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October 2021



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

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

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Priestly Ramblings

Paw Prints in the Sand

On a hot humid day a few weeks ago all three of us, Hubby, Winnie and I decided that we needed a break by the sea and so off we went to Titchwell Marshes on the Norfolk coast.

We wandered through the RSPB nature reserve stopping every few steps to allow Winnie to sniff the delights of what ever had preceded us on the footpath and to roll over on her back every time a stranger told her how cute she was, to have her tummy rubbed - a real little hussy!

The weather was oppressive, my back was playing up again and I had a lot on my mind and as the day wore on my mind became more and more foggy; as if clouds had sneaked in and they weren't white clouds either they were grey ominous clouds that grew bigger and bigger as we neared the beach.

As we came out onto that huge expanse of flat sandy beach my spirits lifted a little and I resolved to have a paddle. Hubby made himself comfortable on the sand dunes and I ventured to walk Winnie to the waters edge. The last time Winnie had seen the sea she was not at all impressed and flatly refused to dip her little toes in but today as we walked across the sand and found shallow pools left behind by the receding tide she bravely walked straight in and took as much delight as I had in the warm water. As I walked into the rippling waves as they gently brushed the sand, again Winnie was right behind me dipping her toes in the warmish sea, although it must be said that her short little legs and her low slung tummy meant that more than her toes got wet.

As we turned to walk the quite long distance back up the beach to where hubby sat, Winnie stopped at every mussel shell, every bit of seaweed in fact anything that smelled nice and I marvelled at how the little things gave our little dog so much pleasure. My mood lifted and the dark clouds moved to let in the sun's clear light just as Winnie stopped to play with a little fish darting around in one of the pools. It was then that I noticed her tiny paw prints in the sand. I took my phone from my pocket intending to

take a photo of our foot and paws prints side by side going up the sandy beach when to my surprise there were only Whinnies' to see. Where were mine? I am obviously a lot heavier than a little sausage dog and yet there were only hers evident on the sand. The poem Footprints in the Sand sprang into my head and I knew that all my worries were being shared and that I did not walk the journey of life alone.

Rev Carol Nicholas -Letch

Footprints in the Sand

One night I had a dream...

I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord, and Across the sky flashed scenes from my life. For each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; One belonged to me, and the other to the Lord. When the last scene of my life flashed before us, I looked back at the footprints in the sand. I noticed that many times along the path of my life, there was only one set of footprints.

I also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in my life

This really bothered me, and I questioned the Lord about it.

"Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you,

You would walk with me all the way;

But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, There is only one set of footprints.

I don't understand why in times when I

needed you the most, you should leave me.

The Lord replied, "My precious, precious child. I love you, and I would never, never leave you during your times of trial and suffering.

When you saw only one set of footprints,

It was then that I carried you.

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW ENGLAND?

- 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
- 5. The Ritz Hotel, in London, overlooks which Park; Green Park, Hyde Park, or Regents Park
- Who is the only King of England to be buried in Canterbury Cathedral
- 7... In which seaside resort is there a Nelson's Column?
- 8. On which Scottish Island is Fingal's Cave?
- 9. Of which city is Saint Frideswide the patron saint?
- 10. Which was Britain's first National Park?
- 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 Englands 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 capitals central point
- 18. In which English city is Parliament Street, the worlds 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 30

Fincham and District WI

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 8th September 2021

Apologies P Wood, J Fuller, A Wiseman, J Lynskey

Ten members met in the memorial hall for the second afternoon meeting. Members were pleased to see President, Mrs C Dungay after her recent eye operation.

Minutes of the last meeting were read, agreed to be correct, and signed.

Matters arising

Sue Batterham has sent an e-mail to the Theatre Royal, expressing interest in the production of "The Sound of Music," - no response as yet.

Christine has been advised that any change in the timing of our meetings will have to go before the board.

She was also advised that a bench, dedicated to the memory of valued member, Ann Dickerson, and installed in Hansa Wood, has, sadly, disintegrated, but the plaque has been recovered and replaced on another bench.

AOB

Sue Batterham took numbers for 2022 diaries and calendars.

Sue was presented with a card celebrating her and her husband Colin,s Diamond Anniversary.

The table flowers, arranged by I Delderfield, were presented to Sue Batterham.

Show and Tell

Members had been encouraged to bring an item of sentimental interest to themselves, and it was heartening to see such a variety of interesting objects and hear about why they were so treasured. Christine Dungay showed photos of past holidays spent at Great Yarmouth, Sue Westwood talked about her collection of thimbles, Iris Delderfield told of her grandfather's indentures of 1862, Wendy Baines brought along a cup and saucer used by her mother on special occasions, Sally Taylor bought along a mystery item discovered in a riding school where she used to work, Pam Wakeling told members about a small model of an orang utan reminding her of the one she has sponsored, Ann Bloy showed her fob watch holder, Wendy Bell showed her album and spoke of the intensive 12 course she had to attend in order to become a WI flower demonstrator and Sue Batterham showed her grandfather's bible, given to her in 1945.

It was a really interesting afternoon, looking at such a variety of items which, obviously brought back sweet memories to everyone.

The afternoon continued with refreshments with everyone helping and agreeing that it had been another successful meeting and such a treat to meet up with old friends again.

Sue Westwood.

IT'S ALL SYSTEMS GO AT MAGPIE CENTRE

With the start of the new school term, riding lessons have resumed at the Magpie Centre, home of West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled, and funding for these lessons has received a huge boost from the Central England Co-op community fund, although only one of its stores, in Terrington St Clement, is within both the Central England Co-op and West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled catchment areas. A grant of £3,700 will help to fund vital lessons for young people, living with a wide range of physical and learning disabilities.

Caroline Dudley, who volunteers at the Magpie Centre, and shops at the Terrington store, said: 'I picked up a leaflet about the fund, and mentioned it to our Trustee who deals with grant applications. I never thought we'd have a chance, because we are right on the eastern edge of the Central Co-op area.

'Next thing I knew, we'd been awarded a grant to subsidise 200 lessons. The benefits of riding, to people living with disabilities, is immense and range from the obvious physical ones to an improvement in communication skills and social confidence. I was over the moon,' she added.'

Funds for the Magpie Centre sensory garden, officially opened in July by HRH the Princess Royal, also received a welcome boost, thanks to the efforts of two Trustees, Jan Calvert and Andy Beeston, who completed the Grand East Anglia Run in very good times and raised more than £700 in sponsorship for the garden. Said Jan: 'Completing the run was a fantastic experience, and many thanks to the kind people who so generously sponsored us.'

Second pilot session of Tea With a Pony took place early in September and was a huge success. These mornings aim to attract people living with dementia and their carers, who can socialize over tea and cake in the sensory garden and stroke some of our gentle ponies. Cost is £10 per participant, including carer. A further session will be held in October. To book, call the Centre on 01553 810202 or visit our website: www.rda-westnorfolk.org.uk.

And finally, look out for the Magpie Centre 2022 calendar, now in production, which will be available from early October. It features lots of lovely pony pictures, plus ways in which you can help us, and there's plenty of space on every date to note appointments. To get your hands on one, try Chalk and Cheese in Shouldham, or West Winch Post Office, or, again, order via our website, details as above.

- 1. Seven (Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Hampshire, West Sussex, East Sussex, Kent)
- 2. Lowestoft
- 3. Leeds
- 4. Billingsgate Fish Market
- 5. Green Park
- 6. Henry IV
- 7. Great Yarmouth
- 8. Staffa
- 9. Oxford
- 10. Peak District
- 11. It's fictional--Terry Pratchetts Ankh-Morpork
- 12. George I,II,III,IV
- 13. Alan Ball (aged 21)
- 14. The Bishop of Durham
- 15. Brookside Close
- 16. The A30
- 17. Charing Cross
- 18. Exeter (the Spreurhofstrasse, in Reutlingen, Germany is 50 cm wide)
- 19. London Eye 135m, Wembley Arch 133m
- 20. Tewkesbury

Answers to quiz on page 5—photo by Jill Mason



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Lily has changed!

From 1 July 2018, our Lily service expanded to include everyone over 18, not just those in later years.

Lily provides a comprehensive range of support in west Norfolk to combat loneliness and social isolation in adults of all ages. The project is linked to the 'No Lonely Day' initiative and encourages our residents to develop friendships and engage in their local communities.

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

Lily Advisors from local charities are available to offer one-to-one support to people at home or in community locations.

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

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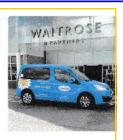
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National Express - https://www.nationalexpress.com/en/help/live-service-updates

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National Express - https://www.nationalexpress.com/en/help/live-service-updates

West Norfolk Community Transport - https://www.gtt-online.co.uk/news/2020/03/coronavirus-update/

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National Express - https://www.nationalexpress.com/en/help/live-service-updates

Norwich Park & Ride - https://www.norwichparkandride.co.uk/updates/

Our Bus - https://www.ourhire.co.uk/our-bus

Simonds Coaches - https://www.simonds.co.uk/latest-news

Sanders Coaches - https://sanderscoaches.com/alerts

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Border Bus - https://www.border-bus.co.uk/coronavirus-info/

First - https://www.firstgroup.com/norfolk-suffolk/news-and-service-updates/coronavirus-covid19-service-information

Konectbus - https://www.konectbus.co.uk/coronavirus/

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I am a very keen gardener and when I'm walking around my garden looking at the wonderful variety of flowers, fruits and vegetables that I'm able to grow I often find myself saying, "Thank you God". In a similar way at the beginning of September, I found myself looking in awe at the amazing sunsets and again I found myself thanking God. It seems to me that God has given us so much, that we should be looking at how we can all say "Thank you God".

In a similar way, every time I have the absolute joy and privilege to baptise a baby, I am reminded that each child is a miracle from God, the most amazing and intricate part of his creation. When I see God's delicate design behind every human life, I am convinced that we are not here by accident and in the same way, the wonderful world we live in is no accident. However, sometimes I despair at what we, humankind, are doing to God's wonderful creation, what we are doing to God's beautiful world. Pollution, de-forestation, animal extinction and a dangerously thin ozone layer, continue today, the products of human greed and indifference.

Even so, although we are messing things up, God has not deserted us, not left us alone to get on with it. God sent Jesus into the world to show us how much he loves us and how he wants us to behave towards one another. God loves us and loves his world.

Please come along to the village hall for our annual St. Andrew's Harvest Festival Breakfast, 9.30am on Saturday 9th October, to celebrate God's creation and the harvest safely gathered in once again on this incredible planet.

Reverend Ray Burman

St. Andrew's Church

Beachamwell

Afternoon Tea and a Chat.....'

Wednesday October 20th

2 - 4pm

Village Hall



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Beachamwell Pop Up Pub



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Beachamwell Village Hall Enquiries: 01366 328892

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Calls on: Tuesday

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Next stop October 5th

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8 Boughton 10:45 11:00 Mill Road PE33 9AJ

10 Barton Bendish 11:10 11:20 Hatherley Gardens PE33 9DR

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Wereham 12:25 12:40 Queens Close PE33 9AX

Friday 1st and 29th

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Read the following guidelines before visiting the mobile library.

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COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

Could you help a young person with a disability to think about their Future?

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

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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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gathered in.

COUNTRYSIDE NOTES Weather/Farming

This year has not been an easy one for local arable farmers. There is a world shortage of grain and a difficult harvest like this one isn't going to help matters. When something is in short supply its value always increases so inevitably will the cost of our weekly shop. Dearer grain means dearer breakfast cereals, pasta and bread. Barley is used to make beer and whiskey so they will probably cost more. Food for cattle, pigs and poultry is mainly made from wheat and barley so that too will have a knock-on effect on the price of meat. Yes, we grumble about farmers when it happens because by then we'll probably have forgotten that the root cause is the weather. It is in control of everything when it comes to farming and is something no one can do anything about.

Farmers' livelihoods are dependent on it and we've certainly had some extremes in the last two or three years. The acreage of corn sown last autumn was less than usual because the ground was so wet. To compensate more was sown in the spring which is later ripening and does not usually yield so well. The spring was cold which delayed growth and the miserable summer meant harvesting was held up. The grain needs to be really dry both to thresh out properly and to store safely. When the moisture content is too high it has to be dried artificially which is time consuming and expensive. Nearly every day in August, when the combines should have been hard at work, was cloudy and damp with no dry. Normally cereal harvest is nearly complete by the end of the month but at the beginning of September there were still hundreds of acres left to cut. It wasn't until the 3rd that things began to improve and the ensuing few days of fine weather thankfully provided a much needed window of opportunity to catch up. With top of the range combines able to cut a strip 40ft (12.2m) or more wide it didn't take long. Meteorologically September 1st is the first day of autumn and Keats description in his poem 'To Autumn' seems to sum up the month so well. "Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness, Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;" Dew forms as darkness falls and heavy dews accompanied by mists mean the corn takes much longer to dry off in the morning. As we head through September the days are getting much shorter, there are fewer hours in which to combine and as long as

The new Government multi-million pound funded Environmental Land Management Scheme combating climate change prioritises conservation, rewilding and tree planting over crop production. Is this really wise when it comes to providing sufficient food to feed our expanding population? With shortages worldwide we shouldn't expect to be able to rely on imports to make up any deficit.

conditions allow they'll go on working long into the night. Gathering a late harvest really is a race against time. Hopefully when you read this all crops will be safely

BARTON BENDISH NEWS

Barton Awakes

"Friendship is the golden thread that ties the heart of all the world." John Evelyn.

It has been a long and taxing eighteen months and I suspect that we will be feeling the effects of the pandemic for years to come. From a purely medical standpoint, we are from out of the woods just yet. Only time will tell just how effective our vaccines are and how dangerous future variants may prove to be .I look forward to the much heralded booster jab with its promised cocktail of protection from Covid, flu variations and old age. Ever the optimist.

I am sure that the long term damage is going to be psychological. This terrible blight has left us at times vulnerable, isolated and inclined to question many of the things that we have always taken for granted. One of the things causing us to pause for thought is to do with the way we are with each other. Whilst Barton Aid and similar organisations all over the country have done a magnificent job of checking in on people and making sure that the vulnerable were helped with their shopping and with collecting prescriptions, nothing has been able to make up for the experience of being in a group .I found that I more or less lost the taste for alcohol because I wasn't aware that for me drinking was a social and shared pleasure. Like many other things it seemed an empty habit away from the context of friends and neighbours. The loss of opportunities for camaraderie, good, robust conversation and involvement in joint projects has been a grievous one which will take some recovering from. We have become better at sharing things. The success of our community library shows us that. It is well used. People have been incredibly generous with donations and it has given us another reason to go into our church, even if we are not particularly religious .However, it is not the same as being with people. It was lovely that Ray Burman's first service following his ordination was in the beautiful St Mary's church. The community turned out to support him and to be with each other. Just what churches are for in my view.

I know that many people are still wary of mixing even now when things seem to be returning to a kind of normal. When the Barton Bendish Breakfast Club met up recently I was eager to see what it would feel like. Of course we weren't able to meet in the late lamented Berney Arms but having bemoaned this fact to the Friends of Barton Bendish Facebook group a solution emerged. Catkin Parker, owner of the Bedingfeld Arms suggested that we should try meeting there rather than abandon our noble aims .It was very generous of her and so it was that eight of us gathered and sat outside the Bedingfield while its mercurial owner circulated amongst us before joining us for breakfast. I confess that I hadn't realised how much I had missed it. Breaking bread with your friends and neighbours is fundamental to whatever it is that we label civilisation. And the

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Bedingfeld did us proud. So much so that we decided to meet there every first Friday in the month at 9.30. Our next meeting will be on October 1st and of course anyone who is a friend of Barton Bendish is invited. I heartily recommend it.

As I write, we have been treated to another stunning display by the Red Arrows and our Arts and Crafts weekend approaches. I am sure that it will be just as successful as our Open Gardens event. Many people will experience our transformed village hall for the first time. Quite apart from the venue, people will be amazed by the quality of the arts and crafts on display and by the obvious hospitality of a village which frequently punches above its weight. The building itself has the capacity to draw the community back together with a series of popular events and facilities. In particular I look forward to the community breakfasts. The next one is on October 9th at 9.30 and I hope that a lot of people will find the time to attend.

Amongst other things we have the PCC to thank for the energy and vision to organise the events which are always so popular. Many people travel some distance to go to them.

Things will never be quite the same but I am sure that some things will have changed for the better. Sharing a pint and a lively discussion about Brexit is just one thing I will never again take for granted.

Andrew Stephen.

Barton Bendish Film Club

Following the forced cancellation of our July screening, we're trying again to screen **"The Personal History of David Copperfield"** on Saturday 9th October doors open at 6:30pm for 7pm.

We now have the benefit of a refurbished and extended village hall with all new facilities, including Audio Visual equipment, acoustic design, comfortable chairs and a new kitchen for preparing the refreshments. So we will be putting on our first screening at 7:00 pm on Saturday October 9th 2021. This is the highly entertaining '**The Personal History of David Copperfield**' starring Dev Patel, Peter Capaldi, Hugh Lawrie, Tilda Swinton & Ben Wishaw. Written and directed by Armando Ianucci "....sometimes bursts at the seams, but it's abound with an exuberant energy that honors Dickens without embalming him in the literary past." according to Rolling Stone. Running time 119 minutes

Tickets can be booked in advance or just come along on the night to enjoy a film; a warm welcome is guaranteed.

Tickets £5. Box Office: 01366 347849 email: cinemabarton@gmail.com

Narborough Museum

Everyone living within the G4 parishes is very much aware that we have RAF Marham as a close neighbour but how many people know preceding that was RAF Narborough. Marham opened in August 1916 as a night landing ground for the Royal Flying Corps and was used in WW1 to defend against Zeppelin raids. It closed in 1919 but was

resurrected when construction on the original site commenced in 1935.

More than a year before that RAF Narborough had opened on 28th May 1915 and covering over 900 acres was the largest airfield in Britain during the First World War. It closed in December 1919 and the land was returned to agricultural use. Today, other than a small memorial opposite the Marham turning off the Narborough road, there is very little evidence that it ever existed.

A group of dedicated volunteers have spent many months painstakingly assembling an historical collection of photographs, documents and artefacts relating to the Narborough area, the village and the airfield. In addition the display includes a model of the village.

Narborough Museum is now open to the public on Thursdays between 10am and 3pm. Admission is free. It is situated in Pentney Road, opposite what was the old railway station and near the Pentney Village sign. Postcode PE32 1JD.

If further information is required please contact 07769602601.

Voices from the Vestry

Harvest Breakfast - October 9th - 9.30am

This is another unmissable opportunity to break bread with your neighbours and to enjoy a thoughtful start to the day in the Village Hall. Contact Linda (347563) or Mhari (347549) to book your breakfast!

Remembrance Service - November 14th 10.30am

Barton Bendish will be holding an act of Remembrance at St Andrew's Church. A wreath will be laid at the village war memorial during the service. The names of those from the village who gave their lives will be read out. If you would like to contribute by mentioning names or reading out stories, however short, please contact either Churchwarden and they will be included.

Wreath Making Workshops - November 25th - 27th

The annual wreath making workshops will run again in November in the Village Hall (see poster). Places are filling up quickly for these workshops so please contact Linda (347563) or Mhari (347849) soon to book your place.

Thursday Nov 25th - 7.30pm

Friday Nov 26th - 7.30pm

Saturday Nov 27 - 10.30am or 7.30pm

Update from Barton Bendish Parish Council

Barton Bendish Parish Council held an Ordinary Parish Council meeting in Barton Bendish Village Hall on 8th September.

Cllr Paul Swallow chaired the meeting, five other Councillors were present along with our Borough Councillor Colin Sampson.

We are still looking for suggestions from residents on how we can spend the Community Infrastructure Levy payment from the Borough Council of £2356.65. There are limitations on how this money can be used as it must be on a project which is for the benefit of the community. One suggestion so far is an internet café at the Village Hall, which could be useful for residents suffering from poor broadband speeds in the more rural parts of the parish. If you can think of something that you feel we should consider, please get in touch with the Clerk.

At this stage we do not know if RAF Marham will be hosting their popular Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch in December this year. If you have attended in the past, then we have a note of your details and will contact you if it goes ahead and you are eligible to go this year. If you are a senior citizen living in the parish and have not been before, but would like to go in the future, please contact the Clerk so that we can add your details to our list.

The Parish Council has agreed for a memorial token to be presented to the parish in honour of the community efforts made in the pandemic year. We plan to invite residents to attend the presentation, including members of the Barton Bendish Aid group who were highly active during the pandemic. Further details in the next issue.

The date of the next meeting will be on Wednesday 10th November 2021 from 7.30pm in Barton Bendish Village Hall. All meetings are open to the public to attend.

Miss Sarah Thorpe, Parish Clerk

Telephone number: 01945 430930

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Further information is available on the Parish Council website at <u>bartonbendishparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk</u>

Forthcoming Events

Sat October 9th Sat October 9th at 7pm Harvest Breakfast at 9.30 am in the Village Hall Film 'The Personal History of David Copperfield'

November 25th/26th and 27th

Wreathmaking Workshops

Contact Linda (347563) or Mhari (347849)

Sat December 18th Sat January 22nd 2022 Christmas Celebration at 6pm Burns Supper at 7pm

- 1. Seven (Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Hampshire, West Sussex, East Sussex, Kent)
- 2. Lowestoft
- 3. Leeds
- 4. Billingsgate Fish Market
- 5. Green Park
- 6. Henry IV

Answers to quiz on page 5

- 7. Great Yarmouth
- 8. Staffa
- 9. Oxford
- 10. Peak District
- 11. It's fictional--Terry Pratchetts Ankh-Morpork
- 12. George I,II,III,IV
- 13. Alan Ball (aged 21)
- 14. The Bishop of Durham
- 15. Brookside Close
- 16. The A30
- 17. Charing Cross
- 18. Exeter (the Spreurhofstrasse, in Reutlingen, Germany is 50 cm wide)
- 19. London Eye 135m, Wembley Arch 133m

Fincham Bellringers continue to meet twice a week online, which has helped us keep together and been invaluable in learning the theory of the art. For those who are interested, but concerned about the physical requirements, it's a good introduction and interesting in its own right. I've been learning to ring handbells—two at a time! - online, which I've never managed to do on real bells. Please contact me if you would like to try it out. We need new recruits at Fincham. In the tower, we are delighted to welcome Sally Taylor back after recovering from her broken ankle. When the pandemic started and ringing became impossible, our learners were just beginning to be able to handle the bell independently, so it was really unfortunate timing. However, all the learners have benefitted from the online sessions. Sally's first time up the steps again in nearly a year and her first attempt to ring were most encouraging. We've lost some of the Fincham ringers over the pandemic—not from Covid, but other life events. We are managing to keep ringing because of keen ringers from other towers who come to ring with us and we are very grateful to them. Ringing is something that can bring great satisfaction and interest, and enthusiastic ringers are many and varied, and hard to come by..'Who knows,

Beachamwell



Quiz

Saturday 2nd October 7.30

Beachamwell Village Hall

Bring your own refreshments
Tables must be pre-booked
All proceeds to The Friends of
St. Mary's Church
Beachamwell

Enquiries: 01366 328648/729

Beachamwell Book Group

Tuesday 5th October 7.30

Beachamwell Village Hall

Book to be discussed over a glass of wine

'Family Album'

Penelope Lively

New members welcome Enquiries: 01366 327023

Beachamwell

Wednesday Walkers

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

We meet at the Village Hall 10.00 a.m.

First Wednesday of the month.

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

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

Further details from 01366 328452.

Beachamwell

Creative Writing Group



Meets every second Monday Afternoon

2.30pm

Everyone with an interest in putting pen to paper welcome.

Enquiries: 01366 328895

or

james@jamesknoxwhittet.plus.com

BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

Beachamwell Parish Council



The next meeting of the Parish Council is Monday 8th November. This meeting will be held at Beachamwell Village Hall at 7.30pm. The red BT phone kiosk at The Street, Beachamwell is available for the Parish Council to adopt for £1. At the last meeting the Parish Council agreed to adopt the phone kiosk from BT. The clerk has contacted BT to confirm this and BT will now go to full consultation with Breckland District Council. The consultation has begun and members of the public have 42 days from 10 August to contact Breckland District Council with their comments. The whole process will take about 90 days and the Parish Council will

hear from BT towards the end of the year with the outcome of the consultation.

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St Mary's Church, Beachamwell



The long running saga of the replacement lead roof continues. The bat survey was positive in that there were not sufficient bats found to require a licence, although the builders will (eventually) have to work in accordance with a method statement to be issued by the ecologist. The new problem is that a member of the surveyor team instructed by the insurers left his firm without telling anyone. Pat Clarke and I between us are putting as much pressure on anyone we can and I have now

lodged a formal complaint with the insurers as to the handling of this claim. The lead roof was stolen in May 2019 and to be here in September 2021 with no progress is disheartening to say the least. Hopefully we can get started soon. In the meantime we have applied for an extension to our grant for the thatch work which will probably have to follow on next spring.

We are also making enquiries about the cost of an alarm on the lead roof once replaced. An alarm company will be coming to inspect in early October. We certainly do not want the roof stolen again....

Our fund raising activities are slowly coming back to life. You will read elsewhere we have a quiz coming up soon. I hope it is not too optimistic to think the Church might even be open for a Christmas Carol Service....We will be holding an AGM in November and notices of the date will be put up around the village nearer the time.

Peggy Ray

Beachamwell Quilting Group.



sadly missed by the group.

Jane Atkins and Leah Spencer
[Excellent result - well done. Ed.]

A big thank you to everybody in the village, who supported the Charity Sale in Beachamwell Village Hall on Wednesday 1st September. The sale of paintings, fabrics and refreshments was well attended and raised £571.50 for the Swaffham & Litcham Home Hospice.

Visitors were also able to see and enjoy examples of the quilts made by two former members - Christine Wright, who died in June and Kate Davies, who died in July. They will be

BEACHAMWELL, SHINGHAM & DRYMERE VILLAGE NEWS

Village Hall



The Trustees at present are:
Pete Garner (Chairman)
Colin Friend (Vice Chairman)
David Snodgrass (Treasurer)
Ann Knox Whittet (Secretary)
Allan Butler
Cathy Friend (Bookings)

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Committee Members at present are:

Tim Hudson, Mark Lusby, Helga Corey-Wright, Graham and Jackie Hood Any queries re Village Hall please contact Cathy Friend 01366 328892

Beachamwell Wednesday Walkers are back!

After the long Covid break of eighteen months, the Wednesday Walkers met on Wednesday, 1st September to continue our exploration of the many footpaths, bridleways and public tracks in and around the parish.

This first walk found us looking at Wellmere, now dry, where dozens of geese, duck and other wild birds enjoyed the rare occurrence of the large lake that covered so much of the farmland earlier this year. Then we walked up beside the Warren Belt and across the fields to see the source of much of the winter's water at Dick's Pit.

Our circular route continued to the Long Drove with its extensive views across West Norfolk and its many wild flowers, before walking down St John's Lane, The Street and back to the village hall just before noon. The walk covered just over three miles.

We meet again at the village hall at 10.00 am on Wednesday, 6th October. Why not come along too?

Sue Pennell (01366 328452)

Church Services in October (Priory Group)

For up-to-date information check the WNPG website at: https://www.westnorfolkpriorygroup.co.uk/calendar

Sunday 3rd October The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am Runcton Holme Holy Communion

10.00 amShouldhamMorning Prayer11.00 amMarhamHoly Communion11.00 amWatlingtonMorning Prayer

6.00 pm Online Evening Prayer See Link 3 on page 24

Sunday 10th October The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am Shouldham Thorpe Holy Communion

11.00 am Fincham Morning Prayer
11.00 am Stowbridge Holy Communion
11.00 am Watlington Holy Communion

6.00 pm Online Evening Prayer

Sunday 17th October The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am Wormegay Holy Communion 11.00 am Marham Holy Communion 11.00 am Shouldham Holy Communion 11.00 am Watlington Morning Prayer

6.00 pm Online Evening Prayer

Sunday 24th October The Last Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am Fincham Holy Communion (BCP)

11.00 am Watlington Morning Prayer

11.00 am Stow Bardolph Wimbotsham Holy Communion

11.00 am Wormegay Holy Communion

6.00 pm Online Evening Prayer

Sunday 31st October Fourth Sunday before Advent 11 am Wimbothsham@Stow Holy Communion

Midweek services

Every Wednesday 10.00am **Watlington** Morning Prayer.

Thursday 2nd 10.00am Runcton Holme Holy communion

Thursday 14th 10.00 am Fincham Holy Communion

Church Services in October (Wissey Group)

These are the planned services during October 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 3rd October The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am Methwold Holy Communion

9.30 am Wretton/Stoke Ferry Holy Communion

11.00 am West Dereham Service of the Word

6.00 pm Wereham Evensong

Sunday 10th October The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am West Dereham Holy Communion

9.30 am Whittington Service of the Word

11.00 am Boughton Morning Prayer

6.00 pm Methwold Harvest Festival and Supper

Sunday 17th October The Twentieth after Trinity

9.30 am Methwold Holy Communion

9.30 am West Dereham Service of the Word

9.30 am Wretton/Stoke Ferry Holy Communion

11.00 am Wereham Morning Prayer

Sunday 24th October The Last Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am Methwold Service of the Word

9.30 am West Dereham Sunday Worship

9.30 am Whittington Holy Communion

11.00 am Boughton Holy Communion

Sunday 31st October The Fourth Sunday before Advent

3,30 pm Methwold All Saints' service

Every Sunday except 31st, 6.30 pm online service

Midweek Services

Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9.00 am **Wretton with Stoke Ferry** Morning Prayer

BOUGHTON NEWS

A child at Boughton Rectory

The nursery was at the top of the back stairs and here we played – riding Major the rocking horse and rearranging the furniture in the dolls house. In the winter we sometimes had a small fire in the grate; frost formed wonderful patterns on the inside of the windows. In the spring we looked out at the blossom on the large Quince tree.

When I was aged four, with the addition of my younger sister, the nursery became the night nursery and all daytime activity moved to the dining room. The large table was used to lay out model farms, for painting and drawing and sometimes sewing. Model railways were on the floor. Everything had to be cleared up in time for meals.

We had a gramophone on which we played old records of Italian Opera or Gilbert and Sullivan. There was also a piano on which my mother played while we gathered round and now forgotten songs such as The Girl I Left Behind Me, and The Lincolnshire Poacher and of course hymns on Sunday.

Our day started with family prayers in the Angel room, a small room off the hall, undoubtedly the butler's pantry. We were summoned by the sound of a Burmese gong, unlike any other; it was made of bronze and comprised two horns, struck by a club of soft wood on a teak handle. It had a penetrating but melodious sound and we all obeyed the summons. Lessons with my mother took up most of the morning. In the afternoon, we were sent out for fresh air and exercise, whatever the weather. We walked the dogs, a cross-bred collie and an Aberdeen Terrier of uncertain temper. We tended the pets; rabbits, a Belgian hare and guinea pigs. At various times, we also had three goats two pigs and a donkey who pulled the Governors cart. The pigs vanished when I was very young as did the goats, and later the donkey when we all took to bicycles. I remember taking the goats for walks on collars and leads, and I remember trying to get them over a stile. There was also a twice daily duty to feed the hens and collect the eggs.

The garden was our kingdom, dominated by three high spreading Elms from one of which hung a swing and in the other a tree house built by my father and known as the crow's nest. From the swing, it was possible when swinging high to launch oneself onto the tennis court. The aim was to land inside the tramlines onto the service area. My father also built a shack – a hut raised on poles and reached by a flight of steps, model on the dwellings he had seen in the villages in Burma. This was a shelter in bad weather and also served as a ship to be sailed or castle to be defended. Sometimes we would be told that we were shipwrecked on an island; provided with basic provisions and pots and pans, we were banned from the house for the day. We made a camp fire and cooked for ourselves whilst my eldest sister made up hair raising stories of our plight. She was the leader in all that we did which mostly involved climbing - trees walls or buildings. She had a head for heights which would have rivalled that of a mountain goat and was fearless. She also thought of things to do. We were obedient children and did not do anything that was forbidden, but she thought of things that parents that overlooked knowing that my father was away for the day. She once decided to climb to the chimney stack on the stable roof. This was possible because there was a cow shed on the north side joined to the stable with a roof which sloped to within about six feet from the ground. So up they went, Ruth aged ten, Joan eight and John seven – I aged four and a half did not go. When my father cycled into the stable yard he saw his three eldest children astride the roof singing hymn "Hold the fort for I am coming". With great presence of mind, he moved to the cow shed before ordering them to come down. Although I have the clearest recollection of this, mine was a worms' eye view - too cowardly and too young to do more than watch.

In the evening we gathered in the drawing room and my mother read to us. As she chose books for the older ones, I became familiar with Scott, Dickens, R L Stevenson and the poems of Wordsworth, Tennyson and Matthew Arnold amongst others.

Sunday was a day apart – we all went to church in the morning where my mother played the organ. For evensong, Mr Robinson was the organist and only the older ones went. We also attended Sunday school. On Sunday all other activities were different. Only improving books were read: Lives of the Saints and Martyrs, Pilgrims Progress and other such improving works. We also learnt the collect for the day. Games and playtime in the normal way were suspended, but when father was in church for evensong, we could get the gramophone out. However we had to make sure it was put away before he came home which was easier in the winter as we could see from the house when the church lights were switched off after the service. This gave us fifteen minutes to get back to those books. We passed the time between church going, in winter round the fire and in fine summer weather on rugs in the shade of the elms. My chief recollection of Sunday at Boughton in the 1920's and early 30's is of silence – no work was done in the fields, no stock was moved and there were of course no cars or aeroplanes. It was so quiet that you could hear a dog bark on a farm miles away across the fields.

Modern means of transport hardly touched ordinary life: two people in the village bought cars during this time. Once we were given a lift home and were amazed to have travelled at 40 miles an hour! An aeroplane made a forced landing in the 100 acre field on the right of the road to Stoke Ferry. All those who could spare the time turned out to see it – a small biplane – which took off again after a time in a puff of smoke. I was probably about 7 years old, which would date this event as about 1925.

Goods and services were horse drawn. Only Saxon of Downham delivered groceries – ordered by post and fortnightly – in a small lorry covered with a tarpaulin. Milk, cream and butter came from Mrs Proctor at the farm near Boughton pit, fetched in enamel milk cans by one of us children. I remember her cool, scrubbed dairy, where she let us watch the butter being made in the churn. She kept turkeys for Christmas, and geese on the pit who chased us, hissing, with outstretched necks if we went too near.

My father had The Times, posted from London, to arrive with the rest of the post in the morning. We were quite untroubled by other contacts with the outside world for most of my early years. The telephone, a party line, came when I was about 8. Our first wireless was a crystal set with headphones. Eventually we had a wireless with a loudspeaker. We were allowed to listen to the news, and, when they were broadcast, the Proms, but not much else.

Winter was cold—the kitchen with its black range was the warmest place and the anticipation of Christmas as well as preparations for the festival make my winter memories glow. My Father did not allow any planning or the celebrations during the four weeks of Advent. The making of Christmas pudding was undertaken in the evenings when he was busy with other matters; the whole family gathered in the kitchen and we were each given a task. Raisins came complete with pips or with stones as we called them which were removed; currants were washed dried and rolled in flour, candied peel in large curved pieces with candied sugar in the curves had to be chopped finely and bread reduced to fine crumbs. Finally all was mixed together with spices, stirred by each one of us whilst making a wish, and put to boil in cauldrons on the range. The kitchen would be warm, steamy and full of the spicy aroma which was the first forebear of Christmas.

The garden was full of holly trees of all sorts, variegated, red and golden berries. We gathered baskets and bundles of these and other evergreens; on Christmas Eve, and with the help of the parishioners, we decorated the Church. In the evening, we decorated the house, twisting strands of ivy between the banisters on the stairs. Every possible place was festooned with holly and ivy. The Christmas tree was in the drawing room (forbidden ground); presents were never mentioned until after church on Christmas Day. Long after we were in bed we would hear footsteps on the gravel and the carol singers would sing, always starting with While Shepherds Watched. That was Christmas.

Spring came with the snowdrops which grew thickly down the drive, to be followed by double daffodils. On Good Friday we went to Boughton wood and gathered primroses which were tied in bundles and bought home to be put in pans and footbaths in the larder, to be taken next day to decorate the church for Easter.

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On Mayday the children from the school decorated a washing basket and dressed up a doll to carry in, and visited us to show us the May queen.

Summer was hay time; the farmer who rented the glebe kept the big field for hay. All manner of herbs and flowers grew there including wild sorrel which gave a shadow of red and the wind passed over the tall grass. We were allowed to help with the hay making on our own glebe; my special joy was to be lifted on the back of a Suffolk punch called blossom to ride as she pulled the tedder which turned the swathes of cut grass. Later when the hay was left in haycocks we would picnic amongst them. The scent of that hay was the essence if summer.

Harvest was more remote as we were not allowed in the harvest fields. On our walks we watch as the reaper and binder, with its windmill like mechanism, tossed out the sheaves of corn to be made into stooks, six to a stook.

In the garden we were also harvesting; the potatoes were dug up, left to dry and then put into hessian sacks for storage, enough for the winter. Fruit was bottled in kilner jars, roots vegetables clamped, and best of all, the apples from the high trees in the orchard were gathered, the bravest of us climbing the tall ladders to reach them. Apples were stored in the attic in rows on the floor. Then once again the church was decorated for the harvest festival, which shocks of corn, fruit and vegetables.

There were no modern amenities in the Rectory, just one cold water tap upstairs, which was fed from a cistern in the roof. Rain water off the roof was collected into an underground reservoir by the back door: if we were naughty our punishment was to work the pump, sending the water up to the cistern. Hot water came from a boiler, heated in the scullery on a tortoise stove. It was shaped like a giant kettle, with a tap in place of a spout and about two feet high and five feet in circumference. This was supplemented by kettles heated on the range and later by a primus stove. Water also came from a well in the cellar, reputed never to run dry. When there was a severe drought (1926?), the village wells ran dry and people came to fetch water morning and evening, with pails and kettles, some even with shoulder yolks with a pail in each hand. I remember them coming and going up the drive. Some of the farmers brought water carts and took water to the old, infirm and young mothers.

For warmth we had coal or wood fires in the comfort of the range in the kitchen. For illumination, lamps lighted rooms, the hall and passages downstairs. Upstairs it was dark and we lit the candles to see us to bed.

Our lives were governed by the divisions of the Church year, which coincided mostly with the natural seasons

Written by Mrs Bridget Kenrick, b1917, the daughter of Rev J S Beloe (Boughton Vicar from

CPRE NORFOLK AWARDS 2021

On 17th September six of us made our way to Dereham Memorial Hall for the presentation of the annual CPRE awards. There are a number of categories for these awards, so it was an interesting evening, hearing about the myriad of projects that had reached the finals, from a an eco-friendly and dark skies lighting scheme masterminded by Swaffham Town Council to the Countryside Champions Youth Award which was won by Coltishall Primary School with their Save the Bees initiative which has resulted in a 40 x 2 metre wildflower bed, created from scratch.

When we were contacted to make arrangements for one of the judges to come out in the summer, it was apparent that we had made a shortlist from a large number of entries. In the end, we were one of two Highly Commended entries, the other two in our category (Countryside Champions) being declared joint winners. Our photos looked lovely on the information boards posted around the corri-

dors on the way in. (very strict one way system in place). It was lovely to have a reason to put a frock on and make a bit of an effort.



A commemorative brochure was given to all the attendees, and this states the CPRE likes that: Good public access has been maintained, and an Impressive range of wildlife and birds.



We were presented with a substantial framed certificate to bring away with us. More details and photos can be found on the CPRE website:

https://www.cprenorfolk.org.uk/awards-2021

Sue Pogmore

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Poppy Appeal 2021

Currently, as things stand November's Poppy Appeal will be back to normal, therefore, I will be conducting a house to house collection in Boughton on behalf of The Royal British Legion. Please phone me if you do not wish me to knock.

Angela 501335



Photo by Andrew Stephen of Barton Bendish

WEREHAM VILLAGE NEWS

Wereham Parish Council

Next Meeting Date – Tuesday 9 November 2021 at 7.00 pm (To be held in the St Margaret's Church, St Margaret's Hill, Wereham pending covid safety – check Agenda on Website for the most up to date meeting details, if deemed unsafe the meeting will be cancelled). The Church will be the venue for Parish Council meetings for the rest of 2021 until further notice whilst we air on caution in social distancing ourselves during the meeting, the room at the Village Hall that is usually used for meetings is not of the right size and the main hall has ongoing activities planned.

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.

Budget 2022/23 – The Council will be considering the budget for 2022/23 until when they approve in January. If you have ideas or anything you think should be considered please attend a meeting to share by emailing the Clerk on werehampc@gmail.com who will share with the Council at the meetings.

Highways – Paths and Roads – Defects Please report anything that you see verges, trees, pot holes, 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. The Parish Council will report issues that it finds, but if residents do this also we can increase the repairs that we 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

Wereham VEDay 761/4 commemoration

Many , many thanks to everyone who supported Wereham heritage group's VE Day commemoration.

The event was originally planned for May 2020 but was rescheduled because of the pandemic.

We are very grateful to all involved including the Thetford Home guard reenactor team complete with Dad's Army type sketches and drill practices, for the Swingtones due for their 1940s songs and for the wonderful Jazz band.

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for a photographic record of the day. Many thanks to Jen Rye for the amazing photos.

Wereham Heritage group is grateful to Norfolk foundation and the Norfolk Armed Forces covenant for the award of a grant which has gone along way towards funding the event which was free for all to attend.

If anyone would like to make a donation please make them to St. Margaret's church using the Just Giving link

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Car Boot and Cafe.

Only two more opportunities to have a clear out and sell your items before Christmas, October 31st or November28th. The cafe will be open all morning with all the usual goodies to eat and drink. We look forward to seeing you all at one or both dates. For details please contact Philip

on <u>07759033492</u>,or <u>01366 501330</u> or e-mail rosemary.pease@btinternet.com.

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Short mat bowls is played every Thursday afternoon 2pm until 4pm, we are a happy little group who play for pleasure, we don't take ourselves to seriously. New players always welcome, no experience needed as we will show you what to do, we take a short break part way through for tea or coffee and biscuits, no extra charge. For details please contact Philip on 07759 033492,

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Craft Group.

Keep this date in your diary , 13th NOVEMBER 2021 is the date for our Pre Christmas Craft Fair. We look forward to seeing lots of you on the day. If there are any crafters who would like a table at the fair please contact me as soon as possible, I can fit in a couple more crafters. We will be serving filled rolls, Homemade Soup, teas, coffee and Cake. We welcome new crafters to our monthly meeting, we are a friendly little group. For details please contact Rosemary on, 07749 240606, or 01366 501330, or e-mail rosemary.pease@btinternet.com.

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NB. Some of our ageing community are anxious about the threat of an unseen bandit and would expect guests to take safety precautions. Every member who has so far accepted the invitation has been double jabbed and regularly flow tested.

Nigel Tooth

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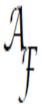


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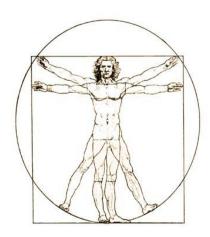
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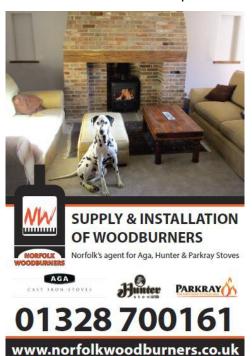
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Saturday 16th October 2021 at 7.30 pm

Fincham and District WI

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 8. September 2021

Apologies P Wood, J Fuller, A Wiseman, J Lynskey

Ten members met in the memorial hall for the second afternoon meeting. Members were pleased to see President, Mrs C Dungay after her recent eye operation.

Minutes of the last meeting were read, agreed to be correct, and signed.

Matters arising

Sue Batterham has sent an e-mail to the Theatre Royal, expressing interest in the production of "The Sound of Music," - no response as yet.

Christine has been advised that any change in the timing of our meetings will have to go before the board.

She was also advised that a bench, dedicated to the memory of valued member, Ann Dickerson, and installed in Hansa Wood, has, sadly, disintegrated, but the plaque has been recovered and replaced on another bench.

AOB

Sue Batterham took numbers for 2022 diaries and calendars.

Sue was presented with a card celebrating her and her husband Colin,s Diamond Anniversary.

The table flowers, arranged by I Delderfield, were presented to Sue Batterham.

Show and Tell

Members had been encouraged to bring an item of sentimental interest to themselves, and it was heartening to see such a variety of interesting objects and hear about why they were so treasured. Christine Dungay showed photos of past holidays spent at Great Yarmouth, Sue Westwood talked about her collection of thimbles, Iris Delderfield told of her grandfather's indentures of 1862, Wendy Baines brought along a cup and saucer used by her mother on special occasions, Sally Taylor bought along a mystery item discovered in a riding school where she used to work, Pam Wakeling told members about a small model of an orang utan reminding her of the one she has sponsored, Ann Bloy showed her fob watch holder, Wendy Bell showed her album and spoke of the intensive 12 course she had to attend in order to become a WI flower demonstrator and Sue Batterham showed her grandfather's bible, given to her in 1945.

It was a really interesting afternoon, looking at such a variety of items which, obviously brought back sweet memories to everyone.

The afternoon continued with refreshments with everyone helping and agreeing that it had been another successful meeting and such a treat to meet up with

id you know that there is now an online 'Virtual WI' in Norfolk? It was founded earlier this year and meets on the fourth Monday of each month, using Zoom. (If you haven't yet discovered Zoom, help is always available. The online WI has members from all over Norfolk, and further. One member attends from overseas. It's ideal for people who are unable to get to a physical meeting and works in exactly the same way. If you are interested, please contact either Norfolk WI, or email me. You can continue as a member of your local WI and be a dual member if you want to.

Pam Wakeling

Fincham Bellringers continue to meet twice a week online, which has helped us keep together and been invaluable in learning the theory of the art. For those who are interested, but concerned about the physical requirements, it's a good introduction and interesting in it's own right. I've been learning to ring handbells-two at a time! - online, which I've never managed to do on real bells. Please contact me if you would like to try it out. We need new recruits at Fincham. In the tower, we are delighted to welcome Sally Taylor back after recovering from her broken ankle. When the pandemic started and ringing became impossible, our learners were just beginning to be able to handle the bell independently, so it was really unfortunate timing. However, Sally and the Desboroughs have benefitted from the online sessions. Sally's first time up the steps again in nearly a year and her first attempt to ring were most encouraging. We've lost some of the Fincham ringers over the pandemic-not from Covid, but other life events. We are managing to keep ringing because of keen ringers from other towers who come to ring with us and we are very grateful to them. Ringing is something that can bring great satisfaction and interest, and enthusiastic ringers are many and varied, and hard to come by..Who knows, maybe it is you we have been waiting for.?



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