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Date	East Harling	Garbl'sham	Wretham	Bridgham	Larling
Sunday Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> Naming & Cir. Jesus					
Sunday Jan 8th Baptism of Christ	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion			11.00am Holy Com'union
Sunday Jan 15 <sup>th</sup> Epiphany 2	9.30am Holy Communion 6.30pm Harling Praise (at Methodists)	11.00am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	11.00am Holy Communion	
Sunday Jan 22nd Epiphany 3	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion			11.00 Service of the Word
Sunday Jan 29th Candlemas					

Date	Brettenham	Riddlesworth	Blo'Norton
Sunday Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> Naming & Circ. Of Jesus			11.00am Holy Communion Benefice Service
Sunday Jan 8th Baptism of Christ			
Sunday Jan 15 <sup>th</sup> Epiphany 2			
Sunday Jan 22nd Epiphany 3	11.00 Holy Communion		
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**January 2023**

1<sup>st</sup> **Richard Adams** – Always close in our hearts and thoughts with much love from Carole, Caroline and Alix.

12<sup>th</sup> **David Dunton** – Special thoughts of David’s liver donor Annette and her family in Ireland who gave us his extra precious years together, love always from his family.

15<sup>th</sup> **Joyce Biddulph** – Loved and remembered every day – Ann and Angela

17<sup>th</sup> **Mick** – Miss you every day, Love always, Jenny and the Family.

Thank you to all who sponsor the floodlighting of East Harling Church

**MIDWEEK COMMUNION**



This short communion service continues every Wednesday in St Peter and St Paul’s Church at 11.30am.. Feel free to bring your lunch with you so that we can share some social time together. Tea and coffee will be provided.

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Stuart Langridge (eaton42a@hotmail.com or 01953 714900)



Dear friends

I was truly blessed, during the weekend that I am writing this, to officiate at a wedding in Wymondham Abbey, for parishioners of East Harling. It was my first time in that Church – and it really is a stunning building. It will perhaps not be a surprise that, as a Priest, I am very interested in Church art and architecture, and the Abbey is a very grand example of both.

And yet, two things kept resonating in my mind. The millennium-long history of that place just heightened the sense for me of the smallness and ordinariness of the human story that unfolded during that wedding. This beautiful couple and their amazing daughters were coming into that place, just one little family, and making their promises to each other, and then leaving again to get on with their lives. And the power and beauty of what this little family was committing itself to just had a life, a vitality, that nothing in that magnificent Church (or any Church, Abbey or Cathedral) could match. The beating heart of that vitality was, of course, love. The couple getting married held hands, and looked into each others' eyes, and the love being expressed there was a true glimpse of the love of God, right in front of us.

I also, on entering the Abbey and looking at the beauty of the building, couldn't help but immediately think of Jesus going to the Temple in Jerusalem, and telling the disciples, marvelling at the beauty of that building, that not one stone would remain on top of another. Because every Temple, every Church, Abbey – any building, or creation made by human hands – is only temporary. Jesus was right – within 100 years, the Temple was destroyed. But he said he had come to build another Temple ... but this was a community of love, bound together by hope, joy, love – the power of the Spirit of God.

We're at a point in history where we are reaping what we, as a race, have sown in terms of international conflict, environmental catastrophe, economic imbalance ... and I am praying for ways out of these things, and to play my part in anything that I can do to reverse some of these things. But this weekend has reminded me that love is, in the end, the only eternal thing that we can be part of. Not just the love of a married couple – but the love, in any form, that chooses the other, that sees and holds on to the value of each human person that we encounter.

Buildings, organisations, traditions – all of these things can be wonderful and beautiful. But none of them are worth anything – except inasmuch as they remind us and point us towards the reality of love, and help us to live in that love. I pray that you will, amidst everything else in these coming months, have your eyes open that you may love those around you, and be able to receive the love of others. As we love one another, seeing the worth and infinite value of each other, together we build something that outshines any Church or Temple.

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We have now implemented the upgraded telephone system to help address patient feedback in respect of the previous system cutting calls off. The upgraded system has 3 options to choose from, so please listen carefully to the initial message on calling the Practice to select the most appropriate option.

Our busiest day since the telephone system was upgraded saw 1,277 attempted calls to the Practice in 1 day, which equates to 138 calls per hour.

There is now a dedicated repeat prescription option on the telephone lines (option 2), which is available 10am – 1pm Monday- Friday. Repeat prescriptions can also be requested online via our website, or by dropping the repeat request at either of our Practice sites.

Our website (<https://www.eh-khsurgery.co.uk/>) also has a lot of useful information to help patients and is regularly updated.

Our final Saturday flu clinic for this year has now been completed, but if you have not had your vaccination, and are eligible for it, please contact the Practice if you would like to arrange a vaccination.

Unfortunately, we continue to see a high number of appointments not attended, the total for November being 155. This is the equivalent of 5 full days of the appointment capacity for 1 GP. Please do contact us as soon as you are aware that you are unable to attend an appointment (whether this is a face to face or telephone appointment) as, even at very short notice, it is highly likely that we will be able to offer the appointment to another patient. Our website can be used to inform us of a cancelled appointment.

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Simon Round Practice Manager  
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**The Friends of East Harling Parish Church**  
**(reg No280087)**

Wish to thank all those who have supported our fundraising events in 2022 and look forward to seeing you at our events in 2023.

**The Old School Village Hall Committee** would like to wish residents a very happy New Year and to thank villagers for their support.

The past few years have been difficult for everyone, but it is nice to feel that things are returning to some sort of normality even though there are still some challenges to daily life.

We are pleased that at the Hall we were able to hold our usual events in 2022 and to give residents the opportunities to come together and strengthen community ties.

Our last major event for 2022 was the Christmas Lights Switch On and Christmas Market. It was fantastic to see so many people on the evening and then enjoying mulled wine and mince pies in the Hall. The children were delightful and so well-mannered, as they thanked us for the squash, sweets and biscuits. A big thankyou to Father Christmas, who managed to find time in his busy schedule to pop in and join everyone. Unfortunately his reindeers had sore hooves so his sleigh had to be pulled by a car!!



We have planned a variety of events for 2023, as well as our monthly coffee morning and lunch. There will be a slide show of Harling past and present, a quiz night, a village fete and the return of the Scarecrow Trail and Yard Sale. Further information in each edition of Contact.

Looking forward to seeing villagers in 2023

**THE GARDEN IN JANUARY**

There is nothing to do in the garden in January .... Don't you believe it. Mother Nature is still busy doing all manner of things out of sight.

*January opens  
The box of the year  
And brings out days  
That are bright and clear  
And brings out days  
That are cold and grey  
And shouts, "Come see  
What I brought today  
-by Leland B Jacobs, January*

More than most months January gardening is very weather determined. Over recent years long very cold spells have become less common, while prolonged wet periods have become the norm and this has led to compaction which makes it harder for air and water to get through the top layer (look at the effect the pigs have on Lopham Road, stopping the rain from soaking in and causing excessive run-off and loss of soil from the fields). [Ed. - Why don't farmers move the animals around to prevent this happening – it has led to serious flooding in past winters - remember Kenninghall last year?]

If the soil is reasonably dry and frost free there are many jobs that can usefully be carried out this month.

**Shrubs and young trees**

After the strong winds of the autumn these may have rocked about, and need the soil firming around them, and possibly staking. It is a good time to tidy up and remove dead and damaged wood.

**Grapes** If practical untie and lay down the stems. Tie back in next month. This encourages the sap to move throughout the whole plant which gives rise to more new growth and better fruiting.

**Deciduous hedges** can be cut hard to encourage new growth before the birds start nesting towards the end of February.

**Dahlias**. If you dug and stored your dahlia tubers these should be checked and use a fungicide if needed.

**Potatoes**. If you have space in a cool room to spread out some seed potatoes, they have been in the garden centres since before Christmas (far too early!) it is worth buying a few to have a better choice of varieties. Cardboard egg boxes/ trays are ideal for spreading them out. Don't leave them in their plastic bags, and certainly not in the dark. First and second earlies don't need chitting (leaving in warm light position until short sturdy shoots appear). Plant them under fleece in a cold greenhouse in late February, don't plant outdoors until mid-March onwards.

**Bulbs** Bring last pots of Hyacinths and other bulbs indoors to force early flowering – don't subject to excessive heat or over water or they will stretch and become leggy.

**Lilies** can be planted indoors for an early display under glass or in the house.

**House plants** Remove faded flowers and leaves. Do not over water. Give plenty of light, but don't leave behind curtains at night, even with double glazing it can get very cold.

**Fruit Trees** Continue winter pruning (not cherries, apricots, peaches or plums which are subject to fungal diseases if open wounds are left).

Good Gardening  
Kevin

**EAST HARLING LUNCH CLUB**

Apologies to everyone who was looking forward to a meal in December. Everything went pear shaped. We were advised that our constitution and insurance were no longer fit for purpose, putting our helpers at financial risk. We have sought a quote from the company that insures the Gardening Club, and we are madly working on a proper constitution, which we will put to members as soon as possible. Watch this space!

**Norfolk Wildlife Trust Breckland Local Group**

By the time you read this we will have had our December talk on migration by Ieuan Evans of BTO and Christmas will be a fond memory. We hope you all had a very happy one.

We start off 2023 with a presentation by Tony Leach entitled "Norfolk's Wonderful 150"; this talk is based on a book which profiles 150 species special to Norfolk, either because it is a particularly good place to see them or because it is the only place they can be seen. This will be on January 11, starting at 7.30pm at The Methodist Centre, High Street, Watton, IP25 6AB. Norfolk is a very special place for wildlife and we expect this to be a very popular event. No need to book, just turn up on the evening. Cost £2 NWT members, £3 non-members. Refreshments will be served.

Our second talk of the New Year will be on February 7th, same time and venue. A member of NWT Breckland Reserves Team will be giving an update on the work of the team and outlining future projects. This event will be preceded by a short Annual General Meeting of Breckland Local Group.

We wish you all a very Happy New Year and look forward to welcoming you to our talks in 2023!

**GARDENING CLUB**

The members Christmas meal at The Swan - everything was excellent - good food, good company and fantastic surroundings - it was like being in Santa's grotto! The outing to the Christmas show at Cromer was fully booked, and well worth the effort, thanks Jenny for all your hard work.

January sees our annual fun quiz on the second Tuesday of the month (9th January 2023). Light nibbles will be served to all comers, together with a glass of wine and a soft drink for members. As previously noted tables have been reserved for our members, but if anybody else would like to come along to see what we are like, and hopefully have an enjoyable time, visitors are welcome at a cost of £3 per head (bring your own bottle). Non members please book with me on 07594 286 139 so that we know how many to provide nibbles for. Tables of up to 6 people, but if you want to come alone don't worry we will find you a team. (No prizes, just a chance to have a good muddle and a bit of fun. Another quick taster: anagram of letters in bold - When cooking I make sure these fish are RINSED, AS they are often packed in salt. What is added to a Welsh Rarebit to make it into a Buck Rarebit? What is the oldest order of chivalry in the UK? Want to know the answers ... you'll have to come to the quiz.

Our next coach outing will be on 15 February when will be going on a snowdrop walk round Fullers Mill Gardens, then on to Scottsdale Garden Centre, cost £18 per head - as always members get priority - Kevin

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## SARAIID's international USAR assessment

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 11.30pm the United Nations Global Disaster Alert and Coordination System (GDACS) sent out an alert of a magnitude 7.8 earthquake that had struck the "Republic of Angloland", and within minutes this message was picked up by the volunteer members across the UK of Search and Rescue Assistance in Disasters (SARAIID) International Response Team.



SARAIID is a UK based Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) & Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) and all its members are 100% unpaid volunteers. Now luckily this wasn't a real disaster alert but the start of SARAIID's United Nations International Search and Rescue Advisory Group (UN INSARAG) Light Urban Search and Rescue Team INSARAG External Classification (IEC) Exercise.

The exercise was the culmination of 8 years of preparation and planning by the teams' members & management, which had been delayed due to the COVID 19 pandemic and lock down. INSARAG is a global network of more than 90 countries and organisations under the United Nations umbrella. INSARAG deals with urban search and rescue (USAR) related issues, aiming to establish minimum international standards for USAR teams and methodology for international coordination in earthquake response. The IEC exercise is a peer-based review to test a team's operational capabilities to ensure that only that they meet the INSARAG minimum standards and that only qualified and appropriate international USAR resources are deployed to an emergency.

In the days preceding the "emergency" a group of 7 international classifiers from Australia, France, Germany, Spain and the Czech Republic came to the UK, to begin the final process of assessing SARAIID against an IEC checklist of 157 areas. These covered management, logistics, search, rescue and medical elements as well as internal processes, eg alert, activation and mobilisation process. They also assessed the training program and records, standard operating procedures, policy documents, team equipment cache, risk assessments, recruitment and selection process and administrative systems and much more.

The team of classifiers also visited SARAIID's USAR equipment store at Yate Fire Station to carry out a thorough assessment of the team's operational equipment cache including medical stock. They also met with the teams Equipment Store Manager, Logistics Manager and Medical Manager to examine and evaluate all policies and procedures. This was on the day of Queen Elizabeth II funeral, and everyone took time out to watch the funeral on TV as well as joining members of Avon Fire & Rescue to pay their respects with a 2-minute silence outside the front of the fire station.

During the early hours of Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September, the teams Alert and Activation protocols were followed and by 07.00hrs the selected team of 23 personnel had all arrived at Yate Fire Station and were on

Stand-By to deploy. The team of Classifiers observed the Mobilisation phase of pre-deployment medical checks, information gathering on the affected country, safety and security briefings and the constant updating of the Virtual On Site Operations and Coordination Centre (VOSOCC or VO). This is the first online coordination hub and main information gathering site for all international USAR teams and is a website managed by the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).

By 11.00am all the team's equipment and team members were loaded onto vehicles to begin the simulated "flight" from the UK to the "Republic of Angloland". The team arrived at Gloucester Staverton Airport to undergo passport checks, issue of visa's, immigration and customs procedures, all carried out in the arrivals lounge of the airport. The team's equipment manifest and dangerous goods declaration was thoroughly inspected by customs officers to ensure required items had been packed and labelled according to IATA's Dangerous Goods Regulations. At the airport SARAIID's Coordination Support Team members assisted members of @fire International Disaster Response Germany (@fire Internationaler Katastrophenschutz Deutschland (a German non-profit, non-governmental organisation). Our German colleagues had gone through the same IEC process a few months before and became the first INSARAG classified Light USAR Team in the world, to set up and run a Reception and Departure Centre (RDC). This centre then provides other incoming teams with a focal and information point in-country and supports the airport management. This is a requirement within the INSARAG Guidelines.

Following an up-to-date situation briefing with SARAIID's Team Leader and Rescue Operations Manager and a 'role player' being from the "Republic of Angloland's" Ministry of Interior, the team then moved off by road to their given area of operations, which was at the Fire Service College at Moreton-in-the-Marsh.

On arrival at the Fire Service College the team reported to the USAR Coordination Cell (UCC) again which had already been set up by our colleagues from @Fire Germany. The team were given an area where they could begin to set up their Base of Operations, a tented base camp consisting of multiple tents for personal sleeping, communications, management, medical, toilets/showers and decontamination basically everything needed to be a home away from home.



Over the next two days the team would work continuously on the famous RIG5 at the Fire Service College, which for the purpose of the exercise became

the 5-star Intercontinental Hotel which had collapsed during the earthquake and had an unknown number of people still trapped inside.

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The team would demonstrate to the classifiers the skills that had been taught and exercised over many years. Skills gained during operational deployments using different scenarios that would involve the use of a variety of technical search equipment. These included the Delsar, a seismic sensing device for detecting people trapped under rubble, the FL360 search camera, the SearchCam 2000 and SearchCam Recon.



The teams also used Makita power tools such as disc cutters and demolition drills in order to breach and break down 8" thick reinforced concrete slabs, and cutting through to gain access to casualties. Patient handling and patient care in confined spaces and when trapped under heavy beams as well as stretcher handling across an unstable rubble pile, were carried out. Rescue rope work, lowering a casualty 10 meters out of a window of a tower block on a stretcher with an attendant medic was completed successfully. Cribbing beams to prevent movement and lifting heavy 5 ton concrete slabs using a crane were all completed and 7 casualties were successfully located and extracted after medical intervention.



In addition to the manual skills there was also the administrative jobs that had to be completed using the INSARAG (International Search and Rescue Advisory Group) Coordination and Management System (ICMS). This uses a suite of mobile phone and computer apps such as ArchGIS Survey 123, Explorer and Dashboard where different groups and functions work together in different areas of the system to produce an information management system that enhances situational awareness and as a result improves coordination and outcomes for the affected communities. This system allows the user to collect data on a variety of categories and then link that collected information back to an online dashboard where decision makers in the UCC can use that information to make more informed decisions and plan tasks.

Late Thursday afternoon saw the exercise enter the demobilisation phase with the team preparing to pack up the base of operations and start to plan to return home.

SARAID felt very honoured and privileged to have both Mr Sebastian Rhodes Stampa, Chief of Emergency Response Section, UN OCHA and Mr Winston Chang, INSARAG Unit Head attend the exercise as official observers, and on Thursday evening after the end of the exercise, the SARAID team members attended a presentation ceremony to find out the outcome of their endeavours. Mr Brad Commens AFSM, Chief Superintendent and Director of Specialist and Technical Response for Queensland Fire and Emergency Service who was the international classifiers team leader highly commended the team on their efforts and then handed over to Sebastian Rhodes Stampa who confirmed that SARAID had successfully passed the IEC with flying colours to become the first and only UK voluntary team to be an INSARAG Classified Light USAR Team and only the third worldwide. He presented Gary Francis, SARAID's Executive Director & IEC Exercise Director, and Will Selley, SARAID's Director of Operations and IEC Exercise Controller, with the official INSARAG certificate and plaque and all team members with their INSARAG patches. After the official celebrations the team enjoyed a few well-earned beers.



We must not forget the dedicated group of SARAID volunteer team members working tirelessly behind the scenes. They made up the Exercise Control (ExCon), a support team of role-players, casualties and drivers without whom the exercise would not have been possible. These people together with the 10 members of @Fire Germany who had travelled over from Germany to provide support to the team. We also give our grateful thanks to Mr Belit Tasdemir from AKUT Search and Rescue Association Turkey who was SARAID's official Mentor and guided and advised the team throughout the entire planning, preparation and operational phases of the exercise.

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We would like to thank Avon Fire & Rescue Service, South Central Ambulance Trust HART, the Fire Service College Moreton-in-Marsh, Makita UK, Agility Technologies Corp, Savox Communications, MSA, Trinity Environmental and Avon Valley Media for their continued support. – *Gary Francis*



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A crab apple tree is a British native tree and in Celtic Mythology is known as the tree of Love.

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## EAST HARLING WI

East Harling WI hope that everyone had a lovely Christmas and New Year.

Because the WI is so caring and concerned for all members and potential members we thought we would start with our January Meeting.

We thought to help rectify the excesses and enjoyment of the Christmas festivities we have invited Gary, a PT trainer to take us through an evening of keepfit/dancing. This will be suitable for all ages and ability - best to wear comfortable clothes and trainers (leave your stiletto's and pearls at home for this evening!!).

Gary is raising funds for The Pantry - a food bank based at Kenninghall Village Hall, and all donations of food and personal hygiene items would be appreciated. The exhibition for the night will be an old LP or tape. Our January meeting will be on Tuesday 17th January at the Old School Hall for 7.30pm.

We will commence our Flower of the Month competition, and encourage members to bring a flower from their own garden (any exotic plants will be noted!) please only bring silver denominations for picking your favourite. All points will go towards our annual Cup challenges.

In February, Justin Jacobs will be giving a talk and slide show on Eastfield House.

We have a varied calendar of events planned for this year, and hopefully something might take your fancy. Please feel free to pop in to any of our meetings, as there is no pressure to join, East Harling WI is a small group, and look forward to seeing new faces and old faces, please feel free to come along and meet us. If you have any questions please contact me Jackie Underwood on 07725 126115.

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Over the last seven years or so a few dedicated individuals, working in teams of three, have devoted many hours monitoring the speeds of vehicles at various sites around the village. Speeders have been reported to the Police and offenders receive appropriate letters warning of their behaviour. Repeat offenders have been further pursued. There are now hundreds of such teams in villages around the country. They are considered by the Police to be a major part of their efforts to improve road safety. We believe that in East Harling there is now greater awareness that speeding is unacceptable, largely due to our efforts.

But we are constantly struggling to run sessions as often as we, and you, the villagers, would like. In the New Year we will only have four or five people who are prepared to operate as often as needed. Another two or three can only participate from time to time. All are now 7 years older than when the scheme started. Some of us have bad backs, etc. and cannot stand for an hour in the cold. What we need is more people prepared to spend a couple of hours a month. They could be people who have recently retired, whose eyesight is good enough to read a number plate and record it. But anyone could help if they are able to make a regular commitment.



Training will be given as authorised by Norfolk Police, and applicants need to have no criminal record, as we are there representing the Police, but without all the powers of a constable. We are provided with Hi Vis jackets.

If we had enough volunteers, we could run a weekly session and individuals would only need to turn out every few weeks. If we cannot operate sufficiently often, the Police will require us to return the equipment. They have a number of villages just waiting to get their hands on it.

We were threatened with demise because I, myself have decided to call it a day as coordinator. I was in at the start and I am 84. No one seemed likely to take the job on until our most recent recruit stepped into the breach. Thank you, Paula. I wish you well.

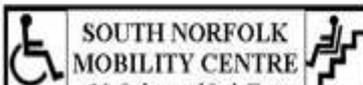
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### Roudham Churchyard

On a very cold and frosty Saturday morning, The Rev Simon Richardson, attended by members of Roudham village planted the Platinum Jubilee tree in Roudham Churchyard. The oak tree, which was donated by Roudham and Larling Parish Council, was acquired as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Canopy scheme which aims to create a tribute to the Queen that will last for many generations.



In preparation for the planting of the tree, a team of volunteers spent a number of weekends clearing the churchyard, which over the last couple of years had become overgrown with brambles and alder trees. We wish to thank everyone who joined the working party from cutting and clearing the scrub to those who attended the planting and provided much needed warming refreshments.

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Go on line to this link <https://rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/everything-you-need-to-know-about-big-garden-birdwatch/>

Where you will find all you need to know. Simply count the birds you see from your garden, balcony or local park for an hour, then go online to tell us what you saw. You can watch from inside with a cuppa or wrap up warm and sit quietly with the birds outside. Simply choose an hour between 27 and 29 January and count the birds you see land in your garden, on your balcony, or in your local park. Then tell us what you saw. Even if you saw nothing, it still counts.

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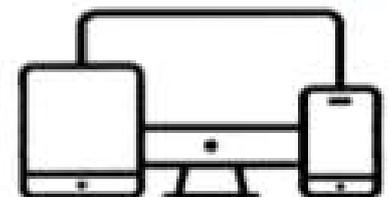
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1. What did the ocean say to the sand? Nothing — it just waved.
2. Why couldn't the sailor learn his alphabet? He kept getting lost at C.
3. What do lawyers wear to court? Law suits.
4. Why did the taxi driver get fired? Passengers didn't like it when he went the extra mile.
5. What did Noah construct the Ark with—Two b' Two
6. What is worse than raining cats and dogs? Hailing taxis!

## DIARY DATES 2023

For fundraising events, outings etc. in the parishes in the Harling United Benefice. Full details appear in the magazine

### JANUARY 2023

- 3<sup>rd</sup> There is NO FILM Club this month because of OSH water damage unfortunately it is not feasible to set up projector
- 4<sup>th</sup> Bridgham Village Hall Warm Wed 11.00-1.00pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> There is NO Community Café this month
- 9<sup>th</sup> Harling Warm Hub Old School Hall 1-4pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> Gardening Club Quiz Night OSH 7.30pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> Coffee Morning OSH 10-12noon
- 16<sup>th</sup> Harling Warm Hub OSH 1-4pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> OSH 7.30pm E Harling W I
- 18<sup>th</sup> Bridgham Village Hall Warm Wed 11.00am – 1.00pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Harling Warm Hub Old School Hall 1-4pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> OSH Cottage Pie lunch 12 for 12.30
- 28<sup>th</sup> Bridgham Church coffee morning 10-12 noon
- 28<sup>th</sup> Feline
- 30<sup>th</sup> Harling Warm Hub Old School Hall 1-4pm

### FEBRUARY 2023

- 1<sup>st</sup> Bridgham Village Hall Warm Wed 11-1pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> E Harling Church Community Café 10-12
- 6<sup>th</sup> Harling Warm Hub OSH 1-4pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> E Harling Film Club OSH 7 for 7.30pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> OSH Coffee Morning 10-12 noon
- 11<sup>th</sup> Methodist Chapel Valentines Coffee Morning 10-12
- 13<sup>th</sup> Harling Warm Hub OSH 1-4pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> OSH Gardening Club 7.30pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> Bridgham Village Hall Warm Wed 11-1pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> Quiz Night OSH 7.30pm - all welcome!
- 20<sup>th</sup> Harling Warm Hub OSH 1-4pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> OSH E Harling W I 7.30pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup> OSH Sausage & Mash lunch 12 for 12,30
- 25<sup>th</sup> Bridgham Church Coffee Morning 10-12 noon
- 27<sup>th</sup> Harling Warm Hub OSH 1-4pm

### MARCH 2023

- 18<sup>th</sup> Harling Slide Show with a difference -save the date!
- 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> Harling Theatre Company Play – save the dates

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You were all saving the date for the next Variety Show in February which due to unforeseen circumstances has had to be postponed until October.

However instead you must SAVE THE DATE because we are staging a Super Quiz for all the Family so we look forward to seeing you all on the

**FEBRUARY 18<sup>th</sup> QUIZ NIGHT 7.30 pm in Old School Hall further details next month!**

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