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Editorial

Summer Nights! Tra-la-la-la....! And what summer nights they were, as young people hereabouts took to the streets in gay abandon, to the ongoing delight of local residents. Ah yes, the merry tinkle of broken glass, the joyous chorus of four-letter words, the cheery clatter of discarded lager-cans! Engaged as they were in such innocent pursuits of youth, they were suddenly and most unaccountably *set-upon* by a thuggish horde of *parents*! Yes, *two* of them, who demanded to know *who they were*, and when our young people, quite reasonably in the circumstances, *could not remember*, meanly summoned all their nasty *parent-pals* who of course *could* remember (well, they did look vaguely familiar, from the breakfast table!)

And so it was on the following Monday morning, a strange sight befell the eyes of High Street spectators: such a barrowing, brushing, sweeping, clearing-up, fixing and mending, and all by young people! Well, there was *one* parent, but they certainly weren't lifting a finger to help. Standing there with their arms crossed, in fact! Ah well...

Meanwhile, it could have been *very smelly indeed* round here were it not for Henry Brown, who noticed the reed-bed that normally sanitises our sewerage (bet you didn't know that! All done by *reeds*!) was extremely *dead*. Public spiritedly, Mr Brown informed the Water Board, only to find that the Water Board's Complaints Department, although on a far grander scale, is otherwise *much like the Crier's*! "Dear Mr Brown, Thank-you for your complaint. Please accept our explanatory leaflet, entitled *Don't Even Think About It: We Know Where You Live* detailing our complaints procedure. Yours etc. Water Board". But Mr Brown persevered (see

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Cover Picture: A Village Choir by Thomas Webster R.A., 1847 (see page 17)

Letters) and despite denials to the effect that there wasn't anything amiss in the first place, and *anyway*, we were just about to fix it, and *anyway* we already did, and *what's more*, Keep Off Our Land, now all is once again coming up roses! Or reeds, as the case may be!

If you missed the Last-Night-of-the-Festival 'Swaffham Wailers' with Boy George (oh alright, Ian de M) as the totally hilarious *effete* Choir Master accompanied by straight-man Roy Tricker and a motley band of musickers, then it was your own fault, because WE TOLD YOU! And, it's *unrepeatable*, by which we mean *unscripted* of course, so you won't see it again! Um...we *did* hear of a *straighter-laced* type who rather wished they hadn't seen it in the first place(!), but the Eds fell about of course, as indeed did everyone-else, including, we're very glad to say, our new Vicar and wife — we hope they're enjoying life here, we think they are! Brilliant performance, brilliant festival, many thanks and congrats all round, especially to our indefatigable master-of-ceremonies: Kate Child!

WARNING! Very nasty burglars about, who pretend to be from the Electricity Board and tell you on the door-step that a serious Electrical Fault in your house has messed up the whole neighbourhood, and then..... well, you guessed (but you might not have done) YOU let them in, THEY ransack the house etc. etc.

The **crossword** is back, but it's first-out-the-hat *not* through the letter box as stated—entries by the 20th, please. And this one's *not* about Swaffham Prior, in any shape or form — just plain cryptic, so get entering!

And LASTLY: *Hippo Birdie Two Ewes!* That is, *HAPPY BIRTHDAY* Bob Smith, 93 on October 5th, about to make a home in Histon, and *FAREWELL* too to Walter Bradley, off to Yorkshire. God Bless!

Caroline Matheson



Letters to the Editors



Dear Editors

That Field Again

I have tried to maintain an informed awareness of what is going on re Dencora field since I do live next to it, but something significant appears to have slipped past without crossing my field of vision. I would like to know what has changed since the last I had heard not so very long ago, that Dencora were not allowed to propose anything again until 2006. Reported in the last *Crier*, various proposals have been flown between the parties to that former ruling, without any reference in that report to that decision or dates by which anything could take place. Are these proposals post-2006, or was that decision set aside?

Mark Lewinski

PS for the record, my preference would be to pipe in as much water as possible and join it to Wicken Fen as the first instance of a chalk upland wetland marsh. Nobody would dare build on it then, as it would be too boggy and completely unique as the first chalk marsh in the country. The chalk would erode relatively quickly -

over a few decades - down to Fen level, leaving some quite pleasant cliffs alongside the road to Burwell, and an attractive river from the runoff, down in Lower End. I know it would involve a lot of digging and plastic sheeting but that's what National Trust volunteers are for, after all.

Dear Editors,

SWAFFHAM PRIOR PAROCHIAL CHARITIES

Once again I have to anticipate the festive season to remind all who consider themselves eligible for our Christmas grant that they should apply as soon as possible.

As usual, the majority of these applications will come from our pensioners, particularly those who have to manage on the basic state pension, but if you are in particular need, or know of anybody who may be in difficulty, but is unlikely to apply on their own behalf, the Trustees will always be happy to consider requests for assistance.

Applications should be sent to me, or to any Trustee, and I stress that this assistance is available at all times, not merely at Christmas.

Yours faithfully,

S.G. Hewitt

Clerk to the Trustees

Dear Editors,

Bonfires!

Burning garden rubbish is part and parcel of living in the countryside, as most *country* folk know. In fact, bonfire smoke smells no worse than the smell of smoke coming from burning food on a BBQ and wafting over gardens (cough! splutter!).

With a large garden we have no choice but to burn our garden rubbish, and after contacting Environmental Health, we find there is no law to say you cannot have a garden fire, as long as nothing toxic is being burnt.

When I know someone's having a fire on my washdays, I simply use my tumble-drier. Washing smells the same, especially if one uses "fragrance from a bottle" (containing no allergens, of course! Ahem!).

Anyway, I am sure my garden smoke doesn't reach as far as Tothill. Maybe 16 Mill Hill or the main road, depending which way the wind blows or the crow flies, so the next time I light my bonfire (and I will) I will see that the smoke goes upwards, not outwards, somehow!

Enid Suttle

17 Mill Hill

*...and the story promised from Great Bonfire Debates past is as follows: a certain resident of Swaffham Prior, alas, now deceased, was in the habit of "anonymously" phoning neighbours by day to the effect that their bonfires were quite unacceptable, not to say, **illegal**, and by night, of leaping over the garden fence and depositing — yes, you guessed! — their **own** garden rubbish on the offending bonfire! Eds.*

Dear Editors,

Parking on the High Street

I am surprised that Alastair Everitt is almost condoning anarchy, - or am I? (August issue). The double yellow lines on the High Street are painted there for a very good reason, to prevent accidents, and protect the houses which are so close to the highway. In spite of these restrictions there has been several accidents, and goodness knows how many “near shaves”.

I have lived close to High Street for nearly half a century, and find that the behaviour of drivers on the whole is good; very little speeding and careful negotiation of the corners, so long as the road is clear.

Recently parking with one wheel on the footway (pavement) in an attempt not to block the road, has put pedestrians in considerable danger. The other day a pram, its occupant and the pusher had to “overtake” a parked vehicle as there was not enough room on the pavement between the car and the house, a very dangerous manoeuvre.

It is tough if your house has not room for a parking space on the site, and the occupier has to find a safe place nearby: but to leave a vehicle on double yellow lines for whatever reasons is unlawful, and a potential danger.

The new parking signs of which Alistair complains, are part of the legal requirement to confirm that the restriction is for twenty four hours a day, or at any time. The unloading concession is just that, and as soon as the vehicle is unloaded, it must be removed to a safe place. An “extended” unloading is also unlawful, and may lead to a prosecution, so be warned.

On a lighter note, we received the other day a letter giving advice on how to remove the smell of moth-balls from furniture of a certain vintage; possibly over sixty years old. The first paragraph expressed sorrow at “the persistent smell of your Aunties’ drawers”: the rest was irrelevant.

John Norris

Dear Editors,

Re: Village Sewerage Works

I am enclosing herewith three copy letters which I consider should be brought to the attention of my fellow villagers.

A few days after my letter of the 7th May, work started on the sewage digester where the initial failure will have taken place. It was indicative that there had been no sound of pumping in recent weeks. The reed bed, which is a shallow concrete tank, was excavated clearing out all the white deposit and the dead reeds. New soil was installed and then young reeds, about one foot tall, complete with green leaves.

When I stopped at the works on the 29th June, everything seemed to be working O.K. I could hear the digester, the reeds looked well and the effluent discharging into the ditch was nice and clean.

The Anglian letter of 7th July will be standard reply regarding a works reported to them in bad condition.

I suggest villagers should watch their own sewerage works in future. The reed

bed, which is the key to its state of health, can be readily inspected through the large hand holes in the gate and the effluent discharges into the ditch a few yards to the left of the gates.

I have had no communication from the Parish Council, and I note the matter has not been on an agenda. I imagine that the Chairman has handed the Correspondence to one of the members and has told him to file it. The Councillors are obviously sedentary types, so the walkers and cyclists in the village will have to keep a watch on this basic facility.

Yours sincerely

Henry Brown

Anglian Water

7th May 2003

Dear Sirs,

Re: Swaffham Prior Parish Sewerage Works, Station Road

I cycle past the sewerage works once or twice a month and have in recent weeks noticed a strong smell coming from the works, and also that the effluent coming out of the works is a muddy colour. About 10 days ago I noticed the gate of the works was open, so I went inside to have a look round. I immediately noticed that the reed bed to the left was a mass of white deposit, with only stubs of reeds showing. The reed bed is, of course, the final stage before effluent is discharged. It would appear that there has been a breakdown in the process and the reeds have been inundated and killed.

Would you please advise me what is the current situation and what action you are to take to rectify the matter.

I am writing this letter at the suggestion of the Chairman of the S.P. Parish Council, Mr T. Jones who will be advised of your response.

Yours faithfully,

H Brown

Mr H Brown

21 May 2003

Dear Mr Brown,

Thank you for your recent letter dated 7 May 2003.

I regret that I am unable to answer your letter with a full reply at present. My colleague Paul Hunter who is the Treatment Manager for the Sewerage Treatment Works in question, has been away on leave and therefore has only just been made aware of the points raised in your letter. He is now in a position to liaise with the staff on site and will provide myself with a full reply within the next seven working days. You will, of course, be notified of the results of his findings in due course.

I enclose for your information a copy of our leaflet, *Concerning your recent complaint*, which outlines our complaints handling procedures.

If we can be of further assistance, please write to the above address or telephone on 08457 145 145 where our customer services staff will be pleased to help.

Yours sincerely,
Andy Paulson
Customer Services

Mr H Brown

7 July 2003

Dear Mr Brown

I am writing with regards your letter dated 7 May 2003.

Please accept my apologies for the delay in providing this reply. I can confirm that as part of our ongoing investment programme the old reed bed at Swaffham Prior had been showing signs of deterioration and has recently been replaced. This is why the reeds are relatively small at this stage. However even though the reeds are not fully established yet they are providing the level of treatment we require to meet our discharge consent.

Over the period in question our records show that the works has been performing well but we will monitor the site more closely to ensure the effluent remains at the usual high standard.

Whilst we normally ensure the gates are kept locked should you ever find them open again, for your own safety, please do not enter the works unaccompanied.

If we can be of further assistance, please write to the above address or telephone on 08457 145 145 where our customer services staff will be pleased to help.

Yours sincerely
Paul Hunter
Treatment Manager

Dear Editors,

Farewell from Walter

Walter Bradley wishes to thank everyone for their friendship and support over the last few years. Although he is moving to North Yorkshire to live near his daughter and family, he hopes to maintain strong links with Swaffham Prior. His new address is: 27 Pool Court, Pickering, North Yorks, YO18 8DR, tel: 01751 473949. If anyone is in the area, he would be pleased to see them.

Good luck, Walter, and all the best in your new abode! Eds



Anglesey Group

Anyone who remembers our last children's summer project, *Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat* (in 1997) will remember too, what fantastic fun it was. (Anyone who doesn't remember it can borrow a copy of Ron Prime's excellent video record of the fortnight which changed quite a few lives!).

Our project for 2004 will involve the casting, rehearsing and staging (in St. Cyriacs, SP) of the musical *Godspell* over the two weeks 15th to 29th of August (school starts on September 22nd).

Once again, Jeremy Webb will direct and Hilary Sage will run round picking up the pieces and attempting to make sense of it all.

We are really looking forward to working on the village again and we hope you'll put the dates in your diary so that no-one is disappointed by having to be left out. It'll be hard work — ask anybody who was in *Joseph*—but anyone from 8 to 18 (we managed to squeeze in some younger ones as well last time) can apply.

Any queries, ideas, volunteering to Hilary on 10638 742978, please.

Hilary Sage

QUY ART EXHIBITION

Friday October 24th 7.00 to 9 pm
Saturday 25th 10.30 am to 4.30 pm
Sunday 26th 10.30 am to 4.30 pm

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Quy Village Hall

The Exhibition by Quy Art Group and Bottisham Tuesday Art Group is free.
Money from refreshments, stalls and a raffle will go to
MacMillan Nurses and Magpas.

Mobile Library Dates For Your Diary.

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| Tuesday | September 30 | 2.40-3.30 | 3.35-4.00 |
| " | October 14 | " | " |
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| " | November 11 | " | " |

Enquiries 01638 742850

All are welcome. Enjoy the range of books, cards for sale, videos to hire and a very helpful librarian. Disability access is available.

From our Reporter at the Parish Council Meeting

A lonely view from the back - the Reduced Parish Council Meeting of 11th September 2003.

Why reduced? Because there was only just a quorum with four members, plus Clerk, Cllr. Fitch and a crowded public gallery of one. Unusually, after Cllr. Fitch had done his bit and left, there was not a whisker to be seen.

Cllr. Finch spoke of the Travellers on Whiteway Drove, tidier than most, but several tethered horses are eating some of the 118 young trees planted there. Measures to protect such areas from intrusion could present an early challenge for a new Travellers Liaison Officer starting on 01 October. The white lines on footpaths and roads identify areas for attention from a Rapid Response Gang, doing repairs at short notice, also removing illegal signs from verges and traffic signs, etc. Hopefully, our temporary notices for local events will not suffer the same fate.

There will be a new by-pass south of Ely in 6/7 years time, to avoid hold ups at the rail bridge. The Fordham by-pass really will start soon, including subways, etc for wildlife like snakes and lizards, and some archaeological works. Route 51 cycleway from Fordham to Soham is getting there. The Exning, Burwell, Lode, Bottisham cycleway will be done by 2005. Pot holes between Burwell and Quy are being filled in. But, this month the prize goes to the Upware road for an unprecedented switchback ride thanks to the effects of the very dry summer on trees. It's the ride of a lifetime - Alton Towers, eat your heart out. There's a tree next to every dip. No one suggested removing the trees, but it may come to mind. Why not flatten the road by planting more trees, like Napoleon? Then we get more shade, more wildlife, some redress for decades of hedge removal, and alleged erosion of Drove widths (a single, uncorroborated source). While there were no permanent exclusions from CCC schools this year, remember that ASBOs* are available to combat stupid, anti-social behaviour by the irresponsible and immature (of all ages? - see next). Do not hesitate to contact the police to get nuisances affecting you and your neighbours stopped.

The SPEEDWATCH results were alarming if not surprising. Mill Hill naturally suffers most - one criminal example of 80mph, but 56mph in the narrow, twisting High Street is beyond belief. The Rogers Road record was 57mph, with 65mph in Lower End. Would an 'old folks' warning sign here affect such idiocy? Sadly, about 85% of all traffic through the village exceeds 30mph. In Brittany, there are relatively inexpensive obstructing kerbs to slow down urban traffic, so why not here? You don't need euros. First though, a protected crossing for school children and others, near Fairview Grove on Mill Hill is an urgent necessity - cost £30k. The status of the interactive signs needs clarification.

Completion of the streetlight changes by the church gates are delayed for want of an EEB licensed contractor to tackle such small works. Sadly, it is not something we can do for ourselves. Our clerk finds that the job has increased in scope and quantity



since she started, due to increasing legislation and controls. 25% of the others around the table volunteered to take over the budgetary planning for some light reading. A tour of the Parish confirmed the popularity of the Recreation Ground, lots of rabbits - 'Exterminate. Exterminate' - and a few Scouts. The ground is now nearly ready to return to its intended purpose. More Travellers on Headlake Drove, and straw bales at the end of Heath Road to stop hare coursers got mentions, and so did another example of fly tipping along Barston Drove. This is another example of some contractor dumping building rubbish - grey, concrete roofing slates and bits of asbestos board - probably not the usual Travelling suspects, but a neighbour. The last lot of rubbish was the remains of a bathroom (with wallpaper!). A barn at Blinkers Hill Farm still has to comply with a tree planting condition about 20 years old (a single uncorroborated source) - an example of cocking a snook at authority worthy of an ASBO. Had trees been planted then, they would now be mature. Hedge trimming at the VH could be a fun evening for volunteers, especially if it ends in the Rosy Cat. And I am instructed to say here that the hole in the VH grass was filled in before noon the following day, so no one needs to look into it (not my joke, honest). Some important matters were deferred for consideration by a more representative and hirsute meeting - next month perhaps - Quality qualification for the PC, and ECDC Parish Forum.

It's a bit thin this month, but there's not much I can do except make it up and pad it out, and there's quite enough of that already. Although, again straying from my brief a bit, I could mention that the Festival of Colour and Sound (SPAMFEST) was very enjoyable, especially last night's panto' (the West Gallery Quire), the best kept secret in the village. I cannot understand why, well attended though it was, it was not even better supported, nor why the crowds at the Handel Oratorio on Saturday night then missed the fun-packed post mortem in our favourite pub (clue: member of a blushing pride (3,4)).

Frank Readhead

** ASBO — Anti-Social Behaviour Order.*

Turning the Red Lights Green

Turning the Red Lights Green is a charity that offers a wide range of opportunities to people with many kinds of disability, in order to enable them to learn new skills, enjoy a wide range of leisure activities, make new friendships, gain confidence and be supported into employment. We work in the areas of North, South and East Cambridgeshire to provide these opportunities and to raise awareness of the potential of these people with disabilities to the communities that surround them. Being based at a secondary school this raising of awareness has been valuably important to the children that work with our service users. We are always eager to take on more volunteers who are continuously actively involved in the running of our thirteen projects.

Hayley Bevan



Greg Sage

Hamlyn's Music Hall - a company to which Greg Sage belonged for many years - is staging a magnificent evening of variety on Friday, 12th December at 7.30pm at Wimpole Hall in memory of Greg (and Lorna Custerton and Norman Scott, members who died this year as well). Tickets are £25.00 each and this price includes an initial drink, a three course meal, and top entertainment throughout.

All money raised will go to the Arthur Rank Hospice in Cambridge. If you would like to join us and celebrate Greg's 'other life' as a song-and-dance man, please give me a ring on 742978 and I will arrange transport from Swaffham Prior.

Hilary Sage



THE HARVEST SHOW

Wot a lark! In the year of no rain -- just as the quantity of entries went down so the quality of the entries went up. The Preston/Whittaker Adams Road consortium brought the most amazing (and delicious) runner beans, our very own prize winning horticulturists (Alex Kirby and Mike Malster) entered a basket of Mixed Vegetables which must feature as one of the All Time Greats, making the pair a legend in their own life-time. It was beautiful - all poetry. But even Alex's eyes popped out when the Bottisham section of the Latchford family came in with a Zucchetta. The Zucchetta must be the nearest vegetable to match the musical Serpent played at the West Gallery Concert. "Cor! I've got to have some of that" said Alex -- so next year we may see many more Zucchettas. This will be a sight not to be missed. The children's entries were great, especially the Vegetable Animals.

Then the Auction started and everyone became so engrossed that no-one asked for the winners of the tea-time Quiz. There were 21 questions and three groups got 15 right: the Carrington Family, the Hubbard and Pumfrey table, and Latchford and Co. But all entries were divided on question 4 which asked whether a particular Victorian remedy to control caterpillars was True or False. The Victorian remedy was "*If caterpillars are already present, sprinkle new lime under bushes, and fire a double-barrelled gun two or three times under bushes to shake caterpillars off into the lime.*" So, is it True or False? Very few people know the answer.

The Raffle earned £49, those scrumptious Village Hall Cream Teas brought in £92.90, and the generous people at the Auction contributed another £72.20, making a grand total of £214.10. After expenses there was a profit of £154 for Village Hall funds.



Alastair Everitt

Harvest Show Results

Classes which had no entries are not included below. In some cases a first or second prize was not awarded.

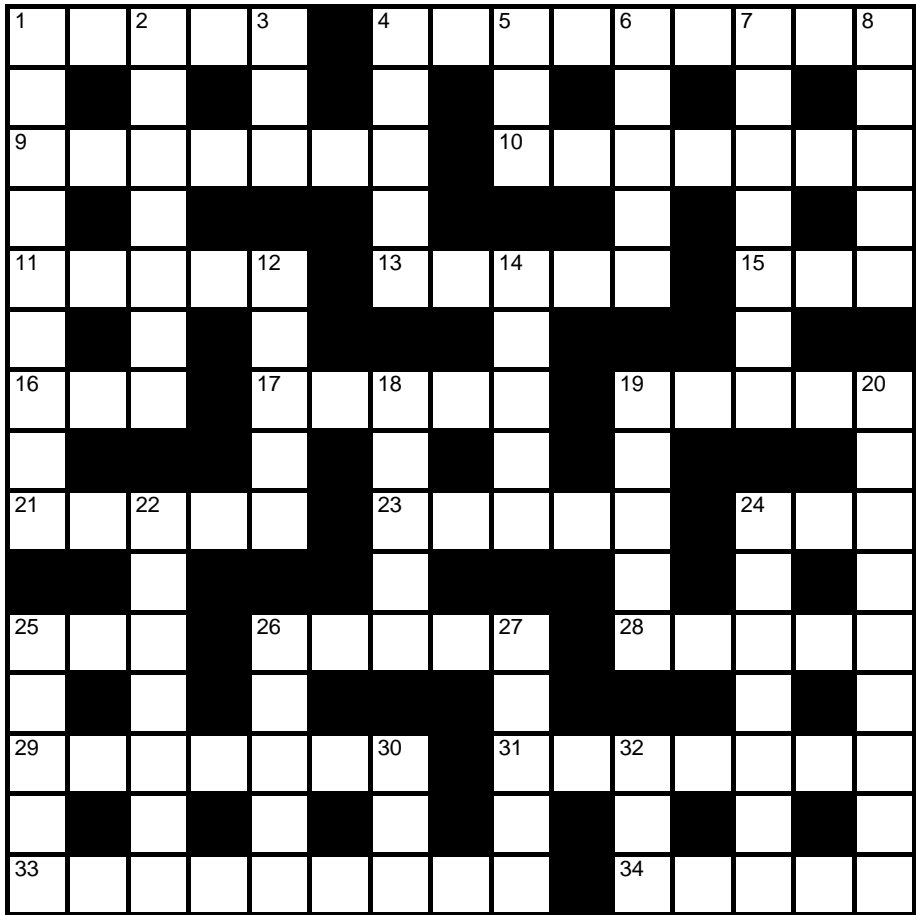
1. *Mixed Vegetables*. 1st. Alex Kirby/Mike Malster. 2nd. Dominic Bowers
2. *4 Potatoes*. 1st. Margaret Joyce. 2nd. Paul Latchford
4. *4 Carrots*. 2nd. Jane Knightley
6. *4 Courgettes*. 3rd. Paul Latchford
7. *6 French Beans*. 2nd. Kim Bowers
8. *6 Runner Beans*. 1st. J. Whittaker. 2nd. Graham Preston. 3rd. Sheila Preston
10. *3 Outdoor Tomatoes*. 1st. Alastair Everitt. 2nd. Luke Fuller. 3rd. S. Preston
12. *Longest Runner Bean*. 1st. James Whittaker. 2nd. S.Preston. 3rd. M. Joyce
14. *3 Onions from Seed*. 1st. Pam Latchford. 2nd. Derek Latchford. 3rd. Paul L.....
15. *3 Onions from Sets*. 1st. Jane Knightley
16. *5 Shallots*. 1st. Dominic Bowers
17. *Uncommon Fruit/Veg*. 1st. Derek Latchford. 2nd. K. Bowers. 3rd. Pam Latchford
19. *3 Dessert Apples*. 1st. Sheila Preston. 2nd. James Whittaker. 3rd. John Norris
20. *3 Cooking Apples*. 1st. A. Everitt. 2nd. Catherine Atherstone. 3rd. Janet Cooper
21. *3 Plums*. 1st. Alastair Everitt. 2nd. Elisabeth Everitt. 3rd. Catherine Atherstone
22. *Other Stone Fruit*. 1st. Kate Child. 2nd. Luke Kirby
27. *3 spray Michaelmas Daisies*. 1st. John Norris. 2nd. A.Everitt. 3rd. E. Everitt
28. *3 Roses*. 1st. Ruth Scovil. 2nd. Chris Carrington. 3rd. James Whittaker
29. *3 Floribunda Roses*. 1st. John Norris
30. *Vase of Perennials*. 1st. Ruth Scovil. 2nd. Alastair Everitt
32. *Foliage Pot Plant*. 1st. Elisabeth Everitt
36. *Jar of Soft Fruit Jam*. 1st. Paul Latchford. 2nd. Pam Latchford. 3rd. S.Preston
37. *Jar of Stone Fruit Jam*. 1st. Ruth Scovil. 2nd. Kim Bowers. 3rd. E. Everitt
38. *Jar of Jelly*. 1st. Keith Gentle. 2nd. Pam Latchford. 3rd. Kate Child
39. *Orange Marmalade*. 1st. E. Everitt. 2nd. Tricia Gentle. 3rd. Dominic Bowers
40. *Jar of Lemon Curd*. 1st. Pam Latchford
41. *Piccalilli or Chutney*. 1st. Kate Child. 2nd. Linda Kirby. 3rd. Ruth Scovil
43. *Victoria Sponge*. 1st. Chris Carrington. 2nd. Sarah Dodge. 3rd. Ruth Scovil
44. *6 Flapjacks*. 1st. Sarah Dodge. 2nd. Pam Latchford
45. *6 Shortbread*. 1st. Pam Latchford. 2nd. Dee Noyes
48. *Wholemeal Loaf*. 1st. Peter Whiteley
49. *White Loaf*. 1st. Ruth Scovil
50. *6 Bread Rolls*. 1st. Ruth Scovil
51. *Tallest Sunflower*. 1st. Tristan Latchford
53. *Chocolate Crispies*. 1st. Luke Fuller. 2nd. Cleo. 3rd. Becky
54. *"Happy Faces" Iced Biscuits*.
1st. L. Fuller. 2nd. Ryan Noyes. 3rd. Emily Noyes/Beatrice Kehron
55. *Garden on Plate*. 1st. Hannah Bowers. 2nd. Hester Bowers. 3rd. T.Latchford
56. *Vegetable or Fruit "Animal"*
1st. Alice Hubbard. 2nd. Hester Bowers. 3rd. Emilia Hubbard
57. *Original Model – Lego, Knex or similar*
1st. Ryan Noyes. 2nd. Joseph Wilson. 3rd. Tristan Latchford
58. *Home Made Red Wine*. 1st. Simon Everitt
60. *Any other Home Made Wine*. 1st. Simon Everitt

Crossword Number 4

Sponsored by **The Red Lion**

Compiled by
NIBOR

This month’s puzzle is a straightforward cryptic crossword so you should have no problems with this one. First correct solution received by the editors wins a free meal at The Red Lion – See Lorraine at the pub for full details.



Across

- 1 English cat reverses round one French horse (5)
- 4 One across maybe a high point in France (4,5)
- 9 Mono (3,4)
- 10 White knight lying within, every evening (7)
- 11 Twitch as MPs go mad (5)
- 13 Battered seats are no liability (5)
- 15 Large bird has internal problem using it (3)
- 16 Become exhausted but no time for outrage (3)
- 17 Smog I dispersed with a useful device (5)
- 19 With respect, outstanding (5)
- 21 Character of children with big ears (5)
- 23 Groom will write about engineers (5)
- 24 Step back fool (3)
- 25 Circular section of a lifeboat we hear (3)
- 26 Precise demand (5)
- 28 Singers in macho irresponsible setting (5)
- 29 Brigit Bardot, appropriate in her dress, gets the last of the slivovitz on the farm (7)
- 31 Only cab drives erratically onto platform (7)
- 33 Power? Press after everyone gets decoration (9)
- 34 Woods maybe where this cat is found (5)

Down

- 1 Dash! We object to small time autograph (5,4)
- 2 Peacemakers meander then straighten out (7)
- 3 Integer? The deuce it is! (3)
- 4 Back intended action about an irrational mood disorder (5)
- 5 Sister runs back and forth (3)
- 6 Obtain beryllium first, father (5)
- 7 Do react differently to this design (3,4)
- 8 Get rodent with decoy put inside (5)
- 12 Hot and steamy like a large cup (5)
- 14 Item of jewelry worth many pounds (5)
- 18 Reddish brown cuttlefish (5)
- 19 Fright in Japan: icebergs perhaps (5)
- 20 Stored rye ruined by vandal (9)
- 22 Last month I stood before Babylonian god - what a noise! (7)
- 24 Continue in favour of pine (7)
- 25 Twisted, we ask, and lopsided? (5)
- 26 Who in Paris has record about kit (5)
- 27 Bill or percussionist might use one (5)
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Friends of Bottisham Village College

Jumble Sale

Saturday 11 October
Bottisham Village College
2.00pm
cakes refreshments bric-a-brac
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Swaffham Prior Village

CHRISTMAS

MARKET

Saturday, 22nd November

2.00 pm – 5.00 pm
in the Village Hall

Gifts • Produce • Tombola
Raffle • Children's Corner • Refreshments

Admission: 50p • Children under 12: free

Proceeds to St Mary's Church

Bottisham Players' dedication to "Garden" detail

Bottisham player's Autumn production is a comedy by the very popular Alan Ayckbourn called *Round and Round the Garden*, to be directed by Rosemary Jolley.

This play is the third in the well known Norman Conquests trilogy which describes the events over one weekend seen from the dinning room (in Table Manners) the living room (in Living Together) and the garden as shown in the current production. Although the play will be performed *inside* the drama studio at Bottisham Village college, our props team have already begun nurturing and growing special pots of weeds to help make the set look more authentically like a neglected garden

The characters in the play are Annie, who is the younger sister to Reg and Ruth. Annie is the long suffering carer of their elderly Mother. Reg is married to Sarah who likes to think she can organise everyone and Ruth is married to Norman who thinks he can charm any woman. Tom is the vet, who lives next door to Annie and carries a "torch" for her, although he finds it easier to communicate with animals than people!

Disaster strikes one weekend. Annie is organising to have a weekend away by the sea. She has arranged for Sarah and Reg to "look after" mother but when Sarah discovers Annie will not be going alone, she sees to it that the plans get changed! A very funny and classic Ayckbourne comedy.

Please book your seats and join us The performances are from Thursday 16th to Saturday 18th October 2003, Bottisham Drama Studio from 8.00 p.m. Tickets will be on sale from late September from Lushers News if booking in person or from our direct order line on 01223 812779 (not Lusher's). The prices are £6.00 and £4.00. Any tickets ordered must be paid for prior to the night of performance. Tickets will be for sale on the door, subject to availability.

An amateur production in association with Samuel French

St Peter & St Mary Magdalene, Fordham, Ely, Cambs. 7.30pm

November 22nd 2003



Handel's *Messiah*



Saffron Walden Choral Society (MD: Janet Wheeler)

Sarah Redgwick (soprano) Ronald Greydanus (alto)

Stephen Douse (tenor) Dean Robinson (bass)

David Notley (trumpet) Jonathan Lilley (organ)

With the support of The Countess of Munster Musical Trust et al.

Tickets £ 7 [Concessions in Advance £5] 'Phone 01638 720328



The Village Variety Show

Saturday 15th November

7 to 10 pm

In

The Village Hall



This will be a hilarious evening of fun for the whole family. All the talent will be home-grown, the bar will be busy and the kids well catered-for too. Please put the date in your diary now.

This show was originally scheduled for last autumn so you've had twelve months to hone your juggling skills, practise your scales, flex your vocal chords, etc, etc.

If you would like to take part in this exciting evening of variety, either as a solo act or as part of someone else's sketch or song (we can match you up with other 'volunteers' if you want!) - please don't hesitate to contact either

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The West Gallery Choir

During the Commonwealth of Cromwell all music in church was prohibited except for the singing of a few metrical psalms. All music books were destroyed and organs were either broken or sold off. At the Restoration in 1660 replacement music had to be found and local musicians and

singers often replaced the organ especially in country parishes. Usually the players and singers stood in the west end or the West gallery and the tradition lasted well into the nineteenth century. But the musicians and choir were often a law unto themselves as the following extract shows.

“The ‘musickers’ were autocrats of the gallery and largely of the church, too, and the parson had to walk warily in dealing with them. If he tried to be too masterful, even in the conducting of the services, he would find sturdy resistance that could hardly be overcome.

“Many years ago the two parishes of Aldingbourne and Oving, in Sussex, were held jointly by one incumbent, who took the morning service in one church and the afternoon service at the other alternately. It was customary to have no preaching in the morning. On a certain occasion a newly appointed vicar expressed his intention of introducing a sermon at the morning service, and he informed the choir of the proposed intention. But the sturdy Aldingbourne singers would have ‘none of his new-fangled goings on; they’d never ‘eard on such a thing afore and didn’t see no sense to it, like.’ They, therefore, resolved to defeat the vicar’s well-meant intention.



“Knowing that there was never very much time to spare for the parson to have his lunch and make the journey to Oving between the two services, on the first Sunday that he went into the pulpit to preach they started singing the 119th Psalm, and refused to stop when the would-be preacher wished. In vain the vicar looked up at the gallery and held up his written discourse, in vain he coughed and hum’d and ha’d; the singers would look at nothing but their ‘Old Version’. Verse after verse they bawled out lustily and slowly, till at last the vicar’s patience and time were completely exhausted. He had to climb down, literally and metaphorically, and leave the church without delivering a discourse at all!

“Sermons were no doubt fit and proper on ‘festical’ occasions, but if they were preached when custom forbade and the singing ran the risk of being curtailed thereby, then it was only just that the singers should literally stand up for their rights.”

It was just such an unruly group that performed at the West Gallery Concert in St. Cyriac’s on Sunday 14th Sept.

(The extract is taken from K.H.Macdermott’s *The Old Church Gallery Minstrels*.)

Alastair Everitt

Swaffham Prior Past - The Fountain



The drinking fountain and horse trough beside the road at the entrance to Swaffham Prior village were installed by the squire Charles Allix who, in the late 19th century, brought a piped water supply from Cadenham to the village and to his home, Swaffham Prior House. The shelter over the drinking fountain was built by the Adams brothers (Tom and Philip) in about 1874. It was modelled on similar fountain shelters in France: the Allix family was of French Huguenot descent. 'The Fountain' was a delightful little building made of brickwork of two colours. The bricks forming the arches were curved in two planes of space by careful grinding. The Adams brothers erected the whole building 'dry' beforehand in the yard behind their dwelling (now 25 High Street, near the Old Forge) so as to be sure that each brick was of the right shape before it was mortared into place. The conical roof was tiled, with a lead capping at the top.

The Fountain was destroyed in February 1957 by a local farmer, Laurie Woollard, who had persuaded Mr. Allix (son of the original owner) to let him remove it because (he claimed) it was a source of disturbance, a gathering place for ne'er-do-wells, and so dilapidated that it was a possible danger. Mr. Woollard's farm workers came out early one morning and knocked down the fountain shelter. The circular brick floor remained, and for several years someone in the village used to place a vase of flowers on it. There was a rare fuss in the village when the fountain went.

Tom and Philip Adams were skilled bricklayers. They built the Chapel at Swaffham Prior, and Granta House (formerly the shop and dwelling house of Herbert Lowe the baker) and Mill House near the windmill. The brothers also did repair work for the Colleges in Cambridge where they had a builders' yard. They

lived in Cambridge during the week, and came to Swaffham Prior at week ends. Tom was the faster walker, so he gave his brother an hour's start when they walked into Cambridge on Monday mornings, and they arrived together. During frosty spells they skated into Cambridge on Sunday evenings. In Swaffham Prior they sang in the church choir. They were distinctive village characters with their long white beards.

(Information supplied by Mr. Philip Sheldrick, and from Cambridge Daily News, 16 March 1957.)

Funding for projects involving children and young people aged 0-19!



The Local Network Fund is a government initiative that aims to support small voluntary/community groups working with disadvantaged children and young people.

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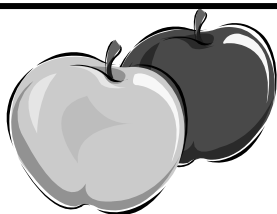
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FESTIVAL OF COLOUR AND SOUND

KEITH GENTLE EXHIBITION

The exhibition of Keith Gentle's paintings at the Church of St. Cyriac and St. Julitta demonstrated the skill and talent of an artist who manages to show sensitivity and romance without dipping a toe into sentimentality. Perhaps it is his draughtsmanship that first draws attention, but the subtle treatment of mellow pastel shades is very enjoyable. Ancient civilisations first echoed nature in architecture by depicting vegetable forms on columns; after all, the first columns were trees. In one painting here, Keith Gentle cleverly explored a related theme in the transition of fan vaulting of Kings College Chapel to actual tree forms. He paints what his mind sees and some of his vistas relate to well loved buildings in imaginative ways, initially puzzling, then interesting and entertaining. His paintings appeal at different levels, and the exhibition was a treat of too short a duration, in a superb and very appropriate setting. Many of the paintings were sold to lucky viewers for their continuing pleasure.

June Readhead



APPLE FESTIVAL 2003

East Cambridgeshire District Council is holding its third Apple Festival on Saturday 25th October on Palace Green and St Mary's Green, Ely in celebration of the great British Apple.

Running throughout the day will be apple related stalls selling everything from apple chutney to apple juice.

The popular Apple Café is back where you can sit and relax in the Cathedral Centre and enjoy a variety of apple related refreshments. Also in the Cathedral Centre will be a display of apples and foliage by Ely' Flower Arranging Club. In the upper room there will be a variety of activities for children such as colouring, making apple crumbles and planting your own apple seed in a self decorated pot.

We have several competitions and activities running throughout the day including the longest apple peeling competition, guess the weight of the apple, apple and spoon races as well as an apple shy. The competitions are being manned by Ely Lions and Leos with the small entry fees being donated to local charities. Information stalls, sales of apples, a woodturner demonstration and folk music all add to the fun of the day which runs from 10.30 am until 3.30 pm.

We are running a competition with Watergull Orchards who are growers of a vast variety of apples and produce a full range of apple juices. Based in Sutton they are regulars to Ely's Farmers Market. They also produce a very dry cider and we are on the search to find the best hot cider recipe in East Cambridgeshire. The rules are simple – the only alcohol allowed in the recipe is dry cider other than that, any other edible ingredient can be added to make a beverage that can be enjoyed warm on a crisp autumn day. We do suggest however that one of the ingredients should be a sweetener such as sugar or honey so that the taste can appeal to a wide majority. All

the recipes will be made up and tasted by local cuisine expert Monica Askay from Wilburton using cider from Watergull Orchards. The best tasting one will be on sale by the glass at the Apple Festival along with Watergull's original non-alcohol warmed punch which they sell at the Farmers Market. So if you feel you've got the winning recipe and want to taste your version on the day along with everyone else send your entry in to Tracey Harding, Tourism and Events Officer, East Cambridgeshire District Council, Oliver Cromwell's House, 29 St Mary's Street, Ely, Cambridgeshire CB7 4HF or e-mail tracey.harding@eastcambs.gov.uk by 6th October 2003.

SWAFFHAM BULBECK SUMMER THEATRE

AUDITIONS – SATURDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2003

THE GONDOLIERS
by Gilbert and Sullivan

to be performed 10, 11, 12 June 2004

Producer: Anne Datson

Music Director: Angela Roebuck

If you would like to audition for a part in the above production, please contact Angela Roebuck for details (01223 811722) to arrange a time and get details of the music and libretto required for the audition. Auditions are very informal and friendly so please do not be nervous – come and join us.

If you do not wish to take a solo part but would enjoy being in the chorus, the first evening is a social sing-thro' and glass of wine on Thursday, 12 February 2004 in the Village Hall, Swaffham Bulbeck at 7.30pm. Please let Angela Roebuck know if you are interested in joining us. We also welcome those who prefer to work behind the scenes with props, scenery, front of house etc.

New hlec Chair

Liz Robin is the new Steering Group Chair for **hlec** (Healthy Living East Cambridgeshire). She was born in Swaffham Bulbeck and went to school in Cambridge. She then trained as a doctor at Oxford University and Westminster Medical School, London before starting work in public health medicine in East London, where people have many health problems related to poverty and deprivation.



After several years working in East London, she joined the public health team at Cambridgeshire Health Authority and became director of public health for East Cambridgeshire and Fenland Primary Care Trust in 2002. She and her family moved to Ely last year.

www.hlec.org

NEED A NEW FRIDGE?

Maybe Fridgesavers, an npower* initiative can help!

To qualify you must be in receipt of one of the following benefits:-

- Income-based Jobseekers' Allowance
- Income Support
- Housing Benefit
- Council Tax Benefit
- Disability Living Allowance
- Attendance Allowance
- Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit (where it includes constant Attendance Allowance)
- War Disablement Pension Working Tax Credit (with an annual income of less than £14,200)
- Child Tax Credit (with an annual income of less than £14,200) or Pension Credit

If you qualify, please ask for details and an application form.

You must be residing in East Cambridgeshire District to apply.

npower*



East Cambridgeshire
District Council

East Cambridgeshire District Council and npower, the national energy provider, have teamed up to offer East Cambridgeshire residents the chance to trade in their old fridge for a brand new, energy efficient model at a very reduced rate. Called Fridgesavers, the scheme is funded by npower and is available to low-income households.

Fridgesavers offers low-income households the opportunity to replace their old inefficient appliance for a new A-rated refrigerator for just £35, or fridge-freezer for as little as £60. An A-rated fridge-freezer can also save up to £690 on electricity bills over the life of the appliance.

To qualify for the scheme householders must be using a damaged or faulty appliance (therefore using excess energy) and be in receipt of one or more qualifying benefits. Fridgesavers works on a 'like for like' basis - a new fridge for an old fridge or a new fridge-freezer for an old fridge-freezer. Applicants need not be npower customers in order to be eligible for the scheme.

The old inefficient fridge or fridge-freezer is decommissioned to prevent re-use, and householders are advised to contact their Local Authority to arrange disposal. For more information and to request an application form, please contact Ian Bowers, ECDC Home Energy Conservation Officer, on 01353 616251. Application forms are strictly limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Debt? Are village charitable trusts effective?

The most common problem encountered by the Citizens Advice Bureaux in south and east Cambridgeshire, is debt. Ely, Soham and Littleport take on over 100 cases each year, with the average debt at around £11,000. The Cambridge, Addenbrooke's and Sawston bureaux have some 420 files open at any one time. Here the average debt tops £11,600. Can charitable trusts help when local debt runs into millions of pounds? With typical credit card charges of around 20%, it would require close on £200 a month to service the average debt in the locality. Even if this was forthcoming it would simply delay the inevitable by a month!

When your local bureau addresses the financial problems of a financially distressed client, it begins by confirming the sums involved with the creditors, then splitting non-priority from priority debts, to try to avoid the client becoming, at worst, homeless. Next comes a check on the client's situation, debt problems are invariably linked to relationship breakdowns, ill health, redundancy or such disasters.

The bureau will then check the client's entitlement to any state benefits, scrutinise each debt, check insurance policies and credit agreements. It is common knowledge that many of us aren't aware of all our benefit entitlements and tax credits, but few can experience the relief of a client who has spent sleepless nights following redundancy, to be told by his CAB adviser that his mortgage or loan are in fact covered by an insurance policy in these circumstances!

Next the bureau helps the client approach creditors with a financial plan that will satisfy them, yet be within the client's budget, and which will eventually remove the burden of debt. Invariably this brings relief and indeed rejuvenation to those who have been in a financial quagmire on finding order is restored, and protection is provided from loan sharks.

The Citizens Advice Bureau offers this service to anyone who walks through its doors. It could also, with the client's permission, approach a local charitable trust, presenting the trustees with a comprehensive appraisal of the client's situation and to allow them to decide on whether or what financial support from the trust would be beneficial. Should trustees wish to adopt this approach, they should contact the money departments at either Ely CAB, 70 Market Street, Ely, CB7 4LS or Cambridge CAB, 72-74 Newmarket Road, Cambridge CB5 8DZ, giving details of the trust and its rules.

The majority of Citizens Advice Bureaux workers volunteer their services, and funding comes from 3 local authorities, the Legal Services Commission, Addenbrooke's Hospital and individual donations. Trustees may sometimes consider it appropriate to make a donations towards CABx upkeep, though this is entirely discretionary.

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Bottisham Community Library Association News

Bottisham Community Library Association is delighted to announce that the official Grand Re-opening Celebration was on Saturday 20th September 2003 at Bottisham Library. A big thank you to all those who have donated books, money or time to help us.

We have been open to the public since 15th July, with our new stock of donated books and 1000 new books from the Library Service. The excellent range of brand-new adult fiction and children's books on our shelves has been a surprise for many borrowers.

Borrowing books from the library is still free, as it always was. You **don't** need to be a member of the BCLA to borrow books from the library – all you need is your CAMBOOK library card that you used to borrow books from the library before it closed. The only difference you may notice is that the library staff, who are all unpaid volunteers, are not as speedy as the trained staff that we used to have before the closure – we thank you for your patience. We're doing our best!

Donating books for the library: we are still on the lookout for up-to-date (published within the last 5 years) children's reference books and adult and children's fiction published within the last 2 or 3 years.

Opening hours

We are still keeping to the normal library opening hours, (as below) – look for the Bottisham Community Library Open sign outside the Village College:

Monday – Closed

Tuesday – 3-5pm and 6-8pm

Wednesday 10-11.30am

Thursday 3-5pm
Friday 6-8pm
Saturday 10am-12 noon

For further information, please contact:

Geraldine Lockett 01223 811236

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Bottisham also now has a mobile library service on alternate Friday evenings and Saturday mornings.

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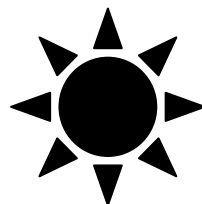
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News from Swaffham Prior Church of England Primary School



This year sees the 75th anniversary of the school on this site and the Autumn term has started off happily with ten new families joining our school, as well as new siblings starting school for the first time. We welcome them all to their classes.

Thank you to play scheme who have brightened up the far end of the school with an entertaining mural for the children. This feature will help play time when the weather becomes too wet to use the back field. We hope the skipping continues over the Winter months, as following last term's skipping workshop, many children caught the skipping bug. Do you have memories of skipping at school? Let us know your rhymes.

Well done to class Two, submitting their lovely school grown pumpkins to the garden show and thanks to Janet Lee for encouraging pupils to take part.

This term Class four is looking into the history of Swaffham Prior village so if you have any anecdotes to share, we would be pleased to hear from you.

Members of the community are welcome into school at any time. If you wish to help out in any way on a regular basis, such as hearing children read, or on a one off basis by sharing a particular hobby or talent do let us know.

Community Events

- School Community Dates –
- School Harvest Festival 14th October 2pm St Mary's
- Disco – primary aged children accompanied by adults. Village hall 7.00 - 9.30pm Friday 17th October. Tickets available on the door.
- Wednesday 22nd October 10am Class 4 assembly

Joanna Lakey

Summer Fair Update from Friends of Swaffham Prior School

Swaffham Prior School's "New Look" Summer Fair went ahead on Saturday, 6th July. Many thanks to all of you who supported us, by way of donations for the tombola, white elephant stall, raffle prizes and running stalls or spending at them.. This annual event is one of the most important in terms of fundrasing for the school.

If you came along and spent at the fair and/or purchased or sold raffle tickets you helped raise nearly £900 for the school. This will go towards the planned improvements around the swimming pool and outdoor play areas.

Many thanks to all the generous residents of Swaffham Prior, especially those,

who have no direct links with the school but continue to support us.

If you would like to play a more active part in raising funds for the children in this community primary school, we would be delighted to see you at meetings of Friends of Swaffham Prior School. We really could do with your help, enthusiasm and ideas.

Krystyna Boughey

NEWS FROM BOTTISHAM VILLAGE COLLEGE

There were a lot of happy faces in August when pupils collected their **examination results**. This was almost a record year for the college, with 67% of pupils gaining at least 5 passes at grade C or above. 100% of pupils passed at least two examinations, which also makes us very proud because it means that we were able to encourage everyone to 'stay the course'.

We also celebrated at the end of the summer term because our **SATs** results (taken by pupils aged 14) were the best ever.

End of term also marked the retirement of **John Hanlon** who had worked at the College for 32 years, and will be known to many readers of this magazine; he was an outstanding member of staff, and many people in the area, and further afield, wrote to thank him for his help and support, given in so many different ways. We all wish John a happy and fulfilling retirement.

We now look forward to the start of **another year**. Four new teachers will strengthen our team and 210 new pupils will arrive on Thursday 4th September to begin five very important years at the college. One of the first things they will learn to appreciate is what it means to us to be a Village College, and the importance we place on **community**.

Our **adult classes** will begin on 22nd September and we look forward to enrolling lots of new students. Last year we worked with over 2000 students on more than 250 different courses and we look forward to maintaining and developing this side of the college's work.

The **College Library** has reopened very successfully and has been restocked with thousands of new books, well worth a look if you have not visited for a long time. We are really grateful to everyone in the community who rallied round to help us to re-establish the library so quickly after the county council took the decision to close: a great example of community spirit in action!

Peter Hains, Warden

Swaffham Prior Playscheme 2003

Another summer playscheme and a week of sweltering weather. What a combination!

As 90 children descended on Swaffham Prior for a week of intense activity the temperature swiftly climbed. By the end of the very first session the mercury was nudging 90 degrees. Just who would wilt first, the

youngsters or the organisers, was anyone's guess. But, in true playscheme tradition, everyone became so engrossed in enjoying the moment that they forgot the heat.

This year there were even more popular activities. As well as rollerskating sessions at Burwell Sports Centre and fishing trips to the local riverbank there were opportunities for basketball, football, tennis and swimming. Old favourites such as drama, cookery and cake modelling were complemented by a full range of activities in the craft room, which included candle making, tie-dye and glass-painting. Youngsters let their imaginations run riot to produce an impressive underwater art attack scene in the school playground, viewed from the top of a scaffolding tower. There was a constant hub of activity at the Station Road end of school as children took it in turns to bring a rather drab wall to life with a collection of colourful murals. On Friday the village rocked to the heady sound of "junk funk", a session where children literally made music out of old bits of rubbish. Those who preferred a more hi-tech approach spent a morning recording their efforts in the "sound studio". Even the pre-school children were entertained with their own range of activities in the crèche.

Playscheme has become an established item on the village calendar and has consistently grown in appeal, culminating in record numbers this year. It's not possible to run something on this scale without the help of volunteers and we are all extremely grateful to those villagers, parents, relatives and friends who gave their support. Special thanks also go to Marshall's Airport, Cambridgeshire Police and Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service, particularly the latter for helping to cool the children down with a hose demonstration on the last day!

Finally, on behalf of the many parents whose children had a ball, our thanks go to a small team of dedicated organisers who worked so hard to make the week such a success. Dee Noyes, Mandy Kingsmill, Tracy Jeacock, Jo Pumfrey, Mark Lewinski, Liz Tabecka, Sue Wade, Trish Norman and Kathy Judge certainly earned their celebratory post-playscheme drink at the Red Lion!

Here's to next year ...

Ann Hubbard

BURWELL MUSIC CIRCLE

Janet Cooper presented a most enjoyable programme of Summer Music at the Music Circle in August. We heard from Fats Wailer, Chris Barber, through Bernstein and Strauss and on to Beethoven and Mozart with many more in between.

If you like listening to music why not join us. We meet in the Day Centre in Parsonage Close, Burwell on the 2nd Friday of each month, 7.30 to 9.30 and it costs just £1 including refreshments.

Each month a member presents a programme of music, either by a chosen

composer or on a set theme or just favourite pieces they enjoy listening to. There is a great deal of variety and we never know what it will be, but it is always a very pleasant evening.

Betty Prime



R&SP Community Network

The First Annual General Meeting of the Reach and Swaffham Prior community broadband project, now renamed “R&SP Community Network” so that the name fits in the bank’s computer, was held at Reach Community Centre on Wednesday 10th September. A committee of 4 from Reach and 3 from Swaffham Prior was elected:

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|-------------------------|------------|
| Mr D Summers (Re) | Chair |
| Mr M Goodchild (Re) | Vice Chair |
| Mr R Hollingsworth (SP) | Treasurer |
| Mr B Short (Re) | Secretary |
| Mrs J Aspin (Re) | |
| Mr G Cotner (SP) | |
| Mr J Matheson (SP) | |

The wording of the constitution, member’s agreement and service agreement was agreed and these will be recirculated to members. Ian Hill and Dave Summers were granted honorary life membership in recognition of their work in starting the project and subsequently providing much of the technical support.

Ian Hill then gave a talk explaining the implications of Drakken’s takeover by Mistral. Mistral have agreed to continue to provide the project’s connection to the rest of the Internet at a special preferential rate. Some of the equipment formerly provided by Drakken for the project will become the project’s property (and responsibility). This will allow the project to run its own email and web server.

After the Treasurer’s report (outlook good) there was a lively and very useful discussion of connection charges with these being agreed at:

- Initial Installation: £250 (standard) or £300 (high gain aerial)
- Monthly rental (home or business): £20
- Guaranteed bandwidth option: £75/month/64kbit
- High usage fee: £5/Gbyte over standard 5Gbyte monthly allowance
- Extra IP address: £10/month
- Extra email address: £10 one-off fee (after initial 2 free)
- Special firewall settings (eg for Web servers): £10 one-off fee

The most controversial issues were whether business and home users should be charged the same (yes) and how to prevent excessive use either by businesses avoiding paying for the guaranteed bandwidth option or home users who might degrade the service available to everyone else (high usage charge introduced).

James Matheson



LADIES CIRCLE

On Monday evening 28th July the Ladies Circle had a tour round Swaffham Prior Windmill. Jonathan the owner met us and gave us a short talk on the history of the windmill. We were reminded that it was previously owned by the Fosters which brought back many memories for some of us who have lived in Swaffham Prior for a number of years. And of course the last resident being Mike Bulleid who started to restore the windmill some years ago.

We then climbed the steep ladders to see the 'workings' of the machinery that grinds the flour. The highlight of the evening was witnessing the sails whizzing round and round - we were lucky there was a good breeze that night!! It was quite exciting to watch I must admit.

Everyone found the evening very interesting and many members left with arms full of flour, muesli, recipe books and postcards.

We finished the evening off with refreshments at the home of Mary Cook.

Sandra Butcher



WI Notes

'Fresh Food Ideas' was the title of the talk given by Mr.Christenson at our August meeting. This took the form of a demonstration of the 'Daily Classic' food mixer, a remarkable piece of equipment which is quite small and easy to manage. Mr.Christenson made: cream using only skimmed milk; raspberry mousse; pate; freshly squeezed orange juice using peel, pips etc. We were given tasters of all of these.

He also demonstrated a small light-weight 'Supervac' which could be carried by a shoulder strap yet would do all the jobs of a large vacuum cleaner. And he had some massage cushions which would cure your backache when you'd done all these jobs! Several of our members made purchases.

Our September meeting turned out to be a great disappointment as the speaker failed to turn up. Apparently despite many phone calls and a map she went to Swaffham in Norfolk! This was very embarrassing as some of our husbands had joined us hoping to hear about the Mildenhall Air Base.

I am sure we shall have much better luck next month when, on 20th October, we are to have a talk and demonstration of 'Weekenders' clothes. Again we are inviting anyone interested - ladies only this time. For £2 you can enjoy seeing and trying on the autumn and winter fashions. So come and join us at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Betty Prime.

For Sale

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STAINED HUNDRED

The new season of meetings began on Wednesday with a talk by Honor Ridout on Stourbridge Fair. The first record of the Fair is in 1211 but it may have started earlier and it continued, with steadily declining importance, until 1933. It was an enormous commercial Fair which attracted traders from all over England. It was held on the area between the River Cam and Newmarket Road, with Garlic Row being the centre thoroughfare. In the earlier days it was well outside Cambridge near the Leper Hospital whose monks organized it until it was taken over by the Town Authorities. The Leper Hospital had gone by the end of the 13th century but the Chapel remained and was used for storage and later as one of the 25-30 outlets for alcohol! The Fair began on Bartholomew's Day, August 24th and ended on September 29. First the carpenters would move in to put up the booths which all had their allotted place. The bigger ones would have a shop, protected by a canopy over the front where customers could browse and living quarters in the back. Outside this period, the land reverted to the various landlords and the Freeman of the town each had a booth which they could use or sell to someone else. Mrs Ridout talked mainly about the 18th Century Fair as the only map of the Fair was made in 1725. This showed that on the South side of the Newmarket Road was the Great Square which was surrounded by booths selling cloth and clothes manufactured in the North of England, and white leather goods. East Anglian wool was sold near the chapel. On both sides of Newmarket Road were the luxury goods in Cheapside, silks, fine china, coffee and expensive groceries sold by London traders. The book sellers, leather goods and basket work were nearby and by the river were the coal merchants, timber sales, coarse pottery, and ironware. There was a good trade in hops and cheese The horse fair was very important and occupied part of the Common. The present Oyster Row reminds us that oysters were not luxury food in those days. The Fair would be opened by the Mayor heading a great procession of around 120, many in coaches. The Town imposed a levy of 5 shillings per coach for the duration of the Fair to pay for the wear and tear on the roads. Many of them were London taxis as it was found it be more lucrative for the drivers to spend this period in Cambridge. An enormous booth would house a visiting theatrical company which put on a number of different plays but this ended in 1804 with a disastrous fire and after that the Festival Theatre was built.

Mrs Ridout was thanked by Maureen Rogers, who chaired the Meeting. The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on October 8th when Ms Gill Shapland will be talking about "St Andrew the Less, the other side of Cambridge."

For Sale

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EDUCATION

Summer holidays and exam results always co-incide. This year's Bottisham Village College GCSE record was excellent - the second best ever, with two thirds of pupils passing with 5 grades or more A (star) to C. The BVC's in depth education shows up with a nearly complete sweep for the A(star) to G grade. Congratulations to the pupils, parents and staff concerned. The future also must be bright after the best SAT's results ever at the lower level.

That was the good news; the Cambs Director of Education has just reported that shortage of money is expected to cause problems this year as usual. To do all that the Government would like - the usual direct school obligations but also expanding nursery and youth service and reducing teachers' workloads - would force us to spend 10% more. Cambridgeshire has not got this large sum so it is lobbying the Government to be a good deal more realistic in its grant award in December for the year 2004/5.

ENVIRONMENT

The latest Assessment of Air Quality in the county came to my Environment Development Group just after my last magazine report. Fortunately, the news is fairly good in that all air quality objectives were likely to be met except, locally, in parts of Cambridge, e.g. Drummer Street.

Extra monitoring equipment will be added to existing A14 installations. **Nitrogen dioxide** levels are still higher than desired in the City and will remain so till 2010. The County Council will do what it can to restrict inessential traffic which is a major contributor. Park & Ride has helped already. There are some temporary problems with **Sulphur dioxide** but these will be eliminated as old fashioned boilers are replaced.

On the **roads** subject most people will, I expect, appreciate the installation of lights at the **Bell Road, Bottisham / A1303** junction. After seeing how this affects drivers' behaviours a bollard will probably be installed in such a position that it will dissuade drivers from overtaking vehicles slowing to turn left into Bell Road.

The bend between **Longmeadow** and **Swaffham Bulbeck** (B1102) has now been reconstructed to reduce the incidence of accidents. Reports so far indicate locals consider it is an improvement. That said, I understand there are some idiots who are trying to see how fast they can drive round it! The slab wall built on the **Swaffham Bulbeck Park End** part of the High Street will improve the footway for walkers. The main point of the change is to prevent slumping of the field edge and to push back vegetation encroachment. Not beautiful but practical.

Tidying up the awful mess from unofficial rubbish dumping in **Heath Road, Burwell**, has been achieved with the help of East Cambs. District Council. I support the idea of a restrictive "bund" on the bend.

Lastly, we now have a 2-man gang of rapid road menders in East Cambs. to fill

pot holes, cut back overgrowing vegetation and take down illegal signs. I hope the system works better than hitherto.

James Fitch



**EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE
DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**From our District
Councillor**

Planning issues often cause concern, so I thought I'd outline how the system works. Anyone can make a planning application, even if there are restrictions on how the land can be used or if the applicant does not own the land. All they have to do is deposit the right paperwork, with their fee, at East Cambs Planning Department. The application is checked for completeness, logged and allocated to a Planning Officer. Details are sent to the Parish Council and anyone with land next to the site for which planning permission is sought, asking for their comments within 21 days. Other government bodies are also consulted where relevant, eg the Environment Agency, the County Council Highways Department and the Police. If the application is in a Conservation Area, a notice is put up and the application is advertised in a local newspaper.

Anyone is welcome to comment on a Planning Application. Any correspondence, whether by letter or e-mail is a public document. I get a weekly list of planning applications which gives a short description of every application across East Cambs. And every 6 weeks I get a list of all the Planning decisions. Most Planning decisions are taken by the officer, some automatically go to Committee, eg if the officer is recommending an application which is against the Local Plan. Others can go to Committee if the Parish Council and/or the District Councillor ask that it should and give good reasons. Less controversial cases may go to mediation where senior officers and the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee take the decision. All comments are considered before deciding an application, if the case goes to mediation or Committee the officer summarises the comments in their paper.

At Planning Committee the applicant, the Parish council and a representative of the objectors can each have 3 minutes to put their case. The Committee is made up of members of the Council who have to decide the case at the meeting. You can write to them with your views but they are advised not to attend meetings with applicants or objectors and they cannot give a view before the meeting, as the law describes that as 'fettering their decision' and requires them not to take part in the discussion or the vote on that application.

Once a decision is made on an application, only the applicant can appeal to have the decision changed. If they appeal, the application is considered by an Inspector appointed by central government. S/he will contact everyone who commented on the application and invite them to comment further. S/he will normally visit the site and will then make the final decision. S/he can overturn the Council's decision and

award costs against the council and fine them if s/he feels the decision was unreasonable. Objectors can complain to the Local Government Ombudsman if they feel the process was not followed properly. S/he can fine the Council if s/he finds against it and award payment to the objector. The only way for objectors to change the decision is Judicial Review which can find that the Council made the wrong decision. They can overturn the decision and the Council then has to pay damages to the objectors and the applicants. If you want to comment on an application it is helpful if you copy me in on your comments. If I feel there is sufficient local concern I will ask for the application to be considered by Committee. I can also ensure that other relevant people are asked to comment on any specific concerns, eg County Highways on traffic safety concerns.

As one of the UK's fastest growing Districts, we are receiving an increasing number of planning applications. In 2000 we received 1,000 planning applications. This year we expect to receive 1,400 applications - that's nearly 6 new applications every working day. Despite this increasing workload, there has been an improvement in the number of applications which we decide within the time set by Central Government. Since April this year we have decided 74% of major applications in 13 weeks, 69% of minor applications in 8 weeks and 90% of all other cases, including householder, in 8 weeks. My concern is that the pressure to meet government targets may sometimes lead to less time for proper public consultation. But if we don't meet government targets we will lose funding, and we could see central government intervening directly in how we manage development control.

The Council has joined the Government's national planning website, the "Planning Portal". This allows people to complete a planning application on their computer then print it off and post it, along with their plans, to the Authority. The Portal also offers a wide range of information about planning, both nationally and relating specifically to our district. We will develop this further so that planning applications can be completed and submitted electronically. And our weekly lists of planning applications etc. will be available together with the full details of all planning applications, on our website. This will allow you to view an application and comment on line. The Portal can be visited at "<http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/wps/portal>".

In August I said that I hoped that you would have a Green Waste collection in Swaffham Prior by the end of September. Unfortunately, you will not. At a recent meeting to discuss next year's budget no funds were included for the Green Waste collection, which will not continue into next year unless other services are cut to provide the funding. Because of this uncertainty, officers have decided not to extend the scheme to parts of the District which do not already have the service.

Charlotte Cane

Garage Wanted

A Garage, garage space, or a barn in Swaffham Prior is required. If you can help, please phone Barbara Dennis on 743939.

Notes from the Parish Council September Meeting

Mr Andrew Camps chaired the meeting with 3 members and 1 member of the Public.

Reports:

Councillor Fitch reported to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Councillor Cane. No report.

Matters Arising:

New Play Equipment: No further progress to date. Information on grants, etc., being sought. Further report next month.

Speedwatch Scheme: Kevin Glennon reported on the Speed Analysis Report by Christina Greaney of CCC.

Enhancement Scheme: It is proving difficult for ECDC/CCC to find contractors to complete this scheme. A letter is to be sent to both John Selby of ECDC and Chris Sproston of CCC emphasising the need to finish this work.

Budget Summary: This was circulated to all for information.

Parish Tour – report: Several items were noted:

Vegetation on the Village Hall driveway needs to be cut back.

The **hedgerow** near to the AWA works on Station Road is in need of cutting.

Recreation Ground – it was generally agreed that the condition of this area had improved. Some measures to control the rabbits on the field are needed in order to reduce the number of holes.

A request from a resident for a **rubbish bin** by the School gates was received. A letter will be sent to the Head Teacher of the School to confirm.

Barston Drove – a dumped vehicle plus other rubbish was noted. This has since been removed by ECDC.

Headlake Drove - travellers continue to dump burned out vehicles and other rubbish. This is continuously being removed by ECDC.

With reference to the **large heap of soil** behind Liberty Barns, Heath Road – it has been confirmed that all required permissions are in place and that this area will be cleared in due course.

Bales of hay continue to block the bridleway/track running along the side of the A14 to deter hare coursers.

Police Community Supports Officers: Further information was received and it was agreed to further discuss the P.C.'s views at next month's meeting. This topic is also to be included on the agenda of the Parish Forum at ECDC's offices. The Parish Council will be represented at this meeting.

Traffic Calming Measures, Mill Hill – *Interactive Signs*: Several reports of the signs not working correctly have been received. CCC Highways are aware and are monitoring all such schemes in the area.

Jointly Funded Minor Highways Improvements – 2004/05 Bidding Round: It was agreed to submit a bid for funds towards the installation of a traffic island on

Mill Hill to aid pedestrians in crossing this busy road.

Whiteway Drove – Travellers: A request to install a shallow ditch along the verges to deter illegal parking had been received. After discussion, the P.C. agreed this action with the proviso that access for horses and pedestrians is allowed for. The P.C. also noted that any action would have to be agreed with CCC Highways.

Correspondence Received: This was reported to the meeting.

Accounts for Payment: These were agreed.

Planning Applications: 7 Heath Road – *Proposed extension to house forming kitchen diner, utility, WC, study, entrance hall, bedroom, bathroom & en-suite.* There were no objections to this application.

Any Other Business: A hole found in the ground to the front of the Village Hall was reported to the Clerk. Andrew Camps agreed to check on this and make safe.

Open Question Time: There were no questions.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday, 9th October 2003 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Karen King, Clerk of the Parish Council

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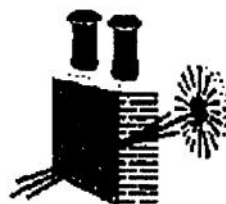
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From John Morrill, Deacon to the Roman Catholic Community

My apologies for the long silence. I have just been too busy for my own good. Like so many people in my age group, I have new responsibilities for elderly and dying parents and I am up and down to Manchester every other week. The emotional and physical strain - and the sheer loss of a couple of days from my other commitments - are forcing me into some tough choices over priorities, and I fear this column has been one of the victims. We have reached a plateau up in the north and I have made other adjustments, so I hope normal business as far as the Crier is concerned can now be resumed. Indeed I have a backlog of things I am keen to write about, suitably eclectic, I hope! - my experiences in Japan and Korea, the history of pub signs, one or two other pieces of local history as well as the changes in the parish - but forgive me if there are the occasional blips.

The urgent reason for writing this month is to alert Catholics (and anyone else who is interested) to the changes that are taking place. Fr John Drury retired to the West of Ireland (lucky man!) back in August, Fr Paul semi-retires to the Pennines on 6 October, and Fr Michael Griffin (who was with us while Fr Paul was on sabbatical for 6 months about three years ago) arrives to take over as Parish Priest. Since (for the foreseeable future) he will be the only priest, there will have to be changes in Mass times. At its simplest, he cannot say Mass simultaneously in Newmarket and Kirtling. It is likely that there will be a reduction of Masses from five to four, a Saturday evening 'Vigil' Mass in Newmarket and two Masses on a Sunday in Newmarket and one in Kirtling at times to be agreed after consultation. This will happen pretty quickly and I hope to be able to announce them here next month.

Meanwhile, the long-announced and much delayed Waitrose development seems set to begin over the next three months. Initially, we will lose the Presbytery and office and most of our parking. Later, we will lose our Hall and then there will be a three-month period while the church is out-of-action and a 12-month period while our new Hall and pastoral centre is being built. At some point during that period we will receive the new land from the current Ambulance Station and Fire Station that will mean at the end of the chaos we will have (a) as much usable land as at present (b) a church with new heating, lighting, sound and rethought liturgical space (c) a new and better Hall and offices, meeting rooms etc. But in the meanwhile there will be much disruption and I know we will be hoping our ecumenical friends may be able to help us out at times.

On my last day in Japan, 20 minutes in fact before I was due to leave for the airport, a Japanese student approached me at my farewell party. She said: 'I believe you are a Catholic minister'. I explained briefly that I was and she said: 'I want to become a Christian'. How I dealt with this in the time I had might be worth exploring, but for now I will just say this. Bricks and mortar and sacred spaces matter, but in the end the church is people who reveal Jesus to one another. So I must not let the disruptions blind me or any readers of this column to that fact.



Church of England Services

October 2003

| | ST MARY'S Swaffham Prior | ST MARY'S Swaffham Bulbeck | Bottisham |
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| Sun 5 | 11:00am Holy Communion | 8:00am Holy Communion 9:30am Harvest Festival | 11:00am Holy Communion |
| Sun 12 | 8:00am Holy Communion [†] 11:00am Harvest Festival | 9:30am Holy Communion | 11:00am Holy Communion |
| Sun 19 | 11:00am Holy Communion | 9:30am Village Communion | 11:00am Holy Communion |
| Sun 26 | 11:00am Matins | 9:30am Holy Communion | 8:00am Holy Communion 11:00am Family Service |

[†] Book of Common Prayer

News from St. Mary's Church.

Sadly, we have had to remove the prayer candle stand from the church, due to the abuse of matches and candles over the summer. Please do contact David Lewis or Roger Bowen if you would like prayers said for a cause near to you. Or indeed if you would like a visit. Hopefully all those taking exams this year had the results that they needed, and that all goes well for them in the next academic year. We are looking forward to seeing lots of people at the Harvest Service on October 12 and at the Gift Day lunch that will follow after the 11.00 a.m. Family Service. You would be made very welcome (= bring and share lunch).

Tricia Harrison.

Dear Friends,

What a wonderful Summer we have had. Day after day of bright, warm sunshine. Have you noticed, though, that increasingly the weather forecasters have been apologising for the lack of rain. Pauline and I have particularly noticed the lack of rain this year, because we have moved from one of the wettest parts of the country (Plymouth) to one of the driest. Almost everyone would rather have sunshine than showers. But just imagine what our world would be like if it never rained again.

An example of such a place is in Northern Chile. Franklin Elmer, Jr., described a region between the great Andes mountain range and the Pacific Ocean where rain never falls. He wrote: "Morning after morning the sun rises brilliantly over the tall mountains to the east; each noon it shines brightly down from overhead; evening brings a picturesque sunset. Although storms are often seen raging high in the mountains, and heavy fog banks are observed far out over the sea, the sun continues to shine on this favoured and protected strip of land. One could easily imagine this area to be an earthly paradise; but it is not. Instead, it is a sterile and desolate desert! There are no streams of water, and nothing grows there."

All too often we long for total sunshine and joy in life. We want to be rid of burdensome responsibilities, to be free of cares and woes. But, like that sunny, unfertile part of Chile, life without its difficulties, its burdens and its trials would not be creative, productive, or challenging. We need rain and showers as well as sunshine.

The storm clouds of suffering may at times blot out the sun and threaten to engulf us. But the trusting Christian recognizes that in God's wise design and under His sovereign control they actually bring showers of blessing. As Douglas Mallock so beautifully puts it in his poem:

*The tree that never had to fight
For sun and sky and air and light,
Never became a forest king,
But lived and died a common thing.
The man who never had to toil,
Who never had to win his share
Of sun and sky and light and air,
Never became a manly man,
But lived and died as he began.
Good timber does not grow on ease.
The stronger wind, the tougher trees,
The farther sky, the greater length,
By sun and cold, by rain and snow,
In tree, or man, good timber grows.*

May God bless you all.

Rev'd David Lewis

Dates for Your Diary - October 2003

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| Wed | 1 | |
| Wed | 8 | Staine Hundred, “ <i>St Andrew the Less</i> ”, 7:30pm |
| Thu | 9 | PC, Village Hall, 7:30pm |
| Fri | 10 | Burwell Music Centre, Burwell Day Centre, 7:30-9:30pm |
| Sat | 11 | Jumble Sale, Bottisham Village College, 2:00pm |
| Tue | 14 | Crier Copy Deadline Mobile Library, Cage Hill 2:40-3:30, Chapel 3:35-4:00pm Village School Harvest Festival, St Mary’s, 2:00pm |
| Thu | 16 | <i>Round and Round the Garden</i> , Bottisham Players, (until 18th) 8:00pm |
| Fri | 17 | Village School Disco (primary school age), Village Hall, 7:00-9:30pm |
| Mon | 20 | WI, Weekenders Clothes, Village Hall, 7:30pm |
| Fri | 24 | Quy Art Exhibition, Quy Village Hall (until 26th) |
| Sat | 25 | Apple Festival, Ely, 10:30 am until 3:30 pm |
| Tues | 28 | Mobile Library, Cage Hill 2:40-3:30, Chapel 3:35-4:00pm |
| Thu | 30 | Crier Collating, Village Hall, 2:30pm |
| Fri | 31 | |

| Weekly Events | | |
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| Sun | | 11am, Boules, VH Car park |
| Tue | | 2.30-3.30, Baby & Toddler Group, Zion Baptist Ch Jamsing, 10-10.45 (0-18mnths), 11-11.45 (18-38mnths), VH Water Colour For Beginners, 1- 4pm VH 7-8.30pm, Youth Club |
| Wed | | Cubs, Village School, 6pm 0pm. Scouts, 7.45-9.15, School |
| Thu | | Messy Play, 2.30-3.15, VH 2.30-4.30pm VH Teas. 7-8.30pm Karate, VH. 7-10pm, Youth Club, |