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Editorial

As I write, the Festival is unfolding around us, and despite a slightly sparse attendance for the kick-off (the *Victorian Evening*, which was excellent by all accounts), seems to be doing very nicely indeed. This **Crier** should hit your door-mat just in time for the *Edwin Muir Poetry evening*, so let's see if we can do better this time! Many thanks are due to all the Production Crew, and especially Kate Childs, mastermind-in-chief.

Amazingly, she also managed to find time to lend a hand with the School/Classworks Theatre production, *Farmer Giles of Ham*, which went off very nicely and was very funny, despite the truly appalling French joke reprinted else-where in this issue! On the same lines, 'ow about zees famous French poem:

*Un petit, d'un petit
Ça tonne eux oil,
Un petit, d'un petit,
A deux grès te folle.....*

Best continuation to the Editors for next copy-date wins, as ever, an Amazing Prize! Continuing the French theme, don't forget the School's **BASTILLE DAY FAIR** (June 14). Get your Boules Teams together and COME. The school needs all the support it can get for this production (its swimming pool has just collapsed in a soggy heap) but don't say '*Break a Leg*' because they already have — *three* legs! Our commiserations to the Headmistress who has just joined two more members of her staff on the injured list

The plans for the airport mentioned in last month's Crier have now reached the ears of East Cambs who were quite amazingly, kept in the dark. Not to worry—James Fitch and Charlotte Cane are very much on the case, and planning decisions have been deferred at least until some of us who live round here have actually been asked! All the best to Charlotte Cane, who is now taking her maternity leave.

Remember, remember, there's no September... issue of the **Crier** that is. September copy for July 14, please!

Caroline Matheson

Cover Picture: Wild Strawberries, by Tina Jost



Letters to the Editors



Dear Editor,

Bell-ringing Correction

I am writing to correct a minor item of misinformation which crept into to the June issue of the 'Crier'. In the report of the Easter Vestry & Annual PCC Meeting, (p.21) under 'Bellringers' Report' there is a sentence: 'She needed to have more notice....' It is implied that the content of this sentence is part of my report, and that I am making a complaint about the behaviour of my fellow-bellringers. This is certainly not part of my report: I appreciate all bellringers and value their services on Sundays and practice-nights, whether or not I know of their intentions beforehand. It is regrettable that the implication of any complaint should have been suggested at the PCC meeting.

This letter is written with the agreement of the PCC Secretary. I think she does an excellent job, and I know how hard it is to take notes for writing minutes while at the same time participating in a discussion.

Peggy (Margaret) Stanier

One Summer Afternoon

Swaffham Prior chose the Monday afternoon of the Jubilee Weekend to invite its residents to come together on Coopers Green (a delightful, little-used, well kept field in the centre of the village) to join in a grand tribute to the Queen and to have a happy party. Everyone was welcome, all to bring food and drink to fill the communal table to overflowing.

Drops of rain threatened earlier but it passed by and from 2.00 to about 5.00 a really convivial atmosphere filled the scene, the younger ones tearing around at a speed that surely no-one older can reach, and friendships were renewed. Most of the older guests were attired in red, white and blue and plenty of sparkle.

Not a child's wail was heard, not a discordant voice, just a lovely friendly relaxed occasion enjoyed by everyone, with the extra bonus of lauding our Queen and all she has achieved.

Isobel Bryant

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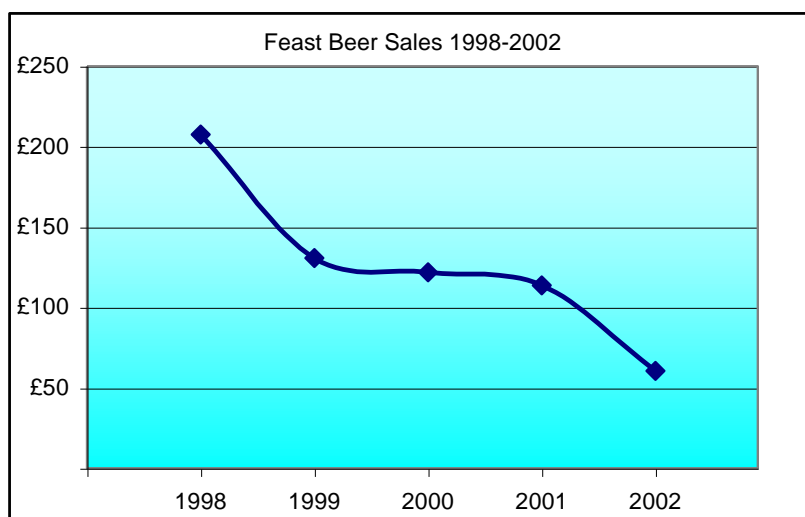
Queen's Golden Jubilee Village Picnic

The table was well laden and the weather was kind to us (well almost!). Everyone had a good time and there was lots of red, white & blue. Thanks to all the ladies (and their husbands) who helped put up flags, balloons, bunting, etc. A special thanks to Ruth & Sue who opened up their kitchens for tea making and washing up and Mary Cook for all her help in organising the event. There were some lovely raffle prizes and again thank you to all the local businesses and individuals who donated these. After the usual expenses (insurance, etc) the raffle raised £110. This will be used to mark the occasion in some small way within the village. Please let me have your suggestions.

Thanks must also go to Lorraine & Dave for organising the music & barbecue in the garden of the Red Lion.

Could the Village Picnic become a regular event? (maybe!). I will try and improve on the sound system next time!

Karen King



*Graph of falling Feast Beer Sales from 1998-2002 (see last month's **Crier**) . Beer Swillers all, we have to do better next year! Eds.*

From our Reporter at the Parish Council Meeting

Such is the PC's sense of duty and love of football that two days after England beat Argentina it sent the Chairman and Vice-Chairman out with bin bags to clear up the mess left by the Travellers on the football ground.

A couple of months ago the PC went through the legal procedures to evict the Travellers, spent £800 on legal fees and persuaded ECDC to remove the rubbish for nothing. In between the first and second rubbish collection the Travellers moved back in, and it was all back to square one. I've heard our PC criticised for having allowed this to happen, whereas of course the critics would have blocked the football entrance with their own cars until the ECDC lorries returned. Wouldn't they just, maybe, if only they'd known, etc. The new court eviction order came through and was served on Friday 7th June and the Travellers left. On Monday 10th June the Chairman and Vice-Chairman started to fill bin bags with some of the rubbish but gave up after filling fifty bags and not even getting half way round the field. Apart from bin bag rubbish, there were about 40 tyres, 6 huge mounds of timber, a bath, two cars, a washing machine, several fridges and freezers, 6 empty gas cylinders, and masses of branches and hedge clippings. The old football pavilion which was already a wreck was finally and completely demolished. The PC clearly needed help and approached the Sports and Social Club with the simple request - "Will you help to clear up the Travellers' mess on the football ground?" It seems the request was not received very sympathetically. Perhaps they wondered why they had been asked.



Charlotte Cane told the meeting that ECDC was not responsible for clearing travellers' rubbish left on other peoples land. Their offer two months previously had been a very exceptional one, though occasionally they have helped when local residents are willing to put in their own efforts. Over the last 18 months both James and Charlotte said the Traveller situation had worsened, and that many of the new ones appeared to be "more obstreperous." Charlotte also made the point that anyone using travellers as cheap labour for clearing hedges, lopping trees, decoration, path jobs, disposal of cars, is culpable. She said we are all responsible for our rubbish and where it ends up, and it would be pretty anti-social if it ended up on our football field.

At the meeting the Chairman, without losing his sense of humour entirely, appeared pretty despondent about what help they might get from the village. Since signing the new ethical Code of Conduct all PC members have to declare an interest in any of the topics being discussed. Looking around the table I did not see one person who looked as if they had any interest at all in

stripping off and chasing a ball around the football field. Not that they would have been a pushover - with Trevor Jones as centre back, Henry Hardiment in goal, Eric Day as striker, and James Fitch on loan from CCC, I reckon they could be a match for almost any team.

The mood was considerably lightened when Karen mentioned that Dave from the Red Lion had offered to bring his digger at the weekend. Everyone perked up. Eric in particular became fixated on this digger and wanted to bury everything. His idea was to put everything into holes. This alarmed Charlotte who insisted he left out the fridges; Eric maintained that with the digger he'd be able to squash them into tiny metallic lumps; but Charlotte was having none of it.

Even if the PC did manage to get some help to move all the rubbish to the roadside ready for collection it was essential that the lorries arrived on Monday morning as rats had already set up a little township amongst the rubbish. The only way to get any lorries at such short notice was to pay the costs. The total bill for this little operation has yet to come in.

This was the situation at the end of the meeting. In their role as Parish Councillors one knows they would ensure that the field is cleaned up. It seems that they will also do their best to make the ground more secure and to put it in a fit state to be used. Whether they will always feel this way is another matter. I see from last month's minutes "that several residents said the ground should be handed back to the Estate", but the PC wanted to keep it for use by the village. But does the village really want the football ground? Maybe the question could be put to an outside consultant. Just a few facts are all that's needed:- No-one has played football on the field for a number of years; several hundred pounds is spent each year on cutting the grass; if the Travellers arrive twice a year it could cost the village about £3000 (give or take £800) per annum; a junior football team may or may not start; there is an excellent football pitch one mile away; there are also good indoor football facilities one mile away. There must be other relevant facts? For an account of the rest of the meeting see Karen's report.

Alastair Everitt

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Due to a member of staff moving on to train as a teacher, we are looking for a Learning Support Assistant for September. The post is for 17.5 hours per week working with a Year 6 pupil. Please contact Mrs Brenda Wilson, Headteacher on 01638 741529 for an informal discussion or further information. Application by letter to the Headteacher by Friday

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A FOND FAREWELL

Everyone must have assumed that someone else would be reporting on Jan Petersen's Lutheran Mass and farewell Barbeque Party on the evening of Sunday 12th May - and so no-one wrote anything in last month's *Crier*.

Here is my twopennyworth partly inspired by the reports in *Contact~4** by Jenny Moseley (for SP and Reach) and John Roebuck (for SB). I can only echo Jenny's words - "he has contributed so much to the benefice". . . . "his pastoral care and cheerfulness will also be sorely missed", and from John Roebuck - "it was a tribute to all the work Jan has done in the three villages that the church was 'standing room' only for the Lutheran Communion Service".

Yes, people did come from far and wide. A splendid band of bell ringers included the three Tower Captains who had taught Jan and made him such an adept ringer. Ian de Massini and his Cambridge Voices produced exactly the right music for the occasion and Ian presented it with his usual delicacy, wit, and occasional naughtiness. The Archdeacon gave Jan an amazing glowing tribute - we ordinary mortals may have had such opinions but to have them confirmed by someone in authority was wonderfully reassuring.

Jan gave the sermon, and what a sermon! It was lengthy but you could have heard a pin drop. His text was Romans 8, especially verse 28. After admitting that he sometimes had trouble with St. Paul (as have had many of us), he said that this verse had been causing him problems over the last 11 years. And he talked about it from the heart. Romans 8 is now something very special. Of course there were other verses on which he could have preached such as verses 6,7 and 8, or verses 24 and 25. After the service the congregation was increased by quite a crowd waiting outside, not just to enjoy the German beer and sausages, but to give its fond farewell to Jan.

He was loved and respected by the school children, he was adored by many of the mothers, he was loved by the elderly, and even the heathen showed loyalty and affection. An elderly person was heard to say, "Who will care for us when Jan's gone."

Alastair Everitt

Contact-4 is the monthly newsletter providing news and views from the parishes of Burwell, SB, SP and Reach. For the June issue, from which I have quoted, it was our Vicar's turn to write the Editorial. His subject was "VISITING", and this is reproduced on page 13.

On hearing a record of the 1940s.

From the era of the blackout,
taped windows, sandbags;
Come Memories, like the contents
of ladies' handbags.

Sweet, scented, sharp and compact;
Strong on emotion, weak on fact.

One time, carefully docketed;
Now, fadingly locked.

Opened but rarely,
Some, barely bearable,
But all of them, wearable.

Ophir Catling

Bottisham Village College

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‘Healthy Living - East Cambridgeshire’

This new initiative aims to work with the community to address health needs and tackle the root causes of health inequalities in East Cambridgeshire. It is a venture supported by many partner organisations from both the voluntary and statutory sector, including East Cambridgeshire District Council and will receive funding from the New Opportunities Fund over the next five years.

There are five main theme groups under the banner of Healthy Living — East Cambridgeshire, Fitness & Food, Community Development, Families, Children & Young People, Older & Isolated People and Health & Social Information. In all, seventeen different projects will be working to deliver a wide range of services, or provide opportunities for people to improve their health, well-being and quality of life.

If you would like to find out more about ‘Healthy Living - **East Cambridgeshire**’ and how you can become involved come along to our Open Partnership meeting at Ross Peers Sports Centre, Soham, on Thursday, 11th July 2002 at 1.30 pm. Alternatively, contact Andrea Compton, Project Development Manager, Tel: 01353 654200



STAINED HUNDRED

The Outing

Wednesday, June 5th, was not the most auspicious day for an Outing! A slight drizzle while in the carpark at the BVC developed into a downpour by the time we reached Woodbridge! Most people made coffee their first priority and many did not leave the Station area until it was time to move on to Sutton Hoo. We then had two hours to queue for lunch, visit the shop, and look round the Exhibition Room, set up by the National Trust, partly with lottery money. The exhibition is well displayed and shows how Anglo-Saxon nobles lived, went to war and founded a new kingdom in East Anglia. The centre piece is a full size replica on the burial chamber with grave goods laid out, showing how important the man was. He is thought to be the great pagan king, Raedwald, who died in about 625AD. In the treasury Room are some of the original finds on loan from the British Museum.

By 2 o'clock the rain had stopped but it remained very misty so we were deprived of the views over the River Deben. Two separate parties went round with a guide for over an hour. Magnificent as the ship is, it was other background details that caught my imagination. The whole site was used for testing tanks in the 1940s!. When the area used for the new buildings and carpark were examined before work began, a large number of Bronze Age burial sites were found. In Caesar's time people from the Black Sea area were forced to move for economic reasons and travelled up the Danube and down the Rhine the distance in between these two watercourses being only about a mile. Leiden, Holland, at the original mouth of the Rhine and Leiston in Suffolk both mean 'beacon' did these beacons help them in their navigation? The land to the north of the Deben which was invaded by the Angles is light sandy soil which drains well whereas that to the south inhabited by the Saxons was heavy clay soil.. We went out into the Royal Cemetery and heard about various excavations. The first one was about 1600 and more extensive diggings were made in 1938 by Basil Brown, a Suffolk boy who put down a shaft in the centre of the barrow but missed finding the great ship by about 12'. Mutilated bodies were found in one area but these turned out to be criminals put to death on the site of the gallows. New facts or interpretations continue to come to light. Go and see for yourselves!

Peggy Day

Q: What's the name of a French Cobbler?

A: Philippe Pherlop

Visiting

The annual Swaffham Bulbeck Summer Theatre production this year is *Patience*, and after being persuaded two years ago to appear in *Iolanthe* as Lord Tolloller, I was asked if this year I would be the Duke of Dunstable! Apart from the anxiety of being typecast! I felt that I should say “yes”, though the rehearsal schedule on top of my other evening commitments isn’t easy as you might imagine. So why did I say “yes”?

To be alongside parishioners, sharing in village activities, has always been part of the pastoral task for clergy. The opportunity for ‘visiting’ is thus there by incidental contact, and fruitful conversations are often struck in the rehearsal gaps, if not in the pub afterwards! This is perhaps doubly important in the current era of clergy being decreasingly able to simply visit owing to the other and increasing demands on their time. Above all, it is good to share in fun things as well as the more profound. The other aspect is that it reaffirms the important principle that clergy are first human beings, with ordinary needs like everyone else, so whether it’s G&S, the local tennis or badminton club, bellringing or whatever, the visibility of clergy doing what others do is very important, the Word made flesh in contemporary terms.

We know that “a house-going parson makes for a church-going people”, but that phrase had its origin in the days of one parson/small village. We are about to hear more about the deployment of clergy in the years ahead in these days of fewer ordinands and tighter financing, and the task of **pastoral care**, the hallmark of where Christianity often impacts on people’s lives, needs serious attention. We are rapidly moving to an era where we simply cannot collude with the old expectations that the only visit that ‘counts’ is when the person is wearing a dog-collar.

Two of my villages have a church-led ‘**Good Neighbour**’ Scheme, where pairs of people take responsibility for a road or two, and keep an eye out for newcomers and anyone in particular need, referring onto the clergy where deemed necessary. We must make this work well in any village, so that the pastoral task is embraced by the whole church; **an every-member ministry** that needs no training, but where training can be given to sharpen up listening skills for example. If you feel you could offer some time in this key area, do please get in touch.

The Archdeacon’s Charge to the churchwardens and clergy this year included the idea of lay people exercising appropriate ministry in the parishes, freeing the clergy for the work that only they can really do. This is good stewardship anyway, and will at its best allow the clergy *more* time to visit, alongside what I have suggested above. Can **we** all work together under God, to make this come true? WS Gilbert’s sharp pen knew the English foibles and ways so well; may our contemporary engaging with society be as informed and lively as was his, as we sing the Lord’s song.

Mark Haworth

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WI Notes

Only a short report this month as there is not a lot to say about a Beetle Drive. Our numbers were a bit depleted as it was such a hot evening. Nevertheless those that came had a very enjoyable time judging by the shouting and laughter.

Next month, on 15th July, we shall be enjoying ourselves again at our Summer Party. this year to be held at our President's, Pat Airey's, in Burwell. Members who were not able to get to this month's meeting but who want to come to the party please contact the secretary, Margaret Phillips, on 741495 as she needs to know numbers.

Betty Prime



LADIES CIRCLE

On Monday evening **27 May** members of the Ladies Circle visited Sainsburys Supermarket in Cambridge.

Mr Matthew Holmes greeted us and showed us a video giving the history of Sainsburys. Sainsburys first started in 1869 by John Sainsbury when he opened his first shop in London's Drury Lane. They were the first supermarket to use marble floors of which they were very proud. Their motto was 'Quality Perfect — Prices Lower' and in 1950 their Croydon Branch was the first to go 'self service'. Sainsburys were also the first to introduce Internet Shopping. It was very interesting to see how the company had changed over the years and that it was now up against many competing supermarkets.

We were given refreshments before being taken on a guided tour around the shop, and at the end of a very pleasant evening called at the Wheatsheaf at Quay for a refreshing drink and a good old chat.

On **17 June** we met at the home of Mary Cook where we all enjoyed a lovely barbecue (cooked by her husband Roger and son Simon). It was a splendid evening and the setting of such a lovely garden made the evening more enjoyable. The food was most delicious—(our compliments to the chefs!!) and with the weather being kind to us the evening was very relaxing.

We have various speakers arranged for the rest of the year why not come along and enjoy and evening with us?

Sandra Butcher



VILLAGE GARDENERS

The Club visited the garden of Alison Davies in Comberton. A knowledgeable and keen plants-woman, it was a lesson in giving plants what they need, and using your assets.

The front of their bungalow provided a South facing wall with poor soil bordering the drive. So herbs and plants requiring good drainage thrived here. The front hedge was brilliant, comprising of spaced green and copper hazel, interspersed with prostrate junipers providing “windows” and variety of textures. Bulbs are used to widen the seasons.

I will not bore you with an endless list of plants. Mrs Davies had a wonderful eye for colour and your eye was led through tones of blues to purples to creams, then off through to mauves back to pinks. Every area of the garden was linked and it produced a very restful effect.

The central focus was a sprinkler playing over an area of interesting stones, bordered by tall textured plants, including bamboo in a pot, Ligularia and Zantedescia. A safe way of enjoying water.

Flowers that stood out were creamy Astrantias, Aruncus, and a **new** Alstroemena that flowers **all summer long** (Princess).

A really interesting half-acre garden.

The next visit is to Madingley Hall on July 16. You would be very welcome to join us. It would be helpful if numbers were given to Glenna Turner on 01638 578428.

Tricia Harrison



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The timetable for this year's Playscheme has now been finalised and registration forms will be available immediately after half term. PLEASE, if you will not automatically receive a form through Swaffham Prior School or Swaffham Bulbeck School, contact me on the number below. Playscheme is open to ALL primary school aged children in Reach or Swaffham Prior, or those who now attend or have previously attended Swaffham Prior School. One of the highlights of Playscheme is the opportunity for children from various schools to get to know each other.

We will need forms back within a week in order to allocate activities fairly, so do not delay!

Thank you for the offers of help already received. We would now be glad to hear of any reliable teenagers interested in helping during Playscheme week, and also from anyone else able to help with refreshments for about an hour on any or each morning.

It is going to be a great week – so make sure you sign up!

Dee Noyes – 743864, on behalf of the Playscheme 2002 team – Mandy Kingsmill, Jo Pumfrey, Tracy Jeacock and Liz Thompson

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Swaffham Prior with Reach PCC Meeting 29th May

1 .Treasurers' Reports

Swaffham Prior

Michael Cazenove presented the Receipts and Payments account from 1st January 2002 to 29th May 2002. £6000 had been transferred to pay for the vestry repairs. VAT had still to be paid and architects' fees. The Buffet Supper and CV Concert had raised over £2000 which was a splendid effort. The boiler had cost £800 to repair.

2. Social Working Groups' Reports

Reach: Attention was drawn to the following events:

Summer Barbecue at Spring Hall Farm on July 6th at 6.00.p.m.

Harvest Supper Friday 4th December in Reach Village Centre

St Etheldreda' s Fair and Thanksgiving Day on Saturday 16th November

Ian de Massini' s concert in Reach Church on 16th November @5.00 p.m.

Swaffham Prior:

Thanksgiving Day and Coffee Morning on 7th September

Harvest Supper to become lunch after Family Service on 8th September

3. Fabric and Finance Working Groups' Reports

Swaffham Prior

John Norris showed the PCC a drawing of the proposed octagonal new pulpit which he would supply. Michael Cazenove proposed and Jenny Moseley seconded that we should accept this generous offer.

The new wall behind 47 High Street had been pronounced unsafe and a fence was being put across at the bottom.

The altar-frontal store cupboard was to be moved from Reach to Swaffham Prior, to go behind the reredos curtain

Reach

Doreen Robinson's report on the reordering project for Reach was presented to the meeting. There was to be site meeting between Ian Frearson, the Vicar, John Norris, Doreen Robinson, and Laura Nottingham to decide what is to be done. The architects say that they can't reduce the price of tenders any further. We did not want to spend more than £20,000 on the project, so Jenny Moseley proposed and Michael Cazenove seconded that we should get started on the double-doors as soon as possible, and get that job done. We can then prioritise the other jobs according to what money we have left after that.

Next Meeting: Monday July 22nd at Goodwin Manor (S Prior) at 7.30 p.m.
Karen King



**EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE
DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**From our District
Councillor**

We need canvassers willing to work in Swaffham Bulbeck to help compile the Register of Electors for next year. The work is part-time, from home and requires some daytime, evening and weekend work. You must be able to do all parts of the job and be available to collect and deliver materials when required. You should not be politically active. If you are interested or would like to know more, please contact the Electoral Services Section on 01353 616214/616338.

The Council continues to have success in attracting new businesses to the area. Our two purpose built office spaces in Ely and Littleport are rapidly filling up and we have been given a grant from the Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership to carry out a feasibility study on opening a third set of offices in Ely, Soham or Burwell. These are aimed mainly at start-up businesses who can rent anything from a desk with a 'phone and modem line to fully managed offices. The leases are for short periods so companies can change the space rented as their business develops.

The Council elected John Abbott as our new Chairman and Donald Adey as our new Vice-Chairman. John was Vice Chairman last year and represents the nearby Fordham ward. Donald Adey represents Ely South ward.

Marshall Aerospace Ltd applied to build a new passenger terminal at Cambridge Airport, in order to attract modern jets. It is expected that this would lead to flights increasing from 2,000 per year to 10,000. East Cambs were not consulted on this application. But when we heard about it we expressed our concerns primarily over possible increased noise for those under the flight path, increased traffic on the Newmarket Road into and out of Cambridge and increased damage to the environment. Although we recognise that the new terminal could lead to an increase in employment, we asked for the decision on the application to be deferred to allow for further consultation and environmental assessment. Many others also expressed concern, and the decision was deferred. East Cambs is now being involved in discussions with South Cambs (who will make the decision), Cambridge City Council, Cambridge County Council and Marshalls. When more detail is available, we hope to organise a public meeting, probably in Bottisham, where people can hear the plans, raise queries and make comments.

I shall be taking maternity leave from 15th July through to the end of August. If you want to raise any queries or concerns about East Cambridgeshire District Council during that time please contact Caroline Coates on 01353 616354 and she will help.

Charlotte Cane



NEW PASSENGER TERMINAL AT MARSHALLS AIRPORT

It is amazing to find that East Cambs. District Council was excluded from discussions before the planning application was heard by South Cambs. Planning Committee on June 5th.

At the last moment the Director of Planning at East Cambs. DC and I protested vigorously that it was premature to decide so important a matter affecting our East Cambs. villages without consulting local County members, ECDC, the parish councils and the people themselves.

Partly as a result of these and other objections the South Cambs. Planning chairman deferred the consideration of the terminal application for wider local talks which *will involve us*. At the same time South Cambs District Council are inviting Marshalls to carry out an Environmental Impact Assessment to clarify all the issues which have hitherto been clouded by rumour and misinformation.

Round here we are all particularly worried by the threat of excess noise, night flights and traffic congestion on the roads nearby. The new terminal is aimed to be located a little further out on the airfield side of Newmarket Road, just to the east of the new car sales development opposite — a location offering easier access and more parking than the existing crowded site.

Anyway, there is now time for proper understanding of all the matters and my colleagues and I are looking to set up a public meeting as well as detailed discussions with our parish councils.

The new **TRAFFIC SIGNALS** are now working at the **Quy** junctions of the A1303 and B1102 roads. It is to be hoped that this will cut the accidents at that junction which were far too numerous (12 since 1999). It is also a tremendous relief to me to see the completion of the cycle way/foot path between Lode and Swaffham Bulbeck. The hazards on that fast road with its notorious icy bend were all too obvious to cyclists, walkers or horse riders. We are fortunate to have avoided serious accidents there in recent years. My next priority is to connect the two Swaffhams with a proper joint use path.

I am pleased to report that **SOCIAL SERVICES** in the county were recently praised by the Social Services Inspectors within a year of being taken off Special Measures. The children's services had been in crisis since the Rikki Neave case but are now rated highly — an excellent result.

The County will continue to aim at high quality services for both young and the ever increasing number of frail elderly surviving into advanced old age. At the same time, for those in between, there is good and useful information on benefits for families from Hereward Housing and the Citizen's Advice Bureau, both in Newmarket on 01638-663305 and 01638-683500 respectively (or from ECDC at Ely for Housing and Council Tax benefits).

Notes from the Parish Council June Meeting

Mr Trevor Jones chaired the meeting with 5 members and 2 members of the Public.

Reports: Councillor Fitch and Councillor Cane reported to the meeting.

Matters Arising—Parish Council Vacancies: The vacancy reported at the May meeting was referred to the Returning Officer, ECDC. Notification had been received from ECDC that following the 14-day notice period, the P.C. could now fill the vacancy by co-option.

A letter of resignation was also received from Andrew Badcock. The Chairman thanked Andrew for his commitment and hard work during his time on the Parish Council. The P.C. now has 2 vacancies. Anyone interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, please contact the Clerk.

Playground – Inspection Report: The annual inspection of the playground had been carried out by RoSPA and their report received. Minor maintenance items are to be put in hand.

Youth Club – Replacement Floor: Following the Youth Club's Annual Report, a request for assistance with the cost of repairing/replacing the Youth Club floor was discussed at length. The Clerk will write to the Youth Club asking them for an assessment of the damage to the floor and copies of at least two estimates for the work needed. This will be further considered at a future meeting.

Grasscutting: Several complaints had been received about the state of the grasscutting. Badcocks are to be made aware of these and asked to rectify.

Recreation Ground: The travellers have now left the Ground after an Eviction Notice was served by the Parish Council solicitors. A temporary trench was immediately put across the entrance. A great deal of rubbish has been left behind, e.g., cars, fridges, bikes, tyres, brick rubble, bathroom furniture, tree cuttings, gas cylinders, etc. ECDC agreed to organise collection of the rubbish at a reduced rate if it was gathered together and left just inside the gate or on the verge outside. A team of volunteers from the village will hopefully help with the clearing.

Correspondence Received:

CCC: Changes in evening & Sunday bus times were received. These have been posted on the bus stop noticeboard.

General: A copy letter to ECDC with reference to the continuing problem of the wall at The Beeches. This is ongoing.

Letter received from the Audit Commission confirming the appointment of Moore Stephens as the external auditor for Swaffham Prior.

Accounts for Payment: These were agreed.

Planning Applications:

Commissioners Farm, S.P. Fen – *2No two-storey extensions and terrace structure to dwelling house.*

Fencocks, 2 Cage Hill – *construction of new conservatory.* There were no objections to these applications.

Planning Approvals: 22 Mill Hill - *garage*

3 Heath Road. – *ground floor extension to provide family room & 1st floor bedroom + en-suite.*

Any Other Business:

The Clerk had contacted John Selby, ECDC with reference to the Enhancement Scheme and is awaiting a reply.

The footpath on Station Road has been cleared of vegetation ready for assessing the repairs needed.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday, 11th July 2002 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Karen King

Clerk of the Parish Council

BEAUTIFUL SOUTH WEST FRANCE

We have a beautiful holiday home available for rent, in a hamlet just north of Riberaç, on the Dordogne/Charente border. One of only six properties in a development of converted farm buildings, it has a large swimming pool and full size tennis court, all within extensive landscaped grounds. It's fully equipped, very comfortable, and sleeps seven. If you'd like to know more, phone 01638 742345 or 742559.

From the Parish Registers for May

Holy Baptism: Lucy Annapurna Harlow {SB}

Holy Matrimony: Roger Charles Aspin & Julie Claire Baker {SP}
John Richard Anthony Nottingham & Laura Luckyn-Malone {SP}



Church Services

July 2002

	ST MARY'S Swaffham Bulbeck	ST MARY'S Swaffham Prior	ST ETHELREDA Reach
TRINITY 6 Sun 7	8:00am Holy Communion [†] 9:30am	11:00am Family Service [*]	6:30pm Deanery Songs of Praise at
TRINITY 7 Sun 14	9:30am Parish Communion ^{CW}	11:00am Parish Communion ^{*(CW trad.)} 6:00pm Evensong [†] and Sermon	8:00am Holy Communion [†]
TRINITY 8 Sun 21	9:30am Village Communion ^{CW}	11:00am Parish Communion ^(CW trad.) 6:00pm Choral Evensong [†] <i>with Cambridge Voices in St. Cyriacs</i>	8:00am Holy Communion [†]
TRINITY 9 Sun 28	9:30am Parish Communion ^{CW}	8:00am Holy Communion [†] 11:00am Mattins [†] and Sermon	6:00pm Evening Service
			[†] : Book of Common Prayer CW: Common Worship *: Note the 1st/2nd Sunday exchange this month

Holy Communion
Evening Prayer

1st Thursdays 10am, Swaffham Bulbeck Church
 Tuesdays, 5:30pm, Swaffham Bulbeck, Wednesdays, 5:30pm, Reach
 Thursdays, 5:30pm, Swaffham Prior

Bellringing

Wednesdays, fortnightly 8pm. St. Cyriacs. Contact Dr Margaret Stanier on 741328.

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
 2nd Thursdays @ 10:00am for 15 minutes in Swaffham Bulbeck School Hall.

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

Dear Friends,

Regrowing the Church

This month, as the school term ends, and with young people in mind, I thought it would be helpful to summarise what the churches of this benefice are providing for them, and for families in general.

Family Services Swaffham Bulbeck 1st Sundays 9.30am*

Swaffham Prior 2nd Sundays 11.00am

Reach as announced, usually 11.00am

Village (Family) Communion Swaffham Bulbeck 3rd Sundays 9.30am with creche*
Anyone aged 7+ who would like to start receiving *Holy Communion* may do so after a short session of preparation, in advance of *Confirmation*, which is conferred annually in the deanery by the bishop. Anyone interested in being prepared for these should contact me.

Toddlers Services

Swaffham Bulbeck **'First Steps'** 2nd Thursdays 10.00am in the school hall (or occasionally in the church in the warmer months)

Reach **'Little Windmills'** 3rd Thursdays 11.20am in church (NB term-time only)

It goes without saying that you should always check the monthly village magazine for any changes to this programme, such as this month at Swaffham Prior. Some of you may not be aware of **'Contact 4'**, the church magazine for this group of parishes; there are spare copies at the back of each church, so please help yourself.

Bulbeck Youth meets periodically now, please contact Angela Roebuck (01223 811722) if interested. We also try to support deanery and diocesan youth events.

Bellringing practice is at Swaffham Bulbeck on Tuesdays 7.30-9.00pm; beginners are welcome to contact the tower captain, Bill Blake (01223 811027) in the first instance. (Learner ringers are sadly not permitted at Swaffham Prior)

Please ring me at the vicarage (01638 741409) if there are any other questions; and enjoy the summer. We look forward to the autumn re-start!

Mark

** at both these services we have a young peoples **Praise Band**; please contact Angela Roebuck (01223 811722) if you have children who play instruments and who would like to be involved. **Singers** are welcome too!*

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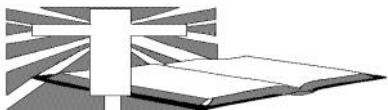
From John Morrill, Deacon to the Roman Catholic Community

As I write this, I am surrounded by exam scripts, unanswered letters, unwritten reports and the debris of a busy life. That I can contemplate a weekend of munching my way through it all is largely down to where I was a week ago. I took time out from a visit to Cork as external examiner to chill out (in more senses than one) on the Old Head of Kinsale, a finger of land pointing out from SE Ireland towards Spain

and the Atlantic, with its sheer cliffs and naturally angry seas. From those cliffs in 1588, the population saw many of the ships of the Armada founder; and in 1915 they saw the *Lusitania* go down with the loss of 1500 lives. Having braved stiff winds and spitting rain, I headed off round the coast for a truly magnificent hot beef sandwich and a glass of Guinness in a pub overlooking a glorious estuary at Courtmacsherry. Moving back a couple of miles, I came to the lovely little town of Timoleague, with the pebbledash of each of its cottages painted in a different bright colour. And dominating the town were the ruins of a thirteenth-century Franciscan friary, its church tower and walls proud and erect. As so often before, I felt a pang of regret laced with pain at how these centres of prayer and devotion were plundered and damaged by greedy men 450 years ago. I feel it even more in Ireland, where there were few parish churches and so these friaries acted in the same way as protestant and catholic mission centres act in the poorest parts of the world today, centres from which friars would set out on sallies round a large hinterland, bringing word and sacrament to scattered communities that in between times had to fend for themselves. And as so often in England, I walked into this noble ruin expecting to have to make a great effort of imagination to make the stones live, to realise in my mind the life of hundreds of years ago. And then I stopped in bemusement. The whole area of this ruined church was full of modern tombstones, emblazoned on which were the bare facts of men and women's lives and faith. The sacred space of the past was now not neatly-tended lawn and discreet information plaques. It had been reclaimed as a sacred place, a place where the living honoured the dead. Under the shade of these ancient walls, there was a great tranquility. I was first bemused and then deeply moved by the experience.

Too often when I go to visit the remains of the past, a great house, a castle, a ruined abbey, the past is made to seem a foreign country in which they did things differently. The Irish, who have suffered for so long for their faith and for wanting to be Irish and not British, frequently have a much more mature attitude to their past. I remember writing in this column a couple of years ago about the Famine Museum in Donegal where the harrowing story leads to a final notice which read: "By the end of your tour you may be feeling offended, hurt, or maybe feel that something like this should never have happened. Maybe now is a good time to stop and think. Ireland today is among the richest countries in the world. Today, famine is rife in Sudan, Biafra and Ethiopia, We can see by television the problems that exist, yet do we bother to do anything much about it? These places are our Irelands, and we are their landlords." To a lesser extent and in a different but important way I saw this friary in Timoleague as telling us how we must accept our past – not by prettifying it; not by leaving it as a sullen reminder of past crimes; but as taking it and redeeming it. It may have been the chill factor on the Old Head; or the beer and beef; but I doubt it. At Timoleague they have learnt to make good use of their past: to forgive the spoliation (without forgetting it) and by bringing it back to a place where prayer is restored, peace is proclaimed, a community's grief and hope are brought together. The Cliffs of Old Kinsale restored my weary frame; the graves at Timoleague, with their messages of hope, restored my drooping spirit.

Masses: Newmarket: Sat 1830; Sun 0900, 1030, 1700;
Kirtling: Sun 0945;
In Bottisham Parish Church, Sun 0900 (Served from Cambridge).



Things to learn from a dog

While I was out dodging the rain showers recently I was amused to see a youngster being pulled along by an energetic dog. Who was taking who for a walk was very unclear!

This sight reminded me of something I read a while ago which looks at life through doggie eyes. It may help us learn to enjoy life in all its abundance as God intended. Jesus said to his disciples *"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."* (John10:10 NIV)

Here are some of the things we can learn from a dog...



1. Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.
2. When a loved one comes home, always run to greet them.
3. Let others know when they have invaded your territory.
4. Take naps and stretch before rising.

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5. Run romp and play daily.
6. Eat with gusto and enthusiasm
7. Be loyal.



8. Never pretend to be something you are not.
9. If you want what lies buried, dig until you find it.
10. When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by, and nuzzle them gently.
11. Avoid biting people when a simple growl will do.
12. When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.
13. No matter how often you're scolded, don't buy into the guilt thing and pout! Run right back and make friends.
14. Bond with your pack.
15. Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.



David Bousfield

PS. We will continue to keep you in touch with developments at the Chapel, but there is nothing new to report at present. In the meantime if you have any questions, thoughts or simply memories that you would like to share, please do get in touch with me via the Chapel post box or on the number below.

David Bousfield on 01223-563307.

Dates for Your Diary - July 2002

Tue	2	Cleanaway
Wed	3	Cubs, Village School, 6.30-8:00pm.
Thu	4	2.30-4.30pm VH Teas
Fri	5	7.00pm Jazz on a Summers Evening {SP} Red Lion
Sat	6	6.00pm Summer Party @ Spring Hall Farm
Mon	8	1.30pm School Trustees @ Goodwin Manor {SP}
Tue	9	Mobile Library, Cage Hill 2:40-3:30, Chapel 3:35-4:00pm
Wed	10	Cubs, Village School, 6.30-8:00pm.
Thu	11	PC Meeting 7.30 VH 2.30-4.30pm VH Teas
Fri	12	
Sat	13	2-4pm Book Sale VH Dullingham Opera Weekend, Dullingham House
Sun	14	12.15pm School Sports, SP School, followed by... 1.15pm BASTILLE DAY FAIR Dullingham Opera Weekend, Dullingham House
Mon	15	WI Summer Party, Pat Airey's, Burwell
Tue	16	Visit to Magingley Hall, VG Cleanaway
Wed	17	Cubs, Village School, 6.30-8:00pm.
Thu	18	7.30pm {SP&R} Parochial Charities @ The Vicarage 2.30-4.30pm VH Teas
Mon	22	7.30pm {SP&R} PCC
Tue	23	Mobile Library, Cage Hill 2:40-3:30, Chapel 3:35-4:00pm
Wed	24	Cubs, Village School, 6.30-8:00pm.
Thu	25	Crier Collating, Village Hall, 2:30pm 2.30-4.30pm VH Teas
Sat	27	Lode Jubilee Flower Festival
Sun	28	Lode Jubilee Flower Festival
Mon	29	
Tues	30	Cleanaway