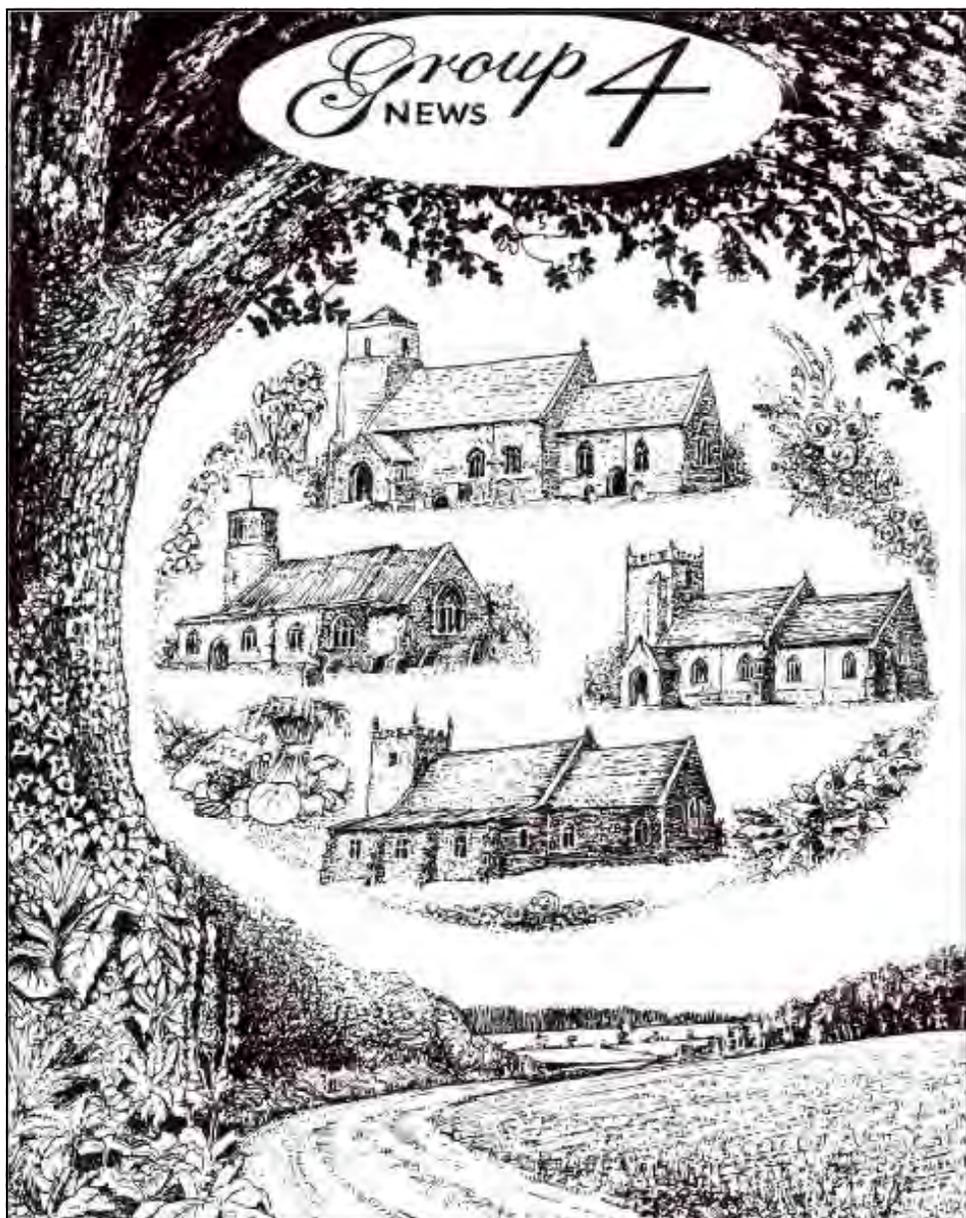


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WELCOME



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.

Happy Easter and as always, 'Happy Reading

Eileen and Pam
The Editorial Team



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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God Spot.

A Father and son were out walking. The son asked, "Why aren't you unhappy?" "What should I be unhappy about?" he replied. The son said, "Everything, I guess. There doesn't seem to be anything we can count on anymore. We can't count on the weather. We can't count on being able to afford to buy petrol or pay our taxes. We can't even count on having enough water. Everything is changing." The father nodded and stared out at the path they were walking. He didn't say anything. Finally he looked at the boy. "I know what you mean. Sometimes I feel like things are changing so fast that I can't keep up." The boy said "I feel like that, too. How do you stand it?" With a knowing smile, he pointed to the sky. "I remember that even though everything in the world seems like it's never going to stop changing, there's one thing that always stays the same." "What's that?" "God's love for us," he said. "That's something that's always there. That will never change." That was the father's secret. No matter how crazy the world was around him, he knew the one truth that would never change: God loved him. Whatever hits us in life we have the one constant to fall back on, and that is the fact that God loves us – no matter what. As a Christian, the story that holds my attention over the last few weeks was obviously the Crucifixion. It's an extremely sorrowful and joyful story all at the same time. Sorrowful that Jesus was crucified but joyful that he rose again. He came to show us what God's love meant and to die for our sins so that we could be saved. I have to admit that even on the Good Friday service when everyone is a bit dour I have a great big smile inside, which I find hard to keep in. I love the fact that we have a God that loves us so much that he came to us in the form of Jesus to guide us back to him. Personally, I am always on a high over this time because I know what this means for me. I know the Lord and what he did for me, and you. I much prefer Easter to Christmas from a Christian point of view. Christ died for us, let's do something for him this Easter – let's go to one of our church services and thank him.

God Bless.

Ken Waters

FAREWELL TO BUBBLES



All of us for whom the crib Service on Christmas Eve at Boughton is a yearly highlight will be very sad to hear that Bubbles, our donkey of the last few years, died during the recent very cold weather. His bereaved family say that they have had him for 25 years and they don't know how old he was when he came to them. He is mourned by many; some unknown, such as the person who left a Christmas card pinned to his field fence...

We are so thankful to the Birkbeck family for lending him and to Paul Coulten for organising transport.

We would love to send photos to the family of Bubbles at the Crib service; if anyone has a good one I would be very grateful if they could send it to me at pippa.blackall@btinternet.com

Also, we must face the fact that we need a successor to Bubbles and would be very glad if anyone knows of, or has, a donkey who could be offered to continue this lovely tradition.



Pippa Blackall

(Photographs Pam Wakeling)

BENEFICE NEWS

Ministry in the Church of England



With the rapidly changing circumstances faced by the churches in England over the last 4 years, the Church of England has had to rethink how to manage its resources in terms of money and manpower in order to survive let alone flourish in many places. For those of us who have been involved in the life of the church in rural areas the battle seems like one for survival indeed with ageing congregations in many places. There are a number of areas involved in the battle for survival, not least the care and maintenance of our historic buildings, almost always the most ancient building in a village, but also the repository of the history and art of the village as well as the hope of fears of life celebrated there and recorded in the parish registers. The church has not yet thought strategically about this matter. The response to the

increasing costs and reducing numbers of stipendiary (paid) has also been haphazard in many cases and adaptive rather than thought through often leading to confusion over roles. The Faith and Order Group of the Church of England has been reflecting on ministry over the last ten years.

Mission and Ministry is the responsibility of the whole body of the church, lay and ordained, but within that overall charge there are specific roles. The word ministry is usually rendered in the New Testament *diakonia*, the Greek Word usually translated ministry or service. There is a clear distinction between discipleship and ministry. *“Discipleship is the day to day basic Christian living, often self-authorized under the Guidance of the Holy Spirit,”* in how we conduct our lives and live out faith in our context. *“Ministry, on the other hand is always authorized by the Church. Ministry is therefore always undertaken in the name of the Church, authorized by it and accountable to it”.* (quotes from Faith and Order paper 2007).

Ministry is always Christ’s ministry and shares in it. Ministry is related to the key mission tasks of the church and embraces both lay and ordained ministry. Since mission and ministry of the Church is a structured whole, individual ministries will inevitably overlap in the ordained ministry of bishops and priests and the lay ministries of readers/LLMs/ALMs and Churchwardens and so on. This is not a problem as long as *“there is clarity about what the Church expects from its various ministries and provided its ministers work in a collaborative and collegial manner”*

Fancy Volunteering?

COUNTRYSIDE NOTES

When I was a kid living in Sussex we used to call bats 'fluttermice' which I think is a good description of them. Only being active after dark most people don't know much about them and regard bats as unpleasant and mysterious creatures of the supernatural. Seeing them conjures up spooky visions of disease, vampires, evil and witchcraft. Although it's very unlikely in this country they can carry two diseases - rabies and histoplasmosis. Many superstitions surround them, some good and some bad. In truth it is ignorance that causes people to fear bats. They are certainly peculiar looking creatures with their fold up wings which act as front legs and their habit of hanging upside down to sleep.



World-wide there are 1,300 bat species. Weighing only 2 grams Bumblebee bats are the smallest while the flying fox is the largest at 1.5kgs with a wingspan of two metres. Seventeen species are known to breed in Britain which is about a quarter of the total mammal species found here. Some are common and some are rare. The Pipistrelle is our commonest species and weighs the same as a 20p piece. Its cousin, the Soprano Pipistrelle, has a higher pitched call. Brown Long-eared and Grey Long-eared bats, as the name suggests, possess exceptionally large ears. Greater and Lesser Horseshoe bats

have horseshoe shaped noses and the rare Barbastelle has a distinctive pug like face. Daubenton's hunt for insects over water and the Noctule is our largest species even though it's smaller than the palm of your hand. Others are Bechstein's, Alcatheo, Brandt's, Leisler's, Natterer's, Serotine, Nathusius' Pipistrelle and the Whiskered which has shaggy fur.

Bats are nocturnal spending the daytime hidden away in caves, trees, churches, barns, tunnels or roof spaces. Fully protected by law it's a crime to cause them harm, disturb them or damage their habitat. They have daytime roosts, hibernation roosts and breeding females gather together in maternity roosts. Bats will begin to emerge from hibernation on a warm March night and are particularly active during April when they need to replace the weight they lost during their long winter sleep. In some countries bats pollinate crops such as bananas, cocoa, and guava but ours are all insectivores and can account

BENEFICE NEWS *CONTINUED*

Within the ministry of the Church there is a category of ordained ministry. *Ordained ministry, contrasting with non-ordained ministry is marked by the threefold characterization of being: a lifelong; b nationally belonging to the universal Church and: c being a comprehensive ministry embracing pastoral care and the ministries of word and sacrament.* This ordained ministry is signified and conveyed by the laying on of hand by bishops along with the Invocation of the Holy Spirit at the ordination of Bishops and priests. This also confers responsibility of oversight (as an example see Acts 20:28) when Paul talks to the elders at Ephesus. While the ordained ministry carries both responsibility and oversight it does not mean the clergy have to do everything. This is a lesson some clergy have had to relearn perhaps. The fact is in the country-side in practice there is a need for a collegial ministry of both lay and ordained and the need has never been greater than it is now if the mission and ministry of the church is to survive in rural England. The purpose of this article then is to ask you to reflect on whether you might have a calling to some form of recognized and authorized ministry, either as an ordained priest or lay minister. For the need has rarely been greater and the church needs help if we are to survive another generation in the countryside.

William Burke (Rural Dean of Fincham and Feltwell Deanery)

COUNTRYSIDE NOTES *CONTINUED*

for thousands every night including mosquitoes. They can starve if there aren't sufficient insects. Depending on the species they can be found foraging over pastures, woodland or water. In June females give birth to a single 'pup' less than an inch long which they suckle. The babies become independent in August. Bats mate in October and will also be concentrating on building up their fat reserves prior to hibernation. Although they can see very well they locate their prey in the dark by using a high frequency system known as echolocation. They make calls as they fly and listen for the returning echoes to build up a sonic map of their surroundings. Humans can't hear these calls because they are too higher a pitch.

Jill Mason

SWAFFHAM & LITCHAM HOME HOSPICE SUPPORT

Rapid progress towards our major event this year "The Relay Together", on Sunday the 17th June at the Rugby Club is being made as Teams are beginning to place their names to take part. For further information please contact the Home Hospice Support Team on Swaffham 01760 722937 where posters of the day are available to collect. Come along and enjoy the fun at this community project knowing that you are supporting a vital Charity within our Town.

The Home Hospice Support Team were involved in the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Race organised by the Lions of Swaffham held at the Assembly Rooms, but owing to the inclement weather conditions, the event was transferred to indoors of the building. As in the past it was very well supported and great fun too.

The Quiz Night that was scheduled for March 2nd at the Conservative Club had to be cancelled caused by the Beast from the East. It will now take place on April 12th with a 7.30pm start and costing £5.00 per head with a maximum of six per table. Contact: Adrian on Swaffham 01760 724304 for further information.

The Charity's annual Town Collection takes place on May 12th and if you are interested in standing for an hour or so, then I am sure the Home Support Team at the office would be pleased to hear from you, or you can contact Adrian.

The Charity are seeking out further volunteers to serve and support the Fundraising Committee in their work to raise vital income ensuring the survival of the Hospice. The commitment is left to those who have the desire to assist us, but be rest assured you will certainly enjoy meeting those who already give their time for this wonderful cause. There is always a need for the Committee to receive new ideas to take forward for planning future events. On the other hand why not organise an event for us and if you require assistance then the Committee will only be too pleased to work with you.

For further information please contact the Home Support Team on Swaffham 01760 722937.

David Gulliver



MAGPIE CENTRE NEWS



Magpie Centre Quiz Beats The Snow To Raise £1600

As the 'Beast from the East' began to loosen its icy grip, 150 competitors in 25 teams packed into Stowbridge Village Hall for a Quiz and Hog Roast on Saturday, March 3.

This was the sixth quiz since 2015 run to raise funds for the Magpie

Centre, home of West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled Association, which provides more than 100 riding and carriage driving lessons a week, to people of all ages and with all levels of physical and learning disability.

Said Magpie Centre volunteer Caroline Dudley, who organised the quiz; "This was the biggest turnout we'd seen and it was great to see so many teams returning, coupled with new ones, who had heard good reports of previous events. "But that meant more work on the catering side, so it was a real team effort. Then, I spent the last two days fielding enquiries as to whether the quiz would run, in view of the snow," she continued. "We decided to chance it: the thaw began, and we had the best evening ever, making £1,600 for the Centre.," she added.

Next up is an Equestrian Table Top Sale, to be held in the indoor school at Wallington Hall, PE33 0EP on Saturday April 28 from 11 am to 1.00 pm. Admission £1.00, children under 12 free. No dogs allowed, except service dogs. To book a pitch, £7.00 each, call 01553 828935 or email c.dudley@success-in-english.co.uk. There will also be a BBQ, offering locally-sourced produce, plus tea, coffee and cakes available all day.

If any queries, call me on 01553 828935 or email c.dudley@success-in-english.co.uk

Caroline Dudley

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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

SIX LITTLE STORIES

(1) Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer all the people gathered but only one boy came with an umbrella. **That's FAITH.**

(2) When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. **That's TRUST.**

(3) Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning but still we set the alarms to wake up. **That's HOPE.**

(4) We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. **That's CONFIDENCE.**

(5) We see the world suffering but still we get married and have children. **That's LOVE.**

(6) On an old man's shirt was written a sentence 'I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience.' **That's ATTITUDE.**

Have a happy day and live your life like the six stories. When I was a child, I thought nap time was punishment. Now it's like a mini-vacation.

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.

Telephone 01366 386972 or 07926 044845

Email vhowling@csv.org.uk

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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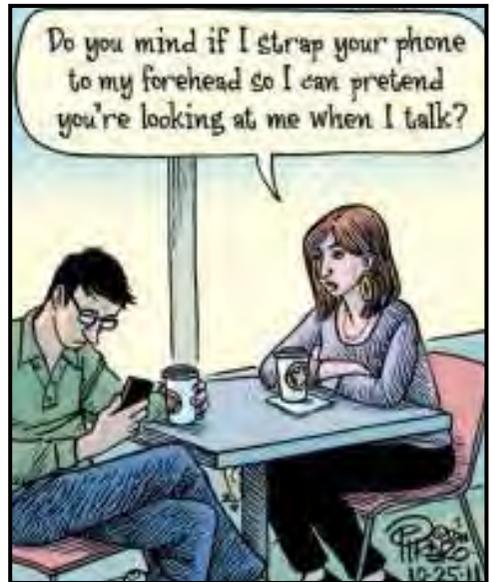
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THE DEATH OF CONVERSATION



CHILDREN'S PAGE

Easter Word Search

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Hot Cross Buns

Bunny Rabbit

Jesus Christ

Simnel Cake

Bonnet

Chocolate Eggs

The Cross

Flowers

Holiday

Good Friday

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

PUNS FOR THE EDUCATED

1. King Ozymandias of Assyria was running low on cash after years of war with the Hittites. His last great possession was the Star of the Euphrates, the most valuable diamond in the ancient world. Desperate, he went to Croesus, the pawnbroker, to ask for a loan. Croesus said, "I'll give you 100,000 dinars for it." "But I paid a million dinars for it," the King protested. "Don't you know who I am? I am the King!" Croesus replied, "When you wish to pawn a Star, makes no difference who you are."
2. Evidence has been found that William Tell and his family were avid bowlers. Unfortunately, all the Swiss League records were destroyed in a fire . . . and so we'll never know for whom the Tells bowled.
3. A man rushed into a busy doctor's surgery and shouted, "Doctor! I think I'm shrinking!" The doctor calmly responded, "Now, settle down. You'll just have to be a little patient."
4. An Indian chief was feeling very sick, so he summoned the medicine man. After a brief examination, the medicine man took out a long, thin strip of elk rawhide and gave it to the chief, telling him to bite off, chew and swallow one inch of the leather every day. After a month, the medicine man returned to see how the chief was feeling. The chief shrugged and said, "The thong is ended, but the malady lingers on."
5. A famous Viking explorer returned home from a voyage and found his name missing from the town register. His wife insisted on complaining to the local civic official, who apologized profusely saying, "I must have taken Leif off my census."
6. There were three Indian squaws. One slept on a deer skin, one slept on an elk skin and the third slept on a hippopotamus skin. All three became pregnant. The first two each had a baby boy. The one who slept on the hippopotamus skin had twin boys. This just goes to prove that... the squaw of the hippopotamus is equal to the sons of the squaws of the other two hides.
7. A sceptical anthropologist was cataloguing South American folk remedies with the assistance of a tribal elder who indicated that the leaves of a particular fern were a sure cure for any case of constipation. When the anthropologist expressed his doubts, the elder looked him in the eye and said, "Let me tell you, with fronds like these, you don't need enemas."

THIS IS WHAT SOME SEA CAPTAINS DO FOR FUN....



The passenger steamer SS Warrimoo was knifing its way through the waters of the mid-Pacific on its way from Vancouver to Australia. The navigator had just finished working out a star fix and brought the Captain, John Phillips, the result. The Warrimoo's position was LAT 0o 31' N and LON 179 30' W. The date was 31 December 1899.

"Know what this means?" First Mate Payton broke in. "We're only a few miles from the intersection of the Equator and the International Date Line".

Captain Phillips realized the opportunity for achieving a navigational occurrence of a lifetime. He called his navigators to the bridge to check and double check the ship's position. He changed course slightly so as to bear directly on his mark. Then he adjusted the engine speed. The calm weather and clear night worked in his favour.

At mid-night the SS Warrimoo lay on the Equator at exactly the point where it crossed the International Date Line! The consequences of this bizarre position were many:

The bow of the ship was in the Southern Hemisphere and in the middle of summer. The stern was in the Northern Hemisphere and in the middle of winter. The date in the aft part of the ship was 31st December 1899. In the bow it was 1st January 1900.

This ship was therefore not only in two different days, two different months, two different years and two different seasons but it was also in two different centuries - all at the same time.

Thanks to Val McAlister, Barton Bendish, for this interesting contribution - Ed.

EASTER RECIPES

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

Singing is FUN!

That is one of the many reasons that the King's Lynn Festival Chorus would like to invite you to join them in an afternoon of singing on **Sunday April 15 in St Nicholas Chapel, King's Lynn**. Other reasons to sing – stress reduction, mood elevation, lowers heart rate and improves circulation ... but it is easier to say 'FUN'.

In conjunction with The Come and Sing Company – professional singers and musicians - we will be singing selected choruses from 'Oliver'. The afternoon starts at 1pm – 4pm, with a free concert at 4.30pm.

All ages and abilities are welcome – accompanied under 18's free, and adults £10 per person. Music provided, and if you come in Fancy Dress, you may win a prize. So, come along, bring family and friends and enjoy yourselves.

To book a place, contact secretary@kingslynnfestivalchorus.co.uk or register via our website www.kingslynnfestivalchorus.co.uk

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Prune and Port Fool

Ingredients

4oz stoned prunes (soaked overnight)
2oz Castor sugar
4tbsp Port
Finely grated rind and juice of 1 medium orange
1/4 pint thick custard
5 fl oz double cream

Method

1. Drain prunes and put into saucepan with sugar, port, orange rind and juice. Simmer for 15 minutes or until soft. Leave to cool slightly then puree in a blender or food processor. Leave to cool completely.
2. Fold the cooled custard into the pureed prunes. Whip the cream until it will stand in soft peaks then fold into the prune custard until evenly blended.
3. Divide the mixture between 4 individual glasses then chill in fridge for about 2 hours until firm.
4. Served chilled with sweet biscuits.

Eileen Powell



SWAFFHAM MUSEUM 2018



Although our doors did not open to the public until February 12, we had a flurry of interest in late January following the broadcasting of an episode of **Antiques Road Trip** which featured Swaffham Museum. Raj Bisram came to explore the connection between Swaffham and Howard Carter who discovered the tomb of Tutankhamun in 1922. This episode is available to view on YouTube. We have one large room dedicated to Egyptology and Howard Carter.

One of our new displays '**From Beginning to End**' is also very exciting as we celebrate the Swaffham Railway. This opened in 1847 and closed under the Beeching cuts in 1968. Some of you may remember catching the train to the coast for a day out, or using it to travel to work or school. Whatever your memories, you will enjoy our displays of photographs and memorabilia, and the model rolling stock.

We have also delved into our store rooms and have a room of art work. All are by local artists and include a number by Ben Ripper. There is also a digital display of some of the museum's photographs of old(er) Swaffham.

Also new to the museum this year is the 16th century Communion Chalice, with its 19th century paten, from the ancient church at Houghton-on-the-Hill near North Pickenham. The church itself has a latest date of 1090 and its remarkable wall paintings system of the same date is world renowned.

The Houghton display includes a Roman ring found in the hedgerow by the church and a mourning ring to Robert Say. Reverend Say was vicar at Swaffham and then Rector at Houghton-on-the-Hill in the 18th century. The ring was found on Campingland and subsequently sold on Ebay. Luck, or otherwise, brought it back home. The museum tells the story.

There are children's activities, take home information sheets and family museum trails as well as a Museum Shop which also houses the Tourist Information Centre.

Opening times are Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm and Saturdays 10am to 1pm.

Veronica Hutchby - Publicity Officer

WHAT'S ON AT DOWNHAM MARKET LIBRARY

For further information about events or to book where necessary please call 01366 383073

Volunteers needed!

Could you help inspire the next generation of computer coders? We want to run a **Coding Club at the Library**, using projects from the Code Club website.

Could you help develop ideas for events held at the library as a **Library Friend** and promote the library and its services within the local community?

Could you help with refreshments at our coffee mornings?

Please contact Fran at the library on 01366 383073 if you'd like to find out more.

Regular Events

Baby bounce and rhyme - Thursdays – 10-10.30 term time only

Come along and enjoy some songs and rhymes.

Knit and Natter – 1st and 3rd Wednesdays in month. 1.30 – 3pm

Brew and Banter – Every Friday 10am – 12 noon. 50p suggested donation.

Enjoy a chat over a tea or coffee.

Job Help – free help with using the Universal Jobsmatch website. Wednesday mornings or Friday mornings/afternoons. Booking essential.

Active Minds – Puzzles, board games and colouring. Every Thursday 1.30 – 3.30pm.

Special Events

Downham Market Library Friends Saturday 7th April 10.30 - 11.30am

Come along and join the Friends group to find out how you can support your local library.

The History of Oxburgh Hall Monday 30th April 1.30 - 2.30pm

Tickets £3, refreshments included, payable on booking. Booking essential.

April Storytimes Thursday 5 & Thursday 12 10.30-11.30

Free, no need to book. Children must be accompanied by an adult.





National
Trust

OXBURGH HALL

Unless otherwise indicated please call
08442 491895 to book tickets

Saturday 31st March, Sunday 1st & Monday 2nd April

10.30am – 4.30pm (last trail sold at 3.30pm)

Cadbury Easter Hunt

Easter is that time of year when the natural world around us springs back to life. Experience all that nature has to offer, exploring the grounds following the Easter hunt, and claim your Cadbury chocolate prize. There will be outdoor activities and garden games to enjoy too.

£2.50 per hunt, plus normal admission to grounds applies.

Wednesday 4th April and Wednesday 11th April, 11.30am and 1.30pm

Go Wild in the Woods – Drop-in Activities

Come and join the Outdoors Team in Home Covert woodland and participate in a range of woodland activities. You may be whittling sticks, making charcoal, collecting firewood, toasting marshmallows over an open fire, drinking hot chocolate, den building or minibeast hunting, to name but a few.

Wear clothes you don't mind getting muddy in, plus sturdy boots or wellies.

Please note there is a walk of about 20 minutes from the car park to the event area.

Free of charge – donations welcome. Normal admission to grounds applies.

Sunday 22nd April, 11am – 4pm

St. George's Day Craft Activities

Fancy being St. George for the day? Are you that damsel in distress that needs rescuing? St. George themed craft activities let you make a shield to defend yourself against the dragon; you can make a puppet dragon to practise on, too! A custom-designed damsel hat could turn you into a damsel that needs rescuing on the spot. Various St. George themed crafts help you support England's patron saint's day.

Free, but normal admission to the grounds applies.

Swaffham Jazz Club

The Colin Mason Quartet with
Sax virtuoso Myke Clifford
Tuesday 10th April

Swing That Thing - Quintet
Tuesday 8th May

Swaffham Conservative Social Club
23 London Street, PE37 7DD

Start: 7.30
New price: £7
Enquiries: 01366 328730 or
01760722384



Country Life: Rural East Anglia 1700 – 1900

Swaffham Community Centre

Fridays at 10am from 20 April

Fee: £51 for 7 week course

*Further information and booking:
Tel 01760 723558
or book online at www.wea.org.uk*



'Ad Hoc Strings'
Musical Director Steve Bingham
Serenade for Strings to include
music by Mozart, Bartok and Elgar.
www.stevebingham.co.uk

Sunday April 22nd
3.00 pm

Swaffham Assembly Rooms
£9 for members
£12 non-members
Accompanied children free

Tickets from
Green Parrot 01760 724704
Ceres Bookshop 01760 722504
Enquiries: 01366 328648

Nar Valley Ornithological Society (NarVOS)

Tuesday 24th April at 7.30pm
The Barn Theatre
Sacred Heart Convent School, Swaffham.
Access and parking from Sporle Road.

Please come along to his illustrated talk
by **Dr Kevin Elsby**, entitled:
The Wildlife of East Anglia
Amazingly, Dr Kevin Elsby has combined
a career as a Norfolk family doctor with a
passion for wildlife and photography. He
is an award-winning photographer, tour
guide, lecturer and Fellow of the Royal
Photographic Society. Kevin often gives
talks about far-off places but this one is
from our own backyard – East Anglia.
Please come along for some brilliant
photography from a first-class speaker.

Admission £2 on the night for non-
member and visitors are most welcome.
Enquiries: 01760 724092

Barton Bendish

Family Coffee Morning

Easter Saturday March 31st

10.00 - 12.00
Village Hall

Exhibition of Easter Hats
A small gift will be given to every child
who exhibits one.

Easter Egg Tombola
Produce stall, Cakes, Raffle, etc
Any Donations very welcome

**PLEASE COME ALONG AND JOIN
IN THE FUN**

Aid of the Village Hall
Enquiries:
01366 347928 or 07884411619

Beachamwell

Creative Writing Group



Meets every
second Monday
Afternoon

2.30pm

Everyone with an interest in
putting pen to paper welcome.

Enquiries: 01366 328895
or
james@jamesknoxwhittet.plus.com

Wereham's

Pop-Up Cafe will 'pop up'

Twice Every Month
1st and 3rd Tuesdays

10.30 am till 1.00pm

The café will continue to serve a hot
drink and a pastry or a slice of
home-made cake for just

£1.50

PLUS

A light lunch 'dish of the day'
For an additional £2.50
Enquiries: 01366 500218

Wereham

Short Mat Bowls Club Tuesday 2.00 - 4.00 pm Village Hall

£2 per session with free tea/coffee/
and either cake or biscuits served
during the afternoon.

Spectators are free and very welcome
to come along.

We also run a 50/50 raffle.

Enquiries: 01366 501330 or
rosemary.pease@btinternet.com.

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 Bingo



Village Hall

Wednesdays

Doors Open 6.45pm

Eyes Down 7.30

Raffle and refreshments with
complimentary biscuits

Enquiries: 01366 500798

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

Wereham Indoor / Outdoor Car Boot Sales and Café

The last Sunday of every month
until end of November 2018

9am until 1pm

Cafe serving bacon rolls,
sausage in a roll or egg in a roll, with
plenty of tea and coffee.

A warm and friendly welcome
is given to everyone.

Please contact Philip on
07759033492 or 01366501330
e-mail
rosemary.pease@btinternet.com.

Beachamwell Book Group

**Tuesday 3rd April
7.30**

Beachamwell Village Hall

Book to be discussed over a glass of
wine

**Missing Presumed...
Susie Stainer**

Annual Subscription £12.50

New members welcome

Enquiries: 01366 328536



Beachamwell WI

'Know Your Shape, Enjoy Your Assets'

Illustrated Talk by
Penelope Watkins

Thursday April 5th
7:30pm
Beachamwell Village Hall

Visitors welcome
01366 327023 or 01366 328589

Beachamwell Pop Up Pub



Friday 13th April
7.00 - 10.30
Village Hall

Home made meatballs and bread for
supper at £7.00 per head. We will do
around 35 servings, so ordering is
essential.

Enquiries: 01366 328249

Barton Bendish Film Club

Proudly Presents:

'Paddington 2'

Saturday 14th April

6.30 for 7.00pm

Barton Bendish Village Hall

Tickets £5

Raffle and refreshments

Box Office: 01366 347849

email: cinemabarton@gmail.com

www.bartonbendishfilmclub.btck.co.uk/

Beachamwell WI Craft Evenings

Tuesday 17th April
7.30 - 9.30

Village Hall

2018 sessions start this month
Knitting, sewing, quilting and
much more

Non-WI members and beginners
very welcome

£3 including refreshments

Enquiries: 01366 328589

Beachamwell Afternoon Tea and a Chat.....

**Wednesday
April 18th
2 - 4pm**

**Beachamwell
Village Hall**



Enquiries
01366
347673

Boughton

**The Annual Parochial Church
Meeting**

All Saints' Church
Monday 9th April
6pm

Everyone welcome
Enquiries: 01366 500429

Beachamwell

**The Annual Parochial Church
Meeting**

of St Mary's Church Beachamwell
Thursday 19th April - 7pm
at Beachamwell Village Hall
Everyone is welcome
Refreshments will be available
Enquiries: 01366 327 030

Beachamwell Table Tennis



**Friday April 20th
3.00pm
Village Hall**

Enquiries: 01366 328895
or
james@jamesknoxwhittet.plus.com

Barton Bendish ? Quiz Night ?

**Saturday April 21st
7.00pm for 7.30pm**

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

To book your table please
contact 01366 347563 or
01366 347983

Proceeds to St Andrews Church

Beachamwell Craft Group

Wednesday 25th April

2.00 - 4.00

Beachamwell Village Hall

Bring along your drawing, painting, knitting, sewing ... whatever art or craft project you are working on at the moment. Or start something completely new!!

£2.00 + Bring and Buy

All welcome.

Enquiries:01366 328536

Wereham Beetle Drive

Friday April 27th

6.30pm

Village Hall

An evening of Family Fun

Teams must consist of two people.

£2.00 for adults, £1.00 for children.

Refreshments available

Enquiries: 01366 500115 or
01366 500798.

Barton Bendish



Book Folding

Saturday 28th April

10.00 - 12.30

Village Hall

Places are on a first come first served basis.

To book your place email
rayburman@me.com or call
01842 828891

Organised by St Andrew's Church



BARTON BENDISH & EASTMOOR VILLAGE NEWS

Easter Coffee Morning Saturday 31st March 10am – 12noon

We are holding our annual Easter Coffee Morning on Saturday March 31st from 10am – 12noon in the Village Hall with the emphasis being on the whole family. There will be an Easter Egg tombola as well as the chance to win a delicious cake by entering the competition to guess how many eggs are decorating it. There will also be book, cake and produce stalls as well the usual raffle and one or two things for the kids to do.



Put your Easter Bonnet on display if you have the time to create one.

This is an event held annually to raise funds towards the costs involved with the day to day running of our Village Hall. Money is needed to pay for insurances, water rates, electricity etc. As you all know they don't come cheap!!

Needless to say donations of cakes, Easter eggs, raffle prizes etc would be very much appreciated.

Enquiries: 01366 347928 or masons.sandmere@btinternet.com

Jill Mason

And the Sun Shines on Barton.....

As I write it seems that Spring has begun and that familiar feeling of the sun on my back has replaced the bitter teeth of the wind from the Urals. Even the birds have stopped sulking, although bribing them with sunflower hearts might have a lot to do with it. The raucous sound of birdsong was one of the things we moved here for. Our children warned us that life would be tough if ever it snowed much but we seem to have survived it.

BARTON BENDISH & EASTMOOR VILLAGE NEWS

Village Projects

They are now beginning to make progress. I have started to receive contributions for the intended book on those who fought in the Great War and Albanwise have kindly arranged to plant the verges of Buttlands Lane with poppies and red flowers of other kinds. The community are, hopefully, going to be out in force to help with the planting. Buttlands Lane will be a visible mark of respect to those who suffered on our behalf a hundred years ago. Community involvement and need are at the heart of any bids for funding to develop the Village Hall, which will soon need expensive work. The events held there are very popular and no doubt, with the right development, it could serve the community better and earn more if it became a more attractive venue.

It is good to see a quiz evening being held, in support of the church, on April 21st. Barton teams have shown up well in recent quizzes at Beachamwell and Oxborough. Some of us did rather less well at the Macmillan Quiz in North Wootton, where the winning score was a slightly intimidating total of 99 out of a hundred.

Anglia Water

I am glad to see that the Parish Council are taking up the case of Barton's tanker invasion. Anglia Water has been notable for its inability to deal with complaints or even to monitor the behaviour of some tanker drivers, which verges on the malicious. Neither has there been any attempt to explain what is happening to residents or how long it might go on for. It seems that some institutions are big enough to blame different parts of the business but not big enough to consult the people affected by it. I don't say these things simply because they continue to damage my garden and disturb our peace but because they have also damaged

BARTON BENDISH & EASTMOOR VILLAGE NEWS

Openreach installations, damaged lengths of kerb and destroyed verges. Perhaps this is one of the drawbacks of living in a small village with little political clout. I hope not.

Andrew Stephens

Quiz Night

This year Barton's ever popular annual Quiz Night is being held on Saturday April 21st meeting at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start in the Village Hall. Teams can be of up to 6 people.

£4 per person. Tea or coffee will be served but please bring your own food and drink.

To book your table contact 01366 347563 or 347983

Proceeds to St Andrews Church

Book Folding Workshop

A Book Folding workshop is being held in the village hall on Saturday 28th April 10am -12.30. Refreshments available. There is no charge but a donation of around £5 is suggested.

All equipment is provided but people need to bring a ruler. The lady taking the workshop is also holding a book folding morning at St George's Methwold on the 14th of April. For details please contact Ray Burman tel 01842 828891 or email rayburman@me.com

St Andrew's Church

Heritage Service on Sunday 22nd April at 3pm in St Andrews Church.

Animal Service at St Andrew's church on Sunday 13th May at 3pm. All animals and owners welcome. Refreshments for both available after the service.

Bring your pet along and have them blessed!

BARTON BENDISH & EASTMOOR VILLAGE NEWS

I took a few photographs on the 10th March of the planting on Buttland's Lane.



Hopefully, in a few months, we will see a swathe of poppies and annuals which will be a fitting tribute to the people of Barton Bendish who served their country in the Great War. For such a small village, it is astonishing how many of the community are prepared to get involved in a simple activity which demonstrates the respect of the village for all those who suffered so long ago. We are particularly grateful to Albanwise for supporting this initiative and to Anthony for giving us the benefit of his expertise. There will be other commemorations of the war, of course and, we hope, a successful appeal for funding so that we can develop a Village Hall worthy of the community it serves and the events it hosts.



It was a lovely way to spend a sunny morning.

Andrew Stephens

Forthcoming Events

Sunday June 24th Gardens Open

Weekend September 15th and 16th Art, Photography and Craft Exhibition

BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

Parish Council



The Parish Council is about to install a PAD (Public Access Defibrillator) on the external wall of the Village Hall with the permission of the Committee. This should be in place at the beginning of April and ready to use, hopefully not for long time, but ready if it ever is! There has been some positive responses from people who would like to increase their knowledge and confidence of First Aid which is one of the reasons that prompted us to take this project further. We will hopefully be able to let you know of a date when it is booked with a

suitably trained First Aider. The main features this model offers is it is easy to use with few buttons and can be used on anyone regardless of age!

We must thank Breckland District Council for helping us with funding to get all this together. We look forward to seeing it in place and ready! If you would like more information and also want to come along to the training please let us know, it should be a short session of a couple of hours, we have had a couple of people mention they would be interested in this, a few more would make it less daunting and increase the number of people who are prepared for First Aid wherever they may be.

Cllr Karen Bridge

The next Parish Council Meetings (Annual and Ordinary) will be held on May 14th at 7.30pm. If you have any items for the agenda please give them to me in writing at least a week beforehand.

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

The Parish Council website is beachamwell-pc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk

Eileen Powell (Parish Clerk)



BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

'We Will Remember Them'

The village will commemorate the end of World War I in words and music.

Look out in future editions for ways in which you can get involved in this once in a lifetime local project.

Ann Knox Whittet

St Mary's Church Beachamwell

The month of March brought us yet more wintry weather and the rare opportunity to see our lovely church building covered in snow – a real 'chocolate box' effect and a photographic opportunity not to be missed!



Whilst the sight of the snow-covered thatched roof was a bonus, the strong gusts of wind had managed to lift some of the lead covering the tower roof and expose the ancient timber structure to the elements.

Fortunately, our insurers have agreed to pay for the expensive remedial works and the necessary scaffolding and we

hope that the repairs will commence soon.

This incident has made us realise just how important it is to keep up with the insurance costs of this unique building – while we carefully plan to undertake the maintenance jobs identified by quinquennial surveys, we can never predict what other urgent repairs might be caused by weather or other incidents.

By the time you read this we should be enjoying some milder weather. The church will be warmer and I hope you will join us for the Celebration of Easter on Sunday 1st April at 11 o'clock, with Ray Burman.

Easter Day is the most important festival of the Christian year, since this is when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, three days after his death by crucifixion.

The second service of the month will take place on 15th April - 'Service of the Word' with Revd. Ken Waters.

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter !

Vesna Hudson (Churchwarden) (Photograph James Knox Whittet)

BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

Friends of St Mary's Church



On Wednesday 7th March we welcomed Elizabeth Talbot, Auctioneer and Valuer of 'Flog It' and 'Bargain Hunt' fame to Beachamwell Village Hall. The Village Hall was full and everyone enjoyed a pleasant and relaxed evening whilst raising money under the banner of 'Friends of St Mary's Church' for the thatched roof repairs.

£1164.00 was raised and because of the generosity of our sponsors, Mr M. Gibbon of Heygates, Mr. I Riches and Mr. R Hartley and donations of all the raffle prizes, we are able to give all the money raised to this good cause.

Mary Riches and Verena Hartley

[Well done to the pair of you and all concerned. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Several comments as to when will the next one be? - Ed]



Wednesday Walkers

The rain this morning was rather a surprise as it doesn't normally rain on the Wednesday Walkers. Eight stalwarts were not deterred and explored the forest rides between Larch Wood and Cockley Cley. Although we were glad to get back to our cars at Larch Wood, no walker got too wet.

Next month we hope for sunshine as we venture towards Eastmoor in the hope of finding daffodils in bloom. We will leave the Beachamwell Village Hall at 10.00 am – do come along and join us. There are stiles on this walk, and it will probably be muddy, so walking boots are essential.

Leah Spencer 01366 328536 and Sue Pennell 01366 328452

BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

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Our March meeting was, sadly, a casualty of the ice and snow. We had been looking forward to a talk on the subject of 'Art Deco', exploring its art and architecture. However, the treacherous weather intervened and we felt it wise to cancel. Apologies to anyone who had intended to join us on that occasion. We may well try to book the speaker again for a future date so, if it is a topic that interests you, please watch this space.

We are looking forward to better weather for our next meeting on Thursday 5th April. Penelope Watkins will talk on the subject 'Know your shape, enjoy your assets'. Intrigued by the title? Why not come and find out more? Visitors and prospective members are very welcome as always. The meeting takes place in the Village Hall at 7.30.

Enquiries: 01366 328589 or 01366 327023

Helen Ranger



Table Tennis



This will begin again in Beachamwell Village Hall at 3pm on the 20th of April.

All welcome.

James Knox Whittet

Magazines

Spare copies of G4N and Swaffham Newsletter can be found in St Mary's Church and Beachamwell Village Hall

Mobile Post Office

Monday and Thursday 12.55 – 13.15

Tuesday and Wednesday 11.10 – 11.40

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS - Please note changed days/times

DATE	VILLAGE	LOCATION	TIME
Thursday 10th April	Barton Bendish	Hatherley Gardens	09:55 am
	Beachamwell	Old Post Office	10:15 am
	Drymere	Telephone Kiosk	10:40 am
	Boughton	Mill Road	14:20 pm
Thursday 9th & 23rd April	Wereham	Church Road Queen's Close	09.30 am 16:20 pm

For services to all 'Group 4' villages ring Mobile Library Information on 01603 222267 or look at the website - www.norfolk.gov.uk/Leisure_and_culture/Libraries/Mobile_libraries

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 0871 200 22 33 or (www.traveline.info) Call cost 12p per minute

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

FARMERS' MARKETS

Ely	Second and Fourth Saturday 8:00-2:00pm
Fakenham	Fourth Saturday 8.30am to 12:00pm
RAF Marham	First Thursday 12.00pm to 5.00pm
Swaffham	No longer trading
King's Lynn	Third Friday

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

CHURCH SERVICES (SOUTHERN GROUP)

Date and Time	Location	Service
Sunday 1st April	Easter Sunday	
9.30 am	Methwold	Holy Communion
9.30 am	Wretton with Stoke Ferry	Holy Communion by Extension
11.00 am	Beachamwell	Holy Communion by Extension
11.00 am	Wereham	Holy Communion
11.00 am	West Dereham	Holy Communion by Extension
Sunday 8th April	Second Sunday of Easter	
9.30 am	Methwold	Service of the Word
9.30 am	West Dereham	Service of the Word
9.30 am	Whittington	Service of the Word
10.00 am	Boughton	Breakfast Church
11.00 am	Barton Bendish	Holy Communion
Sunday 15th April	Third Sunday of Easter	
9.30 am	Methwold	Holy Communion
9.30 am	West Dereham	Service of the Word
9.30 am	Wretton with Stoke Ferry	Service of the Word
11.00 am	Beachamwell	Service of the Word
11.00 am	Wereham	Morning Prayer
Sunday 22nd April	Fourth Sunday of Easter	
9.30 am	Methwold	Service of the Word
9.30 am	West Dereham	Service of the Word
10.00 am	Whittington	All Age Service
11.00 am	Boughton	Holy Communion
3.00 pm	Barton Bendish	Heritage Service
Sunday 29th April	Fifth Sunday of Easter	
10.00 am	Barton Bendish	Together@10

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion Wretton Tuesdays 10am

Holy Communion Boughton Thursday 12th and 19th 10am

Compline Whittington Thursday 19th 5pm

Baptisms and Weddings

Please contact the Churchwarden in your parish.

Barton Bendish: Mhari Blanchfield 01366 347849/Linda Webster 01366 347563

Beachamwell: Vesna Hudson 07854 261273

Boughton: Pam Wakeling 01366 500429

Wereham: Sheila Smith 01366 858165

CHURCH SERVICES (PRIORY/NORTHERN GROUP)

Date and Time	Location	Service
Sunday 1st April	Easter Sunday	
10.00 am	Fincham	Family Communion
10.00 am	Shouldham	Holy Communion by Extension
10.30 am	Marham	Café Church (Methodist Chapel)
10.30 am	Stow Bardolph	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Watlington	Holy Communion
Sunday 8th April	Second Sunday of Easter	
9.30 am	Shouldham Thorpe	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Stow Bridge	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Marham	Morning Worship (Holy Trinity)
11.00 am	Wormegay	Holy Communion
6.00 pm	Fincham	Evensong
Sunday 15th April	Third Sunday of Easter	
10.00 am	Shouldham	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Marham	United Worship (MC)
10.30 am	Nordelph	Holy Communion in the Village Hall
11.00 am	Runcton Holme	Holy Communion
Sunday 22nd April	Fourth Sunday of Easter	
9.30 am	Fincham	Holy Communion (said BCP)
10.30 am	Marham	Holy Communion (Holy Trinity)
10.30 am	Wimbotsham	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Tottenhill	Holy Communion
Sunday 29th April	Fifth Sunday of Easter	
11.00 am	Watlington	Holy Communion

Thursday Services at 10am

Holy Communion Fincham 5th and 19th

Baptisms and Weddings

Please contact the Churchwarden in your parish.

Fincham	Cathy O'Brien	01366 347279
Marham	Philip Fay	01760 444199
Shouldham	Brian & Ann Hullah	01366 347814
Shouldham Thorpe	Gordon Reid	01366 347253
Shouldham Thorpe	Gary Eggleton	01366 347829

BOUGHTON VILLAGE NEWS

All Saints' Church

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday 9th April in the church. The Vestry meeting, to elect churchwardens, will begin at 6 pm, followed by the APCM. Everyone is welcome.



Easter Sunday will be on 1st April, so we would like to wish everyone a very Happy Easter. We will have had our regular Easter ceremonies on March 31st, where the readings and the lighting of the fire lead us from the darkness of the Crucifixion to the light of the

Resurrection. Everyone is welcome at this service, at 8 pm on Holy Saturday.

Moving on to later in the year, we are hoping that people in the village will be kind enough to open their gardens again on Sunday June 10th, to raise money for the upkeep of the church and the share we have to pay to the Diocese. Your garden doesn't have to be perfect, nor enormous. Visitors come from far and wide to look at the gardens, often returning year after year, and they enjoy the enormous variety of gardens within the village. So far I have three volunteers.

Pinned to the church door, you will find a notice giving the opportunity to respond to the Church Commissioners as they continue the saga of the reorganisation of the Deanery. It has been going on for a considerable amount of time, but if you wish to make representations, the address is on the notice.

Pam Wakeling

Boughton Cricket Pavillion

The formal opening of our new cricket pavillion will be on Sunday the 5th of August. It should be a great afternoon including a bar, hog roast and much more.....

It should be both an interesting and most enjoyable afternoon and whether you are a cricket lover or just live locally there might well be something to attract you. Watch out for our monthly updates here with more details of what we have planned.

Don't forget - put Sunday the 5th of August in your diaries.

Thom Roberts

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Bottle's Royal Command

Boughton's Bottle, having received an invitation to the forthcoming royal wedding, has been undergoing royal protocol training. It all started off quite well until they hit a snag; the Bottle can't bow, being made of moulded plastic he crackles when he bends. This could be quite an embarrassment to the Royal party and guests. So the finest minds at Cambridge University Engineering Faculty were instructed to come up with a solution.

They set to, and their first offering is a hinged platform that tips forward. Movement was initially instigated pneumatically, but each tip forward was accompanied by a hiss, each return to resting position also accompanied by a hiss. Not good enough came the royal reply: think again please Cambridge. So they installed a hydraulic system that works very well and silently. But then as they tested the device the bottle kept sliding off the platform. So now they are developing a clamping system to keep the bottle on the platform when he is tipped forward. Very strict instructions have been relayed to the engineering team from All Saints Boughton that any device must be non-destructive; there must be no damage whatsoever.

The development work is still on-going. The next thing to consider is where will the bottle sit during the service. In between Theresa May and Angela Merkel, or between Michel Barnier and David Davis. We will find out soon.

Frank Reid and Tim Scrivener

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Mrs Kenrick's Memories

The hamlet of Boughton, in west Norfolk, is unusual in that it has two former rectories. In 1862 an epidemic of scarlet fever struck the village and within a week the rector's five children died, along with their nursemaid. The rector, one Smith Churchill, was convinced that the proximity of his house to the village pond made it unhealthy, so had a new rectory built on some glebe land on the village outskirts. The present owner of the original rectory, John Savage (now deceased) had a different take on this: according to him, the rector decided the house was not grand enough! Whichever, Smith Churchill was the incumbent for over 40 years, and raised the £1000 it cost to rebuild the church itself when it was destroyed by fire in 1871.

In 1913 John Beloe became the rector on his return from missionary work in Burma and in 1918 his daughter Bridget was born in the house. Through one of those chance conversations, we learned back in 2006 that she was still alive,



and brought her back here to see her old home. Needless to say, we asked her to write down her memories of so long ago.

Our day started with family prayers in the Angel Room, a small room off the hall, and undoubtedly once the butlers pantry. We were summoned by the sound of a Burmese Gong, which we always obeyed. Lessons with

mother took up most of the morning, then it was out into the garden, whatever the weather, for "fresh air and exercise". Meals were often taken outside. In the evening we gathered in the drawing room, where mother would read to us.

Sunday was a day apart. We all went to church in the morning. All other activities were different: only "improving" books were read, such as the lives of the Saints and Martyrs, or Pilgrims Progress. We learnt the collect for the day. Usual games and playtime were suspended. My chief recollection of Sundays is the silence: no work was done in the fields, no stock moved, and no cars or

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aeroplanes of course. You could hear a dog bark on a farm miles away across the fields. Some relief from this routine was available in the winter, if we hadn't gone with father to church (which we could see from the house). We knew that when the lights went out we had exactly fifteen minutes to hide the gramophone with the G&S records, and get everything into apple pie order, before he reached home! Modern means of transport hardly touched ordinary life. Just two people bought cars during this time. Once we were given a lift home and were amazed to have travelled at 40 miles per hour. An aeroplane made a forced landing in the 100 acre field beside the road to Stoke Ferry, and all those who could spare the time turned out to see it – a small biplane. After a time it took off again in a puff of smoke. I would have been about 7, dating this to 1925.

Most goods and services were horse drawn, only the groceries came fortnightly in a small lorry, and these had to be ordered by post. Milk, cream and butter came from the farm by the pond, or pit as we called it then.

Father had *The Times*, posted from London, to arrive with the rest of the post. We were quite untroubled by other contacts with the outside world for most of my early years. A party line telephone came when I was about 8. Our first wireless was a crystal set with headphones, to be followed by one with a loudspeaker, but we were only allowed to listen to the news, and, when they were broadcast, the Proms, but not much else.

Our lives were governed by the Church's year, which coincided mostly with the natural seasons. Winter was cold, and the kitchen range was the warmest place in the house. Father would not allow any planning for Christmas celebrations during the four weeks of Advent. Making of Christmas puddings was done in the evenings when he was busy with other matters. On Christmas Eve the church was decorated, then the house. Presents were never mentioned until after the service on Christmas Day.

On Good Friday we collected primroses from Boughton wood, tied them in bundles, then used them to decorate the church for Easter.

Summer saw haymaking and we helped on our own glebe. My joy was to be lifted on the back of Blossom, a Suffolk Punch, as she pulled the "tosser" which turned the cut grass. Later, when the hay was left in "haycocks" we would picnic amongst them.

We were not allowed in the fields at harvest time and had to watch the reaper and binder from afar. Shocks of corn, along with fruit and vegetables, were then used to decorate the church for the Harvest Festival. We harvested our own garden produce – enough potatoes for the winter stored in hessian sacks, fruit

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bottled in Kilner jars, root vegetables clamped, and best of all, apples, laid out in rows in the attic.

There were no modern amenities in the Rectory. Most of the rainwater from the roof collected in an underground cistern (it still does) which, by means of a force pump, could be lifted to a tank in the roof, which in turn fed a cold water tap in the house. For one of our punishments we were made to take a turn on the pump! Hot water came from kettles on the range and from a boiler in the scullery, heated by a tortoise stove. Our well in the cellar was reputed never to run dry. When there was a severe drought (1926?) the village wells ran dry and people came daily to fetch water, with pails, kettles and even shoulder yolks. Some farmers brought water carts and took water to the old and infirm and young mothers. For warmth we had coal or wood fires, along with the kitchen range. Light was provided by oil lamps, which we filled in the Lamp Room (now the pantry). We lighted candles to go upstairs to bed and hoped the draught would not blow them out!

I remember my father intervening at the end of a political meeting in the village school, when several men tried to push the candidates car into Boughton Pit. He took his lantern and went amongst them calling on each by name to stop, which they did. Calmer men then helped push the candidate and his car back from the waters edge.

Another time, we arrived at church in a gale, to find him on the tower roof, holding onto a pinnacle to prevent it falling through the nave roof. Esther fetched some rope on her bicycle, the pinnacle was secured and father then took the service.

He regularly walked the village footpaths, which helped prevent their closure when farmers wanted them shut. He had details of the parish land recorded in the parish meeting records and the whereabouts of the tithe map. This stemmed no doubt from his training as a lawyer: when he told his father at 18 he wanted to enter the ministry, he was told he must train for a proper job, so he did, and then promptly gave it up when he qualified.

He said Morning and Evening Prayer every day during the 20 years he was parish priest, ringing a church bell for a moment beforehand. Bringing up five children on a vicars pay forced him to move near Cambridge so I could attend the Perse as a day girl. I would much prefer to have boarded and to have been subject to only one discipline, rather than school **and** home!

When we left in 1933 a parishioner said to him "we shall miss your bell".

For me Boughton is always "home".

Paul Coulten

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Parish Council

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday 8 May 2018 (Annual Parish Council Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting)

Agenda items must be received before the end of the month prior to each meeting, items received after this time will not be possible to discuss. Please send to the Parish Clerk at werehampc@gmail.com. The Agendas for meetings are always published on the Wereham Village Notice Board three clear days before the meeting, on the Wereham Parish Council Facebook Page and on the website www.werehamparishcouncil.co.uk You will also find minutes of all meetings here too.

The Parish Council is interested in hearing from anyone who has pond plants they could donate to eventually set in the village pond, depending on a species check. Please contact the clerk by email werehampc@gmail.com

The issue of dog fouling was discussed by the Parish Council at their March meeting and information can be found in the minutes on the website. We will all agree that this is just not acceptable for dog owners to not collect and dispose of their dog's mess, and it has been going on for far too long all over the village where this has not happened. The boundary of Wereham extends past the houses and this includes the country walk roads and pathways which are there to be enjoyed by all. For a resident of Wereham to not collect their dogs mess in the village or in the surrounding countryside is without due care and is just not acceptable. Wereham Parish Council and the majority of residents do not want this blighting the village any longer and the Clerk will be stopping any dog walker in the village to check they have the necessary dog bags for the foreseeable future. The Parish Council has supplied and pays for three dog bins and for them to be emptied across the village but unless certain dog owners take their responsibility they are in vain. They are located at the end of Lamas Lane (Flegg Green end), along Cavenham Road towards the public footpath field end and on the playing field near the village hall entrance.

https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/info/20094/animals_and_pests/157/dog_issues
All are welcome to attend meetings in 2018, if there are topics or ideas that you wish to share or be discussed with the Parish Council at any time during 2018, please email me on werehampc@gmail.com.

Regards

Helen Richardson Wereham Parish Clerk and Finance Responsible Person

Email werehampc@gmail.com or Phone/Text: [0779 500 6811](tel:07795006811)

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Dear Community Members,

I am a concerned parent of a child who must cross the A134 at Church Road daily to arrive at his bus stop for school. I am reaching out to you to find out the best way to open up a new dialogue with you and our neighbourhood of concerned parents and community members. I fear for the life of my child and the lives of each individual that must cross this intersection, as I am sure others must also possess the same trepidation.

As many of you are already aware, a blind spot exists at the crossing on the Church road side of the crossing, as the road bends just before Church Road. making the ability to safely navigate the crossing even more dangerous. The hazard of the crossing is increased, due to the speed and amount of continual traffic on this road. The posted speed limit is 30 mph, yet many vehicles vastly exceed this speed limit.

I would like to work together to make our community safer for our children. I strongly support the need for the installation of a lit crosswalk, stop sign, traffic light, and/or enforced reduction of speed at this intersection. If anyone has any ideas or information as to how to make this crossing safer for our community please contact me at brianna.bonner@rocketmail.com

Sincerely,

Brianna Bonner

Wereham Open Gardens

March already I know, where does the time go? Writing this near the end of February beginning of March with a biting easterly wind and snow on the ground, its hard to imagine a warm summer's day in the garden, but it will happen, believe me! And I really hope that lovely summer's day will be **Sunday 17th June** which is the date for Wereham Open Gardens.

Many of us know that Lizzie Baddock organised Open Gardens for fifteen years. Although she is no longer with us, Lizzie would want Open Gardens to continue and so we will.

If you would like to open your garden or offer to help with the organisation then I would be very pleased to hear from you. Yes, you do have to put a little effort into getting your garden ready, but that's not a bad thing is it? In return you'll be pleased you made the effort, you'll meet friendly interested visitors and help to raise much needed funds for our Church St. Margarets.

Go on, do it!

Gregg Baddock 01366 500233.

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WANTED: Stories of the men who came back from the First World War.

Wereham Heritage group are collecting material for an evening of entertainment to be held on 11th November in the new village hall, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the end of the war.

Now that the generation who fought has died out we rely on families to tell their stories and these are passed down by word of mouth. If your family has a hero or interesting story please share it with us.

A lot has been written about those who gave their lives and this was the focus of our event four years ago. We researched the backstories all of the names on the Wereham war memorial. I remember the photo that we found of 17 year old of Alfred Lord's parents by his grave in France.

We want to mark the anniversary of the end of the first world war and the sacrifice of those came back or who served in a different way.

This is an example from my family.

'My grandfather was brought up in a house where the first language was Welsh. He was too young to volunteer but by 1917 he was working as a hewer of coal facing perils that were just as deadly as shells or mud.

After the war he escaped the pit and found work in Coventry. Sadly he was killed in the same raid which destroyed the Cathedral in another World War.'

If you have a family story of a survivor of the war or if you would like to help with research please contact us.

Like the last event we are hoping this will be a mixture of the serious and the more light hearted .

Put the date in your diary now!

Debbie Rye The Old Chapel. 01366502083

Wereham Craft Group

The craft group meeting in February was a very absorbing and productive morning. Maria who does the book folding craft taught us how to fold book pages and make a hedgehog and a lovely little flower. Every one thoroughly enjoyed the morning and we all had our finished items to take home. One of our ladies bought along her 11year old niece, she did so well that when she went back to school and told her teacher what she had been doing, teacher then got her to teach the whole class how to do it making the hedgehog and the flower as part of their book week celebrations.

We also had three new ladies come along which was very encouraging. The main aim of our group is to make good quality handmade items which we donate to the craft stall to raise funds for the village hall. We have a couple of

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ladies who come purely for the social side of things and you are welcome to do that and see what you think of us. Tea /coffee/hot chocolate and cake are served during the morning. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month in the village hall 10.30am until about 12.30.

Further details 01366 501330 my answer phone is always on and I will get back to you as soon as possible. Or e-mail rosmary.pease@btinternet.com.

Short Mat Bowls (See advert page 24)

Every Tuesday afternoon 2pm until 4pm. £2 per session with free tea/coffee/and either cake or biscuits served during the afternoon. Spectators are free and very welcome to come along. We also run a 50/50 raffle. For details contact Philip on 01366 501330, or e-mail; rosemary.pease@btinternet.com.

Car Boot and Café (See advert page 25)

February was a very good month with all the tables fully booked and a huge amount of buying public. The cafe is open from 8am serving teas /coffee/hot chocolate also bacon rolls, egg in a roll, sausage in a roll or any combination of any of these items. We are going to give Crumpets a try this month to see how they go. Please come and have breakfast with us, bag a bargain and see how our fabulous new hall is coming along. We also run a 50/50 raffle, the winners for January was Trevor Amies with £16 and February was Debbie Rye with £20. To book a table please contact Philip 01366 501330

Church Festival Sunday 15th July

Reminder for all planners and interested parties that the next planning meeting for the festival will be on Tuesday 10th April at 7.00 pm in the church.

Tom Golden

March Update from the Wereham Village Hall Committee

As promised last month, we now have more details of our much anticipated new event, the Family Beetle Drive! The event will be held in the hall on Friday 27th April, starting at 6.30 pm so this really is one for all the family to attend. As always, we are always grateful for donations of prizes and refreshments – please contact Angela ([01366 500115](tel:01366500115)) or Diane ([01366 500798](tel:01366500798)).

Update from the New Build Project Team

Windows and external doors are in. There have been numerous decisions to make over internal finishes in the last few weeks and it's starting to feel as if we really are on the final straight with an anticipated opening date during May.

Thank you to everyone who supported us with their blue tokens in Tesco during January and February – at this stage we are still waiting to hear how we got on

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but we know that we will receive a minimum of £1000 which will be a much needed addition to project funds.

Don't forget that it is still not too late to donate to the buy-a-brick campaign. We are still approximately £3000 short of the £10,000 target we pledged to the lottery as our community fundraising so any further donations are still desperately needed. Just follow the link from our website to our MyDonate page.

For more regular updates and photos, follow us on our Facebook page.

Victoria, John E, John M & Rachel

Wereham Village Hall Bonus Ball Club

The lucky winners of £60 each in March were Anna Bearman and Sheila Bunting – congratulations to you both!

Helen Richardson, Secretary.

Events list

See adverts on pages 24 - 28

For all the pictures / 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.

Wereham Scouting

Calling young people and adults to join the journey of adventure

Nationally there are 400,000 young people in Scouting - girls and boys across different age ranges. Scouting is represented locally by the Wereham and Wretton Scout Group, catering for beaver scouts, cub scouts and scouts. Our HQ has plenty of space for outdoor activities and is just off the A134 between Crimplasham and West Dereham. Each age range has its own balanced programme of activities, badges and awards. 2 of our three sections are currently recruiting young people: -

Beavers, aged 6 to 8: Beaver scouts are our youngest members and we are currently looking to boost colony numbers with some new recruits. Our group meets weekly (Monday evenings), and members participate in a wide range of activities including games, crafts, visits and good turns, along with plenty of fine weather outdoor activities. Beavers may also have the opportunity to take part in the fun and excitement of a camp or sleepover – often the first night they spend away from home, so a real adventure for them.

Cubs, aged 8 to 10½: Our cub pack is currently full following the recent addition of children progressing up from beavers. However we may be able to take new members later in the year. Our pack is split into smaller groups called sixes. Cubs take part in a wide range of activities designed to be interesting and to

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challenge them. Our Tuesday evening meetings consist of games and activities with plenty of time spent outdoors when the weather allows. We aim to run an annual camp, either at our HQ or in the local area, and this often proves to be one of the most memorable events of their time with us.

Scouts, aged 10½ to 14: Our scout numbers are low at present due to a shortage of leaders but provided we can attract new adult support we hope to grow again. When we have sufficient numbers our scout troop is divided into smaller units called patrols. Outdoor activities feature prominently in the scout troop - not only camping, but also learning various skills including map reading and outdoor cooking. In recent years we have undertaken a number of hikes, been canoeing, and sampled air rifle shooting and archery. Once we have more adult support in place we would hope to resume a regular programme of meetings.

Adult – all ages: None of the above is possible without adult support. There are 100,000 male and female adult volunteers helping to deliver scouting programmes to villages and towns in the UK. These are often parents who become involved when their own children join – but volunteering is fun and rewarding, attracting other adults from different walks of life. Helping out is flexible, it can work around your time – there is no requirement to be at every single meeting, if you can be there every other week, or even less frequently, it all helps. You don't necessarily have to become a leader or assistant or wear a uniform, there are other levels of support required too. The more volunteers we have, the better it is for accommodating work patterns and family pressures. Our volunteers get as much out of Scouting as our young people, and training means adults can build upon existing skills such as teamwork, leadership and communication. Our leaders are unpaid volunteers, the majority balancing their time in Scouting with having a full time job and family.

Nationally, there are 30,000 young people on waiting lists to join scouting simply because there are insufficient numbers of adults to help out. By volunteering you can make a real difference locally and help us expand the Wereham & Wretton Group. As you can see, our most urgent need is recruiting volunteers to help with the scout section, but other sections would also welcome additional support. Do consider getting your child involved and joining us too. – share the fun! Contact one of our team to discuss opportunities for young people and adults: -

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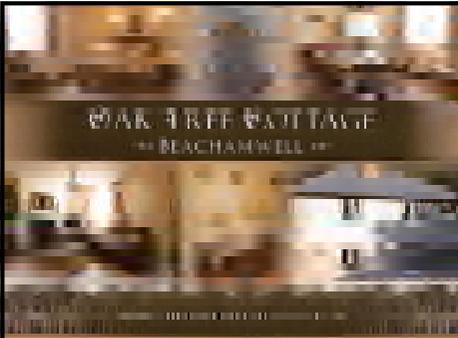
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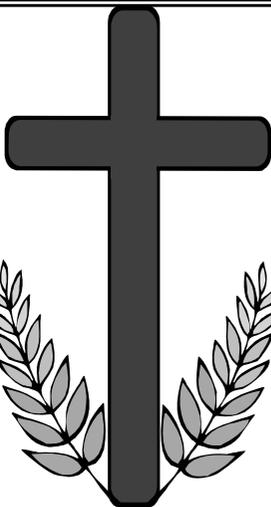
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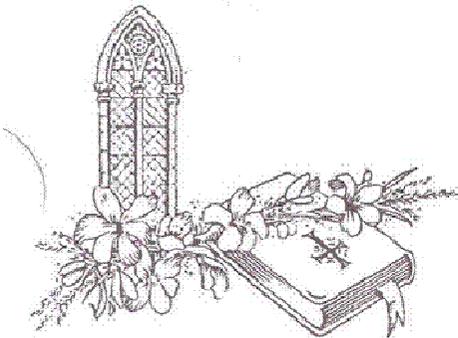
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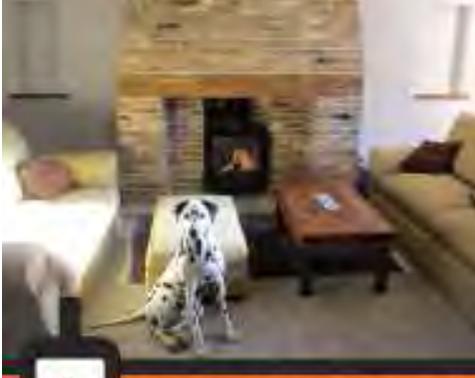
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