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Editorial

Goodbye to John and Gloria Fidoe! They will be severely missed, not only by ourselves, because they have been such good and kind neighbours and John was one of the original *Gang of Five* of the Editorial Board, but also by much of the rest of the village because of their many irreplaceable contributions to village life in general. We wish then the best of luck in their new Derbyshire abode.

As everyone knows, *cobblers' children are worst shod*. Which is maybe why, since my husband is an Engineer, our newly commissioned letter-box, especially designed to keep out the draughts, is not an unqualified success. It is very good at keeping out draughts, but unfortunately also rather excellent at keeping out mail which must explain why there is only one *Letter* this month. This is a good excuse, Swaffham Priorites, but not quite good enough, and some improvement is expected for next month!

Instead, this month's issue is the *Crime Special*. So **WARNING! Do not leave valuable possessions in unattended vehicles parked in Swaffham Prior**. Unfortunately, we have yet another smash and grab raid to report, and like last month, the car was parked immediately outside the owner's house. Similar incidents have been happening in neighbouring villages, as reported else-where. The Swaffham Prior incident took place on Friday, May 25 in the High Street, so if anyone saw anything, please get in touch with the police. See PC report for progress on Neighbourhood Watch revival.

As it happens, on the very same day, there was another break-in on the High Street, but this time the perpetrators were apprehended red-handed. Or red-footed, as the case may be, because they were the notorious Duck Family (Mummy, Daddy + duckling entourage) caught making free with the facilities in a residents sitting room on Friday morning. Where did they all come from?

Meanwhile, it is the Election of course, and we were honoured by a flying visit from our current MP, Jim Paice, who answered a few questions outside the Village Hall before going leafleting. One resident was somewhat nonplussed to see a pencilled addition:- *Sorry you were out when I called, I wanted to talk to you....* In fact he'd been in all along, and was even more disconcerted to find on closer inspection that the 'hand-writing' was pre-printed! Canvassing is not what it was. See you at the Polling Booth.

Caroline Matheson

Cover Picture: *Music on the Move*



Letters to the Editors



Dear Editors

It is surprising that Mr Lewinski appears to be unaware that dating the composition and first performances of Shakespeare's plays has always been, and continues to be, a very difficult, uncertain and complicated issue. I will forbear to say more because, fortunately, it is not necessary to know about the dating complexities for A-level exams.

On the question of the word "stupid" the actual phrase used by Mr Lewinski was "ought to have their sanity levels reviewed". This phrase can mean "insane", "bonkers", "batty", "lunatic", or even "stupid". I maintain that quoting and thereby endorsing his students' view that "adults who engage in this kind of discourse in a village magazine ought to have their sanity levels reviewed" is being disparaging about the contributors and the editors.

The game is given away when Mr Lewinski says that if I want a "deadly serious correspondence" and "a wholly humourless debate" then I can have it all to myself. Well, while not being entirely humourless, I did hope for some kind of serious and informative discussion if anyone chose to respond to my argument. Instead he took up the gauntlet and became a fairly typical Stratfordian by jeering, lowering the level of the discussion, and providing inaccurate information. This is why I kept asking him for facts. Excluding being told that Elizabethans did not have TV, that the plague sometimes closed the theatres, that some playwrights prefer privacy, etc., only once, and this was in his very first letter, were any facts provided - and five errors were made, some major and some minor. Five errors in just nine lines! No wonder no more facts were ever offered.

But I do share Mr Lewinski's concern about his sanity. Unless another contributor writes in, I am as happy as he is to give it a rest. He can then continue to write about the number of birds in his garden and football matches in complete tranquillity. However, the beautifully dramatic end to his letter did touch the spot, and I immediately thought of King Lear's unsuccessful plea:

"O let me not be mad, not mad, sweet heaven!

Keep me in temper, I would not be mad."

Alastair Everitt
Anglesey House



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE
SWAFFHAM PRIOR PRIMARY
SCHOOL
SPORTS DAY & SUMMER FAIR
SUNDAY 8TH JULY AT 12PM**



BAR

**LUCKY
DIP**

**BOUNCY CASTLE &
INFLATABLE SLIDE**

**THE AMAZING KERNEL
MARVO
WITH HIS MAGIC
SHOW, STILT WALKING
AND BALLOON
MODELLING!**

GRAND RAFFLE

PRIZES INCLUDE:

**A CHAUFFEURED PUNT ALONG THE CAM WITH A
BOTTLE OF BUBBLY!**

A FLIGHT IN A VINTAGE DE-HAVILLAND BI PLANE

PLUS MORE

WINE OR WATER?

BOOKS & TOY STALL

CAKE STALL

PLUS MUCH MUCH MORE !!

BBQ

**TOMBOLA
LUCKY
LOLLIES**

SALAD BAR

SPLAT THE RAT!

From our Reporter at the Parish Council Meeting





23rd June 2001 • 7.00 pm



TICKETS

**£12.50 (including wine)
available from**



Kate Child ☎ 743983

(not later than 17th June)

Proceeds towards St Mary's Church Centenary Restoration Project

BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS

If anyone would like a collection of books for a school, village, church, chapel, youth club etc, event (in or outside Swaffham Prior) or for your favourite Charity Shop, please phone me on 742974. First come, first served.

Alastair Everitt

Saturday, 30th June 2001



7.00 – 10.00 pm

JAZZ ON A SUMMER'S EVENING



At The

Red Lion

Swaffham Prior

Bring the whole family!

**THE KEMP
BROTHERS**

and FRIENDS

featuring vocalist

Ruth Applin

No tickets, no admission charge
(There will be a collection
for the band)

BARBECUE • DRINKS

Raffle and sweet stall
in aid of St Mary's Church



Don't miss this! Remember their
previous three amazing visits?

MUSIC ON THE MOVE

THE CHURCH OF SAINT CYRIAC AND SAINT JULITTA

Swaffham Prior

Sunday, June 24th 6.00 pm

The present church stands on the foundations of a mediæval one but was entirely rebuilt in 1806, apart from the 15th century tower. Its shape is a reminder of the very different style of worship favoured by the Anglican Church at the time, with a greater emphasis on the sermon and the singing, and less frequent celebration of Holy Communion.

Cambridge Voices

will sing music of the period and will be accompanied
by a gallery band of woodwind and strings from

The St Mary's Players.

Composers will include that greatest of the Hanoverians

George Frideric Handel

(including excerpts from his "Messiah")

and works by his immediate predecessors and
former organists of Westminster Abbey

Henry Purcell, William Boyce, William Croft

Mr Roy Tricker

will speak on the architecture of St Cyriac's
and its links to Anglican liturgy and music in the 18th century.

Tickets: £5 (children under 16 years: £2.50)

available at the door

DID YOU KNOW?



Since the Crime and Disorder Act was introduced in 1998, a number of groups have been established in Cambridgeshire to help reduce and prevent crime and disorder.

In Southern Division, three Crime and Disorder Partnerships exist: South Cambs, East Cambs and Cambridge City. Each Partnership group is made up of a number of different agency representatives including Police, Local Authorities, Health and Probation, who each work together to reduce crime and disorder in the community.

All the Partnerships have set up groups to take a more detailed look at particular problems. South Cambs, for instance, have groups looking at the most prevalent types of crime, namely, burglary, vehicle crime, antisocial behaviour, substance misuse and domestic violence. However, in East Cambs, there are groups taking an overview of all the community safety issues in those areas with the highest crime levels.

Each Crime and Disorder Partnership has a small amount of money available for funding crime reduction projects that link to the priorities of the Partnerships. If you are interested in joining a group or would like more information about funding, contact:

South Cambs - Tara Edwards, Community Safety officer, South Cambs

District Council: 01223 724144

Gemma Plummer, Community Safety and Partnership Co-ordinator,
Parkside Police Station: 01223 823527.

East Cambs - Martin Blake, Housing and Corporate Policy manager, East
Cambs District Council: 01353 665555

Julie Buck, Community Safety and Partnership Co-ordinator,
Parkside Police Station: 01223 823527.

KNOCK, KNOCK WHO'S THERE?

Burglars won't go to the trouble of breaking in if they can just knock and be invited in. Often, and quite unnecessarily, people feel embarrassed about refusing to let someone in at the door. So always be on your guard when anyone you are not expecting - a man, a woman or even children turn up unannounced at your door. Most people who are likely to come knocking at your door will be genuine but it is sensible to take precautions.

Increasingly, the Community Safety Unit are receiving calls from members of the public concerning Bogus 'dealers' who call at your door and offer to buy your antiques, furniture and jewellery, at what seems to be a good price. Chances are they are more interested in the items you do not

want to sell and can be very persuasive in tricking you into selling something for a lot less than it is worth.

If you want to sell something or have an item valued, choose one or two well-established dealers to value it or ask a friend or relative for their advice. There are several in the telephone directory who would be willing to visit your home by appointment only.

If you would like some advice on dealing with callers at the door or would like to discuss this article in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact Hilary Conner, Community Safety Advisor at Parkside Police Station or telephone Cambridge 823479.



The Chestnut Box... The Play **Created, Devised and Performed by the People** **of East Cambridgeshire**

You may have been one of the 3,000 people from all over East Cambridgeshire who recorded aspects of their lives last year on the 25th May, forming one of the largest local Millennium projects. Six local writers, under the guidance of professional writer Tony Ramsay have woven these contributions into a fascinating story full of everyday drama.

The Chestnut Box is a touching, gripping and humorous musical drama performed by local actors.

Tickets cost £7/£4 (concessions) and are available from ADeC, Babylon Gallery, Waterside Ely, Tel: 01353 669022 office hours (all performances) and The Ellesmere Centre, Stetchworth, and Soham Bookshop (High Street, Soham) for other venues. All performances start at 7.30 pm

8th/9th June	Ellesmere Centre, Stetchworth - tickets from venue & ADeC
15th/16th June	Soham Village College (Lodeside) - tickets from Soham Bookshop & ADeC
21st/22nd June	The Maltings, Ely - tickets from ADeC

One Day in May... The Exhibition

Red Square Art in Ely's Market Square will be hosting an exhibition of photographs, drawings, collages and paintings contributed by local people as part of the One Day in May project. The exhibition opens **25th May** and runs until the **22nd June**. Exhibition open Thurs - Sat.

For further information please telephone Stephen Adamson on 01353 648685.

SWAFFHAM PRIOR ANNUAL VILLAGE ASSEMBLY HELD ON THURSDAY MAY 1TH 2001.

13 members of public and 7 Parish Councillors attended the Annual Village Assembly.

1. Apologies were received from Cllr. Cane, Sandra Wilson and Karen King.
2. Minutes of the 2000 Assembly were agreed
3. Councillor Fitch gave his report on Cambridgeshire County Council matters. After the election there will be a new constitution. There will be a leader and cabinet, 10 in all.

Council Tax increased by 8.5% last year and will rise and by 8% next year which is still below average

Education Bottisham Village College has had excellent results and the Government has given it status as a Beacon School, which will advise and guide others.

Libraries are in reasonable condition and they are having an influx of money to improve IT systems.

Social Services are up to standard again according to the inspectorate. Queens Court, Bottisham is practically sold to Hereward Housing who will extend the number of bedrooms and improve the rest.

There is a shortage of foster and adoptive parents in this area and Social Services would be happy to hear from anyone interested in fostering or adoption.

Transport The A14 study has been brought forward a year.

Cycle ways are continuing to grow and there is to be a continuation of the Lode to Swaffham Bullbeck this year.

Newmarket park & ride a great success as are the rest around Cambridge. A142 Fordham Bypass is now past planning stage and is being designed and building will start in the next two years.

Structure Plan is heading for conclusion in 2003. Sites suggested for the new town are Waterbeach, Oakington, Longstanton, Childery Gate, Abington and Six Mile Bottom. 14000 houses are planned which equates to around 30/35000 people. The time span for this is 2016. There has been a great deal of opposition from residents at Six Mile Bottom.

Fire and Rescue is continuing to give excellent service, which costs 50 per head per week. Hoax calls down 50% in last 5 years & arson well down.

New Policeman. Mark Hurry has already attended several local PC

meetings. **Crime** on the whole down, violence up.

4. **ECDC** Cllr Cane was unable to attend meeting but sent report, which was read to the meeting.

The Jubilee Gardens, Ely are due to open mid-2002.

Council Tax The precept for Band D property has increased to £64.21 for 2001/2.

Political Management The Council is setting up a system that keeps the Committee structure, as this was the clear favourite in public consultations

Information Technology has been introduced into council offices and a website was launched at the beginning of year.

ICT Learning Centres have been set up across the district and if the 15 pilot schemes are successful the Council will seek to extend them.

Foot & Mouth There has been 3 requests for rate relief. Only 8 forms have been sent out. **Farmers Market** was held on Easter Saturday but no meat producers were there. The markets now take place twice a month.

Village/Community appraisals There are four appraisals being carried out & ECDC is in the process of arranging its 2001/2 schedule of appraisals with ACRE.

Market town initiatives Ely City Council and ECDC met to agree a health check procedure over the next six months. It will result in a plan of action by end of October.

Implementation of Best Value All reviews for 2001/02 are complete & a new 5 year plan has been agreed.

Planning The Cambridgeshire Council Structure Plan ended its consultation on 6th April. One of the proposals put to it was a suggested development at Six Mile Bottom but a decision is likely to take a considerable time.

Upgraded telephone system The council is improving its telephone service.

Environment A Local Agenda 21 strategy was set up in December 2000.

Community Buses are all being delivered through outside partners and the council is looking at ways of further subsidising this scheme to make it cheaper for users.

5. **School Governing Report.** Mrs Isobel Hill presented report. School is doing well and has 3 new members of Staff. The school has been presented with a special achievement award. There are 3 new computers and all members of staff are doing CT courses. A new sign has been erected.

- 6. Introduction to PC Hurry - New Community Beat Officer** PC Hurry covers 7 villages in area and has been 14 years in service. From 12.4.01 to 15.5.01 there were 3 recorded offences in village. He will give us a monthly update. On 9th May, 3 people were successfully prosecuted for speeding. PC Hurry hopes to be able to patrol the village on a regular basis although, at present, is spending a lot of time on problems in Burwell. He mentioned the need for a neighbourhood watch scheme in Swaffham Prior and hopes people will come forward to be part of this.
- 7. Youth Club Report** No-one was able to attend the meeting but Alan Badcock sent a letter which was read to the meeting. He mentioned the interesting projects and outings they had had and also the fact that the Youth Club was still going strong whilst others were closing, although, financially, it was a constant struggle. He also expressed dissatisfaction with the PC and PCC and felt the Youth Club lacked sufficient support from either body.
Mr Badcock had not been specific and no-one on the PC could remember having been approached for help in recent years.
- 8. Parish Council Accounts and Report** - Last year saw the departure of Peter Whitfield from the PC as he moved to Scotland. Two vacancies were filled by Kevin Glennon and John Covill. Isobel Hill from Reach was appointed as a member of the School Governors to represent both Parish Councils.
Earth barriers were created on the Dencora field to deter travellers and it was felt that the recreation ground may also be at risk, therefore metal barriers will be installed to prevent unauthorised access.
There was an outbreak of harassment and vandalism during the winter months but it is hoped that with the appointment of PC Mark Hurry as the new Community Beat Officer, and a more frequent police presence, this will act as a deterrent. The village needs a new co-ordinator for the Neighbourhood Watch, to replace Andrew Badcock.
The PC donated a sum of £600 towards the cost of the renovation of the clock on St Cyriacs. In June a request for received for the installation of a skateboard ramp. This was investigated and the cost would be in excess of £10,000. It also posed numerous other problems and these points were put the young person who had suggested this but as yet there has been no response.
Extra grit and salt bins are being provided before next winter and will be placed at the bottom of Cage Hill, Coopers Green and Rogers Road. Reach PC requested assistance in providing signs for foreign lorries, which were getting lost and frequently getting stuck on tight bends in

Reach. Plans are being put to the Conservation Officer at ECDC for his comments.

Last year the PC was unsuccessful with an application for traffic calming measures under the County Council Jointly Funded Improvement Scheme but intends to apply again this year, as it would appear that there has been a change of policy. It may now be possible to get the stretch of road along Mill Hill re-designated as a 30 mph zone.

Thanks were expressed to the committee, which organised the Millennium Map. During a recent PC meeting at Open Question Time, the question was posed as to whether the village planned any special event to mark the Golden Jubilee next year. The Chairman welcomes any suggestions for specific events or memorials, which anyone would be prepared to help organise.

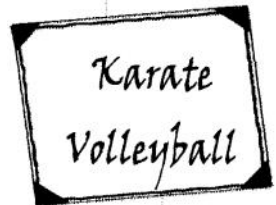
There was a surplus of £2696 for the year and reserves in hand now total over £10,000, which was considered more than adequate to cater for any unseen expenditure, therefore it was decided not to make any provision for reserves, and as a result, the Parish precept has fallen from £10,200 to £9,000.

9. **Village Hall Accounts & Report** . The Village Hall has had an excellent year and they have been able to build up reserves for when redecoration is needed. This is due to the fact that all fundraising events were successful. The accounts were agreed as correct.
10. **Parochial Charities Account & Report.** The accounts were presented to the meeting and confirmed as correct..
11. **Sports & Recreation Committee Accounts and Report.** Two members attended but had not prepared a report. They had donated a sum of money to the Youth Club and had also offered to match their fundraising pound for pound to a limit of £2,000.
12. **Playground Equipment** The Chairman reported that the PC were considering adding a piece of play equipment and were open to suggestions. He also mentioned the problems relating to the new European standards, with which any new equipment had to conform. It was generally felt that a wooden climbing frame of some description would be most appropriate. Further investigation will take place.
13. **Open Question Time** Various questions were put to the PC including whether the new street lighting is likely to be extended, the possibility of a barrier at the end of the footpath by the Beeches to prevent children going into the road, yellow lines outside the school and whether a new sign for Adams Road could be arranged as the other had been stolen.

Playscheme 2001!!!

Playscheme is open to all primary school aged children in Swaffham Prior and Reach or those who have previously attended Swaffham Prior School. It will run for the mornings of the week 30 July — 3 August at a cost of £2.50 per child per morning or £6 for a daily family ticket.

By the time you read this, the registration letters for this year's Playscheme should be available. If your children are eligible to attend and you will not automatically be receiving a letter via Swaffham Prior school, please do get in touch with Pee Noyes on 743864, or via the school office.



**ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
SWAFFHAM PRIOR**

**SUNDAY 24TH JUNE
6.30 pm**

FOUR POINT TURN
(Christian Musical Group)

Everyone very welcome



THE VILLAGE FEAST

There was all the fun of the fair at the Village Feast on a most beautiful day in May and good fortune shone down on us from above. Takings were just under £1,000 and the profit will go towards the maintenance of the Village Hall.

Apart from the Maypole Dancing by the School, the Cubs appeared as Four Aliens on Stilts and they certainly rivalled those who once appeared at the Dome. Egg Throwing, Bowls and Can Throwing were all fiercely contested, while Eating a Bun on the End of a String was strangely very popular.

All the stalls did well, at least one hundred and seventy adults passed through the turnstile, and our thanks to everyone who helped and contributed.

Village Hall Management Committee

'Viva Las Vegas'



The Bottisham Ball
Saturday 7th July, 7pm 'til late
Bottisham Village College

Pre-dinner drinks
Sit down meal
Live music
Tombola
Bar

For tickets
Call 01223 812194

£22 per person

News from Queen's Court, Bottisham

It's a few months since you heard from us. The weeks and months go by so quickly! Our friends are pleased to see the sunshine and looking forward to the Summer and their outings.

Unfortunately some of our friends have passed over, we really miss them. They all had their special ways and had varied and interesting lives. One of them worked at Addenbrookes Hospital, it was Trumpington Street then. She made gowns and masks for the surgeons, mending them when necessary, a lot different today with everything disposable. They all worked and had very busy lives, having said that our own lives are just as busy, but I suppose not so physically hard. We use our cars etc. to get from A to B, but who is the fittest?

Next time you hear from us we may be a Hereward Housing/Methodist Home. Below are some of our future activities.

4th June Dennis from Grunty Fen. Very funny at 1.30 p.m. £1 admission.

11th June Clothes for sale at 10.30 a.m.

21st June Len Ebbage Sing-a-Long at 1.30 p.m.

29th June Coffee Morning plus Bingo at 1.30 p.m.

Cure for Cancer Your help needed

Do you have access to a computer which can connect to the internet? If so, you could help with vital research being undertaken to increase understanding of the causes of cancer.

In order to take part in the scheme, you need to connect to a web site and download some special analytical software and a chunk of data to be analysed. The software will then run in the background on your computer without affecting your normal computer usage in any way. When the analysis is complete, the software will wait until you next connect to the internet, upload the results to the web site and download another chunk of data to be worked on. Hundreds of thousands of people around the world are helping researchers in this way.

If you are interested, point your browser at:

www.ud.com

or contact Robin Scovil on (01638) 743720

THIS SCHEME WILL COST YOU NOTHING

Your involvement will make a difference



WI Notes

In April, John Fidoe treated us to a fascinating insight into how banknotes are ordered, designed and printed - an operation which takes about two years from start to finish. Did you know that one million bank-notes weigh one ton, and that they are made of cotton waste, enabling counterfeits to be discovered by touch? Notes only last about 6 months and faces are very difficult to portray, as they shrink in the washing process.

On May 16, the Village Hall was full for the area Group Meeting, hosted by Swaffham Prior Institute, when Isleham photographer Vernon Place kept us very amused with his 'exposures of a cameraman'!

In our May 21st meeting, we spent a considerable time discussing the National W.I. Resolutions, requesting the provision of School Nurses and pressing for adequate training for carers in homes for the elderly.

Mrs Hilary Sage, our own local thespian, then entertained us with a series of poems and monologues which were hilarious.

In June, we will have a guided tour behind the scenes at Sainsbury's.

Shirley Wilkins



LADIES CIRCLE

Due to illness the speaker we had booked for the Ladies Circle could not come to our meeting on Monday 26th March but we still met and decided to have a social evening. Luckily one of our members Mrs Iris Stannett who is very artistic brought along some card which she had made. This is one of Iris's new hobbies and members were very impressed — hence many of them were sold which resulted in Iris being given further orders from the members. The cards were decorated with various designs and varied from Birthday, Get Well, Congratulations, Thank You and Happy Easter.

Then after coffee and biscuits and a bit of a chat we played Beetle, which another of our members had brought along. So despite not having a speaker our evening was still very enjoyable.

On Monday 23rd April the Ladies Circle met for their monthly meeting. Gill Davies from Sawston came and demonstrated the art of Flower Arranging. Gill had been attending Sawston Village College to learn how to arrange flowers — she felt she wanted to take up a hobby that would suit her needs. She did three flower arrangements with a variety of flowers which looked quite easy as she was demonstrating. No doubt this will encourage

many of the members to be more adventurous with their flowers rather than just 'sticking them in a vase'.

We now run a monthly bring and buy stall, which seems to be proving very successful.

We have many varied and interesting speakers booked for the rest of the year — why not join us and see for yourself. In June Roger from Swaffham Bulbeck will tell us about Dial-A-Ride.

Sandra Butcher

The Friends of Bottisham Village College

CAR BOOT SALE

AT

BOTTISHAM VILLAGE COLLEGE

ON

SUNDAY 10th JUNE 2001

9.00 a.m.-1.00 p.m.

£6 booked in advance

£7 on the day

Refreshments

To Book Tel: 01223 882556





The Farmers Markets have been given clearance to have the meat producers back. So the market on 12th May had the full range of stalls and the full range of produce will now be available twice a month. The next two markets are 9th and 23rd June.

As you will know, the General Election will be held on the same day as the County Council elections – Thursday 7th June. You should have had your polling cards in early May. If you have mislaid them, don't worry you don't need your card to vote. You just go to the Polling Station and give your name and address and the clerk checks you off against the electoral register. Your Polling Station is the Village Hall and it is open from 7.00 in the morning until 10.00 at night. If you have children to look after, you can take them with you while you vote. You will get two ballot papers, one to vote for your MP and the other to vote for your County Councillor.

One advantage of the General Election being called in June is that we get an extra month to consult on our ward boundaries. As I said last month, we have to review these boundaries as part of the Periodic Electoral Review. The aim of this review is to have each Councillor represent the same number of people (within a 5 -10% margin). The current draft shows 'The Swaffhams' ward as unchanged – ie Swaffham Prior, Swaffham Bulbeck and Reach with one Councillor. But some wards are being combined so that they have several Councillors. It is important that people let us know whether they are in favour or against, as the Commission, which makes the final decision, will take all views into account. If you would like to see the maps and give your views, please contact Kate Peacock on 01353 665555.

By the time you read this we will have elected Councillors to the new Committee Structure. There will be four Policy Committees that will take most of the decisions about how we run the Council, once Full Council has set the budget and the policy framework. These Committees are Policy and Resources, Community Services, Environment and Transport and Strategic Development. Their work will be supported by the Personnel Committee and monitored by the Scrutiny Committee. In order to ensure that the Scrutiny Committee does hold the Policy Committees to account we have asked the opposition parties to nominate two of their members to be Chairman and Vice Chairman. Planning and Licensing will be dealt with by two further Committees and there will be a Standards Committee which will set a Code of Conduct for Councillors and carry out enquiries into any accusations that a Councillor has broken this Code of Conduct.

Charlotte Cane



With house prices averaging £150,000 in Cambridge and £116,000 in East Cambridgeshire it is self-evident we need more affordable houses for rent. A little of the pressure will be eased by housing association building within the next year at **Burwell** (on the former Smith site), **Swaffham Bulbeck** (8 on the Downing Farm land) and **Bottisham** (14 down Bell Road and 4/5 next to the new surgery). The County Council is considering the problem in relation to the whole Cambridge Area and is being pushed by the Government to build many extra houses of all sizes for sale or rent over the period of the **Structure Plan** ending in 2016.

The outcry over the **Six Mile Bottom** proposal is evidence that in general people are not keen to see large new house building projects near to existing villages in our area. The situation does point to the County's problem of where substantial house building should take place over the next fifteen years. The Structure Plan will not be decided for two years while all the choices are compared along with consideration of where industry, services and infrastructure should go to match the housing needed. We can certainly expect a public inquiry in a year's time. Associated with all this is the **Green Belt** review and the A14 corridor study.

We live in busy times.

POLICE MATTERS

It has been reassuring to hear PC Mark Hurry describing how he is taking over from PC Paul Davis. Mark is likely to be able to spend more time policing our area as he does not have the Police Federation duties carried out by Paul.

Burwell has recently been a hot-spot on crime especially in connection with vehicles stolen or broken into. There has also been signs of violence among unruly young people in **Bottisham** very recently, so the police are being warned that we still have problems in spite of more resources arriving.

I was very glad to take part in the launch of the local schools' **anti-drug policy** at end of May in Burwell. As drug misuse and crime go hand-in-hand you can see that the County is trying to prevent crime as well as deal with it more effectively.

It was particularly pleasing to learn that **hoax calls** made to the Fire & Rescue service have dropped by half in the last five years. Cases of **arson** are down, by a smaller fraction, over the same period.

As Cambridgeshire rural A roads carry 70% more **traffic** than the national average, you will understand why this topic comes up at every parish council meeting. The latest attempt to ease drivers' speeds is the pair of self-lighting traffic signs on the A1303 on either side of the **Heath Road, Swaffham Bulbeck** road. If you are driving at over 60 mph they light up with a warning.

Lastly, the deadline for **postal or proxy** votes for the coming elections is **30 May**. Forms available from East Cambs DC or me while stocks last!

James Fitch

Notes from the Parish Council May Meeting

Mr Trevor Jones chaired the meeting with 8 members and 1 member of the Public.

Election of Chairman/Vice-Chairman: Mr Trevor Jones was elected as Chairman and Mr Eric Day was elected as Vice-Chairman. Unanimously agreed.

Accounts for 2000/2001: Mr Andrew Badcock took the meeting through the accounts and these were agreed subject to audit.

Matters Arising.

Update of Cemetery Planning: H Hardiment & A Camps reported to the meeting that the weather and conditions had not been suitable to date but that they would now move things forward.

Neighbourhood Watch: K Glennon will liaise with Julie Gilbert, Community Contact Co-ordinator of the Police. Further discussion at Annual Village Assembly.

Ditch - Lower End: A letter had been received from CCC Highways noting that this ditch is the responsibility of the adjoining land owner. A Land Registry plan from a nearby property was shown to the meeting, noting that the boundary line fell at the top of the ditch bank. The Clerk is to write further to CCC enclosing the Land Registry information.

Directional Signs - Lorries: A meeting was held between members of Reach P.C., Swaffham Prior Parish Council and CCC on Wednesday 9th May 2001. The outcome of this meeting was that CCC will put forward a scheme placing a sign coming into the village from Swaffham Bulbeck directing all lorries along the B1102 and then down Cage Hill. Another sign will direct them along the High Street with a right turn into Station Road. The signs will have a lorry symbol with Lords Ground Farm written beneath. A similar sign will be placed on the B1102 from the Burwell direction. It is believed that these signs will be black with white lettering. CCC are to discuss the signs with John Selby, Conservation Officer, ECDC.

Reports:

Councillor Fitch reported to the meeting.

Councillor Cane reported to the meeting.

Correspondence Received:

CCC: "Surface dressing programme 2001" — re-surfacing works are to be carried out at Rogers Road.

A letter was received from the Highways Department noting that the problems with crumbling verges on Station Road are to be rectified. Also repair works to the footpaths at Fairview Grove have been programmed for

October - funds permitting.

Accounts for Payment: These were agreed.

Planning Approval: 30 Green Head Road. *To remove condition 2 (personal occupancy) of the original planning consent.*

Any Other Business:

With reference to the changes to the Enhancement Scheme, no further details have been received. The Clerk will follow this up.

The noticeboard in the bus shelter and the broken barrier outside the cemetery have been repaired. Concerns have been raised about the condition of the site at 2A Green Head Road. The Clerk has written to the owner complaining but to date no reply has been received.

It was reported that the first grasscutting of the season was very untidy. The Clerk contacted Mr Shreeve and asked him to rectify the poor work. This has been carried out.

The water tap at the bottom of Rogers Road is to be repaired.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday, 14th June 2001 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Karen King

Clerk of the Parish Council

**SWAFFHAM PRIOR WITH REACH:
EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE EASTER VESTRY
AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING.
MONDAY 23RD April 2001. IN THE SCHOOL HALL**

EASTER VESTRY

1. Election of Churchwardens for 2001/2

John Norris and Carolyn Cazenove had agreed to continue as Churchwardens, as had Norah Smith as Deputy Churchwarden with special responsibility for Reach. They were duly elected (proposed Jenny Moseley, seconded Ruth Scovil).

PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

1. Churchwardens' Report

John Norris reported on work on the maintenance of the churches at Swaffham Prior and Reach, particularly mentioning repairs to the vestry chimney, and the planned vestry refurbishment. Doreen Robinson had sent in a report on Reach mentioning the moving of the font, and the proposed changes to the entrance and vestry, which it was hoped would be completed by Christmas.

2. Election of Parochial Church Council 2001/2002

The following were elected to serve: John Norris (Churchwarden), Carolyn Cazenove (Churchwarden), Norah Smith (Deputy Churchwarden - Reach), Michael Cazenove, Jenny Moseley, Francis Riggs (Deanery Synod), Jan Robinson (Deanery Synod), Eric Day, Jen Holmwood, Doreen Robinson, Rosalind Wood, David Thomas, Laura Luckyn Malone (new member, proposed Ruth Scovil, seconded Michael Cazenove).

Proposed dates for PCC Meetings

Wednesday 16th May (Reach Village Centre)

Monday 23rd July (Swaffham Prior Village Hall)

Wednesday 26th September (Reach Village Centre)

Monday 26th November (Swaffham Prior Village Hall)

Wednesday 30th January (Reach Village Centre)

Monday 25th February (Swaffham Prior Village Hall)

3. Election of Sidesmen 2001/2

The following were elected:

Swaffham Prior: Kaye Lewinski, Mark Lewinski, John Norris, Hilary Sage, Jan Pattinson, Francis Reeks, Margaret Cook, Jenny Moseley, Charles Moseley, Michael Cazenove, Annabel Cazenove, Rosalind Wood, Elisabeth Everitt, Catie Whitely, Sarah Haworth, Brenda Wilson, John Miller, David Boughey, Laura Luckyn Malone, Rhoda Limebear.

Reach: Jen Holmwood, Jan Robinson, Ann Fuller, Norah Smith, Sue Jordan, Freda Lloyd, Jenny Moseley, Charles Moseley, Dan Tucker, Alasdair Coles, David Thomas, Rhoda Limebear.

4. Vicar's Report

The Vicar presented his report to encompass the whole benefice. He pointed out that we do need to support each other within the benefice. He also regretted the fact that Church attendance was generally poor. He expressed the wish that more people would be willing to travel between churches for services.

5. A.O.B.

The Vicar floated the idea of holding the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on a Sunday after Church in future.

Jenny Moseley
PCC Secretary

From the Parish Registers for April

Holy Baptism: Charles Gabriel Froy [SB]



Church Services

June 2001

ST MARY'S Swaffham Bulbeck

ST MARY'S Swaffham Prior

ST ETHELREDA & THE HOLY TRINITY

WHITSUN

Sun **8:00am**
Holy Communion[†]
3 **9:30am**
Family Service *and Holy*
Baptism of Amy Norris

11:00am
Parish Communion^{CW}
6:00pm
Evensong[†] and Sermon

TRINITY

Sun **9:30am**
Parish Communion^{CW}
10 **2:00pm**
Holy Baptism of Charlotte
Emily Woolley

11:00am
Village Communion^{CW}
6:00pm
Evensong[†] and Sermon

8:00am
Holy Communion[†]

TRINITY 1

Sun **9:30am**
Village Communion^{CW}
17

11:00am
Parish Communion^{CW}
6:00pm
Choral Evensong[†]
(Cambridge Voices)

8:00am
Holy Communion[†]

TRINITY 2

Sun **9:30am**
Parish Communion
24 **3:00pm**
Holy Baptism of Zeb
Hjaltun-Rayner

8:00am
Holy Communion[†]
11:00am
Mattins[†] and Sermon
6:00pm
Concert in St. Cyriac's with
Cambridge Voices

11:00am
Blessing of Animals
Family Service, Fair
Green

†- Book of Common Prayer

CW- Common Worship

Holy Communion	1 st 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
Mothers Union	1 st Mondays, 2:15pm, c/o Free Church, Commercial End. Contact Win Norton on 01223 811509
Toddlers Service	3 rd 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,

WHAT IS EVENSONG?

Not perhaps an everyday question on your lips! but one I would like to answer, simply to clear the ‘mystique’, and to encourage you to think of worshipping - in the early evening, particularly if mornings are not easy for you.

Some churches simply advertise Sunday worship as ‘Morning Service’ and (if they have one) ‘Evening Service’, but here in this benefice of three churches, with a variety of worship on offer, it has always seemed more helpful to indicate exactly what the particular service is.

In an ordinary month, **the 6.00 pm service** on the first 3 Sundays is at Swaffham Prior; on the 4th Sunday at Reach, and it is virtually always Evening Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), unless clearly a special service (eg. Songs of Praise). The format is that there are always 4 well-known hymns, and the psalm and the 2 canticles (called the Magnificat {Song of Mary} & Nunc Dimittis {Song of Simeon}) are also sung, as are some of the prayers - hence the service is called *Evensong*.

Following the 1662 Book of Common Prayer order indicates that after the 3 collects {special prayers for the day}, *“in quires and places where they sing here followeth the Anthem”* which happens when we are fortunate enough to have (eg) ‘Cambridge Voices’ or ‘Cantilena’ with us. On such occasions the service becomes Choral Evensong (BCP), and because we always like our services to finish in under an hour, there are often just prayers after the anthem and no sermon!

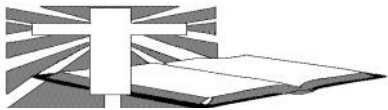
This is the reason why on ordinary Sundays the service is entitled **Evensong (BCP) & Sermon**, because the sermon is not prescribed in the Prayer Book; simply after the “set” prayers:- For the Queen’s Majesty, For the Royal family, For Clergy & People, A Prayer of St Chrysostom and The Grace (2 Corinthians 13), the instruction simply reads *“Here endeth the Order of Evening Prayer throughout the Year”*. (Bizarrely, I remember when I was a choirboy at home, that the head chorister solemnly went and extinguished the candles at that point even though the other prayers and sermon, final hymn and blessing were still to come!).

So, why not come join the other dozen or so from across our villages for what is a reflective and uplifting end to a Sunday afternoon, whether in St Mary’s as usual, for the “summer specials” in St Cyriac’s, or in St Etheldreda & The Holy Trinity Reach? Just keep an eye on the diary in each month’s **Crier**.

Finally, this month we welcome Jan Petersen, a North Elbe Church pastor who is going to work with me for at least 6 months, as part of the twinning between the Diocese of Ely and their Church. He comes with his wife Gabriele and 8 month old son and they will be living at 58 High St Swaffham Prior (tel. 743022); please make them welcome as they share in the worshipping, pastoral, and social life of our parishes and deanery.

Your Parish Priest,

Mark



Zion Baptist Chapel

Services for June:

Sunday 3rd 6:30pm

Communion - David Bousfield

Sunday 10th 6:30pm

Association Sunday - Malcolm Egner

Sunday 17th 6:30pm

Andrew Dalewood

Sunday 24th 6:30pm

Four Point Turn (Musical Group)

Count Your Blessings...

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness... **you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week.**



If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation...**you are ahead of 500 million people in the world.**

If you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death...**you are more blessed than three billion people in the world.**

If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep...**you are richer than 75% of this world.**



If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish someplace...**you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.**

If your parents are still alive and still married...**you are very rare.**



If you can read this message **you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world that cannot read at all.**

Come and join us at one of our services and count your blessings and say thank you to God for what we have. If you would like us to say thank you on your behalf, then drop us a note in our letterbox and we will gladly do that in one of our services or weekly prayer meetings. *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

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have issued guidance to Catholics on how to vote in the imminent General Election. I summarize briefly for the benefit of Catholic readers and any non-Catholic eavesdroppers!

The document is called *Vote for the Common Good*. It calls on to us to vote not for our own self-interest and for the lower taxes and/or better services *we* want, but for the candidate and party we believe is likeliest to “protect the weak and vulnerable, and promote the integral human development of everyone.”

The common good is the “sum of all those social conditions which allow the human dignity of all to be respected, and their basic needs to be met”. It does not mean a set of individual human rights that can benefit the individual at the expense of others. There can be no *right* to an abortion, because such a right would be at the expense of another human right. The core teaching of the church is the Gospel and the teaching of Jesus Christ about the dignity of the human person. From conception (not birth, but conception) to death, each human life has a value that can never be lost and should never be ignored.

But that value is equally important from conception to death. This means we cannot vote on a single issue, and those who advise Catholics to vote for the candidate most opposed to abortion or most opposed to research on embryos or most opposed to euthanasia are misguided. Alongside concern with those issues must be concern with promoting the stability of family life, with ensuring that everyone in our society is properly housed, fed, protected in the workplace from exploitation and abuse; it means ensuring that we support policies that narrow and do not widen the gap between the rich nations and the poor, that we pursue national policies that aim to reduce from 800 million the number of people around the world who do not have enough to eat. It means welcoming the stranger and the refugee and treating with fairness those who claim asylum. We must ask ourselves and ask our candidates uncomfortable questions about our attitude to economic migrants, for it is a principle of Catholic social teaching that the goods of the earth are intended by God for the whole of humanity. We have no right as a nation to a disproportionate amount of the world’s resources.

Democracy is a recent and tender plant. Our right to choose our government is hard-gained. We should vote if at all possible. And we should vote not for lower taxes and better services for ourselves, but for a better, fairer, juster world. See you in the polling booths!

Dates for Your Diary - June 2001

Fri	1	
Sat	2	
Sun	3	
Mon	4	
Tue	5	
Wed	6	
Thu	7	Election Day, Village Hall, 7:00am-10:00pm
Fri	8	“The Chestnut Box”, Ellesmere Centre, Stetchworth, 7:30pm (& Sat)
Sat	9	
Sun	10	Car Boot Sale, Bottisham Village College, 9:00am-1:00pm
Mon	11	
Tue	12	
Wed	13	
Thu	14	Crier Copy Deadline PC Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
Fri	15	“The Chestnut Box”, Soham Village College, 7:30pm (& Sat)
Sat	16	
Sun	17	
Mon	18	WI Tour of Sainsbury’s, Cambridge, 7:00pm
Tue	19	
Wed	20	School Governors, Village School, 7:30pm
Thu	21	“The Chestnut Box”, The Maltings, Ely, 7:30pm (& Fri)
Fri	22	
Sat	23	Moveable Feast, 7.00pm
Sun	24	Music on the Move, St Cyriac’s, 6:00pm “Four Point Turn”, Zion Baptist Chapel, 6:30pm
Mon	25	
Tues	26	
Wed	27	Jesus College Choir @ St Peter’s, Fordham, 7:30pm
Thu	28	Crier Collating, Village Hall, 2:30pm
Fri	29	‘Rave in the Nave’, Ely Cathedral, 8:15pm
Sat	30	Jazz Evening @ The Red Lion, 7.00pm