

The Swaffham Crier

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Our village school has been in the news recently. To quote from the Cambridge Evening News of 16 June: Staff and pupils at Swaffham Prior Primary School have every reason to wave their balloons. The black cloud of Ofsted "special measures" has been lifted. That is a remarkable achievement in less than 12 months. It is a tribute to staff and supporters of the school who have worked so hard to turn it round. We too are delighted that the school is again recognised for what it is - a very good school. We feel though that this unusually rapid "transformation" may also provide some vindication of the view we expressed in last year's July Editorial that the OFSTED report was seriously flawed and that there was never much wrong with the school as a whole. Nevertheless congratulations to all those involved and especially to Brenda Wilson who has had the particularly difficult job of leading the school through this traumatic and uncertain time.

Arrangements for Playscheme 2000, which we have featured in the last few copies of the Crier, are now finalised and bookings need to be in soon. If the difficulty experienced by one young consumer in choosing what **not** to do is anything to go by, the Playscheme should be very good indeed.

Volunteers are needed: by the vicar to form a choir (see his letter on page 25) and by the Crier for artwork. We have no difficulty in getting written copy but the village's artists seem to be a shier bunch who we generally have to pester for cover pictures. This means that we're likely to miss out on quite a lot of people simply because we don't know they're there. We'd also like more artwork inside the magazine to illustrate articles.

Elsewhere in the magazine, three of this month's letters cover noise related issues. Two concern the new clock chimes for the church, about which there is also an article on page 8. On the same page, the possibility of pollarding the churchyard lime tree is discussed and views are actively sought. On page 13, as part of an occasional delve into our archives, we reproduce the editorial from 20 years ago which coincidentally covers some similar themes to this month's editorial.

Lastly I'd like to thank all those in the village who have been so helpful and kind while Caroline has been ill. It has meant an enormous amount to both of us. Regular editorial readers will be relieved to hear that she should be back as editor next month!

James Matheson

Cover Picture: The Church Clock by Gloria Fidoe



Letters to the Editors



Dear Editors

Bird scarers ad nauseam v. bird brains.

No doubt most people will have noticed that after a year of peace and quiet those who are laughingly referred to as the custodians of our countryside have reverted to the equivalent of trench warfare in an attempt to frighten birds, presumably away from one field, to land on another, i.e. someone else's.

I would like to remind everyone that there are strict guidelines regulating the use and subsequent nuisance of these antisocial devices. The environment office at the ECDC, tel. 01353 665555 will act in the event of a complaint being made.

As an amusing afterthought, anyone who has observed pigeons feeding in a field will have noticed that they will quite happily carry on pecking away with the racket of salvos of bird scarers ringing in their ears, without ruffling a feather. They do, on the other hand, have extremely sharp eyesight and will react to the sight of a predator, for instance Wurzle Gummage, with a walking stick, by immediately flying away.

The moral of the story is that a pigeon with sharp eyesight is going to win hands down every time it spots a field with a big noisy orange gas-gun in it.

Jeremy Mitchell 67 High Street

Copy of letter to: Ms Julia Atkins Environmental Officer East Cambridgeshire District Council

3rd June 2000

Dear Ms Atkins

As arranged by telephone on the 2nd June I am enclosing herewith a photostat showing the article from the Swaffham Crier regarding the clock in St Cyriac's church tower.

The plan is to abandon the clock bell and replace it with a ringing bell, which is about 20 times larger. When the church was built it stood alongside St Mary's on rising ground about 100ft above the High Street, there were no other dwellings further up the rise.

The bells at St Cyriac's were abandoned post war and only rehung about 6 years ago, in the meantime, Tothill Road estate was developed and

Greenhead Road extended. There is now an upper village of about 20 dwellings above the Church, as you will note on the village plan.

The 50ft high church tower and the bells are very substantial items, when the bells are rung in winter, closed double glazed windows mollify the volume, but in summer, with open windows, the voice has to be raised to converse and a nap is out of the question. The villagers are usually warned if there is to be a peal, other than the half hour before Sunday service, and we can arrange to visit friends or go for a walk.

These days the time keeping element will be irrelevant, what the ringers desire are louder chimes, they could achieve these by mounting the clock bell at the bottom of the churchyard adjacent to the High Street, where it would chime away by the automatic controls they are to install.

The upper villagers require a striking ringing bell like a hole in the head. I will provide a list of upper villagers if you would like this.

Yours sincerely,

Henry Brown
25 Green Head, Road

My Dear Gentlemen All,

Mr. Brown has kindly copied the neighborhood with his recent letter(s) concerning the planned re-installation of the chiming bells for the clock.

I am sure that an adequate compromise can be reached between those keen to see the hour chimed, and those whose homes have been built parallel to the bell tower since the decommissioning of the bells.

In order to reach a compromise, those in favour have to recognise that the houses adjacent to the Vicarage are only yards from the belfry and, because the church is built in the village valley, the homes are parallel to the belfry too. The end effect is that when the bells ring, they are uncommonly loud at this point in the village, a feature that was irrelevant hundreds of years ago, but bears full relevancy today. The chiming of the hour would appear to have stopped some 60 years ago, so we cannot assume an automatic acceptance.

In favour of the bells ringing the hour, it is an obviously enjoyable feature of a church to chime the hours, and a part of old tradition. Those who have worked hard to re-establish the feature have given their time and work to that goal.

The easiest compromise would be the inclusion of a simple feature in the bell ringing mechanism. The simple exclusion of chimes between the hours of (say) 7PM and 7AM. Such an exclusion is very simple, and need only be an amendment to the chime mechanism, would satisfy those who would wish

for the chimes, and placate those whose nights would otherwise be disturbed.

I have copied both Messrs. Brown, Farrington and Everitt and suggest that an amicable compromise might be a better solution than any other.

Sincerely,

Tom Robson 52 Greenhead Road

Dear Editors,

That man Shakspere again

Mark Lewinski is quite right that A level answers should not be concerned with the authorship question and I stand corrected. But I am not "batty", and disagree when he implies that knowledge of an author in the context of his times adds nothing to one's appreciation of a piece of writing, or of any other piece of art for that matter.

With so little evidence supporting Shakspere, and with so many for so long questioning the authorship, a little curiosity would perhaps be in order. At one time "accepted wisdom" thought the world was flat. So, rather than talking about "accepted wisdom" I would have been more convinced if at least ten documented FACTS had been produced which showed that Shakspere of Stratford wrote, or could have written, the plays and sonnets.

Alastair Everitt
Anglesey House

ART HISTORY

The Representation of Heaven in Art

An illustrated talk by Ann Hollingsworth

Swaffham Prior Village Hall Thursday 6th July 2000 at 7.30 p.m.

Entrance £2 (includes refreshments)

What does heaven look like? Who dwells there and what do they do? By looking at some frescoes and panel paintings we can obtain a glimpse of some Late Medieval and Renaissance beliefs about heaven.

Enquiries to Ann Hollingsworth (741613)

SWAFFHAM PRIOR SCHOOL SPORTS DAY & SUMMER FAIR ON SUNDAY 16TH JULY AT

12PM

GRAND RAFFLE

1st príze - Flíght ín a helícopter, sponsored by Cambridge Helícopters

BBQ

2nd - Meal for two at The LUCKY DIP Dyke's End(excluding wine)

LUCKY LOLLIES

SALAD BAR

BOUNCY

CASTLE!

3rd - Hamper

FACE PAINTING

SPLAT
THE RAT

AMAZING BOFFO'S CIRCUS

WINE OR WATER

KIDS STALLS WORKSHOP

PLAY YOUR CARDS RIGHT

INFLATABLE SLIDE

JAZZ ¥ BLUES BAND

TOMBOLA

ICECREAMS

BAR

CAKE STALL

GO-KARTS!!!

HUMAN FRUIT MACHINE!!!!

BOOKS & BRICABRAC

PLUS MUCH MUCH MORE

From our Reporter at the Parish Council Meeting

The meeting did not start well. Only three PC members (Eric, Elaine and Andrew Camps) turned up to support the new Chairman, no-one had offered to fill the vacancy, and Peter Whitfield had written to tender his immediate resignation. All this was a true test of the new Chairman and he passed with flying colours by ignoring the small set backs and getting on with the business in a truly positive and constructive manner. But it was rather quiet without some of the rowdier members.

A little more money is needed for the restoration/ automation/chiming of the clock and the PC increased its contribution to £600. But what's the point of spending nearly £5,000 on the clock when it is so difficult to see it from the High Street because some spiralling Lime Tree just keeps going up and up towards heaven. Many people have been concerned about this lime tree for a year or two and the PC was approached to explain the case to ECDC. So, there will be a sounding of the opinion of the village (for details see elsewhere in this *Crier*) and if the result is as anticipated the PC will ask ECDC to pollard the Lime. The PC also considered an objection to the proposed 24 hour striking of the Church Clock. This too is reported elsewhere in this *Crier*.

James Fitch said that the CCC are trying to close three droves (including Harrisons Drove) to four wheel drive vehicles for obvious environmental reasons. This was all going through successfully until there cropped up one objector. Because of the objection the whole matter now has to go to the Secretary of State.

Having got all that out of the way the Children's Playground came up. It is an invaluable asset which does appear to cost regular money - and worth every penny of it!! The recent ground work cost £520 but some of the mums are not happy with the quality. The PC will examine before paying. The mums also held a poll and have selected a climbing frame as the preferred additional playground item - just like the one at Reach which now sets the standard for playgrounds. The PC will view, cost, and discuss further.

Apart from various Playground annual repairs and improvements the one continuing and apparently insoluble problem is the GATE. I cannot remember it ever working satisfactorily and Martin Mead always explained the problem away by saying it was because the material was "organic" - or did people say "natural" in those days. Anyway it has never fitted well, often falls off, and is sometimes ripped off. The meeting was told that after Martin had given up trying to make it work, Kim Sheldrick had had a couple of goes, and after that Eric had tried three times. Eric is going to tackle it again.

SWAFFHAM PRIOR and REACH Parent and Toddler Group

Calling all parents/nannies with bumps, babies or toddlers!

Why not join us for a chat and a well deserved cuppa whilst our children play? We now meet on a Friday morning at Reach Village Centre, 9:30am - 11:00am.

It's a great way to make friends - we are a very friendly group.

Enquiries to Jane **741558**.

Planning application news was not very exciting but I did welcome the new idea of pinning up the plans on the screen so that all the PC can see and discuss them at the same time. John Mundin, after having had his retrospective planning application refused, is now appealing to the Department of the Environment. This is an interesting case because never before has an application with all its ramifications appeared to embrace all the issues and procedures as this one has done. When I think I have a handle on all the various procedures and issues I will do a special piece because I didn't know, and I suspect very few other people know, what is involved. And everyone ought to know just in case.

Hereward are being active with new extensions. There was also an interesting application from what used to be the old Post Office in Fairview Grove. The application was for a seemingly large garage and workshop. The PC pondered a bit over this, noticed it was halfway down a long garden and not disturbing next door, and raised no objection. On the subject of the Post Office the news becomes increasingly gloomy as there is a big question mark over the Bulbeck Post Office. Now that it is our nearest PO the PC can and will object to the application for it to become a domestic house, but this will not provide an answer. The news about other PO's is almost as gloomy.

To cheer everyone up Andrew Camps raised the question of the French Drains in Rogers Road. The residents of Rogers Road had been on about the need for French Drains for years and they were constantly ignored as PC after PC doubted that many residents were washed down the hill in a swirling mass of water. About four years ago they did get their French Drains and all donned their berets and were 'appy. Now they are no longer 'appy because they say the French Drains they do not work. Eric's wry comment was "Normal drains can't stop storm water", so I reckon Andrew will have to work very very hard to get any other drains.

Alastair Everitt



The Village Clock

On Monday 5th June the Clock was taken to pieces and removed for restoration. The clockman reckoned there is about a month's work.

Everything appears to have gone well, but there is a blot on the horizon. When the restoration proposal came up last year the Churches Conservation Trust asked the Parish Council if there would be any objections in the village to the clock striking

again; they also said that the village would have to pay for the automation and striking. The PC asked for views in January *Crier*. After a bit a large number of people said they were in favour of the clock striking for 24 hours which it had done for the 300 years up to 1990. No-one made any objection. All the necessary funding was in place, the PC told the Trust that all was well, and the Trust placed the order.

Later a letter to the PC came from Henry Brown asking that the clock should not strike at night. As all others who had expressed an opinion wanted 24 hour striking the PC went with the majority.

Following the announcement last month that the strike will be on an internal ringing bell rather than on the external clock bell, Mr Brown wrote to ECDC and the environmental health people are now involved. ECDC suggested the PC should find a compromise with Mr Brown. At its last meeting the PC concluded that as Mr Brown does not want any striking at night (no matter which bell is used) and as the PC and village does, the PC saw no room for compromise. Also, because nothing is striking at present the PC found it hard to measure the nature of the complaint.

There may be some who wish to know more about the background of the clock bell and why it is not being used. John Norris (741465) will be happy to reveal all if you contact him.

Alastair Everitt

Trees around the Churches

The road frontage (east side) of the churchyard is now appearing a little untidy, with trees and bushes growing out of control, disorderly and shapeless. In the last two or three years, St. Cyriac's has become increasingly invisible from the road. There is a vital 60-metre stretch of the High Street: the length of the churchyard railings-and-wall plus an additional 5 metres at each end. For more than half this vital length, the tower and clock of St.Cyriac's church are invisible. About one third of the invisibility is due to the cedar trees and two-thirds to the lime tree. Visitors driving through the

village say 'There are supposed to be *two* churches in Swaffham Prior but I saw only one'. We love our clock and find it a great convenience, but we are simply not seeing enough of it.

I have been asked by the Parish Council to find out whether there is strong local opinion on this issue. This is not only a matter for High Street residents who are being invited to sign a petition on the subject, but also for anyone in the village using the High Street and hoping to see the church tower and clock. If there is sufficient concern, the Parish Council will ask the ECDC to pollard the lime tree. If you have a view on the matter and would like to sign, you are invited to contact M. Stanier on 741328 or T. Jones on 741197.

Margaret Stanier

PLAYSCHEME 2000!!

Update - June 2000

Application forms have gone out through school and many have been returned. If you are eligible and have not received a form please urgently get in touch.

Also, I would very much like to hear from any teenagers who are able to help out during Playscheme week. Give me a call!

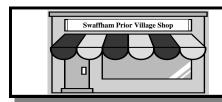
Just a reminder of the basic details:

Playscheme will take place from 31 July to 4 August, daily 9.30 - 12 noon. All primary school aged children in Swaffham Prior and Reach, or who have attended Swaffham Prior School, are welcome to attend. The cost will be £2.50 per day, or £6 for a family ticket, with some subsidised places available.

Dee Noyes - 743864

2 middle-aged 'gentlemen' **cats require a new home**. Jasper (all black) and Barney (tabby) love a leisurely outdoor life but do appreciate a warm fire or radiator during inclement weather! Would prefer to be adopted together although each has a very distinct personality. All jabs up to date.

Please contact Dee Noyes - 743864



Village Shop, and Tea Room

As some people are aware, a small shop has been functioning in the Village Hall on Thursday afternoons alongside Graham Fuller's greengrocery van and the afternoon teas.

We now feel that, although the shop has been used and appreciated as a source of fresh bread and cakes as well as sweets and drinks, it has involved more volunteer time, effort and petrol than is reasonable given the small number of people it serves. So we have decided not to continue with the bread and groceries. However, the sweets, snacks and drinks counter will continue alongside the teas and the greengrocery on

THURSDAY AFTERNOONS 2-4.3Opm IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Why not come and have a cup of tea or coffee and meet new people or catch up with your friends. If the weather improves there will be tables outside and lollies in the freezer.

But we need a few more helpers - any volunteers?

Elisabeth Everitt

News from The Windmill Four Sails Again!

By the time you read this, the Windmill will have four sails again. We have been delighted by the kind response to our 'Sponsor a Sail' fundraising, and this has enabled us to get moving and complete this stage of work. We would like to thank all those who have contributed.

If all goes to plan, flour production will resume its previous levels, and there will be no shortage of our range of flours and other products.

The mill is open most weekends, and flour can be ordered by telephone. We look forward to seeing you at the mill soon.

Jonathan Cook 01638 741 009

Pulpit Corner

It's true. The top of Cage Hill really was known as Pulpit Corner. Some time ago, Cage or Cock or Greenhead Hill was but a track with a few houses on it. At the top on the right (where Malcolm Hall lived) were four houses, numbered 1 to 4. At number 3 lived Charlie Hawkes who was the Parish Clerk, and the Rent Collector for Newmarket Rural District Council. This was from the mid 1920s through to the early/mid 1930s.

Just above the first house at the top was a hawthorn bush. As neither of Charlie's jobs was very arduous he had a lot of spare time. Most of this he spent leaning on the hawthorn bush, surveying the surrounding landscape which was very different from today. Sometimes Charlie just lent and thought, and sometimes he just lent. But that's what he did most. And local people used to say "Charlie's up the pulpit again."

This is how Pulpit Corner got its name and the information is thanks to Phil Sheldrick - a great storehouse of local knowledge. Just for the record, the other occupants of the four houses were:- No 1, Phil's uncle Charlie Sheldrick; No 2, Perkins, the one-eyed policeman; No 3, the aforesaid Charlie Hawkes; No 4, Tom Pamplin, stockman at Partridge Hall which, being down at the far end of Heath Road, meant a tidy walk for him each day.

Alastair Everitt



A New-found Weed on One Day in May

My contribution to the ECDC's 'One Day in May' project consisted of a collection of pressed specimens of all the plants in my garden (garden flowers and weeds) actually in bloom on that particular day, 25th May 2000. One of the plants was a lawn weed, a modest little chickweed, growing in one of the many grassless patches of the lawn. I mounted and named the collection but was uncertain which particular species of chickweed, (*Cerastium*), and asked the advice of an expert, Mrs. Crompton of Swaffham Bulbeck. She identified my flower as *C.atrovirens* Dark Green Mouse-ear, a species not uncommon by the sea but rare inland, and this is a first record of its appearance in Cambridgeshire. So 'One Day in May' brought something new!

Margaret Stanier



Do you enjoy having a vase of flowers in your home? Could you *possibly* help us by doing an arrangement in church no more frequently than once a month?

We are a small, friendly group of flower arrangers – all amateurs – and we would really welcome some more help. If you think you could spare a couple of hours once a month we would be delighted to hear from you. Alternatively, you may want to know more before making a decision.

Whatever the case, just give me a ring on **743720**. I look forward to hearing from you.

Ruth Scovil



Bright Sparks Playgroup is now accepting reservations for the Autumn Term. If you are looking for a small, friendly group for your child then our playgroup is for you. We offer sessions on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:15 - 11:45 am. We are located in the village hall next to the Primary School. Children are able to attend playgroup age of $2\frac{1}{2}$, if they are potty trained. Fees are £3.50 per session.

The maximum number of children for our playgroup is 12, so make your reservations early! If you would like more information about joining our playgroup please call Sarah Gibb at 01223-811624.

From the Crier archives:

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Recently I had the pleasure of presenting Book Tokens to Kirsty Macaulay, Jane Rust and Simon Butcher on behalf of the Swaffham Crier Magazine Committee, for their winning entries in the Cover Design Competition.

I know that in these days of equal opportunities for all, individual competition is almost a dirty word in schools and prizes for individual excellence of any sort quite out of the question. I can't help thinking that prizes do have a useful and worthwhile function, and the argument that the brightest children will always win simply does not hold water. When I was at school the Form History Prize, Maths Prize or whatever generally went to the person who had made the most progress, and of course their ability, labour and perseverence would be taken into consideration. Young people certainly have to face stiff competition in the world outside school, and I think they should be trained in the realities of life from an early age and in the relatively protective environment of school, and individual credit should be given where it is due. Conversely, it is no bad thing to experience disappointments early in life if you think you've won, and you haven't!

I know that the two houses in our School compete against each other in various activities which is admirable in itself, and this article is not meant as any form of criticism for that system of working for the glory of your house or team. Rather, it is a word of thanks to Mrs. Booton and her staff for allowing us to run the Cover Design Competition through the School, and to present individual prizes to the winners, and a commendation to all those who entered, whether or not they won prizes.

May I remind you all that for the next two months I shall be handing over the Editorship to Derek Manning. Please deliver all copy to him in good time.

Zandra Houston Editor

Bottisham, Burwell, Linton Village Colleges Lifelong Learning

Saturday & Sunday 1st & 2nd July

Powerpoint

Monday - Friday, 10th - 14th July

Computer Summer School

Art 22 Exhibition

(Part of the Bottisham Millennium Celebrations)
Free workshops * Café * Live Music on Sunday
Bottisham Village College
Saturday & Sunday 15th & 16th July, 10.00 - 17.00

Further information from the Community Offices at the Village Colleges: Bottisham: 01223 811372 Burwell: 01638 741901, Linton: 01223 892400



BOTTISHAM FOOTBALL CLUB FOOTBALL FOR BOYS AND GIRLS OF ALL AGES

We celebrated the end of another season with a morning of friendly games between the various club teams and our "Player of the Year" Presentation evening. Congratulations to the following boys who gained awards:

Player of the Year: Jo Bidwell (U10); Chris Tennant (U11); James Blake (U12); Daniel Robinson (U13); Rob Newman (U14); Rob Hollingsworth (U15); James Larkin (U16).

Managers Award: Sean Rayment (U10); Henry Drake (U11); Matthew Leggett (U12); Tom Jones (U13); Jon Mhishi (U14); Dave Newman (U15); Steven Newman (U16).

Most Improved Player: Phil Mead (U14); John Burrells (U16). Top Goal Scorer: Jon Mhishi (U14); James Larkin (U16).

At our AGM on 14th May the club officers and Managers were thanked for their work for the club during the past year. Club chairman (Jim Tideswell), Secretary (Tessa Shrubbs) and Treasurer (Jackie Webb) were all re-elected for another year. Many thanks also go out to all those who have helped the club over the past season.

The boys and managers are now enjoying their end of season break. **Next season** we will have teams for the **Under 9 to Under 17 age-groups** and training will start at the beginning of August ready for the first matches on the weekend of $9^{th}/10^{th}$ September.

If anyone is interested in joining the club please give me a ring on 01223 811812.

Tessa Shrubbs (Club Secretary).



WI Notes

On Monday 19th June members and friends of the W.I. were met at the Abbey gate in Bury St.Edmunds by Brother Jocelyn - or rather his spirit, as he informed us that he actually died about 800 years ago.

Brother Jocelyn, a very energetic spirit, took us on a guided tour and gave us a potted history of the old Abbey. He showed us where the shrine of St.Edmund, King of East Anglia, had been situated, long since gone, and pointed out the Norman tower built over 800 years ago and which still remains intact. We saw a model of the original Abbey Church - very much larger than the present one - and all its out buildings and he told us what it was like to be a monk all those years ago.

At the end of the tour our 'Monk' said that while he hoped we had enjoyed our visit he couldn't guarantee that everything he'd told us was true - but it made a good story!

Our next meeting is on 17th July when we shall enjoy our summer party at Dyke End by kind invitation of Margaret and Mike Phillips.

Betty Prime



STAINE HUNDRED

Wednesday 31st May was probably the best day of the week weatherwise as the sun shone, there was little wind and no rain! Although Eltham Palace is in South London, the journey there was through countryside (albeit motorways) until within 2 miles of the Palace. It had been an important

medieval royal palace until the sixteenth century, fallen into disrepair and used as a farm for about 200 years until bought by the wealthy Courtaulds and now restored in the 1930s style by English Heritage.

The Great Hall with its hammerbeam roof and Minstrel Gallery was most impressive. The Courtaulds created a stunning home where they could entertain guests and incorporated all the modern facilities of the 1930s - concealed lighting, centralised vacuum cleaning and a heating system which would allow ten baths to be run at the same time. Extensive use had been made of wood panelling for the walls, reminding us of the Red Room and Blue room at the Village College which were also built at this time. The sophisticated audio system allowed everyone to take the tour at one's own pace. The gardens were extensive, from formal rose gardens, open parkland, to terraced gardens by the moat.

Greenstead in Essex where a church was built in the 7th century was next visited. Excavations were carried out by the Scandinavians some years ago trying to prove that they had the oldest wooden stave churches but they only proved that Greenstead is likely to be "the oldest wooden church in the world and the oldest wooden building standing in Europe." There have been modifications and extensions over the centuries but the nave is constructed of tree trunks sawn vertically down the middle and mounted with the flat sawn side facing into the Church which are probably Saxon in origin. The factual but light-hearted talk given by the guide added much to the visit.

Eric Jennett was thanked for organizing such an excellent outing.

Peggy Day

VILLAGE GARDENERS

The 'Open Gardens' in Swaffham Prior and Reach arranged by the Village Gardeners was a great success helped by the beautiful weather and the welcome cups of tea.

At their meeting on 20th June the Gardeners visited two gardens in Fenditton. The first at Hardwick House had a large variety of trees and hedges dividing the garden up into sections with many lovely roses and a varied assortment of plants and flowers.

The other garden at the Old Stables had beautifully scented Philadelphus, a pineapple tree and many other flowering shrubs, the most striking of which was a Cornus Kousa with its masses of white flowers in sharp contrast to the Cupressus growing behind it. There was also a very pretty little parterre. Both these gardens are open for the National Gardens Scheme and are well worth a visit.

On 18th July we shall be visiting Robinson College Gardens. If you would like to join us please ring 01223 811925 for more information.

Betty Prime.

QUEENS COURT DAY CENTRE BOTTISHAM

Well, is the Summer here at last? We are busy organising our outings for this year. The clients requested a seaside trip with fish and chips "in the paper", as many of them haven't seen the sea for many years, they will see what a difference sea-sides are now.

Six residents went to Banham Zoo, we had a lovely day, the Zoo made us all most welcome. All the staff came back with painted faces, the residents refused (I wonder why!). "Roz the boss" was off duty that day thank goodness.

Our fete this year is on Saturday 22 July, we hope to have craft stalls, cakes, bouncy castle and other activities which have yet to be arranged.

We had a celebration at the day centre in May, one of our friends had her 100th birthday. She had a lovely day with her friends, a cake, flowers and a good sing-a-long of all her favourite oldies. Perhaps you saw her photo in the Newmarket Journal.

Our future activities are:

July: 7th - Clothes for sale; 13th - Tea Dance, Sing-a-long, 1.30-3.30;

22nd - Fete; 28th - Coffee morning, Bingo, Raffle etc.

Aug: 4th - Sing-a-long with Len; 18th - Painted Glass Sale;

25th - Coffee Morning, Bingo, Raffle Etc.

Any donations of bric-a-brac, jumble, etc for our fete on 22 July would be gratefully received.

Please pop in to see us and have tea/coffee and a chat. See you soon.

Sheila, Hilary, Lynda, Brian and Jonathan

Free Classes for Volunteers

Would you like to attend a community education class in Tai Chi, art, crafts, pottery, needlecraft, local history, computing or scrabble free of charge? Well you can - if you take an older or isolated person with you.

Health for Life, the local community project that helps older or isolated people regain their health, confidence and independence is looking for volunteers to take people to their classes. The project will also help with your fuel costs.

If you would like to know more about becoming a Health for Life volunteer, please contact Samara Philpott at Burwell Community Office 01638 741901.

Notes from the Parish Council June Meeting

Mr T Jones chaired the meeting with 4 members and 1 members of the Public.

Matters Arising

Parish Council Vacancy: A letter of resignation was received from Mr P Whitfield. The Chairman thanked Peter for his support during his time as Parish Councillor. The Parish Council now has 2 vacancies.

Church Clock: The clock has been removed for refurbishment and will hopefully be back in place approximately the beginning of July. The problem of the Lime tree blocking the view of the clock was further discussed and it was agreed that the ECDC Tree Officer should again be approached about this.

Playground Equipment: Repairs have been carried out to the surfacing but after discussion it was agreed that the work was unsatisfactory. The Clerk was asked to write to Stadia Surfaces to get the repairs rectified. Several parents have signed a request for a new piece of play equipment. The most popular suggestion was for a climbing frame similar to the one at Reach play area. More seating was also requested. It was agreed to defer this until the July meeting to enable Members to have a look at the climbing frame at Reach and obtain further details.

Reports

Councillor Fitch reported to the meeting.

Correspondence Received: This was reported to the meeting.

CCC: A Grant of £150 was received from the Parish Paths Partnership to help with repairs needed on footpaths.

ECDC: "Notice of Adoption for East Cambridgeshire District Local Plan" was received. This has been displayed on the noticeboard.

Accounts for Payment: These were agreed.

Planning Applications Received

Two bedroom, two storey extension with bathroom & shower room. 7 Green Head Road.

Two bedroom, two storey extension. 24 Mill Hill.

Conversion of loft into bedroom & play area; erection of conservatory and new garage/workshop to replace existing. Loft conversion to include two

dormer windows to rear elevation. 16 Fairview Grove. There were no objections to the above applications.

Any Other Business:

A petition supporting the request for a skating ramp outside the Youth Club was handed in by Oliver Haworth. It was agreed to include this on the Agenda for the July meeting to enable further consideration. The French drains on Rogers Road are not working adequately. CCC Highways are to be contacted. The question of cutting back the vegetation on the railway bridge between Reach & Swaffham Prior was raised. The Clerk is to contact the County Surveyor to organise.

Further complaints have been received about overhanging vegetation on footpaths. Residents with boundaries on the footpaths are to be asked to keep such vegetation cut back.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday, 13th July 2000 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Karen King
Clerk of the Parish Council





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From our District Councillor

The first Farmers' Market will be held on 15th July, with further markets on 12th August and 9th September. The 15th July is a correction to the date that I gave you last month. These markets will be in the Market Place Ely from 8.30-4.30. They are an opportunity to buy local produce and to talk to the farmers about how their food is produced. If these three pilots work well, the markets will be continued and we will look at the possibility of holding some Farmers' Markets in other parts of the District.

The District Council is very strictly controlled by Central Government in how we make planning decisions. Guidance is issued regularly by the Department of Environment, Transport and the Regions (DETR) which we have to follow. A recent audit report has indicated that the East Cambs Planning Committee goes against officer recommendations more often than the average for similar authorities. They have recommended that we review procedures to ensure that decisions continue to be properly made. When we refuse planning permission, the applicant can appeal to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions. An appeal must be made within 6 months of the planning refusal. Planning permission is granted to about a third of appeals. Applicants can also appeal if we haven't decided their case within eight weeks, which is why we cannot extend the consultation period for Parish Councils. Most appeals are decided on written submissions from the applicant and the District Council and from people who commented on the application. The Inspector will also make a site visit and the Council and applicant are advised of the date and time of this visit. It is important that you let the Inspector know if you feel s/he should visit any adjoining properties. The applicant or the Council can ask for a public inquiry, but this is usually only requested for significant applications. If you commented on the application, you will be notified of the appeal and your original letter(s) will be copied to the Inspector and taken into account. The public has 28 days to comment on an appeal. You can inspect a copy of the appeal form at the Council's offices in Ely – this will show the applicant's grounds for appeal. Appeal decisions can only be challenged on legal grounds through the courts. For some appeals the applicant or the objector may want independent professional advice, which can be expensive. If you need such advice and cannot afford to pay a private consultant you can contact the East of England Planning Aid on 01473 631616 who do not charge for help or advice.

Charlotte Cane



From our Local County Councillor

At last there is real progress on the **CYCLE WAY / FOOTPATH SECTOR**. Since 1985 I have campaigned for paths among and between our villages and Cambridge. Now we are getting results.

Anyone using **Bell Road, Bottisham,** will be aware of the new high quality cycle/footpath which will keep cyclists and people on foot out of the path of motor vehicles. Just one plea, in passing, please do not park over the new path - it is inconsiderate and illegal.

Moving on, the County and District have now agreed to plan and construct the cycle/footpath **Lode-Longmeadow-Swaffham Bulbeck** as a first priority in this area. The key to this is additional funds from ECDC which are to be matched by the County Council. High quality paths cost up to £100,000/mile, so these decisions by both Councils were critical.

The good news continues — South Cambs. District Council are now much more receptive to the plan to construct continuations to cycle/footpaths from the McKay motor sales firm at the top of **Bell Road to Quy** and also from just west of **Anglesey Abbey to Quy.** As the territory crosses in S.Cambs. their agreement is vital.

Returning to East Cambs. the new path Lode to Bulbeck will leave a gap between **Swaffham Prior** and **Swaffham Bulbeck**. This along with **Burwell to Exning** via Newmarket Road, Burwell, will then become my personal priorities for future years as money permits.

Last in line is a proposal to link **Reach with Swaffham Prior** (and Reach to Burwell). This route is proposed by SUSTRANS, the national cycle route body which aims to produce a UK-wide cycle network over the next decade or so.

Turning to **BUS SERVICES**, I am using the County Public Transport Officer, John Holmes, as a strong advocate for some concessions on the recent time table changes which particularly inconvenience those of **Burwell** who want to get to Ely and those people of **Reach** who want to get an early bus to Cambridge.

On the **EDUCATION** front there is good news all round coming from Burwell and Bottisham Village Colleges. **Burwell V.C.** has had an excellent OFSTED report, with particular reference to high quality leadership. **Bottisham V.C.** is to be a "beacon school" which means that it is considered to be one of the top half dozen schools in Cambridgeshire to the extent that it will be able to pass on examples of good practice to other schools nearby. There will be money to back this new status which will be particularly welcome. In addition we have secured £\frac{1}{4}m. to refurbish the college laboratories which are currently in a delapidated state.

Lastly our **COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE** has again received compliments from the Audit Commission. I'm sure you agree it is efficient, fast, low cost and popular! **Burwell Fire Station** is due to get some refurbishment and painting soon.

James Fitch

SWAFFHAM PRIOR WITH REACH

EXTRACT PROM THE MINUTES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING AT REACH VILLAGE CENTRE. WEDNESDAY $24^{\rm th}$ MAY 2000

1. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

- a. The trip to Lambeth Palace on May 16th had been very enjoyable
- b. Sacred Music: Elisabeth Everitt, Ian de Massini and the Vicar would hold a meeting to plan venues and material.
- c. The Parish Mission Statement had been completed by Alasdair Coles and was approved by the PCC. It would be sent to the Diocesan Office by the end of May.
- d. The next Deanery Synod would be on June 14th at Swaffham Prior Village Hall.
- e. The Emmaus course was to be launched at Swaffham Bulbeck, but Swaffham Prior and Reach parishioners could also attend. A Working Group would be meeting at Swaffham Bulbeck Church on Tuesday 20th June, with a view to starting in the Autumn.
- f. The idea of a Millennium Scrapbook recording Parish life in 2000 was discussed briefly. There was general approval, but a volunteer co-ordinator is needed.

2. Swaffham Prior Treasurer' Report

Receipts and Payments accounts were presented by the Treasurer, Michael Cazenove. He insisted that security must be improved, following a recent theft. He proposed that a new safe be installed at a cost of £300. The keys to this safe should only be held by J.T. Norris and M. Cazenove. This was seconded by J.T. Norris and carried nem con. The Restoration Appeal had been launched, and money promised so far stands at £6000.

John Norris explained the new arrangements for Gift Aid. People giving money to the Church would have to sign a declaration that any money given would be treated as Gift Aid so that tax could be recovered. Existing covenants should be encouraged to be converted into Gift-Aid. The whole process would be discussed after the Deanery Synod of June 14th.

3. Swaffham Prior Social Working Group Report

The Millennium Sculpture Event in St Cyriac's had raised £77.67 for the Church.

Future Events: Fete (now to be called Church Garden Party), Village Hall, Sat 24th June; Carl Rutti Concert, Tues 18th July; Marquee Event, Sun 3rd Sept; Gift Day, Sat 9th Sept; Art/Craft/ Flower Festival, Sat 23rd/Sun 24th Sept; Grand Draw and Harvest Supper, 7th Oct; Winter Quiz, Saturday 18th Nov; Advent by Candlelight, Sun 3rd Dec.

The Recipe Book was still in progress. Thanks were extended to all who had helped at the Church events at Reach Fair. The Moveable Feast had been very successful.

4. Swaffham Prior Fabric Report

John Norris reported that a weeping ash tree had been chopped down by the back gate of the churchyard, by the Tree Officer of E.C.D.C., with complete lack of consultation and they had not agreed to pollard the lime trees which were obscuring the clock face.

The installation of a light on the buttress of St Cyriac's had been approved by the Churches' Conservation Trust. The PCC would pay for the lamp bracket.

Henry Hardiment would be starting the lining of the vestry chimney on June 15th. It would also be necessary to put a plastic (concealed) pipe from the roof to assist water egress from the north clerestory. Patrick Hansberry had agreed to do the maintenance 6 monthly on the gutters of St. Mary's as well as those of St Cyriac's, which might obviate the need for re-plumbing the poor guttering lay-out.

4. Worship Working Group Report

The Vicar drew the attention of the PCC to the arrangements for the introduction of Common Worship. There was some discussion about which books to purchase. It was proposed by John Norris, seconded by Ros Woods that we should buy at a cost of £10 each, enough copies of the 'Standard Edition' which includes provision, amongst others, for Communion Services

which are not BCP ('Order One Traditional' in place of ASB Rite B, and 'Order One' for Village Communion). 8 were in favour, 1 against. Parishioners were to be encouraged to buy personal copies and/or to donate one to the Church. The question of larger congregations (e.g. on 5th Sundays @ 10.00 a.m.) and the need for the separate service books @ £1.65 each, was left unresolved. It was felt that BCP services would be likely to use existing BCP books, rather than the BCP provision which has been included in the new 'Standard Edition', though they could be so used.

It was lamented that some events in Lent, Holy Week and Easter had been very poorly attended. 2001 needs to be planned with this in mind, and ideas will be welcomed, in conjunction with Swaffham Bulbeck.

Date of next meeting: Monday 24th July at Swaffham Prior Village Hall 7.30p.m. *Jenny Moseley*

From the Parish Registers for May

Holy Baptism: ALEXANDER JOEL COLLINGWOOD COLES [R]

Holy Matrimony: JURGEN RALPH KLEIN &

PRUDENCE AUDREY REBECCA RAYNER [SB]

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Church Services July 2000

| | ST MARY'S Swaffham Bulbeck | ST MARY'S Swaffham Prior | ST ETHELREDA & THE HOLY TRINITY | |
|------------------------|---|---|---|--|
| TRINITY 2 Sun 2 | 8:00am Holy Communion [†] 9:30am Family Service | 11:00am Parish Communion | 6:30pm Deanery Songs of Praise at Wicken | |
| Sun 9 | 9:30am Parish Communion | 11:00am Village Communion 6:00pm Evensong [†] and Sermon | 8:00am Holy Communion [†] | |
| Sun 16 | 9:30am Village Communion | 8:00am Holy Communion [†] 6:00pm Evensong [†] and Sermon | 11:00am Family Service | |
| TRINITY 5 Sun 23 | 9:30am Parish Communion | 11:00am Mattins [†] and Sermon 6:00pm Choral Evensong [†] | 8:00am Holy Communion [†] | |
| ALL SAINTS EVE Sun 30 | 6:00pm Evensong [†] and Sermon United | 8:00am Holy Communion [†] 10:00am Parish Communion at Bu | ırwell | |
| Holy (| Communion 1st Thursdays 10am | Swaffham Bulbeck Church (follo | wed by Home Communion) | |

Holy Communion 1st Thursdays 10am, Swaffham Bulbeck Church (followed by Home Communion)

Evening Prayer Tuesdays, 5:30pm, Swaffham Bulbeck Wednesdays, 5:30pm, Reach

Thursdays, 5:30pm, Swaffham Prior

Bellringing Tuesdays, fortnightly 8pm. St. Cyriacs. Contact: Dr Margaret Stanier on 741328.

Housegroup Tuesdays, 8pm, fortnightly in Reach.

Contact Olivia Cole 743434 or Juliet Vickery 742676

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Contact Win Norton on 01223 811509

Toddlers Service 3rd Thursdays @ 11:30am for 15 minutes in Reach Church or Centre

The vicar is never too busy to **visit** anyone on urgent pastoral or spiritual matters.

Dear Friends.

"HOW SHALL WE SING THE LORD'S SONG?"

It is an apochryphal tale that BBC 1's showing of 'The Forsythe Saga' in the early 1960's was the death-knell of Evensong across the Church of England. That Prayer Book Evensong is alive and well in this benefice, and in 2 other churches in this deanery (Soham & Fordham), is testimony to its enduring power to move, by word and music, the hearts and minds of those who worship.

Sadly, many people get their weekly diet of *hymnody* via televised 'Songs of Praise', which does a splendid job for those who are unable to attend a 'live' service, but which is surely not as good as 'the real thing'; most people could video it, like I do if they wanted to have the best of both worlds!

The great thing about the larger-scale event, is that it offers the chance of learning something new, whether a traditional hymn rarely sung in parish churches such as Herbert Howell's tune 'Sancta Civitas' to the words "O holy city, seen of John", or a more modem one like John Barnard's 'Guiting Power' to Michael Saward's words, "Christ triumphant, ever reigning". "Haven't heard either of those, Vicar" I can hear some say, but we all learnt our personal hymnody ("what we know") somewhere! The trick is to embrace not only new hymns within our own tradition, but also to sample other traditions eg Taize, Iona, RC - St Thomas More Centre, Renewal etc.

So, we need to expose ourselves to it all, whether at a diocesan choir festival in Ely, something local such as the 'Come & Sing Evensong' on Saturday 8th July, 5.30pm in St Cyriac's Swaffham Prior, *worshipping together* at united services, or simply sampling a service in a different church.

Talking to many couples coming to be married, or to families planning a funeral, makes one realise how tragic the loss of the currency of hymnody has become; collectively we have failed to properly keep alive a healthy facility with the Lord's Song, when all people can call to mind is 'All things bright and beautiful', 'Morning has broken' (though not even that these days) or 'Lord of the Dance', excellent though those hymns are in their own right. Worse than that, away from the principality of Wales, the *singing* is so impoverished - you could always turn up for a service and prove me wrong!

What are we going to do about it?

Well, there is a need for a better link between school worship and Church, not least in the area of music, and we are addressing that here in our local schools. Given that my own route into the life of the Church was via membership of a *parish church choir*, and it's something you can carry with you throughout your life, as I did before ordination from 7 to 39 = 32 years, I am wondering what might be possible here? After all, both parish churches have splendid choir-stalls; why should they be unoccupied apart from visiting choirs on special occasions?

Would starting a young peoples choir be a good idea?

Would families support an after-school choir practice and commitment to Sunday worship? Only you have the answers, so please let me know before the autumn.

Wishing you and your family a very happy summer, wherever you go, and if you are visiting another church, do please bring me back a parish magazine!

Your friend and parish priest,

Mark



Zion Baptist Chapel

Services for July 2000:

| Sunday | 2^{nd} | 6.30pm | (no service) |
|--------|-----------------|--------|-----------------------------|
| Sunday | 9 th | 6.30pm | David Bousfield - communion |
| Sunday | 16^{th} | 6.30pm | Audrey Jacobs |
| Sunday | 23^{rd} | 6.30pm | David Bousfield |
| Sunday | 30^{th} | 6.30pm | Songs of Praise |

For further information, transport, or a home visit please call David & Janet Bousfield on 01223-563307.

The times they are a changing...

... according to the well known song. However for many that is the problem. The times and the world we live in change so often and so fast that we can hardly keep up. Scientific advance and modern computer technology means that we can do things today that were impossible even a few years ago.

Change is difficult to handle. Often it is uncomfortable. Often it is unsettling and it almost always involves uncertainty. When you are in control and know what is going to happen next, life seems so much easier somehow doesn't it? But the problem comes in having control all the time. It simply can't be managed - even by the most competent. A split second loss of concentration causes a car to crash. A few angry words quickly lead to a fight. The loss of a job causes panic about how to meet your bills.

In a rapidly changing society where can we look to find stability? Christians throughout the world, myself included, have discovered that true peace can only be found through Jesus Christ. Indeed the Bible says of Jesus that He is the same yesterday, today and forever. He never changes and we can rely on Him to be consistently reliable in a world that seems increasingly unreliable.

Last month on Pentecost Sunday hundreds and thousands of Christians chose to gather joyfully and peacefully together to celebrate Pentecost - the birthday of the Church. It was by far the largest co-ordinated action of any group of society. Their united action went almost unnoticed by the broadcasters and media.

Despite the lack of media coverage, these Christians have discovered that their faith in Jesus gives them an anchor of stability in the surrounding sea of chaos. And that was the reason that they celebrated so joyfully and peacefully.

If you want to find stability and peace in our changing world, then why not ring a Christian friend, or try asking our Chapel congregation, or else take a chance and try it for yourself. You may just discover that the times really will change... for the better.

David Bousfield

Roman Catholic Church, Newmarket Parish

Masses: Newmarket: Sat 1830; Sun 0900, 1030, 1700;

Kirtling: Sun 0945;

In Bottisham Parish Church, Sun 0900 (Served from Cambridge).

From John Morrill, Deacon to the Roman Catholic Community

Friends in all the churches in Burwell and the Swaffhams (and none) have shown a genuine (and I must say caring) concern for the dilemmas of the Catholic community of Newmarket and the 28 villages served by Newmarket in respect of their church building. You will recall that we are in a rather tall and dignified neo-Romanesque building of the 1950s just down from the clock-tower. Given the way Newmarket has been redeveloped since the great fire of the 1820s, both the Anglican churches are quite hidden away as is the joint Methodist/URC church. So the Catholic church is the one really prominent ecclesiastical structure and one leading Methodist always refers to it as Newmarket Cathedral! A couple of years ago, a supermarket chain asked to acquire the whole of the 2 acre site for redevelopment, and we developed plans to relocate to the land occupied by the convent of St Louis sisters 200 yards along the Fordham Road, in order to integrate the church with the parish school and convent. Opinion was sharply divided on this issue, albeit most people were divided within themselves, but in the end a slender majority voted in a referendum to accept the deal and to move to new and enhanced facilities. The Bishop and his 'consultors' decided, however, that the church was too prominent and too distinguished as a building and as a place of prayer, and he decided (as was his right) not to follow the parish advice. Since then, in full consultation with the parish and the diocese an alternative plan has been worked on and this new plan is now fully developed and by the time this piece comes out it is expected that we will have moved things on to a more formal footing. The plan now is an exchange of land, with the parish handing over the one-acre paddock behind the church, and the area currently occupied by the parish hall, the priest's house and some of the existing carpark and receiving instead a chunk of land along Exeter Road, currently occupied by the Newmarket Fire Station and Ambulance station. The parish would gain enough money to erect a much more appropriate house, offices, meeting rooms and hall, be linked much more effectively into the Exeter Road residential area, and have a much safer footpath from the church to the school. The church will stand proud and open to people walking out of the supermarket and making their way from the supermarket to the Rookery or the town, and we hope that we might even have a charity shop where anyone in town could buy religious books, cards and fair trade produce etc. We recognise the need for this supermarket to safeguard the business of the town as a whole and we hope to provide ever greater ecumenical and justice-and-peace facilities for the whole area. If this goes ahead (and there are the shoals and rapids of planning consents and final agreements to be negotiated) we will be all the stronger to relate what happens inside the church to the needs of the world around and about. Watch this space!

Dates for Your Diary - July 2000

| Sat | 1 | Mardi Gras Ball, BVC, 7:00pm for 7:30pm |
|------------|----------|---|
| Sun | 2 | |
| Mon | 3 | |
| Tue | 4 | |
| Wed | 5 | Mothers Union, S Bulbeck Free Church, 2:15pm |
| Thu | 6 | Art History talk by Ann Hollingsworth, Village Hall, 7:30pm |
| Fri | 7 | |
| Sat | 8 | 'Come & Sing' Evensong, St Cyriac's, 5:30pm (rehearse 3:30pm) |
| Sun | 9 | |
| Mon | 10 | |
| Tue | 11 | Mobile Library, Cage Hill 2:40-3:30, Chapel 3:35-4:00pm |
| Wed | 12 | |
| Thu | 13 | Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm |
| Fri | 14 | Crier Copy Deadline |
| Sat | 15 | Farmers' Market, Ely Market Place, 8:30am - 4:30pm |
| Sun | 16 | School Sports Day and Summer Fair, 12:00pm |
| Mon | 17 | WI Summer Party |
| Tue | 18 | Carl Rutti Piano Recital, St Cyriac's, 7:30pm |
| | | Village Gardeners, visit to Robinson College gardens |
| Wed | 19 | |
| Thu | 20 | |
| Fri | 21 | |
| Sat | 22 | |
| Sun | 23 | DCCM C VIII H II 7 20 |
| Mon | 24 | PCC Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm |
| Tue | 25 | Mobile Library, Cage Hill 2:40-3:30, Chapel 3:35-4:00pm |
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| Thu | 27 | <i>Crier</i> Collating, Village Hall, 2:30pm |
| Fri Sat | 28 29 | |
| Sun | 30 | |
| Mon | 31 | Playscheme 2000 starts, 9:30am |
| | | Ladies Circle, Ghost Walk around Ely |