

Group 4

NEWS



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

June 2015

WELCOME

Please try to support the events which are always such a feature of June in our villages.

There are open gardens in four of the villages and each village has its own character. Good food and a walk in the open—plus the chance to look at other people's gardens. There's a strawberry tea in Marham, a film to see in Barton Bendish plus all the regular clubs and social occasions.

As always, 'Happy Reading'
The Editorial Team
Eileen and Pam



Thanks to all contributors and apologies to any whose work has not been shown in this issue.

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

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Dear All,

At the Olympics in Mexico, in 1968, some die-hard spectators lingered in the Olympic stadium, watching the late finishers of the Marathon. The race had been won over an hour previously, and it was getting cold and dark, when suddenly the small crowd heard the sound of sirens and police whistles coming to the stadium. As they watched, one runner made his

way onto the track for the last lap of the 26 mile race. It was John Akhwari of Tanzania. As he ran the final circuit of the track people saw that his leg was bandaged and bleeding. He had fallen and injured himself earlier in the race, but had refused to let it stop him. The few people in the stadium rose and applauded him until he crossed the finishing line. As he finally hobbled away, he was asked why he had not given up, as he had clearly had no chance of winning a medal. His reply was memorable. He said simply: "My country did not send me to Mexico City to start the race, they sent me here to finish it." He had looked beyond the pain of the moment and kept his eye on the purpose for which he was there.

As Christians, we are also called to 'finish the race before us' as we fulfil God's particular calling for us in this life: 'Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith...' Hebrews 12: 1-2. May you have the perseverance to finish your race in life, and cross the finishing line that leads to heaven

Barbara

BENEFICE NEWS

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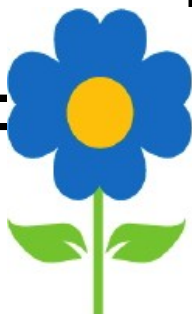
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followed by
activities and a free
meal in the Village
Hall

FROM THE OTHER SIDE...

Shouldham

Restoration Work – It is hoped that by the time you are reading this, work will be proceeding to fill the large crack on the N.E. exterior of the Chancel. This is to ensure that the building is weatherproof. Lime mortar can only be applied in better weather, so there may be a slight delay if frosts have suddenly occurred in late May.

Ann & Brian Hullah

Marham

Strawberry Cream Tea

20 June: 2:30 - 4:30pm - being held at Holy Trinity Church.

Please do come along and join us for a delicious cream tea.



Shouldham Ladybirds

Summer Garden Party

23 June: 7:45: The Old House, Westgate Street, Shouldham. Please do come along and have some fun: Pimms, refreshments and crafts. This is a lovely evening - The Ladybirds of Shouldham would love to meet you.



Fincham Flower Festival

For the first time in 4 years, Fincham Parish Church is again staging its much admired Flower Festival.

July 4th, 5th and 6th

From 10 am – 5 pm

Beautiful arrangements on the theme of 'Name

GARDENING TIPS

This year Spring seems to have been a very 'start and stop' season. Very dry, with quite pleasant warm sunny days. but with a persistent cold wind that just didn't want to go away. Hopefully we shall by now be in a warmer and more settled pattern of weather, if rather wet. If the latter, in view of the dry start, it will be quite a blessing from the gardening point of view.

As I write this article a feeling of complete despondency is trying to envelop my whole being! I have had a near disaster with most of my new seedling and other new plants this year and I am coming to the conclusion that the reason I outlined in my April writings may not be the only cause. I always make my own compost and something this year has gone seriously wrong. Despite using the formulae that I have used for many years with one exception, in that I could not find a supply of John Innes base fertilizer and had to use an alternative. I have even gone to the trouble of buying in fresh bags of compost and replanting flagging seedlings and what were well rooted cuttings, but only some of the hardiest types are surviving. This problem combined with the intermittent frosts that we have had of late and being unable to satisfactorily harden off the plants that have survived is not making for peace of mind! The one good set of plants that I do have are some fifty or so different varieties of geranium cuttings that I took last July/August and over wintered. At least they will provide some cheer around the garden whilst the more delayed survivors try catch up. If I ever find the real reason for my problems this year I will advise further in the hope that my trials may help others prevent them.

I normally use a feeding solution on my lawns in Spring but in view of the dry conditions this season the opportunity did not come until after we had had some rain during the last month. However, if you have not yet applied your preferred feed it needs to be completed as soon as possible and watered in if a granular form to avoid burning.

By now it should be possible to plant out all of those tender subjects that bring a real delight to summer but, do watch the weather forecasts. I am not convinced at the time of writing that we are yet free of the occasional early morning frost! Many of my perennial flower plants are growing quite quickly now (2nd May). In fact one or two of them are producing flowers whilst the green growth is still way behind. It is a classic way of a plant thinking that it is going to fail – the desert syndrome – flower whilst you have the energy, tomorrow you may die! Where this happens give the plant a good watering otherwise if dry conditions prevail it may well do just that!

The soft fruit season is rapidly approaching, with all its delights! To help your bushes along give them a light dusting of sulphate of potash around their base followed by a good, but lightly applied, watering. Check around the bushes and canes to ensure that there is no dead or frosted growth that needs cutting out if this has not already been done and tie in any canes that have come away from their supports before they come into flower.

It is time to put up the hanging baskets. They are unlikely to be troubled by frost – too far off the ground. My climbing roses, on the back of our bungalow, had a bad infestation of greenfly very early in April this year and I noticed some more just a day or so ago. However, we have our usual Great Tit residents in the garden again so I don't think the greenfly will survive for very long! I must apologise if this article seems a bit morose early on but I have never had an experience like it before. It goes to prove that even the most experienced of us can come severely unstuck! However, the holiday season is rapidly approaching and hopefully we can all look forward to happier times so I wish you all safe journeys and happy vacations and may your plants grow well! *Roy Coughtrey*

WALK TO REMEMBER

My name is Paul Fleet and I am the Community Fundraiser for Marie Curie in Norfolk. I am getting in touch regarding our second annual **Walk To Remember** event at **Sandringham Estate** on **Saturday 15th August**.

It would be fantastic if you could put something on your website or in your newsletter. It is £10 to enter and we ask all participants to raise at least £100. All money raised will go towards funding the 26 fantastic nurses working in Norfolk, treating terminally ill patients all over the county. It would be great if you would like to take part in the walk and help us raise as much money as possible.

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Paul Smith

Group Scout Leader & Cub Scout Leader

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Ingredients

small new potatoes, scrubbed and halved / quartered if large - aim for bite-sized pieces
garlic – several cloves peeled, and halved if large but otherwise left whole
asparagus (about half a bunch per person) – trimmed and cut into 1 inch/2 cm lengths
halloumi – cut into 1/2 inch / 1 cm cubes
large bunch of fresh parsley, roughly chopped
juice of at least one lemon
salt and pepper
olive oil

Method

1. Pre-heat the oven to 180°C/gas mark 4 while you prepare the potatoes and garlic.
2. Throw the potatoes and garlic into a large roasting tin with a generous glug of olive oil. Season well and mix to ensure the potatoes and garlic are well coated in oil. Roast the potatoes for about half an hour while you prepare the rest of the ingredients.
3. Add the asparagus and halloumi to the roasting pan, and roast for a further 15 minutes.
4. Stir through the parsley and plenty of lemon juice.

Serve straight from the oven, or having allowed to cool for about 5 minutes, with crusty bread to mop up the juices.

Kirstie Urquhart

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Tuesday 2nd June

7.00 - 9.00pm

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COUNTRYSIDE NOTES

JUNE 2015 EDIBLE FLOWERS

David and I consider ourselves to be 'hunter/gatherers' but we've never really thought to look in the flower garden for things to eat. I knew you could eat nasturtiums and pansies but when I recently received an order from Thompson and Morgan enclosed was a booklet titled 'Edible Flowers'. I was very surprised how many were listed although some had warnings that they shouldn't be eaten by pregnant women while it was advised others should be consumed sparingly and a few were only specific types within a flower family. Some flavours are mild, some citrusy and others spicy.

Flowers of vegetables can be a useful addition in providing flavour to dishes, recommended were those of onions, chives, chicory, rocket, radish, courgettes, marrows, peas, runner beans (red varieties only) and even strawberries. Unsurprisingly flowers of many herbs were listed - basil, borage, coriander, dill, fennel, lemon balm, mint, oregano, rosemary, sage, salvia sclarea (clary), sweet cicely, sweet mace, and sweet marjoram.

Looking around the flower borders there is a wide choice which not only add flavour but also colour. Rose petals, apple and lilac blossom are delicate but others are much stronger tasting such as hyssop, giant hyssop, lavender, gardenia, bergamot, nasturtium and nepeta. Some species, like marigolds and tagetes, must only be used sparingly. Some of the more surprising plants are bellis daisies, carnations, pinks, gardenia, gladioli, hollyhock, busy lizzie, sweet william, cornflower, evening primrose, sunflower, yucca and the flowers of the scented foliage types of geranium and pelargonium. Only the flowers of specific varieties of some plants are edible such as begonias (**tuberous only**), chrysanthemum (**coronarium only**), jasmine (**officinale only**) and perennial phlox (**not annual or low growing creeping phlox**).

Apparently the flowers of day lily flowers can be eaten safely (**but no other types of lily as they are poisonous!**) Tulip flowers are said to be alright to eat although some people may suffer an allergic reaction (**the bulbs must not be eaten on any account**). Other spring flowers such as primrose, cowslip, polyanthus, violet, pansy and viola must make a special dish look particularly attractive. Obviously, rather like picking mushrooms, caution needs to be practised and you really need to be very well informed before indulging. Specialist books are available but even so better to have a small nibble first!

Besides the list of edible flowers there is a long list of those which certainly must not be eaten as they are all poisonous to a greater or lesser degree. On the list are anemone, autumn crocus, bluebell, hyacinth, celandine, columbine, hellebores, clematis, cyclamen, daffodil, delphinium, foxglove, fritillary, hydrangea, iris, laburnum, leopards bane, lily of the valley, lobelia, lupin, marsh marigold, monkshood, morning glory, pasque flower, periwinkle, pheasants eye, St John's Wort, spurge, swallow wort, thorn apple and tobacco plant (nicotiana). Even though these plants are deemed poisonous extracts from many of them are used in medicine. All parts of alliums are poisonous to cats and dogs and lilies including the pollen are especially to cats.

Jill Mason

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| 2. Amazons | 15. They hid inside a wooden horse |
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| 4. Neptune | 17. By a single hair |
| 5. Eurydice | 18. They acquire the 'gift of the gab' |
| 6. Shoemaker | 19. Camelot |
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Saturday 11th July 2015

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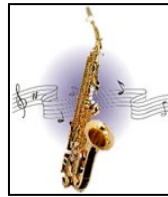
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BARTON BENDISH AND EASTMOOR VILLAGE NEWS

Quiz Night

Saturday 18th of April saw 10 teams of between 4 and 6 players battle it out in another challenging Barton Bendish Quiz Night. Brains were tested in all sorts of ways from knowing where each shipping region went, to the quotations round of who said what, to the Eurovision round which produced some puzzled looks from our friends “across the pond” when a photo of a bearded winner in a sparkly frock appeared. A great night was had by all and a much appreciated sum of £250 was raised. Many thanks to Chris and Janice Parsons and Tim and Linda Webster for all their hard work in organizing a very entertaining evening.

Parish Council

Barton Bendish Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 13th May 2015

At the meeting the Parish Council agreed to co-opt two new members to bring the Council up to their allowed number of seven. If you would be interested in joining the Parish Council please contact the Parish Clerk on the details shown below.

The new Parish Council website can be found at

www.bartonbendishparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 8th July, 2015. This will be an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting starting at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall.

Miss Sarah Thorpe, Parish Clerk

Telephone number: 01945 430930

Email: bartonbendishparishcouncil@aol.co.uk

Gardens Open Sunday June 7th

The Gardens will be open from 11am-5pm. Ploughman's Lunches will be served again this year in the Village Hall from 12 noon. Afternoon Teas will be served from 2pm. Maureen Buck will have the Cake Stall in the Village Hall. Olly Forrest will have the Plant Stall at 47 Church Road. There will also be a Raffle. Entry to the Gardens is £3.50 per person, with no charge for children. Tickets and maps will be available at the Church. Donations of Cakes, Plants, Produce and Raffle Prizes will be greatly appreciated. All proceeds will go to St. Andrew's Church. Please let me know if you are able to help in any way on

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the day and/or willing to have your garden open. There will be a 'Children's Trail' on the day.

Maureen Tasker 01366 347432

It is also planned to have a display of Classic/Vintage/Old cars to coincide with the Gardens Open so if anyone is interested in exhibiting their car please contact 01366 347570 for further details.

Val McAlister

Barton Bendish Film Club

Present: 'Paddington' at Barton Bendish Village Hall on Friday 12th June at 7.30
A story of a young Peruvian bear who travels to London in search of a home. This is a gem of a film, which will entertain the young and young at heart of all ages! Running Time 95 mins

Tickets £4 in advance £5 on the door; with refreshments and raffle. Please call Box office: 01366 347849 or email: cinemabarton@gmail.com or see our website at : <http://bartonbendishfilmclub.btck.co.uk> for details.

Jazz Picnic Saturday July 11th 12 noon until 3pm

Please note this year's Jazz Picnic takes place on a Saturday and not the usual Sunday. For further details see the advert or contact Mhari – 01366 347849 or Linda – 01366 347563.

Flower Festival

The annual joint Flower Festival organised between Barton Bendish and Beachamwell will NOT take place this year.

Future Events

Sunday June 7th Gardens Open

Friday June 12th Film 'Paddington' 7.30pm see advert

Saturday July 11th Jazz Picnic at the Hall 12noon -3pm

BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

St. Mary's Church

We were all really pleased that the work on the porch roof had progressed to the stage of lime washing the inside of the porch by Easter and we were able to hold the Easter Sunday Service in the church. I would like to thank everyone who decorated the church with lovely floral arrangements for Easter Sunday.

I would also like to thank Carole and Brian Wilson for once again organising the Beachamwell Half Marathon. For the first time in many years the weather was dreadful and everyone got very wet indeed – so a very special thank you to everyone who took part or supported the event in any way. I understand that approximately £1,000 has been raised which is a wonderful result.

The churchwardens have received an enquiry as to why there are three crosses that appear to have fallen down in St Mary's Churchyard. The explanation is that the PCC is required by law to annually inspect every headstone and cross both in St Mary's Churchyard and Shingham Churchyard to check whether they are secure and safe. These regulations follow several accidents and one death a few years ago elsewhere in the country when unstable heavy crosses fell down on top of people.

Last year's inspection showed that 3 crosses in St Mary's churchyard could easily be rocked by hand and were therefore unstable and potentially dangerous. These were laid down as required and the families concerned informed. We hope that at least one of these crosses will be re-erected in the near future.

Whilst talking about the churchyards I would like to thank the person who kindly donated the money to fill in the large gaps in the hedge round Shingham Churchyard. The work has now been completed and all the gaps filled in with new hedging plants.

We would also like to thank Allan and Karen Butler for their help in repairing and restoring the bench in the corner of St Mary's churchyard. The bench is once again a pleasant place to sit in the corner of the churchyard.

It is now six years since we started holding Afternoon Teas on the third Wednesday of each month and another big thank you must go to everyone who has supported these enjoyable afternoons. As chief quality control person I can confirm the cakes are delicious, the pots of tea very good and the company excellent so I do hope you will continue to support this event. I would especially

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like to thank Caroline Sanderson who stepped in to make sure there was a "Tea" in April. The next big event is Beachamwell Open Gardens' Day which will be held on Sunday 28th June this year. If you can offer help either on the day itself in the village or in the next few weeks by putting up signs and posters, delivering fliers etc please either contact Dick Wainer on 01366 328706 or myself 07802 155662 (williamsoldies@gmail.com)

Many people already know that Marie Rich is moving to Warwickshire to live near her daughter. Marie we will all miss your Coffee Mornings, the help you have given in The Old Rectory Garden at the Open Gardens Day each year, the marshalling at The Half Marathon and the huge support you have given to all the events we run for many years and for your beautiful reading of the Psalms and Lessons in Church on Sundays. We hope you will be very comfortable in your new home and wish you every happiness in your new life close to your family.

On a personal note most of you already know that Sonia and I have left Beachamwell and hope to move to Barton Bendish in the near future. This means that we will both need to resign from the PCC at the AGM next April as, although we can stay on the electoral roll, we feel it is important that members of the PCC reside in Beachamwell.

Sonia will continue to organise the monthly Afternoon Tea in Beachamwell Memorial Hall and if we are successful with our proposed purchase in Barton Bendish we hope to host the monthly Scrabble Afternoons there as soon as possible.

For the time being you can contact either of us on our mobile 07802 155662 or by email williamsoldies@gmail.com

Graham Williams (Church Warden)

HELP!

I will be having a cake stall in Park House garden on Garden opening Day June 28th. Any gifts of homemade cakes, sweets ,jams etc. would be very much appreciated thank you.

Gill Sanderson

Flower and Brass Cleaning for June

7th Gill Sanderson; 14th Sonia Williams; 21st Susie Rix

28th Several People as it is Gardens Open Day

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Beachamwell Half Marathon

The Stars of the Event this year have to be the Marshals who stood in the tipping rain and wind for at least two hours on Sunday May 3rd to guide and encourage the runners and cyclists through the course, fields, tracks and



footpaths did not see much this year because of the rain.

Everybody returned to the Memorial Hall soaking wet, some covered in mud and shoes squelching, but the hot tea or coffee and delicious refreshments were very welcome. Fortunately it was not cold and I think everybody enjoyed it.

I did once I had got used to being wet. Caroline was pleased she had put on her waterproof mascara and Matt and Steph's daughters were pleased they had stayed in bed when they saw the state of their parents returning!! We have been organising this event for many years and I don't think I can ever remember it raining so hard, and a tad annoyed when the afternoon turned out to be hot and sunny. This event is all about raising money for St. Marys Restoration Fund and I am so pleased to report that people were very generous in their sponsorship and we hope to raise £1000 + the Gift Aid we are able to add to that.

Winners.

1st Male Runner: Les Scott (Swaffham) 1hr.28mins

1st Female Runner: Susan Matthews (Shouldham) 1 hr 29mins

1st Cyclist: Steve Green (Beachamwell) 53mins

1st Child Cyclist: Douglas Sanderson (Beachamwell) 1 hr 16mins.

Special mention to George Sanderson who took part this year and managed more than half of the Course.

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Well Done to everybody who participated as the Course was particularly difficult this year with the heavy rain on the sandy tracks.

Marshals: Nevyn Ranner, Mark Powell, Philip Spencer, Peggy English, John, Betty and Ian Philpot, Eileen Powell, Karen Bridges, Shelly Yeoman and Andrea, Peter Garner, Val Sidey, The Sanderson Family, Judith Blatchford, Richard Wainer, Dave Tonks and Graham Johnson who was Tail end Charlie this year and saw everybody home safely.

Drinks Stations: Bob and Jenny Baker and Sophie, Leah Spencer and Sarah (also photographer), Di Lambert

Registration: Maggie McKenzie and Jim White

Time Keepers: Jim White and Murdo McKenzie

First Aider at Base: Rachael Bond Green

Refreshments: Sonia Williams, Pat O'Donnell, Peggy English

Brian and Carole Wilson

London Marathon

Congratulations to Martin Ive who ran the London Marathon in 3 hrs 09mins and to Will Honeybone who ran the Manchester Marathon in 3 hrs 11 mins.

Brian Wilson

Beachamwell Memorial Hall (Charity registration number 303900)

Another very successful Pop up Pub was held in the Memorial Hall on Friday 1st May. Over 50 people enjoyed freshly cooked fish and chips, a delicious addition to our popular social evening. Thank you to everybody who came along to support the evening. Watch this space for the next date ...

In the meantime, dust off your cowboy boots and get ready to enjoy the great Beachamwell Barn Dance at St John's Farm on Friday 26 June! For £10 you can enjoy live music, dancing, a hog roast, licensed bar and raffle. Tickets available from all committee members.

Thanks to our recent grant from the Iceni Partnership, Tai Chi classes have started in the hall on Wednesday afternoons. We will now turn our attention to replacing the goalposts and buying a table tennis table ... it's all go!!

Beachamwell Memorial Hall Committee

Contact: Susie Rix, secretary (suedavis@afiweb.net)

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Horticultural Show

What an informative and enjoyable evening we had when our Judge at our annual Horticultural Show, Roger Gore-Rowe, gave a talk on Orchids. Roger is passionate about his hobby and we all learnt so much about where and how they grow and their care. I got so enthusiastic that I went and purchased one! It had green roots so based on Rogers tips I knew I was on to the winner in the Orchid Section of the Horticultural Show (I hope). Thank you Roger for a most enjoyable evening and the wine was good too.

There are still onions available for the Giant Onion Competition. Call 01366 328628 if you would like one, cost £1 each. Grow it however you like and the biggest one wins £5 at the Horticultural Show to be held on Sunday August 16th.

Carole Wilson

Norfolk & Norwich Open Studios 2015

Three local people from Beachamwell are taking part in this year's Norfolk & Norwich Open Studios, which is one of the largest and most successful open studio schemes in the UK.

Janet Walker, Philip Spencer and Leah Spencer will have their work on display at Westacre Theatre. Janet makes contemporary weavings, using wool, silk, bamboo and even banana fibres and wire, resulting in a rich and complex finished fabric. Philip is a photographer with an interest in using digital techniques to make textured images or abstract pictures. Leah makes prints in a variety of forms: linoprints, monoprints and collagraphs - textures and materials glued onto the printing plate to produce an image. The Westacre Theatre Artists group also includes Leila Barton (watercolours and prints) and Bette Hopkins (mixed media paintings).

The Westacre Theatre venue is part of the Castle Acre Trail. Following the Trail gives you the opportunity to visit nine open studios in Castle Acre and West Acre. Look out for the trail map leaflet or visit www.thecastleacretrail.com

Norfolk & Norwich Open Studios take place on 23 – 25 May; 30 – 31 May; 6 – 7 June. 10am to 5pm.

Website: www.nnopenstudios.org.uk

Westacre Theatre, River Road, West Acre, PE32 1UD.Tel: 01760 755800

Philip Spencer

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We travelled to Barton Bendish for the May meeting as voting was taking place in our Memorial Hall. Irene welcomed us and also to our two new members who have recently joined us. Allan Hale arrived to take The Centenary Photograph, a copy of which will be put in the Village Photo Album. May is the month for Resolutions and Helen took us through the Resolution that had been chosen for us to vote on. She had dissected the Resolution very thoroughly and after much discussion Members decided to vote against it until further information became available.



It was also the last meeting for Marie Rich. Marie joined Beachamwell W.I. in 1997. She was President for four years and a Committee member for many years. We all enjoyed a farewell tea party with Marie and ended the meeting with

Jerusalem which I am sure everybody in Barton Bendish heard. Marie loves to sing and was a member of the Church choir until recently. We will miss you Marie, enjoy your new Bungalow and being with your family in Staffordshire. Next Meeting in June will be our Centenary Supper at The Kings Arms, Shouldham.

Carole Wilson Photograph by Eileen Powell

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Beachamwell Local History Group

On 12th May, Beachamwell Local History Group was treated to an excellent illustrated talk by David Robertson on "The Archaeology of the Brecks". David is Countryside Historic Environment Officer for Norfolk Council. His fascinating talk vividly demonstrated what a wealth of historical interest this area holds in the lumps and bumps of its landscape. Woolly mammoth graveyards, Neolithic barrows, ancient earthworks, disappeared villages, rabbit warrens, flint mines and World War II camps; they have all been investigated by archaeologists in The Brecks.

Our next event will be an illustrated talk, "Banned from Beachamwell – the life of the sculptor, Oscar Nemon" by Lady Aurelia Young, his daughter. This will be held at Beachamwell Memorial Hall on Sunday, 12th July at 4pm. Tickets are £6 (including tea and cake) and can be obtained from Philip Spencer 01366 328536 or from the Ceres Bookshop in Swaffham.

Maggie Mackenzie

Parish Council



Our new District Councillor, Pete Wilkinson, attended the recent enthusiastic meetings and was delighted to meet your Councillors.

Brian Cockerill, as you know, has resigned after serving on the Parish Council for over 30 years. John Adcock presented him with a beautiful clock which was made by Brian Wilson.

Next meeting will take place July 13th

Eileen Powell (Parish Clerk)

Mobile Post Office

The opening hours are as follows:-

Monday and Thursday: 11.30 - 12.00

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 11.15 – 12.00



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June 9th	Beachamwell	Post Office	10:05 am
	Drymere	Telephone Box	10:40 am
	Boughton	Sycamore House Mill Hill Road	15:20 pm 15:35 pm
	Barton Bendish	Hatherley Gardens	9:40 am
Mondays 8th /22nd June	Wereham	The Pond	9:30 am
		Queen's Close	16:20 pm

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Boughton	18 (Tuesday)	Eagles Coaches	King's.Lynn & Swaffham
Wereham	28 (Mon to Sat) 40 (Mon to Sat)	Coach Services Coach Services	King's Lynn Thetford/Downham

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Swaffham	First and Third Sunday
Watton	Sadly no longer trading

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VILLAGE AND PARISH HALL BOOKINGS

Barton Bendish	Bill Tasker	01366 347432
Boughton	Pam Wakeling	01366 500429
Beachamwell	Caroline Sanderson	01366 328244
Wereham	Doreen Rolph	01366 500218

CHURCH SERVICES IN JUNE

Sunday June 7th

Shouldham	09.30 am	Morning Prayer
Marham	10.30 am	Café Church
Beachamwell	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Wereham	6.00 pm	Evensong

Sunday June 14th

ShouldhamThorpe	09.30 am	Holy Communion
Boughton	No service—Open Gardens day 12 –5	
Marham	10.30 am	Morning Prayer (HT)
Barton Bendish	11.00 am	Family Communion
Fincham	6.00 pm	Evensong

Sunday June 21st

Shouldham	09.30am	Holy Communion
Marham	10.30 am	United Service of the Word
Beachamwell	11.00 am	Morning Prayer
Wereham	No service—Open Gardens Day	

Sunday June 28th

Fincham	09.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP said)
Marham	10.30 am	Holy Communion
Boughton	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Barton Bendish	6.00 pm	Evening Service

Thursdays at 10 am -short service of Holy Communion followed by coffee. 4th, 18th, 25th at Fincham, 11th at Boughton.

CHURCHWARDENS

Barton Bendish	Mhari Blanchfield	01366 347849
	Linda Webster	01366 347563
Beachamwell	John Sanderson	01366 328818
	Graham Williams	01366 328774
Boughton	Pam Wakeling	01366 500429
Wereham	Sheila Smith	01366 858165

BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS

BOUGHTON VILLAGE NEWS

Following the **AGM of the Parish Council** on May 15th the following is the make-up of your council.

Chairman - Tom Roberts

Vice Chairman – Peter Agate

Responsible Financial Officer – Peter Agate

Councillors –Mark Pogmore, Ian Davis, David Cooper, Andy Beeston.

Parish Clerk – Carole Woolnough

Full details of individual councillor's duties, responsibilities and contact details will follow in next month's G4.

We are currently one councillor short and will be requesting nominations for an election for that vacancy accordingly.

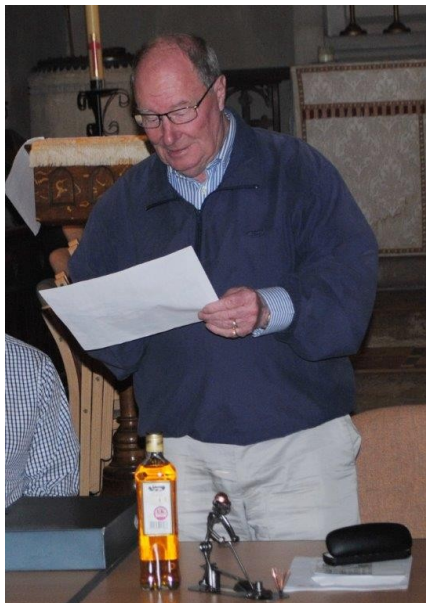
Boughton Parish Council May 2015'

Boughton Parish Council - Frank Reid

At the end of the four year term of the Parish Council, coinciding with the recent elections, the Chairman Frank Reid stepped down and declared that he would not be standing for councillor again.

Frank has served on the Parish Council for 10 years, 8 of which as Chairman, and has contributed significantly to the improvements in the way the council has been run during that time.

From introducing, reviewing and updating procedures to make the Council more accountable, to ensuring individual councillors all have various specific duties upon which they report at each meeting, various initiatives were started by Frank



and carried into Council actions and procedures.

You will know that Frank has contributed significantly to the upkeep of the village, not only through the Council, but on a personal basis too. You only have to look at the magnificent Village Green and the lack of litter to understand the impact of the work he has carried out. Creating a special relationship with Norfolk Highways, initiated by Frank, has ensured we have a good service in respect of any Highways issues that may arise in and around the village.

Boughton Fen also benefitted from Frank's efforts and it is him we have to thank that we have a Fen Committee, which is part of the Parish Council and includes both councillors and parishioners, and which looks after the Fen for the benefit of parishioners and visitors too.

The playground is one of Frank's pleasures. Keeping it in good shape that is, not using the equipment! The village is always being complimented on how clean and tidy and what good condition it is in. One of the last initiatives started under Frank's chairmanship was the formation of a Playground Action Group to pave the way for the gradual replacement of the equipment in the playground.



The Council is looking to promote the benefits of the Playground and the Fen for younger parishioners and visitors to assist with fund raising and for educational purposes.

At the final Parish Council meeting held on 17th April councillors presented Frank with gifts to commemorate his chairmanship and service as a councillor. These were a heartfelt thank you for the service to Boughton over the last ten years. The Council wishes Frank well in his new 'retirement' but reminds him that we are never far away and he will always be welcome to join us at any of the many activities we carry out around the village.

From Boughton we say 'Thank you Frank!'

Peter Agate for Boughton Parish Council June 2015

Boughton Playground Project fund-raising update

A big thank-you to all those who supported our Boughton Afternoon Tea event on May 9th whether that be the bakers who made some wonderful cakes, those that donated raffle prizes, the many helpers who helped us set-up and run the event, Bearts of Stowbridge and Fiona Robinson (Phoenix cards) for their contributions and of course those that came along and joined in the fun.

Along with the lovely sandwiches, cream teas and cake a wide variety of activities were enjoyed including, Bowl for a Pig, Hook a duck, Quiz trail, colouring, and Cupcake decorating. At time of writing, we are still collating the money but are very grateful for the contribution towards the Boughton P l a y g r o u n d p r o j e c t f u n d .

Also a big well done to Andy for completing the Grand East Anglian Run on May 3rd, a blustery run but good fun apparently! Andy was very much spurred on by the generosity of those who sponsored him with all funds (in excess of £150) going again towards the Boughton Playground project.

We hope you'll come along and support our future events, we are excited at the prospect of a children's pottery event, pond dipping, the summer hog roast (August 8th) and a winter wine tasting. All events will be advertised locally but if you would like to be kept informed directly then please send an email to carol.luckett@talk21.com

Andy, Angela & Carol

Church

Following the recent windy weather, some tiles on the roof have become loosened, a representative of John Allen Masonry has been to inspect them and also the join between the chancel and the nave as there is an occasional small fall of plaster dust- right where Barbara sits! He will be repairing the small cracks and replacing missing or broken tiles.

The plants around the church and in the porch are looking good, thanks to Angela Faherty's faithful work. It always looks lovely as people go through the

porch. Breakfast church continues to be well supported – fantastic cooked breakfast this month – thanks Sandy!- and a talk from Janet Tanton, a reader at West Dereham.

Open Gardens Day

This is an important event in the village and church calendar. At the time of writing about a dozen gardens will be open, and various other people in the village will be booked to help Sandy with the excellent lunches which are always a feature of the day and also other jobs which need doing. Alan Wilkinson has kindly agreed to print the maps and tickets, but we need at least one more person to help sell them from the Green. It would be lovely to see all the new people in the village taking the opportunity to support the event and get involved with what goes on. Money raised goes towards the church, which also serves as the community hub, largely to pay our dues to the Diocese, but you will have seen earlier in this report that we also have repairs and general upkeep to consider.

Help!!

Some years ago I inherited two armchairs from Pamela Jennings when her house was cleared. They are in reasonably good condition, but they are old and do not comply with current legislation and cannot be donated to charity for



resale. I'm reluctant to simply abandon them for destruction, so if anyone can find a use for them please contact me. I cannot lift or move them myself as they are heavy and very solid, so I'd also be glad of help moving them out of their current resting place, even if only to the garage! I will need the space

before the end of June. Can anyone help?

WEREHAM VILLAGE NEWS



Where have all the Flowers Gone?

Wereham Open Gardens and St Margaret's Festival are two established events for Wereham village and the surrounding community. The funds raised at these events contribute to the upkeep of the parish church; St Margaret's is mostly medieval and an English treasure in our midst.

At these events our village church, will be open to the public...on show...compared to other local churches....much admired (we hope!). It will have been spruced up, polished and flowers arranged.

Could **you help** to make St Margaret's look splendid? We seek contributions of flowers and greenery; also unwanted house plants (perhaps those which are overlarge for your home!). A few flowers from your garden or a supermarket 'cheap deal' could help us make the church outstanding; creating a welcoming space for visitors and village folk alike. Contributions can be left in the buckets provided, outside the church doors, from the Thursday before these events. There is no church budget for flowers and so we are reliant on the community to support us. Just one or two blooms with greenery can make the world of difference.



Open Gardens 20th & 21st June. Garden & plant enthusiasts (as well as tea drinkers/cake eaters!) visiting our village/gardens/church.

So ...Flower buckets will be at the ready from Thursday 18th June.



Festival Sunday is 19th July.

So ...Flower buckets from Thursday 16th July.

We look forward to seeing you in Wereham in June and July, and remember to visit the church and the village hall.....you will see....

..... Where the Flowers have gone!

Thank You... Sue (01366 858237) Ivy, Ronnie, Lizzie and all.

Community Partnership Teamworking for the community to make a difference



‘We’re Wereham, We’re Together’ and we need you on Thursday 25th June! It’s wonderful to hear the Big Lottery Reaching Communities Fund have progressed the Wereham Village Hall Project Team’s submission, to the next stage. Now is the time to get involved and have your say about the way a new hall should be used.

Come along to Wereham Village Hall on **Thursday 25th June, 10am to 1pm** and let us hear your views on what Wereham and the neighbouring villages need regarding learning new skills in the community. Please tell your friends about this and bring them along too as the session promises to be great fun.

Gilly, Community Development Manager for Norfolk County Council’s Adult Education Service, will be facilitating one of the activities to discover our aspirations and needs for the future. She has lots of experience helping communities set up new projects and will share with us some great techniques to build a plan focussing on “our community, our challenge, and our wish list”. This promises to be entertaining as well as informative. She will be accompanied by Cookery Tutor, Sandie who will be encouraging us to get involved in creating some tasty but simple dishes. This will take the form of a free cooking activity to produce food to take home or eat on the day. The session is free to attend and includes refreshments. Let me know if you require transport as we may be able to assist. Ideally we hope you will be able to take part in one, or better still, both activities, but if you can’t commit to a full 3 hours, it’s fine to just drop by, dip your toe into the action and see what we are all up to. Although it is not necessary to book, a rough idea of numbers attending would help us organise catering. If you can give me a call (leave a message if unavailable), register your interest via the Wereham Village Hall Facebook page, or speak to one of the Village Hall Committee, it will ensure there are biscuits for all!

We value your opinion, so have a think about your own needs for learning in the community. Whether you’re from Wereham, Barton Bendish, Boughton, Beachamwell, Fincham, West Dereham, Stoke Ferry, Crimplesham, Whittington, or further afield – this is your chance to make your views heard. We are already aware there is a requirement for developing IT and Cookery Skills, but the aim is to address all elements of the community’s needs.

Please come -this is your opportunity to have your say. I look forward to seeing you on the 25th.

Sue Smith, Wereham VH Adult Education Mini Project Co-ordinator 01366 501224

May Update from Wereham Village Hall Committee Update from the New Build Project Team

We're Wereham, We're Together! We are thrilled to announce that our Stage 1 application to the Big Lottery Fund has been approved! We now have to submit the Stage 2 application by 28th July; lots more hard work and preparation ahead.

We need your support to complete the Stage 2 application. The lottery expect us to hold focus groups to find out what you need from the following activities we're planning in the new hall to meet your needs (in response to your feedback on surveys):

- Older Person Social Group - managed by Sue Candler & Rosemary Pease
- Youth Group - managed by Nikki Loake
- Learning New Skills - managed by Sue Smith, focus group booked for 25th June
- Physical Activities - managed by Liz Howard.
- Village Cinema - managed by Cliff Goddon

Please lend your support by attending the focus groups for these activities and use the opportunity tell the organisers what you want out of each group. Dates to follow.

Thank you all for your continued support from the project team - *Victoria Gray, Helen Richardson, Rachel Barron and John Eastgate.*

Wereham Village Hall Bonus Ball Club

The lucky winners in April were Anna Bearman and Sheila – congratulations to you both! There is just one number free at the moment; number 1. If you would like to become a member of the bonus ball club with the chance each month of winning £50 (whilst helping to raise vital funds for the Village Hall), contact Helen quickly before it's snapped up!

Helen Richardson, Secretary (07795006811 or helenar82@outlook.com)

Ink Cartridges - collection boxes for ink cartridges are on the piano in the hall, open 10-12 Fridays. Or alternatively, leave them in a bag at the door of the village hall.

Events list

Bingo - Wereham Village Hall "Cash Prize" Bingo every Wednesday, doors open 6.45 eyes down 7.30pm. Teas/coffees available with complimentary biscuits. For enquiries please contact Doreen on 01366 500218.

Pop up Café – first Tuesday of the month, 10.30-12. Next dates are Tuesday 2nd June and Tuesday 7th July. Join Jacqueline and friends for a slice of homemade cake & a hot drink for just £1. Join us for a natter and a read of the daily papers. Cake donations/queries to Jacqueline 500880.

Learning New Skills Focus Group – Thursday 25th June, 10am-1pm. For more details see article in this edition of G4 or contact Sue on 01366 501224. **Indoor/Outdoor Car Boot** – last Sunday of the month, 9am-1pm. Next dates Sunday 28th June and Sunday 26th July. Café with bacon rolls, bric-a-brac and book stall. £5 pitch or, if you have earned time credits, there are two tables available at a cost of 4 time credits each. To book call Nikki/Chris on 01366 501111.

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

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

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Wereham Messy Church Thursday July 2nd 4pm -5.30pm

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The next Wereham Messy church is on July 2nd. The theme is the story of The Battle of Jericho. It will again be informal, fun and enjoyable. It will include stories, singing, activities and **FOOD** don't miss it. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Please put these dates in your diary

17th September Harvest

27th November Advent

Look out for further details

To book places or for further information please ask Debbie or Ian Rye telephone 502083 or call in at The Old Chapel by the pond or just come on the night and see for yourself.

Afternoon Tea

Are you retired? Do you live in Wereham, Bexwell, West Dereham, Fincham, Barton Bendish, Boughton, Oxborough, Whittington, Wretton and Stoke Ferry?

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Retirement.

The purpose of the event is to find out what you like and need, then create those activities in the new hall. There will also be a £20 prize draw for a tick box survey to provide vital data for the Project Team's Stage 2 lottery application.

To book your place at Wereham Village Hall, 3pm on the Thursday the 18th of June, RSVP to Rosemary Pease on 01366 501330 or email on rosemary.pease@btinternet.com (assistance with transport available).

Sue Candler and Rosemary Pease look forward to welcoming you to this event and hearing your views!

The Annual Wereham Parish Meeting was held on 12th May.

Wereham parishioners present welcomed a presentation by the Local Development Framework team from the Borough Council which provided information on the process so far and also received a speech from the Parish Council chair celebrating parish achievements throughout the past year.

This was followed by the Annual Wereham Parish Council meeting where we welcomed our new Council with some Councillors carrying on from their previous term; Jo Bruce, Gail Koopowitz, Brian Bruce, Nikki Loake; and a new Councillor Jacki Hitching. There are still two vacancies left on the Council – these will be filled through 'Voting by Council on Casual Vacancy ("Co-Option")'. So if you, or someone you know, are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor you now have another chance to get involved!

All you need to do is state your intention in writing to the Parish Clerk and at the next Parish Council meeting the Councillors will take a vote on the candidates. The elected Councillors can get involved straight away.

To be able to stand as a Parish Council candidate you must:

- be at least 18 years old on the day of your nomination
- be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any other member state of the European Union
- meet at least one of the following four qualifications:

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Further information will be sent to those interested.

Draft minutes of both May meetings can be requested from the Clerk as below.

Once again a reminder for all to use the dog waste bins and clear up after their pets. There are three dog waste bins in Wereham, one on the playing field by the Village Hall, the second at the Flegg Green end of Lammas Meadow Lane and the third along Cavenham Road, please pass by one of these and use it to **dispose of any dog waste responsibly at all times;**

When visiting the Village Hall by car please avoid parking on the playing field where possible. The grass gets churned up and damaged in bad weather, please look after the field to avoid the need for costly repairs.

Please check the Wereham Parish Council notice board and its Facebook page for the date of the next meeting, as agenda item 7.7 meeting (meeting not held at the time of article submission), is to discuss whether the Council should meet monthly, rather than bi-monthly, in future.

The Agendas for the meetings are always published on the Wereham Village Notice Board three clear days before each meeting and also on the Wereham Parish Council Facebook page. If you have any items that you wish to be discussed by the Parish Council please always ensure that these are with the Clerk, Mrs N Cooper at werehampc@gmail.com or Clavering House, Stoke Road, Wereham PE33 9AT or 01366 500527 **by the end of the month before the meeting** to ensure that they are included on the agenda.

Meeting dates coming up (All will be held at Wereham Village Hall):

Tuesday 14th July 2015	7:30pm Ordinary Meeting
Tuesday 8th September 2015	7:30pm Ordinary Meeting
Tuesday 10th November 2015	7:30pm Ordinary Meeting



Tuesday 12th January 2016 7:30pm Ordinary Meeting
Some news from Fincham
~~Tuesday 8 March 2016 7:30pm Ordinary Meeting...~~
Fincham and District Women's Institute

Twenty members plus one visitor attended the May meeting of Fincham & District Women's Institute.

The meeting began with "Jerusalem," followed by a minute's silence in memory of Mrs June Strawson, past member and President, who has recently passed away.

Speaker for the evening was Rachael Duffield who dressed as, and told the story of, the life of Marie Lloyd, Queen of the Music Hall – a life which was full and fascinating and recounted with great vigour and enthusiasm by Rachael. She was, quite simply, brilliant in the role, thoroughly engaging with her audience who joined in the singing of some of Marie Lloyd's well known songs, considered quite bawdy in her day.

Birthday posies were presented to J Tidy and W Baines.

The table flowers, arranged by W Bell, were given to the raffle and won by P Steel. S Amies organised the raffle and presented J Palgrave-Brown with her prize.

Refreshments were provided and served by Mesdames Bell and Bloy.

Parish Council

The AGM was held in the Memorial Hall in April, with five Councillors attending. Mr S Waterston agreed to continue as Chairman and Shaun Blackmur was co-opted onto the Council. The new Borough Councillor, Sandra Squire, was unable to attend. The end of year accounts have been independently audited and accepted.

Consideration had been given to providing bird boxes at the Nature Reserve, but, it was felt that there are no suitable trees at this location.

There are still problems with some of the drains in the village, not all repair work has been successful. The clerk is to write to Highways expressing dissatisfaction, especially with the work to repair the inspection cover on the corner of the Green.

Fincham Chorus

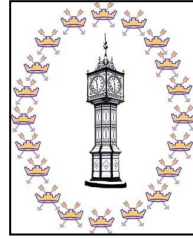
Fincham Chorus held its latest concert in the Memorial Hall with all proceeds going to the hall. The concert, entitled, "Songs of the Seasons," included such well loved songs such as, "All in the April Evening," "Now is the Month of Maying," and "The Ash Grove," and was led by Director of Music, Russell Mckie. Guest accompanist was Tom Golden and introductions were made by John Delderfield.

The audience enjoyed a delicious meal in the interval and gave generously to the raffle. Everyone agreed that it had been a most enjoyable evening, with a convivial, friendly atmosphere and excellent singing and refreshments. All tickets were sold, and, together with the raffle, an amazing £820 was raised for hall funds.

History Group

The History Group met in the Memorial Hall to listen to the tale of Arthur Loftus, known as the naughty vicar. The meeting was well attended, as usual, with local residents taking the roles of judge, apothecary, doctor and ladies of ill repute. The presentation was centred around the trial of Arthur Loftus who was accused of taking up with prostitutes in Boston and in the Rectory at Fincham. In spite of unreliable witnesses the vicar was

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Thursday 30th July 7.00pm for 7.30pm

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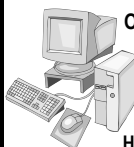
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Costumes Weekend Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th 10.30am—4.30pm

Meet volunteers dressed as Tudors to discover who would have lived and worked on the Oxburgh estate in the 148s. Handle replica household items, dress as a Tudor and see the daily work of the servants such as the seamstress and house steward, and visitors to Oxburgh such as merchants. *Normal admission*

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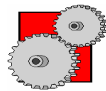
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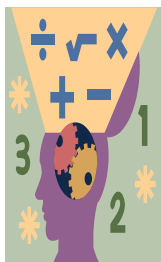
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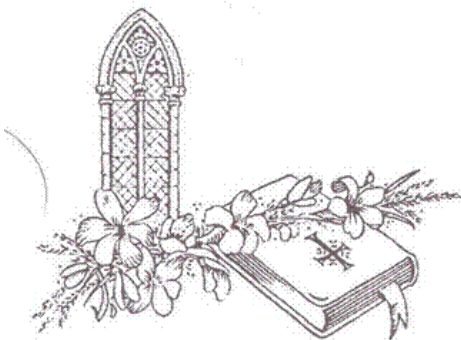
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Elizabeth ascended the thrones of these countries at age 25, upon the death of her father, King George VI, on 6 February 1952, and was proclaimed queen by her various privy and executive councils shortly afterwards. The coronation was delayed for more than a year because of the tradition that such a festival was inappropriate during the period of mourning that followed the death of the preceding sovereign. In the ceremony itself, Elizabeth swore an oath to uphold the laws of her nations and to govern the Church of England. Celebrations took



place and a commemorative medal was issued throughout the Commonwealth realms. The Coronation ceremony of Elizabeth II followed a similar pattern to the coronations of the kings and queens before her, being held in Westminster Abbey, and involving the peerage and clergy. However, for the new Queen, several parts of the ceremony were markedly different. The coronation of the Queen was the first ever to be televised (although the BBC Television Service had covered part of the procession from Westminster Abbey after her father's coronation in 1937^[1]), and was also the world's first major international event to be broadcast on

television. There had been considerable debate within the British Cabinet on the subject, with Prime Minister Winston Churchill against the idea; but, Elizabeth refused her British prime minister's advice on this matter and insisted the event take place before television cameras,^[2] as well as those filming with experimental 3D technology. The event was also filmed in colour, separately from the BBC's black and white television broadcast.^[13] Millions across Britain watched the coronation live, while, to make sure Canadians could see it on the same day, RAF Canberras flew film of the ceremony across the Atlantic Ocean to be broadcast by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation,^[14] the first non-stop flights between the United Kingdom and the Canadian mainland. In Goose Bay, Labrador, the film was transferred to a Royal Canadian Air Force CF-100 jet fighter for the further trip to Montreal. In all, three such voyages were made as the coronation proceeded.



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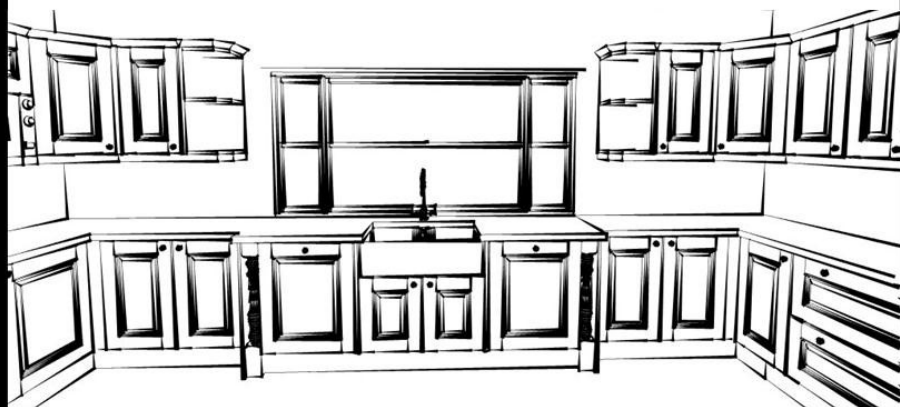
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What this reputation concealed were the very real achievements of a very human person. Vulnerable at the beginning of her reign, Queen Salote succeeded to her titles under threat of annexation and with the enmity of a powerful clique of chiefs who perpetuated dynastic quarrels and resisted centralised government. She soon won the confidence and loyalty of significant people, not least the representatives of the British government in the Western Pacific, and profoundly influenced the opinion and behaviour of her subjects by personal example. Queen Salote gave her people a strong sense of their identity, which was tested by internal dissension, occupation by US forces in World War Two, and the challenges of the modern world.

She attributed her eventual success as a ruler to hard work and a strong character, and observers referred to her intelligence, authority, and knowledge of her people. Salote achieved her great mana by intelligent manipulation and

(as she admitted in a rare moment) by 'hard work ... strong character, and kindness'. She did indeed have a strong character, and also worked very hard. Her 'kindness' was benevolence, although she could be scathing, particularly of those who did not do their duty or

If you remember the coronation, you remember Queen Salote, who kept smiling in an open carriage despite the pouring rain!



Queen Salote of Tonga with his Highness the Sultan of Kelantan heading for Hyde Park Corner at the time of Queen Elizabeth II's coronation, June 1953. Please credit; Popperfoto.

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CHILDREN'S PAGE



QUESTIONS - answers on page 18

1. Which city was said to have been founded by Romulus and Remus ?
2. Name the race of warrior women, famed for their exploits in the Trojan war and ruled by a queen ?
3. The Muses were the goddesses of poetry and song. How many Muses were there ?
4. Poseidon was the Greek god of the sea. What did the Romans call him ?
5. Orpheus went down to Hades to rescue his wife. What was her name ?
6. What is the usual occupation of the leprechaun of Irish Legend ?
7. Where did the Greek Gods live ?
8. Who led the Argonauts in search of the golden fleece ?
9. Which Arabian princess saved her life by telling stories for 1001 nights ?
10. What nationality was the legendary hero William Tell, who shot an apple from his son's head ?
11. Which Roman god gave his name to the month of January ?
12. Which hero killed the Gorgon, Medusa ?
13. How did the German maiden called Lorelei lure sailors on the River Rhine to their death ?
14. The beauty of a woman, the daughter of Zeus, led to a war between Greece and Troy, so her face was said to have 'launched a thousand ships'. What was her name ?
15. The Greek forces besieged Troy for 10 years before they devised a plan to smuggle soldiers into the city. How was this accomplished ?
16. What was the name of the one-eyed giant of Greek mythology ?
17. How was the sword of Damocles suspended ?
18. What happens to those who kiss the Blarney Stone in Ireland ?
19. Tales of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table have been popular since the Middle Ages. Which musical film, starring Richard Harris, told the story of Arthur and his court ?
20. Who was the ancient Egyptian god of the sun ?
21. Which character in Greek mythology died when he flew too close to the sun and melted his wings ?
22. The Greeks called the goddess of the hunt Artemis. What was the Roman name for this goddess ?
23. Which hero did Ariadne, the daughter of the great King Minos, help to escape from the Labyrinth ?
24. In ancient Greek mythology, who was the famous winged male messenger who served all gods ?



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