

# *Group 4* NEWS



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

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## WELCOME



Well, here we are nearly at the end of another year - can you believe how time flies?

We would like to thank Alan and everyone who has helped with G4N in any way - we do appreciate your continued support.

All that is left for us to say is.....

**"A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone"**



**'Happy Reading**

**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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## 'FROM THE RECTORY'



Rev'd Ken Waters  
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I don't know about you, but I love Christmas. I love the decorations, the carol singing (although a lot of people would prefer me not to sing when they hear my out of tune voice), the lights, the trees, the presents and the busyness of it all. I even enjoy the shopping! But please feel sorry for my wife Wendy because she knows at this time of year all three 'Santa Clause' films as well as every other Christmas film will be played in our household whenever I get the time. I think it's a real miracle that at the busiest time of the year for the clergy I can still manage to watch the films. As regular readers will know, I do really love this time of year. Holly and mistletoe going up. My wife has to put up with a permanent silly grin on my face, and my constant Christmas music at home and in the car; and I can hardly sleep on Christmas Eve. I'm always first up, even when my children were young, I was the one who woke them up with "come on, he's been!" I don't think I'll ever change – I'll still be the first at the tree for the presents, even my grandchildren don't stand a chance of beating Granddad Ken! But still more exhilarating for me, is the other side of Christmas that really gets me just as excited, and that's the real reason why we celebrate this time of year - the birth of Christ. Over 2,000 years ago a small baby was born who would change the world by his birth, life, death and resurrection. He was born to save us. Now that's a present. I hope to see some of you at the services over Christmas like the Carol Service, Christingle and Midnight Communion. Everyone is welcome to any or all of these services – come and feel warm from the inside and give thanks for all our blessings. Merry Christmas to one and all.

"Has he been yet? No go back to sleep"

God Bless.

**Ken Waters**

## 'FROM THE RECTORY (CONTINUED)

### Joke Spot

*Little Johnny went to the Doctor complaining that his wife could barely hear. The Doctor suggested a test to find out the extent of the problem. "Stand far behind her and ask her a question, and then slowly move up and see how far away you are when she first responds." Little Johnny, excited to finally be working on a solution for the problem, runs home and sees his wife preparing supper." Honey" Little Johnny asks standing around 20 feet away "what's for supper?" After receiving no response he tried it again 15 feet away, and again no response. Then again at 10 feet away and again no response. Finally he was 5 feet away "honey what's for supper?" She replies "For the fourth time it's lasagna!"*

Growing old is inevitable, growing up is optional.

## THE CROWD'S CHRISTMAS AND MINE

The crowds go crazy 'neath the clouds  
Of Christmas rush o'er vales and hills  
And weighed down by their shopping bags  
And deafened by the shopping tills,  
Beside the road, 'neath Christmas trees,  
They puff and pant with trembling knees.

Continuous are the lights that shine  
And twinkle down the High Street way,  
They stretch in never ending line  
And watch the shoppers spend their pay.  
Ten million pounds spent at a glance!  
I wonder would I like the chance?

For oft, when on my couch I lie  
In vacant and in pensive mood,  
I cut and stick my home made cards  
And gather in my fireside wood.  
I think of Christmas shopping "Ban it!"  
(Or am I from another planet?)



*By Chris Lawrence (Shouldham) and with apologies to  
William Wordsworth and his poem "Daffodils".*

# SPECIAL SERVICES FOR CHRISTMAS

## **Wednesday 5th December**

7.00 pm Stow Bardolph

Reflective Service with readings and hymns

## **Thursday 13th December**

02.00 pm Watlington

Christingle Service with Watlington School

## **Saturday 15th December**

07.00 pm Barton Bendish

Victorian Evening

## **Monday 17th December**

07.00 pm Boughton

Carol Service

## **Tuesday 18th December**

10.00 am Wretton/Stoke Ferry

Holy Communion

06.00 pm Nordelph

Christmas Extravaganza in the Village Hall

06.30 pm Shouldham Thorpe

Carol Service with Marham Handbells

## **Wednesday 19th December**

06.30 pm Methwold

Carols around the Tree

## **Thursday 20th December**

07.00 pm Shouldham

Carol Service

## **Friday 21st December**

07.00 pm Stow Bridge

Carol Service

## **Saturday 22nd December**

04.00 pm Beachamwell

Carol Service

# CHRISTMAS SERVICES

## **Monday 24th December Christmas Eve**

03.00 pm Wretton/Stoke Ferry

Crib and Carols

03.00 pm Stow Bardolph

Crib Service at Church Farm

04.00 pm Boughton

Crib Service

04.00 pm Methwold

Christingle

04.30 pm Watlington

Crib and Carol Service by Candlelight

07.30 pm Wimbotsham

Christmas Communion

11.00 pm Shouldham

Midnight Communion

11.00 pm Methwold

Holy Communion

11.00 pm Wereham

Holy Communion by extension

11.30 pm Beachamwell

Holy Communion by extension

11.30 pm West Dereham

Holy Communion by extension

11.30 pm Wretton/Stoke Ferry

Holy Communion by extension

## **Tuesday 25th December Christmas Day**

09.30 am Shouldham Thorpe

Holy Communion

09.30 am Methwold

Holy Communion

09.30 am Whittington

Holy Communion

10.00 am Fincham

Eucharist for Christmas Day

10.00 am West Dereham

Service of the Word

10.30 am Stow Bridge

Christmas Communion

## COUNTRYSIDE NOTES

What peculiar weather we've had throughout 2018! The so called jet stream did not behave according to the text book. It was cold right from the start of the year fluctuating between cold and frosty and cold and wet. The 'Beast from the East' arrived on February 24th bringing with it snow and temperatures as low as minus 7C. Similar weather persisted through most of March. The bitterly cold east winds continued well into April but then, all of a sudden, we had a brief taste of spring when temperatures for a few days got into the 20s. However, by the end of the month we were back to a very strong northerly wind and a high of only 7C! Throughout June and July we went to the other extreme with many days in the 30s although, surprisingly, night time temperatures in June were sometimes as low as 7 or 8 degrees. Gardens and the countryside were parched which affected crops already suffering from the cold, late spring. Predictably, for most of the school summer holidays, the weather was cool and changeable. Even though summer had returned by the end of September unusually there were a couple of frosts late in the month. Temperature reached 25C on October 13 and once again it had become very dry everywhere. The following day it rained and the thermometer dropped to 13C which came as a bit of a shock! Apart from a few odd days the mild weather continued well into November and the autumn colours were spectacular in the late autumn sunshine.

Apart from the extremes in temperatures and lack of rain another feature of 2018 was the number of windy days there were. It was interesting to see how summer flowering plants that had shut down in the drought conditions burst into life again in the autumn. In the vegetable garden tomatoes and runner beans, which normally would have been almost finished, were plentiful well into October. The rain in August seemed to give everything a new lease of life. I can't help but wonder what sort of winter we'll have. If there's one thing we can be certain about with the British weather is that it's unpredictable.

It's coming up to that time of year when our thoughts most often turn to other people. Once again I'd like to remind everyone about the unseen band of voluntary workers in every village to whom we owe an awful lot. We shouldn't ever take them for granted. There are those involved in producing and distributing our parish magazine providing information about everything that's happening in our villages. There are those who keep our villages, churches and village halls neat and tidy and those who organise fund raising events, not forgetting all the ladies who make the cakes. It is these people who ensure that where we live is much more than just a group of houses – it's a lively community.

Season's Greetings to one and all. **Jill Mason**

# RECIPE PAGE

## MINCE PIES USING ROSE CRUST PASTRY

### Ingredients

12 oz plain flour  
4oz corn flour  
4 oz icing or castor sugar  
10 – 12 oz cooking margarine  
Egg to bind to stiff dough  
  
Sweet Mincemeat



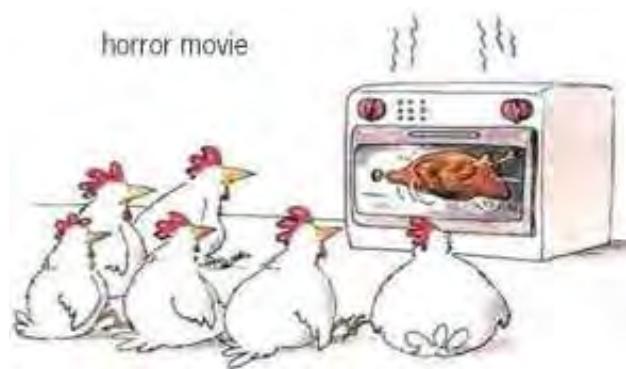
### Method

1. Cream fat and sugar together until soft.
2. Add cornflour and plain flour a little at a time. This makes it easier to mix together.
3. Add beaten egg a little at a time until the pastry is pliable.
4. Roll out (not too thinly) and place carefully into greased baking tins.
5. Fill with mincemeat and put on a lid.
6. You can leave open and put on lemon icing when they are cool.
7. Bake in oven mark 6 - 5 or 425 – 400 approx 20 minutes or until golden brown.
8. Let them cool slightly before removing.

This pastry can be used for strawberry tartlets in summer or any other fruit you fancy using.

**Eileen Powell**

Merry Christmas



# CAN YOU HELP SANTA FIND HIS LOST ELVES ACROSS BRECKLAND?

Have you seen any naughty elves in Breckland? Santa Claus is desperate to find over 100 naughty elves who have decided to take a break from the North Pole and hide amongst the independent shops, libraries and leisure centres across Breckland.

From November 10th to December 31st Santa is asking everyone to look out for over 100 cheeky elves hidden within independent shops in Swaffham, Watton, Dereham, Thetford and Attleborough and is even offering a reward to residents who find 12 of the elves! Breckland Council is helping to reunite Santa Claus with his elves by posting a full list of participating shops that could be helping these mischievous elves to hide at [www.breckland.gov.uk/elves](http://www.breckland.gov.uk/elves), with a further 5 Golden Elves thought to be hiding at [ShopAppy.com](http://ShopAppy.com).

The first 250 people who help Santa Claus find 12 of his missing elves will receive a sweet reward, while one lucky winner will enjoy a £250 high street shopping voucher. To take part, people need to complete the entry form – which is available from all participating shops or at [www.breckland.gov.uk/elves](http://www.breckland.gov.uk/elves) - by matching 11 Elf names with the shops they are hiding in, then by locating 1 of the 5 Golden Elves hidden in the Breckland Market Town pages on [ShopAppy.com](http://ShopAppy.com), a website aimed at promoting local, independent shops. Scans or photographs of the completed forms should then be emailed to [elves@breckland.gov.uk](mailto:elves@breckland.gov.uk).

Commenting direct from the North Pole, Santa Claus said: “It’s the busiest time of the year for me at the moment and I really need all my elves’ help. I hope people will keep their eyes peeled and help me keep my Christmas deliveries on track! The first 250 entries will receive a gift for me as a special thank you for helping me find my naughty elves. Good luck everyone!”

Cllr Paul Claussen, Executive Member of Place at Breckland Council added: “Our 12 Elves at Christmas trail is a great way for families to enjoy local Christmas shopping trips, discover what independent shops can offer you this Christmas across Breckland and potentially win £250 in high street vouchers. I’m delighted that Santa has asked the residents of Breckland to help in find the elves and I encourage every child (and adult) to help him on this special mission!”

Media contact for interviews with Santa Claus and Mary Claus

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## CHILDREN'S PAGE

### Word Search Christmas

Words can go horizontally and vertically either way but not diagonally.

t	s	e	i	p	e	c	n	i	m
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Angels

Baby Jesus

Cards

Carols

Crib

Decorations

Family

Friend

Mince Pies

Pantomime

Parties

Present

Santa

Tree

Turkey

Wise Men

# MASSIVE FUEL BILLS?



INEFFICIENT OIL FIRED & LPG BOILER?  
STORAGE HEATERS  
NEED HOME  
**INSULATION?**

On any of these Governments benefits?

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## FREE HOME ASSESSMENTS ON OFFER

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

The assessments, which are carried out by a team of qualified staff, will help residents, who may be living with a disability or dementia, or who are simply older and less mobile, to identify concerns in their property which may be affecting their day-to-day life. The assessor, trained by the Disabled Living Foundation, will inspect the home to see whether measures could be introduced that would reduce the possibility of slips, trips and falls and generally make it easier for people to live safely and independently in their own homes. Measures that could be considered include installation of a Careline personal alarm, improved lighting arrangements, heating checks, draught proofing, smoke detectors and easy-to-use taps along with recommendations for other adaptations that may reduce any potential risk to the resident. Practical solutions for those living with dementia are also available, this includes signage or colour differentiation for those who suffer with memory loss and are visually impaired.

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

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

# Every minute, six people over 65 suffer a fall

We're here to help.

To find out more, call us on 01553 616200  
or visit [www.careline-cs.org.uk](http://www.careline-cs.org.uk)



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West Norfolk



# 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](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.



CSV, 237 Pentonville Road, London, N1 9NJ

Find out more at [www.csv.org.uk](http://www.csv.org.uk)

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## 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.

Lily has a strong focus on community development, by helping groups to arrange activities and encouraging volunteering and by providing community events, onsite information sessions and support for employers, schools and colleges.

If you, or anyone you know, would like to know how Lily can help, call 01553 616200 and choose option 6.



**Tel: 01553 616200  
[www.asklily.org.uk](http://www.asklily.org.uk)**

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## SOVA NORFOLK MENTORING

Are you interested in mentoring another person?

Are you interested in learning about people?

Are you interested in being part of a team that helps people recover from substance misuse?

Can you spare up to 2 hrs per week?

SOVA's "*Norfolk Mentoring Project*" provides fully trained Mentors, to work as part of a team in the community to support individuals with identified substance misuse behaviour as part of a wider Behaviour Change Service across Norfolk. Our Project works closely with CGL (Change, Grow, Live) and other community providers supporting individuals to address the multiple barriers they may face in overcoming their substance misuse. Community mentors provide practical support and guidance dependant on service user's needs and personal goals. They can also offer support and encouragement in engaging with community resources and external health services, provide befriending to reduce social isolation and improve living skills. Each relationship will have a defined action plan and volunteers will work with service users to achieve small goals helping with motivation, confidence and self-esteem.

**Job Role/skills required:** Our Volunteer Mentors provide 1:1 mentoring support to Users of the Behaviour Change Service recovering from substance misuse.

Service Users will already be well established in their Recovery Process as they develop confidence to move away from substance misuse.

You should be a good listener, with the ability to show understanding and empathy in a non-judgemental way.

Strong communication skills with the ability to build rapport with a wide variety of people, coupled with good problem solving skills is important.

The ability to motivate, encourage and support individuals to work towards personal goals.

**Benefits from this Role:** Our volunteers are given an opportunity to build on their current skills, whilst giving back to their community and also gain an understanding of the barriers and stigma associated with substance misuse.

**Sova's promise to all of our volunteers is:**

To train you (which can be accredited through CERTA)

To continually provide support and supervision for the entire time you volunteer with SOVA

To give you opportunities to work as part of a wider team with other mentors

Personal development including training, supervision and volunteer events

# MAGPIE CENTRE NEWS



Events have been moving fast at the Magpie Centre, home of West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled Association.

In response to last month's appeal for volunteers, especially trustees, we are delighted to welcome a new Child Protection Officer, plus several other roles have also been filled.

However, we are still in need of a new Treasurer. Maybe you've

recently retired or for some other reason have more time on your hands now. Experience with horses and/or people living with disabilities is not essential, but if you have a flair for bookkeeping and want to join a friendly team, please call the Magpie Centre on 01553 810202 or our Chairwoman, Rosie O'Grady on 01366 500104 for an informal chat.

October 20 saw our very successful Quiz with Hog Roast supper, held at Watlington Village Hall. We had more than 100 participants, divided into 18 teams and made just over £1,400 profit for the Centre.

This was very timely, as the Centre's 14 equines consume around £6,000 worth of hay every winter. If you'd like to donate a bale or two at £4.00 each, just log on to [www.rda-westnorfolk.org.uk](http://www.rda-westnorfolk.org.uk) and click on the Donate button. Or if you prefer, send a cheque, payable to WNRDA, to the Magpie Centre, Wallington Hall, South Runcton, Kings Lynn PE33 0EP. All donations, however modest, are very much welcomed.

If you are a UK taxpayer and would like us to claim Gift Aid on your donation, just email, write to us or call 01553 810202 and we'll send you a Gift Aid form.

Meanwhile, a Happy Christmas to everyone, and thank you all, as a community, for your continuing support for the Magpie Centre.

If you need more info or have any queries, please call me on 01553 828935 or email [c.dudley@success-in-english.co.uk](mailto:c.dudley@success-in-english.co.uk)

**Caroline Dudley**

## SOVA NORFOLK MENTORING CONTINUED

### **Application process:**

If you are interested in joining our passionate and community minded team, please send your details to: [NorfolkMentoring@sova.org.uk](mailto:NorfolkMentoring@sova.org.uk) or call 01603 215348. We will then send you an application form, an equal opportunities form, and our recruitment pack. Or we can simply meet you for an informal chat if you'd like to know more. Our recruitment and training is provided on an ongoing basis.



NHS

# Don't wait until you feel worse, ask us first.

You can help us help you if you start  
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a cough or cold,  
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HELP YOU

STAY WELL THIS WINTER

Prameet Shah,  
Pharmacist

# THE WARREN IS UNDER THREAT

PHOTOGRAPH THIS POSTER SO YOU CAN TAKE ACTION

#SORRYNOQUARRY

The Norfolk County Council have put forward Shouldham Warren as one of the 'Areas of Search' to mine for Silica Sand, by the minerals company Sibelco.

The 'Area of Search' proposed is MASSIVE. Shouldham village could fit in this area 10 times.

CATSS - 'Campaigners Against Two Silica Sites' are fighting to get Shouldham Warren removed from the Minerals and Waste Local Plan.

A quarry of this size will destroy this beautiful woodland that's used recreationally everyday by families, walkers, riders, cyclists, runners, nature lovers... Not to mention the devastation to the natural habitats.

But, there's more. A vast area of land between Marham and Shouldham Warren has become a 'preferred area' which means Sibelco have already drilled and found Silica Sand. If planning is granted it will devastate our beautiful countryside, our communities and there are grave health concerns...

On a brighter note, the CATSS Action Group have plans to run informative surgeries so locals from surrounding communities can come and talk to us about their concerns and seek guidance on how best to object to these plans. Keep your eyes peeled for upcoming dates for these.

Tell as many people as you can about this local group that wants to move on and freshen our beautiful countryside - please spread the word wide and far!

The next chance you'll have to object is early February 2018. In the meantime, we have got to keep fighting for our communities, countryside, health, wildlife, wellbeing and future generations.

Sign the Petition:

<https://bit.ly/20ghw2s>

Updates: [www.catss.co.no](http://www.catss.co.no)

Email: [norfolkcatss@gmail.com](mailto:norfolkcatss@gmail.com)

Debate: [facebook/norfolkcatss](https://facebook/norfolkcatss)

Instagram: [@catss.co.no](https://Instagram:@catss.co.no)



**CATSS**

CAMPAIGNERS AGAINST TWO SILICA SITES | SHOULDHAM AND MARHAM

# WHAT'S ON AT DOWNHAM MARKET LIBRARY

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

*All children must be accompanied by an adult*

- 1 December: Code Club - come along and learn to code or improve your existing skills – for children of all ages – under 8s must have an adult to work with them  
FREE but booking essential as places are limited
- 4 December: Chair Yoga 2pm till 3pm B  
Booking essential £3 per session
- 11 December: Meet the Author – Julie Newman talks about her writing journey - 10.30 till 12 noon  
FREE - refreshments and chance to buy signed book copies
- 11 December: Chair Yoga 2pm till 3pm  
Booking essential £3 per session
- 12 December: Pre-school Yoga - 10.30am till 11.30am  
Booking essential £3 per child
- 15 December: Code Club - come along and learn to code or improve your existing skills – for children of all ages – under 8s must have an adult to work with them  
FREE but booking essential as places are limited
- 18 December: Chair Yoga 2pm till 3pm  
Booking essential £3 per session

## Regular Events

**Just a Cuppa** – Every Friday 10am – 12 noon. 50p suggested donation.

Enjoy a chat over a tea, coffee and a biscuit.

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

**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  
[except during school summer holidays]

**Mini Movers** – Fortnightly 6 and 20 November. Let's get active with the music from the Sticky Kids. Mini Movers is for preschool age to encourage movement to music and song whilst developing numeracy and literacy skills. For further information and to book, talk to a member of staff or call 01366 383073.

Booking Essential

**Job Support Sessions** - 30-minute bookable job seeker support sessions with CP Learning Trust. Every Wednesday between 10.30 and 1pm and Thursday between 1pm and 3.30pm. Call 01366 383073 to book.

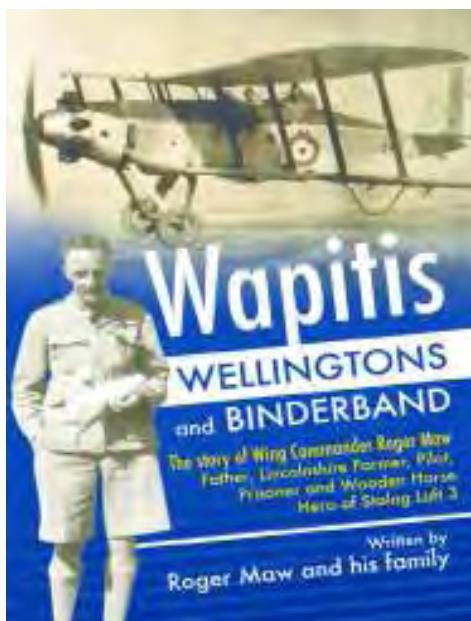
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1. Jingle Bells	2. Walking in a Winter wonderland	3. Here comes Santa Claus	4. Joy to the World	
5. Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer	6. O Come all ye faithful	7. I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas	8. O Christmas Tree	
9. What Child is This?	10. We Three Kings of Orient are....	11. Deck the Halls	12. I Saw Three Ships	
13. O Holy Night	14. Noel, Noel	15. Away in a manger	16. Twelve days of Christmas	
17. I Saw Mummery Kissings Santa Claus	18. All I Want for Christ-mas is my Two Front Teeth	19. Chestnuts Roast-ing on an Open Fire	20. It Came Upon a Midnignt Clear	
21. Let it Snow	22. Silent Night, Holy Night	23. O Little Town of Bethlehem	24. Silver Bells	

## WEST NORFOLK AVIATION SOCIETY



On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> of October, in the cosy confines of the Mundford Bowls Club, the West Norfolk Aviation Society proudly presented, for the first time in the history of the club, a lady speaker who captivated her mostly male audience. This elegant and eloquent lady, Jocelyn C. Blakey, gave a brief but intensive insight into the life of her brave and adventurous father, Roger Maw, who, being the son of a gentleman farmer, expected to follow in his father's footsteps until, that is, he was cajoled into joining the Special Reserve Air Force in 1927 by a wing commander from the nearby base at Waddington. Jocelyn described her father modestly but it was clear that he was a man of exceptional character with a natural flying ability and a good eye for strategy. He earned much respect from his colleagues through a

waggish sense of humour and an incredible practical and innovative ability. He was credited with designing and building the famous vaulting-horse in Stalag Luft 111 which, apart from being used by prisoners of war to keep fit, also served as camouflage whilst escapees tunneled beneath it.

Not entirely unscathed Roger survived the war and returned to farming at his cherished Lincolnshire village home. Together with his records and his family's subsequent forage for further information Jocelyn published a book in 2014 defining more fully the extent of Roger's talents and achievements. The book is entitled 'Wapitis Wellingtons and Binderband'

There's an interesting sequel to this story, but hardly competitive: our esteemed club secretary, David Allen, was recently dining at a hostelry in Feltwell the landlord of which being Chris Samuels a one-time member of our society. Chris renamed his inn, The Wellington, to commemorate the aeroplane's activity at RAF Feltwell during WW2. Wing Commander Roger Maw DFC flew many missions in Wellingtons; as did our late president, Wing Commander Ken Wallis (James Bond's stunt double in the film 'You Only Live Twice'). Chris was a past pupil at Methwold High School and David was a past teacher at the same school; the former introduced the latter to another diner, her name: Jocelyn Blakey.

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

**Nigel Tooth, Press Secretary, WNAS 01842878232**



Events for December 2018 and January 2019

December

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 10am – 4pm**

**Christmas Wreath Workshop**

Join the Gardener and volunteers for a day and discover your creative talents in making a Christmas wreath. Based on a metal ring, which will be completely covered in moss and greenery collected from the estate, it will be then finished off with decorative Christmas items and suitable for hanging on a door. Decorative items will be available but feel free to bring along your own decorative item to personalise your wreath.

Please bring own secateurs and an apron. We supply gloves but feel free to bring along your own. All materials provided. Meet at the tea-room in the courtyard

**£45.00** (all materials included). Price also includes refreshments on arrival, a light lunch and refreshments in the afternoon.

**Wednesdays 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, Thursdays 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> December, 12.45pm arrival for 1pm lunch**

**Beat the Rush**

Christmas is always a busy time of year. Come and enjoy a relaxing meal in our festive tearoom. Included is a Roast Turkey Lunch with all the trimmings (Vegetarian option available) followed by a dessert (choice of 2), followed by tea or coffee.

Also take the opportunity to do some peaceful Christmas shopping in our shop and enjoy a lovely walk in our grounds to work up an appetite or work off your lunch.

**£19.95 per person Ring 01366 328 258 to book your place. (Places are limited.)**

**8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December, 11am – 4pm (last entry to the house at 3.30pm)**

**Christmas**

Come and see Oxburgh Hall (ground floor only) and the family chapel dressed for a Victorian family Christmas of the 6th Baronet's time living at the Hall. Uncover the history of modern Christmas traditions and admire the artistry of the floral displays. Enjoy Christmas music, and as the sun sets, admire the enchanting outdoor lighting.

**PRICE: £6 (Free for NT members).** This includes entry to the gardens.

**Father Christmas**

Visit Father Christmas in his grotto and tell him your secret Christmas wish and let him know what special present you have been waiting for all year. Have fun doing crafts while you wait and take home a gift to remember the occasion.

**£8 per child for Father Christmas including present. Admission to grounds applies.**

**Ring 01366 328258 to book.**

January 2019

**Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th January**

**11.30am and 2pm.**

**Snowdrop Walks.**

You can either join one of our garden stewards for a walk taking in the beauty of the snowdrops and aconites carpeting the ground beneath the trees or you can stroll through the gardens and woodland to view them. Depending on the weather conditions, there may be many snowdrops to see or few. Trails are available for families.

**The walk with a garden steward is free but the standard charge applies for entry to the gardens and estate. Maximum number for a guide walk is 20. No need to book, just turn up.**

## Signpost Bridge Club



Meets every Thursday at The White Hart, Foulden starting at 7.30pm

This is an enjoyable social occasion and it is not too serious.

We would like to increase the number of players and offer a brief teaching session from 7.00 - 7.30pm.

If you enjoy playing cards and would like to learn the basics of bridge then come and join us.

### Enquiries

david.e.stancombe@gmail.com or phone 01366 328 153



## Swaffham Shanty Crew (Pot of Gold)

December 9th Sunday 3.00pm,  
Swaffham Community Centre

## Garlic Puppet Theatre

January 20th, Sunday 3.00pm,  
Swaffham Community Centre

Tickets from

Green Parrot 01760 724704 and  
Ceres Bookshop 01760 722504

Enquiries: 01366 328648

## Swaffham Jazz Club

**The Colin Mason Quartet with Eileanora, Keyboard and Vocals plus Tap Robinson, Guitar**

**Tuesday 11th December**  
Swaffham Conservative Social Club  
23 London Street, PE37 7DD  
7.30 pm  
£7.00

Enquiries:  
01366 328730 or 01760722384

## Nar Valley Ornithological Society (NarVOS)

*December: There is no NarVOS indoor meeting. Happy Christmas to you all.*

**Tuesday 29th January at 7.30pm**

The Barn Theatre  
Sacred Heart Convent School, Swaffham.  
Access and parking from Sporle Road.

Please come along to this illustrated talk by James Lowen, entitled:

### 'Britain's Best Wildlife Weekends'

James Lowen is a wildlife travel guide, photographer and writer. The title of James's talk reflects the name of one of his books. This book was the first guide featuring 52 weekend-sized breaks highlighting the best of British wildlife - from tiny silver-spotted skippers to gargantuan basking sharks, from seabird skyscrapers to autumn fungi. Most appealing.

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

Enquiries: 01760 724092

## 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

Look out for our monthly specials  
Enquiries: 01366 500218

## Beachamwell Book Group

Tuesday 4th December  
7.30

Beachamwell Village Hall

Book to be discussed over a glass of wine

**'The Dry'**

Jane harper

Annual Subscription £12.50

New members welcome

Enquiries: 01366 327023

## Beachamwell Wednesday Walkers

Explore the rights of way in and around Beachamwell with us.

We meet at the Village Hall at 10.00  
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 1168472

Wereham Village Hall

## 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](mailto:james@jamesknoxwhittet.plus.com)

## Beachamwell

### Table Tennis



**Every Friday at  
3.00pm  
Village Hall**

Enquiries: 01366 328895  
or  
[james@jamesknoxwhittet.plus.com](mailto:james@jamesknoxwhittet.plus.com)

## Wereham

### Short Mat Bowls Club



Thursday  
2.00 - 4.00

Village Hall

£2.00 per player. Free refreshments  
will be available

Come and meet our friendly club, find  
out what's involved, try a new  
activity, help grow our club and have  
some fun!

For more information or a chat  
contact 01366 501330



## Beachamwell WI

Saturday December 1st

11.30 – 2.00pm

Beachamwell Village Hall

### 'Christmas Fayre'

Lunches

Craft Items

Festive Foods

01366 327023 or 01366 328589



## Beachamwell WI

Thursday 6th December

7.30pm

Village Hall

'Musical Entertainment  
from the West End  
Waiters'

Visitors very welcome

Enquiries 01366 328536

## Barton Bendish Christingle Service By Candlelight



Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December

3pm

St Andrews Church

Come and join us at this special  
Christmas service for all ages.

Everyone is very welcome.

Refreshments will be served after the  
service

Please dress warmly, our historic  
church can be chilly!

Enquiries:

01366 347849 or 01366 347563

## Beachamwell



### Children's Christmas Party

Celebrate the festive season with  
friends and neighbours. Fun for  
all the family.

Saturday 15th December

4pm - 6pm

Village Hall

Limited spaces available!  
£3 entry

For tickets call 01366 328968 or  
01366 32809

Children to be accompanied by an  
adult please

## Barton Bendish



St Andrew's invites you to  
join in their Christmas  
Celebrations and Carols at  
a

### Victorian Evening of Christmas Entertainment, Music and Carols

Saturday 15th December

6pm

Village Hall

Refreshments will be served.  
We are always looking for new  
people to come and join us so  
everyone is very welcome.

Entrance is free but to avoid  
disappointment you can book your  
place on  
01366 347849) or 01366347563

## Beachamwell Afternoon Tea and a Chat.....

**Wednesday  
December 19th  
January 16th  
2 - 4pm  
Village Hall**



Enquiries:  
01366  
347673

## Fincham Fincham Chorus Christmas Concert

Fincham Memorial Hall  
Friday 21st December  
7.30 pm

An evening of lovely Christmas music, including some traditional carols and popular Christmas songs.

Tickets £5 - including mulled wine and seasonal snacks.

Raffle

Enquiries: 01366 348136.

## Wereham Indoor / Outdoor Car Boot Sales and Café

The last Sunday of December 2018  
and then every month  
until end of November 2019

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  
07759033492 or 01366501330  
e-mail  
[rosemary.pease@btinternet.com.](mailto:rosemary.pease@btinternet.com)



## Beachamwell WI

**Thursday 3rd January  
7.30pm  
Village Hall**

'Resolutions Debate and  
New Year Quiz'

Visitors very welcome

Enquiries 01366 328536

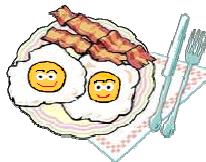
# BEACHAMWELL LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

**Annual General Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**7.30pm**  
**Village Hall**

Visitors and prospective new members are very welcome to come along.

Enquiries:  
01366 327023 / 01366 328536

## Barton Bendish



It's cold inside St Andrew's in January and February so come and join us instead for

## Breakfast Church

In the warmth of Barton Bendish Village Hall

**All Welcome**  
**Saturday**  
**19th January & 9th February**  
**9.30am**

To book your breakfast call  
01366 347849 or 01366 347563

## Beachamwell Quiz



**Saturday January 19th**  
**7.30**

**£3.00 per person**  
**Beachamwell Village Hall**

Bring your own refreshments

There will be a Raffle

All proceeds to The Friends of St. Mary's Church, Beachamwell

Enquiries and to book a table:  
01366 328648 / 01366 328729

## Barton Bendish Traditional Burns Supper



**Saturday 26th January**  
**7.00pm for 7.30pm**  
**Village Hall**

Tickets £15.00

Includes "a wee dram" to toast the Haggis  
Scottish Raffle

*Wear a token piece of tartan!*

Enquiries:  
01366 347849 or 01366 347563

# BARTON BENDISH & EASTMOOR VILLAGE NEWS

## Trafalgar Night



Last year, Barton Bendish held their first ever Trafalgar Night which was held to be a great success. It's always a challenge to live up to the high standards previously achieved but Barton's second Trafalgar Evening would not have disappointed anyone.

Presided over by a 200 year Royal Navy Cocked hat, the evening was a splendid mixture of erudition, song and gentle 'mickey taking' of our neighbours across the Channel. Whatever our views on Brexit – and they are as varied as the evening was, it's reassuring to know that the trend towards political correctness hasn't stolen our sense of patriotism or prevented light hearted comment at the expense of the French and Spaniards. Nelson certainly had his own ideas about how to treat them!

Ian Berchem provided a very learned assessment of the conditions prevailing at the time of Trafalgar, our choir sang

beautifully and the Swaffham Shanty Crew were simply sensational. A salty time was had by all. I hope this traditional and most English of occasions will continue for years to come.

## *Admiral' Nelson*

## Halloween

Opinions are divided about an ancient, and quite terrifying, pagan festival which has emerged as 'Trick or Treat' night in more recent times. I am sure that the unhappy souls which haunt our thoughts on the night of October 31<sup>st</sup> don't care much either way about what we do but I am impressed with the way Barton Bendish celebrates the occasion. In Nottingham, where we lived before coming here, Trick or Treating had become vaguely threatening and, from time to time, flour and eggs were deposited on our front door and on our car. Not so here. The ghouls arrive by appointment, accompanied by parents and, far more courteous than most, ghosts! Well done to our considerate organisers.

*Andrew Stephen*

# BARTON BENDISH & EASTMOOR VILLAGE NEWS

## **Goodbye to Elizabeth and Shane**

Sunday 4th November saw the majority of Barton Bendish gathered in the Village Hall for a ‘high tea’ and a fond farewell to Shane and Elizabeth, our USAF friends. They have been with us in Barton for three and a half years during which time they became firm friends with everyone in the village. Elizabeth in particular wowed us with her singing voice, artistic creations of flower arranging, cooking, posters for village events and for making raffle prizes look so attractive. Shane was the ‘film operator’ for Barton Bendish Film Club and also has to be thanked for sorting out the acoustics in the Village Hall to provide the best sound possible.

I am sure everyone will join me in wishing them all the best for their future back in the States in whatever they choose to do with their lives, and to say a huge thank you to them both for all they have done during their time here with us.

A big thank you also to Linda, Mhari and Janice for organising the Farewell Tea on behalf of the village and also to those who made the sandwiches and cakes.

Shane and Elizabeth will be sorely missed in Barton.

### ***Anne Parker***

## **Farewell Shane and Elizabeth**

On a sad note, it was hard for many of us to accept that our outstanding neighbours were departing these shores for the next stage of their adventure. Shane will always be remembered here for his impossibly difficult ‘Big Bang Theory’ Quiz, his rapid improvement of local cycling standards and for his contribution to our Film Club. It would be impossible to write a fully comprehensive list of qualities for Elizabeth. Put simply, she is one of the most talented people I have ever met. Her mastery of many crafts, her unbounded enthusiasm, fantastic work ethic and singing voice are just few of the things to spring to mind. We are still newcomers to the village but we are in awe of the contribution she has made to village life. They will be missed enormously. God Speed!

### ***Andrew Stephen***

## **Farewell and Thank You,**

It is with heavy hearts that Elizabeth and I say goodbye as we begin the next chapter in our lives. We enjoyed our time in Barton Bendish more than a few words in the Group 4 can describe. The sense of community is something we have never felt in other places we have lived. On many occasions, I have suggested to friends at the base that should they return for another assignment in England, to find a small village and become part of it, rather than living in Cambridge or Bury St. Edmunds.

# BARTON BENDISH & EASTMOOR VILLAGE NEWS

The various events in the village are what make it so special. Even though they are fund raising events for one charity or another, the events are worth far more than money they raise. The sense of community they provide is priceless. I will not list them for fear of leaving someone out; however, I will say thank you to all who work so hard to plan, organize, execute, and clean up after each event. It takes a lot of work and there is not nearly enough acknowledgment for it.

Thank you to all who have maintained the Village Hall as a venue for all the events, that also takes a lot of effort. I am also glad to see progress is being made for its planned renovation and expansion. A larger and more comfortable venue will be beneficial to all who use it. Hopefully, it will increase the participation in all events and spread the sense of community we felt to others. Good luck in getting the required funding and proceeding with the project. We look forward to visiting again some day and seeing the improvements.

Finally, thank you for the farewell gathering. It was nice to get Elizabeth away from cleaning the house for a few hours and spending some time with the wonderful friends we made over the past 3 ½ years. Barton Bendish will always have a special place in our hearts.

Sincerely,  
**Shane**

## **Bonfire Night**

Once again a large number of people gathered for Luca's annual 'Bonfire at the Hall'. Huge hot dogs and glasses of choice Italian wine welcomed us and then when the whistle blew a procession of children and adults followed Luca to watch him light the massive bonfire which was very soon ablaze. Rain was forecast and there was a blustery chilly wind but very fortunately it remained dry, at least until it was time for everyone to go home.

Very many thanks to Luca for once again staging what has now become an extremely popular annual event, the proceeds of which are shared between St Andrew's and the Village Hall. Good food and wine, friends and acquaintances to chat to and a warm fire to sit by – what more could you wish for on a dark November night.

## **Jill Mason**

**Bonfire Night** ....is never quite the same when it is held at the Hall. This year's blaze was more impressive than ever. As always the food and drink on offer were excellent. It is always a very convivial evening and a chance to catch up now that we spend more of our days indoors. We are grateful to Luca for hosting the event and for serving behind the bar. The proceeds go to St Andrew's Church and the Village Hall, both excellent causes.

## **Andrew Stephen**

# BARTON BENDISH & EASTMOOR VILLAGE NEWS

## Barton Bendish Commemorates Remembrance Day

### We Shall Remember Them

On an emotional day for communities across the nation, Barton Bendish commemorated 100 years since the end of the Great War with respect and dignity. At a very moving church service at St Andrew's, the names and details of Barton's war dead were read out amongst a number of appropriate readings. A larger congregation than usual stood silently at the War Memorial as Remembrance was duly observed. We were reminded that we were also honouring the dead of the Second World War and of other conflicts. The occasion was clearly very important to us all and, as ever, the thoughtful service reflected that fact. *Andrew Stephen*

**Poppies:** Barton had its own living display in June when poppies were grown along the roadside verges of Buttlards Lane and on the day itself the church and war memorial were decorated with scores of poppies patiently hand knitted by Joan.

**In the Evening:** Barton continued remembering and honouring those who served and those who perished in WW1 with a commemorative evening in the Village Hall. A large crowd gathered for this purpose and after Andrew set the scene with a poem at 7 o'clock, in line with others across the country, we witnessed the lighting by veteran Jay Carter of Barton's own version of a beacon (the fire-pit in the pub garden opposite). Back in the warmth of the hall Ian treated us to a brief but detailed history lesson of events which eventually led to England becoming a participant in the war already raging across Europe. This was followed with tempting sandwiches, savouries and cake after which Ian read the poem 'The Volunteer' by Robert Service and Tom led us in a sing-song of familiar WW1 songs sung by the troops to keep their spirits up. Andrew then explained about the 'Barton Remembers' booklet he's compiled, and later handed out, and read us the poem by W B Yates 'An Irish Airman Foresees His Death'. The choir treated us to splendid renditions of 'If Ye Love Me', 'For the Fallen' and the 'Hallelujah Chorus'. By this time, I for one was feeling quite emotional. The evening finished with a Toast and the National Anthem. A collection was made in aid of 'Help the Heroes' which raised £112.

It was indeed an evening which recognised and commemorated every element of the Great War. Thanks must go to Tom Golden, the choir, now better than ever with the addition of four male voices and Phyllis from Oxborough who accompanied them on the flute, to Ian and also to Maureen B, Lissa, Liz and Andrew for organizing the evening. *Jill Mason*

# BARTON BENDISH & EASTMOOR VILLAGE NEWS

## Village Hall Update

We are delighted to announce that our proposals to develop and extend the Village Hall have been given planning permission. We have already begun approaching various bodies for grant funding and are very optimistic that the money we need will be found. It would be very helpful to our cause if members of the community could suggest ways in which the Village Hall could provide extra services and opportunities in the future following its improvement. It has been suggested, for instance, that it might be a more appropriate venue for self-improvement, health or sporting classes. A bigger kitchen would be able to put on meals and other occasions for the elderly. The Film Club would be able to keep the audience warm! We intend to make the Hall fully accessible to the disabled and to improve the sound system for the hard of hearing. If you have any ideas of how we might develop the Hall as a community asset, please let us know. It would be very helpful. We are grateful to the Parish Council for all their help and encouragement.

## *Andrew Stephen*

**Chair of the Village Hall Management Committee ([acstephen@hotmail.com](mailto:acstephen@hotmail.com))**

## Preparation of new Church Electoral Roll

In accordance with the Church Representation Rules, 2019 is a year in which an entirely new church electoral roll must be prepared. Whether or not a person has their name entered on the existing roll, anyone wishing to be enrolled on the new roll must complete a fresh form of application.

If you wish your name to appear on the new roll of the Parish of Barton Bendish, please contact Linda Webster (347563) or Mhari Blanchfield (347849).

## Calendars

David Mason is once again selling wildlife wall calendars, complete with envelopes, for £5 each. This year they are in aid of the local charity The Norfolk Hospice, Tapping House. They are available at village events but are selling out quickly.

You can place your order with David on 07884411619 or email [masons.sandmere@btinternet.com](mailto:masons.sandmere@btinternet.com)

## Future Events - see adverts pages 25 and 27 for details

Christingle Sunday 9th December at 3pm

Victorian Evening Saturday 15th December at 6pm

Breakfast Church Saturday 19th January and 9th February 2019

Burns Supper Saturday 26th January 2019

# BARTON BENDISH & EASTMOOR VILLAGE NEWS

## A Thank You FROM Linda and Mhari

Linda and I would like to warmly thank everyone in the village and beyond for all the generous help and support that we have received over this past year. For a village the size of Barton Bendish the encouragement and enthusiasm for the various events that are put on is truly amazing and we are grateful for it.

A special mention to Steve, Quinn and Robin, Ollie, Joc and Shendy for locking and unlocking the church all through the year. Thank you!

To Joan for all the knitted poppies at our Armistice commemorations which made the church and War Memorial look so amazing. Not to mention her delicious mince pies at wreath making.

To Elizabeth and Shane for their generous contributions of time and talent not only to all our fundraising efforts but just generally to village life. We are missing you already!

Finally, thank YOU! None of the events that go on in Barton Bendish could happen without your support.

We wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and health and happiness for all that comes in 2019.

## *Mhari Blanchfield and Linda Webster*

## **And a Thank You TO Mhari and Linda**

Autumn has proved to be a very busy time socially in Barton Bendish and I don't know how Mhari and Linda manage to organize their major events so efficiently. Mind you they'd be lost without their dedicated band of helpers. First we had the very successful Art and Craft Exhibition in September which takes an unbelievable amount of planning then in October we celebrated Nelson's victory. In November they organised a very moving Remembrance service on the 11th followed a few days later by four sessions of the ever popular wreath making workshops. To come is our Victorian Evening on December 15th. By the time they've recovered from that, and Christmas, they'll be working on presenting 'Burn's Supper' in January. How do they do it?

Linda and Mhari, aided by Janice, make a brilliant team and have put Barton on the map with regards to social events which are well supported by people from out of the village. Without their hard work we would be back to Coffee Mornings and other far less significant events. Thanks to them not only does the Church and the Village Hall benefit financially but so do we by having so many superb events more or less on our door step.

## **Jill Mason**

# BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

## Parish Council

Next spring, when you drive past the tree on the 'island' at Fiveways and see the daffodils, hopefully it will make you smile to know they were planted by some very young children, (helped by parent and grandparent too!). The Parish Council paid for 75kgs of Ice Follies daffodils and volunteer adults and teenagers planted the other 'half' of Chestnut Walk to match the length that



was planted last year and looked so cheerful. With the bus shelter in service as a pop-up coffee shop and the sun shining on the workers, all agreed to meet up again next year for more of the same! **Cllr Philip Spencer**

## Breckland District Councillor's Message

This is the 4<sup>th</sup> Christmas I have been the Nar Valley Ward District Councillor, thank you again for your support. It has been another busy year overseeing many residents' problems, as well as supporting the Parish Council with advice and funding. My ward work has helped residents with landlord issues, keeping residents in their own homes, helping residents with tax credit, planning issues and helping deliver social care too. I am available 24/7. Whatever my residents problem I am here to help. If you like to speak with me - details – [peter.wilkinson@breckland.gov.uk](mailto:peter.wilkinson@breckland.gov.uk) Tel No 01760338819/ M-07788381796.

Thank you again may I wish you all a merry Christmas + a happy new year.

## **Cllr Peter Wilkinson**

The minutes of the meeting can be found on the Parish Notice Board and the website ([beachamwellpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk](http://beachamwellpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk)).

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on January 14th at 7.30pm. If you have any items for the agenda please give them to me in writing at least a week beforehand. **Eileen Powell (Parish Clerk)**

# BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

## St. Mary's Church

At 11am on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> November, St. Mary's regained its place as the spiritual heart of the community as a service took place to mark the centenary of the ending of the First World War. Some eighty people attended this once in a lifetime service.

After a night and early morning of rain, the autumn sunlight broke through the dark clouds and the wet grass sparkled like jewels. Before the service began, we stood on the green to watch the Union Jack being raised, the flag was lifted and let fall by the breeze. We then walked to the church where a bugler movingly played *The Last Post* and a wreath of poppies was placed against the altar rail after the two minutes of silence was observed when we remembered the millions of men and women who lost their lives not only in the First World War but the succession of wars which have tragically taken place since 1918.

As the watered sunlight streamed through the stained glass windows creating altering patterns across the stone floor, hymns were sung, poems were read and popular songs from the Great War were performed, the congregation joining in with the well-known lyrics.

It was particularly moving to simply hear the names of those from Beachamwell who died read aloud, their voiced names echoing within the ancient walls as voices of prayer and praise have echoed in this building for over a thousand years. After the names were read, we learned a little of the personal stories which lie behind those names. Not only the names of the dead were read aloud but the names of the known survivors of the war were read and we learned how those who were physically or psychologically maimed struggled to take up their lives again after the war had ended. In many respects, their harrowing experiences never left them. Nothing for those survivors or for the many bereaved families would ever be the same again as the Great War altered the world for generations to come.

The service ended appropriately with the sharing of the peace and with the singing of the hymn *Morning Has Broken* with its words of hope and renewal:

*Sweet the rain's new fall,  
Sunlit from Heaven,  
Like the first dewfall  
On the first grass.*

As nature heals the wounds inflicted on it by man, perhaps we can also learn one day to start again to heal the wounds of the past and put aside conflict.

Needless to say, an event such as this can only come about by those villagers willing to give their time and effort to create a service those of us fortunate to attend will long remember. **James Knox Whittet**

*"Sincere thanks to all those concerned for way in which the Remembrance Day ceremony and service at Beachamwell was organized and conducted." This comment was received from a member of the congregation*

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## Flower and Brass Cleaning Rota for December

2<sup>nd</sup> Vesna Hudson, 9<sup>th</sup> Karen Butler and Jeanne Flynn

16<sup>th</sup> Christmas [Several People] [Carol Service Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 4pm] 23<sup>rd</sup> Christmas [Will last from previous week], 31<sup>st</sup> Jenny Gabrielsen

## Flower and Brass Cleaning Rota for January

6<sup>th</sup> Heidi Hale, 13<sup>th</sup> Bridget James, 20<sup>th</sup> Eileen Powell, 27<sup>th</sup> Ann Knox Whittet

## The Friends of St Mary's

By now we will have had our first AGM after a very active and successful fund raising year. Our bank balance now stands at £5,294 after the heroic efforts by many, many supporters at the quizzes, the Barn dance, the Churches History event and associated sale of poems, the Village Fete, the making and sale of the calendar, the half marathon, the horse ride, various talks, antiques evening and generous donations. The aim is to raise sufficient funds to start the repair on the thatched ridge and associated stonework and we are getting very close. We are trying to get competitive quotes for scaffolding, professional fees and some help with the VAT. We are also approaching grant making organisations such as the Norfolk Churches Trust for significant contributions and we will keep you updated. It is to the village's great credit that we have raised so much in one year and the continued support of so many in the village is really appreciated. We will be looking to continue with our efforts into next year and hope work can actually start in 2019 so we can see the fruit of all our hard work. Please remember the Beachamwell calendar is a great Christmas present at only £7.50 - they are selling fast; and as a gift for those who have everything, what about a donation in their name to the Friends of the St Mary's fund? Bank details: Friends of St Mary's Sort code: 20-17-20 Account No: 03442160.

Our beautiful church building is precious and deserves to be well looked after, so thank you to all of you who have done so much and a Happy New Year to come! **Peggy Ray (Chair of Friends of St Mary's)**

## Beachamwell Churches Day Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018

(Half of this article was unfortunately omitted from last month's edition.....)

Any call to join James Knox Whittet in order to experience poetry and song in an interesting venue is something that ensures a positive response from two Suffolk song birds Carol Bleiker and Anna McCrae. How glad we were to join the people of Beachamwell in their day of celebrating the Churches and religious sites of their surrounding area.

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The detailed exhibition in the village church of St. Mary's, Beachamwell organised by the generosity and enthusiasm of the Local History Group. This enabled us to not only to learn about the churches but to acquire knowledge of local families whose forbears had worshipped and followed religious devotions there. It also gave visitors like ourselves an opportunity to converse with local people and learn even more about this delightful area. Eileen was a fund of local knowledge – thank you Eileen and all who shared information on the day.

The highlight for us was the approximately mile long walk to the 12<sup>th</sup> Century church of St. Botolph's in Shingham opened specially for the day. We were able to remember St. Botolph's East Anglian, Celtic and European connections.

The setting was perfect for the elegant and discerning poetry from local people. These very telling and enlightening poems had arisen from James Knox Whittet's Creative Writing Group held in Beachamwell. James is our very own East Anglian and Celtic poet. This ancient, sacred place had beautiful acoustics which empowered the voices of the poets and filled the holy place with the poets' personal reflections and observations. We visitors were so glad that the beautiful poetry books were available to buy. We were able to reflect on the meaningful words and know that we were helping towards The Friends of St Mary's Church. We were able to enjoy ourselves and feel good too.

The tea and cake served with smiles and great generosity of spirit in the Village Hall were a delicious finale to a mood enhancing day. All our senses were engaged at the Beachamwell Event. Huge thanks to you all and huge thanks for allowing us to sing in the beautiful church of St. Botolph's.

***Carol Bleiker and Anna McCrae***

**Beachamwell Local History Group**

**"The Life and Hard Times of Mary Caney"**

Our speaker on 13<sup>th</sup> November was local writer, Jill Mason. It was a note left in Barton Bendish church by a visitor in search of an ancestor, that set Jill off on the trail of Mary Caney, who lived in that village from 1786 to 1878. Research in the church records and census returns revealed that Mary's family had been agricultural labourers, that she had ten children (four of them out of wedlock) and that she was married and widowed twice. She and her family led precarious and probably rather monotonous lives, against a backdrop of changing times; the Napoleonic Wars, the impoverishing results of the Corn Laws, the arrival of threshing machines and the railways. In her talk, Jill described how in writing her novel, "The Life and Hard Times of Mary Caney"

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she used her research and knowledge about the period to make this woman, about whom there was only scant real information, come alive. In this fascinating talk, Jill also described what she has found out about Mary's real descendants, including a son, William who despite his humble origins trained as a clock-maker and became a prosperous tradesman.

Beachamwell Local History group will hold its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm, at the village hall. Visitors and prospective new members are very welcome to come along. Enquiries: 01366 327023 or 01366 328536

## ***Maggie Mackenzie***

### **Beachamwell WI**

 At our November meeting, we had a most interesting speaker from the East Anglia Children's Hospice. Tina Burdett told us about the work of this charity, which cares for children and young people with life limiting conditions, and also provides support for their families. The organisation is currently in the process of building a new hospice near Norwich called The Nook; this looks like it is going to be a wonderful resource for those in its care.

November is also the month of our annual meeting. A new committee was elected, with Leah Spencer as our new President. The annual Ruth Rix craft prize was awarded by popular vote to Cathy Friend for a lovely Christmas themed quilt.

Our annual Christmas Fayre will be held this year on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> December. The doors will be open at 11.30 for cakes, crafts, decorations and "upcycled" items. There will also be a pop-up café with tasty soup, filled rolls, mulled wine and much more.

At December's meeting, we will welcome the "West End Waiters", a group of seasoned entertainers, who perform a music and comedy routine to raise money for Motor Neurone research. There will be refreshments too. Visitors are most welcome to join us for this evening.

## ***Maggie Mackenzie***

### **Mobile Post Office**

Monday and Thursday 12.55 – 13.15

Tuesday and Wednesday 11.10 – 11.40

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## **Beachamwell Art Group**

On Saturday 10 November 16 people came along to Beachamwell Village Hall for a Watercolour Workshop. This was the second session with artist Mike Tuddenham and under his expert tuition we have all gained confidence, learning basic techniques and more advanced skills, which we can now use in our independent work. It was an enjoyable and rewarding day.

Beachamwell Art Group meets 9 times a year on a Saturday and during 2018 we have enjoyed artist led workshops on Silk Screen Printing with Lydia Haines; Botanical Painting with Isobel Bartholomew and Watercolour Painting with Mike Tuddenham. We have also had several sessions when we have hired the hall to work on our own interests and projects. The next meeting will be on 12 January 2019. If you would like to go on the mailing list email [leah@wissey.co.uk](mailto:leah@wissey.co.uk) **Leah Spencer**

## **Beachamwell Book Group**

In 2011 I obtained a set of free copies of The World's Wife by Carol Ann Duffy as part of The World Book Day initiative. I distributed them among people in the village and invited readers to a follow up meeting in the village hall. Beachamwell Book Group was born.

The group has met eleven times a year since then and has read a wide range of books - fiction, non-fiction and poetry. We haven't always agreed, we haven't always liked the books chosen, but we have all enjoyed the discussion and the friendship and everybody agrees that reading outside your comfort zone can bring surprises and great pleasure.

After 7 years leading the group I have decided to take a break and would like to thank all members, past and present, for their support and friendship. If you would like to join the group contact Maggie MacKenzie 01366 327023

**Leah Spencer** (on behalf of members past and present thank you for all your work Leah - much appreciated. Eileen Powell)

## **Wednesday Walkers**

The dawn was not promising with strong winds and heavy rain begging the question *would anyone want to walk today?* However, by 10.00 am the rain had ceased, the sky was clearing and the usual group set out from the Village Hall to walk the Caldecote - Shingham 'circuit'. The wind was still strong and bitter but, little by little, it eased and the sun appeared making the autumnal colours bright and beautiful. The route of just under five miles was declared a perfect stroll for a November day. For more information about this group see advert on page 23

## CHURCH SERVICES IN DECEMBER

### Sunday 2nd December The First Sunday of Advent

09.30 am	Methwold	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Beachamwell	Holy Communion
11.00 am	West Dereham	Family Service
04.00 pm	Wretton with Stoke Ferry	Advent Service (All Saints' Academy)
06.00 pm	Wereham	Evensong

### Sunday 9th December The Second Sunday of Advent

09.30 am	Methwold	Service of the Word
09.30 am	West Dereham	Holy Communion
09.30 am	Wretton with Stoke Ferry	Service of the Word
10.00 am	Boughton	Breakfast Church
03.00 pm	Barton Bendish	Christingle

### Sunday 16th December The Third Sunday of Advent

09.30 am	Whittington	Service of the Word
11.00 am	Beachamwell	Service of the Word
04.00 pm	Wereham	Crib Service
06.30 pm	West Dereham	Carol Service
07.00 pm	Methwold	Carol Service

### Sunday 23rd December The Fourth Sunday of Advent

09.30 am	West Dereham	Service of the Word
09.30 am	Methwold	Service of the Word
09.30 am	Wretton with Stoke Ferry	Service of the Word
11.00 am	Boughton	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Wereham	Morning Prayer
06.00 pm	Barton Bendish	Evensong

### Sunday 30th December The First Sunday of Christmas

10.00 am	West Dereham	Together at Ten
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### Midweek Services

**Holy Communion** 10.00am **Boughton** Thursdays 13th and 27th

**Holy Communion** 10.00am **Wretton with Stoke Ferry** Tuesday 18th

**Compline** 5.30pm **Whittington** Thursday 20th

### 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 IN DECEMBER

## Sunday 2nd December The First Sunday of Advent

10.00 am	Fincham	Eucharist
10.00 am	Shouldham	Morning Prayer
10.30 am	Marham	Carol Service (Methodist Chapel)
10.30 am	Stow Bardolph	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Wormegay	Holy Communion

## Sunday 9th December The Second Sunday of Advent

09.30 am	Shouldham Thorpe	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Stow Bridge	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Marham	Morning Worship
11.00 am	Runton Holme	Holy Communion
06.00 pm	Fincham	Evensong

## Sunday 16th December The Third Sunday of Advent

10.00 am	Shouldham	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Marham	Carol Service (Holy Trinity)
10.30 am	Nordelph	Holy Communion with Carols
11.00 am	Tottenham	Morning Prayer (lay led)
03.00 pm	Fincham	Carol Service
05.00 pm	Wimbotsham	Carol Service

## Sunday 23rd December The Fourth Sunday of Advent

10.30 am	Marham	Christmas Communion (H.T.)
10.30 am	Wimbotsham	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Watlington	Morning Prayer
03.00 pm	Fincham	Carol Service

## Sunday 30th December The First Sunday of Christmas

10.00 am	Fincham	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Nordelph	Group Holy Communion

## Thursday Services

Holy Communion 10.00am **Fincham** 6th and 20th

Holy Communion 11.00 am **Watlington** 20th

**For January Services please visit our website finchamgroupnews.co.uk**

## 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	Gary Eggleton	01366 347829/Gordon Reid 01366 47253

## COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

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

DATE	VILLAGE	LOCATION	TIME
Tuesday 18 December	Barton Bendish Beachamwell	Hatherley Gardens Old Post Office	09:55 am 10:15 am
15 January	Drymere Boughton	Telephone Kiosk Mill Road	10:40 am 14:20 pm
Monday 3, 17 & 31 December 14 & 28 January	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](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/Leisure_and_culture/Libraries/Mobile_libraries)

### VILLAGE BUS SERVICES

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

Traveline 0871 200 22 33 or ([www.traveline.info](http://www.traveline.info)) Call cost 12p per minute

### VILLAGE, COMMUNITY and PARISH HALL BOOKINGS

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

### MARKETS - Farmers' and Indoor

Ely (Farmers') Fakenham (Farmers') Wisbech (Farmers') Swaffham (Indoor) King's Lynn (Farmers)	Second and Fourth Saturday 8:00-2:00pm Fourth Saturday 8.30am to 12:00pm  Alternate Fridays Every Friday 9.00am to 1.00pm Closed until April 2019
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For information:- [www.farmersmarkets.net](http://www.farmersmarkets.net) or your local Tourist Information Office

# BOUGHTON VILLAGE NEWS

## News from All Saints' Church

### Dates for your diaries:

Carol service of Nine Lessons and Carols MONDAY 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. I'll be looking for readers as usual..... It's always a well attended service, with plenty of well known hymns and readings. In spite of the NINE lessons, it doesn't go all night and everyone will be welcome.

Crib service 4 pm on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December in the church. No service on Christmas Day, but there will be services at several other churches within easy reach. There is a 10 am service at Fincham as well as those in the Wissey benefice.

### **Oil Tank**

Some of you will be aware that we need to replace the oil tank at church. We are currently looking to obtaining planning permission from the local council and then we can apply for permission from the Diocese. The heating is a vital part of the building's usefulness to both church and village, but the new tank will be expensive. Any offers to help defray the costs will be most welcome.

We continue to have a problem with moving chairs. Although attractive, they are too heavy to move easily. If anyone is able to help with this, please contact me, so that we can keep them. Furniture which is unusable is of little value and will need to be replaced. There are certain set times in the month when the chairs need to be moved and set out. I'm not strong enough to do it. If anyone is willing to help on a regular basis, please contact me - 500429 or by email.

Boughton took part in the group Remembrance Day service at Fincham, with three other villages. There was a strong attendance from all the villages and the pleasure of taking part in a large service made the work that went into it worthwhile. Frank Reid read the names of the Boughton dead – which could also be seen in last month's magazine – and arranged the purchase of the wreath, which is now on our own war memorial. Thanks are also due to Angela Faherty for selling poppies around the village. I'm sure you all gave generously and in due time, Angela will publish the amount raised in Boughton.

### **Pam Wakeling**

## **The Stringside drain and the Wissey Catchment area**

I am sure many would agree that rivers are for many reasons an important resource. In this connection readers might like to know that the Environment Agency (EA) have a significant project to improve the rivers in our area – the Wissington catchment area project. The work they have done is starting to yield results and I give below a short summary prepared by the EA which gives an interesting overview. Of particular note we have heard that the EA hope to begin work on our stretch of the Stringide drain very shortly. When completed it should improve the river enormously.

The EA summary follows on the next page.....

## BOUGHTON VILLAGE NEWS

### **EA Summary**

"There are 9 main rivers that make up the Wissey catchment. This catchment has been highlighted by The Environment Agency as a priority catchment and therefore we have a dedicated Priority Catchment Officer working in the catchment full time, Helen Blower, alongside a Catchment Coordinator who oversees the catchments that make up the Cam and Ely Ouse, Sam Sweeney. There has been a wide variety of projects already completed in the Wissey, with many more planned. Our work is planned by the issues that are highlighted from our monitoring and projects are put in place to rectify the issues and improve all aspects of the watercourses. For instance, on the Watton Brook it was highlighted that phosphate was an issue. There are two sources of phosphate, farming run off and sewage treatment. Helen found that there was large scale poaching of the watercourse due to cattle usage. Since October last year, 5 cattle drinkers have been installed and 4 sets of gates to close off the drinking points and allow the watercourse to recover and phosphates to reduce. We are planning to install more gates and drinkers with the help of one of our catchment partners. We are now working with the Water Company to ensure the phosphate being released from sewage treatment is minimised also. We are hoping to carry out habitat improvement work, to create back channels that fish can use in times of high flow whilst putting work in place to help alleviate flooding.

On the Gadder, at Oxburgh Hall there has been 1.5km of improvement work carried out. A further 1.5km of improvement work is planned to be completed before the end of March 2019 if possible. The work carried out in the Gadder included the removal of weed in the channel, habitat enhancement and installation of woody debris to allow the channel to be narrowed and flow improved at certain points as well as providing habitat. The work, carried out by the field team in King's Lynn, has improved the channel greatly and managed to bring back a very nice chalk stream with trout in some parts.

Closer to home on the Stringside, Helen has been working with local partners to improve the habitat for 6-7km of the Upper Stringside. The Stringside stream is currently failing for fish and so it is paramount that habitat is created and fish barriers removed. A walkover has been completed that highlighted a number of ways that this could be achieved. An example of this is to do a bit more than the mid channel weed cut which has not solved much of the problem. Ideally we would like to remove both the weeds (some sections of the Stringside have extensive weed / reed growth) and their roots. To help with this a project proposal has been put together so that we can start finding some funding to get the work done.

***Tom Roberts  
Boughton Parish Council***

# WEREHAM VILLAGE NEWS

## Wereham World War I Commemoration



Over 100 people attended Wereham's Commemoration of the end of World War I on Saturday, 10th November in the new Village Hall.

The evening began with prayers at our war memorial. The audience and performers then moved to the Village Hall following our playing the 'Battle's O're', the tune that was played by pipers all over the world that weekend.

The evening was a great success.

We were entertained by our music hall stars and joined in the singing, we were moved by our poetry readers and enthralled by our suffrage play actors including our esteemed prime minister.

We commemorated the 15 Wereham soldiers who died

in the great War and observed one minute silence. This was all brilliantly supported by our chefs, tekkies and backstage crew.

Huge thanks to all involved but particularly to Debra Rye whose idea it was and who directed the whole thing. Well done Debbie.

### ***Ian Rye***

I would like to take a moment to thank everyone who participated in any way in the World War I commemoration. I really enjoyed the event and hope you did too.

I would like to acknowledge the positivity and talent of Werehamites and friends from other villages close by. People are always willing to get involved

### ***Debbie Rye***

## WEREHAM VILLAGE NEWS

### Wissey Valley Players

This is an exciting new drama group that has recently been set up for residents of Wereham and all of the surrounding villages. It is already proving to be very popular but we are keen to attract new members from across the local community.

The group meet every Thursday evening from 7.30pm to 9pm at Wereham Village Hall. The group is open to all ages and is a great way to meet new people and enjoy play reading in a relaxed and fun way.

We are currently working on two comedies by Alan Ayckbourn and some new pieces written by members of the group.

We are not only looking for people who enjoy acting and singing but also those who would like to try their hand at directing, stage management or set design.

Can you help to make sets and costumes or props? Or perhaps you have skills in lighting and sound which would be invaluable to us.

Why not come along to one of our meetings to find out more and join in.

For more information please phone 01366 500796 or

email [stagestruck\\_37@hotmail.com](mailto:stagestruck_37@hotmail.com)

**Keith and Chris Murray**

### Our Next Project.....



#### **WANTED**

#### **SHEPHERDS and ANGELS**

Age 0 - the time when you were too embarrassed to wear a tea towel on your head.

Wereham Nativity Play  
December 16th at 4 o'clock  
No acting experience  
needed.

Please bring your own tinsel  
or tea towel but we have a  
few to spare.

For more information phone  
**Debbie or Ian Rye on**  
**(01366) 502083**



# WEREHAM VILLAGE NEWS

## Craft Group.

We had a very successful Craft Fair on November 3<sup>rd</sup> raising a total of £557.00 for village hall funds. We will be having the craft stall out again on December 1<sup>st</sup> for the Christmas Bazaar. And for an open day one Friday in December, date to be confirmed at our next craft group meeting. Our next two craft group meetings will be held on Tuesday December 11<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday January 8<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 10.30am. For further details please contact Rosemary on [01366 501330](tel:01366501330), or [07749240606](mailto:rosemary.pease@btinternet.com), e-mail [rosemary.pease@btinternet.com](mailto:rosemary.pease@btinternet.com).

## Short Mat Bowls

Our very friendly group continues to flourish. We meet on a Thursday afternoon 2pm until 4pm. We will finish for a Christmas break on December 13<sup>th</sup> and resume again on Thursday January 10<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. For detail please contact Philip on [01366 501330](tel:01366501330) or [07759033492](tel:07759033492). E-mail [rosemary.pease@btinternet.com](mailto:rosemary.pease@btinternet.com).

## Car Boot and Cafe

The last one for 2018 will have passed by the time you read this, the next car boot will be on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2019. We look forward to seeing all our stallholders old and new.

For details please contact Philip on [01366 501330](tel:01366501330). or [07759033492](tel:07759033492) e-mail [rosemary.pease@btinternet.com](mailto:rosemary.pease@btinternet.com).

May we wish all readers a very happy Christmas and a happy and healthy new year? Hope to see you all in 2019.

## Wereham Nativity and Carols

Sunday 16th December 4 pm in St Margaret's Church.

Christmas starts when a child puts a tea towel on his head and the tinsel Halo comes out of the loft.

Everyone is welcome to Wereham nativity and carol service Sunday 16th of December 4.00 pm.

Children are welcome to participate and so are adults.

Please come appropriately dressed if you wish as shepherds and Angels.

For more information telephone [01366 502083](tel:01366502083).

**Debra Rye**



# WEREHAM VILLAGE NEWS

## Wereham Village Hall Bonus Ball Club

The lucky winners of £60 each in September were Cathy Saunders and Julieann – congratulations to you both!

**Helen Richardson, Secretary.**

## Events List

**Christmas Bazaar** – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Contact Angela [01366 500115](tel:01366500115) or Diane [01366 500798](tel:01366500798).

**Christmas Prize Bingo** – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 6.30, eyes down 7.30.

**Village Festive Lunch** – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December, from 12.30pm. Adults £15, children £6. Contact Sue [01366 858237](tel:01366858237), Pauline [01366 501484](tel:01366501484) or Angela [01366 500115](tel:01366500115). Limited places.

**Christmas Quiz Night** – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm. Tickets £5 to include a light supper. Contact Quizmaster John Eastgate [01366 500766](tel:01366500766).

**Christmas Carol Event** – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December, 5 – 8.30pm.

**Village Cinema** – Mamma Mia! Here we go again (PG). Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December, 7.30pm.

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

For enquiries contact Angela [01366 500115](tel:01366500115) or Diane [01366500798](tel:01366500798).

**Pop up Café** – first and third Tuesday of the month, 10.30-1pm. Join us for a slice of homemade cake, a hot drink, a natter and a read of the daily papers all for just £1.50. Light lunches also available – look out for our monthly specials! Cake donations/queries to Doreen on [01366 500218](tel:01366500218). Next dates are Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December and Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January.

**Car boot and Café** – last Sunday of the month, 9am-1pm (café opens at 8am). No car boot in December, next dates are Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January and Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February. Café serving bacon butties, hot dogs and hot drinks. £5

Per pitch. Contact Philip on [07759033492](tel:07759033492)/01366 501330 e mail [rosemary.pease@btinternet.com](mailto:rosemary.pease@btinternet.com).

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## Public Talk: November & December 2018

8pm, Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> November: Jim McNeill presents, **"Lest We Forget – the others"**

November 2018 marks the Centenary of the end of World War One. Jim's talk will focus on the lives and actions of "the others" who are frequently overlooked or ignored by the media and/or academic writing on Britain and the 'Great War'. The discussion will explore the role of conscientious objectors, Quakers, Jehovah's Witnesses, Socialists, Trade Unionists and soldiers and sailors on all sides who refused to fight.

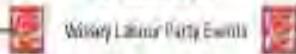
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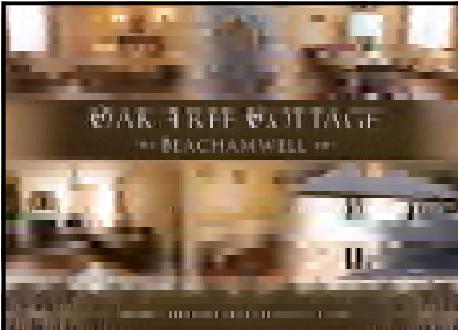
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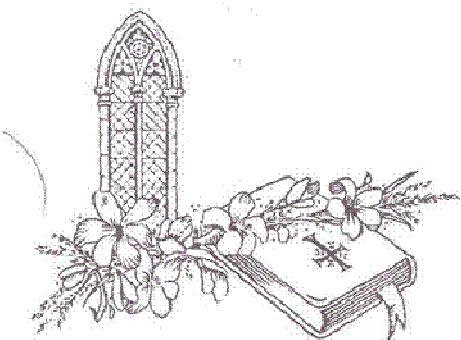
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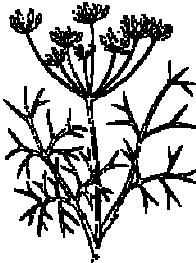
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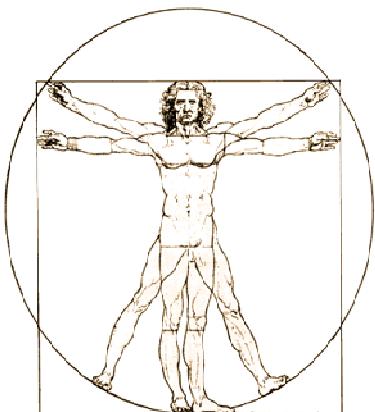
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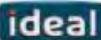
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