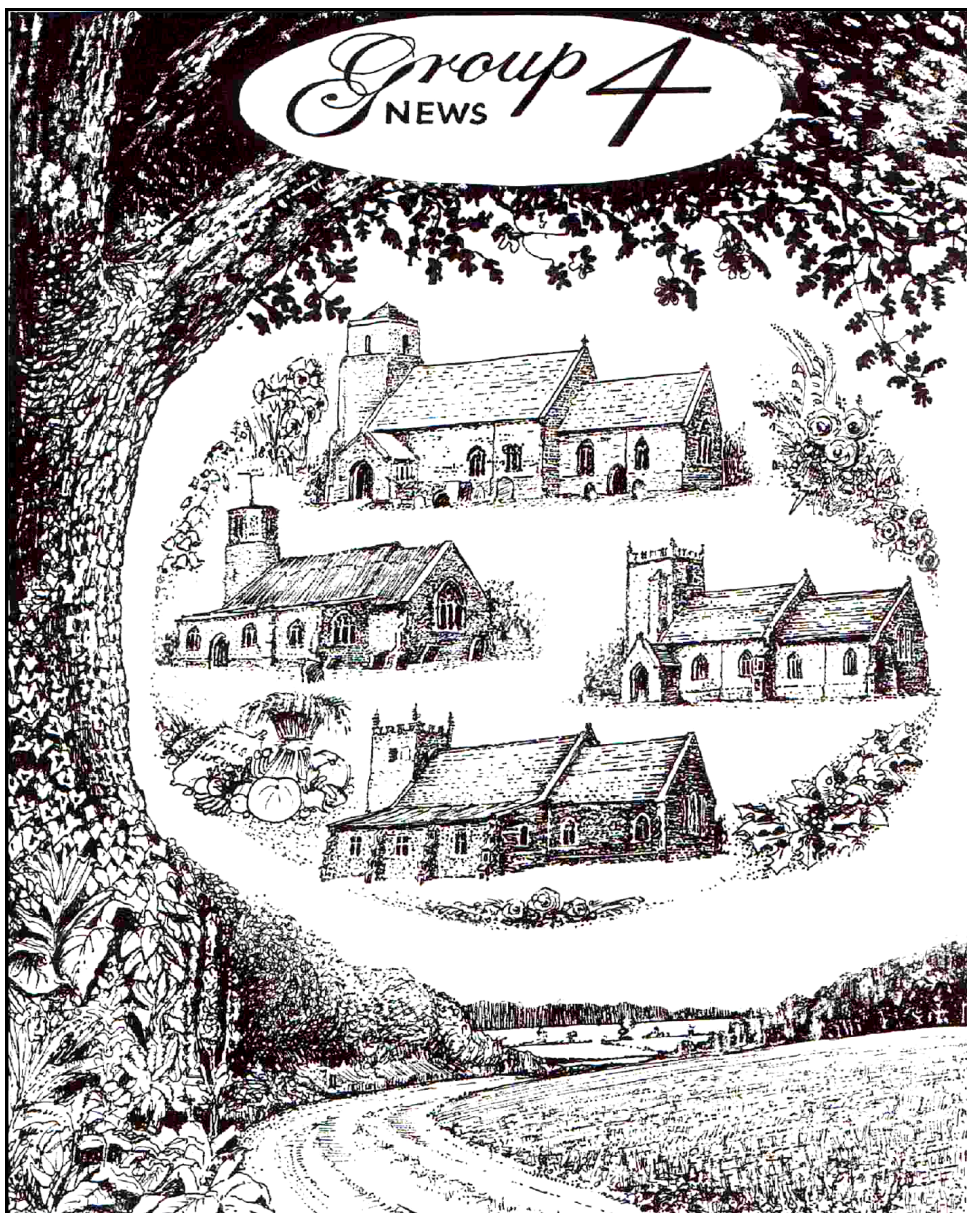


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The Parishes of Barton Bendish & Eastmoor; Beachamwell, Shingham & Drymere;
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October 2013

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WELCOME

Apologies to everyone for the late delivery of last month's issue. It was due to a breakdown of one of the machines at the printers and completely beyond our control.

This month sees the last of the Harvest Suppers and at least one late Harvest Festival. It's good that there is so much going on in the villages that fitting everything in becomes difficult. 'Nothing to do?' Just look through the pages of this publication and you will find plenty of events, groups, tea and coffee opportunities to keep you in touch. The Macmillan coffee morning in Barton Bendish is an annual event for a very worthy cause. There's a craft fair in Marham if you are thinking of early Christmas shopping. (Some people do!) Quiz nights of various types and difficulty levels.....

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,

We are entering pumpkin season, and it seems to me that being a pumpkin is a bit like being a Christian. God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off you may have picked up from the other pumpkins.

Then he cuts the top off and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, and all the other nasties. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside you to shine for all the world to see. And the light is the most important part of this Christian pumpkin. If it's left with just the insides taken out then it's just hollow and empty. Jesus is the light of the world, and if he lives inside us then we will glow and we can show that light with our smiles, just as the pumpkin will show its light when its eyes and mouth are carved out. So when you see lighted pumpkins this month remember that we too are called upon to be God's light, shining in the world, and bringing his message to all.

Yours in God's service

Barbara

BENEFICE NEWS

Annual Celebration of Healing and Wholeness - 9 November

You are invited to the Diocese of Ely Annual Celebration of Healing and Wholeness. The event on Saturday 9 November at Ely Methodist Church is entitled Reconciliation of People, Church and World. The speaker is the Revd Ruth Adams. The celebration will also include a Service of Eucharist, including Laying on of Hands and Anointing led by Bishop Stephen.

"If the Church is not a place both of conflict and of reconciliation it is not merely hindering its mission and evangelism, appalling as such hindrance is, but it is a failing or failed church". Archbishop Justin Welby Information and tickets (£10 each) available from <http://healingday.eventbrite.co.uk/> For further information, please contact Alasdair Coles or take a look at the diocesan website.

Churches reveal 2013 Christmas campaign

Following survey findings* which reveal that 51 per cent of people now say that the birth of Jesus is irrelevant to their Christmas, leading denominations are to unite this autumn to reverse the trend and focus on 'saving Christmas'.

Christmas Starts with Christ, a church backed campaign, will run from 1st December to Christmas Day. Resources available will include a new free-to-use logo, downloadable resources, specially produced Christmas cards, a chocolate advent calendar with a copy of the Christmas story in the box and a national advertising campaign using posters and radio ads. Part of this will be the first ever nationwide Christmas Starts Sunday on 1 December which kicks off the campaign and starts Advent. There is a selection of resources available to help churches make the most of the 25 days of Advent – 25 days to share the Christmas story and remind people that Christmas Starts with Christ.

More information and resources can be found at the campaign site.

*Survey findings from ComRes 2007, 2010, 2012, Children's Society 2010

Boughton Fen – We need your vote!

Following a recent application to Lloyds Bank Community Fund 2013, Boughton Fen Committee has been shortlisted in the King's Lynn South Community area.

This means that we are down to the final four. The awards will be made after a public vote which will run from 23rd September to 1st November 2013.

By encouraging the public to vote, Boughton Fen Committee has a chance to be awarded a £3,000 grant from Lloyds Bank to enable it to continue doing good work on Boughton Fen for the benefit of both the fen itself, and the community who enjoy it.

We need as many people to vote for us as possible, as only the two projects with the highest number of votes can receive the award.

Voting can be done online, by text, or in a local branch of Lloyds bank.

The Downham Market branch nominated us for this award, and should be promoting the Fen in the branch during the voting period. We are in the Kings Lynn South Community – staff will give you a voting token to put in the BOUGHTON box!!!

To vote on line – find the Lloyds website at www.lloydsbank.com/communityfund and search for Boughton Fen Committee. Then follow the instructions.

To vote by SMS Text messaging Text VOTE CDRA to 61119 Please ensure that there is a space between VOTE and CDRA, which is our unique voting code.

Only one vote will be allowed for each email address or mobile phone.

Votes can only be made between the dates above – any made outside these dates will not be counted. Please encourage your friends, neighbours and work colleagues to vote for us.

Older People's Dip Can I ask your vote to help us with our Swarston Boughton Fen Kinda Re PCOMORE on behalf of Boughton Fen Committee using our free wi fi

Downham Market Library Friday 4th Oct 10am - 12 noon

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Downham Market Library Tuesday 8th Oct & Tuesday 22nd October 1:30 - 3pm

For further information please ring 01366 383073

COUNTRYSIDE NOTES REPTILES

There are six species of reptiles (three lizards and three snakes) found in Britain. If they are disturbed they all prefer to creep or slither away out of sight rather than attack. The only poisonous one is the *adder* or *viper*. All our reptiles hibernate between late October and the end of February and shed their skin three or four times a year.

Probably the most widespread and commonly seen is the *grass snake* which although seeming to prefer damp places, where it can even be seen swimming in ponds, can also be found in drier areas. It is completely harmless and can be identified by the pale coloured ring around its neck. It is our largest snake growing up to five feet long. I once found a complete cast skin that measured forty four inches. Females are about four years old and two feet long before they start to breed laying up to forty eggs usually in a damp warm place such as a compost or manure heap. As a young kid I caught one thinking I would take it home as I'd heard they could be easily tamed, however the revolting smell it secreted when I picked it up soon made me change my mind!

The *adder* or *viper* does not get much bigger than two feet long and prefers dry habitats. Although there is great variation in colour and markings characteristically a pair of dark bars on the head nearly always form a V or X shape. It hibernates in damper places. When I lived in West Sussex people used to come on the estate each spring to pick moss, they'd often find adders emerging from hibernation. Adders give birth to between five and twenty live young.

The *smooth snake* is rare and fully protected being found mainly on sandy heaths in Dorset, Hampshire and Surrey and some coastal dunes in Lancashire. It can grow over two feet in length and gives birth to live young. The smooth snake shares its habitat with the equally rare *sand lizard* which is its favourite food. This lizard lays six to twelve eggs from which the young hatch.

Common lizards are widespread and frequently found on dry heaths, moors and dunes. They are about six inches long and give birth to live young.

The one species of reptile that always causes confusion is the *slow worm*. It grows to more than a foot long and is pinkish in colour looking quite like an overgrown earthworm. While resembling a snake it is in fact a legless lizard and can be greatly beneficial in the garden as it has a liking for slugs. Although widespread it's most common in the south. It gives birth to between six and twelve live young and its main enemies besides misguided humans are hedgehogs and surprisingly adders.

Beachamwell Book Group

Tuesday October 1st

7.00 - 9.00pm

Beachamwell Memorial Hall

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Katharine McMahon

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Leah Spencer 01366 328536

Beachamwell Wednesday Walkers

Wednesday October 2nd

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2 hours

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Sue Pennell 01366 328452

Beachamwell

Scrabble

**Wednesday
October 9th**

2 - 4pm

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1oz cocoa powder

2 large eggs

Teaspoon baking powder

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Cook in two 7" tins at 140C for 20 minutes.

Filling

2oz butter

4oz icing sugar

Tablespoon of cocoa powder mixed with tablespoon boiling water.

Beat together until smooth and use to sandwich cooled cakes together.

Topping

3oz icing sugar

Tablespoon cocoa

2 tablespoons boiling water.

Beat together until smooth and pour over cake.

Anne Carpenter

Beachamwell 'Afternoon Tea and a Chat'

**Wednesday
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GARDENING TIPS

The coming of October means that we are now firmly into the autumn months. With such a beautiful summer behind us how shall we fare this month? Very often after a long and settled spell of weather, such as we have had up until now (Monday, 2nd September), often bodes well for a reasonable autumn but our weather patterns now seem to be anything other than we were used to years ago so we shall just have to wait, as always, to see what is in store for us! That said, whatever the weather we gardeners always have work to do at this time of the year. Personally I like to have all my outside work done, with the garden looking ship shape and Bristol fashion, by the end of October. Being retired and given reasonable conditions, that is not too difficult, but I know when still at work it is a very difficult thing to do but nevertheless that should be the aim leaving only the winter digging and leaf clearing for November and beyond.

October is the ideal month to completely clear out the perennial flower border – a daunting task but one that must be done every few years if you want to keep the border looking at its best. Ideally you need a spare piece of clear ground so that as you dig out the old plants you can split them up, keeping some of the best sections in the spare piece of ground, watering them well as they are planted. They can sit in that position until you have finished digging and cleaning the old border and are ready to replant. If the weather turns against you they can be left where they are until conditions recover in the following spring. Whilst digging through the border take the opportunity to put in some well-rotted manure, if you can get it, or your own compost strengthened by some of the manure obtainable in bags from the local Garden Centre. This extra effort will be well worth while, it will show immediately in the quality of next year's blooms and will help to maintain the plants at their best through the years before the operation is repeated.

All roses, with the exception of ramblers and the shrub varieties, need pruning this month. I know many people like to leave their bush varieties whilst there are buds still to open but if, as is usual, we get the autumnal and then winter gales your bushes left untrimmed can suffer a great deal of damage. Personally I always trim mine back at the end of October to a height of approximately 18" (46cms) and at the same time I remove any damaged or diseased leaves both from the plants and from the ground around them. These latter should ideally be burnt but if you don't have the facility then dispose of them safely. Having completed this job I always spray my plants thoroughly with a herbicide particularly if there has been any signs of black spot. Climbing

roses need careful attention. So many climbers end up with all their flowers way up at the top of their growth leaving the lower stems bare. If they are growing against a wall or trellis arrangement then bend over the new growth in smooth curves, tying the briar securely in position. Cut away any dead or diseased growth and any growth that flowered this year unless it be a current year's stem that can in turn be tied back in a similar manner. Next year's flowering stems will shoot out from the curved stem giving you an almost complete covering of blooms. If you have climbers on poles leading onto an arbour then one has to thin out the growth from ground level. If this has not been done for several years it will be difficult and could lead to a year with hardly any blooms at all, but the whole idea with this type of arrangement is to produce a quantity of new growth each year then it becomes a question of thinning out the old briars. Following this practice will give you blooms all over the growth. However, do feed your plants whatever their form or style – they, like us, need to eat to survive! If you have new bare rooted roses on order put their roots in a bucket of water before planting in well prepared soil – they have to grow in that place for a long time so give them a good start!

If you are planning to grow quality Sweet Peas for next year then the third week of this month is the ideal time to sow the seed. Sow into John Innes seed compost spacing at about 1" (2.5cms) then when about 1½" (4cms) tall pot up individually using J.I. No.1 potting compost – more information next month but meanwhile prepare the ground where you intend growing the plants next year. Sweet Peas are deep rooting and need plenty of moisture retaining material at least a foot (30cms) if not more below ground level.

If not already done sort out your soft fruit – see last month's notes. This month is really the last opportunity this year to prune any shrubs that have not already been dealt with. Cut out any dead or diseased wood and cut off any long shoots that are spoiling the overall shape of the subject.

Finish clearing away the summer bedding cleaning the ground and plant out the subjects to provide next year's spring display – wallflowers, winter pansies, primroses and polyanthus. This is the last month to plant bulbs for next year's spring blooms. Years ago it was said that bulbs must be planted by the end of September, but now, courtesy of our efforts to warm up the planet, mid to the end of October is alright.

Keep an eye on the weather forecasts, October can be a difficult month in the garden – frosts are likely at any time so make sure your tender plants are in a

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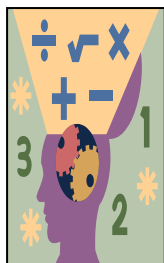
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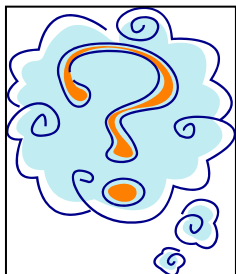


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The Englishman asks for a year's supply of cigarettes and he's given a pile of cartons and the cell door is shut on him.

One year later, the doors are all unlocked.

The Scotsman staggers out and shouts, 'I'm free!' and then keels over dead from alcohol poisoning.

The Irishman is dragged out into the light, whereupon he promptly dies of liver failure.

When the door to the Englishman's cell is opened, everybody watches eagerly to see what sort of a wreck the man has made of himself.

To their surprise, he walks right out the door, sidles up to the first person he sees, and asks, 'I say you wouldn't happen to have a match, would you?'

An Englishman, a Frenchman and an Irishman were in a pub talking about their children.

'My son was born on St George's Day, 'remarked the Englishman, 'So we obviously decided to call him George.'

'That's a real coincidence', observed the Frenchman', My daughter was born on Valentine's Day, so we decided to call her Valentine.'

'That's really incredible', drawled the Irishman, 'Exactly the same thing happened with my son Pancake.'

BARTON BENDISH AND EASTMOOR VILLAGE NEWS

What a lovely summer we've had, I hope you have all been able to enjoy it, but now autumn is here and after a leisurely couple of months things are getting busy again in Barton. By the time you get to read this our biggest event of the year – the Art, Photography and Craft Exhibition will probably have taken place. We kick off October with a Macmillan Coffee Morning and there are several events planned after that and in the lead up to Christmas. It's frightening just how quick another year has gone!

Jill

St ANDREW'S WORKING PARTY Many thanks to all those who came and helped at the Working Party in August. It was good to see everyone and we appreciate you giving your free time. We are having a second day in September to finish off the various smaller jobs that need doing and we thank those who are coming to that. *The Churchwardens*

BARTON - BOUGHTON BAKE OFF Thank you to Boughton for hosting the 2013 Barton Boughton Village Challenge. What a fun afternoon it was. Both villages produced some delicious loaves of bread and all with great skill and imagination. Unfortunately there were a few illegal entries. These were thankfully brought to the attention of the Junior Crime Squad of both villages and the rogues were apprehended and suitably punished much to the delight of the police and all those who were there!

The parachuting teddies provided additional entertainment and the tasty BBQ and refreshments were appreciated. Thank you to all those who helped on the day and to those who baked for Barton Bendish. We managed to win the trophy back!

Annual Boughton Challenge. 2013 Best home baked loaf of bread.

RESULTS

Boughton Adult category

1st Maryse Golds

2nd Sandy Reid

3rd Bill Beeson.

Boughton Junior Category

Winner : Molly Insall.

Barton Bendish Adult Category.

1st. Pippa Blackall

2nd Linda Webster

3rd Tim Webster.

Barton Bendish Junior Category

Winner : James Blanchfield.



Inter Village Shield 2013 Won by Barton Bendish. We would like to thank all entrants for such a fantastic display of loaves. Such a high standard, and so well presented. Congratulations to all the prize winners. Also, to Barton Bendish for taking back the Inter-Village Shield. We are very grateful to everyone that helped with the organising, cooking & washing up. Thanks too for everyone that turned up to make it a very successful afternoon. *Frank & Geoff.*

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING We will be holding our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning on **Thursday October 3rd**. Please make a note in your diary or on your calendar to come along and support the marvelous work this organization does. As usual there will be a raffle and a cake/produce stall for which donations will be gratefully received. Hope to see you there. *Jill 01366 347928*

Barton Bendish Film Club Presents THE GREAT GATSBY

"The 2013 adaptation of F. Scott Fitzgerald's book of the same name, the film was co-written and directed by Baz Luhrmann, and stars Leonardo Di Caprio, Tobey Maguire and Carey Mulligan. It follows the life and times of millionaire Jay Gatsby and his neighbour Nick, who recounts his encounters with Gatsby at the height of the roaring twenties."

Running Time 143 minutes

At Barton Bendish Village Hall **on Friday 11th October 7:30pm**

See poster on page 21

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING WORKSHOPS

It's hard to believe that the time is approaching for us to organise this, but we have already had bookings for all three sessions which we are planning to run. There will be the usual two evening sessions on **Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd November** and this year we are also planning a morning session on Thursday 21st.

The cost for each workshop is £13.50. The morning session on the 21st will begin at 10.0am followed by an optional two course lunch at the Berney Arms for £9.95.

See advert for further details. Please contact Mhari (01366 347849) or Linda (01366 347563) to book a place

THE HISTORY OF BARTON BENDISH

David Mason will be giving an illustrated talk about the history of Barton Bendish and the surrounding area on the evening of **Thursday November 28th** in the Village Hall.

Further details in next months G4 or from David Tel 01366 347928.

NEW QUIZ SHEET – COMING SOON

Look out for the next Barton Bendish quiz sheet. There are 50 questions with answers all on a 'Double-Letter Name' theme.

NEWS FROM ST ANDREW'S

As you may have noticed the stonemasons have continued on their work to fill cracks, repair grouting and undertake jobs highlighted by our Quinquennial report. The two working parties that took place in August and September tackled some routine maintenance tasks such as re- waxing the exterior doors and painting the metal work, some high level washing down and some work in the grounds of the churchyard. The PCC would like to offer their heartfelt thanks to all those who took part – the church and churchyard look well cared for thanks to their efforts and to those of our regular church cleaning volunteers. Also many thanks to the volunteers who have tackled tasks at other times, -

FAMILY HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

Our annual Harvest Festival will take place on **Sunday October 20th** at 9.30am. Please come along and join us in this celebration of 'harvest home', so special when we live in the midst of an agricultural community. Children as always are very welcome. If you would like to bring a harvest gift to be distributed to the needy, tinned or dried goods would be much appreciated. Thank you. Refreshments will be served following the service.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

There will be a Remembrance Service on **Sunday 10th November** at 10.45am. Everyone of any denomination or who doesn't normally attend but would like to join us in honouring our fallen servicemen and women will be extremely welcome. Refreshments will be served following the service.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Sunday 8th December at 11am

Come and join us at this special Christmas service for all ages. Everyone is very welcome. Refreshments will be served

A VICTORIAN EVENING OF CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT, MUSIC and CAROLS

Saturday 14th December 6pm Barton Bendish Village Hall

This has always been a popular evening and it has been wonderful to have so many people, young and old, who wanted to be part of it in previous years.... and we hope that this year will be no exception !! We know it seems a long way off but please think about 'treading the boards' with us, - new and 'experienced' performers are all encouraged!!

Following the 'first half' of entertainment there will be a short interval and then a chance to sing some of our traditional favourite carols.

We will certainly be treated to an evening to remember!

The one thing we will be short of are Victorian costumes and if anyone has anything that they would be willing to loan us we would love to hear from you. There is no charge for tickets to this event , a collection will be taken on the

FORTHCOMING SERVICES at St ANDREW'S CHURCH

October 20th 9.30am Family Harvest Festival taken by Rev Barbara Burton

October 27th 6pm Holy Communion Service

November 10th 10.45am Remembrance Service

November 24th 6pm Holy Communion Service

December 8th 11am Christingle Service

December 14th Victorian Evening of Christmas Entertainment, Music and Carols

FLOWER ROTA

Thank you to everyone who takes a turn on the flower rota for the Church. Now the Church is open every day and is visited regularly, it really looks so much brighter and more welcoming when there are flowers in it. If you would be happy to help on the rota, please could you contact Mrs Rumball on 347324. Great skill is not necessary and vases can be provided!

October Please could all arrangers help to decorate the church for the Harvest Festival service on Oct 20th.

November Mrs Baird

December No flowers in Advent. All arrangers to decorate at Christmas

FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR 2013

THURS 3rd OCTOBER MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING 10 – 12noon.

THURS 21st NOVEMBER WREATH MAKING Morning and Evening Sessions

FRI 22nd NOVEMBER WREATH MAKING Evening only

THURS 28th NOVEMBER THE HISTORY OF BARTON BENDISH Presentation by David Mason

SAT 14th DECEMBER EVENING OF CAROLS and ENTERTAINMENT 7pm

BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

St. Mary's Church

The Group Harvest Supper this year will be held in Boughton this year on Saturday 4th October. Tickets are £6.50 each and if you haven't yet got your tickets and would like to come please contact Pam Wakeling on 01366 500429.

The Harvest Festival Service here in Beachamwell will be our Family Service on Sunday 20th October at 11 a.m. This will be the last Service conducted by Jane Harris on a regular basis as she is not renewing her licence although she will be authorised to take occasional Services. We hope therefore that she will return to Beachamwell from time to time. Please do join us at this special Service of Harvest Thanksgiving and our farewell to Jane. The church will be decorated for the Harvest Festival and there will be refreshments after the Service.

The Wine and Canapé evening hosted by Gill and John Sanderson on 30th August raised the really magnificent sum of £710.00 for church funds. I will give a fuller report of a very enjoyable evening next month.

David Mason is giving a presentation featuring The Western Isles at 7.30 p.m. on Friday 15th November in Beachamwell Memorial Hall. For those of us who have been to David's presentations before we know that this promises to be a really enjoyable evening. Those of you who haven't yet been to one of these presentations are in for a treat. There will, of course, be refreshments available. Tickets will be £3.50 in advance and £4.00 on the door and they are available from members of the PCC or myself.

There will be a Remembrance Sunday Service in the church on Sunday 10th November starting at 10.45 a.m.

A special advance date for your diary is our Carols by Candlelight Service which this year will be held on Monday 23rd December starting at 6.30 p.m.

Information on all forthcoming events is on the church noticeboard or our website www.stmarysbeachamwell.co.uk.

Graham Williams (Churchwarden) 01366 328774 williamsoldies@gmail.com.

St. Mary's Flower & Brass Cleaning Rota for October

6th Betty Phillpot, 13th Eileen Powell, 20th Harvest [Several People]

27th Marie Rich

If anyone is interested in joining the Flower Rota please contact me and I will explain what is involved. **Eileen Powell**

BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

Village Sewing Project

A stitching group has been formed, which is to focus on the 'threads' element of the Beachamwell Connecting Threads footpath project. We are working on a commemorative quilt, which will have at its centre a fabric map of the footpaths of the parish and this will be surrounded by an array of smaller pieces depicting local buildings, flowers, wildlife etc. Thirteen people are involved so far and already ideas for panels of all sizes are coming together: abstract patchwork footpaths; tapestry church towers; woven byways; cross stitch poppies – to name but a few.

The quilt promises to be a stunning reminder, not only of exploring our footpaths, but of what creativity is sparked when we make connections!

If you would like to join us please contact

Leah Spencer 01366 328536 or leah@wissey.co.uk

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The September Meeting is when the Members take over the organising and running of the Meeting and the Committee can have a well earned rest. Brenda acted as President, Carole as Secretary and Ann as Treasurer and Organiser. It was a great success and everybody really enjoyed the evening. There was no Speaker but instead Members brought along a piece of craft or an interest and spoke to the Members about it. Ann talked about her Granny's beautiful hand made quilt, Carole had an apron that one of her pupils made and which won a Schools Design Award, it was a special apron. Margaret had some wonderful beadwork. Brenda showed all the work she had completed for previous W.I. Competitions, she certainly is a very gifted lady, Irene had some lovely hand crochet tablecloths and Joan talked about her work for the National Trust at Oxborough as a volunteer, she is working on buttons at the moment from the Tudor period and beautifully made too. Heidi had some interesting wooden items. Leah told the story of some beautiful red shoes. The seven visitors we had were very impressed too. Members were reminded about the Christmas Fair on Sunday December 1st from 2-5pm. The refreshments provided by the Members were delicious and Marie thanked them all very much for the gifts they gave the Committee and for providing such an interesting and most enjoyable evening. **Carole Wilson**

BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

Shingham

Many thanks to the residents of Shingham for clubbing together to pay for the painting of the redundant phone box. Your support is much appreciated

Jenny Green

Horticultural Show

Thanks to everybody who supported the Show and making it such a successful afternoon. The inclusion of "Craft" certainly enhanced it. There was a shortage of vegetables and fruit but this was not surprising considering the very unusual growing conditions this year, everything is certainly a month late. Roger Gore-Rowe our judge was amazed at how colourful the hall looked, we had in fact 17 more entries this year but mainly on the craft section. As some of you may remember we did think we would have to abandon the Show due to lack of support, but villagers came forward and helped to put the Show back on the calendar again. Thanks to Barton Bendish and Eastmoor for their entries and to the village craft and decoupage class too. A great pity that only 3 children entered. The Giant Onion competition always causes fun and discussion and there was certainly such an assortment of sizes. The onions are all delivered within a week to people who want to grow one around Easter time, and it is amazing to see all the different sizes grown which arrive at the Show for weighing. Congratulations to Matt Brown who grew one for the first time. His was the largest at 1lb 14ozs and he won the cash prize. Brian Wilson closely followed with 1lb 13.5ozs and Dave Guild with 1lb 12.5ozs, very close indeed. Jenny Gabrielsen won the smallest at 4ozs still it was bigger than last year which was just 2ozs!! Roger Gore-Rowe returned for the afternoon session and prize giving and was on hand to answer questions and queries about results. As ever "The Box" was deeply discussed and Brian was absolutely delighted to take 1st prize at last. The Craft section was very well represented with lots of lovely home made soft fruit jam and chutneys. Thanks to Linda Webster for judging that. The embroidery, knitting, decoupage, wood and metal section was judged by Helen Pease and thanks to her too. The Show was open from 2-3 for viewing and the hall was full of very interested folk who we hope will be encouraged to take part next year.

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Winners.



Overall Trophy Brian Wilson
65points
Runner up Shield Diana Lambert
59 points
Third prize Goblet Betty Phillpot
25 points
Vegetable Cup
Brian Wilson
Gransden Vase for Flowers
Diana Lambert
Best in Show for Decoupage
Jenny Kirkham
Childrens Trophy
Ivan Bond-Green

Special thanks to Jenny Gabrielsen, Maggie McKenzie, Vesna Hudson for their sterling work in receiving and displaying goods

Murdo McKenzie, Tim Hudson and Dave Guild for setting up the hall

Verena Hartley for scribing the Certificates

Vesna Hudson for refreshments

Betty and Ian Phillpot for organizing the raffle

Leah Spencer for encouragement to continue and for her support and enthusiasm on the day, much appreciated.

The Show will go on and we hope to see more entries next year.

Carole Wilson

Parish Council

The next meeting will take place on Monday 11th November at 7.30 in the Memorial Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you have any items for the agenda please give them to me in writing at least a week before the meeting.

As always if you have a query or a problem, you can consult any of the Councillors at any time – they are more than willing to listen and help if they can.

Eileen Powell [Parish Clerk]

BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

Wednesday Walkers

The sunny September walk was the longest we have tackled - some six miles.



We made our way from Swaffham along the Shoemaker's Lane and Shouldham Lane through rolling farming land to Castle Acre Bottom where we paused for a welcome break. After our picnic we ambled through the flower-lined forest rides and across the Warren home to Beachamwell. And, en route, two public-spirited walkers even made a detour to deliver copies of the G4N!

ps. The October walk will NOT be as long!!

Sue Pennell

Mobile Post Office

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 11.15 - 12.00

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS - Please note changed days/times

DATE	VILLAGE	LOCATION	TIME
Thursday	Beachamwell	Post Office	10:05 am
24th October	Drymere	Telephone Box	10:40 am
21st November	Boughton	Sycamore House	15:20 pm
		Mill Road	15:35 pm
	Barton Bendish	Hatherley Gardens	9:40 pm
Thursday	Wereham	The Pond	9:30 am
10th, 24th October 7th, 21st November		Queen's Close	16:20 pm

For services to all 'Group 4' villages ring Mobile Library Information on 01603 222267 or look at the website - www.norfolk.gov.uk/Leisure_and_culture/Libraries/Mobile_libraries

VILLAGE BUS SERVICES

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

Timetable requests:- (01603) 228888, Traveline (08706) 082608 (www.traveline.org.uk)

FARMERS' MARKETS

Ely	Second and Fourth Saturday 8:00-2:00pm
Fakenham	Fourth Saturday 8.30am to 12:00pm
RAF Marham	Third Friday 9:00am to 2:00pm
Swaffham	First and Third Sunday
Watton	Sadly no longer trading

For information:- www.farmersmarkets.net or your local Tourist Information Office

VILLAGE AND PARISH HALL BOOKINGS

Barton Bendish	Bill Tasker	01366 347432
Beachamwell	Caroline Sanderson	01366 328244
Wereham	Doreen Rolph	01366 500218

CHURCH SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

Sunday 6th October	9.45 am Holy Communion Shouldham
1	0.30 am Sunday Café at Marham
	11 am Holy Communion Beachamwell
	6 pm Evensong Wereham
Sunday 13th October	9.30 am Holy Communion Shouldham Thorpe
	10 am Breakfast Church Boughton
	10.30 am Morning Worship Marham
	6 pm Evensong Fincham
Sunday 20th October	9.30 am Harvest Festival Barton Bendish
	9..45 am Morning Prayer Shouldham
	10.30 am Holy Communion Marham
	11 am Holy Communion Wereham
Sunday 27th October	9.30 am Holy Communion Fincham
1	0.30 am United Morning Worship Marahm
	11.00 am Harvest Festival Boughton
	6 pm Holy Communion Barton Bendish

THURSDAY COMMUNIONS

1st, 3rd and 5th Thursdays at Fincham. 2nd Thursday at Boughton. Service at 10 am, followed by coffee and biscuits. Everyone welcome, even if you don't wish to take communion.

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

BOUGHTON VILLAGE NEWS

Annual Boughton Challenge 2013

The Best Home Baked Loaf Of Bread

Geoff and I were absolutely delighted with the number and quality of entries from Boughton and Barton Bendish, a superb display of loaves, from adults and juniors. The judges completed a very difficult task and the prizes were presented



by Sue Sampson .

**Pippa Blackall Receiving the Inter-Village Shield
on Behalf of Barton Bendish**

Boughton. Adults. 1st Mayrise Golds.

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2nd Sandy Reid.

3rd. Bill Beeson.

Boughton Juniors. 1st. Molly Insall.

Barton Bendish Adults 1st. Pippa Blackall.

2nd Linda Webster

3rd. Tim Webster.

Barton Bendish Juniors. 1st James Blanchfield.

Barton Bendish won the inter-village shield with Pippa's entry.

Congratulations, Barton Bendish.

Co.

The junior entries were particularly impressive, with Hedgehog buns, Giraffe loaf, Plant Pot buns, Chocolate and Courgette loaf, Painted loaves and a Platted loaf, which won the Boughton Junior section. Very many thanks to all the juniors for their efforts.



A Small Selection of the Superb Loaves on Display

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During the judging we were entertained by casting parachute teddies off the top of the church tower. The winning bear, which required emergency rescue from the top of a tree was Squidget .

We extend our thanks to all those that entered, cooked Burgers and Hot Dogs, judged and all our helpers. Also to all those that came and gave their support, which all went towards a very successful afternoon.

Next year ?????

Frank and Geoff

Many thanks to the people who helped me with the flying teddies. Angela, Andrew, Andy and Geoff—it would not have been possible without you. It was new to all of us, but good fun was had by all and I'm sure we'll have more eager teddies queuing up to take part next time. *Pam*

Boughton Exiles v 2Agriculture

In a moment of madness, Geoff Proctor accepted the challenge of providing a team of 11 cricket players from Boughton to play against the might of 2Agriculture. After some arm twisting Geoff managed to coerce 10 players from Boughton and young Bobby Barker (grandson of Frank and Sandy Reid).

2Agriculture batted first and posted a very competitive 109 in 20 overs. Contributed largely by opening batsman Brand Jnr who scored a commendable half century and then retired to allow his team mates to contribute to the innings. 2Agriculture Captain Brand Snr retired on 9 and in between Batsmen Harvey and Pothercary chalked up 12 and 14 respectively. Exiles Captain Ovel and Barker bowled fine containing spells.

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After a wonderful tea provided by the good ladies of Boughton, The Exiles set about their innings. The Grandfather and Grandson combination of Reid and Barker opened the batting for Boughton. It was not long before Grandfather had run out Grandson! Frank scored 12 valuable runs before retiring to make peace with Bobby! After the loss of 2 more wickets Emad George steadied the ship and, ably assisted by Faherty and Fisher the Boughton Exiles started to get to grips with the bowling culminating in a frantic run chase. Unfortunately, our efforts were in vain as we finished a few runs short.

A splendid day was had by all, a game played in a fine spirit of sportsmanship in idyllic surroundings. Many thanks to all who contributed to the day, particularly Geoff for arranging the event, Gooderstone CC for allowing us use of their facilities and The Bedingfield Arms for the splendid post match sandwiches.

The Boughton Exile

Boughton Scarecrow Week - 26th October - 2nd November

This month sees the now biennial Scarecrow Week in Boughton! We are looking forward to a bumper crop of scarecrows, so let your imagination run wild and enter the competition to see who has the best adult or children's entry this year.

We have an 'open' theme and invite all scarecrows to enter the challenge. Traditional, modern, super-heroes, characters, all are welcome.

Come along to the judging and prize giving on Saturday 2nd November at the Boughton Village Centre and enjoy a barbecue and refreshments too!

Look out for the flyer in this issue of G4 with your entry form and details of the timetable.

Let's make this the best year yet!

Don't forget to look out for Big Sam on Bell Corner from mid-October.

Boughton Village Caravan

Church News

Harvest Supper will be on Saturday October 5th, so you may still have time to get a ticket. Harvest Festival will be later than usual, at 11 am on 27th October,

as there are several other things on at the church in the preceding weeks. It would be good to decorate the church with flowers and some produce but ,as in previous years, our main collection will be of packaged and tinned goods suitable for basic family meals, which we will then donate to a local food bank. Donations can be brought to me before the service, left in the church on the day before or by arrangement if you ring me on 500429. The collection on that day normally goes to a charity as well and the PCC will decide which one at the next PCC meeting.

Another opportunity to bring along donations will be at the Bistro quiz on Friday October 25th. It will be slightly different from the other quizzes, as Pippa Blackall

WEREHAM VILLAGE NEWS

WEREHAM ON FACEBOOK

To find out what's going on in the village and look at local and event pictures log into Facebook we are **Wereham Village Group**

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS: The last meeting was held on 10th September. If you would like a copy of the Minutes from that meeting, please contact:-

Cllr. P. Norris,

Flintstones, School Lane, Wereham, Kings Lynn, Norfolk

Email: philip.norris@homecall.co.uk

The next meeting is Tuesday, 12th November at 7.30 pm. All welcome.

WEREHAM TOTS Friday mornings from 10.00am to 12.00 noon. All welcome.
Angela

BINGO - Every Wednesday, at the Village Hall. Doors open 6.45 pm eyes down at 7.30 pm. Cash prize, raffle, refreshments with complimentary biscuits. Come along an support our new organiser, Roger. All proceeds to the Village Hall. Enquiries to Roger Collins on 01366 500088.

INK CARTRIDGES and MOBILE PHONES - the collection boxes are located on

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the piano in the Village Hall. Alternatively, I'll collect - *Victoria 501277*.

WEREHAM'S RETRO POP-UP CAFÉ

Well, this Cafe is a real diamond amongst our Villages, more people are visiting month on month FANTASTIC. We have now introduced Bacon Rolls and these are proving extremely popular. If you have not yet popped in you absolutely MUST, if only to sit and read our daily papers with a cuppa. September's Cafe was the best yet so let's tell all our friends about the Pop-up. October's Café (1st October) will have some Guest Craft tables in the hall, so come over and have a look at our local crafts whilst enjoying Tea & Cake.

As ever a Thank-You to all our September's cake makers, our local Paper-lady, Chris for donating Coffee & Sugar, Chris Loake for tables and all these months I have forgotten to say a massive Thank-You to my husband Karl for always putting road signs out, washing -up, packing away and looking after the children. Let's try and make October's Cafe better than September's - So come and pay us a visit.

Jacqueline & Nicki

Ps. If anyone is interested in having a Craft table Oct, Nov or Dec please contact jacqueline 500880

QUIZ NIGHT

11th October 7.30 pm. Join our quizmaster, John, evening meal and raffle during the interval. £5 per ticket, price includes jacket potato with either chilli, coleslaw, beans or cheese. Bring a bottle! For tickets call John on 500766.

FRIENDS OF WEREHAM VILLAGE HALL GROUP

If you would like to join the Friends of Group, or find out more, contact Doreen on 500218 or email doreenirolph@talktalk.net.

RECYCLING

Enquiries are being made into having recycling banks close to the Village Hall. This would create a small income to the hall as well as serving the people of the

village and surrounding areas. This idea might be of help to those who do not have the transport to go to the recycling centre, which of course isn't open all week, as well as the cost of doing so. We are starting off by collecting all **plastic** bottle tops, caps, spray gun triggers, etc. These can be left at the Village Hall on Friday mornings between 10.00am and 12.00 noon. Thank you for your support.

UPDATE FROM WEREHAM VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE. Update from our last meeting on 20th August -Jim Allen has completed the remedial work to the hall floor, flat roof, parapet and part of the ceiling in the men's toilet. Thanks to Jim for minimising disruption during the work and finishing on time. Unfortunately we have lost our anonymous donor! Congratulations to the winner of the Community Survey prize draw - Suzy Patrick.

Our secretary, Helen Richardson, presenting the hamper prize to the Patrick children.



John has repositioned and cemented in the front step. Thanks to Kevin Woolston for helping John cement in the front step and the ladies toilet.

Governance -

For the benefit of the Charity, holding/trustees and funding applications, we are in the process of replacing our 1961

Trust Deed with an up to date version supplied by the NRCC. We are working with our holding trustees, the Parish Council on this. Subject to Parish Council feedback at the next council meeting in November.

Wereham Village Hall Bonus Ball Club -

The September Bonus Ball winners are Roger Collins and Sarah Davidson, who won £50 each!! If you would like to be added to the waiting list please phone 0779506811 or email helenandadam82@btinternet.com . Each number is £2 per month, you can pay however you wish, each month or longer and have how ever many numbers you like. This club is for anyone, not just Wereham residents - family and friends. Many thanks, Helen Richardson, Secretary, Wereham Village Hall.

A big thank you to -

- Everyone who supported the 4th Boot Sale, particularly the Loake family, raised £61.50
- Everyone who supported the 3rd Pop-up Café, a record breaking £93 was raised!!
- All the new and old 'Friends of Wereham Village Hall' who supported trustees Angela and Doreen with the 3rd 'Friends of' meeting. This is a growing group, if you would like to join, contact Doreen on 500218.
- Roger and Rose, who together have raised £825 in 23 weeks of running the bingo!
- Laura Bliss who organised a joint fundraising Coffee Morning, with Angela, at Boughton Church. It raised £80 for Wereham Village Hall.
- Edwina, a local artist, who has donated fine art cards to sell at the hall.

CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY 26th October

LADIES EVENING 15th November

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 24th November

CHRISTMAS BINGO 4th December

CHRISTMAS CAROLS 22nd December

30th October, Kids Halloween craft club 10am to 1pm in the village hall. £3 per child/accompanying adult - including a jacket potato lunch with cheese & beans. To book a place call or **text** Nikki Loake on 07789695783



Church Bloopers—taken from actual newsletters and signs!

Church sign: Jesus Saves! Safeway sign across the street: Safeway saves you more!

This one I said myself during the congregational prayer when leading prayer for our unsaved loved ones:

Father, we just want to pray for our unloved saved ones.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, superb entertainment, and gracious hostility.

On a church postcard: I have received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour. I would like a personal call.

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Answers to quiz on page 67

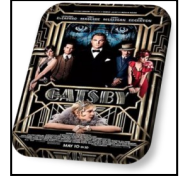
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FINCHAM NEWS

Thoughts on the churchyard

St Martin's is a large church and has a large churchyard to go with it. In the front there are old graves with memorials to some of the families that are well known in the history of Fincham in the last couple of centuries. The Barsham family in particular have many gravestones close together and their wealth shows in the quality of them. . The large raised tomb near the porch is a memorial to several Barshams. At the rear are many memorials to the Aylmer family who variously lived at Fincham Hall, Talbot Manor and The Moat House, as well as elsewhere. Some of their grander monuments are not in a good state of repair. Like the Barshams they were benefactors of the church for many years and have no living descendants in the village.

The large monument halfway down the rear part of the churchyard is a memorial to William Hebgin of Playters Hall and it commemorates his gift to the church of part of a field, in 1861, which became an extension to the churchyard. Most burials after WW11 have been in this part. Monuments to Barshams, Aylmers and Hebgins are also inside the church.

Fincham spends a good deal of money on keeping the churchyard cut. The Parish Council contributes about half the amount each year and so all Fincham residents who pay council tax help in this way. Some churchyards have wildlife areas where, for example, the grass is left to grow and mown only occasionally. This is more complicated than what we do now. However there are plenty of trees and shrubs around the edge of the site and we leave as much of the hedgerows uncut as we can. In Fincham we have some lovely

DIARY DATES

01. **November 15th Friday** Beachamwell 'The Western Isles' Presentation by David Mason 7.30

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Freedom to develop further a curriculum that meets the needs of all our students.

Flexibility to direct funding to the specific requirements of our school.

Direct and increased funding to preserve and develop the best of what we do as a school in challenging economic times.

Having considered our options carefully, the governors believe that converting to academy status may provide the best route for us to build on our many strengths and become an even better school. Above all, we believe it may benefit our students and our future students, as well as staff and the wider community. We would keep all the features of the school that are valued so highly by our students, parents and staff but use the additional freedoms academy status brings to enhance our provision for all. Gaining academy status means we would be funded directly from government and have more freedom to spend our money as we choose. We would also become owners of our land and buildings. Other freedoms, such as the ability to introduce some flexibility to staff pay and conditions would help us recruit and retain the very best people.

As a Voluntary Aided school we are already the employer and are run differently to community run schools. Many changes that would take place for community schools converting already happen at our school and therefore we can see the benefit of being an academy.

There will be an information sharing meeting for parents at 6.00pm on Monday

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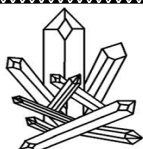
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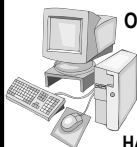
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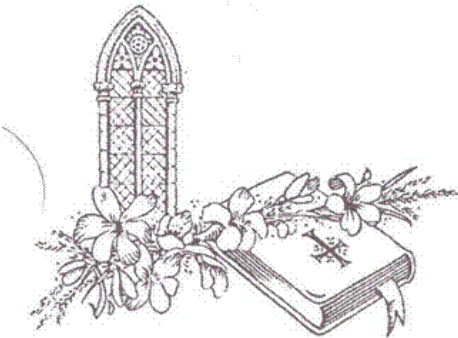
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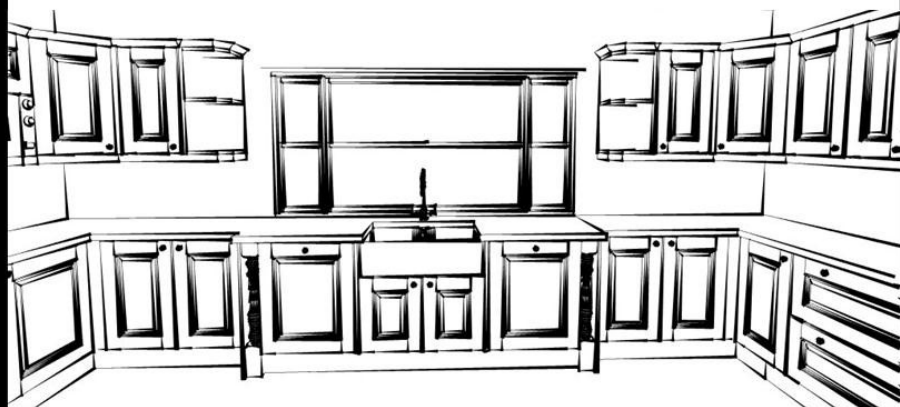
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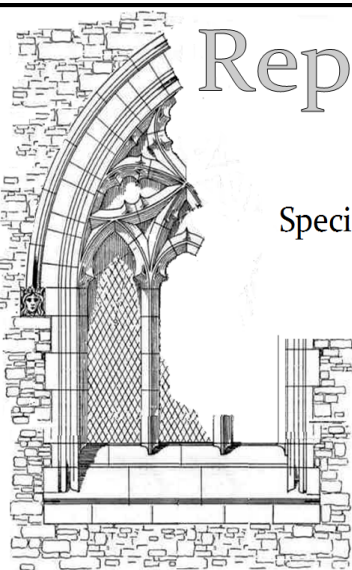
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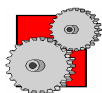
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CHILDREN'S PAGE

1. Who created Noddy?
2. How many Dalmatians are there in the children's book which was made into a film by Walt Disney?
3. In which book would you meet Mole, Ratty and Badger?
4. Where would you find Eeyore and Kanga?
5. What is the surname of John, Michael and Wendy in the Peter Pan story?
6. Which animal in Alice in Wonderland is able to disappear, its grin being the last thing that is left visible?
7. Who created the Swallows and the Amazons?
8. Which Doctor talked to the animals?
9. Who wrote The Just So Stories For Little Children?
10. What was the name of the fairy in Peter Pan?
11. What extraordinary book did Ford Prefect own?
12. Name 3 of the things Old King Cole called for?
13. What did Solomon Grundy do on Saturday?
Get Married, Got Divorced, Spent Some Money, Died or went Nightclubbing
14. What do Seven Magpies signify?
15. Who is credited with writing The Iliad and The Odyssey?
16. Who wrote the children's story The Old Man of Lochnagar?
17. What book features Bilbo Baggins as the central character?

1. Enid Blyton 2. 101 3. Wind in the Willows 4. Winnie the Pooh stories 5. Darling 6. Cheshire Cat 7. Arthur Ransome 8. Dr Doolittle 9. Rudyard Kipling 10. Tinkerbell 11. Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy 12. Pipe, Bowl, Fiddlers three 13. Died 14. a secret never to be told 15. Homer 16. Prince Charles 17. The Hobbit 18. Robinson Crusoe

PUZZLE PAGE

1. Which famous King of France, who reigned in the 17th century, is widely known as The Sun King?
2. Which English king, who reigned from 1714 to 1727, could not speak English?
3. Who sponsored Christopher Columbus' voyage during which he discovered America?
4. Which Queen of France was guillotined in 1793 during the French Revolution of 1789–1799?
5. Which queen founded a union of the Scandinavian countries in 1397 and ruled Norway, Denmark and Sweden?
6. Which King of England was married six times and established the Church of England in 1534?
7. Born in 1683, King Philip V was the first Spanish king of which royal dynasty?
8. Who was King Henry VIII's mother?
9. What is the name of the official residence of the British Prime Minister?
10. . Which British Prime Minister was Welsh?.
11. Who was the British Prime Minister at the start of the New Millenium?.
12. Who was the only British Prime Minister to be assassinated?.
13. Who held the title of Prime Minister for the shortest time?.
14. Who was the longest serving Prime Minster in the twentieth century?
15. Which British Prime Minister was responsible for setting up the Metropolitan Police force?
16. Which is the only British Prime Minister to have captained his country at national level in any sport?



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