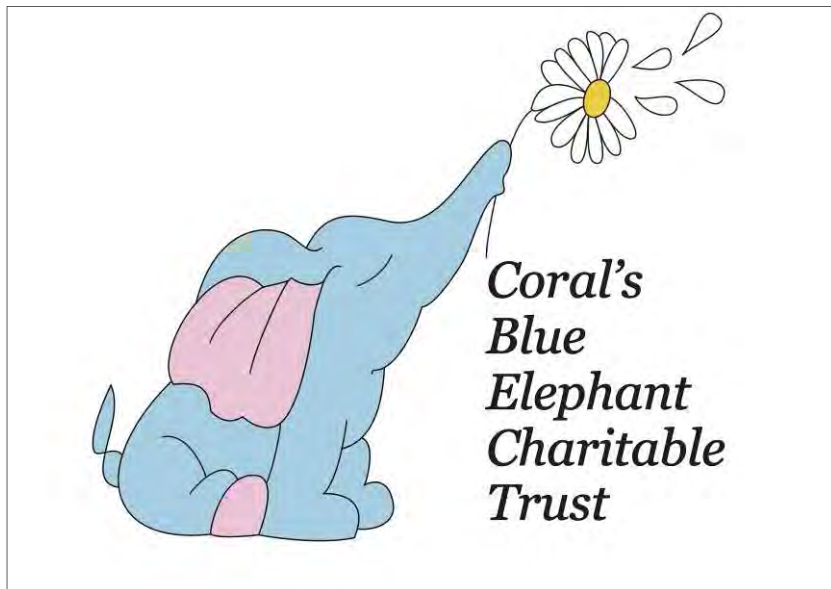
Mobile Post Office

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 11.15 - 12.00

Some changes are due to take place in the near future. We will let you know the details asap.

BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

Coral's Blue Elephant Charitable Trust



Our charity was set-up after the sudden death of Coral Pierpoint-Regan on 28th November 2013.

This charity was Coral's dream and with your help we want to raise lots of money to help research into congenital heart disease and it's causes and heart disease in children and young adults.

After Coral had a heart transplant in 2009 we also learned how a transplant can affect a family. Because of this, any money raised will also go to helping children and their families after having any transplant.

Coral had her wish granted in 2011. She and her sister Ayesha swam with dolphins in Florida and these fantastic moments have given our family many cherished photographs and memories, we would like to do the same for others.

Coral touched every person she met so please help us to help others.

LOOK OUT FOR UPCOMING EVENTS! Please don't hesitate to contact us if you would like to help or if you have any ideas for fundraising.

Tracey and Ayesha Pierpoint 01366 328321

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Beachamwell Memorial Hall

The AGM of the Beachamwell Memorial Hall Committee took place on Tuesday 11 March. As chairman, Peter Garner gave a report on how the committee has worked throughout the year to improve the village hall and to provide events that have a social focus, as well as raising funds e.g. the Barn Dance, Quiz and Pop Up Pub. Judith Batchford gave her treasurer's report and Susie Davis the secretary's annual report. All committee members are to serve another year.

In the discussion that followed the formal business, there was very positive feedback on the current state of the hall and the committee was thanked for their hard work. There were a lot of ideas as to how we can make this year's Fete and Country Fair (31 August) bigger and better than ever before. If you have ideas please let us know.

Peter Garner (Chair), Susie Davies (Secretary), Judith Blatchford (Treasurer), Mike Walker, Jayne Frost, Leah Spencer

Walking Weekend - Not just for Walkers!

Even if you don't fancy stretching your legs on one of the guided walks during the weekend, it's still worth coming along to Beachamwell Memorial Village Hall to see the interesting range of material on display at the free exhibition celebrating the culmination of the year-long Connecting Threads project.

On view will be copies of old maps showing the routes of paths in the past; records and details of all the walks made by the Wednesday Walkers throughout the year; a photographic exhibition of 20 framed prints chosen by popular vote; and a selection of short videos showing local footpaths. Memories of walking in Beachamwell in the past have been recorded, and the Connecting Threads quilt, stitched by local needleworkers, will be on display. Free copies of a new Beachamwell footpath map, drawn and illustrated by Mark Powell, will be available.

The exhibition is open from 10am to 4pm at Beachamwell Memorial Hall, Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 April.

Refreshments by St Mary's Church and Beachamwell WI.

For more information Tel: 01366 328536 or visit

www.exploringourfootpaths.co.uk

Philip Spencer

BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

Wednesday Walkers

We met at 10am Wednesday on 5 March. The sun shone and we enjoyed a wonderful walk through Stambles Plantation across to the old Methodist chapel at Shingham, then on to the Lodge on the warren and back home. On our way we saw our first wild violets of the year and heard skylarks singing overhead. As we approached Beachamwell we saw a pair of buzzards circling in the thermals high above the trees. How lucky we are!

Leah Spencer and Sue Pennell 01366 328452

WI

We had a most interesting talk at the March meeting 'From Pigs to Packaging via Oil Lamps'. Richard Wright is a local farmer who talked about the history of his family farm, the highs and lows of farming and the challenges that he is facing now. His enterprising oil lamps were superb and his new unique packaging is amazing.



We hosted the Nar Valley Group meeting with Leziate WI on March 12th - another successful event so thanks to all concerned. Don't forget, you will be very welcome to join us at the next

event, so think about it. ***Eileen Powell***

Parish Council

The Annual Parish Meeting and the Parish Council Meeting will take place on Monday 12th May at 7.30 in the Memorial Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you have any items for the agenda please give them to me in writing at least a week before the meeting.

As always if you have a query or a problem, you can consult any of the Councillors at any time – they are more than willing to listen and help if they can.

Eileen Powell (Parish Clerk)

The bottle bank is to be moved from the present site to the hard pad by All Saints Way on 1st June.

John Adcock (Parish Chairman)

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS - Please note changed days/times

DATE	VILLAGE	LOCATION	TIME
Tuesday April 15th	Barton Bendish	Hattersley Gardens	9:55 am
	Beachamwell	Old Post Office	10:15 am
	Drymere	Telephone Kiosk	10.40 am
	Boughton	Mill Hill Road	14.20 pm
Monday April 14th & 28th	Wereham	The Pit	9:30 am
		Queen's Close	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

VILLAGE BUS SERVICES

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

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

FARMERS' MARKETS

Ely	Second and Fourth Saturday 8:00-2:00pm
Fakenham	Fourth Saturday 8.30am to 12:00pm
RAF Marham	Third Friday 9:00am to 2:00pm
Swaffham	First and Third Sunday
Watton	Sadly no longer trading

For information:- www.farmersmarkets.net or your local Tourist Information Office

Village and Parish Hall Bookings

Barton Bendish	Bill Tasker	01366 347432
Beachamwell	Leah Spencer	01366 328536
	Jayne Frost	01366 328893
Boughton	Pam Wakeling	01366 500 429
Wereham	Doreen Rolph	01366 500218

CHURCH SERVICES

April 2014

DATE & LOCATION	SERVICE	TIME
6th April		
Beachamwell	Holy Communion	11 am
Wereham	Evening Service	6 pm
Shouldham	Holy Communion	9.45 am
Marham	Café Church	1 0.30 am

13th April

Palm Sunday

Barton Bendish	Group Service	10 am
	See Page 5	
Marham	Holy Communion	10.30 am

20th April

Easter Sunday See Page 5 for details of services

27th April

Barton Bendish	Evening Service	6 pm
Boughton	Holy Communion	11 am
Fincham	Holy Communion	9.30 am
Marham	United Morning Worship	10.30 am

THURSDAY COMMUNIONS

10 am HC followed by coffee

April 3rd Fincham,

April 10th Boughton

No service on 17th (Maundy Thursday)

April 24th Fincham

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

All Saints' Breakfast Church



This continues to grow from strength to strength, thanks to the magnificent work of Sandy and her team. Nearly forty people were there on March 9th, with a cooked breakfast, coffee, juice, croissants.....

The service always starts with grace and then the food arrives. After a period of sociable eating, where we chat to old friends and to new, whoever is taking the service leads us to think about the theme - as it was Lent we had enjoyed a Sunday break and had fed well! There are hymns, sometimes accompanied by the church organ and sometimes by other music. The singing is usually good, as several choir members are there and Sandy can be relied upon to provide a good lead. There

are prayers, as in any church service and those who are used to a more traditional service in church would not find it totally strange. The atmosphere is welcoming and friendly and we welcomed friends from Downham Market, Wretton, Stoke Ferry, Fincham, Wereham, Shouldham, as well as some from further afield. If you have never been, contact Sandy and give it a go... Not all the people who go are regular or even occasional churchgoers, but we all join together in food and fellowship.

Annual Parish Church Meeting, Monday 28th April at 6.30 pm

This is the meeting where churchwardens and Parochial Church Council are elected and reports given on the activities of the year and state of the finances. All are invited to attend but only those who are on the Church electoral roll may vote. A list of these is affixed to the inside of the church door.

Immediately following this meeting, the AGM of the All Saints' Centre will take place.

Poppy Appeal 2013

The British Legion Poppy Appeal house-to-house collection in Boughton raised £170.31. Many thanks for your generosity. **Angela Faherty**

BOUGHTON VILLAGE NEWS

The Great British Fish and Chip Supper 2014

The Boughton Village Caravan is holding the above event on **FRIDAY 16th MAY at 7.30pm** in support of the Spinal Injuries Association. This is a national event held annually as a fundraising initiative. You can see what is going on via their website at <http://www.siafishandchips.co.uk/> where you can view the events arranged and much more.

We are having a short Norfolk Fun Quiz to start the evening off, followed either with Fish & Chips or a choice of three other meals. See our advert in this edition and the flyer in the Group 4 magazine delivered to you.

Please support this worthy cause by buying tickets for the evening and come along to the Village Centre and enjoy an evening of fun and traditional British Fayre. Bookings are essential for catering purposes and can be made via Debbie Fisher on 01366 502224 or Peter Agate on 01366 500044.

Boughton Village Caravan.

Boughton Fen Open Day: On Saturday 21st June 2014, the Boughton Fen Committee invites you to attend a tour of the Fen followed by an opening ceremony to celebrate the completion of the circular walk through the three fens. Make a note in your diaries – further details to follow.

Boughton Fen Committee

Boughton Litter Heroes: Volunteers undertook a litter pick along Stoke Road from Bell Corner to the Bypass recently. After a warm mornings picking some 8-9 bags of litter were collected and have been now picked up by the borough Councils Clean-up Team. Thanks to those who helped with this pick, the numbers were low but this was due to the very short notice.

Please keep an eye out for any dumped items along our village roads and advise the Parish Council who will arrange clearance. If you see any items being dumped please make a note of the time, place and registration number and pass to the Parish Council.

The Parish Council intends to make this a more regular occurrence in the future with other roads in the village being attended to also.

Look out for more news of the next pick later this year and we look forward to volunteers coming forward to help keep our village looking tidy.

Boughton Parish Council

BOUGHTON VILLAGE NEWS

Boughton Cricket Club

After a very wet winter we have finally had some spring like weather and Boughton Cricket club is starting to make plans for the new 2014 summer season.

In the past two years the club has progressed, with regular friendly fixtures and an investment in some great equipment thanks to a grant from Sport England. The club now wishes to carry this momentum forward and in order to continue this some modest increases in match fees and membership were agreed at a recent committee meeting. In part, the increases are a consequence not only of having to maintain the Club, the outfield and the wicket, but also cover the repairs and running costs of our machinery. In addition to this, the Committee felt that we should help the club to grow in the medium-term and this means encouraging nets attendance, increasing the number of games we play in a season and improving our facilities in order to expand our membership (both senior and junior). We very much hope that this will allow Boughton Cricket Club to develop over the coming years. With that in mind, we are looking to re-lay our nets (in the shorter term) and, (in the longer term) to investigate the possibility of acquiring a pavilion.

We will shortly be releasing a full fixture and events list for this summer and are a very open and friendly club always looking to increase participation in this wonderful game. You don't have to live in Boughton or be a current player as all ages and abilities are catered for and all are welcomed including anyone who may wish to help out as a social member or volunteer. The club will help with coaching and encouragement and get you actively involved from the start.

If you are interested in getting involved in some friendly Sunday cricket with a great bunch of friendly like minded individuals please contact Steve Short at:

theoldstablesboughton@btinternet.com or 07768 807534.

We hope to see you in 2014 and let's hope for a cracking summer!!

Steve Short (Chairman)



WEREHAM VILLAGE NEWS

Messy Church in Wereham

43 people attended Wereham's first Messy church service on 27 February.



The service began in the church with Reverend Barbara telling the story of the Good Samaritan. Tom led the singing. In the Village Hall the children made a tree of hands and drawings of their houses ably led by Nicci, Stina, Liz and Pammie.

Debbie and Tom helped produce a silent movie of the Good Samaritan before we all sat down and enjoyed an excellent sausage and mash dinner followed by jelly and ice cream prepared by Diane and Doreen.

The bandaging competition was great fun with toilet rolls used to bandage heads and a prize awarded for the best bandage.

Thanks to Sarah and May for the photos and helping with the admin. Thanks to everyone who supported the service.



The next service is Thursday, 3rd April starting at 4 o'clock in the church with the theme being Easter.

The dates for the future messy churches are:

5th June 4pm, 25th September 4pm, 27th November 4pm

Please ask Debbie or Ian Rye (01366 502083) or any of the planning team if you want to find out more about Wereham Messy Church

WEREHAM VILLAGE NEWS

Parish Council

Following the public meeting on 11th March to discuss proposals to alter Wereham's Primary School Catchment area, Wereham Parish Council has received the following correspondence from Norfolk County Council's School Admissions Team:

County Councillors at the meeting of Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Panel this afternoon (13/03/14) supported the proposal to change the catchment area for Wereham to James Bradfield and as part of this decision specifically supported the need for transitional prioritisation for younger siblings at Hillcrest including transport support. This would mean free transport to Hillcrest for these protected pupils (those who have an older sibling on roll who will still be on roll Hillcrest when younger siblings starts). Subject to the final decision the LA will discuss the change with Icen Academy and Downham Market Academy and hope and anticipate both schools will amend their admission arrangements to match the change and the transitional arrangements.

The recommendation will now be forwarded to the County Council's Cabinet who will make their decision on the above recommendation and the other proposals for admission arrangements in 2015/16 on 7 April 2014.

Parish Council Meetings:

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, plus the Ordinary Meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th May 2014, 7.00pm at Wereham Village Hall. All welcome.

Any items that you wish to request for inclusion on the agenda should be with the Parish Clerk by Monday 5th May.

Full minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2014 can be requested from the Clerk at werehampc@gmail.com or on 500527.

Nicola Cooper *Parish Council Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer*

Open Gardens on Sunday June 15th 2014

If you would like to open your garden or are thinking of opening your garden this year for a first time I would be pleased to chat to you. We are definitely not looking for 'show gardens'!

We also serve salad lunches and afternoon teas. If you feel you would like to help with either of these by baking, helping to prepare and serve on the day or in any other way before the day please contact me.

I am always extremely grateful for any help. Looking forward to hearing from you!! **Lizzie Baddock 01366 500233**

WEREHAM VILLAGE NEWS

Village Hall Committee

Update from our Ordinary meeting on the 4th March –

We welcomed a new Trustee, Ian Rye, who has been accepted as the Representative of the PCC (Church). Thank you to Ian for joining our committee, we look forward to working with Ian and the other Trustee representatives of our user groups on the plans for the new village hall.

Update from the new build team –

In response to the community surveys, the top 4 social needs you have are Village Cinema, sports/keep fit, music events and adult education.

The lotteries aims are to fund projects where –

- 1- People have a better chance in life for training and development
- 2- Building stronger communities, active communities and better cohesion.
- 3- Improvements to the rural/urban environments for more people.
- 4- Activities – more active/healthy/mental health opportunities

To enable us to find out what specifically interests you in these 4 main needs and how it would improve your life, there will be 2 focus sessions in the village hall –

1. The Active Norfolk Sports Roadshow on the Saturday 12th April 10am to 1pm
2. The AGM on Monday the 14th April 6.15pm to 7.30pm.

The evidence from these sessions are essential for our funding application.

We will contact those who expressed an interest in supporting a focus group, but if you would like to be included in the group, or are unable to attend on either date but would still like to give input, please contact Victoria on 501277.

**** AGM on Monday 14 April 2014, 6.15 pm arrival for 6.30 pm pre-AGM start.** There will be refreshments available. Expected end time is 7.30pm.

The AGM is open to all village residents age 18 and over.

It's an opportunity for you to meet the Committee, members of Friends, an opportunity to ask questions and find out what the charity has been doing and how we've progressed with funding over the last 12 months.

6.30pm – Welcome

6.40pm – pre AGM - Options appraisal, an opportunity for you to give your opinion on our 3 options with regards to the future of the hall –

1. Do nothing and ultimately close the hall
2. Apply for funding to build a new hall in a different location

WEREHAM VILLAGE NEWS

3. Apply for funding to build a new hall on the current site.

And feedback boards to enable us to focus on what specifically interests you in the top 4 village needs and how it would improve your life -

1. Village Cinema, 2. Sports/Keep-fit, 3. Music Events, 4. Adult Education

The evidence from this session is essential for our funding application.

7pm – AGM start

7.30pm AGM close.

The Treasure Quest show from Radio Norfolk visited the Car Boot on Sunday the 23rd Feb – great fun was had by all! Thanks to Greg Baddock for being our resident historian and delighting listeners with the story of Billy the seal. See pictures on our facebook page or log onto Radio Norfolk to hear the recording of the show.

Wereham Village Hall Website - Coming Soon

We still require pictures and feedback on the history of the village hall. If you've got a story to share, then please contact Helen Richardson on 07795006811 or helenandadam82@btinternet.com

For all the pictures and feedback from our events, log onto www.facebook.com/werehamvillagehall. By clicking on the 'Like' option, you will be kept up to date on events, pictures and the progress towards a new village hall

Quiz Night 8th March - John Eastgate's infamous quiz night was a hugely



enjoyable night! 43 people enjoyed a varied quiz, with a half time home cooked meal of jacket potato with either mild chilli, veggie goulash or for the very brave HOT Chilli – with lashings of coleslaw and a sprinkling of cheese. There was a big round of applause for the ladies who had cooked - Lynda, Diane, Angela and Doreen. All were asking when the next Quiz night will be. See piccies on our facebook page.

A big thank you to –

- Jacqueline and friends for the March pop up café, 38 people attended.
- The Loake Family for organising the monthly indoor/outdoor car boots.

WEREHAM VILLAGE NEWS

Wereham Village Hall Bonus Ball Club: The winners of £50 each for the March Lotto draw were Josephine Wilson and Margaret Pickston – congratulations! If you'd like to be added to the waiting list, contact **Helen on 07795006811**

Ink Cartridges & Bottle tops: collection boxes on the piano in the hall, open 10-12 Fridays. Or alternatively, leave them in a bag at the door of the village hall.

Bingo: every Wednesday, doors open at 6.45pm, eyes down at 7.30pm. Cash prizes, raffle and refreshments with complimentary biscuits. **Roger on 500088.**

Pop up Café: Next date is Tuesday the 1st April, then Tuesday the 6th May. Fresh cake & hot drink for £1, daily papers, chance to natter with friends. Cake donations to **Jacqueline 500880.**

Indoor/Outdoor Car Boot: Next dates are April 27th & May 25th, 9am to 1pm. Café, bric a brac and book stall. To book your pitch, call **Nikki/Chris 501111.**

Active Norfolk Sports Roadshow: ** Free Event** 12th April 10am to 1pm. An opportunity to try a variety of sports for free!!! All the activities are managed by professional coaches, supplied free of charge via funding through Active Norfolk. This event is for all ages. The café will be open for refreshments. There will be a variety of indoor and outdoor taster sessions with activities ranging from Archery to Athletics, from Boccia to Bowls! See posters at the hall or log onto our facebook page for the full list of activities.

Whole of Village Yard Sale: We are organising another Village Yard Sale - Sunday May 4th. We have held a Yard sale before and it proved a massive success for all. What could be more easier than just putting stuff on your front door step to sell. No cars to load, early wake-ups to contend with, miles to drive & cups of tea on tap. I will do all the advertising, papers, radios, boards etc.....all we ask from you is a minimum of £5.00 for your table which will then be promulgated on the Village Map!!!

MAPS will be available to buy from Village Hall where Tea, Coffee & Cakes will also be sold. Yard Sale to Start at 9am - Maps, teas, Coffees on Sale from 8:15.

Please Contact me - **Jacqueline on 500880, or Nicki on 500527** for any info or to BOOK a table. Lets make this a real good Sunday in the Village. Look forward to hearing from you....

If you have any queries with regards to the plans to get funding for a new village hall, or anything we're doing, please contact

Victoria Gray, Chair, Wereham Village Hall Committee 501277 or 07725513583

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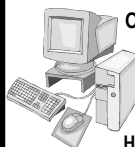
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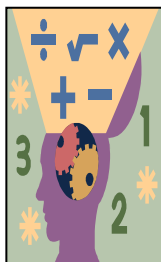
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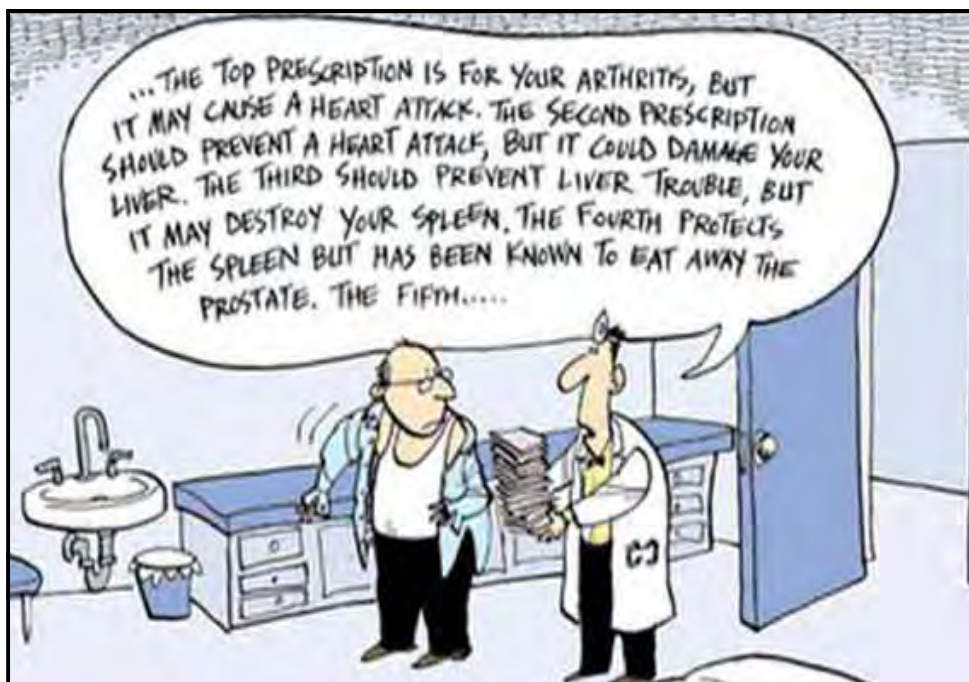
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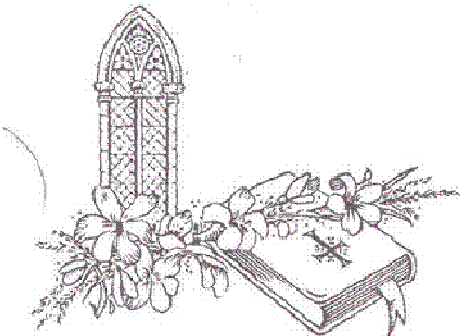
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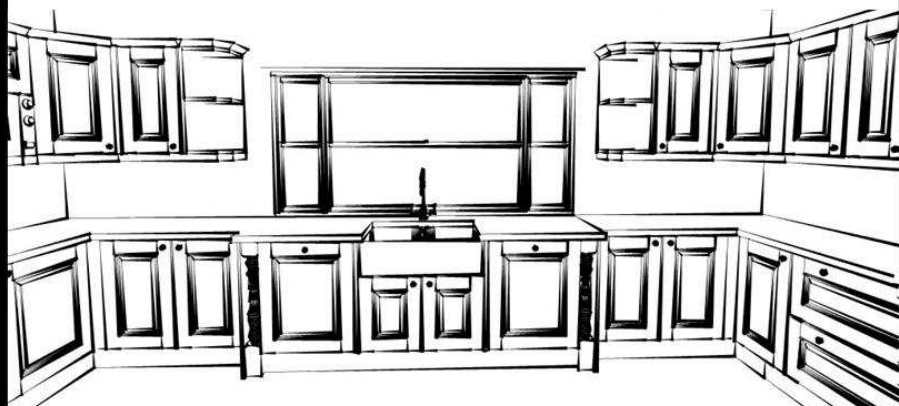
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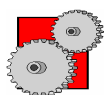
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QUIZ PAGE

1. Where can you find the Stone of Destiny?
2. What is MCMXC in Arabic numerals?
3. What is a Mexican hairless?
4. Why might Fayette Pinkney, Sheila Ferguson and Valerie Holliday remind you of a severe interrogation?
5. What does 'giga' mean in gigahertz and gigawatt?
6. Name the world's top three most populous countries.
7. Which type of living creature has the largest eyes?
8. Which short word meaning manufactured is an anagram of a type of cheese?
9. Where is your zygomatic bone?
10. Funnyman Matthew Hall is better known to TV viewers as who?
11. What is the first creature listed in the dictionary?
12. The following answers contain the word white... (a) oatmeal recipe with chips, (b) snooker player, (c) James Cagney film, (d) harmless fib.
13. Identify these vehicles (a) wheeled revolution, (b) southern county, (c) film extract, (d) where pet goldfish might live.
14. In Irish folklore a wailing banshee is a sign of what to come?
15. Which three flavours make up a Neapolitan ice cream?
16. Add the number of players in an Australian Rules football team to the number of players in a Gaelic Football team.
17. Once Captain Peacock - name the actor
18. You'll often see a demi pension in France, what is it?
19. Why do we call light-hearted facts and figures trivia?
20. Where does Boursin cheese come from?

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6. China, India and USA. 7. The giant squid - it's eyes are larger than footballs.
8. Edam. 9. In your face - it's the prominent part of your cheek. 10. Harry Hill.
11. The aardvark. 12. (a) white pudding, (b) Jimmy White, (c) White Heat, (d) white lie. 13. (a) cycle, (b) surrey, (c) trailer, (d) tank. 14. A death. 15. Chocolate, Vanilla and Strawberry. 16. $18 + 15 = 33$. 17. Frank Thornton. 18. A hotel providing bed, breakfast and one main meal a day. 19. From the Latin tri via, "three ways". In Rome information kiosks were located at road intersections. 20. France



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