



The Swaffham Crier

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Editorial

No sooner said than done, we have received two complete listings of Mobile Library dates for this month's *Crier* and, what's more, a special *amnesty offer* for those who've run up huge fines because of the *Crier's* miserable failure to remember that the van comes every two weeks on a Tuesday. Many thanks to those who responded so promptly and we have absolutely no excuse for forgetting again.

Also from last month, *six thousand two hundred people* signed the petition protesting against the proposed Health Authority take-over and this was delivered by Charlotte Cane on October 9th (see her article). Additionally, about one thousand people sent post-cards, so we *hope* that the powers that be are content with the results of their consultations and take steps to abolish this silly scheme at once. Don't hold your breath, though.....

Meanwhile, back in the village, all is not well. Someone has pinched the Village Shop sign from the Village Hall fence. Unless the perpetrator has smartly fenced this sign to a rival Village Shop, its unlikely they have much use for it, so could they please return it at once. The *Red Lion* is also having its problems: they've kindly offered to allow school-goers to use their garden as a short cut between the school and the upper village, only to find that an increasing number of school activities seem to be taking place in the early hours of the morning! Unsurprisingly, they're not too happy about this, as neither were we, when the same thing happened to us. This village is a bit *badly designed* though — it is a very long way round to the top of the village. We *have* heard that there used to be a public footpath from the High Street to Greenhead Rd. Does anyone know if this is true? If so, where was it and why did it go?

Of course, the authority on this subject will be *Mavis Nickson*, whose school plan, drawn from memory, was amazing, and who continues this month with Part II of her memories of Swaffham Prior as a child. We've also published her photograph of Swaffham Prior Home Guard and she'd particularly like to know who they all are, so this month's competition is *Name the Faces* — longest list to the Editors before next copy date wins a magnificent prize (um....bottle of plonk). We will pay up this time.....apologies to Shirley Wilkins and Dee Noyes, who are still waiting for the last magnificent prize!

Lots of events coming up this month — also Gay Bulleid Award Nominations and Parochial Charities Christmas Grant. So get pen to paper and keep your eye on the diary, and especially don't miss the *Quiz Night* — see you there!

Caroline Matheson

Cover Picture: *The Barn Owl* by Thomas Pumfrey



Letters to the Editors



Dear Editors,

Parochial Charities

Once more the year has galloped past, and it is time to think of Christmas. I know that the shops have been full of the trappings of the festive season for months, but we have to draw a line somewhere.

As usual, the Trustees invite applications for our Christmas grant from those who consider that they qualify, and if you know of anyone you think is a deserving case who might not apply on their own behalf, please let me know.

The majority of those eligible will be our pensioners, but, as always, the Trustees will consider applications from anybody in genuine need.

Requests should be addressed to me, or to any of the Trustees, and I make my usual plea for early responses. It makes a lot of extra work if applications arrive only two days before Christmas. Many thanks to those who have heeded my requests in the past.

S. G. Hewitt

Swaffham Prior Parochial Charities
63 High Street, Tel: 741337

Dear Editors,

Reporter at the Parish Council Meeting

I am writing to express my disquiet about the tone of your magazine's reports on the Parish Council meetings by Alastair Everitt. The misplaced levity cloaks a malicious "naming and shaming" exercise that has no place in a village magazine and denigrates the very real work of the Parish Council.

Doubtless this letter will lead to me being named as an ignorant Philistine for thinking that these articles are negative, destructive and unkind. They are not balanced or humorous and thrive on dissension and controversy. Dr Stanier manages to report in a style which demonstrates what can be achieved.

Tricia Harrison

We are sorry that Tricia is concerned by the tone of these articles. In our and Alastair's defence, when people tell us how much they've enjoyed the Crier (occasionally this happens!) they nearly always single out Alastair's PC report for special praise. We hope that, sometimes at least, a humorous airing of the issues may help people see others' point of view rather than cause further ill feeling but it's a delicate balance of course. Eds.

Dear Editors,

Church Clock

We should have the church Clock striking before the end of the year, and due to a typical British compromise and the good offices of the Churches Conservation Trust, all villagers should be satisfied.

The last strike is at 8pm and the first at 8am.

The upper Villagers share of the funding of the night silencing is proceeding steadily, but is expected to accelerate when the first 12am sounds off! We do have an excellent community spirit in the Upper Village.

Swaffham Bulbeck also has plans to reinstate their church clock bell, but the adjacent residents are not concerned, because night silencing is in the plan — how civilised.

Prior and Bulbeck are dormitory villages and most of the residents do a hard days slog in town.

Giggleswick, cited in the October Crier, is an agricultural village in the Yorkshire dales, where there is appreciation for their jingling bell for the full 24 hours, perhaps it helps to keep them awake!

Henry Brown

Upper Villager, St Cyriac's Environs

Dear Editors,

World's Biggest Coffee Morning

I just want to say an enormous and heartfelt thank-you to everybody who gave so generously to this year's Macmillan Cancer Relief at the World's Biggest Coffee Morning on Friday, 28th September. Thank you so much for your raffle prizes and donations which helped us to raise the fantastic sum of £397.30. All this money will go to the Macmillan Cancer Relief in Cambridge and Peterborough and will be used to fund specialist Macmillan nurses and doctors.

It was lovely to see so many familiar faces and with such a wide age range from toddlers to great grandmas! I do hope you will all be able to come again next year to chat, drink coffee and support this very worthwhile cause.

Ruth Scovill

Village Shop Notices - Who's Got Them?

Will the person(s) who removed the Village Shop notices from the fence outside the Village Hall two weeks ago please return them, as these are the property of the Village Hall.

From our Reporter at the Parish Council Meeting

With a tape recorder strapped to my left ankle I entered the Parish Council pretty confidently and was greeted by a warm "Good evening" from Eric Day. This was offset by some lout at the back of the public gallery who shouted "Have you brought your hearing aid?" It's a pretty rough lot in the public gallery these days and no wonder the Chairman closes the meeting before asking for questions from the public. All questions are now off the official record and presumably not recorded.



Eric was sitting next to Henry and I realised just how much experience and knowledge of Parish Council affairs was contained in these two hoary heads (one more hoary than the other). Unless people read old minutes (which may gloss over things) or the *Crier* report (which is unimpeachable) who else apart from Henry and Eric will know about the illicit parking of a caravan on the village hall car park, or the application in August 1996 by the PCC for five standard lampposts in the churchyard, etc., etc.

But no matter how many changes there are in the composition of the Parish Council, it is still a group of people which, out of public duty or some other motive, spends its time beavering away on the minutiae of local government. They are so important that I suggest it would not be inappropriate for members to sing the first two verses of *Jerusalem* at the start of each meeting - just as they do at WI district meetings. If any member arrives late (as several did at this meeting) he/she would only have to sing the first two lines of verse one.

But, before anyone accuses me of inaccuracies or irrelevancies, I will move on.

Last month the PC deferred making any decision about the grant request from the PCC (to avoid confusion with the PC the PCC is now referred to as the Church) for the proposed lamppost near St. Cyriac's. The PC was reminded of the claim by the Church that the way past St. Cyriac's is an established and well-used route, and also that the Church proposes to remove the light on the corner of St. Mary's to encourage people to go the long way round. Wow!, this is potential social dynamite, I thought. But only Henry appeared to be aware that the whole thing may be a little tinder box when he asked "Will it work?" No-one appeared to be very interested so he asked whether the PC had been asked to make a contribution towards the electricity. Again no-one appeared to be aware of the significance of the question.

BUT, at some time in the past (Henry and Eric would know) a lamp was added to the corner of St. Mary's to light the way from Greenhead Road. I

do not know who paid for it but the PC has since paid for the electricity and maintained it for the people. So, is the PC opening itself up to a lot of flak if it allows the light to be taken down without any query? And what will happen if the new charming archway over the church steps fails to provide much light? Will it be like one of Sir Norman Foster's constructions - aesthetically great but sometimes functionally poor and quite expensive to rectify? A senior member of the Church who has always wanted churchyard lighting said last year that when the new High Street lighting arrives there will *have* to be extra lighting in the churchyard. We won't know until the last motorway light has been turned off and removed whether he is right. In the meantime the PC agreed to make £150 contribution towards the costs of £1,078 plus VAT plus the cost of the installation of the new St. Cyriac's lamp.

James Fitch said he would chase up David Brace of CCC who once had offered to advise the PC how to make a more effective application for funding to alleviate the traffic problem on Mill Hill. Applications for next year's funds have to be in by 30 November. After the CCC and ECDC reports (both excellent) we moved on to a typical core subject for Parish Councils - Grit Salt Bins. Having agreed to buy three, for which we will get an ECDC grant, the size and sites were discussed and also how often they were used. The discussion went something like this:-

Eric - "People just walk past and don't use them"

Trevor - "What about little horrors who might scatter it around?"

Henry - "I've never known one to be emptied."

Member of Public in a low voice - "I always take some home."

John - "If used and emptied it will be easy for people to steal the bin."

Eric - "Make sure they are green."

Karen - "To where should they be delivered?"

Trevor - "Your house."

(Titter, Titter)

Henry - "If you have a wheelbarrow you'll have no problem."

Sandra - "You can leave them at my house."

This is only one small example of how the PC gets things done, and the shame is that because of space I have to be so selective in what I can report. There are dozens of similar rich examples.

It seems there is trouble again at the top of Station Road with young mothers getting into a tangle with foreign lorry drivers. Sounds as if some double yellows may be introduced - as one astute member said, "If they don't use sense, no alternative but to tell them what to do." At the other end of the

village in Heath Road Sterling Farm has applied to develop a disused barn for holiday lets. No objections were raised and Henry, with a twinkle in his eye, said "At least he's being honest and not getting planning approval for storage." That raised the odd chuckle. Right at the very end Andrew Camps asked whether he should continue to plant trees down Whiteway Drove. There was a certain reluctance to answer. When it became clear that he was not asking for help he was given very enthusiastic support and approval.

Alastair Everitt

Cantilena Singers

present

A Seasonal Concert

A programme of music including works by Bach, Britten,
Darke, Tavener, and Vaughan-Williams

Bass soloist Simon Adams

Directed by Daniel Spreadbury

Saturday 1st December at

7:30pm

The Church of St Mary the Virgin

Burwell

Programmes at the door

proceeds to charity

Christmas Market

We should be very grateful for contributions to the Tombola Stall. If you have anything you could donate, please contact Elaine Master on 743894 or June Readhead on 744051.

There will also be a stall selling children's nearly new clothes and toys, and again any contributions for this will be gratefully received. Please contact Betty Prime on 721221. Thank you.

Swaffham Prior Village



CHRISTMAS

MARKET



Saturday, 24th November



**11.00 am – 3.00 pm
in The Village Hall**



**Gifts • Produce • Lucky Dip
Cumbola • Raffle • Refreshments**

Admission: 50p • Children under 12: free

***Proceeds to The Village Hall
and St Mary's Church
Centenary Restoration Appeal***



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Please bring a cushion or blanket

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turn up!!

The Good Neighbour Award

The time of year has come round again when we ask villagers to nominate candidates for our annual award, which is an oil painting of the windmill. This is presented at the Church Carol Service in December. The award was presented to the village about twelve years ago by the W.I. in memory of a much loved president, Gay Bulleid, who worked tirelessly for friends and the village.

Anyone, except former winners, can be nominated. It does not have to be your actual neighbour, just anyone living in or very close to the village. Just drop us a line giving reasons why you think the person deserves the prize. Winners will be judged on their kindness and good deeds, not on large expensive donations to charity, etc.

Only people who have been nominated can be considered, so get your pens out now!

Write to Betty Prime, 1 Adams Rd, Swaffham Prior, Tel. 741221 by November 30th.

Pet Fostering — Help!

Here at RAF Mildenhall, we've learned a lot of lessons from past conflicts, in particular, from Kosovo and the Gulf War.

One of those lessons is that often, when our junior enlisted men are deployed into a combat situation, their young wives - some of them very young, who've never been away from their mother before, let alone out of the States - take their children and go back home to their parents while he's away.

On a junior enlisted man's pay, they can rarely afford to put their pet in a cattery or kennels for several weeks, so I'm working on trying to set up a database of kind local people who might foster a pet for about six to eight weeks.

The chances are that I will never have to call on any of them for help, as Pine Farm Kennels next to the base has offered to board pets at half price for USAF families in this situation, which will help a lot.

I guarantee to monitor this scheme very closely. To qualify, families would have to be on junior enlisted pay, with the military family member deployed into a combat situation, and the spouse going to stay with her family in the USA while he's gone.

I also guarantee that should anyone volunteer to foster, and then find that it's just too much to cope with, I will collect the pet and find alternative accommodation for it.

Maggie Cotner

Tel: 743891


maggie.cotner@mildenhall.af.mil

New Years Day Bring and Share Village Lunch


January 1st 2002

Following the very successful lunchtime get-together on January 1st 2000, we have decided to repeat it. This will be a very informal cold buffet for all ages, so bring along your babies, your elderly Grandmas, etc. All we ask is that you bring along some food for the communal table—approximately the amount your family will eat! No booking is needed and entry is free, but a charge will be made for drinks.

Last time we had over a hundred people, so mark the day in your diaries and come along to the Village Hall at 12.30 and enjoy a happy New Year with your friends.

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 **St Peter & St Mary Magdalene, Fordham, Ely, Cambs**
Friday 30th November 2001
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Unreserved Tickets £6
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BOTTISHAM MUSIC SOCIETY

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Another opportunity to
purchase top quality
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the factories

Items include:-
figurines, ornaments,
mugs, vases,
and much more.

Thursday 8th November
2.00 to 4.00 p.m.
in the Village Hall

Enquiries to Barbara Jones
(741197)



Swaffham Prior Village Hall
7.30 pm
Saturday, 17th November

Tickets: £4.50 each

To book a table contact

Jenny Brand ☎ 742161

or

Lynne Rand ☎ 741960

Pre-War and War Years

Part II of Mavis Nickson's Memoirs of the School

1926 - the year of the General Strike. My mother, A.S. Dowdeswell, aged 20 started her real teaching career in Sheffield. She had the reception class of five year olds. There were no pre-school activities in those days. It was a time of great hardship, children were provided with breakfast at school. My mother was alone, caring for 75 five year olds. Moreover, her first duty was to take them to a huge room which had row upon row of sunken baths. All the children had to be bathed. Many had their clothes sewn together. For the children bathing was a new venture. Some loved the water whilst others screamed the place down. Single-handedly all these children had to be dried and dressed. Mother survived that first day, I know not how! At the end of the day she was forced to strip herself and search for fleas.

Later a move was made to Hayes, Middlesex. The school had 2,000 children and about 80 staff. In 1931 she married my father. Scott Dowdeswell was considered rather a long name for young children to use hence we used just Dowdeswell. In 1934 aged 28 she took up the Swaffham Prior headship. She could have been treated as a foreigner in the village but her first welcome came from the village station master - Mr Betts - 'What a bonny lass'. It was a lovely warm reception.

As a mere two year old in 1939 when war was declared I was unaware of the real doom and gloom but, because my home and school were very much intertwined in the following years and my mother heavily involved in organising events, many things have left a lasting impression on my mind. The presence of the military came to the fore. Army tents were pitched in the field behind the school. Parade practice took place in the playground and marches were held in Station Road. This was of much interest to a little girl watching from the dining room window. Fund raising events were held in the school. Screens were pushed back and practically the whole community supported dances, concerts and auctions. My pet rabbit was acquired at such an auction.

Evacuees had to be placed with families. Mothers and children went to the Hall. Problem children were housed in Baldwin Manor under the care of a Matron and staff. However, the children attended the school. These children caused mayhem in the village. Once or twice we found some sleeping in the outbuildings at Rose Cottage. The police came knocking one night. A group had gone on a shoplifting spree in Cambridge and had been found sleeping in a doorway. Although mother was not responsible for these children they apparently responded to her.

Both my parents were ARP wardens and I remember that it was great fun trying on their helmets and blowing the whistles. Italian prisoners of war

were in a hut in a field adjoining Goodwin Manor. Land girls based at Swaffham Prior House always gave me a wave as they passed on their way down to the fens. There was great hardship but my mother ensured that every child in the school received a Christmas present. This involved endless bus journeys into Cambridge. Bowls of jelly were placed to set in our wash house ready for the school party. A great community spirit prevailed throughout the village. I knew the inside of every home and travelling by bus we went to visit the sick in every hospital in the area.

As a five year old in the school I and the others of the same age had to rest on beds for the first part of the afternoon. My beloved cat became a member of the class and always accompanied us on nature walks etc. By the time I was six, besides mother there were two other teachers in the school. At one point the Canadians donated lovely pairs of bright red Wellington boots to all the children. Mother had to take all our measurements. The disappointment for me was enormous. The consignment arrived at school but I was the only child without a pair - my feet were too small. Another time the Canadians sent tins of drinking chocolate. During that cold winter I can well remember beakers of hot chocolate standing on the boiler in the staff room. How it got properly heated or how the beakers were washed up I have no idea.

My piece of garden at Rose Cottage was a real bone of contention. It was my pride and joy. However, the top class of children were taken to my house for gardening lessons. Three other children were always sent to my precious bit. With no school meals lunch breaks were two hours. At that time my mother had to catch a bus into Cambridge to collect the staff salaries from the bank. One particular wartime Christmas the Americans, based at Bottisham or Quy? organised an enormous party for all the families. A convoy of military trucks transported us to and from the venue. One little girl did not exactly appreciate their generosity. For me the noise of the party was horrendous.

My Mother originally came from South Wales and in fact as a small child spoke only Welsh. The region was mountainous and not conducive to riding bicycles. When I was about six, with Swaffham Prior being the Fen area, she learnt to cope with the contraption. It made such a difference getting from one village to another. School library books arrived in two boxes each term. I helped mother with all the unpacking. The one and only privilege I ever had was to choose a book that day. It was an enormous thrill to find a 'Little Grey Rabbit' or a 'Milly Molly Mandy'. Books for adults were kept in the Staff Room and Mrs Clark from Ivy Farm ran this library.

Mavis Nickson
Née Scott Dowdeswell

? Swaffham Prior Dad's Army! Mavis Nickson would like to know if anyone can identify these faces. Lists to Editors, please, for Dec 14.



S.O.S Mince Pies

Can you believe it, but its almost mince pie time again!

The Advent by Candlelight Service will be on 2nd December at 4.00pm in St Mary's Church and St. Cyriac's where as usual mulled wine and mince pies will be served. Offers of mince pies (bought or home-made) would be welcomed during the last week of November. We usually devour 200-250, so the more offers, the better!

Kate Childs

PS. Kate still has some very nice bowls left from the Harvest Supper which she would be pleased if the owners would collect **a.s.a.p.**

(PPS We still have an extremely nice translucent pearl-grey plate left from the Moveable Feast 2000! Owner, please collect! Eds.)

South East Cambridgeshire Conservative Association
Swaffham Prior Branch

invites you and your friends to a

PRE-CHRISTMAS LUNCH PARTY

at

The Manor House, Lower End
Swaffham Prior

by kind permission of Mrs Rosalind Wood

Sunday, 25th November 2001

12.00 noon

£10.00 per person (to include lunch and wine)

*Ring Mike Phillips on 741495 for more information
or just turn up on the day and pay at the door*

A BIG WELCOME TO.....

Peter and Mary Hart, who have recently moved from Harston to Mill Hill. Also to Julie and Colin, who have just moved in to Lower End. We hope they'll enjoy living in Swaffham Prior!

Christmas At The Red Lion

As we are all aware, Christmas will be upon us shortly. The Red Lion now has the Christmas Menu available, and would hope to see old and new customers this coming season. Over the last few months, we have enjoyed seeing many new faces and regulars. As this will be our first Christmas, we look forward to you joining us at this festive time.

Dave and Lorraine

The Return of Mobile Library Dates!

Do use this friendly service - excellent source of fiction, non-fiction, children's tapes, greetings cards - help with homework etc. etc. Exciting range for under 5s.

Alternate Tuesdays outside the Chapel and former Post Office (bottom of Cage Hill).

Nov 13 2.40-3.30pm, Cage Hill 3.35-4.00pm, Chapel

Nov 27 2.40-3.30pm, Cage Hill 3.35-4.00pm, Chapel

Enquiries: 01354 660940

PS. Anyone not wishing to incur large fines can phone the contact centre on 01223 712000 and the details will be passed on to the relevant mobile library staff. They can also tell any enquirer the date of the next visit to the village.

Bottisham Football Club

The new season is under way and there has been a mixed bag of results.

The under 16s, newly promoted in to the A league; have made a promising start, winning 3-0 against Willingham Wolves and 2-0 against Fenstanton. They have put in very satisfactory overall team performances and the defence are playing well having not conceded a goal so far

The under 15s won their opening match 5-2 against Hemmingford and lost 6-0 to Warboys. They started the Hemmingford match with 9 players and finished with only 7 but never the less put up a battling display. More players are needed and any boys interested in playing for the Bottisham Colts under 15s can contact Doug Hodgson on 01223 812519.

The under 14s and under 13s combined have really struggled to field a team and despite their greatest efforts lost 6-2 to Huntingdon Rowdies, lost 10-0 to Saxon Rangers with only 9 players and lost 14-0 to Huntingdon United with only 9 players. This team desperately needs a few more players and anyone interested can contact Jim Tideswell on 01223 812578.

The under 12s have a lot of new players and are on a learning curve. They lost their first match against Cottenham 5-3, were victorious 4-2 against Stretham and lost 5-2 against Mildenhall Town B in a match in which the manager felt "the goal posts played a great part".

The under 10s have made an excellent start. Following a 5-3 defeat by Burwell Tigers B they won their next 3 matches. The scores were 6-0 against Stretham with hat-tricks by cousins Marcus and Nicholas Hall, 4-3 against Burwell Tigers A with another hat-trick for Nicholas Hall and 6-2 against Soham with a hat-trick scored this time by James Harrod.

FRIENDS OF BOTTISHAM VILLAGE COLLEGE

Quiz Night

Friday 30th November 2001, 7.30 pm. prompt

The Friends PTA are holding a Quiz Night at Bottisham Village College on Friday 30th Nov. and we would like to invite you to enter a team. Proceeds from this event will go into our funds for the Village College.

You can enter a team of up to 8 people.

Tickets are £7.50 each (pay on the night) and this includes a fish and chip supper, but we ask you to bring your own drinks and glasses.

Please reply by Monday 26th November, if you would like to enter a team.

CONTACT SUE on 01223 812194

Look forward to seeing you there

Children and young people come into the care of Cambridgeshire County Council's Fostering and Adoption Team for a wide variety of reasons - some for a few days, others forever.

We are currently looking for new carers from all walks of life and a wide variety of backgrounds, to provide loving and supportive homes for children of all ages and abilities throughout the county. You could be a manual worker, a nurse, an accountant or teacher; you could be married, single, living with a partner or from an ethnic minority - all we ask is that you can provide the love and support that these children deserve.

Perhaps you can provide temporary overnight care for a child in an emergency, or maybe for a number of weeks or months. Other children need permanent foster care or are seeking adoption. Alternatively, can you provide just a few hours a week to offer respite care to families in need of a break, or guidance and direction to an adolescent with behavioural difficulties?

All our carers receive financial support, training and ongoing help and advice.

If you want to make a real difference and feel you are up to the challenge of becoming a carer, or if you just want to know more, call freephone 0800 0520078 for an informal chat or visit our website at

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Open Cribbage Competition

One Wednesday 3rd of October, The Red Lion hosted an open Cribbage Competition in aid of The Milton Hospice Appeal. A total of £50 was raised. We wish to thank all those people who turned up on the night to support this worthwhile cause.

Many thanks to Lorraine and Dave for providing excellent refreshments as usual.

Ralph Waters

The Red Lion

May we draw attention to the misuse of the thoroughfare through the Red Lion garden. Although we have agreed to school-children and parents using this route to go to and from school, it is unacceptable for persons to use at unsociable hours. Unfortunately, if this is not adhered to, we will have no choice but to lock the gates to everyone outside licensing hours.

Dave and Lorraine



STAINED HUNDRED

The Staine Hundred Local History Society met in the Lecture Room at Bottisham Village College on Wednesday, 10th October. At the short AGM, the officers were confirmed as Chairman, Robert Hill, of Quy; Programme Secretary, Gill Rushworth of Swaffham Bulbeck; Secretary, Maureen Rogers of Bottisham; and Treasurer, Peter Arnold.

Mrs E. Gale gave a demonstration of cheesemaking whilst talking about the Cambridge and Cottenham cheeses. She has been breeding pedigree goats for 25 years and her husband breeds horses. There were anxious moments when a neighbour had his pigs slaughtered during the foot and mouth epidemic but on the whole Cambridgeshire had been lucky. The Golden Guernsey goats, which were kept in cellars during the wartime occupation of the island, are sadly now extinct - just some of the 2500 goats which were killed. Cheesemaking is a very ancient craft with a rudimentary kind of cheese being discovered in Egyptian tombs. It is said that a nomadic tribesman travelled across a desert carrying milk in the stomach of a young animal and the heat and the movement turned it into cheese. It was the Romans who discovered that enzymes in the stomach of a young animal curdle the milk to make it more digestible and that these enzymes could be extracted and used in the making of a cheese - and this "starter" is still used today.

Cambridge cheese was made at Sutton between the wars and at Mildenhall up until the 1960s. It was made in wooden moulds, and then left between two cabbage leaves so the whey could drain out, before being sold on straw mats. It is a soft cheese which does not keep long and the old methods would not pass modern regulations, particularly as it is not suitable for wrapping in plastic. The straw mats were made by Sutton housewives for pin money with the sheaf of straw standing in the corner of the kitchen so that mats, for which they were paid ½d, could be made between cooking. In Cottenham, at one time, most people kept cows and the cheese had a distinctive flavour from a kind of thyme which grew on their pastures. There was one cheese press in a house near the church which stills exists and another stood near the village green. This cheese has to be very hard but when it was stored in damp cellars it became blue cheese! 1 gallon of milk makes 1 lb of cheese.

The next meeting is on 14th November at 7.30 pm at BVC when John Whitmore will be talking about the "History of Racecourse and Fairground Swindles." Visitors welcome, £2.00.

Peggy Day

Bottisham, Burwell, Linton Village Colleges

Adult Education

Weekend & One Day Workshops

Saturday 3rd November

Race & Cultural Awareness

Wednesday 7th November

Thought Field Therapy — an introduction

Saturday 10th November

Basic food Hygiene; Basic Oil Painting; Chair Caning & Upholstery

Dressmaking; Meditation & Relaxation for Beginners; Messy Play

RYA First Aid Certificate; Woodturning

Sunday 11th November

Life Drawing

Saturday/Sunday 10th/11th November

First Aid for Child-carers; PowerPoint; Psychodrama

Saturday 17th November

Front Page Workshop; Improve Your Computer Skills

Italian Cookery; Photograph Rescue; Tai chi - an introduction

Wheel of Change - Creative Life Coaching

Sunday 18th November

Race & Cultural Awareness

Saturday/Sunday 17th, 18th November

Promoting Adult Learning Through Group Work

Reiki - Initial Practitioners Course

Saturday/Sunday 1st, 2nd December

Excel

Saturday 8th December

A Day of Yoga; Computers and the Internet

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



Donations!

Many thanks to Charlotte Cane and Isobel Bryant for their kind donations to Crier Funds. As you know, every penny goes towards ***Crier*** production.



WI Notes

Our visit to the Body Shop was unfortunately cancelled owing to staff illness. This was very disappointing, but we hope to arrange another visit early next year.

Next month, Mr Geoff Evans will be giving us an illustrated talk on the Birth of a Racehorse. Monday, 19th November, 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Visitors always welcome.

Betty Prime



VILLAGE GARDENERS

The AGM on October 16th was brief as promised. Kate Child continues in the Chair and Mike Philips is the Treasurer. The subscription is now £12 per garden; a very modest sum for a very varied programme.

Why not join us? All meetings are held at 8:00pm in the Swaffham Prior Village Hall. You will be given a warm welcome, so put these dates in your diary now.

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| November 20 | Growing and Showing Sweet Peas:
From Local Shows to Chelsea, Terry Sewell |
| January 15, 2002: | Cambridge University Botanic Garden: Past, Present and Future, Prof. John Parker, Director |
| February 19: | The Renovation of Madingley Hall Garden (<i>NB. This will be followed up with a site visit on July 16</i>). |
| March 19 | Vegetables: Ornamental and Edible
Mark Williams, Unwin Seeds |
| April 16 | Genetic Modification in the Garden, Dr Greg Sage |
| May 21 | Visit to Cambridge University Botanic Gardens |
| June 18 | Visit to Alison Davies Herb Garden |
| July 16 | Visit to Madingley Hall Gardens |
| September 17 | Arizona: Cacti in their Natural Surroundings
Yvonne Leonard |
| October 19 | AGM and Social Evening |

All talks are by experts in the said sphere and frequently top nursery plants are sold at healthy discounts.

We look forward to seeing you. Enquiries: 01638 578428.



LADIES CIRCLE

Once again the Ladies Circle met at Zion Baptist Chapel for their monthly meeting on Monday 24th September. Our speaker this month was Joy from Newmarket who showed us how she makes her own greeting cards. Joy has been doing this for about 5 years now and treats it more as a hobby than actually selling the cards. She showed us a variety of cards which she had made over the years and members were given the opportunity to have a go themselves, either making greeting cards, book marks or gift tags. It was a very pleasant evening which ended with coffee and biscuits.

On November 26th we will hear about the work involved in Jimmy's Night Shelter in Cambridge. Members are requested to bring along any spare tins of food they might have to help the night shelter. e.g. potatoes, beans, carrots, ham etc.

Please feel free to join us - new members are always welcome.

Sandra Butcher

MUSIC ON THE MOVE

ST ETHELREDA & THE HOLY TRINITY, REACH **Sunday, November 4th 6.00 pm**

Reach church was dismissed by Pevsner in the 1970s for manifesting "all the bold hideousness of which the High Victorian decades were capable", though many people today find the little building intimate and endearing. By the later 19th century, under the impetus of the Oxford Movement, Anglican liturgy had moved closer to Roman Catholic forms. There was also a new wave of hymn writing and translations from the mediæval Latin. Establishment British composers began to write settings for canticles, the Magnificat, Te Deum and Psalms. The organ also played an important part in church services again for the first time since the 17th century.

Cambridge Voices directed by **Ian de Massini**

present

Fauré Requiem

plus

music by his English contemporaries:

Elgar, Wood, Parry Stanford and Sullivan.

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

available at the door

Appropriately, as we move into the seasons of long dark nights, the first threatening **Council Tax forecasts** are being made by leaders of the County and District. Keith Walters, the Leader of Cambridgeshire County Council, is revealing the stark problems his administration faces in the light of:

- * expected low government grant;
- * no adjustment to the Cost of Living Allowance (the Area Cost Adjustment);
- * inflationary pressures, such as wages;
- * rapidly increasing population, particularly old people.

He foresees that unless you, the electors, are willing to see cuts in education, roads and transport or Social Services, the Council Tax will have to rise by over 9% next year (7% and 5% in the following 2 years).

All three parties on the County Council have approached Secretary of State Stephen Byers requesting face to face meetings in order to explain the peculiarly difficult situation in which Cambridgeshire finds itself. So far there has been a negative reply with the added bad news that no significant changes to local government finance can be expected before 2003/4.

The County is therefore consulting with us, electors, to find out whether we wish to keep services much as they are with the inevitable result that Council Tax will rise as indicated above or whether you would wish some services cut to avoid significant increases, and if so, which.

A 4-page leaflet called "Cambridgeshire Services - the case for equal funding" is being published from Shire Hall and copies are available on request (Freephone 0800 243916, in libraries, on the Internet or via me). As time passes and more information becomes available I shall return to this subject in future magazine articles.

Another leaflet going the rounds is about the Shire Local Waste Plan. This is out for consultation until 13 November and details are available from Ted Clover (01223 717630) or on e-mail WasteLocalPlan@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

Briefly between now and 2011 we shall have to find a way of disposing of the colossal amount of *42 million tons of waste*. The plan is outlining how we can recover material for recycling, composting, burning for energy and recycling building materials. However, there will be disposing of other waste in various places within the County. There are no *new* waste sites round here other than part of the Cambridge Sewage Works site and for inert (non-household) waste only the old Gt. Wilbraham quarry.

Your views will be most welcome at Shire Hall.

James Fitch



On the 9th October I joined a group of campaigners to deliver a petition to Cambridgeshire Health Authority against their proposal to merge the East Cambridgeshire Primary Care Group with the Fenland Primary Care Trust. We had very little time to organise this petition, because the Health Authority sprang its plan on us at short notice. So I was amazed that over six thousand two hundred people signed in just over 1 month. And I understand that over 1,000 people have sent in cards to oppose the merger. Thank you to any of you who signed the petition and/or wrote to the Health Authority. Their decision meeting is after the 'Swaffham Crier' deadline, so I will let you know the outcome in December's article.

Our review of East Cambs expenditure is now complete. We are now consulting on how people value our services. If we are to continue to provide good quality services it looks likely that we will need to increase the East Cambs Council tax for a Band D property to about £100. This is a significant increase from this year's charge of £64 for a Band D. Most ECDC taxpayers are Band C and they would be charged about £90, Band A would be charged about £70 and Band H about £200. It arises because for many years East Cambs has subsidised the Council Tax charge because it earned high interest and spent from reserves. We cannot continue to do this indefinitely and have therefore carried out a full review to set a sustainable budget for the foreseeable future. I would have preferred to raise the Council tax more gradually, because I know a sudden rise like this makes it hard for people to plan their finances – especially those on fixed incomes. But the government system of penalising Councils who increase taxes over government limits means that we would not be able to take this gradual approach. Most of all, I would have liked to find savings to avoid increasing the tax at all. So we have looked for savings and we have had government Inspectors in reviewing our services as part of the Best Value Review process. We have found £173,472 of efficiency savings, but the Best Value Reviews have shown that we are underfunding some services, so we need to increase expenditure in those areas. We spend about what the government thinks we should spend and most Cambridgeshire Councils have to spend above this, as it does not take account of the high cost of living in Cambridgeshire. We are planning to spend £7.1 million next year and the government will give us about £4.7 million towards this, leaving us to find £2.4 million locally. We have not yet fixed our expenditure budget or our Council tax rate and I would be interested in your views on this before 17th December.

Charlotte Cane

Notes from the Parish Council October Meeting

The meeting was chaired by Mr Trevor Jones with 5 members + 4 members of the Public attending.

School Governors' Report: Mrs Isobel Hill reported to the meeting.

Reports: Councillor Fitch reported to the meeting.

Councillor Cane was unable to attend the meeting. A brief report from Cllr Cane was reported to the meeting by the Chairman.

Lighting for footpath – Churchyard: Following further discussion, a contribution of £150 was agreed towards the costs of installing this lighting.

Precept: A separate meeting is to be arranged to agree the 2002/2003 Precept figure.

Standing Orders: Following additions/amendments received from members, Sandra Wilson and the Clerk put together a draft document. This is to be considered further by members and agreed at the next meeting.

Traffic Issues: (*CCC-Jointly Funded Minor Improvement Schemes – 2002/03 Bidding Round*). Further guidance is to be sought from CCC.

Grit/Salt Bins: A grant applied for through the ECDC P.C. Facility Grant Scheme was agreed by ECDC and confirmation had been received. Following this, the Clerk was instructed to order 3 salt bins; one for the Cage Hill/High St/Lower End junction & one for the Rogers Road/Lower End junction plus a smaller one to stand at the corner of Coopers Green for the Green Head/Tothill Road junction.

Correspondence Received: CCC: Consultation documents were received on the coming year's budget. Copies of these were circulated.

Letter received "**Footways – Station Road, Rogers Road & Fairview Grove**" Resurfacing and maintenance of footpaths, etc. These areas are under consideration subject to funding.

General: A letter was received from Hereward Housing confirming that a grit/salt storage bin is to be placed at the Beeches.

Accounts for Payment: These were agreed.

Planning Application:

Sterling Farm, Heath Road: *Proposed change of use from disused barn to bungalow for holiday lets.*

There were no objections to the above.

Any Other Business:

Maintenance of Cemetery: Following consultation with Community Services, a team will be carrying out, under supervision, removal of ivy, etc., from gravestones and general tidying up. A date for this is yet to be decided.

Play Area – New Equipment: A letter + sketch was received suggesting alternative ideas for play equipment. This was discussed.

Trees – Whitway Drove: Following confirmation from the P.C., Andrew Camps will arrange for further trees to be planted.

Enhancement Scheme – High St: The Clerk will contact John Selby, ECDC, to find out what progress has been made for the alterations to the lighting agreed earlier in the year.

Open Question Time: The P.C. was asked what has happened to the works needed for the Pound/Keep. Estimates have been received but further work is being considered.

It was noted that the wall at the bottom of the Beeches is in a poor state of repair. The question of whom it belonged to was asked. This is not owned by the P.C. It is thought to be the responsibility of Hereward Housing.

The P.C. was asked to consult fully with interested parties when considering the purchasing of new play equipment.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday, 8th November 2001 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Karen King

Clerk of the Parish Council

SWAFFHAM PRIOR WITH REACH

EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2001 AT REACH VILLAGE CENTRE

1. Fabric and Finance Working Groups' Reports:

Reach

Doreen Robinson had sent in a report on a meeting with the architect, Ian Frearson, the Vicar, John Norris and Roger Willcocks of Andrew Firebrace partnership to investigate the requirements for supporting the new entrance screen with joist and floor repairs. The PCC wished Reach to keep within the budget of £17,000 for the new work and current quinquennial repairs, to leave at least £30,000 in capital reserves for the long-term. The architects must seek tenders for work with firms who do not charge exorbitant prices.

Swaffham Prior

John Norris had sent in a Fabric Report covering the following areas:

- i. Vestry refurbishment:** a new safe for the silverware was to be purchased at our insurer's request; the old one would go to Reach. Coach-house Joinery had put in the lowest tender for making the vestry cupboards and it was proposed by Laura Luckyn Malone, seconded by Michael Cazenove that we should accept this tender, and proceed with the work as soon as possible. This was passed nem.con.
- ii. Churchyard light outside St Cyriac's:** In order to help pay for this it was recommended that funding should be sought from various sources. It was proposed

that we should go ahead with the order from Urbis Lighting. The PCC agreed.

iii. Pigeons in the Tower: These still needed to be eliminated

iv. Electrophonic Organ: This was becoming increasingly unreliable and difficult to repair and it seems like it will soon become obsolete.

v. Pulpit: John Norris had raised nearly £1000 for a new pulpit to replace the old one in the interests of safety. It was proposed by Carolyn Cazenove and seconded by Laura that we should progress this, and loan the old one to St Cyriac's.

vi. The clock on St Cyriac's: after much discussion and negotiation, agreement has been reached with all parties that this will strike on the hour from 8.00 a.m. to 8.00 pm. in the first instance, remaining silent during night hours.

vii. Churchyard: (a) very slow progress was being made with the repair of the church walls, both behind 47 High Street and adjoining the cemetery road; the costs appear to be far too high (though the church bears none of them itself); (b) a note of thanks should go to Kellev Green and to the contractor for seeing to the mowing this year; (c) we have reached the limit of seats in the churchyard - people should be encouraged perhaps to donate other things in memory of loved ones: (d) the future policy for reserved spaces for cremated remains in the churchyard was discussed; (e) the lighting "throw" over the main gate is now installed but not yet lit. The lighting authority is to see to this when the old streetlamp is removed.

2. Social Working Groups' Reports,

Swoffham Prior: The Harvest Supper had raised £100 on the Raffle for Prospects Trust (Snakehall Farm). The Social Calendar had been provisionally set for 2002 including a Festival in late June.

Reach: The Harvest Supper would be on Friday 28th September and the Gift Day and St Etheldreda's Fair would be on Saturday October 13th. Help and support was needed.

3. Vicar

Attention was drawn to Services and Concerts October-December, especially the following events:

Christingle for the School, Thursday Dec 20th 3.30 p.m.

Christingle for Reach, December 16th, 3.30 p.m.

Reach Carol Service December 23rd, 3.30 p.m.

Swoffham Prior Carol Service, December 23rd 11.00 am.

Swoffham Prior, Epiphany Carol Service January 6th 6.00 p.m.

Jenny Moseley
PCC Secretary

From the Parish Registers for September

Holy Matrimony:

Marc H. Bryant & Susannah Lesley Rust [SP]

James Richard Wright Crossley & Catherine Forest [SP]



Church Services November 2001

	ST MARY'S Swaffham Bulbeck	ST MARY'S Swaffham Prior	ST ETHELREDA & THE HOLY TRINITY
ALL SAINTS Sun 4	8:00am Holy Communion [†] 9:30am Family Service	11:00am Parish Communion ^{CW}	6.00pm Music on the Move, Concert with Cambridge Voices
REMEMB RANCE SUNDAY Sun 11	10:55am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial 11.15am Remembrance Day Service (in Church)	10:55am Remembrance Day Service 6:00pm Requiem Eucharist in St. Cyriac's with Cambridge Voices	8:00am Holy Communion [†] 10:55am Remembrance Day Service (beginning at the War Memorial)
2ND BEFORE ADVENT Sun 18	9:30am Village Communion ^{CW}	11:00am Parish Communion ^{CW} 12:30pm Holy Baptism 6:00pm Choral Evensong [†] with Cantelina	8:00am Holy Communion [†] [†] — Book of Common Prayer ^{CW} — Common Worship
CHRIST THE KING Sun	9:30am Parish Communion ^{CW}	8:00am Holy Communion [†] 11:00 Mattins [†] and Sermon	6:00pm Nigh Prayer (compline) ^{CW}

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
Mothers Union 1st Mondays, 2:15pm, c/o Free Church, Commercial End.
 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,

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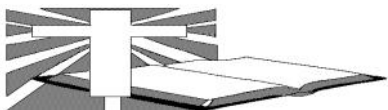
Many people are now familiar with the work of CRUISE, the bereavement counselling service, and I would wish to endorse the splendid work that they do, helping people come to terms with the death of a family member or friend. All Souls Day is November 2nd, but, as you know, we took our annual service on October 28th at Reach; the Church offering its own opportunity for people to corporately share their grief.

Loss, though, takes other, perhaps less overt forms, and some which are intensely personal. These range from health or faculties, to finance and livelihood, relationships and consequent loneliness. Perhaps it is this latter which is at the root of all loss; the intense loneliness of a changed situation, whether it be the loss of a partner or children flying from the family 'nest'. Until any of these occur in your own life, it is perhaps difficult to empathise properly with those who suffer. It can be all too easy to pay lip-service to the other's plight, and to assume that in time they will make a fresh start. Some achieve this, but others do not.

The ongoing nature of remembrance, and the poignancy this year of November 11th falling on a Sunday, merely serves to highlight a true sense of loss, as we commemorate The Fallen of the Great Wars of the last century, praying to God that the battlefields in Afghanistan do not add significantly to the history of human misery in our world, not least those unwittingly caught up in the conflict.

This season of remembrance in the Church leads us to Advent at the turn of the month, a penitential time for self-searching, and a consideration of the four last things: Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell. The quickening of our consciousness of these things, and their effect on us, dependant no doubt on our personal theological viewpoint, will be the sharpest and most meaningful way of anticipating the annual remembrance of the birth of the Saviour of the World, whose teaching and abiding presence with us, through his Holy Spirit, should help us in our losses and uncertainties.

Mark



Zion Baptist Chapel

A time to weep and a time to laugh...(Ecclesiastes 3:4)

Sometimes we all need to smile and so here are some more extracts from church bulletin sheets and magazines that certainly made me smile!

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Jackson to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.• This afternoon there will be a meeting in the South and North ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.• Wednesday the Ladies Literary Society will meet. Mrs. Johns will sing "Put Me In My Little Bed" accompanied by the Pastor. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thursday at 5 P.M. there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers Club. All wishing to become Little Mothers will please meet the Minister in his study.• The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.• Saturday evening at 7 P.M. there will be a hymn sing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin. |
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Yet *'Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful'* (Proverbs 14:13) says the Bible. Recent world events seem to point to the truth of this. In order that we don't despair and slide into hopelessness and helplessness the Bible points us towards hope. For a just the right time God sent his only Son, Jesus, into an alien and hostile world. Why? Because *'God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.'* (John 3:16-17)

If you want to know more about this hope in times of sorrow then get in touch with me on the phone number below or via the Chapel post-box. Alternatively go along to a church near you and ask there.

David Bousfield



Sunday 4 th 6:30pm	(Communion) D.Bousfield
Sunday 11 th 6:30pm	(Remembrance Sunday) D.Bousfield
Sunday 18 th 6:30pm	Evening Worship
Sunday 25 th 6:30pm	Colin Cresswell

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



Rural Community Conference — The Future

Over the past six months Cambridgeshire ACRE have sent over 6000 surveys to community groups and charities all over the county to find out about the services & activities they offer, how they deliver them and what issues and needs they have.

Over 23% of the surveys have been returned and all are currently being analysed. Cambridgeshire ACRE would like to THANK YOU all of you (over 1350 groups) who took the time to take part in this county-wide survey by completing the questionnaire.

So what's one of the most annoying things about surveys besides having to fill them in? Not getting feedback on what conclusions were drawn, what actions have been taken and more importantly what difference your views have made to them. Not only are Cambridgeshire ACRE ensuring that the research findings will be available to those groups and communities it effects, but are holding a conference to present the results to those who took part.

The Our Communities Our Future conference, which will be opened by The Right Reverend The Lord Bishop of Peterborough, will be fun and informative event. It will be held in The Maltings in Ely on the 7th November. The key findings of the survey will be presented as well as how these results can be used to help community groups and the voluntary sector. There will be opportunities for attendees to take part in workshops and work together to examine the issues that came out of the survey and identify ways in resolving or capitalising them.

The Our Communities Our Future conference is a turning point for the Our Communities Our Future Project. The vast amount of information generated from this research will enable the project team to deliver training, provide resources, give advice and support on issues and opportunities identified from the survey and the workshops at the conference. It will therefore shape the development of the project over its lifetime. If you want further information about the Our Communities Our Future project, what training events there are or would like to get involved in the project, then please contact Teresa Jones, Our Communities Our Future Project Co-ordinator.

Teresa Jones, Project Co-ordinator, Cambridgeshire ACRE, 32 Main Street, Littleport, Ely, Cambs. CB6 1PJ. Tel. 01353 860850. Fax 01353 862040. E-mail teresa.jones@cambsacre.org.uk

Sorry there is no article from John Morrill this month. He will be back next month.

Dates for Your Diary - November 2001

Thu	1	Cantilena Singers, 7.30pm, Church of St Mary, Burwell
Fri	2	
Sat	3	
Sun	4	Music on the Move, Reach Church, 6:00pm
Mon	5	
Tue	6	
Wed	7	
Thu	8	China Sale, Village Hall, 2:00-4:00pm Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
Fri	9	Harp Recital, Drama Studio, BVC, 8:00pm
Sat	10	
Sun	11	
Mon	12	
Tue	13	Mobile Library: 2:40-3.30, Cage Hill; 3.35-4.00, Chapel.
Wed	14	<i>Crier</i> Copy Deadline Staine Hundred, BVC, 7.30pm
Thu	15	
Fri	16	
Sat	17	Quiz Night, Village Hall, 7:30pm
Sun	18	
Mon	19	WI - "Birth of a Racehorse - Geoff Evans"
Tue	20	Village Gardeners, Village Hall, 8:00pm
Wed	21	
Thu	22	<i>Crier</i> Collating, Village Hall, 2:30pm
Fri	23	
Sat	24	Christmas Market, Village Hall, 11:00am-3:00pm
Sun	25	Conservative Association Lunch Party, Manor House, 12:00
Mon	26	Ladies Circle, Zion Baptist Chapel PCC Meeting, The Hall, High Street, 7:30pm
Tues	27	Mobile Library: 2:40-3.30, Cage Hill; 3.35-4.00, Chapel.
Wed	28	
Thu	29	
Fri	30	Closing date for Gay Bulleid Prize nominations Concert, Fordham Church, 7:30pm Friends of BVC Quiz Night, BVC, 7:30pm
Sat	1	Cantilena Singers, Burwell Church of St Mary, 7.30pm Wood and Metal Work Art, The Old Bakery, Lode, 10am-4.30pm