

# BUTTMORE NEWS

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## Home Improvements

This year seems to have been the year for working on our home. We've had a new shower tray (the old one was leaking) and bathroom floor, front garden, fitted wardrobes in the master bedroom, repairs to the roof and bedroom makeovers for the children.



Gwen's new bedroom



Hari and Ceri's new bedroom

## The Jury Finds for the Bacon!

In July we took part in a tradition so old that it is mentioned in the Canterbury Tales—The Dunmow Flich Trials. In the village of Great Dunmow we were put on trial before a Jury (and an audience of 200) charged with having “not wisht themselves unmarried” for a year and a day. The prize, a flich of bacon (half a pig), was vigorously defended by its



counsel, and after twenty minutes of humorous cross-examination the jury decided *not* to award us the flich. Our consolation prize was a gammon and a tub of hot chocolate, and we were secretly quite pleased not to be carried through the streets of Great Dunmow in a ceremonial chair, especially since it was raining.



The flich trials take place every four years, and only five couples are tried, so it was a real honour and privilege to have taken part. Not to mention lots of fun!

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Anna took part in a flash mob in Trafalgar Square in March.

## Church

Roderic is now serving as Physical Facilities Rep, looking after the Ward building. Anna was called as a Seminary teacher in August with just a week to prepare. Fortunately she is finding it enjoyable and learning a great deal. She and Gwen study together at 6.30 every morning.

Roderic's grandmother died, aged 101, in October.



Ceri turned 8 in October and was baptised on her birthday.

## Gwen

After disappointing AS level results Gwen switched her studies to BTEC Business which she is very much enjoying and finding a greater natural aptitude for. She is also working 23



hours a week at the cake shop in Morrison's which she also enjoys. When not at college or work she spends time with her boyfriend, Harley, and she is learning to drive.

## Angharad

Hari started at The Deanes School in September and is in top set in all her subjects and undertaking some extra-curricular courses designed



for gifted and talented pupils. She hopes to be a doctor one day. Hari enjoys gymnastics and ballet and took part in a ballet show in the Summer.

Anna had two books published this year. *No Escape* was published by Walnut Springs Press in January, and she and co-author Hellen Riebold self-published *The Saved Saint* in October. Described as “A ground-breaking novel, based on a true story, exploring the conflict between evangelical Christianity and Mormonism” *The Saved Saint* was too controversial for Anna's usual publishers. Both books are available on Amazon.



## New Cars

After almost three years without a car the wettest April on record prompted Anna to finally buy a little Ford Ka jointly with Gwen. And thanks to a very generous Ford Employee Discount Scheme we were also able to buy a six-month-old ex-company Ford S-Max at about a third of the usual retail price.