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June 2021

WELCOME

Will we, won't we?

Get back to 'normal'?

Who knows, but whatever happens go on taking care. Some events arnd groups are starting up again so please support them if you feel safe doing so.

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



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Priestly Ramblings

Who me?



Walkies & All That

We have just been for a walk; it is Sunday 9th May, the Sunday before the Ascension of Christ, which falls on this coming Thursday; the sun is shining the wind is gently blowing and it is warm. Alleluia!!! At last we can all walk along the River Wissey with no coats on - including the naughty little Winnie the Pooh.

For once we have had no catastrophes or visits to the vets, all is calm......until she sees a pigeon, a cat or another canine of any description. Then all hell lets loose. Oh I forgot even another dog barking at a great distance can start her off- her hearing is remarkable. Winnie tolerates robins; she seems to know that many folk regard robins as messengers from our departed loved ones and gives them due respect. As for blackbirds, well she had a run in with mother blackbird, who built a nest in one of our trees in the back garden last year, and has never forgotten being dive bombed by the alarming bird who had no fear whatsoever when guarding her little family.

Our daily walks have taken us to places unexplored before- oh the joy of Lynford Arboretum, especially the little cafe wagon with scrummy cakes and coffee and the adjacent Lynford Water with lakes and a sandy beach area picnics planned for the weeks ahead and I might even take my bucket and spade! How did we miss it after all these years?

As I relax in my little summer house, with you know who on my legs, I really do give thanks to our ever present loving God for His wonderful creation all around us and the real hope that in a few weeks time we can all meet again as we did before this terrible pandemic took over our lives. As you know, other people in other countries are not so lucky as the virus rages through their communities and so I ask you all, not only to spare a moment to give thanks for our long awaited recovery but to also pray for all those souls who are still struggling with the disease and for those whose hearts have been broken by the loses they have experienced.

Rev Carol

FAREWELL TO FINCHAM AND FELTWELL

A party of us waited outside Boughton Church on a fine morning on 7th May; as a final prayer was said over the coffin of Robin Blackall, priest, the cortege moved off slowly, led by the sound of the pipes calling over a Norfolk country village. The piper was Dom Rye, in an Irvine tartan kilt, whose family were old friends of Robin and Pippa. Once we passed the old cottages in the lane and the village pond with its thriving duck population, the hearse drove off to take Robin to his final resting place in Alpheton. On Wednesday night there had a been a Vigil Mass in the church after Robin's body had been received into church to rest overnight before the Funeral Thanks-giving on Thursday. I was in a sad and thoughtful frame of mind for many reasons. Robin and Pippa's study-sitting room lined with books, sitting in front of the wood-burner, to the sound of Wanda their retriever breathing deeply, had become a comfortable and special place for me in my nearly four years living at Fincham. A short 30minute visit to discuss something usually ended 2 hours or more later after tea and home-made cake.

Robin will be one of the many people whom I shall miss as I take my leave of West Norfolk and the Fincham and Feltwell Deanery and I learnt much from him. I came here as House-for-Duty Rural Dean in June 2017, a post I had never held before. There was therefore a lot to learn, and mistakes made by me, from some of which at least I hope I learnt. Many of the issues of rural life and ministry were familiar to me, from my 20 years as a village priest elsewhere (in Cambridgeshire across the fen). I had thought to have stayed here for longer but life and marriage intervened, as it so often does. In the deanery and the parishes we are beginning to grapple with some major issues and how we resolve them will affect the mission and ministry of the church in the country side for many years to come There are some factors which are distinctive to Anglican Ministry in rural areas.

Firstly, the responsibility for the care and maintenance of so many of England's most ancient buildings is a huge responsibility. Some of you, I know, have heard me say that in many cases these lovely buildings will have difficulty is surviving unless their care and maintenance is supported by various forms of community trusts formed by local people, who will not necessarily be churchgoers but want to see the historic building survive. In countries like Germany and France and even in Scotland, most historic churches are maintained by the state. In the case of Scotland the surviving medieval churches and cathedrals are mainly cared for by Historic Scotland. The

problem in England and in Norfolk in particular is that we have so many medieval gems to look after and it requires a strategic plan in my view.

Another distinctive aspect of the Church of England is the nature of its ministry. The Church of England does not appoint ministers to congregations but priests to parishes. In other words the Church of England priest be he/she Rector/Vicar or whatever has a responsibility for every soul in the geographical area of the parishes not just the congregation in church. The Church of England is about place and the wider community matters. With the reduction in paid-clergy numbers there may be up to a dozen parishes in the area of which the priest has the care - to use slightly old-fashioned language the "cure of souls" which means the mission and ministry of the church in a particular area. Historically and theologically the ministry of the church has always been the responsibility of the wider church, of people lay and ordained not just the ordained clergy. Clearly in future, the ministry of the church will only thrive when large numbers of lay people are not just sitting in the pews but are active in the work and ministry of the church. We have some wonderful and capable lay ministers in this deanery, both Authorised and Licensed and without their work the mission and ministry of the church would struggle to be effective.

The lay officers I have always admired for their sense of responsibility, conscientiousness and sheer hard work especially in the countryside, where numbers of priests are spread so thin, have been the Churchwardens. Churchwardens are Bishops' Officers in the parishes and this area of West Norfolk, in our deanery we are fortunate to have so many dedicated and committed, competent wardens and I would like to thank all the wardens for the welcome they have given me when I have come to their churches for services or meetings. The other people I am grateful to are the retired clergy in the deanery without whose involvement we would be very stretched indeed. I would also like to thank all my fellow-priests in the parishes for their support, collegiality and friendliness.

What might the future look like for rural churches? There will be fewer stipendiary (paid clergy) and those we do have will have an oversight role. The Church of England is an Episcopal Church, that means it has Bishops who are responsible for the oversight of the churches in their diocese, a responsibility they share with subordinate clergy. The role of the stipendiary priests will probably be augmented by a number of locally ordained priests working in teams with lay ministers (including parish assistants or focal ministers in each parish) as is already happening in the Wissey Valley Group. Some churches may decide to forgo the status of parish church and become Festival Churches.

I am leaving the Deanery having been invited to become the House-for-Duty parish priest for three very small parishes/villages in Oxfordshire. The village in which we will live is Great Tew. Anyone passing through will be very welcome to call in. We would love to see you; we have met lovely people and made good friends in the short time we have lived in West Norfolk and we shall miss you.

With every blessing, many thanks and love and best wishes to you all,

William Burke



Great Tew, Oxfordshire



Remembering Robin Blackall

It has to be said that my view of the clergy was not great, based on childhood experiences of going to church. In the days when little girls were to be seen and not heard, it seemed that in church they should not be seen either. The whole business was pretty awful, sitting or kneeling for what seemed like an interminable period of time, while the whole service went on over your head, both physically and mentally. If you moved or made a sound, your mother jabbed you in the back, and the best you could hope for to lighten the proceedings was a Ladybird bible storybook, still intact, to read during the sermon. Nobody spoke to anyone else either, and silence reigned from the moment you entered the building. This was made worse by the fact that we left home halfway through Batman, so we never knew how the Boy Wonder escaped, and had to cycle in clean white socks to our destination. Kneeling on a grubby floor did nothing for the whiteness of these socks either. The vicar was a frightening, distant figure, to be feared and definitely not to be spoken to; invariably tall and bald, This image was not helped by the sitcoms of the time -All Gas and Gaiters, and Dad's Army.

So when Mark and I were invited in the late nineties to have a look at the wildlife on Boughton Fen with someone from English Nature, we were in the company of a very small group of enthusiasts, including a couple we had never met before. Steve Saunders who had made the invitation, introduced them as the new vicar and his wife – who we learnt were Robin and Pippa. It came as something as a shock when he calmly asked if Mark and I were an 'item' without being remotely concerned whether we were married or not. He wasn't tall, bald or frightening either.

Of course, it didn't take long before we started to get to know them better, and found Robin to be a lovely man with many interests of his own, knowledgeable in all sorts of fields, generous, kind and considerate, with a great sense of humour. Whilst we were not frequent churchgoers, services suddenly became warm and friendly occasions, with Pippa's ability to engage children using live props like lambs, donkeys and so on, in stark contrast to my early experiences.

As time has gone by, all of our lives have seen changes, but despite his own health issues, Robin always was interested and concerned about other people's problems, and never failed to ask about Mark, and send his best wishes whenever I saw him. His actions and ideas did much to bring the four village communities together, and the family were regular participants at the many varied social functions held around here, as well as instigating new events (the quiz and continental suppers particularly spring to mind).

It was an honour to have known him, and he will be sadly missed by the local communities. Sue Pogmore

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Norfolk Crab Sandwiches and Crab Blinis. Cromer crabs are well known in the UK for their delicious unique taste, perfect filling for a sandwich or as a topping for blinis.

Frances Mobbs Acle WI

As a sandwich filling:

- " " White crabmeat
- " " Mayonnaise
- " " Squeeze of lemon juice
- " " Snipped chives (optional)



" " Combine ingredients together in a bowl, then sandwich between two slices of lightly buttered granary bread.

As a topping for Blinis;

Combine the brown meat from the body of the crab with a little lemon juice or vinegar. Place a teaspoon on top of each blini and garnish with finely chopped fresh chilli.

For the Blinis;

- " " 100grams plain flour
- " " 1 egg separated
- " " 150mls milk
- " " 25grams butter (melted)
- " " Bunch of chives snipped (optional)
- " " Sunflower oil, for cooking.

Tip the flower into a bowl, season. Make a whole in the middle, add the egg yoke and half of the milk. Whisk until smooth, gradually add the rest of the milk and then the butter. Whisk the egg whites until starting to stiffen, then add into the mixture. Sprinkle some oil in a frying pan and sizzle small spoonfuls for 2-3 mins on each side until golden.

COUNTRYSIDE NOTES WOOL 3

This is the time of year when sheep are sheared, or 'clipped' in shepherding jargon. Returns for low grade fleeces do not even cover the cost of shearing but on welfare grounds it is necessary for this to be done each year. Apart from the obvious problem of over-heating there is also a serious risk of 'fly strike' when flies are attracted to wet, greasy or soiled wool.

The art of knitting or weaving fibres to make fabrics dates back to the Middle East with the oldest surviving fragments of wool cloth, dating to c3500BC, having been discovered in Egypt. Wool has many uses but over recent decades has been displaced by manmade fibres; demand dropped accordingly which reflected in the amount paid for wool.

Lambs are not sheared in their first year. Mature sheep are normally clipped in May or June, hill sheep a month later. Many sheep farmers employ gangs of experienced men and women from New Zealand to do this. They travel around the country and the shearers are very skilled and can each clip up to 400 in a day. Other gang members expertly roll up the fleeces which has to be done in a special way. These contractors are a godsend for large flock owners as they can handle hundreds of sheep in a day using their own equipment. With hobbyists showing a resurgence of interest in spinning and weaving, wool of high quality is sought after. Some even keep a few sheep themselves to supply their specific needs. Iconic Harris tweed comes only from the Outer Hebrides. It is woven from wool that comes from the islands' sheep which is dyed and spun before being hand woven and finished by the islanders in their own homes.

Wool is an environmentally friendly material; having thermal insulation properties, is biodegradable and a naturally renewable by-product. The UK has 60 pure breeds of sheep, more than anywhere else in the world, and each one bears a different grade of wool. The best is used to make high quality clothing and the poorest carpets and mattresses. Stroke a Cheviot and its wool feels soft and silky, stroke a Herdwick sheep and it feels like a Brillo pad! In medieval times East Anglia was famed for its woollen industry. Landowners grew wealthy off the backs of their sheep and are responsible for building, as status symbols, many of the disproportionately large churches found in our villages today.

The UK produces 22,000 tons of wool each year. Sheep owners, with the exemption of those owning four or less sheep, are required to register with British Wool before they can market and sell their fleeces. British Wool is owned by approximately 40,000 sheep farmers in the UK. The organisation collects, grades, markets and sells British wool, on behalf of its producers, to the international wool textile industry for use in flooring, furnishings and clothing. Its logo is a red crook and a union jack on a dark blue background with a red border. Jill Mason







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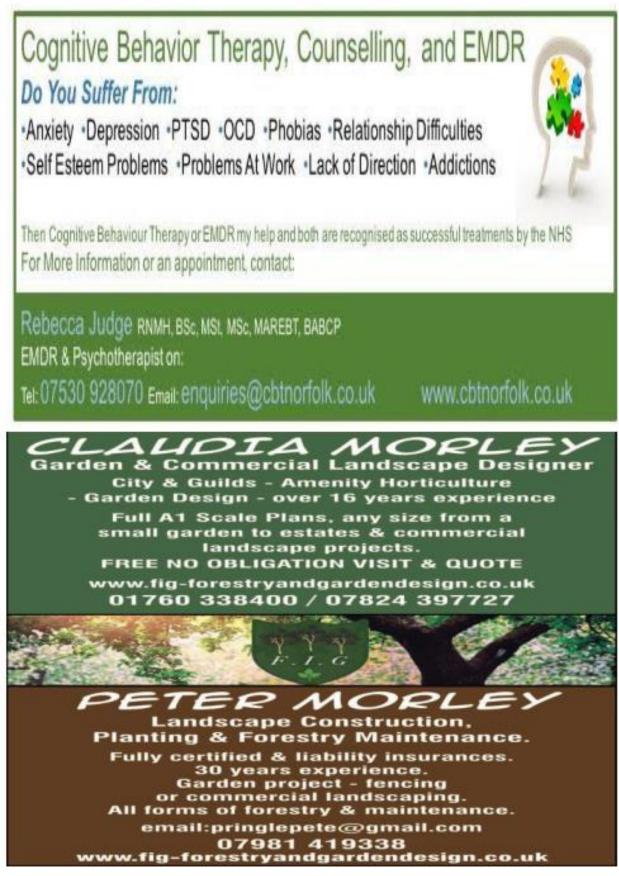
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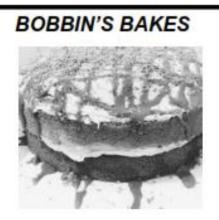
Older, disabled or vulnerable residents of West Norfolk are being encouraged to book an appointment for a free home assessment from Careline Community Services.

The assessments, which are carried out by a team of qualified staff, will help residents, who may be living with a disability or dementia, or who are simply older and less mobile, to identify concerns in their property which may be affecting their day-to-day life.

The assessor, trained by the Disabled Living Foundation, will inspect the home to see whether measures could be introduced that would reduce the possibility of slips, trips and falls and generally make it easier for people to live safely and independently in their own homes.

Measures that could be considered include installation of a Careline personal alarm, improved lighting arrangements, heating checks, draught proofing, smoke detectors and easy-to-use taps along with recommendations for other adaptations that may reduce any potential risk to the resident. Practical solutions for those living with dementia are also available, this includes signage or colour differentiation for those who suffer with memory loss and are visually impaired.

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

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

If you would like to find out more about becoming a Volunteer Mentor for the CSV Futures Project please contact Vicki Howling, the project co-ordinator for an informal chat. Telephone 01366 386972 or 07926 044845 or email vhowling@csv.org.uk

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BARTON BENDISH NEWS

Barton Bendish Village Hall

Many of you will have noticed that the building work has now completed, but unfortunately the Covid-19 pandemic has abated rather more slowly, meaning that we have been frustrated in re-opening. However the extra time has meant that we have had the opportunity to carry out some additional works, including a full Audio-Visual installation and the supply of some new comfortable chairs.

The good news though is that we shall be having a formal re-opening event on Saturday 26^a June, as detailed below:

INVITATION

Barton Bendish Village Hall

You are cordially invited to a drinks reception to celebrate the newly extended and re-furbished Village Hall

2.00 – 4.00pm Saturday 26th June 2021 Formal Re-opening at 2.30pm

by

The Lady Dannatt, MBE, HM Lord-Lieutenant of Norfolk

Church Road, Barton Bendish, PE33 9GF www.bartonbendsihvillagehall.com rsvp to: cp720976@gmail.com

We are delighted that the Lord-Lieutenant of Norfolk has agreed to attend, and we have also invited all of our funders, to whom we owe a great deal of thanks. However the most important guests will be you, the parishioners and local people to whom the hall is dedicated and in which we can continue to build and strengthen the ties of our community. So yes, we would like to welcome all the readers of Group 4 News to come and see the hall and its extended facilities, and share a glass of bubbly and some nibbles. We shall be incorporating a display of the project and details about our journey.

As an introductory offer for the new facilities, the Trustees have agreed to waive any hiring fees between now and the 25th December 2021, so if you are thinking of holding a family get together, organising an event, starting a regular function, or arranging a business meeting, you can 'try before you

buy' up to Christmas. This is in part to help the community recover from the pandemic and to further the Trust's charitable purpose, so do come along and use the hall.

Our website at <u>www.bartonbendishvillagehall.com</u> has further details about the hall, its facilities, history, and much more so please take a look. Chris Parsons

Trustee (Secretary), Barton Bendish Village Hall Trust Tel 07769 720976

Barton Bendish Film Club proudly presents – 'David Copperfield' Saturday 3rd July 7pm

After a brief pause we as members of the Barton Bendish Film Club are delighted to extend an invitation to you to come along to our next screening of David Copperfield on Saturday 3rd July at 7pm.



At the time of writing, indications are that by 21st June, community activities will have fully reopened, the simple act of being able to come together for fun, to catch up with friends, to make new ones and to enjoy the collective experience of watching a film, will not only be possible but also be a reality.

Our Barton Bendish Village Hall as a venue for our whole rural community, has been transformed. It's bigger, better, far more comfortable and there's no longer even the risk of falling through the floor! We hope you will consider booking tickets

in advance or coming along on the night

to enjoy a film; A warm welcome is guaranteed, (hugs optional). Running time 119 minutes

Hoping to see you soon.

Tickets £5, Box Office: 01366 347849 email: cinemabarton@gmail.com Bendish Film Club Committee

VOICES FROM THE VESTRY

Churchyard Tidy Up June 19th (St Andrew's)

If you can spare an hour or two, please come along to help between 9.30am and 12.30pm.

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Open Gardens June 27th 11am - 5pm

This annual event normally attracts many visitors, some of them regulars, to the village and it's always good to have some new gardens for them to look at. Open Gardens Day really is a community project.

The proceeds go to St Andrew's and it is the main fundraising event of the year for the Church. Even if you don't want to have your garden open, there are other ways of helping, such as selling tickets and serving refreshments on the day.

We are always grateful to receive any donations of raffle prizes, plants and produce for the stalls, as well as cakes, for this and all other events. If you have any donations please drop them off at Linda's, Mhari's or Liz's or contact one of us.

[Liz Stephen 347549, Linda 347563 or Mhari 347849].

If you would like to order a Ploughman's Lunch in advance please let us know.

Art /Photography/Craft Exhibition and Sale - September 18th and 19th

This will be the eleventh annual exhibition and sale of art, photography and craft. Details have gone out to all previous exhibitors and are available by contacting <u>bartonbendishevents@gmail.com</u> or Liz Stephen (347549). Queries: Linda or Mhari.

We are grateful for any help with or publicity for our events. Please encourage your friends to 'pass the word' and to join in.

Update from Barton Bendish Parish Council

The government has advised that at the moment they will not be extending the legislation which allows us to hold virtual meetings beyond the current end date of 6* May 2021. We

will therefore be returning to face-to-face meetings in the Village Hall from May. All meetings are open to the public to attend.

Contact details for the Parish Council:

Miss Sarah Thorpe, Parish Clerk

Telephone number: 01945 430930

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Further information is available on the Parish Council website at bartonbendishparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk

THE WEATHER

Thank goodness it's turned mild at last - what an awful April it was! The coldest on record. There was virtually not a day when the wind wasn't in the north and a night when there wasn't a hard frost, frequently registering a minus. Until the last day of April there had been only a negligible amount of rain, not enough to measure, which fell as a mix of rain, sleet, hail or snow. This combination of cold temperatures, no rain and bitter winds created tremendous problems for farmers, growers, gardeners and wildlife. Seeds that were planted either failed to germinate or were very slow to do so. Livestock farmers rely on a good growth of grass in spring. Growth is stimulated mostly by moisture and warm night time temperatures. This didn't happen. Young lambs grow quickly once when they have plenty of nourishing grass to eat and dairy cows produce more milk. Spring grass is a complete food for cattle and sheep, bursting with goodness. An old cowman I once knew referred to it as 'Dr Green'. Perhaps the major concern though for farmers is that if grass doesn't grow quickly in the spring there is not enough to make sufficient silage and hay to feed their livestock next winter.

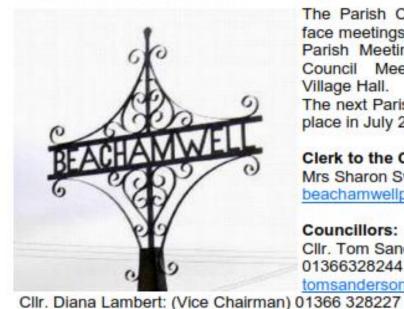
Nature too suffered badly through it being so cold. When birds are nesting they don't begin to incubate their eggs until they have laid all they are going to. In this interim period the eggs are left exposed and hard frosts at night can freeze them rendering them unviable. Once chicks have hatched it is vital they are provided with a plentiful supply of insects and invertebrates but many of those did not survive the cold and the young chicks starved.

Nature can be so cruel at times. At least in May we've had some rain and as of the 9th it turned warmer. Jill

Invitation Barton Bendish Village Hall You are cordially invited to a drinks reception to celebrate the newly extended and re-furbished Village Hall 2:00 –4:00 pm Saturday 26th June 2021 Formal Re-opening at 2:30 pm by The Lady Dannatt, MBE, HM Lord-Lieutenant of Norfolk Church Rd, Barton Bendish, PE33 9GF www.bartonbendishvillagehall.comrsvp to: cp720976@gmail.com

BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

Beachamwell Parish Council



Clir. Pat O'Donnell: 01366 328385

The Parish Council returned to face-toface meetings in May, holding the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting at Barton Bendish Village Hall.

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place in July 2021, date to be confirmed.

Clerk to the Council:

Mrs Sharon Sweet 07823772270 beachamwellparishcouncil@gmail.com

Councillors:

Cllr. Tom Sanderson (Chairman) 01366328244 07803963804 or tomsanderson@btconnect.com

Cllr. Richard James{ 01366 328968 rij1james@gmail.com

The Friends of St Mary's Church - Update on the Lead Roof



We are still trying to pin down when the work will be able to start on the replacement lead roof - every time we think we are making progress another obstacle seems to appear. We will keep you as up to date as we can. In the meantime there are tentative steps being taken to re start some of our fund raising activities so again we will let you know when we can. It is disappointing not to be able to give you more positive news but there is a lot of work being done

behind the scenes to make some progress. Peggy Ray [FOSM]

BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS



Thank you Allan Butler

Mobile Post Office

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



CHURCH SERVICES IN JUNE (Wissey Group)

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

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

Sunday 6th June	The First Sunday after Trinity		
9.30 am	Methwold Service of the Word		
9.30 am	West Dereham Holy Communion		
9.30 am	Wretton with Stoke Ferry Service of the Word		
6.00 pm	Wereham Evensong		
Sunday 13th June 9.30 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 11.00 am	The Second Sunday after TrinityMethwoldService of the WordWhittingtonService of the WordBoughtonMorning PrayerWest DerehamFamily Service		
Sunday 20th June	The Third Sunday after Trinity		
9.30 am	Methwold Holy Communion		
9.30 am 9.30 am	West Dereham Service of the Word Wretton with Stoke Ferry Service of the Word		
11.00 am	Wereham Morning Prayer		
Sunday 27th June	The Fourth Sunday after Trinity		
9.30 am	Methwold Service of the Word		
9.30 am	West Dereham Service of the Word		
9.30 am	Whittington Service of the Word		
11.00 am	Boughton Holy Communion		
Midweek Services			

Mondays and 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

CHURCH SERVICES IN JUNE (Priory Group)

All services are subject to Covid-19 restrictions and change or cancellation. For up-to-date information check our website at http://finchamgroupnews.co.uk/ or the WNPG website at. https://www.westnorfolkpriorygroup.co.uk/calendar

Sunday 6th June

The First Sunday after Trinity

- 09.30 am Runcton Holme Holy Communion 10.00 am Shouldham Morning Praver
- 11.00 am Marham Holy Communion
- 11.00 am Watlington Morning Prayer
- 6.00 pm Online Evening Prayer See link below

Sunday 13th June

The Second Sunday after Trinity

- 09.30 am
- Holy Communion
- Runcton Holme 09.30 am Shouldham Thorpe Holy Communion
- 11.00 am Fincham Morning Prayer
- 11.00 am Stowbridge Holy Communion
- Holy Communion 11.00 am Watlington
- Online Evening Prayer 6.00 pm

Sunday 20th June

The Third Sunday after Trinity

- 09.30 am Holy Communion Runcton Holme 09.30 am Holy Communion Wormegay 11.00 am Morning Prayer Marham 11.00 am Shouldham Holy Communion
- 11.00 am Watlington Holy Communion
- 6.00 pm Online Evening Prayer

Sunday 27th June

The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

09.30 am Fincham Holy Communion 09.30 am Runcton Holme Holy Communion 11.00 am Tottenhill Holy Communion 11.00 am Morning Prayer Watlington 6.00 pm Online Evening Prayer

Stow Bardolph church is now open every Wednesday and Sunday for private prayer and visits.

Link. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84842560875? pwd=Ym82aiBzWIZzdXRoYVNiUW1JSWRsQT09

Mobile library timetable				
Route number: EDE208 Calls on: Tuesday 15 th June Normally every:28 Days				
Village	Arrival time	Departure time	Stop name Postcode	
Beachamwell Boughton	09:45 10:45	10:00 11:00	Old Post Office Mill Hill Road	
Barton Bendish	11:10	11:20	Hatherley Gardens	
Route number: on :Friday Normally every:28 Days 11th June				
Wereham	12:25	12:40	Queens Close '	

Please read the following guidelines before visiting the mobile library.

- You will be required to wear a face covering when you visit the mobile library
- The mobile library will be operating on a one customer (or one household of up to 3 people) at a time basis to reduce the number of people inside
- Please remember to bring your library card with you
- We will ask you for your contact details for 'test and trace' purposes
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- Returned items will be quarantined for up to 72 hours

We look forward to welcoming you back on board. Please bear with us if we run a little late due to limiting the number of people

QUIZ TIME!

1. How many counties are there on the south coast of England?

2. Which is England's most easterly town?

3. Which of these towns is the furthest north; Liverpool, Manchester, or Leeds?

4. Which London market re-located to the Isle of Dogs, in 1982

The Ritz Hotel, in London, overlooks which Park; Green Park, Hyde Park, or Regents Park

6. Who is the only King of England to be buried in Canterbury Cathedral

7. If the most common name for a street in Britain is High Street, what is the second most common name for a street

8. In which English city is John Wesley's Chapel, the worlds first Methodist Chapel, where he used to preach

9. Of which city is Saint Frideswide the patron saint?

10. Scenes from which 007 film were shot at Stoke Poges golf club, in Buckinghamshire

11. What is so unusual about a city that Wincanton is twinned with

12. Who are the only four successive kings of England to have had the same name

13. Who was the youngest member of England's World Cup winning team of 1966

14. Auckland Castle is the official home of whom

15. Which road had the postcode L43 6TZ

16. Which road runs from Hounslow to Lands End

17. In order to calculate distances from London, what is generally regarded as the capital's central point

18. In which English city is Parliament Street, the world's second narrowest 'road', at just 122 centimetres wide

19. As they stand, which is higher; the top of the London Eye, or the top of the Wembley Stadium Arch?

20. Which town lies at the confluence of the rivers Avon and Severn

ANSWERS ON PAGE 53

BOUGHTON VILLAGE NEWS

All Saints' Church

We have lost two valued members of our community in recent weeks, who both supported the church in their different ways. Robin Blackall was a much loved priest in charge, who supported us through two interregnums, when we had no priest of our own. Frank Reid was a dynamic and very hardworking Parish Chairman, who made a tremendous contribution to the village and also supported the church. May they both rest in peace and rise in glory.

The Annual Parish Church Meeting took place on May 17th and the PCC remains largely unchanged, although we welcome Carol Luckett as a new member. I'm still the churchwarden, although as I'll be eighty this year it's time to look to the future! We hope to continue with a service of Holy Communion on the fourth Sunday of each month, but at the moment we would not be allowed to restart Breakfast Church. When it's possible, we will do our best and certainly we will let you know! *Pam Wakeling*

From Boughton Parish Council RIP Frank Reid.

As you will know, past Parish Council Chairman Frank Reid passed way at home on 7th May. He will be sorely missed and our thoughts are with his widow Sandy and family. Frank was a great source of inspiration and guidance to many in the village, including councillors that followed him. For some new arrivals, he was the first person in the village to welcome them to Boughton. My wife and I were captivated by his hospitality, wisdom and love of life. Rest in peace my friend.

Parish Council and Annual Parish Meetings

On May 4th Boughton Parish Council held its regular meeting, which was followed by the Annual Parish Meeting. Both of these meeting were required to be virtual, which has proved a double-edged sword over the last 15 months. Government dispensation for virtual meetings has now lapsed, so future meetings will be held in person, and we trust that by our next meeting on 6th July the church will be available to use once again.

The council meeting discussed proposals for deploying water safety equipment at the pond following a revised risk assessment and we will be looking at installing a throw rope in the near future.

At the Annual Parish Meeting the subject of dog fouling was discussed at some length. It is unclear why some dog walkers in the village continue to leave their pets' mess in our streets - it is wholly unfair on the rest of the community and the volunteers left to clean it up. Let's be clear: it is no one's job to pick up other people's foul detritus. Not mine, not the council, not the Borough Council. And it is an offence. Later in the summer we will be running an awareness campaign that will end with a public meeting to decide on further action. A second Parish Meeting will be held alongside the regular council meeting on September 7th at 7pm. Please put this date in your diary and come along.

Take care, and enjoy the easing of lockdown restrictions responsibly. Keep in touch via the website or Facebook page (@boughtonpc) Regards Neil Matthew Chair, Boughton Parish Council chair.boughtonpc@gmail.com

Recollections of Frank

We will all have our own memories of Frank – and one of mine was his mastery of understatement. Mark and I arrived home from holiday to find a message from Frank on our voicemail, something like this: "We've had a little bit of a fire on the fen, Mark. Well, just a bit more than that". And they had. The entire



main reed bed had been razed to the ground. It seems that he and Allan had lit a very innocuous bonfire, have taken great care that there was no wind, that it was sited in a wet area, and they were standing ankle deep in water, so there should be no spread. They were unlucky, then, that a tiny ember was picked up by a sudden flurry of wind, and in no time at all had spread all the way to the Oxborough road.

I understand that five fire appliances attended. A team of miscreants on their 'unpaid work' session were also on site, and found it very amusing. Frank and Allan were both mortified at the time, and it certainly was not their fault. It was some consolation then, that the Natural England officer said to Mark on the quiet that it was probably the best thing that could have happened to get the reed bed into a healthy state, and five years previously,

controlled burning would have been the standard method for regeneration - but don't do it again.

Aside from that – his inventiveness with the various Boughton Challenges – Pumpkins, Sunflowers, buckets, bread and cake all spring to mind, along with the Sunday afternoon visits from him and his partner in crime, Geoff, – 'policing' the entries, seeking bribes in kind, and wearing ridiculous hats.

Best of all – the pie making competition alongside the Olympic torch relay day in 2012. Having set it going, he managed not to be one of the unfortunate judges who had to taste a colossal array of entries, both savoury and sweet,

and no doubt, both leaden and light.

These events were always great fun, and Frank threw heart and soul in making Boughton a great place to live. We will miss him.

Sue

Don't forget the Bottle stories at Breakfast Church, which were always eagerly awaited! Pam

April 2021 Fen Report

The past two winters have proved exceptionally challenging, and it has been the weather that has been the problem, rather than the pandemic, as volunteering has been allowed under the government rules from the outset.

The winter of 2019/20 was hit and miss with working parties – due to very heavy rain. Reed cutting was impossible. Fortunately, the late summer grass cut went well, thanks to our professional contractor, who keeps records of all his cutting so that he can keep in step with the requirements of the CSA. Last winter was even worse, with widespread flooding everywhere. We had opened both outfalls much earlier than usual, hoping that reed cutting could commence straight after Christmas. This was not to be – but fortunately, opening the outfalls prevented the fen from flooding the surrounding roads, and the riverside section of the path remained passable throughout, which was not the case prior to the installation of these devices.

Consequently, a further application to the RPA for permission not to cut was necessary, and has been granted. One working party went ahead just before the November lockdown, thanks to Paul Smith and his group of colleagues from Plant Health, who had a workplace volunteer day. After that, it was too wet to contemplate working without doing more harm than good; and eventually, a small group had a cutting back session through Highland Fen after the track had dried up a bit.

On the positive side, one of our longstanding volunteers asked if he and his friend could do some tidying up around the walk during the summer. The committee are grateful for their efforts, which also included cleaning the information boards.

A bug survey has been carried out by some expert enthusiasts. Their data was sent to us just after Christmas, and their findings include several hundred species, including rare and nationally scarce beetles. They were very impressed with the site, and found the habitat piles created on previous reed cuts to be rich in their particular area of interest. They hope to repeat the exercise this year.

Footfall around the site has been massive, with many of people including it on their 'exercise' walks throughout the year. It is becoming increasingly popular with serious birders, and it is one of the most reported sites on the NARVOS sightings register. Marsh Harrier numbers are high with sightings of up to ten at a time, and evidence of nesting is taking place now.

Bearded tits are showing in the reed bed, and in the margins of the river. Kingfishers, water rail, cetti's, reed and willow warblers, chiff-chaff, cuckoos and hobbies are all regular visitors. The presence of Bewick and Hooper Swans on the adjacent fields, as well as the bittern on the other side of the river have drawn keen birders some considerable distance, who are then delighted to find so many red list species present. We have received many compliments about the site, and a number of offers to join working parties next season. Although it is great to welcome visitors, the recreational walkers are less now that restrictions are easing, which is a something of a relief as ground nesting birds have started breeding.

Let us hope for a better winter this year, as there is now a lot of work to be done.

Sue Pogmore

FANCY SOME CRICKET? BOUGHTON CC NEEDS YOU!!

Boughton Cricket Club is looking for new players to join us this season. We welcome players of all ages & abilities and play a mix of friendly, league and midweek cricket around West Norfolk. We have our own ground in Boughton where on, a clear day, you can see Ely Cathedral! We are always on the lookout for new members, so please get in touch via the email below if you'd like a game! Our 1st XI plays Saturdays in Norfolk Cricket League Div. 3 and our Sunday XI plays village friendlies and the occasional touring team. We even have a midweek T20 side if you fancy a bash on those late summer evenings followed by a cold beer! We have net practice on most Tuesdays from 6pm at our lovely ground, down Wretton Road, Boughton. If you're interested in knowing more either drop us an email at <u>BOUGHTONCC@outlook.com</u>, call me on 07730 871042 or come down to one of our practice sessions on Tuesday. It would be great to see you!

Hugh Jenkins



WEREHAM VILLAGE NEWS

MOBILE POST OFFICE will park near the village pond on the following days/ times,

Monday and Thursday 14.00 - 14.15

Tuesday and Wednesday 13.05 - 13.30

Wereham Car Boot and Cafe.

We plan on re-opening the car boot on Sunday June 27th. 2021. For details please contact Philip on 01366 501330, 07759033492. E-mail <u>rosemary.pease@btinternet.com</u>.

Short Mat Bowls.

We plan to start bowls again on July 8th, 2pm until 4pm. For details please contact Philip details as above.

Wereham Craft Group

The date for the next meeting will be Tuesday July 13th, 10.30am until about 12.30pm. For details please contact Rosemary on 01366 501330, 07749240606, e – mail. <u>rosemary.pease@btinternet.com</u>.

Wereham Parish Council

Next Meeting Date – Tuesday 13 July 2021 at 7.00 pm (To be held in the Village Hall pending Covid safety – check Agenda on Website for the most up to date meeting details, if deemed unsafe the meeting would 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 at werehampc@gmail.com . The Agendas for meetings are always published on the Wereham Village Notice Board three clear days before the meeting, and notified via the Wereham Parish Council Facebook Page and on the website www.werehamparishcouncil.co.uk You will also find minutes of all meetings here too.

Parochial Church Council Funding Application – Please see the minutes of the Wereham Parish Council on 4^{th} May where this was discussed. The Parish Council resolved that it was unable to fund due to restrictions on the powers that

it has to provide funds to the church and any organisation in terms of contingency coverage and also in terms of the church building. However, the Parish Council wished to keep an open dialogue with the Church in the coming months and should it get into detrimental difficulties the Council would do what it could within its powers to assist.

Highways – Paths and Roads – Defects Please report anything that you see verges, trees, potholes, main holes, drains to Norfolk County Council Highways via their defects page of their website. You need to set up a login, and once on the site you can easily report issues and upload pictures of the issue. They will then arrange inspection. You are also able to track the report. Should a report not be resolved as you wish please then contact the Parish Council. The Parish Council will report issues that it finds, but if residents do this also we can increase the repairs that we notice need doing. https://apps.norfolk.gov.uk/ HighwaysDefect/

Helen Richardson

Wereham Parish Clerk and Finance Responsible Person

Email werehampc@gmail.com or Phone/Text: 0779 500 6811

St. Margaret's church Wereham

Sunday July 4th 11.00am Service to celebrate the end of Lockdown and commemorate those who have been affected by Covid.

The church is planning to hold a special service on Sunday July 4th 11am to 'hopefully' celebrate the end of lockdown.



We hope to be able to offer refreshments in the church yard afterwards at approx 12.00 noon.. All are welcome to attend the service and /or to the churchyard after the service. We will be saying prayers in the church service for all who have been affected by Covid. If you want people prayed for by name, please let any member of the pcc know, or <u>email Debbie.rye1@gmail.com</u>.

Please look out for more details on the church notice board, on the Wereham Village Group Facebook page and on The Friends of St. Margaret's Facebook page.

A warm welcome will be waiting for everyone and especially to those new residents to Wereham.

WEREHAM VILLAGE HALL

We are delighted to announce that from 17 May Wereham Village Hall will be open to the public again. At the time of writing, in early May, we are still in the process of liaising with individual group organisers to work out a schedule of activities and events, but it is hoped that many of the regular classes that were running before lockdown will be able to restart in the near future.

Being at the heart of the local community, the Village Hall is proud of the fact that since its inception it has been able to host a diverse range of activities and events to suit all ages, areas of interest and levels of experience and in this way to provide opportunities for as many people as possible to get involved, learn new skills, socialise, have fun and get physically active. Each group is run by a local organiser who brings their own skills and experience to the activity and/or event on offer. All groups welcome new members. Also, if you have an idea for a new group activity or would like to set one up, do let us know.

For further details please check our website www.werehamvillagehall.co.uk or visit our Facebook page.

Continuing to work within the relevant government guidelines, the Village Hall will also once again be available for hire for social and family events, business meetings, and individual activities and performances. The Village Hall can offer first class facilities and services, both technical and catering, to all hirers. For further details or to make a booking call the office on 01366 502214 / 07497 430005. We would be delighted to show you around.

We are also planning to reopen the Village Hall Cafe serving a range of hot and cold drinks, cakes, pastries, biscuits, and other light refreshments. Further details of opening times will be published soon. The Cafe is the perfect place to relax and meet new friends, browse our pre-loved bookstall and enjoy our free Wi-Fi. If you can spare a few hours and would like to join our team of volunteers.

helping to run the Cafe, or helping out in other areas of the Hall's work, please contact us through our website, Facebook page or by giving us a call, or just

pop into the Hall for a chat. After many months of closure and uncertainty we look forward to welcoming everyone back to our lovely Village Hall very soon.

Children's Book Illustrator, Wereham

Greetings! My name is Padmacandra (also known as Pippa) and I'm a Childrens Book Author and Illustrator. I've been living happily in Wereham since 2016.

I moved here to begin a part-time MA in Children's Book Illustration at Cambridge School of Art. It did not take long to confirm how fortunate I was to live in such a beautiful quiet village, with great neighbours, and lovely walks nearby. The MA ended with my signing with a London publisher in 2020, and deciding to stay on in lovely Wereham.

In March this year my first book as illustrator came out. It is called "The Tale of the Whale" by Karen Swann, and is published by Scallywag Press (available from any bookshop!). The book celebrates the beauty and wonder of the sea, whilst also communicating an environmental message about plastic pollution particularly poignant in Norfolk, where seals (like our "Billy") have sadly been frequently found with plastic wound round their necks.

Despite this the book is also quite joyful, with its friendship between a child and a whale, and their adventure together. It is aimed at 4 to 8 year olds, and is also great for use in schools. The book was featured in both the Kings Lynn and the Thetford local papers.

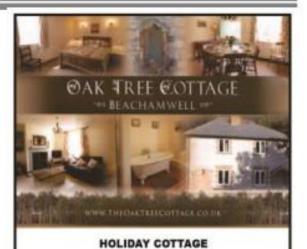
Some people may wonder about my name. It's a Buddhist name given when I was ordained in 1999. As best I can, I try to live in all my activities from a place of kindness and mindfulness. For bread and butter I work with the elderly as a carer, which I love.

I can tend to be a bit of a hermit by choice! But I do love talking with groups, so if you would like me to come to your local school or group to talk or run a workshop about "The Tale of the Whale", Making Art, and/or Mindfulness Meditation please do be in touch <u>padmacandra@btinternet.com</u>. (I have a current DBS check). Likewise if you would like me to sign your copy of "The Tale of the Whale" do drop me a line. Or make a commissioned piece of art (such as a house and family portrait).For more about the book and to see me in action go to <u>https://scallywagpress.om/books-tale-of-the-whale.html</u>

Or https://www.padmacandra.com Or Instagram: padmacandrameek



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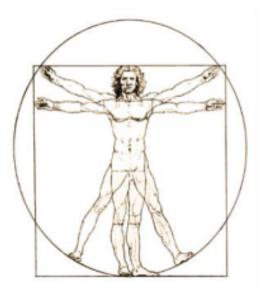
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Leeds
Billingsgate Fish Market

- Green Park
- Henry IV
- Station Road
- Bristol
- Oxford
- 10. Goldfinger

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Ankh-Morpork
George I,II,III,IV
Alan Ball (aged 21)
The Bishop of Durham
Brookside Close
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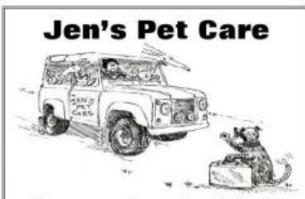
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