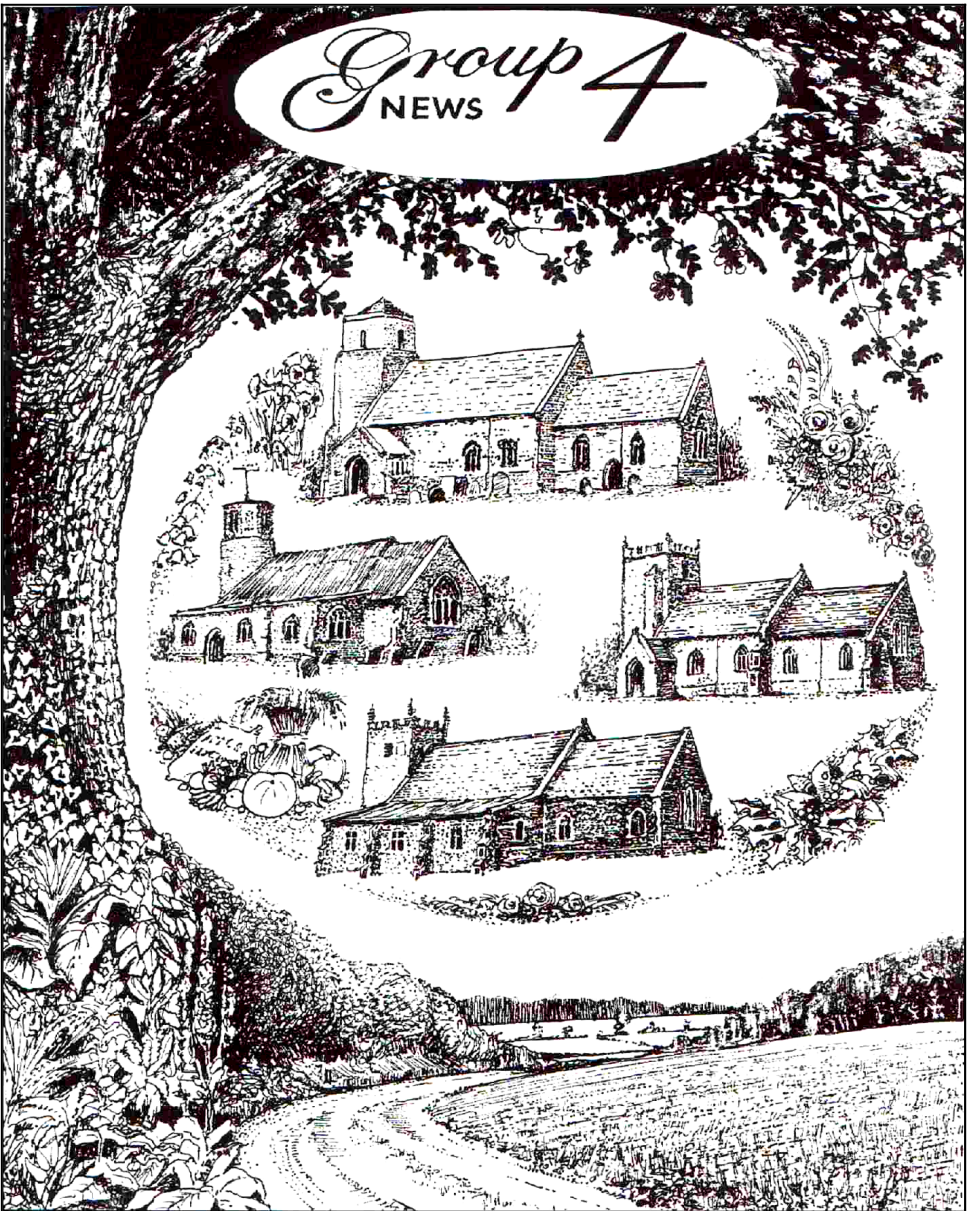


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The Parishes of Barton Bendish & Eastmoor; Beachamwell, Shingham & Drymere;  
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August 2021

## WELCOME

As restrictions are lifted, more and more events are coming back to life! The list of church services on Sundays is expanding, the bellringers are ringing again, there are plans for WI and choirs to restart. People are going to festivals and outside theatres, meeting up with friends and family. However, many people are still wearing masks and taking sensible precautions in the face of an invisible threat that is still around. Please enjoy your freedoms but be careful! Help keep others safe by being sensible. Thank you to all the key workers, doctors, nurses, teachers, shop workers and all the rest who have helped us all over the last year and a half. Don't let it all go to waste.

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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## *Priestly Ramblings*

Dear Friends

You will have to forgive me this month as am not too well - I have shingles - and I am in no fit state to write any sort of article that will make much sense!



I had been feeling not myself for a couple of days - hubby put it down to old age creeping up on me, daughter number two said it was probably sitting in the sun too long - sun??? Where had she been?

Eventually, the tell tale itchy hurting rash appeared around part of my non existent waistline and the flu like symptoms made sense.

Eventually, I took to my bed as every part of me was hurting and I snuggled down, after taking some medication, to a good nights sleep.

Now if you know anything about sausage dogs you will know that they love climbing under blankets, duvets - anything in fact that they can crawl under- including clean washing in the ironing basket. Yes, you've guessed it a little furry, warm, soft wiggly bundle of love snuggled under the duvet and started to lick my toes. It was her way of helping me get better - bless her little heart.

Rev Carol

Priest in Charge Wissey Valley Benefice 01366 500704 email:  
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*Glad to report that Carol is now recovered. Ed*



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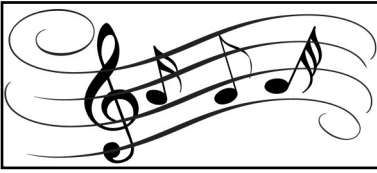
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## EXCELLENT NEWS

Discussions have been concluded with a new Choir Leader and as result choir practice will begin again, for the first

time since March 2020, on Tuesday 7th September next, in Fincham Memorial Hall at 7 pm. Expect our first concert at Christmas! New members are always welcome

John Delderfield (Chairman - Fincham Chorus)

## Swaffham Jazz Club

Re-opening on Tuesday 10th August with a welcome visit from Lee Vasey (on guitar) with Friends.

Swaffham Conservative Club, London Street. PE37 7DD, starting at 7.30 pm.

Entry is £10 on the door (cash only please)

Further information from Geoff 01366 328730 or Norman 07944795282

## Nar Valley Ornithological Society (NarVOS)

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August, 7.30pm, Indoor meeting at the Assembly Rooms, 1 Market Place, Swaffham, PE37 7AB. *Subject to easing of Covid restrictions. More info at [www.narvos.org.uk](http://www.narvos.org.uk)* Please come along to this illustrated talk by **Paul Fuller**, entitled:

### Spitsbergen: Land of the Midnight Sun, Home of the Ice Bear

This talk is by NarVOS member Paul Fuller who has travelled widely over the years in search of birds and wildlife, and tonight we will see and hear of his adventures to the frozen North. Paul will look at the wildlife and scenery of the high Arctic, from tundra to glaciers, seabirds to seals, and the top Arctic predator, the Polar Bear.

Visitors most welcome. Admission £4 on the night if you are not a NarVOS member. For more information about this meeting or NarVOS call Ian Black on 01760 724092.



## Lemon and Courgette Tray Bake

For many people, lockdown presented an opportunity to rediscover a forgotten love of baking. With this in mind, the Norfolk WI produced a monthly flyer with recipes to try. Heather Jeary and Carol Makins produced this in their August 2020 edition. Go to the Norfolk WI website for more.

### Ingredients

- 250g sugar
- 250g plain flour
- 235ml vegetable oil
- 3 eggs
- 2tsp bicarbonate soda
- 2tsp lemon zest
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 60ml lemon juice
- 100g chopped walnuts or pecans
- 200g grated courgette
- 1 tbsp icing sugar to sieve over for decoration

### Method

1. Heat oven 180°C / gas 4. Line and grease a traybake tin 24 x 30 cm approx
2. Large bowl – mix sugar and eggs, then add oil, lemon juice and zest, mix. Add grated courgette.
3. in a separate bowl mix flour, bicarbonate of soda, baking powder and salt. Mix into the courgette mixture and stir in the walnuts.
4. pour mixture into prepared tin and bake for about 35 – 40 minutes, until a skewer comes out clean. Cool
5. Sieve over the icing sugar once cold and cut cake into squares to serve
6. Variations: use ½ wholemeal flour, add 1tsp ginger



It's what you **CAN** do that counts..



### It's what you *can* do that counts

The Magpie Centre – West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled has been operating as a dedicated RDA Riding Centre from Wallington Hall for over 30 years.

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**August 3, 1492** - Christopher Columbus set sail from Palos, Spain, with three ships, *Nina*, *Pinta* and *Santa Maria*. Seeking a westerly route to the Far East, he instead landed on October 12th in the Bahamas, thinking it was an outlying Japanese island.

**August 1, 1944** - Anne Frank penned her last entry into her diary. "[I] keep on trying to find a way of becoming what I would like to be, and what I could be, if...there weren't any other people living in the world." Three days later, Anne and her family were arrested and sent to Nazi concentration camps. Anne died at Bergen-Belsen concentration camp on March 15, 1945, at age 15.

**August 13, 1961** - The Berlin Wall came into existence after the East German government closed the border between east and west sectors of Berlin with barbed wire to discourage emigration to the West. The barbed wire was replaced by a 12 foot-high concrete wall eventually extending 103 miles (166 km) around the perimeter of West Berlin. The wall included electrified fences, fortifications, and guard posts. It became a notorious symbol of the Cold War. Presidents [Kennedy](#) and [Reagan](#) made notable appearances at the wall accompanied by speeches denouncing Communism. The wall was finally opened by an East German governmental decree in November 1989 and torn down by the end of 1990.

## NEW TABLES FOR THE MAGPIE CENTRE

Official opening of the Sensory Garden at the Magpie Centre, home of West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled Association, is drawing closer, and the garden will be of particular benefit to Tea With a Pony participants, many of whom are living with dementia or sensory impairment.

Tea With a Pony mornings, which will re-commence in September, enable people, many of whom live in care homes, and their carers, to enjoy a social get-together, with tea and cakes, and meet some of our lovely ponies.

Thanks to the work of loyal volunteers, the planting is almost complete, and the flowers and shrubs have taken well, helped greatly by the recent unsettled weather.

However to complete the Sensory Garden project, we need two hardwood tables, around which wheelchair users and their carers can be accommodated. These cost £600 each, so donations with these in mind would be much appreciated.

Also, Magpie Centre Yard Manager, Natalie Dade said: 'Some of our yard equipment is coming to the end of its useful life, so we need to replace it.' Items needed are; grooming kits, manure scoops, brooms, shaving forks and clipper blades.

'Many of our ponies are cobs, with heavy coats,' she explained, 'so they need clipping regularly to keep them cool and comfortable in work. At up to £45 a pair for clipper blades, their maintenance does not come cheap,' she added.

Donations, however large or small, will be gratefully received. For those who still have cheque books, cheques payable to WNRDA and sent to Magpie Centre, Wallington Hall, South Runcton, PE33 0EP are welcome. Or, please call the Centre on 01553 810202 for (bank transfer) BACS details. Donations can be also be made via our website: [www.rda-westnorfolk.org.uk](http://www.rda-westnorfolk.org.uk)

And finally, thank you so much to all those who have offered their services as volunteers,. The response has been amazing. Magpie Centre phone has been ringing off the hook, and our office manager is responding to calls as fast as she can. If you do not receive a response in the next few days, please bear with us and you will receive a response shortly. We really do appreciate your interest.



## HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS ROYAL VISITS THE MAGPIE CENTRE

Monday July 12 saw an action-packed afternoon at the Magpie Centre, Wallington Hall, home of West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled Association, when Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal, RDA President, arrived to tour the Centre and open the Sensory Garden.

On arrival, Her Royal Highness was greeted by Mr James Bagge, Deputy Lieutenant of Norfolk, Mr John and Mrs Tian Plaxton, owners of Wallington Hall, Mr Peter Tobitt, RDA Norfolk County Chairman and Mr Colin Perriss, West Norfolk RDA Chairman.

After touring the stables, meeting and chatting to groups of staff, riders, volunteers, and some horses, Her Royal Highness watched a riding lesson in the indoor school.

Highlight of the visit was a trip to the Sensory Garden, created to support the Magpie Centre's Tea With a pony initiative. This enables care home residents, people living with dementia and other sensory impairment to socialize over tea and cakes and meet some of the ponies.

While in the Sensory Garden, Her Royal Highness met World War II veteran Mr John Moran, from King's Lynn Residential Home, and his carer, Ms Julie Godfrey, before unveiling a plaque commemorating the official opening.

To celebrate carriage driving, which the Magpie Centre offers in addition to riding, RDA carriage driver Mr Aynsley Calvert, accompanied by Carriage Driving Instructor Ms Jody Voigt gave a display in an adjoin paddock weaving expertly through a course of cones.

Finally a group of students from West Walton School presented Her Royal Highness with a posy, before she departed by car.

Said Mr Perriss: 'We were delighted to welcome Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal to the Magpie Centre to formally open the Sensory Garden which is an integral part of our Tea With a Pony experience. It was a great opportunity for her to meet our dedicated staff, riders, volunteers and supporters, including those who created the Sensory Garden.'

'We are extremely grateful to Her Royal Highness for taking the time to visit us, to learn more about what we do and how the support of so many people and businesses from the local community helped us through the difficult periods of lockdown,' he added.

### Lily has changed!

From 1 July 2018, our Lily service expanded to include everyone over 18, not just those in later years.

Lily provides a comprehensive range of support in west Norfolk to combat loneliness and social isolation in adults of all ages. The project is linked to the 'No Lonely Day' initiative and encourages our residents to develop friendships and engage in their local communities.

The Lily online directory lists organisations, services and activities that help people to live healthy, active and independent lives. It includes information relevant to adults of all ages. If you would like your event or organisation to be included in the directory, get in touch [asklily.org.uk](http://asklily.org.uk)

Lily Advisors from local charities are available to offer one-to-one support to people at home or in community locations.

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## QUIZ FOR AUGUST

1. How many counties are there on the south coast of England
2. Which is England's most easterly town
3. Which of these towns is the furthest north; Liverpool, Manchester, or Leeds
4. Which London market re-located to the Isle of Dogs, in 1982
5. The Ritz Hotel, in London, overlooks which Park; Green Park, Hyde Park, or Regents Park
6. Who is the only King of England to be buried in Canterbury Cathedral
7. . In which seaside resort is there a Nelson's Column?
8. On which Scottish Island is Fingal's Cave?
9. Of which city is Saint Frideswide the patron saint?
10. Which was Britain's first National Park?
11. What is so unusual about a city that Wincanton is twinned with
12. Who are the only four successive kings of England to have had the same name
13. Who was the youngest member of England's World Cup winning team of 1966
14. Auckland Castle is the official home of whom
15. Which road had the postcode L43 6TZ
16. Which road runs from Hounslow to Lands End
17. In order to calculate distances from London, what is generally regarded as the capitals central point
18. In which English city is Parliament Street, the worlds second narrowest 'road', at just 122 centimetres wide
19. As they stand, which is higher; the top of the London Eye, or the top of the Wembley Stadium Arch?
20. Which town lies at the confluence of the rivers Avon and Severn

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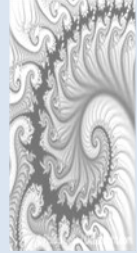
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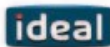
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## COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

### 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 or email [vhowling@csv.org.uk](mailto: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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# Beachamwell

## Afternoon Tea and a Chat.....'

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

Village Hall



Enquiries:  
01366  
328108

# 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

# Beachamwell

## Pop Up Pub and BBQ

Beachamwell Village Hall



**Friday  
27th August**

**7.00pm  
Queries  
01366 328892**



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COMMEMORATE THE 75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF V.E. DAY.  
IN THE WORDS OF WINSTON CHURCHILL, 'MY DEAR FRIENDS, THIS IS YOUR HOUR'

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**75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
WEREHAM'S COVID-DELAYED CELEBRATION  
SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST at 2.30 pm  
WEREHAM VILLAGE HALL  
1940s dress optional — don't forget your picnic!

Spaces limited - reserve your free tickets ahead to avoid disappointment  
Tickets from Wereham Heritage Group members, Doreen, Greg, Wendy and Nicola  
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For enquiries contact Ian or Debbie Rye - 01863 049677 or ian\_rye@msn.com

EVENT INCLUDES \* TRIBUTES TO WEREHAM'S WW2 SOLDIERS  
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NEWSREEL FROM THE PERIOD  
RATIONING DISPLAY \* HORSE & CART

## Wereham Village Hall

We are pleased to welcome visitors back and pleased our safety measures are working well.

### SHORT MAT BOWLS

Every Thursday 2pm until 4pm  
for further details contact Phillip  
on 01366 501330

### YOGA with Amy

Mondays 9.30am to 10.30am and  
Thursdays 11.30am to 12.30pm  
contact norfolkyo-  
ga@yahoo.co.uk

### CASH BINGO

Every Wednesday

doors open at 6.30pm Eyes down at  
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Café open before and during the  
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**Because of the ever-changing  
guidance please check our web-  
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Call Diane on 01366 500798

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Every  
Wednesday and  
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9.30am to  
10.30am contact  
Domonique  
07769 341680

### BADMINTON

Friday nights 7 to 9pm, except  
when the hall is being used for  
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Racquets and shuttlecocks  
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For further information contact  
Kevin Adcock 07747 861011

### CAR BOOT AND CAFE

Car Boot Sale will be on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>  
August from 8.00am to 1pm

Cafe open from 8am for hot breakfast  
rolls, snacks and drinks.

£5.00 a pitch

to book indoor/outdoor pitch, call or  
text Phillip on 07759 033492



As the final year draws to a close for our Year 11 students we wish them well on the next stage of their journey. They have worked extremely hard during their last weeks with us for several weeks completing 'in class' assessments and coursework that will go towards their final Teacher Assessed Grades. When we started this process back in March, no one really knew what challenges we would face in doing this, but it is to the credit of the students that they have tackled

these challenges head on. They have worked diligently, with purpose and have shown a positive attitude in some very difficult circumstances.

The staff who have worked closely with these students during the past few months have all been impressed with the way they have approached the end of their time at the academy. This has been all the more impressive given the constant disruption that they have had to their education over the last couple of years due to the Covid pandemic. Staff received some lovely and heartfelt 'thank you' cards from students along with some lovely gifts.

We have also received some wonderful comments from our parents/carers and we are delighted to share a few of these:-

*"I would appreciate it if you could pass on my thanks and appreciation to ALL staff members, 'Y' has had an incredible and interesting (due to Covid) time at TNHA. We have seen him grow into the young confident young man he now is. Many thanks to everyone who has had some part in 'Y's' High School path".*

*"We have four children at TNHA including one in Year 11. They have all received not only an excellent education but also excellent pastoral care throughout their time with you. I know that this takes hard work and dedication from a team of staff. Thank you to you all for everything that you have done and continue to do for our children".*

*"Please pass on my thanks to this member of staff - she is a wonderful person and I would like to thank her personally for all she has done for my daughter".*

After the initial disappointment at having to cancel our 2021 Leavers' Prom, following a government announcement, we are delighted to have been able to rearrange this after gaining opinions from students. Although delayed until September we have no doubt this will not dampen spirits and all will thoroughly enjoy this traditional event donning their formal gowns & suits marking their next steps and saying 'goodbye' to their high school years.

After a farewell to one year group follows a 'warm hello' to another! We are busy holding Transition Evenings and Transition Days for our new starters in September. Students from local primary schools are able to have a taste of life at TNHA before they start with us in the new academic year often taking away any worries they have about attending 'big school'. We all look forward to seeing 'new faces' and welcoming them into the TNHA family.

Finally, if you were 'out and about' recently you may well have seen our students participating in the Keep Britain Tidy's Great Big School Clean (part of the campaign's million-mile mission). Wearing high-vis vests and armed with litter pickers, gloves and bags they ensured that the area outside the academy was free from any rubbish. We were extremely impressed by their determination to be 'the best that they can be' ensuring that they are great role models to all at the academy.

## Mobile Libraries

Route number: EDE208

Calls on: Tuesday

Normally every: 28 Days **10 August 2021**

Beachamwell 09:45 10:00 Old Post Office PE37 8BD

Boughton 10:45 11:00 Mill Road PE33 9AJ

Barton Bendish 11:10 11:20 Hatherley Gardens PE33 9DR

Route number: DOW503

Calls on: Friday

Normally every: 28 Days **06 August 2021**

Wereham 12:25 12:40 Queens Close PE33 9AX

Wereham 12:45 13:05 Village Hall N/A

<b>Churchwardens Wissey Valley Group</b>	
Barton Bendish	Mhari Blanchfield` 01366 347649
	Linda Webster 01366 347563
Beachamwell	Rev. Carol Nicholas-Letch 01366 500704
Boughton	Pam Wakeling 01366 500429
Wereham	Sheila Smith 01366 858165

## Information about local markets

### in West Norfolk and Breckland

[https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/info/20186/markets/406/markets\\_in\\_west\\_norfolk](https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/info/20186/markets/406/markets_in_west_norfolk)

<https://www.breckland.gov.uk/article/9633/Swaffham-Watton-Market-Stalls>

## COUNTRYSIDE NOTES

### Our Garden August 2021

Barton's Open Gardens on June 27th was an astounding success and I think our garden was the best it's ever been. Why? Is it because we had a hard winter? Or a dry although frosty April followed by a wet spell then a hot spell? Is it because we then had a couple of weeks when it was cool? Or maybe because I gave the flower borders a dressing of Vitax Q4? It's probably a combination of everything. Anyone who gardens knows that two years are never the same.

Other than aiming to have colour all year round, no planning whatever goes into our flower borders. Any gaps that appear get filled. If I'm given a plant I somehow find a space for it. Through trial and error I've learned which plants will grow happily here and those that won't. Some cheerfully self-seed, although not always where I want them, but if that's where they choose to be then I leave them to get on with it.

Our flower borders are never spectacular but this year looked good because May-time flowers like pyrethrums, which have usually finished by mid-June, hung on. The cool spell of weather helped them and for once the roses against the walls didn't get scorched in the heat or damaged by torrential rain.

We have a large mix of flowers, principally perennials, in the borders. I grew a few annuals from seed in our unheated conservatory but the cold April nights delayed their growth. It would have been rewarding if my antirrhinums, African marigolds and nicotiana had managed to show a bit of colour. The week preceding Open Gardens is always spent with fingers crossed that the clematis, alstroemerias, hollyhocks and begonias will have a few flowers out. Some did, others didn't.

David and I spent the whole time in our back garden and visitors just kept coming nonstop. Lots of people asked questions about our plants and how we grew them. I was equipped with a garden flower book and had marked off those which I knew from experience I'd be asked about. Needless to say more than half a dozen people wanted to know about one which I had no idea what it was! David has now downloaded a really useful app on his phone. Take a picture of the plant and it tells you what it is.

Flower gardens to me though are much more than a display of plants – they are treasured memories. The difficulty I have identifying plants is because over the years the majority have been given to us and are referred to by the donors' names. We have Florrie Clark, Tregus, Masey, Sheila and fuschias that go by the names of Mum, Bill, Caroline and Fred. In fact the last two are originals over

forty years old and have survived five house moves!!

I felt sorry for those who opened their gardens but were tied up with ticket selling and catering and regret there was no time to look round other peoples' gardens.

*Jill Mason*

**ANSWERS to quiz on page 16**

1. Seven (Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Hampshire, West Sussex, East Sussex, Kent)
2. Lowestoft
3. Leeds
4. Billingsgate Fish Market
5. Green Park
6. Henry IV
7. Great Yarmouth
8. Staffa
9. Oxford
10. Peak District
11. It's fictional--Terry Pratchetts Ankh-Morpork
12. George I,II,III,IV
13. Alan Ball (aged 21)
14. The Bishop of Durham
15. Brookside Close
16. The A30
17. Charing Cross
18. Exeter ( the Spreurhofstrasse, in Reutlingen, Germany is 50 cm wide)
19. London Eye 135m, Wembley Arch 133m
20. Tewkesbury
- 1.

**BARTON BENDISH**

**Art, Photography &  
Craft  
Exhibition & SALE**

**SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> & SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup>  
SEPTEMBER 2021**

**SATURDAY 10.00AM - 5.00PM  
SUNDAY 11.00AM - 5.00PM**

IN THE VILLAGE HALL AND ST.  
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BENDISH

**PE33 9GF**

*Admission £1 Refreshments and light  
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**Entries must be received by 1st September**

***For further details contact: 01366  
347849/347563***

Proceeds to St Andrew's Church and The  
Village Hall

## BARTON BENDISH NEWS

### Open Gardens June 27th

For the last month or so, Barton Bendish has been preparing for Open Gardens Day. Last year we did it virtually on social media. This year's fears about ever-changing Covid regulations, natural caution after a year of Lockdown and the unpredictable weather kept us guessing about what kind of numbers to expect.

Just over a week ago volunteers, including some American servicemen, gathered at St Andrew's to weed and tidy up the churchyard, apply gravel to areas around the church, apply beeswax to ancient doors and spring clean. The community library was spruced up and plans made to dispose of the significant surplus of books, DVDs and LPs. We only have so much space for the library, valuable as it is as a community asset. It was heart-warming to see the community coming together for the good of the village.

The day itself couldn't have been better. 536 people visited the village and a number of its gardens. Over £5,700 was raised, making this the most successful Open Gardens ever. There was a clear sense of delight amongst visitors that, having done very little for so long, to be involved in such a lively event was very welcome. After five years I may have thought I knew a lot about Barton but, for me, the highlight of the day was visiting our neighbour's garden on Hatherley Gardens. She hadn't the confidence to open her garden before – and many don't. I have tried to say to people that it isn't about having a pristine garden and that it's more about hospitality – the whole village is on display after all. Anyway, her garden, which had been a wilderness when she moved in 8 years ago, had been transformed into a wonderful tropical garden. It is one of the village's hidden gems. I hope that it will always be open in future years and that those others who are reluctant to share their gardens with others will think again.

Barton Bendish punches above its weight and does so because there are enough people willing to get involved. Of course, we have to be organised by the PCC which is a real powerhouse. A huge number of ploughman's lunches were served, the cake stall sold out regularly, the vintage cars were admired and Pimms was enjoyed by many. Several people commented on how lovely the village is.

It was good to see the newly extended, vastly improved Village Hall unleashed on the public. It is a credit to the present village and a fitting memorial to those who put hours of devoted service into it over many decades.

The proceeds of a memorable, and hugely enjoyable, day will go towards the



repair of the wall at St Mary's. Our PCC is responsible for the upkeep of the grounds of our most local church and does a remarkable job of fundraising. Well done to everyone who helped in any way.

Andrew Stephen

**Art /Photography/Craft Exhibition and Sale – September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>**

This will be the eleventh annual exhibition and sale of art, photography and craft.

**Please note the closing date for entries is September 1st**

Details are available by contacting [bartonbendishevents@gmail.com](mailto:bartonbendishevents@gmail.com) or Liz Stephen (347549). Queries: Linda (347563) or Mhari (347849)

**Parish Council**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 8th September. If there are any parish matters that need to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council please contact the clerk prior to that date.

Miss Sarah Thorpe MAAT PSLCC  
Clerk to Barton Bendish Parish Council

84A Smeeth Road  
Marshland St James

WISBECH

PE14 8JF

Telephone: 01945 430930

Email: [bartonbendishparishcouncil@aol.co.uk](mailto:bartonbendishparishcouncil@aol.co.uk)

Further information is available on the Parish Council website at [bartonbendish-parishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk](http://bartonbendish-parishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk)

**Forthcoming Events**

**September 18th and 19th**

**November 25th/26th and 27th**

**January 22nd 2022**

**Art/Photography/Craft Exhibition and Sale**

**Wreathmaking Workshops**

Contact Linda (347563) or Mhari (347849)

**Burns Supper**

**August 31, 1997** - Britain's [Princess Diana](#) died at age 36 from massive internal injuries suffered in a high-speed car crash, reportedly after being pursued by photographers. The crash occurred shortly after midnight in Paris inside a tunnel along the Seine River at the Pont de l'Alma bridge, less than a half mile north of the Eiffel Tower. Also killed in the crash were Diana's companion, Dodi Fayed, 42, and chauffeur Henri Paul. A fourth person in the car, bodyguard Trevor Rees-Jones, was seriously injured.

# BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

## Beachamwell Parish Council



The Parish Council has resumed face to face meetings in accordance with Local Government legislation.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September this meeting will be held at Beachamwell Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

At the Parish Council meeting in May, the Councillors began discussions on ways to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022. All agreed it would be beneficial to join the national drive to 'Plant a Tree in Jubilee', which will be officially launched later in the

year.

During the summer months public rights of way and trails can become overgrown and difficult to navigate. Members of the public can report overgrown footpaths to Norfolk County Council via their online reporting service [www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads/report-a-problem](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads/report-a-problem). It is important to report the exact location of the issue, the phone app 'What Three Words' can be very useful for this, as it will give a precise location. Photographs of any issues can also be uploaded to the NCC reporting system.

Your Councillors are :

Cllr. Tom Sanderson (Chairman) ([tomsanderson@btconnect.com](mailto:tomsanderson@btconnect.com))

01366 328244 / 07803 963804

Cllr. Diana Lambert (Vice Chairman)

01366 328227

Cllr. Richard James ([rjj1james@gmail.com](mailto:rjj1james@gmail.com))

01366 328968

Cllr. Pat O'Donnell

01366 328385

**Clerk to the Council:**

**Mrs Sharon Sweet ([beachamwellparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:beachamwellparishcouncil@gmail.com))**

**07823 772 270**

# BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

## Beachamwell Village Hall

At last we are open again!! It's been ages but the usual activities are starting the first week of August. I have listed them below and if you want further information please contact the relevant person.

### **Alternative Months Monday Parish Council 7.30pm.**

Contact Sharon Sweet Clerk.beachamwellparishcouncil@gmail.com

**4th Wednesday of the month** UFO Day Bring your sewing machine and get those started projects finished! 10-4.30.

For further information contact Cathy cathyagfriend@yahoo.com

**Every Thursday - Beachamwell Quilting Group** hand sewing, knitting, crochet (no machines) 10 -12.30.

Further information contact Cathy cathyagfriend@yahoo.com

**2nd and 4th Friday of the month** 10-4 Still Life Drawing.

Further information contact Simon Smith simon.smith123@gmail.com

**3rd or 4th Friday of the month** Pop Up Pub from 7pm. Contact any Trustee.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Tea and Chat** Contact Gaye Paterson 01366 328108

I'm sure as time goes on more groups will return to the Hall but the above are all definitely going ahead.

There will be a Pop up Pub and BBQ on Friday 27th August so get the date in your diary!!

An important fact regarding Hall Hire is that fees have been waived until 1/1/22 so now is the time to try and get a group going or to book for any celebration. It was thought that this would help the Community recover from the pandemic.

The flower beds have had a tidy up and the exterior is going to be decorated this month. The dead trees will be replaced in the autumn.

### **The Trustees at present are:**

Pete Garner (Chairman)	pete@pgms.co.uk
Colin Friend (Vice Chairman)	colinjfriend@gmail.com
David Snodgrass (Treasurer)	davidysnodgrass@outlook.com
Ann Knox Whittet (Secretary)	annknoxwhittet@hotmail.com
Allan Butler	thebutlers@btinternet.com
Cathy Friend (Bookings)	cathyagfriend@yahoo.com

### **Committee Members at present are:**

Tim Hudson, Mark Lusby, Helga Corey-Wright, Jackie Hood and Graham Hood

**Any queries re Village Hall please contact Cathy Friend 01366 328892**

# BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

## Beachamwell Book Group

Are you a reader? If so, you might be interested in coming along to Beachamwell Book Group, which will start meeting again in September. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm. Every month we all read a new book from the library, then get together to talk about it and other books we have enjoyed, over a glass of wine. New members are always welcome. If you are interested, but not sure if it's for you, do come along to check us out, without any obligation, on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in the village hall.

**Maggie Mackenzie 01366 327023**



*Thank you  
Allan and Karen Butler*

# BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

## **Beachamwell Afternoon Tea and Chat**

We look forward to meeting in the Village Hall on Wednesday 18th August, from 2- 4pm. It will a great opportunity to get together again.

***Gay Paterson 01366 328108***

## **The Friends of St Mary's Church**



The investigation for bats in the Church continues slowly and has to be completed before any work can start. Unfortunately a recent day time inspection revealed that there are still bats, although it does not appear to be a big roost. There will now have to be 2 night time surveys which will take place on the 23rd July and 18 August. After that it will go one of two ways - we either get a method statement which means the work on the roof can start but the builders will have to work within the method statement or we need a licence which sounds a much trickier process. We won't know until September so all we can do is patiently wait until then. It is very frustrating.

In the meantime we will see if we can get some of our fund raising activities started again. Ideas are always welcome!

***Peggy Ray (FOSM)***

## **Mobile Post Office**

Monday and Thursday 13.00 – 13.15: Tuesday and Wednesday 11.10 – 11.30

## Church Services in August (Priory Group)

At the time of publication, these are the intended services for June.

All services are subject to Covid-19 restrictions and change or cancellation.

For up-to-date information check our website at <http://finchamgroupnews.co.uk/> or the WNPG website at: <https://www.westnorfolkpriorygroup.co.uk/calendar>

### **Sunday 1st August The Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

9:30am Runcton Holme Holy Communion  
10:00am Shouldham Morning Prayer  
11:00am Marham Holy Communion  
11:00am Watlington Morning Prayer  
6:00pm Online Evening Prayer See [Link 3](#) on page 24

### **Sunday 8th August The Tenth Sunday after Trinity**

9:30am Shouldham Thorpe Holy Communion  
11:00am Fincham Morning Prayer  
11:00am Stowbridge Holy Communion  
11:00am Watlington Holy Communion  
6:00pm Online Evening Prayer

### **Sunday 15th August The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**

9:30am Wormegay Holy Communion  
11:00am Marham Holy Communion  
11:00am Shouldham Holy Communion  
11:00am Watlington Holy Communion  
6:00pm Online Evening Prayer

### **Sunday 22nd August The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

9:30am Fincham Holy Communion (BCP)  
11:00am Tottenhill Holy Communion  
11:00am Watlington Morning Prayer  
11:00am Wimbotsham Holy Communion (at Stow Bardolph)  
6:00pm Online Evening Prayer

### **Sunday 29th August The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**

11:00am TBA Benefice Service Holy Communion  
6:00pm Online Evening Prayer

### **Midweek services**

Every Wednesday 10.00am **Watlington** Morning Prayer.

Thursday 5th 10.00am **Runcton Holme** Holy communion

## Church Services in August (Wissey Group)

These are the planned services during August but all are subject to change or cancellation as the pandemic situation changes.

Latest details may be found on the Wissey Valley Facebook group at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/205146954071877/>

### **Sunday 1st August The Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

9.30am	Methwold	Holy Communion
9.30am	West Dereham	Holy Communion
9.30am	Whittington	Holy Communion
11.00am	Boughton	Family Service
6.00pm	Wereham	Evensong

### **Sunday 8th August The Tenth Sunday after Trinity**

9.30am	Methwold	Service of the Word
9.30am	Wretton with Stoke Ferry	Service of the Word
11.00am	Boughton	Morning Prayer
11.00am	West Dereham	Family Service

### **Sunday 15th August**

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6.00pm

### **The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**

Methwold	Service of the Word
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Whittington	Service of the Word
Wereham	Family Service
Barton Bendish	Evensong

### **Sunday 22nd August**

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11.00am

### **The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

Methwold	Holy Communion
West Dereham	Service of the Word
Wretton with Stoke Ferry	Holy Communion
Boughton	Holy Communion

### **Sunday 29th August**

9.30am
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### **The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Benefice Service via Zoom
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### **Midweek Services**

Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9.00 am **Wretton with Stoke Ferry** Morning Prayer



## ONLINE SERVICES IN AUGUST

Online Zoom services are due to take place as below.

Services may change as the pandemic situation changes.

### Every Sunday

11.00 am Holy Communion See link 1 below

6.00 pm Evening Prayer See link 3 below

6.30 pm Service of the Word See link 2 below

### Every Wednesday

5.30 pm Compline See link 4 below

### Every Thursday

10.00 am Holy Communion See link 1 below

Link 1 - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3119595155?pwd=dy9nNzRjby91OVprZG9nSzIMSEIPZz09>

Link 2 - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82822775006?pwd=eU12TDN0VTJpZFVocld4WlpyZEM4dz09>

Link 3 - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84842560875?pwd=Ym82ajBzWlZzdXRoYVNiUW1JSWRsQT09>

Link 4 - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83015183191?pwd=Y2toS2RkeEJDQUhBSXICektzZXg4dz09>

**August 31, 1980** - Solidarity, the Polish trade union, was formed at Gdansk, Poland. Led by Lech Walesa, Solidarity opposed Communist rule and was outlawed in 1981. Seven years later, the re-legalization of Solidarity occurred and the government agreed to hold partially free parliamentary elections. Solidarity candidates scored stunning victories in the elections that followed, gaining power in Poland and paving the way for the downfall of Communism there.

**Birthday** - British philosopher and pioneer in modern political thinking, John Locke (1632-1704) was born in Wrington, England. His ideas greatly influenced American colonists, namely that rulers derive their power only from the consent of the governed - and the doctrine that men naturally possess certain rights, the chief being life, liberty, and property.

# BOUGHTON VILLAGE NEWS

## All Saints' Church

The NHS big tea party in Boughton churchyard on Saturday 10th July raised £96.00 for NHS charities. The rain was light and brief and a good time was had by all, helped by lovely cakes and scones. Thank you so much to everyone who donated cakes or bric a brac.

The exodus of exhausted and underpaid nurses from the NHS is frightening and small gestures like this seem one of the few ways we the customers can show that we appreciate them. And supporting their case for a fair pay rise of course., Pippa and Hannah-Lou

## Church News

Two sad pieces of news this month. First, we are told that Vera Firth, a regular attender at Breakfast Church, many other services and an old friend of the village, died in July. Vera was a vivid character who will be much missed. Many of her friends had been concerned not to have news of her, but were unable to contact her. In addition, Sandy Reid has resigned from the Parochial Church Council after many years of service to the church, especially in recent years the organisation of Breakfast Church. She was much appreciated, for all she did, and for her lovely singing voice. The pandemic has stopped us having singing, but we all appreciated Sandy's contribution.

We are having regular services again, on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, with a small but regular congregation. We have always relied heavily on people from other villages as well, and everyone is welcome to attend the church. Without support, both financially and in help, we will not survive, so many thanks. If you are able to offer regular or occasional financial help, please contact Angela, our Treasurer, or better still come along and join us. The plant sale in June raised £126.50 for church funds. Well done, Angela.

## Good news and new life on Boughton Fen

It is nice to have some good news to write about amidst all the gloom and doom of the pandemic. The CPRE awards have been in touch very recently, following the visit from their judge, to let us know that Boughton Fen will be receiving an award in the early autumn. They hope to hold an award ceremony, Covid permitting, so that will be something to look forward to.

Back on site, several weeks ago, while Tawny Owl chicks were being ringed, it became apparent that there was a Marsh Harrier nest very close by. Our intrepid local expert investigated, and found that there were three viable chicks, which he was able to ring. As they became larger, he was able to make arrangements to have these youngsters wing-tagged, which means that their movements can be recorded wherever they are. The people who perform the ringing and tagging are licensed to carry out these processes, and they also take various

measurements and other data from the chicks at the same time. One of them has been seen flying already, so they may not stay around for much longer.

Norfolk-tagged Marsh harriers have been seen as far north as Norway and as far south as Senegal in West Africa. Anyone who has spent much time on the fen over the past few months will be aware that there have been quite large numbers of marsh harriers moving around the immediate vicinity consistently throughout the year. We are fairly confident that there have been other nests, either on Boughton Fen, or on the adjacent land.

In UK terms, Marsh harriers are no more common than Golden Eagles. It's just that we're lucky enough to live in a hot-spot for the harriers, whereas we have as much chance of seeing a flying saucer in Norfolk as we have a Golden Eagle.

Sue Pogmore

(with thanks to Allan Hale for his input)

From Boughton Parish Council.

On Tuesday 6th July, Boughton Parish Council had its first face-to-face meeting in 16 months with lockdown restrictions easing. Full COVID-19 protection measures were observed.

We noted that following several approaches to Highways over the years, new bollards have now been installed on Chapel Road to help protect our verges. We also noted that a Highways subcontractor had inadvertently sprayed weed killer along the verge edges, instead of simply alongside kerb stones. This should not now reoccur.

The council approved the purchase and installation of emergency equipment for the pond following an independent water safety risk assessment. This will consist of a throw rope mounted on a post near the edge of the pond to be used if anyone gets onto difficulty in the water. While this is a low likelihood scenario, we cannot in good conscience ignore the risk assessment we ourselves commissioned.

For the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022 we will be planting a new tree on The Green (as was done for the Silver Jubilee in 1977). It will be sited on the East side of the pond and will be a variety that will give good colour during the year.

The council have received its annual playground inspection report and have taken steps to keep the equipment safe. We inspect it on a monthly basis looking for deterioration, but if you see anything that needs attention, please get in touch. We are aware that the litter bin does not always get emptied as it should, so volunteers have to deal with it.

The SAM2 speed awareness sign continues to give good information about the behaviour of traffic through our village. I'd like to remind everyone that even if you go past the sign just a couple of miles per hour over the limit and think that is "OK", it isn't. Be aware that stopping distances increase dramatically with every mile per hour. For example, if you see an obstacle (like a duck, — or a child!) 75 feet in front of you and hit the brakes at 30 miles an hour you will stop in time. If you are doing 32mph, you will still be doing 11mph when you reach 75 feet. At 35mph you will hit the obstacle at 18mph, enough to do serious damage. Please watch your speed.

We hope that now pandemic restrictions are easing, we can get back to some level of normality. If you are planning, or just thinking about an event for the village, please get in touch. The council can help with permissions, publicity, facilities and possibly even insurance. Let's all help "Boughton Bounce Back".

Take Care.

Neil Matthew  
Chair, Boughton Parish Council  
[chair.boughtonpc@gmail.com](mailto:chair.boughtonpc@gmail.com)

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URGENT: We are still looking for volunteers to take over the mowing of the grass around the pond and playground. Our current volunteers have undertaken this task for many years and it is time to pass the baton. If you can help, please get in touch as soon as possible. If no volunteers are found, the Parish Council will be forced to employ a contractor to do the work. As a result the council tax precept will need to substantially increase next year possibly by as much as 40%

## WEREHAM VILLAGE NEWS

**MOBILE POST OFFICE** will park near the village pond on the following days/  
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### **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

We are in the early stages of organising this event but would like to share that we have a date for your diary, Saturday September 25th in Wereham Village Hall, 10-30am to 12-30 pm.

Sadly, we were unable to hold this event last year, but things are looking a lot brighter for this year to continue to raise as much as we can for “Macmillan “.

We will keep you posted as we lead up to the date!!!!

Donations of Bric-Brac (no furniture thank you) Books, Raffle prizes would be gratefully received.

Any enquiries please contact 07535399883.

**Wereham Parish Council** Next Meeting Date – Tuesday 14 September 2021 at 7.00 pm (To be held in the St Margaret’s Church, St Margaret’s Hill, Wereham pending covid safety – check Agenda on Website for the most up to date meeting details, if deemed unsafe the meeting will be cancelled). The Church will be the venue for Parish Council meetings for the rest of 2021 until further notice whilst we air on caution in social distancing ourselves during the meeting, the room at the Village Hall that is usually used for meetings is not of the right size and the main hall has ongoing activities planned. Agenda items must be received before the end of the month prior to each meeting, items received after this time will not be possible to discuss. Please send to the Parish Clerk at [werehampc@gmail.com](mailto:werehampc@gmail.com) . The Agendas for meetings are always published on the Wereham Village Notice Board three clear days before the meeting, and notified via the Wereham Parish Council Facebook Page and on the website [www.werehamparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.werehamparishcouncil.co.uk) You will also find minutes of all meetings here too.

**Public Notice** Wereham Pond Dredging – This is an advance notice to all Wereham residents that the Wereham pond is planned to be dredged by a contractor sometime not early August but now the end of August. Local residents to that area will be notified nearer the time of the exact dates. This is work that hasn’t been done for around 25 years and needs to now be done to help improve the depth of the pond for the fish. It may be the case that there is a smell that results from the dredging the few days after, but this should subside after a few days. If anyone wishes to discuss with the Council, please

either attend the July Parish Council meeting or email the Clerk werehampc@gmail.com or phone 07795006811.

**Wereham Village Sign** – You may see this disappear as it is refurbished and brought back to its former glory sometime in June/July.

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

Helen Richardson

Wereham Parish Clerk and Finance Responsible Person

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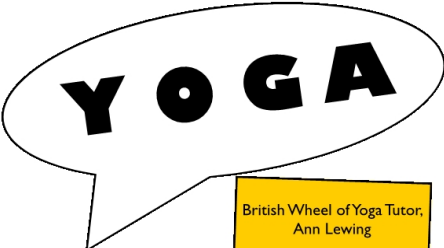
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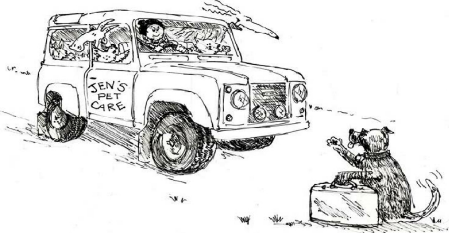
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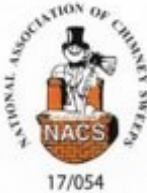
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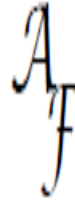


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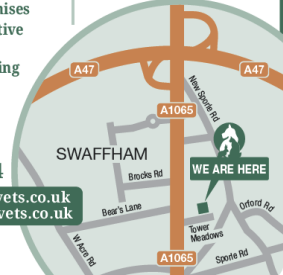
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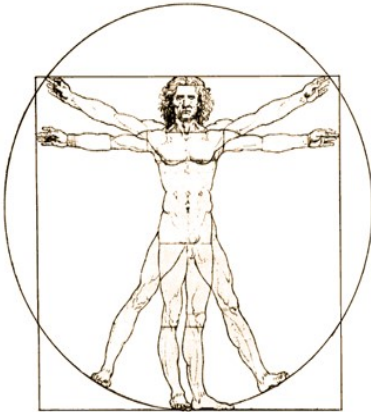
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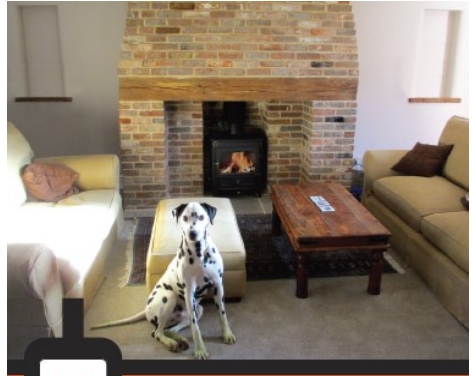
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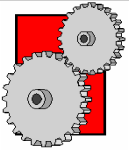
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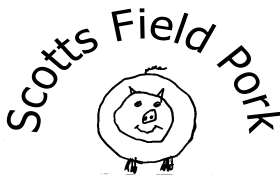
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