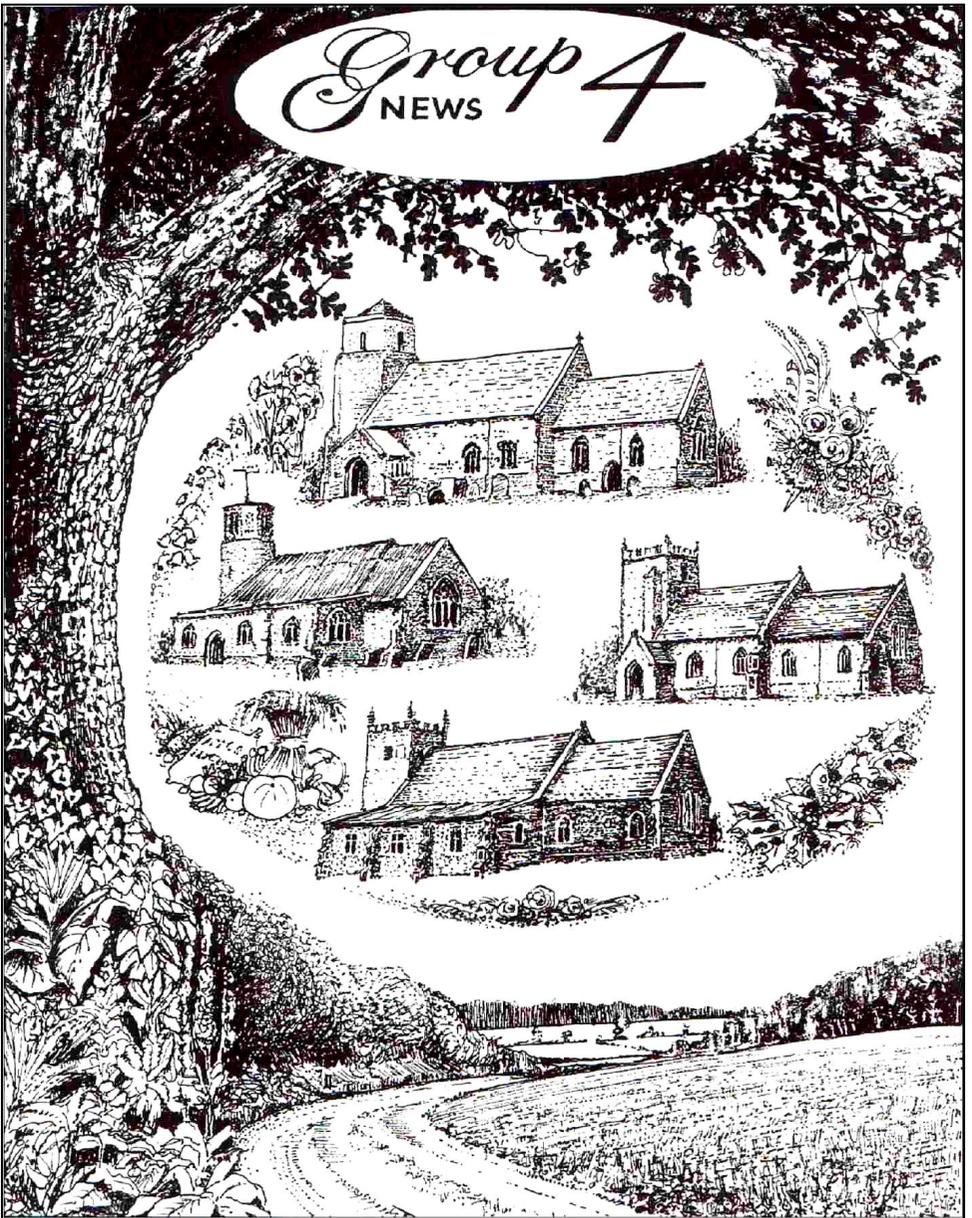


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## WELCOME



Hope you enjoy this latest edition of G4N.

Once again, there are 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.

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,***

1<sup>st</sup> 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 Eastertide.

***Barbara***

## FROM THE SMALLHOLDING (TOWARDS THE END OF WINTER) APRIL 2016

A friend asked me, on the phone today, how my garden was and I replied that it looked pretty awful really. What I could see was all the late winter untidiness and unfinished jobs, such as pruning the apple and pear trees. A start has been made and the prunings are lying around but surprisingly doing the useful task of protecting the young and mature trees from rabbits; after a night or two the rabbits announce their presence by striping the prunings of their bark and telling me to check the protective guards



on the standing trees; even the smallest chink in the armour will be exploited! There is just time to do a little more pruning, and time to plant one more tree "Oh no!" cried the family "not another tree"! Derision soon changed to enthusiasm when I produced photographic evidence of the first tailor-made cider tree in East Anglia, no, Sir Isaac Newton's tree was for science rather than cider! This one is a cross between the well known Yarlinton Mill and the French Medaille D'Or and will go near the other young cider trees.

The song of the turtle dove.....

I find words from the Song of Solomon irresistible at this time of year (mid March)....for now the winter is past (nearly), the rain is over and gone, (not quite perhaps). The flowers appear on the earth....yes, in many surprising places if not in places reserved for flowers.... On the holding there are splashes of yellow under trees, in baskets and pots and where bulbs had been lost in the autumn, of course not all of this is accidental but it makes the promise that Spring and new life are under way. The voluptuous Snowshowers (flowering cherry) seems all set to flower at Easter. All these are encouraging little extras when the main purpose of the Smallholding seems lost in winter inactivity. To return to the Song of Solomon, .....the time of singing has come and the voice of the turtle dove is heard in the land....robins, chaffinches, tits, blackbirds and wrens

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are in good voice on the holding to the accompaniment of rockets and bangers from the field of rape over the hedge. The turtledove on the other hand is in trouble and RSPB has launched a major appeal in support of a programme to improve favoured habitat for this summer visitor - that is assuming they avoid the guns of EU and Mediterranean countries en route.

I confess that I have spent rather a lot of time topping up the bird feeders which have been well attended by all the tits and most of the finches including three handsome bramblings when the cold snap arrived.

A bright Easter will give an uplift to the spirits; and this year the old adage of planting potatoes on Good Friday could be right!

***Robin and Pippa Blackall***

### RECIPE OF THE MONTH

#### Fudge

300 ml or 10½ fluid oz full fat milk

350 gms or 12 oz castor sugar

100 gms or 3½ unsalted butter

1 tsp vanilla extract

Oil for greasing



1. Heat milk, sugar and butter together in a saucepan over a very low heat, stirring all the time, until sugar has dissolved.
2. Bring to boil and stir consistently. After 15 mins test for fudge by dropping a small amount in cold water – should form a soft ball.
3. Remove mixture from heat and add vanilla. Cool slightly then beat with a wooden spoon until it thickens.
4. Pour into a greased square tin and allow to set at room temperature.
5. Cut into desired shapes.

## COUNTRYSIDE NOTES

H<sub>2</sub>O is one of the few chemical formulas I remember from my schooldays. How easily we take water for granted but it really is the most amazing substance. It keeps us alive but kill us. Consisting of one part oxygen and two parts hydrogen it freezes solid and becomes ice below a certain temperature. Originating from the sky it mostly falls as rain but also forms into snow, fog, dew and clouds. Water covers 71% of the earth's surface 96% of which is in the form of salt water in seas and oceans. Only 2.5% is fresh water in lakes and rivers but most is ice. Water boils at 100C (212F) but this is only at sea level; there is a wide discrepancy in temperatures according to elevation for instance at the top of Mount Everest it boils at 68C (154F). We always think of drinking water as being the most important use but for countless centuries it was also a vital means of travel and transportation both across oceans and along inland waterways. In the 18th and early 19th centuries a network of canals was constructed but unfortunately no sooner had they been built than railways came along and took over much of the trade. Ways of harnessing power to work mills from fast flowing water were invented and the Victorians made great use of the combination of fire and water to make steam for powering a variety of enormous machines

Water is used as a coolant and conversely for heating, much of it in industry. We dilute or dissolve various substances in it, use it for cooking, washing and put fires out with it but it can also be the carrier of many diseases. In normal conditions we are unlikely to survive more than 5days without water. Not so long ago household water in this country was wound up by hand in buckets from wells or collected from streams. In Victorian times water towers were built in towns to provide a constant, safe supply of water. Some were solid square buildings, others were huge elevated bowls. There is an excellent example of one in SW side of Swaffham where the waterworks opened in September 1867

Reservoirs are the principal method of storing surface water collected from a large catchment area; it may also be pumped from underground aquifers. A lot is used for irrigating crops grown in the sandy Breckland soil. Locally water is extracted from the river Nar at Marham and river Wissey at Stoke Ferry. It has permeated through limestone so it is 'hard' but it is 'soft' in areas of solid rock such as Cumbria and the Scottish Highlands.

Now we are spoilt because it is piped straight into our houses and we rarely give it a thought. When you next turn on a tap or flush the loo just think for a moment how incredible and vital water is. **Jill Mason**

# FLOWER FESTIVAL NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

**Dear Flower Lover,**

In May last year I set myself a challenge to raise funds for “Women V Cancer” who support the work of three charities, Breast Cancer Care, Jo’s Cervical Cancer Trust and Ovarian Cancer Action.

Fund raising is only one part of the challenge the other is to cycle 450km from Vietnam to Cambodia in February 2017. I am 60 in June and not having cycled before June last year I have set myself quite a feat, physically and mentally.

Participants are asked to raise a minimum of £3200 by November 26<sup>th</sup> 2016, in eight months I have proudly raised £2300 by holding various events and including kind donations.

I am presently organising a Flower Festival to be held at Oxborough village church on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July. I am inviting several clubs, groups, organisations, business’s, professional and amateur individuals to exhibit an arrangement. An entry fee of £5 per arrangement is asked for and also if you would like to indicate if the arrangement could be sold or as a raffle prize at the close of the festival or you may prefer to collect it on the Sunday. The theme of the festival is “Famous Women”.

There will be the raffle and also refreshments. All funds raised on the weekend will be split 75% to “Women V Cancer” and 25% to Oxborough village church.

Exhibitors will be asked to set up on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> during the day – times to be confirmed. You will be invited prior to the event, provisionally Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May (or by appointment) to choose your arrangement position, pay your entry fee and any questions you may have.

I do hope all you “Flower Lovers” would like to support this event and the charities I am working hard to raise funds for by showing the public your talented skills and also the opportunity to promote your club, group or business. I would appreciate your response as soon as possible and by 1<sup>st</sup> April at the latest.

Thank you

**Wendy Hodson**

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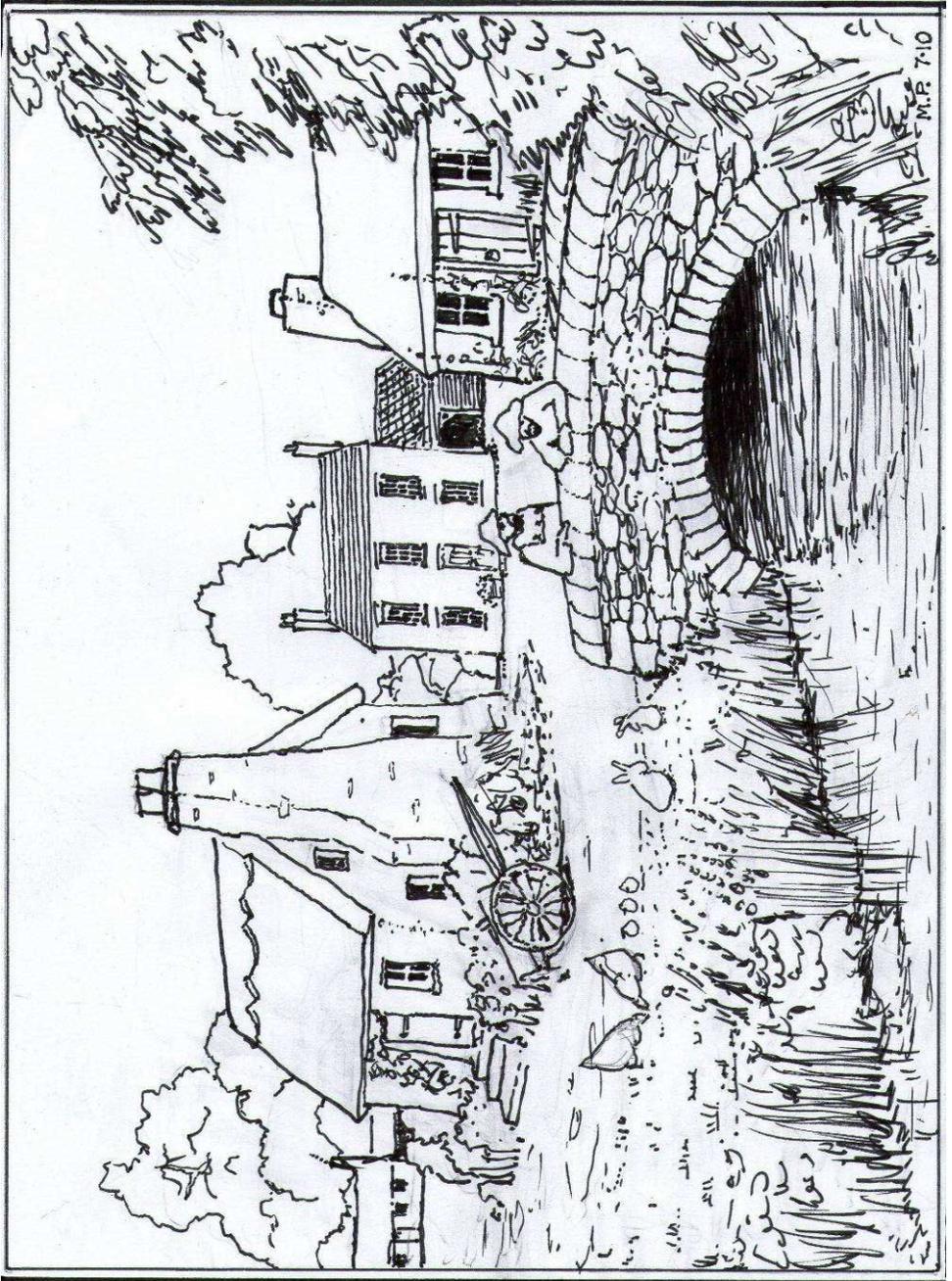
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# CHILDREN'S PAGE



## 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?

**Answers:** 1. Edinburgh Castle - it was brought up from Westminster Abbey in 1996. 2. 1990. 3. A breed of dog. 4. They are 'The Three Degree'. 5. 1000million 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

# COULD YOU HELP A YOUNG PERSON WITH A DISABILITY TO THINK ABOUT THEIR FUTURE?

The CSV Futures Project supports young people with learning disabilities to explore their options as they think about leaving education.

Volunteer Mentors provide one to one support to a young person to help them develop a personal profile of their skills and interests, their likes and dislikes and their future goals. The Mentor can then support the young person to start working towards these; this can include accessing work experience and training opportunities plus the chance to try out volunteering and new social activities.

CSV needs volunteers who can offer a couple of hours of their time each week to mentor the young people as they make choices about their futures, raising aspirations by exploring together the young person's skills, interests and abilities.

We are looking for people ages 16+ - Mentors can come from all walks of life and no experience is needed but patience, the ability to listen and a sense of humour are all useful skills. Mentors receive full training and support and out of pocket expenses are paid.

If you would like to find out more about becoming a Volunteer Mentor for the CSV Futures Project please contact:

Vicki Howling, the project co-ordinator for an informal chat.

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CSV (Community Service Volunteers) is the UK's leading volunteering charity. Social justice is at the heart of what we do; empowering people to have a positive stake in society and tackle barriers to community participation through creating volunteering and learning opportunities.



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## SWAFFHAM AND LITCHAM HOME HOSPICE SUPPORT

The last two months were a very busy and a hectic time for the Charity as it was decided we needed to alter the interior of the existing building of our main office. I can now say we have met the challenge and look forward to offering our patients a far superior area for them to meet. We have introduced a new quiet area and consultation room where individuals can meet on a one to one basis and this has proved extremely popular.



I would like to remind you all that we have two fundraising events in April. The first is the Hunstanton Concert Band performing in the Assembly Rooms on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7.30pm. Tickets £10.00 each, available from Ceres Bookshop, the Home Hospice Office 01760 722937 or myself 01760 722924. The second is a Quiz Night at the Conservative Club for teams of up to six people. on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. Tickets £5.00 from Adrian Adock 01760724304 or the Home Hospice Office 01760 722937

We have another event to add to our list, and that is a Dance Night on the 15<sup>th</sup> October at the Assembly Rooms, details to be finalised.

The Beauty Evening on June 24<sup>th</sup> at the Pedlar Suite organised by Jarrolds is I feel going to be very popular with our ladies and I have already received many enquiries. Tickets are priced at £10.00 which includes a glass of wine on arrival. I hope to have the tickets within a fortnight and we are limited to 100. If you require to book now, then do contact myself to ensure you are not disappointed, otherwise tickets will be available at Ceres bookshop, Jill's Hairdressers and the Main Office of the Charity.

The photograph shows the Fundraising Chairman, David Gulliver and Home Hospice team Assistant Sarah Leggett being presented with a cheque for £1,500 at Jarrold's by Suzie Abel – Jarrold's Buyer and Carol Slaughter – HR Executive. Our sincere thanks go to all the staff at Jarrold's.

If you require any further information on fundraising issues then please contact myself, for other issues regarding the Charity please contact the Main Office 01760 722937 **David Gulliver**



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## **WEST NORFOLK DEAF ASSOCIATION**

WNTA is a registered charity and supports Individuals who are hard of hearing and deaf in West Norfolk.

We currently hold Various Hearing Support Clinics across West Norfolk. These drop in clinics are volunteer run, have been greatly received and are well used by NHS patients.

At present we are currently looking to recruit volunteers to provide hearing support, to visit clients in their own homes, residential homes and support those who visit various GP practices in West Norfolk.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like to know more please contact Kelly Wilson (Hearing Support Coordinator)

West Norfolk Deaf Association WNTA

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## **FREE HOME ASSESSMENTS ON OFFER**

Older, disabled or vulnerable residents of West Norfolk are being encouraged to book an appointment for a free home assessment from Careline Community Services.

The assessments, which are carried out by a team of qualified staff, will help residents, who may be living with a disability or dementia, or who are simply older and less mobile, to identify concerns in their property which may be affecting their day-to-day life.

The assessor, trained by the Disabled Living Foundation, will inspect the home to see whether measures could be introduced that would reduce the possibility of slips, trips and falls and generally make it easier for people to live safely and independently in their own homes.

Measures that could be considered include installation of a Careline personal alarm, improved lighting arrangements, heating checks, draught proofing, smoke detectors and easy-to-use taps along with recommendations for other adaptations that may reduce any potential risk to the resident. Practical solutions for those living with dementia are also available, this includes signage or colour differentiation for those who suffer with memory loss and are visually impaired.

The assessors will also be able to advise whether any grant funding is available for any works required.

To book an appointment call the Careline Community Team on 01553 760671

## CONFESSIONS OF AN INEPT BIRDWATCHER

One of my earliest memories is sitting on my bed looking out of the window waiting for my dad to come home from the nightshift at the Humber car factory in Coventry. He would take me on an early morning walk before he had his breakfast/tea and went to bed.

He was a keen amateur naturalist, self taught from a collection of books that he kept, fanatically pristine, on the bookshelf in the hall. We would spend an hour or so in one of the few copses and riverbanks near the council housing estate where we lived, with dad pointing out that excited whisper what we saw. I remember the tiny bat clinging to a tree stump, the half eaten rotting carcass of a chicken in the mouth of the foxes den and the sculptural fungus growing on a dead tree.

My mum never forgot the toad that joined my dad one sunny afternoon while he was watching a cricket match. As I was at school he wrapped it up in his hanky and put it in his pocket to show me later. It emerged with a loud croak when the coat was left hanging on the back of the kitchen door.

I don't remember my dad having any special affinity with birds. He certainly couldn't afford any posh binoculars. There was one occasion when he saw a young sparrow dead by the side of the road. It had been hit by a car. He calmly picked it up and put it in his pocket. I remember being intrigued about what he was going to do with it. Experimental taxidermy I wondered. After about 15 minutes took out the bird and held it on his open hand. To my delight it opened its eyes, ruffled its feathers and flew away. It was just stunned but my dad cared enough to save it from further harm. The memory has stayed with me.

I use this as an explanation for my latest obsession - watching the birds who visit the feeding station that I've set up outside the kitchen window. I wouldn't dignify my interest with the title ornithology or even bird watching. I am so inept? I have downloaded the RSPB bird identification chart but by the time I have consulted it the bird has flown away. I do however delight in the variety, the movement but principally the colour of the birds that I see.

As I said I grew up in industrial Coventry where birds were mostly brown or black. Here they look as if a small child has been given a packet of felt tip pens and a bird outline to colour in.

I spend long periods gazing out of the window. I would like to say this is while

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doing the washing up but in truth it's just gazing at the Cabaret provided for free on the bird table. My long-suffering husband Ian is constantly being interrupted from what is doing by shouts of "come and look at this. It's amazing!"

I am sure that with time I will become more expert as identification especially if I can find The Observer Book of Birds in our Warwickshire loft. I hope though that I will never cease to wonder at the sheer exuberance of nature my only regret is that my dad is no longer here to appreciate what Norfolk has to offer and to share my interest.

**Debbie Rye (Wereham)**

## CALLING ALL WORD GAME AND CROSSWORD FANS!

Look out for the next Barton Bendish quiz sheet. There are 60 questions with answers all on a 'Film Titles' theme. This quiz will keep you entertained for hours and only costs £1. There is a prize of £15 for the winner. Names of correct entries (or those who have the highest number of correct answers) will be put 'into a hat' and the winner drawn in May.

To get your sheet you can contact:

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

Proceeds to St Andrews Church, Barton Bendish

## THESE ARE GENUINE EXAMINATION ANSWERS FROM 16 YEAR OLDS..... (GHU)

Q. Name the four seasons

A. Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar

Q. Explain one of the processes by which water can be made safe to drink

A. Flirtation makes water safe to drink because it removes large pollutants like grit, sand, dead sheep and canoeists

Q. How is dew formed

A. The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire

Q. What causes the tides in the oceans

A. The tides are a fight between the earth and the moon. All water tends to flow towards the moon because there is no water on the moon and nature abhors a vacuum. I forget where the sun joins the fight

Q. What guarantees may a mortgage company insist on

A. If you are buying a house they will insist that you are well endowed

Q. What are steroids

A. Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs.

Q.. What happens to your body as you age

A. When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental

Q. What happens to a boy when he reaches puberty

A. He says goodbye to his boyhood and looks forward to his adultery.

Q. Name a major disease associated with cigarettes

A. Premature death

Q. What is artificial insemination

A. When the farmer does it to the bull instead of the cow

Q. How can you delay milk turning sour

A. Keep it in the cow.

Q. How are the main 20 parts of the body categorised (e.g. The abdomen)

A. The body is consisted into 3 parts - the brainium, the borax and the abdominal cavity. The brainium contains the brain, the borax contains the heart and lungs and the abdominal cavity contains the five bowels: A, E, I,O,U.

Q. What is the fibula?

A. A small lie

Q. What does 'varicose' mean?

A. Nearby

## The Breckland Society: Secretary Required



The Breckland Society was set up in 2003 to promote interest and research into the natural, built and social heritage of the East Anglian Brecks. It holds events throughout the year and also runs local history projects.

A part-time Secretary is required to assist in the administration of the Breckland Society's work. This will involve working closely with the Chairman of the Society and other members of the Committee, handling membership, organising Society events (advertising to members, booking venues, liaising with speakers, ensuring equipment is available etc) and assisting with the quarterly Newsletter and website updates, as well as circulating papers and taking the minutes at approximately four Committee meetings each year and the Society's Annual General Meeting.

General administrative experience is essential, especially the compilation and maintenance of membership and distribution lists (requiring full working knowledge of Microsoft Excel and Word).

An honorarium (payable quarterly) is offered for this work. If you are interested please contact Dr Robert Baker, the Chairman, by email at [info@brecsoc.org.uk](mailto:info@brecsoc.org.uk) or through the Society's website at [www.brecsoc.org.uk](http://www.brecsoc.org.uk).

Q. What is the most common form of birth control

A. Most people prevent contraception by wearing a condominium.

Q. Give the meaning of the term 'Caesarean section'

A. The caesarean section is a district in Rome

Q. What is a seizure?

A. A Roman Emperor.

Q. What is a terminal illness

A. When you are sick at the airport.

Q. Give an example of a fungus. What is a characteristic feature?

A. Mushrooms. They always grow in damp places and they look like umbrellas

Q. Use the word 'judicious' in a sentence to show you understand its meaning

A. Hands that judicious can be soft as your face.

Q. What does the word 'benign' mean?

A. Benign is what you will be after you be eight

Q. What is a turbine?

A. Something an Arab or Shreik wears on his head

## I NEVER KNEW THAT!

**A Shot of Whiskey':** In the old west a .45 cartridge for a six-gun cost 12 cents, so did a glass of whiskey. If a cowhand was low on cash he would often give the bartender a cartridge in exchange for a drink. This became known as a "shot" of whiskey.

**The Whole Nine Yards:** American fighter planes in WW2 had machine guns that were fed by a belt of cartridges. The average plane held belts that were 27 feet (9 yards) long. If the pilot used up all his ammo he was said to have given it the whole nine yards.

**Buying the Farm:** This is synonymous with dying. During WW1 soldiers were given life insurance policies worth \$5,000. This was about the price of an average farm so if you died you "bought the farm" for your survivors.

**Passing the Buck / The Buck Stops Here:** Most men in the early west carried a jack knife made by the Buck knife company. When playing poker it is common to place one of these Buck knives in front of the dealer so that everyone knew who he was. When it was time for a new dealer the deck of cards and the knife were given to the new dealer. If this person didn't want to deal he would "pass the buck" to the next player. If that player accepted then "the buck stopped there".

**Riff Raff:** The Mississippi River was the main way of travelling from north to south. Riverboats carried passengers and freight but they were expensive so most people used rafts. Everything had the right of way over rafts which were considered cheap. The steering oar on the rafts was called a "riff" and this transposed into riff-raff, meaning low class.

**Cobweb:** The Old English word for "spider" was "cob".

**Ship State Rooms:** Travelling by steamboat was considered the height of comfort. Passenger cabins on the boats were not numbered. Instead they were named after states. To this day cabins on ships are called staterooms.

**Sleep Tight:** Early beds were made with a wooden frame. Ropes were tied across the frame in a criss-cross pattern. A straw mattress was then put on top of the ropes. Over time the ropes stretched, causing the bed to sag. The owner would then tighten the ropes to get a better night's sleep.

## I NEVER KNEW THAT!

**Iron Clad Contract:** This came about from the ironclad ships of the Civil War. It meant something so strong it could not be broken.

**Showboat:** These were floating theatres built on a barge that was pushed by a steamboat. These played small town along the Mississippi River. Unlike the boat shown in the movie "Showboat" these did not have an engine. They were gaudy and attention grabbing which is why we say someone who is being the life of the party is "showboating".

**Over a Barrel:** In the days before CPR a drowning victim would be placed face down over a barrel and the barrel would be rolled back and forth in a effort to empty the lungs of water. It was rarely effective. If you are over a barrel you are in deep trouble.

**Barge In:** Heavy freight was moved along the Mississippi in large barges pushed by steamboats. These were hard to control and would sometimes swing into piers or other boats. People would say they "barged in".

**Hogwash:** Steamboats carried both people and animals. Since pigs smelled so bad they would be washed before being put on board. The mud and other filth that was washed off was considered useless "hog wash".

**Curfew:** The word "curfew" comes from the French phrase "couvre-feu", which means "cover the fire". It was used to describe the time of blowing out all lamps and candles. It was later adopted into Middle English as "curfeu", which later became the modern "curfew". In the early American colonies homes had no real fireplaces so a fire was built in the centre of the room. In order to make sure a fire did not get out of control during the night it was required that, by an agreed upon time, all fires would be covered with a clay pot called a "curfew".

**Barrels of Oil:** When the first oil wells were drilled they had made no provision for storing the liquid so they used water barrels. That is why, to this day, we speak of barrels of oil rather than gallons.

**Hot off the Press:** As the paper goes through the rotary printing press friction causes it to heat up. Therefore, if you grab the paper right off the press it's hot. The expression means to get immediate information.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT DOWNHAM MARKET LIBRARY

For further information about these events, or to book where necessary, please contact the library on 01366 383073

Downham Market Library is now on Facebook. 'Like' us to find out more about what's happening at the library!

[www.facebook.com/downhammarketlibrary](http://www.facebook.com/downhammarketlibrary)

Regular events

**Scrabble Club:** 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> April

1pm – 3pm. No need to book but places on first come basis.

In 2016 the scrabble club will be on every Tuesday 1 - 3pm (except the first Tuesday in the month)

**Reading group:** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 3-4pm

Please contact the library to see about joining and the books being read.

**Knit and Natter:** 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> April. Meets on the first and third Wednesday of the month in term time 1.30 - 3pm

**Keep Calm and Colour in!**

2nd and 4th Wednesdays in the month (except school summer holidays)

13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> April 1.30 - 3pm. Colouring sheets, colouring pens and pencils provided (but feel free to bring along your own too)

**Baby Bounce and Rhyme Time:** Weekly on Thursdays in term time 10.30 - 11.30am. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> April

**Other events!**

**A Brief History of the Gressenhall Workhouse**

A talk by Rachel Duffield of the Norfolk Museums Service

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April

1 – 2pm.

BOOKING ESSENTIAL.

Please note this event is part of the Friendship Group so £1 payable on arrival for refreshments etc.

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT DOWNHAM MARKET LIBRARY**

### **Storytimes**

Thursdays 10.30 – 11.30am children must be accompanied by an adult.  
31<sup>st</sup> March and 7<sup>th</sup> April

### **Revel in the Bard**

Celebrate 400 years of Shakespeare!  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> April 10.30 – 11.30am

### **IPads for beginners**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April 9.30 – 11.30am  
2 sessions. £10 Booking essential

### **Online Basics (2 weeks)**

13 and 20 April 27 April and 4 May 2 – 4pm  
Booking essential

### **Careline Information Desk**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April 10am – 1pm

### **Tablet taster for complete beginners - try before you buy!**

Tuesday 19 and Thursday 21 April 9.30 – 11.30am  
2 sessions. £10 Booking essential

### **Flower Arranging Demonstration**

Tuesday 3 May 1 – 2pm  
£1 includes refreshments Booking essential.

### **Elena Parkin**

Community Librarian. Norfolk County Council Downham Market Library  
Downham Market - 01366 383073 . Mobile: 07786198618

Email: [elena.parkin@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:elena.parkin@norfolk.gov.uk)

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[www.facebook.com/downhammarketlibrary](http://www.facebook.com/downhammarketlibrary)



## Europe 1914:

Art, Literature and Culture before  
the Great War

**Saturday 16 April**

**10am – 4pm**

**Beachamwell Memorial Hall**

A Day School presented by

Dr Rebecca Pinner

Organised by Swaffham WEA

Fee £15, includes tea and coffee

Please bring a packed lunch

Places must be booked in advance

Booking: 01760 723558



## Bob Doré

## Jazz Trio

**Saturday April 23rd**

**7.30 pm**

**Swaffham Assembly Rooms**

£7.00 for members

£10.00 non-members

Accompanied children free

Tickets from

Green Parrot 01760 724704

Ceres Bookshop 01760 722504

Enquiries: 01366 328648

## Nar Valley Ornithological Society (NarVOS)

**Tuesday April 26th 7.30pm**

The Barn Theatre

Sacred Heart Convent School, Swaffham.

Access and parking from Sporle Road.

An illustrated talk by David Lindo

*'Tales From Concrete Jungles'*

We are delighted to welcome David Lindo, the Urban Birder of TV fame, to talk to NarVOS about the delights of birding in the built-up environment. David describes himself as:

"A broadcaster, writer, naturalist, photographer, public speaker, tour leader and oh, I have been known to do the odd bit of birding!" Please come along for an entertaining evening.

Visitors most welcome. Admission £2 on the night if you are not a NarVOS member  
Enquiries: 01760 724092

## Flower Festival

St John's Church – Oxborough

July 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>

Any individuals, clubs, groups or businesses are invited

to enter an arrangement

Theme - Famous Women

£5 per entry

Proceeds shared between

"Women v Cancer" and St. John's Church Fund

Raffle and Refreshments available

Contact:

Wendy Hodson 01366 501052

or [phodson286@btinternet.com](mailto:phodson286@btinternet.com)

asap for further information

## SWAFFHAM MUSEUM

### **'Victors, Vulcans and a Pocket Calculator'**



Swaffham Museum is busy preparing for a new and exciting exhibition. Over the winter the museum has been able to re-organise some of its rooms to create a fifth exhibition room. This will house a large display to celebrate the Centenary Year of RAF Marham and will be opening March 19th for the summer season.

It will include a timeline of the work at RAF Marham since 1916 and also a focus on Operation Corporate - the British military operation to retake the Falkland Islands in 1982. RAF Marham played an essential role in the Falklands War when Victors flew from there to refuel the Vulcan bombers in mid-air in order that the Vulcans could reach their target site in the South Atlantic.

A £3.99 pocket calculator also played a very significant part in the Falkland War but you will need to visit the exhibition to find out why and the connection it has with Swaffham.

Photographs and Logbooks will be displayed in the exhibition which will be open over the summer season (Monday – Fri 10am until 4pm and Sat 10am until 1pm) Normal museum entry charges apply.

**Veronica Hutchby (Publicity Volunteer)**

## SWAFFHAM WEA COMES TO BEACHAMWELL

In a new venture Swaffham WEA is moving out of the town and putting on a course in a local village. Beachamwell is the venue for a day of presentations and discussions led by popular tutor Dr Rebecca Pinner who lectures in the School of Literature at UEA. The subject of the day school is Europe 1914: Art, Literature and Culture before the Great War. The early years of the twentieth century witnessed remarkable developments in literature, art, fashion, politics and science. Using original sources Rebecca will explore the richness and vibrancy of the cultural backdrop to the Great War. (see page 22)

Returning to Swaffham for the summer course sees a fascinating series of talks on the subject of Children in Care in Victorian England. Topics include the reasons children came into care; workhouses and poor law schools; the role of the philanthropists and charities; children's homes, fostering and adoption; juvenile emigration; and life after care. Tutor Rosemary Steer will be using local examples to illustrate her talks and discussions.

The fee is £48 for 8 sessions which run weekly from 10am to 12 noon at Swaffham Community Centre starting on Friday 29th April. Try the first session as a taster for just £5. More information: Tel: 01760 723558

# Beachamwell

## “Pop Up” Pub

Friday 1st April

7.00 -10.30

Beachamwell Memorial Hall



Fish & Chip supper 8.45pm (ish)

To book ring 01366 328536 by

Friday 25th March

A Beachamwell Memorial Committee  
Event

# Wereham

## Quiz

Saturday 2nd April

7.30

Wereham Village Hall

£5.00 a ticket including hot  
supper

Please bring your own drinks.

Raffle available

Enquiries:

01366 500766 or 01366 500798

# Beachamwell

## Creative Writing with James Knox Whittet

*“everyone has their own story to tell”*

Monday

April 4th and 18th

7.30 - 9.30pm

Beachamwell Memorial  
Hall

£4 All welcome but please book

Enquiries:

01366 328895 or 01366 328536

# Wereham

## Pop-Up Café



1st Tuesday

every month

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 5th April

7.30 - 8.45pm (note new time)

Beachamwell Memorial Hall

Book to be discussed over a glass of wine

'Miss Appleby's Academy'  
by Elizabeth Gill

Annual subscription £15.00  
**New members welcome**

Enquiries: 01366 328536

# Beachamwell Wednesday Walkers

Explore the rights of way in and around  
Beachamwell with us

We meet at the Village Hall at 10.00 am  
**FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH**  
*Walks last between one and a half to two  
hours*

*All, including dogs on leads, are welcome*

Some paths may be rough underfoot,  
there may be stiles or fields may be  
ploughed: come at your own risk and  
please wear suitable clothing and shoes  
for the outdoors

Further details please telephone  
01366 328452 or 01366 328536

## Wereham Weekly Cash



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

Raffle and Refreshments  
with complimentary biscuits



Enquiries: Doreen Rolph  
01366 500218

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



# Beachamwell WI

Thursday 7th April

7.30pm

Memorial Hall

'Everything Stops for Tea'  
Mrs Vanessa Scott

Visitors Welcome

Tickets £3.50

Enquiries: 01366 328325

**Beachamwell and  
Fincham  
Family History Group**

**Tuesday 12th April**

**2 – 4pm**

Beachamwell Memorial Hall

*'Collecting today for tomorrow'  
what things are we recording for  
future generations ... and how?*

**£2 All welcome**

Enquiries

01366 347694or 01366 328536

**Beachamwell  
St Mary's  
Vestry Meeting and  
AGM**

**Tuesday 12th April**

**7.30**

Beachamwell Memorial  
Hall

Open to everyone

Enquiries: 01366 347673



**Beachamwell WI  
'Craft Evenings 2016'**

**Tuesday 19th April**

**7.30 - 9.30**

Beachamwell Memorial Hall

Learn, improve and share a wide  
range of yarn and fabric crafts  
Non-WI members and beginners  
very welcome

£3 inc refreshments

Enquiries: 01366 328589

**Beachamwell  
Afternoon Tea and a  
Chat.....**

**Wednesday 20th April**

**2 - 4pm**

Beachamwell Memorial Hall

Enquiries: 01366 347673

**Beachamwell  
Fete and Country Fair  
Planning Meeting  
Wednesday 20 April  
7.30pm**

All welcome

Enquiries 01266 328536

## **Beachamwell Local History Open Day**

**Sunday 24 April**

**11am – 4pm**

**Beachamwell Memorial Hall**

Maps, photos, archaeological finds, census data, research and displays.

Bring along your own items of local historical interest, especially photographs.

Entrance free

Refreshments and light lunches

Enquiries: 01366 328242

[www.beachamwell.org.uk](http://www.beachamwell.org.uk)

## **Beachamwell**

### **Craft Group**

**Thursday 28th April**

**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 and Buy

All welcome.

Enquiries:01366 328536

## **Barton Bendish Quiz**

**Saturday 30 April 7.30**

**Barton Bendish Village Hall**

Teams of up to 6 people £4 per person

Coffee and tea will be available but please bring your own food and drink

Table Bookings:

01366 347563 or 01366 347983

Proceeds to St Andrews Church

## **Wereham**

### **Jazz Concert With Colin Mason's Jazz Band**

**Sunday 1st May**

**7.00pm**

Tickets £5.00

Includes a glass of wine or a soft drink during the interval

They are available on the door or in advance

*Advance booking is advisable*

Enquiries:01366 500408

Proceeds to St Margaret's Church

## **Beachamwell Half Marathon**

**Sunday May 1st**

**Set off 9.00 from**

**Beachamwell Memorial Hall**

Enquiries: 01366 328628

# BARTON BENDISH AND EASTMOOR VILLAGE NEWS

## From Arizona to Alaska - Talk by David Mason

It was virtually a full house in Barton Bendish Village Hall for David's talk, a fitting tribute to David's undoubted popularity.

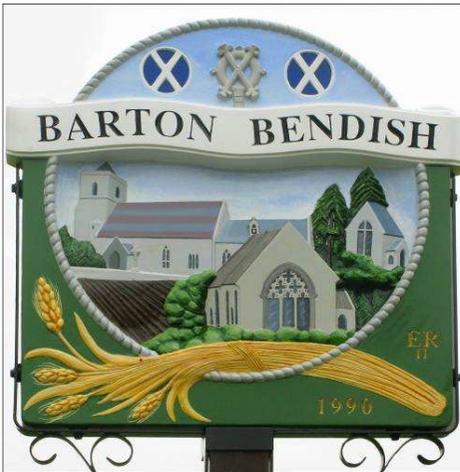
The talk was extremely interesting encompassing David's extensive travels through America and Alaska and illustrated with many superb quality slides of plants, animals and terrain. As usual David's passion, knowledge and wonderful sense of humour shone through and everybody thoroughly enjoyed the entire talk.

Many thanks to David and also to the refreshments team who provided a lovely selection of cakes and biscuits. **Alan Reid**

A total profit of £235 was made for St Andrew's church funds

## Village Sign

Our village sign is now back in place with the help of William Chapman. Fiona Davies, an artist and sign restorer from East Runton, has certainly made an impressive job of repainting it and paid great attention to getting the details correct. Barton hasn't got a village green but the sign, the seat and the flower tubs more than make up for that.



## Marj and Eddie Riches.

I'm sure everyone who knows Marj and Eddie are sad that they have now moved into Downham. For a very long time they have been part of the village. Long time residents (of which there are very few left now) will remember sing-a-longs in the pub with Eddie playing the piano.

Together they spent many years running the village shop and doing more than their share of fundraising and supporting village events.

They will be greatly missed and we wish them every happiness in their new home. **Jill Mason**

## BARTON BENDISH AND EASTMOOR VILLAGE NEWS

### Her Majesty the Queen's 90th Birthday Party

On Saturday the 23rd April, from 3pm for tea at 4pm in the village hall, we are planning to hold a Birthday Party to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday. All residents of Barton Bendish and Eastmoor are invited to attend, and bring their favourite "High Tea" food, e.g. Sandwiches, scones and small cakes.

We are hoping to get a Grant to assist with expenses but we will have to make a small cover charge of £2 per person if we are unsuccessful - payable on the day.

**We need to know by the 9th April how many are planning to come** because seating is limited. Also your food choice, so that we have a good selection. If you are bringing children please let us know their ages.

**Please contact Val McAlister, 347570, Maureen Buck, 347703, or Elizabeth Smith, 347531.**



**BARTON BENDISH CELEBRATES  
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S  
*90th Birthday***

**When: Saturday 23 April from 3pm for tea at 4pm**  
**Where: Barton Bendish Village Hall**

**All residents Barton Bendish and Eastmoor are invited to attend**

Please bring your favorite "High Tea" food of choice  
(e.g. sandwiches, scones, small cakes, etc.)

NOTE: We are hoping to receive a grant to assist w/ expenditures,  
yet if unsuccessful a small cover charge of £2 may be added

<b>RSVP by April 9th</b>	Contacts:
Seating is LIMITED!	Val McAlister 347570
(Please include food choice & number of children attending)	Maureen Buck 347703
	Elizabeth Smith 347531

# BARTON BENDISH AND EASTMOOR VILLAGE NEWS

## **Yamaha Organ Free to a good home**

Please telephone Marj Riches on 01366 384335

## **Gardens Open June 26th**

This year our 'Gardens Open Day' will be held on the last Sunday in June between 11am and 5pm. Ploughmans lunches will be served from noon in the Village Hall followed by afternoon tea at 2pm. There will be the usual cake and plant stalls as well as a raffle.

All proceeds from the day go to St Andrew's church.

This is a main fund raiser for the church and attracts many visitors from away into the village. It is always good to have some fresh gardens for them to look at so if you feel you would like to add yours to the list of regulars please do. They don't have to be spectacular, fancy or large. What visitors seem most to enjoy is seeing what other people have done with their gardens, discussing them, asking advice on solving problems and generally looking for ideas.

If you are able to help in any way on the day please let me know. Donations of raffle prizes, plants and produce as well as cakes for the stalls would be much appreciated. For further details please contact

***Maureen Tasker 01366 347432***

## **New Quiz Sheet.**

The theme for the new Quiz sheet is 'Film Titles' and it is now available see page 15

## **Forthcoming Events**

- ◆ Saturday April 23rd HM the Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations from 3.00pm
- ◆ Saturday April 30th Quiz Night see advert page 27
- ◆ Sunday June 26th Gardens Open 11am – 5pm

# BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM AND DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

## **Ernie Simmons**

Everyone was very sorry to hear about the death of Ernie and condolences are offered to Marie and all his family.



He was born in Kentish Town, London on 30<sup>th</sup> April 1925. His parents owned a restaurant there. On leaving school he went to Technical College and trained to become an electrician.

During World War 11 he served in the Royal Navy as a leading wireman on board a mine sweeper. On leaving the navy at the end of the war he went back to work as an electrician.

In 1948 he married Marie. John was born in 1949 and Alan in 1952. They lived in Chingford for 30 years. At this time he worked as an auto electrician at Connaught Electrical and he was made Director General.

Ernie and Marie came to Beachamwell in 1978. He worked for Skoda in King's Lynn. He retired in 1989.

Over the years the pair did lots for the village. Organised the Thursday Social Club, Tombola at the Village Fete and Open Gardens for several years and helped in many, many ways.

Ernie was a member of Beachamwell Parish Council and became Chairman, a position he held for several years retiring as recently as 2011.

He loved restoring vintage motor bikes to their former glory. He and Marie enjoyed music and attended many classical concerts. They also loved playing scrabble - Marie usually won!

Ernie's funeral, a beautiful service, was well attended by family, friends and neighbours. He will be sadly missed by all.

## ***Eileen Powell***

# BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM AND DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

## Parish Council



Unfortunately Darren Wakelen has had to resign from the Parish Council due to his business commitments. We are very sorry to lose him but thank him for the work he has done and wish him well.

The following notice was put onto the website and notice board March 17th.....

### NOTICE OF VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

Notice is hereby given of a vacancy that exists for ONE Parish Councillor to serve on the Beachamwell Parish Council caused by the resignation of Councillor Darren Wakelen.

Unless within 14 days of the date of this notice, ten electors for Beachamwell (named on the Electoral Register) have requested to hold an election, the Parish Council will fill the vacancy by co-optation as soon as practicable.

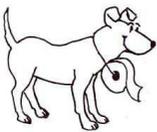
All requests (in writing) for an election to fill the vacancy should be sent to:

The Returning Officer: Breckland Council, Elizabeth House, Walpole Loke, Dereham, Norfolk NR19 1EE

*'The due date for receipt of requests to hold an election is 08.04.2016'*

The next meetings, AGM and Parish Council Meeting, will be held on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 to which you are all warmly invited.

[beachamwell-pc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk](http://beachamwell-pc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk)



Yet again, people are still not clearing up after their dogs. There have been several complaints - please make sure you do as it is very antisocial not to.

Thank you

**Beachamwell Parish Councillors**



# BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM AND DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

## **St Mary's Church**

By the time you read this you would have hopefully finished your Easter Eggs and are probably thinking again about how to wean yourself off all that chocolate!

This year's first Monday of April brings us to the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - the Christian celebration of the announcement by the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary that she would conceive and become the mother of Jesus, the Son of God. This used to be known as 'Lady Day' and it marked the beginning of a New Year right up until 1752. The term derives from Middle English, when some nouns lost their genitive inflections (an "s" genitive ending), and therefore the name means "Lady's day". The logic of using Lady Day as the start of the year was that it roughly coincides with the spring Equinox (when the length of day and night is equal). Many ancient cultures still use this time as the start of the new year, for example Iran. In some traditions they also calculate the years AD from the moment of the Annunciation, which is considered to take place at the time of the conception of Jesus, rather than at the time of his birth at Christmas.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> of April we celebrate the Day of St George's, Patron Saint of England. Very little is known about St. George's life but it is thought he was a high ranking officer in the Roman army who was killed in around AD 303. It is believed that the pagan Emperor Diocletian had St. George tortured to make him deny his faith in Christ. Despite some of the most terrible torture, St George showed incredible courage and faith and was finally beheaded near Lydda in Palestine. Stories of his strength and courage soon spread throughout Europe. The best known legend about St. George is his fight with a dragon in which he killed it on the flat topped hill in Uffington, Berkshire. It is said that even today no grass grows where the dragon's blood trickled down! It was probably the 12th century Crusaders however, who first invoked his name as an aid in battle.

King Edward III made him the Patron Saint of England when he formed the Order of the Garter in St. George's name in 1350 and the cult of the Saint was further advanced by King Henry V, at the battle of Agincourt in northern France. Shakespeare made sure that nobody would forget St. George by having King Henry V finish his pre-battle speech with the famous phrase, 'Cry God for Harry, England and St. George!'

# BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM AND DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

The first Sunday of next month brings us the ever-popular Beachamwell Half Marathon. Participants are sponsored to run, cycle or ride (or even walk) a 13 mile course mainly along public footpaths through the fields of local farmers. The sponsorship money is donated to the church restoration fund. In the past years the money raised this way has paid for the restoration of the north windows, restoring the bells in the tower and repairing the porch roof.



The Open Gardens' Day which follows in early June is another one of the important fund raising events of the year and is organised by the PCC with help from many people in the parish. There will be beautiful gardens to see, lovely

lunches in the Memorial Hall and delicious afternoon tea in the setting of the Old Rectory, accompanied by live music. The money raised from this event helps toward the running costs of our church.

We would be very grateful for offers of help with the organisation and running of these two events so if you feel you can help, either by marshalling the half-marathon, offering your garden for viewing or assisting with the refreshments, please contact one of the churchwardens.

Please note that this year's AGM will be held at the Beachamwell Memorial Hall on Tuesday 12th April starting at 7.30. **Vesna Hudson**

## Flower Rota

April 3rd Olwyn Locke; 10th Pat O'Donnell; 17th Eileen Powell; 24th Mary Riches

## Mobile Post Office

The new times are:

Monday and Thursday 12.45 – 13.05; Tuesday and Wednesday 11.25 – 11.55

# BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM AND DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

## **Beachamwell Memorial Hall (Charity registration number 303900)**

By the time you read this, the AGM will have been held (30th March) and details of the new committee will be published in the May edition.

The February Pop up Pub was a great success, with 70+ people enjoying Fish and Chips. It's a great way to meet up with friends and neighbours and to get to know new people who have moved into the village. Another pub is being held on Friday 1st April, so watch out for posters and emails – and remember to order your fish and chip supper!

Another Pop up Restaurant is being considered for a Saturday in May or June. Watch out for details of menu and how to book.

We have 'christened' our new table tennis table (details in separate article) and we are now preparing to install a new set of goalposts on the playing field. The old goalposts have been well used over the years and are particularly popular with older children.

## **Beachamwell Memorial Hall Committee**

**Contact: Leah Spencer ([leah@wissey.co.uk](mailto:leah@wissey.co.uk))**

## **Table Tennis - New to Beachamwell**

Do you enjoy playing? Would you like to learn how to play?

Thanks to a grant from Breckland Council, we now have a wonderful table tennis table in the Memorial Hall. The first session was held on Friday 12 February and it was enjoyed by all who attended. For a trial period 8 April – 27 May the hall will be open from 3-6pm every Friday for people to come in and play table tennis. Bats and balls will be available to borrow.

This is an activity suitable for all ages – but please note all children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

## **Beachamwell Art Group**

A very successful printing workshop was held in the village hall on Saturday 20 February. Nick Sampson introduced us to the magic of drypoint printing based on the theme of Collections. Over the course of the day participants produced prints based on a wide range of objects: flowers, shells, weaving tools, cameras ... even chickens! We had fun, learned a lot and are looking forward to the next printing workshop in May or June.

# BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM AND DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

There will also be a painting workshop soon, so if you live in the G4N readership area and you would like to be added to the contact list for forthcoming art sessions please contact

**Leah Spencer 01366 328536 or email [leah@wissey.co.uk](mailto:leah@wissey.co.uk)**

## WI

Once again a superb talk, 'Textile Art', had been arranged for us. Mrs Jane Clarke, the speaker, was a joy to listen to. Her enthusiasm and love of her subject shone through. The examples of her work which she brought were amazing and her slide presentation fascinating. Some of you may know her as



she has a studio shop in Swaffham.

During the business part of the evening we were joined by Ed who is Cathy Friend's cat. He paraded in front of the Top Table, moved behind the WI cloth and proceeded to entertain us with a 'shadow show' walking one way then walking another..... the photograph shows him relaxing after his performance.

Thought for the month: 'Anger is an acid that can do more harm to the vessel in which it is stored than to anything on which it is poured'. *Mark Twain*

If you would like to join us you will be more than welcome just call 01366 328325

See adverts on pages 25 and 26 for future events

**Eileen Powell**

**theWI**  
**INSPIRING WOMEN**

# BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM AND DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

## **Wednesday Walkers**

In spite of the wet winter, a dozen of us enjoyed a fine, dry walk at the start of March, covering 5.7 miles.

From the hall, we headed via Shingham to Cley Road. On the outskirts of Cockley Cley our leader, Sue, showed us what remains of a stretch of the Icknield Way. This ancient track claims to be the oldest road in Britain and originally extended from Norfolk to Dorset.

We then took a pretty, circular route back to Shingham. It was a bit chilly but signs of spring were everywhere. As always, Sue's knowledge of the history, flora and fauna of the area really enhanced our enjoyment of the walk. We keep fit and learn stuff at the same time!

Our next walk is on Wednesday 6 April, 10.00 from Beachamwell Memorial Hall. Do join us. Dogs on leads at all times please. Further details: 01366 328452 (Sue Pennell) or 01366 328536 (Leah Spencer)

## ***Helen Ranger***

### **Beachamwell Local History Group**

The Group hopes that the forthcoming Local History Open Day 'Collecting Today for Tomorrow' will be an opportunity for visitors to bring along any old photographs or other items of local historical interest to share with the Group. Chairman Mike Walker explained that even photographs from the recent past would soon begin to acquire value for future local historians of the village. He said that the Group would be happy to copy photos or documents (with the owner's permission) to add to the Local History Group archive.

Formed just over a year ago, the Group is keen to share its work and give people an opportunity to see some of the material it has gathered and the projects that members are working on. Material on display will include a collection of archaeological finds, research on the history of Beachamwell Hall and old maps and photographs of the village. Visitors will be able to search census data for Beachamwell for the period 1841 to 1911 thanks to the work of one of the members who has collected and organised this information. Other items include a display on the history of Shingham and its church and the archive being developed to catalogue material and records held by the Local History Group. See page 27 for details. [www.beachamwell.org.uk](http://www.beachamwell.org.uk)

## ***Philip Spencer***

# COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

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

DATE	VILLAGE	LOCATION	TIME
Tuesday	Barton Bendish	Hatherley Gardens	9.55 am
April	Beachamwell	Old Post Office	10:15 am
12th	Drymere	Telephone Kiosk	10:40 am
	Boughton	Mill Road	14:20 pm
Monday	Wereham	The Pit	9:30 am
April 11th and 25th		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](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/Leisure_and_culture/Libraries/Mobile_libraries)

## VILLAGE BUS SERVICES

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

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## FARMERS' MARKETS

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## VILLAGE, COMMUNITY and PARISH HALL BOOKINGS

Barton Bendish	Bill Tasker	01366 347432
Beachamwell	Leah Spencer	01366 328536
Boughton	Pam Wakeling	01366 500429
Wereham	Doreen Rolph	01366 500218

## CHURCH SERVICES

### Sunday 3rd April

9.30 am	Shouldham	Morning Prayer
10.30 am -11.30 am	Marham	Cafe Church ( <i>In The Methodist Chapel</i> )
11.00 am	Beachamwell	Holy Communion
6.00 pm	Wereham	Evensong

### Sunday 10th April

9.30 am	Shouldham Thorpe	Holy Communion
10.00 am	Boughton	Breakfast Church
10.30 am	Marham	Morning Prayer (MC)
11.00 am	Barton Bendish	Family Communion
6.00pm	Fincham	Evensong

### Sunday 17th April

9.30 am	Shouldham	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Marham	United Morning Worship (MC)
11.00 am	Beachamwell	Family Service
11.00am	Wereham	Morning Prayer

### Sunday 24th April

9.30 am	Fincham	Holy Communion BCP said
10.30 am	Marham	Holy Communion (MC)
11.00 am	Boughton	Holy Communion
6.00 pm	Barton Bendish	Evensong

Thursday services at 10 am Holy Communion followed by refreshments.

Fincham: 7th and 28th      Boughton: 14th and 21st

### Churchwardens

Barton Bendish	Mhari Blanchfield	01366 347849
	Linda Webster	01366 347563
Beachamwell	John Sanderson	01366 328818
	Graham Williams	01366 347673
Boughton	Pam Wakeling	01366 500429
Wereham	Sheila Smith	01366 858165

### Baptisms and Weddings

For the immediate future please contact the Churchwarden in your parish.

## BOUGHTON VILLAGE NEWS

### All Saints' Church

**The Annual Parish Church meeting** will take place on Wednesday 20th April at 6 pm. The Vestry meeting will take place first, to elect a churchwarden - or two. The main meeting will report on the past year, the fabric of the church and the finances. PCC members will be elected. Please come along, especially if you are on the electoral roll. This year we have a new Treasurer, Paul Coulten, who stepped in when Alan Wilkinson resigned after many years of service to the church.

Once again, I'm asking for people in the village to open their gardens on Sunday June 12th, as this is our biggest fundraiser of the year. The amount we have to pay to the Diocese of Ely to maintain a priest has risen again, so we need your support. Our event is always very popular, with people coming from far and wide and the visitors are appreciative of the wide variety of gardens. It doesn't matter if your garden is not perfect - in fact it's quite reassuring! Please give the matter some thought. Sandy will be organising the usual excellent refreshments.

Thank you to the team who cleared the overgrown brushwood from the churchyard, where it had been hiding the snowdrops along by the ditch. I've pointed out that gravestones should not be touched, as they carry some beautiful lichens. This is a country churchyard and should reflect the wildlife around. I have contacted the Norfolk Wildlife Trust for advice. Thank you also to Angela, who tends the flowers and provides the beautiful pots of flowers found in the porch.

A recent funeral in the church was that of John Marks, who was born in the village and still remembered by some of the older inhabitants. We were pleased to welcome 116 people to the service, taken by Carol Nicholas Letch, and the family have presented the church with a most generous gift. I'm publishing the eulogy for those who were unable to attend.

### Eulogy

John was born on the 10th May 1936 at Boughton Hall Farmhouse to Edwin and Edith Marks. He was the brother of Elizabeth and attended Boughton village school; the headmistress there, Miss Clarice Hanbury, being daughter Caroline's God Mother.

From the village school John went to Downham Market grammar school and was very proud of the fact that he left school with only one O level in woodwork -

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He was an articled clerk for Paul Hawkins Estate agents and then was called for National Service where he was invalided out after two weeks with flat feet. Foot surgery followed in an attempt to correct the problem.

The family joked that John was awarded a War Pension in compensation, bearing in mind he was only 9 years old when war ended.

From here John went to work for the Ely River Board where he studied part time to become an associate of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors.

The next stage of John's life was when he met his wife Janet Clarke at The Downham Market Young Conservatives Ball. They married on the 24th September 1960 and moved into a flat above Janet's hairdressing shop in Bridge Street, Downham Market.

Daughter Caroline was born in August 1961 followed by a stillborn son in 1963.

The little family moved to Ramsey, Cambridgeshire in the summer of 1964, when John was appointed Resident Agent to Lord de Ramsey, managing all non farming matters for the estate.

Son John Charles, better known as Charlie, was born in 1969 and is now the last remaining male heir to this branch of the Marks Family.

John left the De Ramsey Estates in 1979 and joined the East of England Agricultural Society of Peterborough as Trade Stands Manager.

He was also very active in Ramsey with The Young Farmers, National Farmers Union, Ramsey Men's Club and was a foundation governor of Ramsey Abbey School with a special responsibility for land and buildings.

On his retirement John took several part time rolls including Sue Ryder Homes in Peterborough and until last October with the Dinosaur Park near Norwich. Not a man to sit on his laurels.

John became quite insular after his wife Janet died in 2006, but continued to spend a month every winter on holiday in warmer climates. Two years ago he had pneumonia which significantly weakened his lungs.

John spent this Christmas in Tenerife, catching a cold which again developed into pneumonia.

He returned to the UK, and whilst awaiting repatriation in the ambulance at Tenerife airport, John was most annoyed that the nursing staff looking after him would not allow him to purchase his tobacco at the duty free. He was, after all, a dedicated pipe smoker. Unfortunately his condition deteriorated rapidly and he died 5 days later on the 17th February at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital.

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Another extract from David Miller's 1969 study of Boughton

### **Religious Buildings.**

The church of All Saints in Boughton was rebuilt in 1872, with the exception of the tower, at a cost of about £1000. It is a building made of stone in the Early English and Decorated styles, consisting of chancel, nave, south porch and an embattled western tower with pinnacles. The western tower contains three bells that are quite adequate enough to summon everybody to church from the village when it is time to worship. There are seatings for one hundred and fifty people in the church and the population of Boughton, as far as my knowledge is concerned, has never surpassed this number so there are always plenty of spare seats.

The church's register dates from the year 1729. The register dates from this time when the inhabitants of even the parish could said to have been very few and far between. At present the living is held by Reverend Bradshaw who does not actually live in the village itself but comes to the parish from the neighbouring village of Fincham several times a week. A stone cross was erected in the churchyard in 1921 with the names on it of those who died in the Great War (1914-1918) from the parish, and the names of those who fell in the Second world War (1939-1945) have also been added to the cross.

The church is protestant and there are very few people in the village who themselves are not of the Protestant religion. Those who are Methodists go to the Methodist church in Stoke Ferry and the Roman Catholics go further afield either to Wisbech or Ely. The Wesleyan Chapel was built in 1871 and is a building in the Gothic style. It has seating for about 100 people although very rarely does the local congregation go above 30 people as most people who I have spoken to find it a very dull experience and extremely boring. The churchyard is kept tidy by one of the villagers, namely Mr Smith, while the church and chapel are kept clean inside by Mrs Payne.

### **The Pond.**

Boughton is lucky in having a large pond in the middle of the village that is a source of pastime for many of the people. This is because it is well stocked with fish, mainly rudd, but with some roach, pike, perch and eels. It is extremely difficult to get fed up with fishing in the pond as one is sure of getting numerous 'bites' which makes it interesting even though you may be unlucky enough not to catch any. The pond is an attraction of a good number of fishermen from the

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surrounding villages and on Sundays there may be as many as twenty people dotted round the pond fishing. The reeds that once hindered the fishermen in the pond were cut down a year ago and this has improved their conditions a great deal but has removed a nesting place for the moorhens and a roosting place for the thousands of swallows that used to congregate there in the summer. The ducks were once over-crowded on the pond when there were about 70 on it but recently nearly half have gone and at the last count two thirds of these were drakes.

### **Wet winter work and reed cutting on Boughton Fen**

Six working parties have been held over the winter, with thirteen volunteers participating. We started off in fine style, cutting back and treating regrowth in some fairly large areas. The work was easily accessible and good progress was made. Just as well that we chose these places first – the heavens opened during November and by early December they could have only been reached in waders. However, work has continued well in the drier areas, with the footpath being slightly re-aligned to avoid the boggy area in Highland Fen. Meanwhile, we had to prepare the area for this year's reed cut, and with all that water in the fen this was no mean feat. Thanks to the efforts of four intrepid, and fairly wet volunteers, the water levels

in the respective area have been reduced to allow our reedcutter to get access.

Luck has been on our side, and a dry window in the weather allowed Stephen to get in with his machine and get cutting. Again, had he left it a few days, it would have been impossible with over 50mm of rain falling the following week. This also put paid to the working party planned for that Saturday to clear and burn the reed, as we woke to pouring rain that continued almost all day.

The following Saturday, things were much better, if somewhat wet underfoot. Wellies with no leaks were absolutely essential, and the majority of reed was gathered by a working party of eight, with a significant amount being burnt, and the rest to follow shortly. When I arrived that morning, it was a pleasure to see their smiling, muddy and smutty faces, enjoying a mid morning snack in the middle of the fen. It should be possible to get the water back in the fen now, before the spring gets going.

This winter has seen Brynmor Jenkins join us to complete the Community Service element of his Duke of Edinburgh award. He has worked really hard, and made a great contribution to the winter's effort.

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As many of you know, I have been unexpectedly out of action, having been taken ill during November. Although I have been able to organise some things from my “command centre” at home, and more recently on foot, I would like to express my thanks to those Fen Supporters who have given me so much help, and without whom none of the above would have been possible.

**Mark Pogmore**



**Stop Press**  
I've asked for news of current Boughton activities without success but perhaps hibernation will end with the advent of longer days.  
**Pam Wakeling**

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### **Village Yard Sale Time Again Sunday 8th MAY..... 09.00 - 12.30pm.**

Yes it's that time again to have a good old Spring Clean and Clear Out around the house - Sell, Sell, Sell.... What could be easier than sitting at the bottom of your drive, watching the day go by making a few pennies? You don't have to get up early, load the car, drive for miles, park in a muddy field and you even get free cups of tea on tap!!!

As normal we will do all advertising, flyers, posters etc - you just load your tables on the day. The cost is £7.00 per household and all proceeds to Village Hall. So come on, let's make this better than last year, if you've had a table before you know that it's a great day and lots of people come and buy. Please contact **Jacqueline on 500880** to book a Yard or if you have any questions...

### **Wereham Crafty Folk**

Wereham Craft Group would like to welcome new crafters. At the moment we are all knitters and sewers but would welcome other types of crafters. We have a good selection of wool and fabrics which have been donated. We would also welcome clean cotton items and jeans for up-cycling. The whole reason for the group is to sell our items and raise money for the village hall. We meet once a month for a coffee and a chat to discuss what we are all doing but work in our own\_homes at our own pace. If you think you would like to join our happy little group please contact me.

**Rosemary Pease tel 01366 501330 or  
e-mail [rosmary.pease@btinternet.com](mailto:rosmary.pease@btinternet.com)**

### **Wereham Wanderers**

We are a social group made up from all different age groups and capabilities who like to walk. We meet up once a week (limited due to weather). We will be organising more walks when the better weather is upon us and perhaps more than once a week and further afield. If you would like to join us please email or phone me for more information.

**Angela 500115 or [cgoddon@btinternet.com](mailto:cgoddon@btinternet.com).**

### **Wereham Tots**

Lovely to see such enthusiasm every Friday when all our little people run through the door to explore the vast amount of toys/equipment and crafts on offer on the day. Parents/carers come to socialise, share ideas (not to forget the tea and coffee) and help out with the singing.

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We have celebrated birthdays so far this year with Hannah, Ella, Jack, Lily, Isabella and Imogen. Mums always come up trumps with a wonderful array of delicious cakes.

Amy (Mummy to Isabella and Imogen) organised a 'bad hair day' in aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital, as her son had spent some time in the Hospital, very poorly, last year. Cakes were sold as well as holding a raffle at Tots. £175.00 was raised, well above her expectations. We displayed some craft work kindly prepared by 'the crafty folk of Wereham', so look out for the little people with brightly coloured mittens, foxy scarves and various styles of hat.

If you would like to join in the fun, come and meet us on Friday mornings (term time only) 10.00am – 12.00 noon. £2.00 per session (for two children, 50p for any extra child. This includes healthy snacks, Mums/Dads, carers hot/cold drinks and biscuits.

All enquirers please contact:

**Angela 01366 500115**

**Quiz Night:** Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 7.30pm. £5.00 a ticket including hot supper, please bring your own drinks. Raffle available. Join us for a fun evening, questions on different categories to suit all ages. Hope you can join us.

**John (01366 500766) or Diane (01366 500798)**

**Wereham Parish Council** last met on 7th March. Draft minutes of the meeting can be requested from the Clerk or viewed on [www.werehamparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.werehamparishcouncil.co.uk) At it's meeting the Council resolved to provide support to the two Village Hall Planning Applications, both for the Construction of a New Village Hall including associated parking and for the proposal for a single dwelling on the existing site. Dog fouling and litter has been noted again in the village. Please all pitch in to help keep our village clean!

Next Meetings Tuesday 10th May 7pm, Wereham Village Hall

Annual Wereham Parish Meeting – this meeting is an opportunity for Parishioners to have their say on items of concern and present on items of interest in the Parish.

The Annual Meeting of Wereham Parish Council (to start immediately after the above) – at this meeting the Chairman is elected for the coming year. Normal business will then proceed.

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Agenda items must be received before the end of April for both meetings. Please send to the Parish Clerk at [werehampc@gmail.com](mailto:werehampc@gmail.com) or to Clavering House, Stoke Road, Wereham PE33 9AT

The Agendas for the meetings are always published on the Wereham Village Notice Board three clear days before the meeting, on the Wereham Parish Council Facebook page and on our new website

[www.werehamparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.werehamparishcouncil.co.uk)

Wereham Parish Council is seeking to recruit a Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

The role includes, but is not limited to, arranging and attending all Parish Council meetings including the Annual Parish Meeting (these are currently held the second Tuesday every other month); the provision of administrative assistance and professional advice to the Parish Council; the preparation and publishing of agendas, minutes, policies and procedures following correct practice; the management of correspondence; the delivery of agreed actions together and the management and administration of the financial budgets and accounts.

Previous experience as a Parish Clerk would be desirable but not essential. A CiLCA qualification or a willingness to gain this within the first few years is required.

The position is home based for 20 hours per month. Paid overtime is likely, dependent on the needs of the Council. Hours of work are flexible but attendance at all Parish Council meetings plus pre-meetings with the Chairman are essential. Starting point SCP17 / £9.03 hourly rate, to be negotiated dependent upon experience / qualifications.

A full Job Description and Personal Specification is available on.....

[www.werehamparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.werehamparishcouncil.co.uk) or can be requested via [werehampc@gmail.com](mailto:werehampc@gmail.com) / 01366 500527.

Applications should include an up to date CV and a covering letter stating why you feel you are suitable for this post and should be sent by email to [werehampc@gmail.com](mailto:werehampc@gmail.com) or by post to Wereham Parish Clerk, Clavering House, Stoke Road, Wereham PE33 9AT.

### **March Update from Wereham Village Hall Committee**

As I write, Easter fast approaches and by the time you read this, the Easter Family Prize Bingo will have been and gone. But don't worry, our next Quiz

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Night is on Saturday 2nd April – it's always a fun evening so do come along. We will also be holding another Yard Sale on Sunday 8th May – contact Jacqueline on 01366 500880 for more details.

There was more innovation at the Pop-up Café this month when, in addition to the usual array of delicious cakes, many visitors also stayed later to enjoy a delicious bowl of soup and homemade bread for their lunch. Thank you John – it was delicious!

If you would like to get involved with the Friends of Wereham Village Hall Group, we are always looking for new volunteers and, as we said last month, now really is the time that we need as much help as possible - this year is going to be very busy - we have a huge job on as we push to increase our fundraising in support of the new hall. There are jobs for everyone so contact Doreen on 01366 500218.

Still on the theme of fundraising, are you a regular EDP reader? If so, you may be able to help us. The EDP is currently running the Community Chest Fund and local community projects are able to claim grants of up to £2500 every month in 2016. We would love to be able to take advantage of this but, to be able to apply, we need to collect 500 tokens from the EDP in a single month (they are colour coded each month) and then apply at the end of that month. If there are enough regular readers out there who would be prepared to collect the tokens and pass them on to us, then we will set up a collection point in the village hall and try to collect enough to be able to apply each month. If you can help, please contact

***Rachel on 01366 502252 or [gerard\\_rachel@btinternet.com](mailto:gerard_rachel@btinternet.com).***

### **Update from the New Build Project Team**

We have seen a few activities on the proposed new village hall site over the past month. Both ground investigation and percolation test surveys have been performed to aid in the design of foundations and provide drainage information. All of this information will be included in our Stage 3 lottery application and has been funded by the development funding we were awarded at Stage 2.

The Lottery will be reviewing drafts of our Business Plan and Capital Delivery Plan over the next couple of weeks and will then provide feedback which we will respond to prior to the final application deadline in April.

***Victoria, John E, John M & Rachel.***

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### **Wereham Village Hall Bonus Ball Club**

The lucky winners of £60 each in March were Hannah and Sandra Amiss – congratulations to you both!

If you are interested in joining, we currently have three numbers available (6, 16 and 45). Each number costs £2 per month with £60 going to the winner and £58 towards the Wereham Village Hall Charity each month. The winning number is drawn from the televised national lotto on the first Saturday of each month. Please contact me on 07795006811. Many thanks,

***Helen Richardson, Secretary.***

### **Events list**

**Bingo** - Wereham Village Hall "Cash Prize" Bingo every Wednesday, doors open 6.45 eyes down 7.30pm. Teas/coffees available with complimentary biscuits.

***Enquiries contact Doreen on 01366 500218.***

**Pop up Café** – first Tuesday of the month, 10.30 - 12.00. Next dates Tuesday 5th April and Tuesday 3rd May. Join us for a slice of homemade cake. a hot drink, a natter and a read of the daily papers – all for just £1. Cake donations/queries to Doreen on 01366 500218.

As well as a special treat for April, we will be holding a 'bring and buy' stall, do join us!

**Indoor/outdoor car boot** – last Sunday of the month, 9am - 1pm (café opens at 8am). Next dates Sunday 27th March and Sunday 24th April. Café serving bacon butties, hot dogs and hot drinks. £5 pitch or, if you have earned time credits, there are two pitches/tables available at a cost of 4 time credits each. To book call Colin on 07961130251/01366 502281.

The 'crafty folk' of Wereham displayed their creations at the February car boot and look forward to future events to display their wares.

**Quiz Night:** Saturday 2nd April.

**Concert in St Margaret's Church with Colin Mason's Jazz Band:**

Sunday evening 1st May

Do you enjoy listening to good jazz? And isn't it even better when you can see it performed live? If this is what you enjoy please come and join us in St Margaret's Church at 7 pm where Colin Mason and his Jazz Band will be playing all

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your favourite pieces. This promises to be a really enjoyable evening. Wine and soft drinks will be served in the interval. We hope to see you there!

your favourite pieces. This promises to be a really enjoyable evening. Wine and your favourite pieces. This promises to be a really enjoyable evening. Wine and Tickets are £5 available at the door or in advance from Pam Walker (telephone 01366 500 408) All proceeds are to St Margaret's Church we hope you will come along and support us.

**Yard Sale** – Sunday 8th May. Contact Jacqueline on 01366 500880

**Queen's Birthday Party:** Saturday 12th June. More details next month.

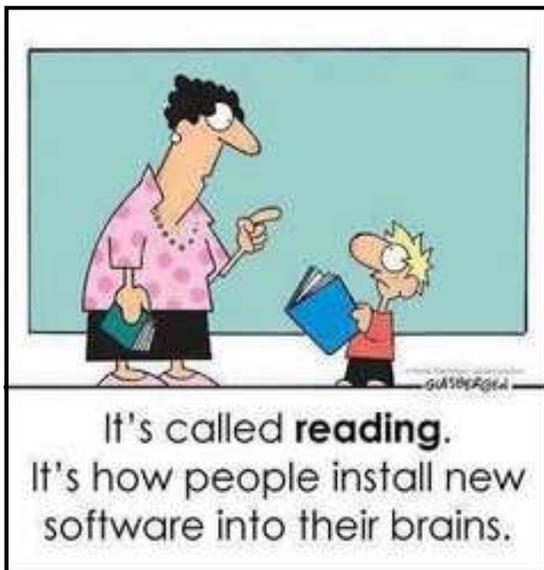
For all the pictures and feedback from our events, log onto [www.facebook.com/werehamvillagehall](http://www.facebook.com/werehamvillagehall). By clicking on the 'Like' option, you will be kept up to date on events, pictures and the progress towards a new village hall.

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

**Victoria Gray, Chair, Wereham Village Hall Committee**

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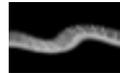
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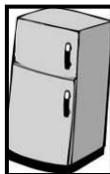
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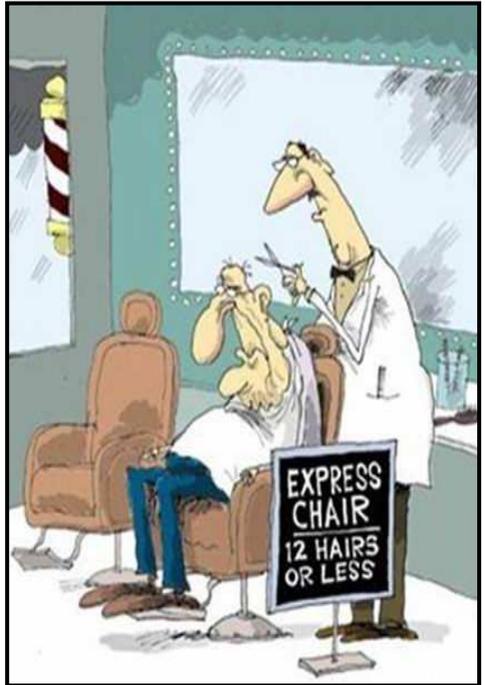
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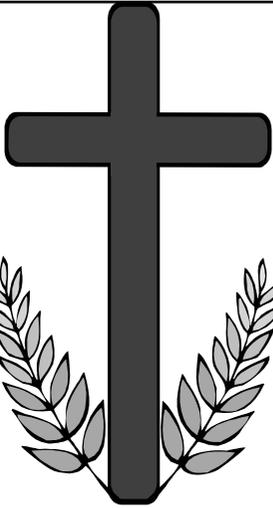
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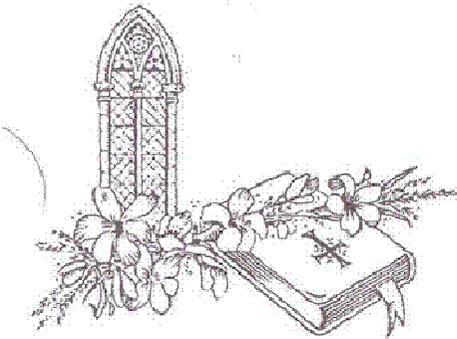
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**Easy access, ample on-site parking, dedicated sterile operating theatre, dedicated dental suite, separate dog and cat wards, isolation ward, all staff and facilities on one site, x-ray suite, in-house laboratory, ultrasound facilities, Pet Passport, export services and 24 hour nursing cover.**

**Many practices now use other veterinary surgeries for their out of hours work. This means that you will have to travel to an unfamiliar practice which is likely to be much further away. Despite being only a two vet. practice we continue to do all of our own on call cover. The phones are diverted directly to the vet on call as we know that clients appreciate a familiar voice at the end of the phone, 24 hours a day, who knows their pets and, if treatment is necessary, then they prefer to travel to their own practice to be seen. This is part of our Professional and Personal service that our existing clients are accustomed to and we warmly welcome new clients who wish to register with us.**

**Our surgery times are listed below. Please note that appointments are now necessary for all evening surgeries.**

**Open surgeries: Monday to Friday , 9-10am, Saturday 10-11.30am**

**All other consultations will be by appointment only  
so please ring in advance**

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