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WELCOME



Hopefully you are still taking care and staying safe

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Happy Reading Eileen and Pam

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We promise to include your articles wherever and whenever possible. Please do keep them coming.

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FROM ADVENT TO CANDLEMAS VIA CHRISTMAS AND EPIPHANY OR

"YOU THINK IT'S ALL OVER? WELL IT ISN'T YET!"

For most of us Christmas is receding rapidly into the past; decorations and trees put away, recycled or planted out ages ago. But in In the rich seasonal tapestry which is the church's year we are living a parallel existence in which on the 6th of January we celebrated Epiphany (the visit of the Magi/Wise Men/ Kings to the infant Jesus) with candlelight and some lovely hymns and carols.

An epiphany is a revelation or revealing of something; in this case, God himself, come to make his home among us, specifically in the wider world beyond the boundaries of Jesus' own people the Jews.

The themes of the next few Sundays show how this revelation was worked out in Jesus' teaching and healing and then comes the great celebration to end the festivals of Christmas; Candlemas on 2nd of February. It turns out that as I write in mid January we are still in the Christmas season!

Candlemas celebrates the recognition of the baby Jesus with prophetic vision by



two elderly people, Simeon and Anna, when he comes to be presented in the Temple according to the law of Israel. He is the 'Light to lighten the Gentiles' and the 'Glory of his people Israel' so we light many candles again before we turn our attention to Lent 'God's Springtime' and the mysteries of Easter.

We are joining in the

celebrations of the worldwide church with a festive candlelit evensong at Wereham at 6pm on Sunday 6th February; you might see this in time to come and join us! You will be most welcome; who knows what unexpected blessings may await us all.

Pippa Blackall

Crêpes are a traditional food on Chandeleur or Candlemas

A MEMORY OF HANS HAGER

Sadly, Hans Hager left us on 17 Nov 2021 at the great age of 93.

Following a long and illustrious career in science, particularly immunology, both in USA and UK he and his wife, Elizabeth, retired to the countryside around Outwell and latterly to Wretton where he was well known in the local communities around the area.

Hans had a strong interest in nature and agriculture, and along with his great friend the late Rev. Robin Blackall was one of the key instigators of an apple pressing group. The group of friends involved in this event has met each year for the last 12 years or so.



His enthusiasm and involvement throughout made pressing days great fun. Luckily he was able to attend the last pressing day in September 2021, when he was still adding his advice and humour to the proceedings. In this he will be sadly missed by us all.

Eunice Warren

A MEMORY OF HANS HAGER



In 1986 Hans and Elizabeth moved to England, purchasing Cuddledyke House on the Pingle, Upwell.

Hans took a position in research at Roche Posay in Cambridge and he enjoyed making new friends and soon he and Elizabeth became popular and well-loved members of the community. Cuddledyke House had an extensive acreage of prolific apple trees and they enjoyed the rural life with frequent visits from family and friends from Lincolnshire and far and wide. The immediate family talks so fondly of the happy times there and all the wonderful hospitality Hans and Elizabeth shared with them.

Hans then took a position as a Consultant still in the research field, spending a lot of time over in Ireland.

Whilst living at the Pingle, Hans became

very involved in the science of apple pressing and used to bottle gallons of apple juice, which he shared with family and friends.

As recently as this year he was able to partake in the annual apple press, working with a faithful group of friends who he had introduced to the wonderful world of apple pressing.

On retiring they both realised that the time was right to move to their present home, Lion House, where they have had many happy years. Still enjoying entertaining and spending time with friends.

Hans was always one of the most interesting and sociable of people who had the ability to engage with anyone and make them feel very special. He loved intense conversations which sometimes became quite heated but he always was happy to listen to the other side in a discussion.

Elizabeth and Hans have always enjoyed welcoming people into their home and were wonderful hosts. At parties, Hans would always be seen with a camera, we have wonderful records of happy times thanks to his diligence.

Hans will be greatly missed by family and friends and we all have wonderful memories of so many happy times spent with him, may he rest in peace.

Pippa Blackall

NINE WORDS WOMEN USE

- **1. Fine:** This is the word women use to end an argument when they are right and you need to shut up.
- **2. Five Minutes:** If she is getting dressed, this means a half an hour. Five minutes is only five minutes if you have just been given five more minutes to watch the game before helping around the house.
- **3. Nothing:** This is the calm before the storm. This means something, and you should be on your toes. Arguments that begin with nothing usually end in fine.
- 4. Go Ahead: This is a dare, not permission. Don't Do It!
- **5. Loud Sigh:** This is actually a word, but is a non-verbal statement often misunderstood by men. A loud sigh means she thinks you are an idiot and wonders why she is wasting her time standing here and arguing with you about nothing. (Refer back to 3 for the meaning of nothing.)
- **6. That's Okay:** This is one of the most dangerous statements a women can make to a man. That's okay means she wants to think long and hard before deciding how and when you will pay for your mistake.
- **7. Thanks:** A woman is thanking you, do not question, or faint. Just say you're welcome. (I want to add in a clause here This is true, unless she says 'Thanks a lot' that is PURE sarcasm and she is not thanking you at all. DO NOT say 'you're welcome' . that will bring on a 'whatever').
- 8. Whatever: Is a woman's way of saying F-- YOU!
- **9. Don't worry about it, I've got it:** Another dangerous statement, meaning this is something that a woman has told a man to do several times, but is now doing it herself. This will later result in a man asking 'What's wrong?' For the woman's response refer to 3.







RECIPE PAGE

Valentine Biscuits

Ingredients

8 oz SR Flour4oz Castor Sugar4oz margarine or butter1 beaten eggThe rind and juice of half a lemon

Method

- 1. Mix flour and sugar in a bowl
- 2. Rub in margarine or butter until it looks like breadcrumbs
- 3. Add grated rind of lemon
- 4. Mix to a stiff paste with beaten egg and lemon juice
- 5. Roll out thinly and cut into heart shapes
- 6. Place on a greased baking tray
- 7. Bake for about 15 minutes. Gas 4:, Electric 350(F); 180©
- 8. Decorate to suit your taste

Eileen Powell





COUNTRYSIDE NOTES

Norfolk, particularly North Norfolk, is a birdwatchers paradise. Migrants from afar arrive both in summer and winter and any rarity which has got lost or been blown off course attracts huge attention amongst dedicated twitchers. Spring and autumn are times when migrants swap over. Summer migrants are mostly small and less obvious but autumn sees the arrival of the heavy brigade. Nothing makes its presence more obvious than the geese which arrive in their tens of thousands. Pink-footed geese roost on the coast but fly inland at daybreak to feed on sugar beet fields before returning to the coast in late afternoon. Brents are smaller and do not stray far from coastal areas. Whooper and Mute swans congregate at Welney Wetland Centre alongside pochard and wigeon. They are fed daily at 12noon and 3.30pm until the end of February with additional evening feeds at weekends. Redwings and Fieldfares can also be seen feeding on hedgerow fruits and great flocks of starlings join those already resident here. They are particularly noticeable scrounging for food in the pig fields or maybe gathering in large numbers prior to going to roost.

These winter visitors make spectacular sights but, coming from all directions as they do, they bring with them the risk of carrying transmittable avian diseases. The distance they come is amazing. Pink-footed geese fly up to 2,000 miles from Greenland or Iceland and Brents 3,000 miles from arctic Russia. Whooper swans seen at Welney come 1,200 miles from Iceland and Bewicks travel 2,500 miles from Siberia where they join the local resident population of Mute swans. Arriving, as they do from wild places, the risk is probably low. On the other hand the culprits are more likely to be migrants from Europe, especially the starlings which arrive in huge numbers.

Most years there are outbreaks of Avian Flu (which only affects humans extremely rarely) and this winter has been particularly bad with numerous cases across Britain. Obviously free range poultry are at greater risk than laying hens, broilers or turkeys which are housed. Once Avian flu has been identified in a flock, mass humane culling takes place to limit further spread of the disease. On large poultry units this can amount to tens of thousands of chicken or turkeys being slaughtered. Precautionary measures are put in place which apply to all domestic poultry, even if it's only half a dozen pet hens. They have to be confined indoors to eliminate the possibility of them coming into any contact with wild birds. Geese and swans can also become infected. If more than three or four wild birds are found which have died for no apparent reason it should be reported to the DEFRA helpline on 03459 335577.

Bio security measures are extremely important at all times with livestock. 75,000 pigs were culled in 2000 due to Swine Fever and in 2001 Foot and Mouth Disease devastated livestock which resulted in over 6 million cattle, sheep and pigs being humanely slaughtered in efforts to contain the diseases. *Jill Mason*

ONE MINUTE YOU'RE 21.

STAYING UP ALL NIGHT DRINKING BEER, EATING PIZZA AND DOING SKETCHY STUFF JUST FOR FUN.

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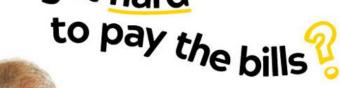
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Words may go vertically and horizontally in either direction only

badminton	basketball
football	cricket
tennis	rugby
golf	swimming
polo	netball
archery	tabletennis

QUIZ PAGE

- 1. Which is Scotland's only Cavalry regiment?
- 2. Who has a best friend called Ron Weasley?
- 3. Which British Prime Minister said "One man's wage increase ia another man's price increase"?
- 4. Why are rugby balls oval?
- 5. Which is the older rail bridge Tay or Forth?
- 6. What percentage of an iceberg is usually under water—55, 60,75 or 90?
- 7. Standing by a baobab are you looking at a snake, a tree, a rock pool or a drum.
- 8. Who is older David or Victoria Beckham?
- 9. Do you have more, less or the same number of teeth in your bottom and top row?
- 10. What colour is a peridot stone?
- 11. Which member of the Royal Family celebrates their birthday on April 21st?
- 12. What was founded by The Rochdale Pioneers?
- 13. Name four feature films containing the names of birds.
- 14. For security reasons receipts from Banks autotellers only give which part of your card number?
- 15. In which year was George Best named Footballer of The Year 1966, 1967,1968 or 1969?
- 16. Which herb can be told by a clock?
- 17. Dooley Wilson played which movie character in a famous film staring Humphrey Bogart?
- 18. Stableford rules apply to which sport?
- 19. What did The Duke of Cambridge study at University?
- 20. What was the name of Lulu's backing band in the 1960's?

Answers: 1. The Royal Scots Greys (they trace their origins back to troops of horsemen raised in 1678 as the Royal Regiment of Scotch Dragoons to hunt down strict Presbyterians who revolted against attempts to impose an Englishstyle church in Scotland); 2. Harry Potter; 3. Sir Harold Wilson; 4. Originally they were an oval pig's bladder inserted into a hand-stitched leather cover; 5. The Tay (opened in 1887 - The Forth in 1890); 6. 90%; 7. A tree, native to tropical Tay (opened in 1887 - The Forth in 1890); 6. 90%; 7. A tree, native to tropical Contains 16 in each row; 10. Green; 11. Queen Elizabeth 11; 12. The Contains 16 in each row; 13. The Eagle Has Landed, Father Goose, The Raven, Co-operative Movement; 13. The Eagle Has Landed, Father Goose, The Raven, Robin and The & Hoods etc.; 14. The last four digits; 15. 1968; 16. Thyme; 17. Sam in Casablancs; 18. Golf; 19. History of Art; 20. The Luvvers;

MAGPIE CENTRE



New Year – New Website For The Magpie Centre

The Magpie Centre, home of West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled Association began 2022 in good style, thanks to a new website, funded by the National Lottery Community Fund.

Easy to navigate, and with a fresh, engaging layout, the site provides instant access to news, upcoming

events and suggested ways of supporting us.

Chief amongst these is the Pony Sponsorship scheme, under which for £15 per year, you or a loved one will receive a photo of 'your' horse or pony, together with a sponsorship certificate and news of what your new friend has been up to. Although riding and carriage driving lessons have resumed since previous lockdowns, our fundraising events are still limited, so sponsoring one of our lovely ponies will help us to cover the ever-increasing costs of hay, farriery, vaccinations and insurance.

Alternatively, you might prefer to donate towards the Friends of Magpie Arch, where for a minimum of £10, a horseshoe, accompanied by a name plaque, will be put up on the Friendship Arch, leading to the Sensory Garden beside the indoor school.

Do pay us a visit at www.rda-westnorfolk.org.uk , and click on the 'Shop' tab.

For more info, please call me on 01553 828935 or email <u>c.dudley@success-inenglish.co.uk</u> *Caroline Dudley*



WEST NORFOLK AVIATION SOCIETY

Dec 2021



It was a dark and stormy night when the crew of the WNAS returned to the Mundford Bowls club base last Tuesday evening. The few that didn't make it back for fear that their high sided vehicles would be overturned in the wind deprived themselves of entertainment they will regret for weeks to come.

Steve and Jean again, provided the ammunition to shoot at the ten foot screen. It took the form of long range stills that Steve had shot himself with a camera that could compress an image from two miles into two feet; the same distance that existed between participants' wing tips. The fighter squadrons in the field of view were multinational: those represented were British, French, Spanish, Italian, American and Jordanian. It was the consensus of opinion in the mess that the Italians were best and, having met all crews, it was Steve's opinion that the Jordanians were the friendliest.

After the Fare-stewardess's banquet Steve returned to the cockpit with a period movie demonstrating how pilot training and experience was paramount to an aircraft's safety, particularly when it was landing. The scenario was proven by a series of clips of battered B24 Liberators making various attempts. The film showed how a skilful pilot could not only cope with an aircraft's inherent foibles but also the way he adapted his landing strategy to the type of damage the aircraft had suffered.

To demonstrate the society's appreciation for the caterers' culinary qualifications Val and Len were presented with a rose bush in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

The next meeting will be later than usual: 19-30hrs Tuesday, 11th April. All welcome.

Nigel Tooth

THE DOGS TRUST



My name is Emily Matthews and I am the Supporter Relations Officer at Dogs Trust for the East Anglia Region. I am hoping you may be able to help us, and your dog owning readers (and anyone who just loves to hear about dogs!), by displaying information in your newsletter of a few services that we provide. I was hoping to write the following:

Your local Dogs Trust branch at Snetterton would like to briefly make you aware of a few services that we provide free of charge:

The first, our Canine Care Card scheme, is a **free** service for dog-owners whereby, in the event of their death or illness, we will look after their dog, providing them with all the care they need until we can find a responsible, loving new home for them. This is often a great concern to the elderly, as their dog may be their only friend and companion – Dogs Trust can give them peace of mind, knowing that their canine companions future is safe, should the worst happen to them. Every year, we care for more than 14,000 dogs at our nationwide network of rehoming centres and we never put down a healthy dog

Secondly I wanted to make you aware that we provide free talks to local community groups. I cover the whole of the East Anglia region, to talk about the varied work of Dogs Trust, where we come from and where we hope to be in the future. There are no speaker fees or travelling expenses so please let me know if you believe that your local club would be interested.

If anyone has any further queries, or would be interested in booking in a talk, please contact me by emailing emily.matthews@dogstrust.org.uk or phone 01953 497912."

With best wishes

Emily Matthews

Supporter Relations Officer (Maternity Cover) Emily.Matthews@dogstrust.org.uk 01953 497912





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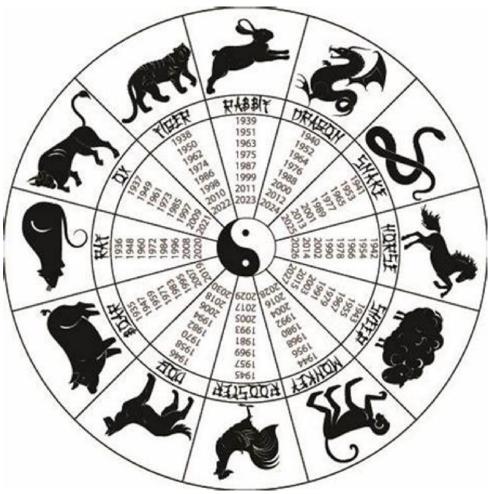
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The Lily online directory lists organisations, services and activities that help people to live healthy, active and independent lives. It includes information relevant to adults of all ages. If you would like your event or organisation to be included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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Beachamwell Wednesday Walkers

Not sure where the footpaths are? Come, walk and explore with us.

We meet at the Village Hall 10.00 a.m.

First Wednesday of the month.

Walks are free, lasting between one-and-a-half and two hours.

All are welcome (dogs too but they must be kept on leads at all times)

Further details from 01366 328452.

Wereham Festival Evensong (by candlelight) Sunday, 6th February 6.00pm.

There will be a lovely atmosphere and beautiful music. You will be very welcome! We look forward to seeing you

St Margaret's Church



Beachamwell

Afternoon Tea and a Chat.....'

Wednesday February 16th

2 - 4pm

Memorial Hall



Enquiries: 01366 328108

Beachamwell Pop Up Pub



They will be taking place on the 3rd Friday of each month.

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Barton Bendish

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Nar Valley Ornithological Society (NarVOS)

Wednesday 23rd February at 7.30 Indoor meeting at the Assembly Rooms, 1 Market Place, Swaffham, PE37 7AB.

More info at www.narvos.org.uk

Please come along to this illustrated talk by **Philip Parker**, entitled:

'Norfolk Bats in Churches Project'

Some of you will know Philip Parker from West Norfolk, formerly a NarVOS committee member. Philip has always been keen on wildlife, but bats are his great passion. He has been involved in the Bats in Churches project for some time and has given a number of talks on the subject to various communities. It's great to welcome Philip back to NarVOS to share his extensive knowledge of bats.

Visitors most welcome.

Admission £4 on the night if you are not a NarVOS member.



Day Course: ref. C2228698

Lecturer will be on the screen but participants will attend in person

'Commissars: China in the 20th Century'

The course looks at China's turbulent history in the late 19th & the 20th Centuries

Saturday 19 February 10am – 3pm Swaffham Community Centre

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All our volunteers are friendly, approachable, have a sympathetic manner, good communication skills, and are determined to help and support others living in Norfolk.

If you would like to have a conversation about the volunteering opportunities available at Voluntary Norfolk, please get in touch.

- 1. Email us at volunteering@voluntarynorfolk.org.uk providing your preferred contact information
- 2. phone 07385 378740 and speak to a volunteer coordinator or leave us a message,
- 3. fill in the volunteer registration form for the relevant service you are interested in via this link: https://www.voluntarynorfolk.org.uk/home-2/register-to-volunteer-2/

We look forward to hearing from you and thank you for your help.

Sadly the Covid situation forced the cancellation of our Burns Supper, the screening of 'No Time to Die' and the January Community Breakfast. Hopefully we'll be back on track in February when there is another Community Breakfast scheduled for Saturday 26th.

Jill

Comments from Andrew Stephen

Since moving to Barton Bendish, we have been stalwart supporters of our mobile library, so much so that it parks right outside our house these days.



When we were in Cheltenham we missed it but we returned to books selected for us by the driver and a Christmas Greeting! I shouldn't have been surprised. In this part of the world everything is personal. Long may it continue. One of my favourite community activities is the Barton Breakfast Club which meets at the Bedingfeld Arms on the first Friday of each calendar month at 9.30. The staff are wonderful to us and have become our friends. Our numbers vary but there is a hard core of friends who meet when they can. Barton Bendish has done its best to keep

community events going where possible. It was marvellous to see people turning up to the Film Club and to the church service to support each other. One of our dear friends was taken ill during the film but the response to this incident showed how much people care. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Happy New Year....G4

"When you come out of the storm, you won't be the same person who walked in. That's what this storm is all about." *Haruki Murakami*.

I have seen some New Years begin with a much more palpable sense of optimism and expectation and it is very sad, having assumed that the worst was over, that we are having to postpone more events at the Village Hall. I think that it is important that all these events eventually take place when life is seen to be a little safer. After all, Ian Berchem has been preparing his performance of Tam O' Shanter for some time. Burns Night can be when we say it is. Although the current variant is much more contagious than the earlier ones, it does seem to

be much weaker. South African scientists, and they discovered it, are suggesting that the virus is weakening and that soon it will be no more dangerous than the than the common cold. It seems likely, too, that many of us have had it without knowing, adding additional resistance and immunity to that provided by the three jabs. The future looks so much better now than it did nearly two years ago and we must never lose sight of that perspective.

Gardeners' Question Time - Barton Bendish Village Hall Wednesday 27th April 2022 7pm

Spring is almost here! The Trustees of Barton Bendish Village Hall are delighted to extend a warm, (the village hall really is warm these days), invitation to you, to come along to a Gardeners' Question Time at Barton Bendish Village Hall on Wednesday 27th April for 7pm, (doors open at 6:30pm). For novice or green fingered garden expert alike, please do come along for a fun celebration of all things horticultural.

On the night we'll be guided by and in the safe hands of 3 professional horticultural experts who have kindly agreed to answer any fun, prickly or thorny questions. Also, if you'd like to, please do send in any questions to the panel in advance. To book a place please call 01366 347849 alternatively, send an email and or questions to Anthony.blanchfield@btinternet.com.

Tickets £5 in aid of Barton Bendish Village Hall. Children FOC

Barton Bendish Village Hall Update

Since its refurbishment and extension, the hall has seen a doubling in the number of bookings over its pre-pandemic use and we are receiving a significant number of enquiries for hire during 2022. This is really satisfying and helps justify the work that went into the improvement project. The project cost including VAT, amounted to £252,890 and once again we would like to thank all of our generous funders, outlined in the list below, for making it possible. The work means the 1905 building is now safe for another 100 years or so.

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National Lottery Community Fund	£50,63
ACRE - VAT Grant	£46,681
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation	£40,00
Garfield Weston Foundation	£25,000
Princes Countryside Fund	£25,000
Donations	£16,000
BCKLWN	£10,000
Bernard Sunley	£10,000
Geoffrey Watling	£4,000
BBVHT	£4,000
Rank Foundation	£2,000
Parochial Church Council	£1,500
Parish Council	£1,000
Tesco	£1,000

Waitrose Foundation £320 Own Funds and Fundraising £14,000

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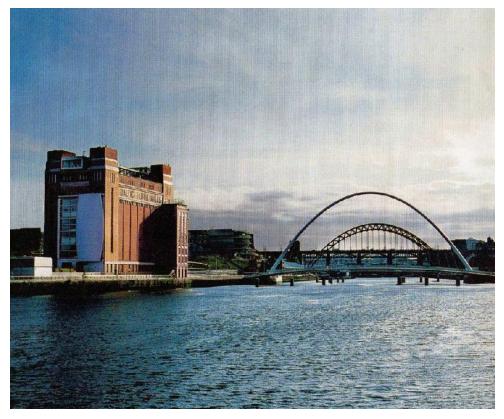
The seven of us who gathered at the Bedingfeld for breakfast this month certainly thought so. Risk has to be weighed up carefully before rejecting social activities or we end up stuck in a prison of our own making. For those of you who like to break bread with your neighbours, we meet on the first Friday of every month at 9.30. It's ten pounds a head, whatever you



choose. Tempted? I can always send you a menu.

Last week I watched as intrepid tree fellers tackled a rotten and potentially dangerous Blue Atlas Cedar Tree in St Andrew's churchvard. It was impressive display technology, courage and incredible balance! Another Cedar had a hair cut. You have to hand it to our PCC. They take great care of our churchyard and of our community. Don't forget that our Community Library is open every day as well and is clearly well used.

Finally, some of you will know that I spent a weekend in Newcastle upon Tyne in order to attend a football match. I won't bore you with that Cambridge did win, (well done—Ed.) but I would like to congratulate Newcastle fans on the gracious way they congratulated the thousands of Cambridge fans who invaded the city centre after the match. This is the kind of behaviour which we should be able to associate with sport. We are all people who love the same thing. We country dwellers tend to see cities as harsh, lonely and pitiless places. The Geordies showed me that we don't have to be like that. Their warmth made an unforgettable day even better.



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The hall is operated by a charitable trust whose aim is to make the hall available for the benefit of our parishioners. This includes letting to a wider population as that helps to maintain the hall generally. Our hire fees are based on recovering the costs of running the hall and maintaining a small reserve. Of course, our success means we are having to manage bookings more thoroughly and our thanks go to Mary Simon for her sterling work as our booking secretary. Our charges for 2022 are £10.00 per day booking fee and £4.00 per hour, with a maximum per day hire of £50.00. If you wish to make an enquiry about booking the hall please call her on 07776 141804 or fill in the booking form on our website at www.bartonbendishvillagehall.com

Chris Parsons Trustee (Secretary), Barton Bendish Village Hall Trust



Update from Barton Bendish Parish Council

Memorial Token. The memorial token will now be presented to the parish in honour of the community efforts made in the pandemic year immediately before the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 9th March at 7.30pm and not the 12th January as previously published.. All residents are most welcome to attend the presentation.

Community Infrastructure Levy funds. The Parish Council is now considering some of the options which have already been put forward, but we are still looking for more suggestions from residents on how we can spend the Community Infrastructure Levy payment from the Borough Council of £2356.65. There are limitations on how this money can be used as it must be on a project or projects which is for the benefit of the community. If you can think of something that you feel we should consider, please get in touch with the Clerk.

Volunteer Drivers Needed. Are you interested in making a difference in your local community? Do you have time to spare? Do you have a full UK driving licence and fully comprehensive car insurance? West Norfolk Community Transport are looking for Volunteers in our area to drive passengers to medical appointments, shopping trips and more. Mileage is paid for at 45p per mile. For more information, please contact them on: 01553 776971 or mailto:volunteers@wnct.co.uk

The date of the next meeting will be on Wednesday 9th March 2022. The meeting will start immediately after the presentation of the memorial token at 7.30pm in Barton Bendish Village Hall. All meetings are open to the public to attend.

Helen Carrier, Parish Clerk Telephone number: 01945 430930

Email: bartonbendishparishcouncil@aol.co.uk

Further information is available on the Parish Council

website at

bartonbendishparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk



BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

Mobile Post Office

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

Parish Council



At the councils brief (due to the upsurge in covid cases) meeting in January, the council unfortunately said farewell to their clerk and responsible financial officer – Mrs Sharon Sweet and thanked her for all her hard work and wished her all the best for the future. The council appointed a new clerk and responsible financial officer – Mrs Claire Prentice. Claire

has experience from three other parish councils, accrued over two and a half years and gained a certificate in local council administration early last year. Her contact details can be found below.

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be 14th March 2022 (Ordinary Meeting) and 9th May (Ordinary Meeting and AGM) They will be held at 7.30 in Beachamwell Memorial Hall. *Claire Prentis (Clerk to the Council) 07591 220390*

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Councillors:

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01366328244 07803963804

Cllr. Diana Lambert (Vice Chairman):

01366 328227

Cllr. Richard James:

01366 328968

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Cllr. Pat O'Donnell:

01366 328385

Snap Meetings

Here are the dates of the forthcoming Snap Meetings.

tomsandesonson@btconnect.com

Tuesday 5th April 2022 at 7.00pm
Tuesday 5th July 2022 at 7.00pm
Tuesday 11th October 2022 at 7.00pm
In the Swaffham Town Hall

Join your local Beat Managers, Pc Button and Pc Johnson, to discuss any local concerns, vote in new priorities and hear updates on the current priorities



PC Button & PC Johnson Beat Managers Swaffham Safer Neighbourhood Team

If you cannot make the meeting but still want to raise a concern please email the Beat Managers at SNTS.waffham@norfolk.pnn.police.uk







BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

St. Mary's Church



The work on the roof has started!!!

Some of you may have noticed a few men finally clambering around on the roof at the beginning of January. They have completed the preliminary works and the lead roofer starts on the 17th January. The scaffolding remains alarmed and lit during this process.

Now we need to pray for decent weather to avoid any more delays. I will keep you updated as to progress. Once the lead roof has been replaced we move onto the new thatch immediately thereafter. All of the work has to have been completed by the 6th May as a condition of the largest grant.

In the meantime wonderful Murdo McKenzie who has been winding the clock for years is leaving. He has had to climb a very tall and rickety ladder and is not happy to pass that job on to anyone else for safety reasons. The bells will now stop while we investigate how much it would cost to mechanise the clock. It would be a shame not to have the bells chime.

Many thanks to all of you who attended the AGM in late November. The FOSM committee needs to know we have the support of the village to keep us going so it was good to see so many of you there. I remain as Chair, Pat Clarke as Treasurer and Vesna Hudson as Secretary. The committee is David Levitt (who as an architect has been invaluable in dealing with the roof saga), Debbie Roberts who successfully applied for the largest grant and Mark Lusby who has been wholly supportive throughout helping with liaising with the Memorial Hall committee etc. Helga has left the village and we would welcome anyone who might be willing to help us out with a number of fund raising activities we hope to arrange in 2022...

Warm thanks also go to all those behind the scenes who provide cakes, organise quizzes, give us ideas, buy tea towels, cards, and give extra donations or top up cash from time to time etc and are generally supportive in so many ways. It is all very much appreciated.

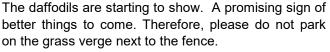
We have had an interesting list of possible activities for 2022 to raise funds - we will meet and see which are feasible and will let you know. I am optimistic we will manage to get together for some fun this year. **Peggy Ray**



We are sorry that the quiz arranged for January 15th had to be postponed for unavoidable reasons. As soon as we have a new date we will let you know. **Peggy English and Eileen Powell**

BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

Memorial Hall



The AGM will be held on Thursday 10th March at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

Hall charges:

Recommenced at the beginning of January. Charges were going to be increased prior to Covid and obviously were delayed until now.

The rates are:-

1/2 day or evening £17.50

Full day £35.00 (until 6pm)

Full day and evening £52.50

Hopefully that is more straight forward for any potential hirers.

Plans are underway for the Fete on Sunday 4th September. Volunteers are always welcome and would be gratefully received! Watch this space.

No pop up pub in February. Hopefully normal service will resume in March.

Diary Dates

March 10th Thursday: AGM 7.30 start Memorial Hall

March 18th Friday: Pop up Pub 7pm start. Last orders 10.45pm.

September 4th Sunday Village Fete

Any queries please contact Cathy Friend 07818453323 or 01366 328892

The Trustees:

Pete Garner (Chairman)

Colin Friend (Vice Chairman)

David Snodgrass (Treasurer)

Ann Knox Whittet (Secretary)

Allan Butler

Cathy Friend (Bookings)

Committee Members:

Tim Hudson, Mark Lusby, Graham and Jackie Hood

Cathy Friend

BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

Beachamwell Wednesday Walkers December 2021 and 2022

2021 was rounded off with the now almost traditional three-mile walk along the Green Drove to the ruins of St Johns. We kept to the road through the village rather than attempting the cross-field footpath next to the old school as it had not been re-instated after ploughing and was far too rough and sticky for the start of the walk. Hopefully all of the twenty-four rights of way crossing Beachamwell parish will be re-instated – as legally required – in 2022.

The first walk of the new year was cold with puddles covered with thick ice. A heavy frost covered the shaded areas and a chilly wind blew, but the sky was without a cloud – a perfect Norfolk winter's day – as we set off to do the 'Shingham – Caldicote circuit'. This route passes the tumulus that marks the boundary junction of Beachamwell, Cockley Cley and Oxborough. The walk continued within the parish of Oxborough before re-entering Beachamwell at the little stream near Caldicote. We then turned on to the bridle path that crosses the fields near Furze Hill and All Saints church to arrive back at the village hall just before noon. The distance covered was about four and half miles.

Next month we will meet on Wednesday, 2nd February, leaving the village hall at 10.00 am. to explore the paths towards the eastern end of the parish. Do come and walk with us – we should love your company! **Sue Pennell**

Beachamwell Book Group



This takes place on the first Tuesday of the month but not in February. Why not come along? New members welcome

Enquiries: 01366 328960

Thank you

Just a few words to say many thanks for the support given and kindness shown to me recently – it was greatly needed and appreciated. Special thanks to:

- 1. Tim Webster of Barton Bendish, who dealt with the situation brilliantly and speedily.
- 2. Mark Lusby of Beachamwell who looked after lo [my dog] so magnificently.
- 3. Tim Hudson who sorted my car.

Eileen Powell

BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

Afternoon Tea and Chat





(Photograhs—Inger Kavanagh)

On the 3rd Wednesday of each month, Gaye Patterson very kindly organises a thoroughly enjoyable 'Tea and Cakes'. Everyone is welcome so if you haven't yet managed to get there do try to do so – you won't regret it. It is a lovely way to catch up and meet with people. The cakes, made by Gaye and donated by various people are delicious. Michael, our postman often drops in and last time he brought a selection of treats including gingerbread men. Thank you Gaye for all you do, it is greatly appreciated.

Eileen Powell pp The Regulars



BOUGHTON VILLAGE NEWS

Parish Council

A Happy New Year to all residents and friends of Boughton. Let's hope that 2022



brings us all health and happiness.

On the chilly evening of 4th January, Boughton Parish Council held its January meeting in the Church. This is an important meeting for the council as it is the month that the budget is set and the precept determined. Unfortunately no members

of the public were in attendance so community input to the budget was limited.

Nevertheless a budget was agreed and a precept level was set that is slightly less than last year. This "steady as she goes" budget allows us to continue to build reserves against forecast expenses beyond the coming year, such as playground equipment replacement. It also provides a small amount to support Platinum Jubilee celebrations in the summer. You may have noticed a new tree has been planted on east side of The Green, this will be dedicated to Her Majesty's Jubilee is due course. Some of you have commented on the reuse of the remembrance wreath this year. While a little faded the wreath nevertheless provides a symbol of remembrance. A donation equivalent to the cost of a new wreath was made to the British Legion. As the current wreaths are not recyclable we were able to both reduce plastic waste and increase the net donation to the RBL. Following the two haystack fires in the parish last year we have contacted the Fire Service regarding dissemination of information to residents. For future reference, live information about fires can be viewed here: http://live.norfolkfireservice.co.uk and on Facebook here: https://www.facebook.com/NFRSPage.

As we hope that things will get back to normal it has been suggested that the village might organise a Village Fun Day in the summer, perhaps to coincide with the Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June. It would be great if residents and organisations in the village could come together to create an event to remember. If contribute vou have ideas touch. or can please aet in Regards

Neil Matthew Chair, Boughton Parish Council (chair.boughtonpc@gmail.com) https://boughtonparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk@boughtonpc

BOUGHTON VILLAGE NEWS

All Saints' Church

We had an encouraging Christmas in Boughton. The usual Nine Lessons and Carols went ahead, although the choir is no longer able to function. That would explain a couple of gaps in the programme! We really loved the choir, ably led by Tom Golden, and regret that Covid and increasing age have forced it to finish. Tom very kindly came to play for our Carol service and we appreciate the support he has given us. The church was beautifully decorated and we were given a Christmas tree by Geoff Proctor, which looked lovely. Sue Pogmore and Pippa Blackall came along to help decorate, and we found a new talent in Sally Yates, whose window sills looked amazing! Many thanks to all.

We felt that the spread of the new variant made it unsafe to have our normal Crib service, crowded together in church, so we were pleased to welcome the Friswell team again, to organise outdoor carol singing on the Green for Christmas Eve. Pippa Blackall made sure that the Christmas story was read, but social distancing probably meant the fringes of the crowd of over a hundred and forty might have missed it. The alpacas were present and as beautiful and well behaved as ever. Many thanks to Andrew and Sandra for bringing them. It was a very worthwhile event and may well become a village tradition!

For Christmas Day, we were able to have a service in the church, thanks to the Reverend Brian Redgers. A reasonable congregation came along and sang carols and celebrated the Christmas Holy Communion, in spite of all those who had made the effort to go to a Midnight Mass only a few hours earlier. It was made all the more enjoyable by a guest organist, Dom Rye from Wereham, on a flying visit from pantomime in Derby. Thanks to all who took part and joined us in celebrating the true Christmas story.

That was all very encouraging, but sadly the spread of the new variant and the increasing number of cases locally meant that services on 9th January had to be cancelled. Breakfast church wasn't viable for that date, but we live in hope for February 13th!! (Please contact either Pippa or me if you are interested in coming.)

The days are beginning to lengthen – when the rain stops. Daffodil buds are showing in my front garden and winter jasmine is brightening up the garden. There's the noise of hedgecutting – don't forget the birds, and we've seen a pair of swans trying out the pond. Sadly, the pond is not sheltered enough these days for successful breeding by the swans, but it's lovely to see them on the pond again.

We haven't had an Open Gardens Day since 2019 and many properties have changed hands since then, so it would be good to see if there is any interest in starting up again – not just your garden, but help with catering. m It's always been the church's main fundraiser, so the income was very important. **Pam Wakeling (Church Warden)**

BOUGHTON VILLAGE NEWS

Rainfall through 2021

Last year was very varied in terms of weather. When it was wet, it was very wet, and when it was dry, people were desperate for rain.

The driest months were March (36mm), April (2.7mm) and August (27.6mm). March also had four days of very strong wind. February had four days of snow, but did not really have any other extreme weather, and was not overly wet with 55.3mm. It just seemed like it on the back of January, which was the wettest month, with 97.4mm, and also hosted Storm Christoph, snow, and wettest days with 17mm, and 16.6mm. Most of February's rain fell in the first week of the month, compounding an already very wet situation, and causing flooding all over the place.

April came as a very stark contrast, and a considerable relief to most gardeners. May was pretty dismal, with five days of gales and strong wind, sixteen days of rain, much of which was very heavy, totalling 74.3mm in all. included had days with very significant rainfall: 22.1mm, 33.0mm, 40.00mm; 45mm and 26.4mm respectively.

October was the second wettest month, with 91.00mm in total, so again, it was good news that most of November was quite dry. Just as well as December was awful, with rain on 17 days and a total of 80.1mm.

Fingers crossed for something less extreme this year, but I won't be holding my breath. **Sue Pogmore**

Poppy Appeal 2021

Many thanks for your generosity during the house-to-house collection in Boughton for The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2021; together we raised a staggering £298.15. *Angela Faherty*

Greetings by Oscar ~ 'In a Box'

Many of you have had an 'Oscar in a Box' delivery to your front door following our display of greetings cards at our BVC Social in October. Hopefully the bi-monthly pop-up cafe at All Saints' Church will launch again during the year but meanwhile we are happy to put together a selection of cards and deliver them to your home to enable you to look through them at your leisure with absolutely no commitment to buy. All cards are £1.00 each, some of which are high street names and we have numerous offers throughout the year.

If you are interested in browsing an 'Oscar Box' in the comfort of your own home then please contact **Angela on 501335**. (*The Boughton Village Caravan*)

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS

DATE	VILLAGE	LOCATION	TIME
Tues 22 February	Barton Bendish	Hatherley Gardens	11:10 am
Tues 22 February	Beachamwell	Old Post Office	09:45 am
Tues 1 February	Drymere	Telephone Kiosk	09:45 am
Tues 22 February	Boughton	Mill Road	10:45 am
Friday 18 February	Wereham	Queen's Close	12.25 am
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For services to all 'Group 4' villages ring Mobile Library Information on 01362 693184 (Barton, Beachamwell, Boughton & Drymere) or 01366 383073 (Wereham) or look at the website - https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries-local-history-and-archives/libraries/your-local-library/mobile-library-routes-and-timetables

MARKETS - Farmers' and Indoor

Ely (Farmers')	Second and Fourth Saturday each month 8.00am to
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	2.00pm
Fakenham (Farmers')	Fourth Saturday each month 8.30am to 12.00pm
Kings Lynn (Farmers')	Second and Fourth Saturday each month
Swaffham (Indoor)	Every Friday 9.00am to 1.00pm
Wisbech (Farmers')	Alternate Fridays 8.30am to 2.00pm

For information:- www.farmersmarkets.net or your local Tourist Information Office. Check to see if they are actually taking place.

VILLAGE, COMMUNITY and PARISH HALL BOOKINGS

Barton Bendish	Mary Simons	01366 347 790	
Beachamwell	Cathy Friend	01366 328892	
Boughton	Pam Wakeling	01366 500429	
Wereham	Angie, Lyn or Sara	07497 430005.	weekdays 10 - 3
	www.werehamvillage	hall.co.uk/ hallhire	Anytime



West Norfolk Community Transport provides door to door transport for the local community allowing access to the market towns for medical appointments, shopping or visiting friends.

Village	Day	Destination	Price	With Concessionary Pass	Office
Barton Bendish	Tuesday	Swaffham	£5.50	£4.00	Swaffham
Beachamwell	Tuesday	Swaffham	£5.50	£4.00	Swaffham
Boughton	Tuesday	Downham Market	£5.50		Kings Lynn
Drymere	Tuesday	Swaffham	£4.50	£3.00	Swaffham
Wereham	Tuesday	Downham Market	£4.50		Kings Lynn

You need to be a member and you must pre-book your seat.

For more information please call

Kings Lynn - 01553 776971

Swaffham - 01760 720906

CHURCH SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

First Sunday 6th [Fourth before Lent]

09:30	Methwold	Holy Communion
09:30	Wretton/Stoke Ferry	Holy Communion

18:00 Wereham Evensong

Second Sunday 13th [Third before Lent]

09:30	Whittington	Service of the Word
09:30	West Dereham	Holy Communion
11:00	Boughton	Morning Prayer/Breakfast church

09:30 Methwold Service of the Word

Third Sunday 20th [Second before Lent]

09:30	Methwold	Holy Communion
09:30	West Dereham	Service of the Word
09:30	Wretton/Stoke Ferry	Holy Communion
11.00	Wereham	Holy Communion

Fourth Sunday 27th [Next before Lent]

09:30	Methwold	Morning Worship
09:30	West Dereham	Service of the Word
09:30	Whittington	Holy Communion
11:00	Boughton	Holy Communion

Every Sunday 6.30 pm online service

Midweek Services

Saturday 5 th	West Dereham	cre8club TBC
Wednesdays 9.00 am	Wretton with Stoke Ferry	Morning Prayer
Thursdays 8.30 am	Methwold	Morning Prayer
Thursdays 9.00 am	Wretton with Stoke Ferry	Holy Communion
Saturday 5 th	West Dereham	cre8club TBC

Third Thursday 10 am **Boughton** Holy Communion (BR)

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

FEBRUARY CHURCH SERVICES (WNPG GROUP)

Sunday,	6	February	[Fourth	before	Lent1
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09:30	Runcton Holme	Holy Communion *
10:00	Shouldham	Morning Prayer
11:00	Watlington	Morning Prayer
11:00	Marham	Holy Communion
18:00	Online	Evening Prayer

Sunday, 13 February [Third before Lent]

09:30	Shouldham Thorpe	Holy Communion
11:00	Fincham	Morning Prayer
11:00	Stowbridge	Holy Communion
11:00	Watlington	Holy Communion
18:00	Online	Evening Prayer

Sunday, 20 February [Second before Lent]

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09:30	Wormegay	Holy Communion
11:00	Marham	Holy Communion
11:00	Shouldham	Holy Communion
11:00	Watlington	Holy Communion
18:00	Online	Evening Prayer

Sunday, 27 February [Last before Lent]

09:30	Fincham	Holy Communion - BCP

11:00 Watlington Morning Prayer

11:00 Wimbotsham Holy Communion - @ Stow

Bardolph

18:00 Online Evening Prayer

Midweek Services

Watlington

Wednesdays 10:00 Morning Prayer (BC)

Thursday, 3 February

10:00 Runcton Holme (Holy Communion)

Thursday, 10 February

10:00 Fincham (Holy Communion) (to be confirmed)

CHURCHWARDENS AND CONTACTS

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Barton Bendish:	Mhari Blanchfield	01366 347 849
	Linda Webster	01366 347 563
Beachamwell	Helaine Wyett	01366 500165 or
	•	07494 989302
Boughton:	Pam Wakeling	01366 500 429
Methwold	Alan Burbridge	01366 727 002
West Dereham	Graeme Pressley	01366 501 179
Wereham:	Sheila Smith	01366 858 165
Whittington	Susan Smith	07849 157 080
Wretton	Anita Horgan	01366 500 785
Whittington & Wretton	Elaine Taylor	01366 500 948

PRIORY GROUP

Fincham	Cathy O'Brien	01366 347279
Marham	Philip Fay	01760 444199
	Glenda Jayes	01760 339688
Shouldham	Brian & Ann Hullah	01366 347814
Shouldham Thorpe	Gordon Reid	01366 347253



ONLINE SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

Online Zoom services (Service of the Word) are due to take place every Sunday at 6.30pm

Link - https://bit.ly/WisseyValleySunday Services

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

PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS IN WEREHAM



This year marks Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee after 70 years of loyal service as our monarch.

Although this will be a year long celebration, with many events taking place throughout the UK and around the world, the focus of the celebrations will be the designated Platinum Jubilee Weekend from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th of June. This will be an opportunity for communities across the country to come together to celebrate this historic milestone.

Here in Wereham we want very much to play our part in the celebrations and to create opportunities for the local community to share in this with family, friends and neighbours.

It is vitally important that all sections of the local community, young and old, can get involved in the celebrations. We are, therefore, very keen to hear from everyone with their own thoughts and suggestions for ways in which the people of Wereham can best mark this historic occasion.

Perhaps you have your own personal recollections of past jubilee celebrations in the village or even photographs of what took place. It would be wonderful if you could share these with us.

Perhaps you have previously taken part in the organisation of a street party or other large community event, either locally or elsewhere in the country. Your past experience would be invaluable to us all in putting together this year's events. Whatever ideas you may have would be extremely welcome.

June is not far away so we are keen to 'get the ball rolling' as soon as possible to make sure that Wereham's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations do us proud. If you have any ideas or would like to get involved, please email the planning group at: werehamjubilee@yahoo.com

Keith Murray

ST Margaret's Church Festival

We have been unable to have a festival or Open Gardens for 2 years and fund raising is now essential. We should like to invite all who are interested to a festival planning meeting in the church on Tuesday 8th February at 7.00pm. The meeting will last no longer than an hour! We hope to see you there. If you would like any further information, please contact either

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Congratulations to one and all!

Luxury Hamper Raffle

Friends of St Margaret's would also like to thank Jackie Hales and Chris Dewing of Tesco, Hardwick, for their generous support in donating the £80 luxury hamper, which was raffled, raising the magnificent sum of £320 for St Margaret's. Congratulations to the lucky winners, Margaret and Dudley Pickston of Wereham!

Further thanks are also due to the staff at Tesco, Hardwick and to Nigel Norton and his team at Waitrose. Swaffham, for their joint funding of our Hampers for Heroes. We are truly grateful for their recognition of our village aims.

Advent Windows

Finally, on behalf of Duncan Slade, we would like to thank all those who took part in the annual Wereham Advent Windows event. The windows were spectacular! Also, thanks to John Nellist for capturing them, so superbly, on film and sharing them with us all via Facebook. Thank you once again, Duncan and Bridget, for this amazing initiative. *Karen Sams (On behalf of Friends of St Margaret's, Wereham)*

Car Boot and Café

The January car boot will have been and gone when you all read this so the next car boot is on 27th Feb 2022, where we will have stalls selling all kinds of items, they may just have the very thing you are looking for and the cafe will have all the usual goodies, Jayne and her team will welcome you to the cafe for your breakfast and cuppa. The car boot dates for the rest of 2022 are as follows.

Feb 27th. March 27th. April 24th. There is not one in May as the hall is booked out for a wedding, so the car boot will be on June 5th. June 26th. July 31st. August 28th. Sept 25th. Oct 23rd. Nov 27th. No car boot in December. All the very best to you all for 2022, stay safe, stay healthy. Contact details Philip on 01366 501330, 07759033492, e-mail rosemary.pease@btinternet.com.

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Bowls resume on 13th Jan and every Thursday afternoon there onwards, we meet at 2pm until 4pm, we have a short break for a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits. There is a nice little group playing bowls and we don't take ourselves to seriously, a nice gentle afternoon of bowls and laughter. It is 2.50 fees per afternoon. Contact details. Philip on 01366 501330. 07759033492, e-mail rosemary.pease@btinternet.com. New players always welcome, no experience needed as we will show you what to do. Stay safe, stay healthy.

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We resume the craft group meetings on 11th Jan and then it is on the second Tuesday of every month, 10.30am until 12.30pm. We are a small group of 15 ladies, some knit some sew and others come along for the social side of things, we go out for lunch when one of us has a birthday. We are looking for crafters who would be willing to come and do workshops with us for their normal fee, any type of craft would be welcome. Our meetings for the rest of the year are as follows, Feb 8th. March 8th.April 12th. May 10th. June 14th. July 12th. Aug 9th. Sept 13th. Oct 11th.Nov 8th.Dec 13th which is a closed meeting as that is our Christmas party day.

We will be having 2 craft fairs this year, all being well, dates to be announced next month. We look forward to seeing new people at any time. Contact Rosemary on 01366 501330, 0774924060, e-mail rosemary.pease @btinternet.com.

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Next Meeting Date – Mon 7 March 2022 at 6.30 pm (To be held in the Village Hall –Main Hall) pending covid safety – check Agenda on Website for the most up to date meeting details, if deemed unsafe the meeting will be cancelled).

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 atwerehampc@gmail.com. The Agendas for meetings are always published on the 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 You will also find minutes of all meetings here too.

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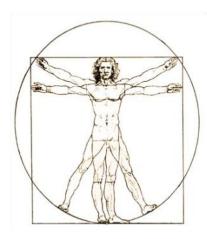
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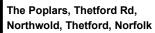
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