



Bergh Apton Broadcast

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Festive Cheer



After a two year break, the Bergh Apton carollers will come together once again on Monday, 19th December to bring some choral festive cheer to homes around the village while raising money for charity. If you'd like to join in, meet at Bergh Apton village hall at 6pm and set off shortly after. All are welcome. Carol sheets will be provided but please bring torches and high vis. If you'd like the carollers to visit your doorstep, please contact Rebecca on 07564 061917 to help with route planning.

Firstly, a huge thank-you to all those who have welcomed me as editor of the BAB (Bergh Apton Broadcast). I have received many positive comments and support with both words and financial sponsorship, which will enable us to move forward and continue with the BAB. Thanks to all our existing sponsors and the new contributors who you will find acknowledged on the back page. We also have some wonderful reports and articles provided this month, so thank-you to all those who have joined in the production of this community newsletter. Issue 183 is, of course, the Christmas one and the perfect time to join other residents of Bergh Apton at the plethora of events we have planned over the next few weeks - so have a look at the Village Diary on the back page and see what you would like to attend! Perhaps you could meet some new people and make a great new friendship for 2023?

After a tumultuous few years, and with the predicted challenges of the winter period, the Lovatt family and all those involved in the production and distribution of this newsletter wish you all a healthy, peaceful and happy Christmas. Here's hoping that 2023 welcomes in fresh energy so optimism can return again.

New year resolutions can be short-lived but perhaps you can make a small change by attending one of our village groups? If you like organising, perhaps you can get some like-minded people together for a small project...would you like to hold a charitable event for something you avidly support? Would you like to see a portrait class at the village hall? Are there some amateur beer makers in our midst who would like to get-together? Do you like a knit and natter? Have a brainstorm over the holidays and send your ideas or news to me, at: berghaptoneditor@gmail.com (the deadline for the February issue is 10th January).

Best wishes for a wonderful Christmas,

Jenny, Marti and Noah Lovatt of Giants Wood



I am writing on behalf of all the residents of Bergh Apton to thank John Ling for being the editor of the village magazine for so many years.

Everyone knows how much effort he puts in to everything he does and this included this amazing publication.. Every article was researched and recorded with great accuracy. The whole magazine was informative and interesting with many photographs and illustrations.

He has now handed over to Jenny Lovatt and we look forward to many more exciting issues keeping us up with village affairs.

Many thanks,

Gill Waters

Introducing a regular garden feature - James Debbage of 'Green Pastures' brings us news of surprising local horticultural connections...

"Picking a Bit of Norfolk History!"

It's estimated there's over 2,500 varieties of apples growing in this country, but there's undoubtedly more and one of them could very well be growing in your own garden!

A few weeks ago I picked my very first "Norwich Pippin" apple on the farm in our newly planted orchard. For many decades this variety was thought to have disappeared, along with so many other heirloom varieties in favour of more modern ones.

Back in 2005, I assisted local apple enthusiast Neville Turner to attempt to track down Norwich Pippin through an appeal in a weekly gardening column I was writing for the Norwich Evening News at the time. To our amazement we were immediately contacted by a local gardener, Mr Alan Clarke of Alpington, who suspected there was an apple of this description growing in one of his clients gardens. We were over the moon when expert apple historians confirmed its identity and even more shocked that the tree was growing in the garden directly opposite my own home in Church Meadow Lane (across the border on the Alpington side).

Following its discovery, Neville carefully took a graft and the stock was propagated by the East of England Apple & Orchard Project, who have now included Norwich Pippin in their collection of rare local fruit in West Norfolk.

Whilst it was nearly 20 years ago it was rediscovered; it had always been my own intention to grow a Norwich Pippin of my own. As soon as I had the opportunity to plant an orchard for our Farm Shop and Restaurant a couple of years ago, this was literally the first variety I planted, followed by other Norfolk heirloom apples. This was thanks to the EEAOP who were able to supply me with one of the offspring from the original tree that Alan, Neville and I had found. And having now sampled my first of these apples for some time, I am so delighted with the outcome and I can't wait to have it on sale in the farm shop in future years

And whilst Alpington takes centre stage in this particular story, Bergh Apton not long after this also came up trumps with yet another exciting "Apple Re-Discovery" all of its own! But that's another tale for another day and edition of the "Bergh Apton Broadcast!!"



CHURCH FLOWER DECORATION

Join us to decorate Bergh Apton church for Christmas

Friday 16th December

9.30am on

We need help throughout the year too...

Could you spare time once a year and join the small band of volunteers on the flower rota who decorate our church?



If so, contact Hilary Ling, who will help, advise and help set up as needed:

hilary.ling@btinternet.com /
01508 480439 / 07900 553420

Bergh Apton's

Candle-lit Carol Service

Sunday 18th December at 6.30pm

ALL WARMLY WELCOMED!



Small Holding Insights for Bergh Apton History Group

By Chris Bewick

Friday October 7th saw the latest meeting of the Bergh Apton Local History Group at the Village Hall. The event, organised by Suzanne Whitby, was attended by around 40 members and friends. Those present left smiling having been given an informative, personal and humorous insight into a part of local life in the 20th Century.

The meeting began with an interesting talk by Suzanne about the background to the Small Holdings Act, introduced in the late 19th Century as a means of allowing people to remain in the countryside and make a living for themselves. In doing so it changed the shape of parts of the countryside, particularly so in our county. The talk was supported by numerous local photos, currently kept in the History Group's archives.

Locally we benefitted from Norfolk County Council being amongst the most enthusiastic supporters of the government act buying up many farms, sub-dividing them and renting them on to local people. The ability to work the land at low rents helped support many new small-holders.

The 1919 purchase of Street Farm by Norfolk County Council is where our local involvement began with it being divided into six smallholdings and rented to six local families. The son of one of them, Bob Debbage, then took up the reins from Suzanne to give us a humorous and informative look at life on these small-holdings again supported by photographs from our archives. Two of the photos of Bob Debbage's father Sam with his pickers included the mothers of Evie Sayer, Ann Woods and Gillian Kent who were present, more than 50 years after the photos were taken.

As well as Bob Debbage's talk, insights were also given by Peter Anis and Tony Kerry both of whose families were involved in the Bergh Apton Market Gardening scene. A round table discussion brought out more information and first-hand anecdotes about life in the village

ranging from the growing and picking to the transporting and selling. One humorous tale built on the selling exploits of some in Norwich – allegedly one or two local sellers spent a considerable amount of time in local hostleries whilst selling and would regularly return home worse for wear! One such seller, a big man, would often be asleep in the van returning him to his home. On many an evening he had to be removed from the van by tying a rope around him, tying the other end to a tree and the open-doored van driving off!!

His long-suffering wife would then put his coat over him to keep him warm until he woke up.

A super evening was had by all and many thanks to Suzanne, Bob, Tony and Peter in particular.



Street Farm (now called Apton Manor) in the early 1900s. It was bought by Norfolk County Council In 1919 and its land divided into five smallholdings. The house, divided in two, became the dwellings for two of them.



Taking a break from fruit-picking in 1962 on Sam Debbage's market garden on Church Meadow Lane. Sam's wife Dorothy (centre) with (l-r) Betty Dye, Nellie Jermy, Ivy Reeve, Margery Carpenter, Joan Dye and Maude Drane

COFFEE & CHAT - CHANGE OF DATE

The next 'Coffee & Chat' morning will be on Wednesday 14th December. Come along and catch-up on all the local news.
Bergh Apton Village Hall, 10am to 12 noon.

News from

Chet Valley Vineyard

2022 has been a very busy and productive year at Chet Valley Vineyard. With no late frosts to damage the newly formed buds, the vines were off to a jolly good start. The long hot summer has been very kind to the established vines but has been too harsh and dry for the new vines which John planted in the spring at the top of Gravel pit lane. The yields and quality of the grapes picked from the older vines this harvest time has been spectacular with a yield of about 20 tonnes.



which was used to toast the Queen at the village Jubilee celebrations at Bergh Apton Manor and is now sold out. At the East Anglian wine competition in August the sparkling wines of Chet Valley vineyard took a clean sweep with Gold, Silver and Bronze awards.

John has been featured in the EDP talking about the harvest and the bumper crop and we were delighted to be chosen to be part of the BBC Radio Norfolk's Treasure Quest on the 9th October. John was interviewed by Rosanna Tennant on the balcony overlooking the vineyard before she tasted some Blanc de Blanc in the Winery tasting room. All great fun.



enormously grateful for the support, friendship and generous spirit shown by all those who joined us for harvest time this 2022.



By the time you read this we will have held our Christmas event on Saturday 26th November at the Winery, where people could choose and buy their Christmas English Sparkling wine and we offered a taste of John's wines with mince pies and festive fun. We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Come and visit us for a tour and wine tasting if you get the chance.

Kind regards

Bridget and John Hemmant

We are delighted to share that earlier in the year Chet Valley Vineyard was awarded registration with the WineGB sustainable wine scheme following a rigorous process which involves detailed reports of the techniques used on the vineyard and in the winery to reduce using resources unnecessarily. There is only one other vineyard in the whole of East Anglia which has been awarded this accolade and that is Gifford's Hall near Cambridge.

In honour of Our Queens Platinum Jubilee John made a special edition Jubilee Blanc de Blanc (sparkling Chardonnay)

The harvest took place over a period of 4 weeks and weekends with many new people joining us for the first time following the increased coverage in social media and in local publications. We were also delighted to see old friends and family joining us too for a very sociable time. We had many suppers after a busy days harvesting grapes in the winery upstairs enjoying the views as the sun set over the vines shining across the tables as we enjoyed delicious food and generous amounts of Chet Valley sparkling Wines. It was all very convivial indeed and we are



Grape picking in Bergh Apton

As told by Linda Davy

A buzzard circling lazily overhead in a clear blue sky and rows of vines stretching into the distance, their lush green leaves hiding

heavy bunches of green or black grapes, suggest a scene in rural France or Italy. In fact, it is grape picking time at Chet Valley Vineyard here in Bergh Apton. For three weekends in October, a group of volunteers work hard to hand pick the grapes that



will be turned into award winning wines by John Hemmant and his team. The volunteers are a disparate group: friends, neighbours and extended family of the Hemmants, members of the Chet Valley wine club, vine lease holders, past visitors to the vineyard, and complete strangers who, having seen the posts on social media, are keen to join in. Picking is officially from 8.30 until 5.00 each day but there is absolutely no pressure or obligation to stay all day. The teams tend to work a “buddy” system, working opposite a partner (or friend) and moving down the row, cutting the grapes with secateurs and dropping the bunches into crates, chatting happily



along the way. No heavy lifting is involved as the crates are collected by the vineyard team on a buggy with a trailer and taken to the winery to be processed. Strategic refreshments are provided by

Bridget Hemmant and her helpers; bacon butties and hot drinks mid-morning, soup, rolls and salad at lunch time, tea and cakes mid-afternoon and a hot meal (with a few glasses of Johns award winning sparkling wine) early evening, sitting in the upper floor of the Winery enjoying the spectacular views. The evening meals accompanied with generous quantities of Chet Valley sparkling wines are particularly sociable throughout the grape picking season.

Yes, it can be quite demanding but you only do what you feel able to do. Backs may start to ache a little as the bending and stretching take their toll for the older grape pickers. The rows are long so a good amount of gentle walking is involved. Gloves, hands and secateurs tend to get increasingly sticky as the day wears on. Sun hats and sun block were needed this year, whereas in previous years we've needed woolly hats and jumpers. However, it is really very good fun. Being out in the fresh air in such beautiful surroundings feels really good for the soul. Not only is there the real glow of achievement as row after row of vines are stripped of their grapes and the crates pile up at the Winery, awaiting their contents' turn to be transported up into the grape press. The camaraderie amongst friends old and new is absolutely amazing. This year there were instances of remarkable connections: two ladies recognised each other from a pilates group both had attended several years ago in Gozo; one lady was the widow of the manager of the Highland Wildlife Park at which another picker had filmed programmes for television, and had known her late husband well; a past student recognised her former lecturer and they spent a convivial time over dinner catching up on mutual acquaintances. Do come along next year and join in this very special experience. We all get a real sense of pride as we see Chet Valley Vineyard wines on sale in local shops and served in local restaurants and think “the grapes I picked could be in that bottle”!



NEWS OF THE SANYU BABIES HOME KAMPALA, UGANDA



For nearly thirty years our Eleven villages have been providing support for Sanyu Babies Home. We currently send a payment every month to cover weekly visits by the home's doctor and for the two full time nurses.

They and we are very grateful for your generous donations which make this support possible. Many of you buy plants from John & Ruth Everett of Applebee Orchard in Rockland. The Everetts, through their efforts as well as thanks to you have raised a significant part of our Sanyu funding. They have done, and are really doing wonders for Sanyu. Another vital source is the Churches in the group. But it is so many individuals that, especially at Christmas, provide lifelines for these babies.

Every quarter in their newsletters, we learn of unwanted Kampala babies literally thrown away in rubbish dumps or even pit latrines, of babies left on the steps of churches or police stations around Kampala. The stories often are heart-wrenching,

but Sanyu accepts them, feeds, cares and nurtures them, whatever the circumstances. The Home provides whatever medical care they need and helps with early years education. Sanyu, having been set up in the 1920s by an English missionary, is run and manned by Ugandans and much of the funds required are locally sourced. There are a few much-needed foreign supporters like us and very often young foreign volunteers on gap years, work at the home helping wherever help is needed. The newsletters always seem to sing the same song – not only of how the volunteers contribute so effectively to the lives of the babies, but also how often the contribution is two way. Being there gives them real benefit too.

So, this Christmas please think of helping Sanyu Babies. Any donations can either be to Sanyu's UK bank account or via Bergh Apton Church, through which the extra benefit of Gift aid can be obtained. For details please contact: Liz or Christopher Meynell on lizmeynell@gmail.com.



Crib Service 2022

4pm Christmas Eve Bergh Apton Church

Would you like to be part of the tableau that helps to retell the wonderful Christmas story?

Children of all ages, toddlers to great (!) grandparents. There might be a leading role, although we can't promise it - but one way or another you will star!!

It's a family-friendly, possibly a little chaotic, but definitely relaxed service which tells the Christmas story interspersed with some well-known carols.

Give me a call by 10th December – or just come along for a 4pm start on Christmas Eve.

Call Shirley: 01508 480576

Bergh Apton Society Night Out at Gt. Yarmouth Dogs

Thirty four members from the Society recently gathered at the village hall, travelling by luxury coach for a thrilling night out at the greyhound stadium in Yarmouth.

The group had perfect viewing, being seated for their pre-race meal overlooking the winning line. A prime spot! Caught up in the building excitement, members placed their initial bets as they viewed the dogs parading for the first race; wearing jackets bearing their race numbers 1-6. Watching the traps the dogs noses were just on view...waiting avidly for the hare. The bell rang, the hare was off...and with a close finish, number 3 was declared the winner on screen, by a nose!

The Society were sponsoring race number seven, 'The Bergh Apton and District Society Trophy Race', in which greyhound 5 'Take off Libby' was racing. Recognising friends Neville Barnard (owner) and wife Irine Barnard (trainer), the author approached and with a good chat over the dog's form returned eagerly with his inside knowledge to the group, who nearly all decided to then make a bet on 'Libby'.

Looking good on parade, tugging at her lead, she went into the trap ready for the race. On the bell, she made a good start, leading at the first and second bend until dog 2 charged past along the back straight. Not giving up, 'Libby' forged a challenge on the last bend and with a chorus of cheers from the group, passed the winning post in first place! With much excitement, six of the Society members made their way onto the track to present the trophy to the winning owner. Ignoring the flash of cameras, as the award was made, 'Libby' received lots of attention and fuss before the group returned to their seats in buoyant mood.

With the last race to come, the group studied the race card. Member Evy Sayer spotted 'Hayley Girl', and with her daughter in Canada being named Hayley, took it as a lucky omen and decided to place a bet. Others joined in her confidence and amazingly it won too - bringing a very successful night to a close.

Thanks to Lynton Johnson for organising the trip, the staff at the stadium for a great night out and not forgetting 'Libby' who put the icing on the cake - the group will all return for sure.

As told by Ray Wharton



(l-r) Bergh Apton Society members Evy Sayer, Sharon Watts, Pam Cooper, Hilary Ling, Lynton Johnson and Ray Wharton with the trainer and owner (3rd & 4th from right) of the dog that won the race sponsored by the Bergh Apton Society.

How the neighbours speak...

recalled by Shirley Rimmer

Charlie Haylock: author, columnist, local radio star, dialect coach, cartoonist, after-dinner speaker – truly a man of many talents.

In Bergh Apton church on 15th October, an audience of over 100 were treated to his informative and entertaining behind-the-scenes glimpse into the making of the Netflix film 'The Dig'.

So often, dramas set in East Anglia are populated by actors speaking with Bristolian accents; not so in 'The Dig' thanks to Charlie's efforts. It was Ralph Fiennes who, having seen Charlie's YouTube dialect tour of Britain, sought him out to coach him and other cast members in the Suffolk dialect.

The result? Not a Mummerset accent to be heard!



Credit: Larry Horricks/Netflix@2021

Credit:Larry Horricks/Netflix 2021

Years of listening to and observing the construction of local accents; time spent researching how successive waves of migration into and across the British Isles over centuries brought a wealth of new words and sounds to our shores; - all have built Charlie's capacity to speak with some authority on a range of subjects.

As well as demonstrating how Fiennes immersed himself in the role of Basil Brown, becoming truly 'Suffolk', Charlie entertained us with a whistle-stop tour of UK regional dialects and, sprinkled with numerous anecdotes, illustrated the richness of our tongue. We very much hope it won't be too long before Charlie can squeeze another visit

to us into his already busy schedule Bergh Apton Church shared the proceeds of the evening with the Norwich Foodbank. Ticket sales, audience donations and Charlie's grant of 20% of his book sales on the night enabled us to send £728 to the Foodbank.

Fundraising success... Liz Lester and Paris Back would like to thank all those who supported their coffee morning on 12th October by attending, donating, providing incredible tombola and raffle prizes and their time on the day. Especially also to those generous hearted villagers who ran the cake stall and tombola, helped with the entrance and parking, made cakes, or stayed behind to count the cash! As a result, we ALL raised £2422.60 for The Brooke and MiniDonks.



BERGH APTON JUBILEE FESTIVAL

Charles Dickens
A Christmas Carol
as performed by
ASHLEY RAMSDEN

MASTER STORY-TELLER,
becomes all 23 characters
in Dickens' masterpiece.
Suitable for children over 8.
Dress warmly!

Come and be
captivated!

Sat 3rd December 2022, 6.45pm

At Bergh Apton Church NR15 1BX
Parking & Refreshments

TICKETS: Adults £14, children 8-15 £7
Via <http://berghapton.org.uk/events/>
or 01508 558440

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REMEMBRANCE SERVICE TIMING WAS SPOT ON

Bergh Apton's churchyard was bathed in sunshine on 13th November as we gathered at the war memorial to remember the fifty-one men of this village who died in the two world wars in a service led by our Curate, Cate Turner. This year there was a moment of rare perfection when the tower clock struck the first note of 11 o'clock just as the last notes of Bob Kerry's bugle call 'Last Post' faded into silence.

Such perfection is rare at this service whose timing is made uncertain by how long it will take for the congregation to leave the church and assemble at the memorial. This year it was the immaculate playing of Piper John Innes that made the difference, filling the time between that assembly and the cue (1 minute 50 seconds before 11.00) for Cate Turner to begin this part of the service.

After two minutes' Silence and Reveille, wreaths were laid in the memorial and the Roll of Honour was called, during which a poppy cross for every man was brought to the memorial. Some were brought by members of a man's family and some by people who now live where a man once lived. Others were brought by someone who served in the same army unit or with some connection that gave the act of planting a cross at the memorial

a significance greater than the loss of a soldier, sailor or airman as a consequence of war.

One of the significant elements of the final part of the service that followed, back in the church, was Cate's address for which she was inspired by her father's WW2 service as a bomber pilot, including his close bond with the young men that formed the crew of his Handley Page bomber. She recalled him telling her of three occasions when he needed all his skills to bring the aircraft and its crew safe home from a raid on one engine having lost the other one. It was a feat of skill that, particularly amongst the squadron's ground crew who replaced the lost engines, earned him a nickname recalled more than forty years later when it was still remembered by the Funeral Director appointed, by pure chance, to arrange his funeral.

Having served in the same squadron and recognising the name, he told the family that it was an honour to be asked to arrange the funeral of 'Three Engines Brown'!

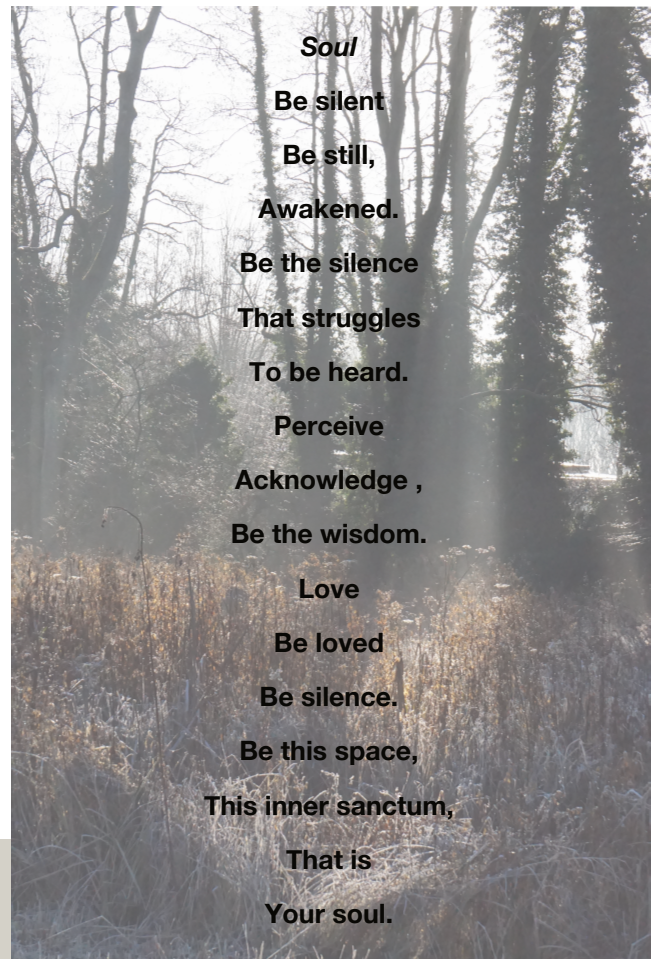
This annual Service of Remembrance was made special by the amalgam of such moments of humour mixed with the pathos and sense of loss at the heart of its proceedings.

John Ling



Part of the congregation on Remembrance Sunday (l-r); Jim Moore, Carolyn Houchin, Annie Rainbow, Richard and Kina Rope, Chris Johnson (hidden), Val Rope (seated), James Edmunds, Jayne Edmunds, Robert Annis and Peter Annis (seated).

Rebecca Hartley lays the poppy cross for Edward Davey of the 6th Inniskilling Dragoons, the Regiment (tho' in an earlier time) in which her father Robert Hartley served. Behind her, Mervyn Ducker prepares to plant the cross for Walter Bracey of his family, the first Bergh Apton man to die in WW1.



Soul
Be silent
Be still,
Awakened.
Be the silence
That struggles
To be heard.
Perceive
Acknowledge ,
Be the wisdom.
Love
Be loved
Be silence.
Be this space,
This inner sanctum,
That is
Your soul.

I hope you enjoy these beautiful reflective words written by Bergh Apton resident Chris Roe, who shared his poem 'Soul' with me for publication and which I thought poignant for this occasion. Image also by Chris Roe.

The tale of the fabled Bergh Apton PCC

'Quiz 'n' Chips

October 2019 – a huge success, enjoyed by some 10 teams and nearly 100 people

October 2020 – thanks to the Vicious Virus it couldn't happen

October 2021 – it was in the calendar, but it galloped the Omicron variant and scuppered the ship!

April 2022 – rescheduled from the previous October but Covid numbers went meteoric again.

But.....on 22nd October 2022 it finally happened! It was a select crew of just 4 teams that checked in for 'Chilli and Head-Scratching Questions'.



Though smaller assembly than usual, it was great fun, the chilli was delicious and we all thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Thanks are due to John Ling for his challenging questions, Hilary Ling and her culinary team for the tasty comestibles, Milton and others for donating prizes for competitors and raffle, and to the team members who all participated with true Bergh Apton banter and humour.

It was an excellent evening – and we look forward to the next one; no date yet...but time to start getting your team planned for some friendly competition!
Shirley Rimmer

BACT Fungus Foray 2022 by Tony Davy



Not even bouts of torrential rain and a couple of crashes of thunder could dampen the enthusiasm of the 32 members and

visitors who enjoyed the fascinating public Fungus Foray on (and around) our nature reserve on Sunday 23 October. Furthermore, for a couple of hours it felt so normal that Covid might never have happened. As usual, we were led by Norfolk toadstool maestro non-pareil (and our good friend) Dr Tony Leech. Tony is now having to rein-in his customary whirlwind season of forays and we are indeed fortunate to be one of his favoured surviving commitments. Rather less usually, we were joined by many eagle-eyed children, including a lively contingent on half-term holiday from London.

Whether it is because they were nearer to the ground or had sharper eyes I don't know, but their enthusiastic and competitive searching contributed greatly to the tally of 42 species of fungus – maybe some future mycologists in the making. Tony is not only a fungus expert but also a gifted communicator: his fungus identifications were accompanied by the engaging anecdotes and explanations that are always much appreciated by participants of all ages and all degrees of ignorance! After a long, dry summer the rains had come in a nick of time for the production of the fungal fruiting bodies on which we depend for recognition.



Anything not identifiable in the field was taken for microscopic scrutiny as Tony's 'homework'. Species recorded locally for the first time this year include Acorn Webcap (*Cortinarius glandicolor*), Beige Fibrecap (*Inocybe sindonia*), Watery Milkcap (*Lactarius serifluus*) and Sprig Cavalier (*Melanoleuca cognata*). The eponymously poisonous Deathcap (*Amanita phalloides*) was present in great abundance this year. Remember the wise old saying 'All toadstools are edible but some only once'!

**LORIE LAIN-ROGERS
RECOGNISED BY UK-WIDE
AWARD** by John Ling

Lorie Lain-Roger is one of life's quiet heroes who prefers to hide her light under a bushel. But this year, as part of the late Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee events, she was in the limelight as one of the people recognised by the Royal Voluntary Services (RVS) for their work. The Duchess of Cornwall, President of the RSV, presented Lorie and her nearly-five-hundred fellow volunteers from all over the Kingdom with a medal and a certificate to recognise their value to their communities.

The outstanding seventy amongst them (the same number as the years of the Queen's reign) were further recognised and rewarded with a seat at that ultimate Platinum celebration 'The Party at The Palace' on 4th June. If you want to see what you missed, and at which Lorie had an almost-front-row seat, have a look at the YouTube link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cl8vDiH7tvQ>.

The following day she and her sixty-nine fellow 'Special 70' volunteers were guests at special Big Jubilee Lunch at The Oval Cricket Ground hosted by the then Prince of Wales and Duchess of Cornwall who spent time at every table chatting to the people whose dedication to their causes had brought them there.

It was the Matthew Project, a Norwich-based charity that recommended Lorie for this award.

Her work for the Project has included, but has by no means

been limited to, the vital but unsung practical effort and leadership that she gave for the conversion of a former Government testing laboratory on Oak Street into the superb facility in which the Project now operates to help people and their families in the east of England who have been affected by drug and alcohol misuse.

Lorie, a master cabinet-maker, lived on Bergh Apton's Sunnyside until a few years ago when she had the opportunity - in the form of an end-of-life building in Hellington that came onto the market - to convert a traditional barn into a house. She moved there to live on the job while she created what is now a snug and beautifully-crafted home.

In her time in Bergh Apton Lorie has done, and continues to do, many good things. She has always been (and as one of our two Churchwardens still is) a leading light of the parish church and its life. As examples of her many other achievements, she has for years been a warm and interested correspondent with families all over the world whose roots are in the village and she was one of the two authors (the other being the late Phyllis Ride) of our Millennium Pageant whose success set the course for the creation of the Bergh Apton Local History Group of which she continues to be a leading member.

Perhaps the most evident records of her skills as a craftsman is the wood post of our village sign, fashioned by Lorie in 2005 from the trunk of a large oak tree on which she worked at her cottage on Sunnyside.

These are just a few of the elements that make Lorie one of the most supportive members of his community. Her chief quality, perhaps, is her quiet but determined leadership when it is clear that leadership is a badly-needed quality.

Lorie in 2005, working on the post for Bergh Apton's village sign.



Lorie is somewhere in this group of the seventy Platinum Champions that gathered in London for the Queen's Jubilee.



**Alpington and Bergh
Apton Primary School**

Christmas Fayre

Saturday 3rd December

12 - 3pm

Rudolph Raffle

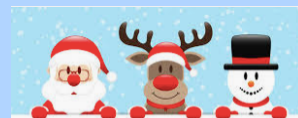
Meet Father Christmas

Gifts & Stalls

Jingle Bells Cafe

..and all your usual favourites

*"Let Every
Light Shine"*



Since our last publication, we have received some surprise financial contributions towards our print costs from local resident Clair and the Christopher Tenwinter Trust...wonderful to know we have the support from 'old' and 'new' in continuing our community publication!

With thanks...

This newsletter cannot be produced without the generosity of our sponsors who have already committed to supporting the print costs for the next 12 months.

Our thanks at this time go to:

Fanny Thursby Trust, Bergh Apton Community Arts Trust, Bergh Apton Conservation Trust, Bergh Apton Society, Bergh Apton Local History Group, Bergh Apton Parish Council, Bergh Apton Parochial Church Council, Bergh Apton Village Hall Trust, Bertram Charitable Trust, Country Holiday Cottages Norfolk Ltd, Clair and the Christopher Tenwinter Trust.

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Coming in the next issue...

a great interview with B.A. resident Cara Knox, a talented singer-songwriter (of Bergh Apton '22 Fete fame) & author of new teen fantasy novel 'Unearthlies - The Keeper of the Chrysalis'.

Regular Events at The Village Hall

Monday	5pm on	Dog Training
Tuesday	9.30am & 10.30	Pilates
Tuesday	7pm	The La La's sing
2nd Wednesday	7.30pm	B.A. Society
3rd Wednesday	10am - 12.00	Coffee n Chat
3rd Wednesday	2-4 pm	Village Archive
Friday	9.30am & 11.15	Yoga
1st Saturday	9 - 5pm	Microscopy Group

ARBORPRO TREE SERVICES

As we mentioned in the last edition, Arborpro did a wonderful job removing the ageing Leylandii at the village hall. If you require the services of an experienced tree surgeon then contact Jonathan Vaughan and his team at:

Arborpro (Arborpro Tree Services Ltd), based in Long Stratton.

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Village Diary

December

2nd 7pm for 7.30	Christmas Bingo at Village Hall
3rd 6.45pm	Ashley Ramsden, storyteller, at B.A. Church
7th 10am - 4pm	Wreath Workshop at B.A. Village Hall
14th* 10am - 12	Coffee n Chat at B.A. Village Hall *note change
15th 10am	BACT Workday. Meet at Church Field.
16th 9.30am on	Decorate church for Christmas
17th 7.30pm	BA Society Christmas Dinner at The Terrace, Loddon
18th 6.30pm	Carol Service at B.A. Church
24th 4pm	Crib Service at B.A. Church
24th 11.30pm	Midnight Holy Communion

January 2023

11th 7.30pm	B.A. Society Film of Norfolk in 1900s to 1960s
14th 10.00am	BACT Work Day Meet at Church Field
16th 10am -12.00	Coffee n Chat at B.A. Village Hall
18th 10am - 12.00	Coffee n Chat at Village Hall
19th 10am	BACT Workday. Meet at Church Field
28th 9am	11 Says assembly at Village Hall



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