



# The Swaffham Crier

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## Editorial

**CALLING ALL DOG-WALKERS**—your services are required. *Church Services*, as it happens. This summer is seeing an outbreak of church raids (25 and counting) by lead-pinchers, opportunistic thieves and vandals generally. In July, Prior's St Mary's was hit. We need to be vigilant, so...

...when you take your dog for its morning/evening/midday prowl, consider a stroll through the church-yard. You never know who you might see, but if they claim to be fixing the gutters, *don't believe it*—see our report on page 8.

This month sees a new reporter at the PC desk, David Greenfield, and you can read all about the above-board and honourable ways the *Crier* uses to recruit in his article. Ho yes, the King's Shilling-in-the-tankard trick has nothing on us....

Our problem is, we **really need** new reporters: lots happen in this village, and every month the editors are faced with a choice missing things, or trying to report themselves.

This cannot last. readers, we have enough to do fighting with our new super-improved System

Upgrade (many apologies for lateness, poor reproduction, funny margins etc: *never again*). **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED.** Any help, even on an occasional basis, would be so much appreciated: **please get in touch.**

Meanwhile, we hear that teams are queuing up to participate in Tim Doe's Cage Hill Go-Kart competition (soap-box? Isn't that USA?) and that the potential *target* (how far you can roll from Cage Hill) is—wait for it—the Allix Arms!

August marks the start of the *Crier* holiday. Before we go, we'd just like to especially thank everyone who have given **donations** to the Crier this year. These are greatly appreciated! Your free *Crier* cost us s 76p to produce, and its costs are by no means entirely covered by advertising.

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Happy holidays all,  
and see you in October!

**Caroline Matheson**

**Cover Picture: Molly by David Gentleman.** (See page 10)



## Letters to the Editors



Dear Editors,

### **The Bradley Family in Yorkshire**

My name is Frances Jenkinson (nee Bradley) and although I now live in Thornton Dale, North Yorkshire, I was born in Swaffham Prior and my father, Walter Bradley, lived in the village most of his life. He is now 83 and living near us in Pickering. He is still in contact with many of his friends and he keeps up with village news through the Crier.

St Mary's Church is very important to our family - it was where I was confirmed and married and where our children, Helen and Richard, were christened. It was also where we held a memorial service four years ago for my much loved mum, Joan Bradley, who had worked as a teaching assistant at the school for twenty years. This connection to the church is the main reason we wish to highlight Richard's new business through the Crier.

Richard is a professional singer/songwriter who will record a personalised lullaby on CD which is suitable for playing at a Christening or for soothing a baby to sleep. 'Your Song' is unique to the UK market and we believe it would be of interest to your readers. My father and I would like to support the church in its fundraising efforts by donating £5 from every sale generated by this publicity.

For further details please visit the website: [www.yoursong.uk.com](http://www.yoursong.uk.com) or email [info@yoursong.uk.com](mailto:info@yoursong.uk.com) or contact Frances on 01751 477449.

*Frances Bradley*

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Dear Editors,

### **April 21<sup>st</sup> Arthur Rank Appeal**

A great big THANK YOU to all the incredibly generous people who helped raise £1200 for the Arthur Rank Centre in April. You know who you are and you should know that your kindness is *greatly* appreciated by Martin Kemp, Hilary Sage and all who work for the Appeal.

*Hilary Sage*

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Dear Editors,

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning - Friday 28th September 2007**

Once again we are nearing the time of the Macmillan Coffee Morning and, as usual, it will be held at my house - The Oaks, Manor Farm Court, Lower End. The need to raise money for this cause is as necessary as ever and I do hope that as many of you as possible will be able to come and have a cup of coffee, a biscuit, a chat and spend, spend, spend! There will be a Raffle and also a Bring and Buy Stall of Home-made Cakes. I do hope that if you enjoy baking you will bring a cake. If baking is not your forte then will you please buy some cakes?

If you have never been to one of these coffee mornings then do come. It's a good occasion to meet new friends. The coffee morning will be from 10.30 am until

12 noon and it would be lovely to see as many of you as possible. If you are short of time then just pop in for a quick coffee and chat - it's all for a very good cause.

See you on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September!

*Ruth Scovil*

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Dear Editors,

### **The Good Old Days**

'The Good Old Days' shown on Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> proved a nostalgic record of important events in the village. Ably recorded by Ron Prime with apt and succinct narration, these films expertly led through the repair of the bells, millennium celebrations and the restoration of our landmark windmills.

The archival importance is great. Sighting of much loved villages keeps then remembered.

Thank-you, Ron and Betty. An enormous amount of work, but much impressed.

*Tricia*

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Dear Editors,

### **The Clock Bell**

I am flattered that Tom R, in the June *Crier*, should not only have noted anything I ever said but that he should remember it so accurately.

There were two issues being discussed at the time when the clock strike was being re-instated.

1). The architect of St. Cyriac's removed the clock bell from the top of the tower of this listed building during the 1988—onwards refurbishment. When it was agreed to return the strike to the clock **the architect refused to restore the clock bell to the position it had been in since 1798**. Instead it's been left to languish on the floor of the bell chamber while one of the ringing bells is used. The architect refused to budge and we lost that one.

2) We (mainly those in the High Street) lost out again over when the clock should strike. There was no compromise as Tom R suggests. We agreed that the clock should not strike throughout the night and proposed that it should ring from 7.00am to 10.00pm. This was rejected by Tom R's representative who, speaking on behalf of Tothill residents, maintained that it should ring from 8.00am to 8.00pm **BECAUSE people in Tothill Road like to lie in on Saturday/Sunday mornings and because children must not be kept awake after 8.00pm**. I'm sorry Tom R but there was no compromise and I'm surprised when you say the clock bell strikes at 7.00am. I'll give you a pint for every time it does strike at that time if you give me a pint for every time it doesn't.

BUT – let's have a real compromise, and an agreement. Why not have a 7.00am to 10.00pm strike? As it is only Tothill Road which objects perhaps the residents will express their views on this suggestion as strongly as they did over children and Coopers Green. And you will not be asked to contribute to the cost. What do you think?

*Alastair Everitt*

## From our Reporter at the Parish Council Meeting

This month, the *Crier* welcomes a brand new reporter to its pages: David Greenfield. In his very first report, you can read just how he was *head-hunted*....

LIKE MANY OTHERS I was very interested in attending the presentation by Ashwell Developments Limited of their proposals to develop the Water Tower Site. The presentation was organised to precede the Parish Council meeting and as you'd expect overran its 30 minute allocated window by nearly 20 minutes.

Having never attended our village Parish Council meeting I thought this would be an ideal opportunity to see the workings of those dedicated councillors who, from a personal point of view, I occasionally feel are taken for granted. With the meeting about to start, the members of the public just disappeared, leaving me and two others in the public gallery, so to speak. My mother warned me many, many years ago NOT to talk to strange men. So when one of the two members of the public, who I'd seen many times, both around the village and pictured in the *Crier*, asked if I could 'write things down' it was unlikely I'd say anything other than 'yea sure'. I remember this brought a smile to his face as he passed me the Agenda, Minutes of the Last Meeting and 6 sheets of blank paper, then promptly got up and left.



Now, on to the embarrassing bit.

I had no idea WHAT I was doing, WHAT I had to write down and only several hours later, when walking home with the other member of the public and two of the Parish Councillors, did I become aware of the role he'd roped me in to. But this was after the meeting – and therefore *too late*. Yes I was a little annoyed and embarrassed, for although I've lived in the village for three years and knew the name very well, I'd never been introduced to this Gentleman, so had never put 'the name to the face'. I know now it was not deliberate, just that OLD problem, assumption, assumption, assumption!

Now if you can put yourself in my place, with no idea of what I'm doing, the meeting was already on item 103, Reports from CCC & ECDC. I'm assuming there were the usual Apologies for Absence (item 100), Minutes of the Previous Meeting (item 101) and Members Declaration of Interest (item 102) but I missed them as I was still looking around not knowing what I was doing there.

The other problem I've not mentioned yet, is that not only did I not know the provider of the Agenda, Minutes of the Previous Meeting and the 6 pieces of paper

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(remember the Man my mother warned me about) but I only knew 6 of the 11 around the table, so by spending so much time trying to track who was doing the proposing and who was doing the seconding I started to develop a form of short hand that I might exploit commercially in the future, if I can remember how it works.

So after the *Crier* Copy deadline had passed, with still no contact telling me what to do with the copious notes I'd taken, was I really surprised to learn I was supposed to have written everything up. No not really. Fortunately, I had three back copies of the *Crier* so was quickly able to establish what was expected of me. This introduced another dilemma. With the Parish Council Clerk writing 'Notes from the Parish Council Meeting' also in the *Crier* I wasn't sure how I could report the first two issues in the CCC Report. It seems that the Mobile Libraries are being reduced from 8 to 6 with August be-

ing the end of the consultation period and that grants that were given to the Citizens Advise Bureau aren't going to be given any more and numbers like £7M or was it £9M (perhaps my short hand hasn't a commercial future) being presented but it was still being debated, so that's alright then. My point is that the Clerk's Report will tell you all this detail. Therefore, is my responsibility to inform you of the things that are between the lines. If so it can only be the way I see it and not necessarily the way you would.

Now this approach interests me, not because I'm not interested in a specific subject, examples being The Traffic Calming / Safety Measures on Mill Hill or the Travellers on Headlake Drove, because believe me I am, but because I can only tell you my impression of the problem that won't be written up by the Clerk.

In the Travellers discussions which followed Geoffrey Woollard asked both the CCC (Hazel) and the ECDC (Allen) representative if the 'follow up' agreed at the last meeting, about the Travellers Headlake Drove had been followed up. I'm still not sure whether it had or not, but words like 'extremely difficult', 'evidence needed', and 'Law of the Land' were free flowing. It was clear to me that even after the agreed discussion with the Travellers Liaison Officer, nothing would change and we'd go through it all again next time and the time after and that nothing will change until the 'Human Rights Act' is written out of UK Law or there is a balance between the Individual and the Group.

As Hazel needed to leave the meeting, it was proposed that two agenda items be moved forward so Hazel could be involved. These (items 108 and 109) concerned the Road Safety Measures / Traffic Calming on Mill Hill and Jointly Funded Minor Highways Improvements. This had been a major area of discussion at the Pre PC



*Parish Councillors talking to Cambridgeshire County Council's Kevin Hall in a June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss Mill Hill traffic calming.*

meeting regarding the development of the Water Tower Area and a lot of the same issues were discussed and proposals put. By now I'm starting to realise what an old cynic I really am as I'm sure I'm hearing the same phrases used during the Travelers Issue - 'extremely difficult', 'evidence needed', and 'Law of the Land'. It's still an enigma to me that I come across speed bumps the size of houses and other measures elsewhere but we [the village] can't have a speed reduction system which works. It was obvious to me that nothing will happen until it's too late. It was agreed to adopt Hazel's suggestion to write to a Senior Officer in CCC and ask for their Help in resolving the problem, rather than giving them potential solutions that they just say no to – Hazel then left.

It was now the turn of ECDC and Allen commenced by explaining the change to the recycling dates and the consequential pile up of peoples recycling, because they hadn't read the attached letter with the leaflet, so your fault then; assurance had been given that all would be perfect on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>, some commitment if you are slightly superstitious.

Allen informed the meeting that 100 x Badges (@50p) and 200 x Car Stickers (free) were now available for the 'Don't Ditch our Lodes' campaign. However the real positive escalation in the campaign was to be a Motion to Maintain the Lodes to be proposed by Allen and seconded by Hazel at the forthcoming full ECDC meeting. The discussions over the Lodes merged with the National Trust and were quite emotive, rightly so. Having been one of the millions who signed a petition on the Governments (PM) Website about Road Charging to have it totally ignored by the Government I feel it's a David and Goliath battle and we won't win; this doesn't mean I'm suggesting we do nothing, because I'm not. Although it grieves me to say so, I think I agree with Allen's belief that the NT and their 'Wicken Vision' was going to happen and the way forward was to influence their direction. The Chairman also agreed the best way forward was to influence the NT and it was decided to continue bringing a number of PC's together with a joint committee to have maximum influence.

The meeting proceeded at a pace with a number of minor issues (to me anyway), some procedural until we arrived at the point on the Agenda (item 112) - High Street Signs and House Numbering. It seems that, even though the signs weren't asked for and had been erected in the wrong places, the EDCD still required the PC to write to them identifying the problems so they can enter into the consultation process required in such circumstances. At this point I'm not sure which Parish Councillor had the most 'steam' coming from ears and elsewhere, but the gist was – the EDCD caused the problem, so they can rectify it. It was also noted that some of the signs had been vandalised although I'm not sure the word 'vandalised' is correct as they were apparently uprooted and surely you can't vandalise something that should not be there in the first place, or do signs have 'Sign Rights'.

There were at least another 10 items on the Agenda that I've not mentioned, each being important in its own right and I'm sure will be covered by the Clerks Report. I look forward, depending on the reaction to this Report, to attending my next Meeting and maybe Reporting It!

*David Greenfield*

**The Swaffham Prior  
Annual Harvest Show  
Saturday 15th  
September  
From 3.00pm**

*Special Attractions Include:*

- \* Cream Teas \*      \* Children's  
Refreshments \*  
\* Fun Competition \*

**GRAND AUCTION OF  
PRODUCE  
4.00pm**

**Classes for the Children include:**

- \* Happy Faces Biscuits \*    \* A Vegetable or Fruit Animal \*  
\* An Original Lego/Knex (or similar) Model \*

*See page 18 for Full Entry Details*



# ST MARY'S BURGLARS NET THIRTY QUID

ON THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> July, St Mary's Church was broken into in smash-and-grab style. But after a great deal of *smash*, a side-door and vestry door were forced, the safe ripped from the wall and its door painstakingly bent back, there was then not a lot of *grab*: the contents yielded only £34.

Of course, the damage will cost considerably more than that to repair. Very little money is ever left in the church, and the PCC will be reconsidering the wisdom of leaving any at all. Given this event, however, we are now almost certainly on the ne'er-do-well's visiting list.

PLEASE BE VIGILANT. IF YOU SEE ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY AROUND THE CHURCH, RECORD ANY DESCRIPTIONS, NUMBER-PLATES AND CONTACT VERGER ANDREW CAMPS (741018) OR THE POLICE. THERE IS **NO BUILDING WORK** PLANNED FOR EITHER ST MARY'S OR ST. CYRIAC'S. ANY LADDERS, VANS ETC SHOULD BE REPORTED IMMEDIATELY.

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## Don't Ditch Our Lodes

EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL has given a great boost to the 'Don't Ditch Our Lodes!' campaign. The Council last night passed unanimously a special motion as follows:

**"That this Council, conscious that the Cambridgeshire Lodes represent an important historical and recreational feature of the District of East Cambridgeshire, deplores any moves that might lead to the Environment Agency lowering or ditching any of the Lodes. And urges the Agency, following its current review of options for the future, to continue its policy of maintaining all of the Lodes as at present."**

The proposal was made by Councillor Allen Alderson (Conservative, The Swaffhams) and it was seconded by Councillor Hazel Williams (Liberal Democrat, Burwell). Councillor after Councillor spoke in favour, and the result was a massive



and unanimous expression of support for the continued maintenance of The Cambridgeshire Lodes, more particularly Bot-tisham Lode, Swaffham Bulbeck Lode, Reach Lode, Burwell Lode and Wicken Lode.

Geoffrey Woollard, a former County and District Councillor and a leader of the 'Don't Ditch Our Lodes!' campaign, said afterwards:

"This was a marvellous result for a mo-



mentous motion and I cannot recall any earlier occasion when a special motion has been passed unanimously and in this way. I pay tribute to the diligence and eloquence of Councillors Allen Alderson and Hazel Williams who have both done sterling work in persuading their colleagues to support the cause: they did a great job.

"It would be good now to get Cambridgeshire County Council to give their support for keeping The Cambridgeshire Lodes. I hope that our County Councillors can get cracking, and the sooner the better. We already have the support of Mr James Paice, M.P. for South East Cambridgeshire.

"Of course, there was an elephant in the room last night and nobody dared mention its name. I dare. Its name is The National Trust. In my opinion, if it had not been for The National Trust's plans to buy up and partially to flood some 10,000 acres of rich fen land in the Swaffham Internal Drainage Board's area, this issue would not be causing so much concern to so many people. The National Trust says that 'lowering' some of The Lodes would be 'acceptable.' Lowering is much the same as ditching. And ditching The Lodes is what we are against.

"In The Environment Agency's £200,000 'Scoping Report,' it is clearly stated: **'The strategy [for the future of The Cambridgeshire Lodes] will be influenced by the National Trust's long term plan to acquire 3,700 hectares of land ..... Known as the Wicken Vision, the project will cover all of the land through which the lodes pass.'** And, **'The lodes themselves are major infrastructure features, and it should be noted that stability of the lodes may become an increasing problem as the groundwater levels rise under the Wicken Vision.'**

"I was also very pleased to hear Councillors urging others to sign the on-line E-Petition, which is to be found at -

<http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/OurLODES/>

and reads as follows:

**"We the undersigned petition the Prime Minister to ensure that the Cambridgeshire Lodes don't get ditched! Some 30 years ago, a successful campaign was waged to save The Cambridgeshire Lodes, ancient canals of probable Roman origin - principally Bottisham, Swaffham Bulbeck, Reach, Burwell and Wicken Lodes - which were threatened by the then authorities. A decision was made to maintain and to preserve The Lodes. Such is the situation today: The Lodes have been maintained and preserved. But new documents indicate that The Environment Agency has commissioned a 'scoping report' costing some £200,000 and that it is looking critically at The Lodes, an option again being that of converting all or some of them into ditches. The old campaign slogan - 'Don't Ditch Our Lodes!' - is just as relevant now as it was in the 1970s. A new factor is The National Trust's plans to buy up and partially to flood some 10,000 acres of rich fen land and the Trust says that 'lowering' some of The Lodes would be 'acceptable.' Lowering is much the same as ditching. The Swaffham Internal Drainage Board and Swaffham Prior Parish Council support The Lodes being maintained. But the Philistines could be triumphant if their opponents are inactive. So, this is a call to those with influence to use it!"**

# Isobel Bryant

FOR THE LAST 45 YEARS my mother, Isobel, has been a more or less familiar figure in Swaffham Prior. She walked her black and tan miniature dachshund "Chippy" round the village almost daily from 1984 until he died in 1998, despite the fact that she covered many miles a week doing walking tours of the Cambridge colleges. She opened her garden to the public during at least one 'open village' event and did a guided tour of the village. She served several main courses at Moveable Feasts.

Unfortunately her memory began to give her trouble in 2000 and she had to give up her tours soon after. In late 2003 it was clear that she needed help in the house and after a few months with mealtime help we advertised in the Crier and 2 girls took it in turns to stay the night. One of these, Joanna from Poland, was later able to work longer and when she went back to university to get her second master's degree she found another Polish girl

(Magda) who stayed until Mid 2006. Ivana was then recruited from Slovakia via the internet but by the end of April she was finding it difficult and I realised that it would be difficult to find a replacement as I was having trouble myself doing one 24 hour spell per week. As Isobel now doesn't know where she is at any time I thought I would try her in a nursing home. Oddly She used to complain daily that "This is not my house" when in her own home, she has only said this once to me since she has been in the nursing home.

She is now in **The Churchill Suite at The Cambridge Nursing Centre, 5 High Street Chesterton Cambridge.**

It is tragic that she is now so unable to know where she is yet until she was compelled to retire at the age of 72 in 1994, Isobel was able to find her way around the whole of the UK including the far North of Scotland. Much of this was on her own with no mobile phone, covering 25000 miles a year working for "Wolsey Lodges", the business she co-founded which is still going today.

May I take this opportunity to thank all of those residents of Swaffham Prior who have helped mother over the years especially those who have looked after her or taken her home when she got lost.

*John Bryant*

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## The Cover Picture

THIS MONTH the cover features *Molly* who is a bit miffed at the bureaucratic nonsense farmers often suffer from those on high. But for the uncertain weather and harvest-demands, our Agriculture Correspondent would have supported Molly's picture and views with the inside story of a farmer's life today. It will feature later.

Meanwhile Molly is a bit fed up. They have just appointed Hilary Benn – a VEGETARIAN – as Secretary of State for DEFRA. This is the man who “very strongly supported” the fox hunting ban. And they now want to use Molly's food to fuel motor cars with the windows shut and the air conditioning on.

Where does this leave Molly? All will be revealed.

# A BOTTLE OF VERY FINE WINE

THE PEOPLE OF SWAFFHAM PRIOR are always very generous when donating bottles for the Village Feast. One exceptional bottle this year was a 1967 vintage – far too good for the Bottle Stall. So it is going to be auctioned at this year's Harvest Show. The details on the label are:-

Imported by Maison Oddbins de Londres et Bruxelles

1967

BORDEAUX SUPÉRIEUR

**Château Fontanet**

Appellation Bordeaux Supérieur Contrôlée

**M. Lacombe**

Propriétaire A St.-Philippe D'Aiguille (Gironde)

MIS EN BOTTEILLE DANS LA RÉGION DE PRODUCTION

Ets. George Frères, Négociants-Éleveurs A Bordeaux, France

I described the bottle to one lady who said "I bet it's 'Gawn Orf'" (I have no idea how it's been kept) and to a wine buff who said "any wine of that age must be interesting." So there you have it. There was an immediate offer of £5 followed by a later one of £10 because "it will make an interesting talking point" at a U3A cookery meeting.

All proceeds will go to the Village Hall and the final bidding will take place at the Harvest Show on September 15. In the meantime if anyone wishes to place a bid for this FORTY YEAR OLD WINE please phone me on 742974.

If the wine has "GAWN ORF" half the final bid price will be returned.

*Alastair Everitt*



## CONGRATULATIONS TO....

**John and Ruth Stinton who celebrated their**

**Ruby Wedding Anniversary last month.**

**They were married on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 1967, at  
the Zion Chapel.**

# QUIZ NIGHT

**Swaffham Prior Village Hall**

**7.30 pm ♣ Saturday**

*22nd September 2007*

**Tickets: £5 each ♣ To book a table contact**

**Jenny Brand ☎ (01638) 742161**

**or**

**Lynne Rand ☎ (01638) 741960**

**Jacket Potato Supper ♣ Raffle**

**Bring your own drinks and glasses**

**Proceeds in aid of St Mary's Church, Swaffham Prior**

We congratulate Robert and Julie Nunn, the winners of last month's competition, who should collect their prize certificate from the editors. Honourable mentions go to Shirley Wilkins and Dee Noyes.

## Bob Smith

BOB SMITH died on Tuesday, 17th July, aged 96. Born in Hilton, Bob lived in Greenhead Road and was a much loved figure in the village, winning the Gay Bulleid Award one year. He did many thoughtful things for his neighbours, including ferrying people to and from Chapel and spreading the gravel up Cage Hill as soon as the first frost arrived. We hope we will be able to publish a tribute in October's issue.

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## THAT MAN AGAIN

IT IS WITH SOME TREPIDATION and some forbearance by the Editor that I raise this subject again. But it is with good reason. Mark Rylance is coming to Cambridge. He was Artistic Director of Shakespeare's Globe Theatre from 1995 to 2005, he put the theatre on the map, and he achieved a "popular audience" of great numbers for Shakespeare. According to the *Guardian* he became "the last of the great actor-managers, while running the theatre" and "acquired the mastery of the space [at the Globe] that no other actor can match."

So he is something special. Yet, in spite of having made Shakespeare and the Globe a "must" for visitors to London he does not believe the Bard wrote the plays.

He is coming to the Arts Theatre in Cambridge and appearing in his own play "I am Shakespeare" in which, from the many author candidates, he has selected William Shakespeare, Francis Bacon, Earl of Oxford, and Mary Sidney to make their claims for being the author.

Sounds dull?!! Not a bit of it – Mark Rylance is the master of theatre, drama and humour. It will be worth seeing.

It plays from Monday 17 to Saturday 22 September and the only reason for mentioning this is because the subject has taken up space in the *Crier* and some people (though not all) are curious, and interested.

*Alastair Everitt*

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## St Cyriac's Update from The Churches Conservation Trust:

A FACULTY has now been obtained for the planned programme of work at St Cyriac's Church, which will include a kitchenette and improved electricity and lighting. It is hoped work will start in 2008.

Verity Stroud is no longer the Trust's representative for Swaffham Prior. All enquiries should now go to Kate Weaver: [kweaver@tcct.org.uk](mailto:kweaver@tcct.org.uk), 01603 666803. Verity sends her best wishes to all those who gave their time and energy to work with her and sincere thanks to everybody who sent her such kind and thoughtful goodbye letters.

Crossword Number 45

Sponsored by The Red Lion

Compiled by  
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A themed crossword for you this month. Clues marked \*\* are based on a theme and have no other definition. Clues marked \* are normal but loosely associated with the theme. Send your answers to the editors by 18 September (no September Crier) 2007. The first correct solution out of the hat will win a free meal at the Red Lion—See Michelle at the pub for full details.

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## Across

- 1 \*\* Reverse trick (10)  
 5 \*\*Rosy left decorously at sea (6)  
 9 Six crooked smiles from ten; wise or foolish? (7)  
 10 \*Tracking points; point caught two circles (7)  
 14 Girl has pain in both sides (6)  
 15 \*\*I tip crayon haphazardly (10)  
 16 Shakespeare's old trouble (3)  
 17 Entomb Oxonian in carton (3)  
 18 Workers' leader breaks oblong weapon (7)  
 20 Cheerful one of seven (5)  
 22 In debt, but married with ring (4)  
 24 Poet's late afternoon is not odd (4)  
 26 Catch loud note that is left within (5)  
 27 \*Unimportant 20D (7)  
 28 \*Continental pastime I (being French) lead you in it's reported (3)  
 31 Darwin's wife, invalid a local hospital was named for (3)  
 34 Misapprehension, osier removed from calligraphy (10)  
 35 Tightly squeeze the French in cold Northern church. (6)  
 36 Considered similar, to little Edward? (7)  
 38 \*Down 30D and up 38A (7)  
 39 \*Rook on board (6)  
 40 \*\*Cue rat-tail dislocation (10)

## Down

- 2 \*Dark time we hear with team-mate of 39A (6)  
 3 Girl, for example, Alan confused (6)

- 4 \*\*Contemporaneously, UN creates departure. Strange (8)  
 6 \*\*Floored, Fred absconded (3)  
 7 Prophet unlocked jail he visited (6)  
 8 \*\*Toss fifty black cabers (8)  
 11 \*\*Then toss big caber? (8)  
 12 Ropes start going under yellow structure (4)  
 13 Sulphur plus carbon unit for baked item (5)  
 19 Take X from this. Oh my! (4)  
 20 Chase in smallish untamed garden (4)  
 21 \*\*Inept Ace shuffling? (8)  
 23 \*\*Questionable guards with short height (8)  
 25 Number dined we're told (5)  
 26 Frivolous to toss quiet insect? (8)  
 29 Stone is no friend (4)  
 30 \*Bridge partners spill rice wine (6)  
 32 Mix one, two hundred and one and five hundred and one - basic answer? No (6)  
 33 Carpet roll wraps energy source (6)  
 37 Nought initially. Nothing is lost (3)

## Solution to crossword no. 44

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# Know your Left Hand from your Right Hand

THIS turned out to be especially necessary when Ian de Massini gave yet another of his dazzling solo concerts on Sunday 1st July. The audience had arrived early and sat in a circle around the piano. Six o'clock struck and right on cue a figure in black silently passed between the chairs, settled and



Ian de Massini explains how it's done...

then hit the first dramatic chords of Bach's Partita no 3 in E major for solo violin, later embellished by Bach for various instruments **including a right hand only solo organ which had been extracted by Ian and to which he had added new music in the style of Bach for the pianist's left hand.** That's what he played. (Maybe you ought to read that again)

Having completed that dramatic entry Ian began to explain just how often composers enjoyed arranging other people's works. As he talked all became clear. We appreciated why composers including Ian just love music and why they enjoy playing around with music.

And what fun and joy (that word again) it can be. The prime example was Bach's Sonata no. 1 in G minor for solo violin which had been embellished for solo piano by Brahms. There were eight sections. Sometimes Bach was played on the right hand with the new Brahms music on the left, and then it was reversed with Bach on the left and Brahms on the right.

Much else was played in what was an intense hour of exquisite musical enjoyment, in the middle of which Ian said with his usual modesty "I am just an organist and not a pianist". All those who attended thought he'd done pretty well in spite of this, especially as he played throughout without any music.





## The Very Last Show of the Festival

Ian's virtuoso Bach was the very last show of the Festival week. Although figures are not final when going to press, it looks like £1600 was raised in all.



All over bar the post-mortem. Sunshine streams through St Cyriac's windows as post-festivallers chat and the workers set about the chairs.

# THE HARVEST SHOW

HARVEST TIME IS IN SEPTEMBER  
ON SATURDAY THE 15<sup>TH</sup>

THERE IS NO ENTRY FEE, you can enter as many classes as you like, and you do not have to live in the village to exhibit or join us for the show. There are no prizes (except for the children's class) but the prestige of showing your vegetables, fruits, flowers, jams and pickles, your cakes, bread, scones and 'vintage' wines in a friendly, yet competitive spirit is rewarding and **fun**.

All you have to do is to bring your exhibits to the Village Hall any time between 9.00am and 11.30am and we do the rest. Judging and allocation of prize cards take place behind closed doors, then promptly at 3.00pm the doors will be re-opened for you all to come and look round, enjoy a cream tea and then join the fierce, fast and furious bidding of the **Grand Auction Starting at 4.00pm**. A contribution from the Show is always made to Farm Africa

It's all great fun so do come along and join the grand gathering of the village at Harvest Time.

With no September *Crier* the list and entry forms are not included in the magazine. Nearer the time we will give a list to all those who entered last year and to others we think may be interested. If you think you have been overlooked, forgotten or ignored please contact:-

**Janet Cooper (741326) Jo Pumfrey (741376) Alastair Everitt (742974)**

**PLEASE PUT SATURDAY 15th SEPTEMBER IN  
YOUR DIARY**



PLEASE CONTINUE to look through your house/garden for things that you haven't used in years. If you have any offers or wants, please contact me on [jun.thompson@tesco.net](mailto:jun.thompson@tesco.net), phone on 01223 813362, or drop a note through 23 Long-meadow. As a quick reminder, everything is free and nothing is expected in return.

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| Offers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Wants                                          | Details:                                                                                         |
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| <p>Small, old handmower<br/> Black &amp; Decker lawn raker<br/> Wood suitable for wood-burning stove<br/> Various hanging baskets<br/> Sheet of rigid clear plastic (46 inch square)<br/> Basket-making materials<br/> 2 sheets of hardboard: one 89x119 cm = 35x47 inches, the other 122x244 cm = 48x96 inches<br/> Eight lever-arch files (A4) with 30-40 patterned sleeves (suitable for thin printed documents), 200-300 clear sleeves (suitable for OHP transparencies)</p>        | <p>Vinyl or lino suitable for a shed floor</p> | <p>Marforie &amp; Malcolm Sabin, Lode 01223 811108</p>                                           |
| <p>Pine room unit in good condition (3 cupboards at the bottom, 3 glass cupboards at the top, 3 shelves at the side)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                | <p>Mrs Day, Swaffham Bulbeck 01223 812185</p>                                                    |
| <p>2 pastel green bedside lamps<br/> Approx 30 Sainsburys nappies, size 6 (16kg+/35lb+)<br/> Assorted child safety accessories (4 multi-purpose locks, packet of door and drawer catches, packet of electrical socket covers)<br/> 60th birthday banner in three pieces, each about 1m long<br/> Mini carbon monoxide detector card<br/> Weekly planner whiteboard</p>                                                                                                                  |                                                | <p>Vicky, Longmeadow 01223 812801 or <a href="mailto:vicky@jifvik.org">vicky@jifvik.org</a>.</p> |
| <p>Old videos: The Breakfast Club, Kingdoms of the East (4 nature programmes), Four Weddings &amp; a Funeral<br/> DVDs: The Lord of the Rings (Two Towers), Casion Royale (Peter Sellers version), The Sum of all Fears<br/> DVDs from newspapers: Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer &amp; the Island of Misfit Toys, Great Expectations, The Return of Martin Guerre, Whistle Down the Wind, Indochine, Swimming with Sharks, Wings of Desire, Like Water for Chocolate, Supersize Me</p> | <p>Glass jars with lids for jam-making</p>     | <p>Jun &amp; Andy, Longmeadow 01223 813362</p>                                                   |



## WI Notes

We were very fortunate to have a warm sunny evening for our July meeting which was our summer garden party. Thirty members and guests enjoyed a lovely buffet supper and wine. Later there was a quiz to make sure everyone was still awake and then the evening concluded with some excellent raffle prizes for the lucky winners.

In August we will meet as usual in the village hall on 20<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 for an Ascot evening with prizes for the outstanding hats.

**Date for your diary.** We are having a Coffee Morning with bring and buy stall and raffle on 12<sup>th</sup> September at 6 High St Swaffham Prior to raise funds for the WI - both local and county so do make a note to come and join us from 10 - 12.

*Pat Cook*

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## The Anglesey Group Mothers' Union

### The Salvation Army

CAPTAINS PAUL AND LOUISE WOOD of The Salvation Army came to our Mothers' Union Group on July 19<sup>th</sup> when Paul gave the most interesting talk about that organisation. Paul came not only with his wife Louise but also his two year old son

Caleb. What a joy it was to have a young family in our midst!

We had the most fascinating afternoon hearing all about the work of The Salvation Army. We are all aware I am sure of the wonderful work that this organisation (founded by William Booth in 1865) does. We were still amazed though at the great range of works they are involved in and at the end of Paul's talk we knew that The Salvation Army is an organisation to be not only admired, but one for which we should be very grateful. Their work includes Family Tracing for the Missing Persons Bureau, provision of food and shelter for the homeless, relief work in emergency situations at home and abroad, visiting prisons, and standing alongside people in times of need. One of our Members reminded us that it was The Salvation Army who were the first people to meet the troops with love and support when they returned home from War. These are just a few of the ways in which they work – many others were covered in Paul's talk. Paul and Louise live in Histon and we are very grateful to them for coming to spend the afternoon with us - we had a most enjoyable and interesting time.

On August 12<sup>th</sup> four new Members will be enrolled into the Mothers' Union at the morning Service in Bottisham Church at 11.00am. This will bring our membership up to 36.

Our next Meeting is on September 20<sup>th</sup>, when Dr. Carrie Herbert from "The Red Balloon" in Cambridge will be coming to speak to us. Anyone who wants to come will be very welcome – we shall be delighted to see you!

*Pauline Lewis*



## VILLAGE GARDENERS

OVER THE YEARS the village Gardeners have travelled hundreds of miles to see gardens in many counties. But this month, as well as visiting Great Dixter (more of that later) we had a lovely evening in the village, when no-one had even to get their cars out.

We were first taken round the garden at Shadworth House, the home of John and Marion Norris. We amazingly had our tour without a summer deluge and so enjoyed the terraced design, the pond and the many splendid shrubs and plants. As well as John's expert commentary, we were entertained by their black cat, whose final effort was an exceedingly good impression of a small jaguar—amongst the fruit nets!

We ended the evening at Kate Child's cottage at the end of the High Street. We had another guided tour—such a very different design, but perfect for the beautiful thatched cottage. There was wine to soothe us, coffee to warm us and some very serious discussion on planting and design.



Great Dixter in the sunshine

Unfortunately, when we visited Great Dixter, near Rye in East Sussex, the home of the late Christopher Lloyd, the weather wasn't so kind: no downpours, but heavy mist and serious drizzle.

We started with a guided tour, around the manor house—the oldest part being 15th century and the latest addition early 20th century, designed by Edwin Lutyens. It was lived in by Christopher Lloyd until his death in 2006. His study and the solar—a large upstairs room, remain much as they were when he was alive, with a very idiosyncratic and intensely personal mix of very valuable furniture and furnishings.

The manor house is surrounded by the gardens, which are subdivided into different areas—meadows, borders, topiary lawns; an exotic and sunken garden with its lily covered pond. The highlight for me was the High Garden, very skilfully stuffed with wonderfully colourful plants and trees. The fun shone very briefly, but sadly we didn't see it in its full glory.

There is now a Great Dixter Charitable Trust, which hopes to ensure that Christopher Lloyds style of gardening—highly labour intensive and mainly traditional, is maintained. Also to inspire and educate gardeners, without compromise to its essential character.

We had an emergency Cherry Stop on the A229 coming home: I think the young man who served us in the rain must still have a smile on his face (*Q'est-ce que c'est? Eds*).

We start our indoor meetings at the Village Hall on September 18th, with a talk about the work of the plant variety rights office. All welcome.

*Margaret Joyce*

Come and Enjoy  
The Twentieth Anniversary of  
**Cambridge Voices**  
at the Church of  
St. Etheldreda and the Holy Trinity  
**IN REACH**

**SATURDAY 6th October at 7.00pm**

Popular Songs from the 20's to the 60's,  
excerpts from The Messiah, Folksongs,  
as well as entertaining pieces from

**Ian de Massini**  
at the organ and keyboard.

Something for everyone! Children welcome!  
*Beginning in the Church*  
*and then moving to the Village Centre for drinks*  
*and the second half of the programme.*

**There is a retiring collection in support of Reach Church**

**SID'S TOP TIPS**

**NO. 6**

To succeed in Life  
Ignore your Wife



**EAST CAMBS DISTRICT COUNCIL**

From our District  
Councillor  
Allen Alderson

Many of the long term spaces on Ely's car parks are taken up by commuters using Ely's railway station. East Cambs District Council is presently formulating proposals to adjust the long and short stay hours on its car parks. This should deliver more short stay parking for those using the city centre for shopping, leisure and services (*but scupper everyone going to work? Eds*) generating more footfall within the city and more turnover within the city car parks.



There are currently no proposals to implement charges for Ely's car parks other than the new commuter car park at Angel Drove.

The Swaffham Ward is now in Zone 5 recycling round, changing from Tuesdays to Fridays. It commenced on Friday, July 13th, and is every two weeks thereafter. I have often been asked what can be recycled, the list is as follows:

**Brown Sacks:** Garden wasyter, kitchen waste (wrapped) and yellow pages and directories, shredded paper, cardboard.

**The Black Box:** Newspapers and magazines, junk mail, tin cans (separate bag), aerosol cans (separate bag) glass bottle and jars (separate bag).

The Environmental Agency has commissioned a scoping report into future maintenance of Burwell, Reach, Swaffham Bulbeck and Bottisham Lodes. Some of the options would involve lowering or "ditching" the Lodes, thus removing their banks and changing them into ordinary water courses. This would change forever the nature of the Lodes, which are an important historical feature, being of possible Roman origin. Their raised banks also offer walkers a unique opportunity to study wildlife and the surrounding countryside. A "Don't Ditch Our Lodes" campaign has been mounted and I have a supply of badges and car stickers with that logo: please contact me if you would like any.

The Swaffham Prior Youth Club has two age ranges. The Tuesday junior nights with an age range of up to 12 years olds, and a Thursday senior night for 11 to 16 year olds. The senior night has been experiencing low attendance, which is disappointing as it offers a local and safe meeting place for the youth of our area. It boasts many activities including table tennis, pool table, video games, ball games, music and arts and crafts. It also has a tuck shop and will run trips if there is enough interest.

**I would ask all parents in our area to consider asking their children if they would like to attend the youth club. It would be a great pity if we were to lose a valuable local asset through lack of support.**

Alan Badcock and others deserve all our thanks for their sterling efforts in running the Youth Club.

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## **Alpha Supper**

**7.15pm for 7.30pm  
5<sup>th</sup> September '07**

**Swaffham Prior  
Village Hall**



# THE ALPHA COURSE

explore the meaning of life [alpha.org](http://alpha.org)

Over the last 15 years the Alpha Course has helped  
10 million people to **'explore the meaning of life'**.

*Lode Chapel and the Anglesey Group of Parishes* invite you  
to be part of the local Alpha Course taking place this autumn.

There is an introduction to the course on **5<sup>th</sup> September**,  
where you can find out more about Alpha over a free meal.

**To receive your free invitation to the supper, please contact:**

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## Notes from the Parish Council July Meeting

(The meeting commenced at 7.45pm following presentation by Ashwell Developments Ltd about their proposals for the development of the Water Tower site. This was an open meeting).

Chairman Mr John Covill chaired the meeting with 7 Parish Councillors and 2 members of the Public.

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** These were agreed.

**Reports:** CCC – Cllr Hazel Williams reported to the meeting

ECDC – Cllr Allen Alderson reported to the meeting

**Correspondence Received:** This was reported.

**Matters Arising:**

a) *Maintenance work to EDF Substation, Cage Hill.* The Clerk confirmed that having spoken with the EDF's Contract Manager, he visited the site and suggested the erection of 6ft closeboard fencing to all sides and open-mesh for the gate area – this being the minimum allowed for easy viewing of the substation equipment. He was to obtain quotation from subcontractor with a view to putting the work in hand. This work should be completed by the end of September at the latest.

**Quality Status for Parish Council:** This was again discussed at length and it was agreed to defer until Clerk had obtained her Quality Status qualification to allow time to assess the costs involved, the input required by the Parish Council and the benefits to the community.

**Amendment to Standing Orders:** In view of the adoption of the New Code of Conduct, minor amendments were needed to the Standing Orders.

**Road Safety Measures/Traffic Calming, Mill Hill:** A meeting was held 'on site' between members of the PC and Kevin Hall of CCC Highways. Several ideas were discussed with the future development of the Water Tower site and its impact on this road in mind. It was agreed that a further letter should be sent to Brian Smith, Deputy Chief Executive of Environment and Community Services to enforce the need for action on this stretch of road particularly within the context of the proposed development.

**Jointly Funded Minor Highways Improvements – 2008/09 Bidding Round:** Following discussion and due to the amount of funds available within this scheme, it was felt that there was no benefit in submitting a bid.

**Use of Footpath at The Beeches by Motorcycles:** A meeting was held at The Beeches between members of the PC and Paul Butcher of CCC. It was suggested that a staggered barrier should be installed at the top of The Beeches to deter the bikes but allow access for other users. In order for this to be completed successfully, some minor change to a small area would be needed by Hereward Housing. Letter sent to HH requesting their assistance.

**The Lodes & The Fens:** Ongoing discussion. It was reported by Geoffrey Woollard that the petition against the proposals for the Lodes was doing well.

**High Street Signs & House Numbering:** A letter dated the 25/6/07 was sent following the June meeting confirming the signs the PC considered should be removed (as reported in the June Crier). Cllr Alderson asked the PC to confirm with ECDC where the High Street ended (south end). There were several views on this

and it was agreed to defer this until a reply was received to the PC's letter of the 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Signpost on Lower End – maintenance:** The Clerk received an email expressing concerns about the removal or replacement of this sign and also offering to help source the materials, etc., to have a new sign made at a much reduced cost than previously quoted. Councillors were very grateful for this offer and agreed that this should go ahead.

**Play Area Maintenance Works – estimates received:** Estimates for the different areas requiring attention were received. These included for the treatment of the algae on the surfacing under the slide, the replacement of the wet pour surfacing under the 4-bay swings and the possibility of replacing the 'baby' swings. Some of the costs involved were considered very high. It was agreed that the priority was the resurfacing needed. In light of the possible costs involved in the below item, this was deferred so that budgets could be worked out and possible avenues of grant funding looked into.

Some work had been carried out to cut back the new growth on the large trees to the front of the play area as required by RoSPA's annual inspection.

Following a meeting at the play area it was also noted that a bar was missing from the climbing frame and that a couple of fixings were protruding. The Clerk was to contact the supplier of the climbing frame for advice.

**Maintenance Works to Cemetery Pathway – estimates received:** 3No estimates were received for this work. Further advice suggested an amendment to the specification for the works and as with the item above, this work was deferred to a future meeting.

**Accounts for payment:** These were agreed.

**Planning Applications:**

The Bungalow, Upware Road, Upware – *outline permission for replacement dwelling*

5 High Street – *single storey rear extension.*

There were no objections to the above applications.

**Planning Approval:**

The Cottage, 67 High Street – *single-storey rear extension (reduced proposal).*

**Items for the Next Agenda will include:**

Play Area Maintenance

Cemetery Maintenance

The Lodes & The Fens

Mill Hill - Road Safety/Traffic Calming

Recycling – Station Road

High Street Signs

**Open Question Time:**

Areas needing extra grasscutting were noted.

**The next Parish Council meetings will take place on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> August 2007  
Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2007 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

***Karen King – Clerk of the Parish Council***  
Tel: 742358. Email: karen.king5@btopenworld.com



## Lode Baptist Chapel

### Would the ‘Real Men’ please stand up!

Recently I’ve been thinking a lot about men and our changing place in society. I’m supportive of what the feminist movement has achieved for women, but feel that as men we’ve been left confused about what our role should now be. This shared uncertainty is perhaps an explanation for the lack of positive male role models – in the school, in the home and in the wider community. But what would be the characteristics of such a positive example of manhood be?

In the films we blokes tend to watch the ‘hero’ is someone with physical strength, someone who frequently uses violence to get what he wants. This ‘macho’ image continues to be perpetuated, but somehow sits uncomfortably in our modern society. Perhaps this is a contributing factor to the increases in gang culture and domestic abuse?

Then, of course, there is the other portrayal of men, that we frequently see in the so-called ‘chick flicks’. These men are usually rich, are always super-sensitive to the emotional needs of the woman and are often buying them gifts or whisking them off on romantic excursions. If the man does have a job, and there are children involved, somehow he manages to maintain a perfect balance between all of the competing aspects of his life.

With such ideals to live up to, it’s no wonder so many of us are feeling woefully inadequate and quietly trying to disappear into the background. But let’s not spend too much time feeling like we’re a victim here! Our lack of commitment to our marriage, our family and our community can have a profound influence on those around us.

So guys – what are we to do? I don’t have all the answers, but I do know that first of all we’ve got to stop being so independent! When we’re lost in the car the last thing we want to do is to stop and ask for directions – but if we’re going to get it right in life, we need to start asking one another for help. We need to start standing with one another as a ‘band of brothers’ – helping each other to be men with the inner strength to do the right thing...

*A strong man walks sure-footedly – but a man of strength knows when to ask for help.*

*A strong man isn’t afraid of anything – but a man of strength shows courage in the midst of his fear.*

*A strong man won’t let anyone get the best of him – but a man of strength always gives his best to others.*

*A strong man works out to keep his body in shape – but a man of strength keeps his soul in shape too.*

*A strong man believes he is strong enough for the journey –*

*but a man of strength believes that it is in the journey that he will become strong.*

If you know of some positive male role models in our own community that we can celebrate, or have other ideas about the role of men in our society, perhaps you'll get in touch.

### **Simon Goddard**

We welcome you to any of our services or other midweek activities.

Morning Worship every Sunday at 10.30am with Sunday School,

except for the 4th Sunday of each month when we hold our monthly mini-holiday club at Bottisham Primary School.

**Next club on 23<sup>rd</sup> September – no 'Sunday Club' in August!**

For more information please contact:

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## **Roman Catholic Church, Newmarket Parish**

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

## **"STEPPING OUT" ADULT TAP DANCING CLASSES**

**AUTUMN TERM:**

**MONDAY: QUY VILLAGE HALL 7.30pm - 8.30pm BEGINNERS**

**TUESDAY:SWAFFHAM PRIOR PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL**

**7.00pm - 8.00pm INTERMEDIATE**

**TUESDAY:SWAFFHAM PRIOR PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL**

**8.00pm - 9.00pm ADVANCED**

**LEARN SOMETHING NEW - HAVE FUN - GREAT EXERCISE -**

**MEET FRIENDS – EVERYONE WELCOME**

**FURTHER DETAILS RING JANE: 01638 741558**



## Church of England Services

### August 2007

|                   | <b>ST MARY'S<br/>Swaffham Prior</b>                                 | <b>ST MARY'S<br/>Swaffham Bulbeck</b>                              | <b>Bottisham</b>                                                      |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sun<br/>5</b>  | <b>11:00am</b><br>Holy Communion                                    | <b>8:00am</b><br>Holy Communion<br><b>9:30am</b><br>Family Service | <b>11:00am</b><br>Family Service                                      |
| <b>Sun<br/>12</b> | <b>8:00am</b><br>Holy Communion<br><b>11:00am</b><br>Family Service | <b>9:30am</b><br>Holy Communion                                    | <b>11:00am</b><br>Holy Communion                                      |
| <b>Sun<br/>19</b> | <b>11:00am</b><br>Holy Communion                                    | <b>9:30am</b><br>Village Communion                                 | <b>8:00am</b><br>Holy Communion<br><b>11:00am</b><br>Family Communion |
| <b>Sun<br/>26</b> | <b>11:00am</b><br>Matins                                            | <b>9:30am</b><br>Holy Communion                                    | <b>11:00am</b><br>Holy Communion                                      |

**PASTORAL LETTER, August/September 2006**

**Bottisham Vicarage**

Dear Friends,

AUGUST is always a time of great fruitfulness in the Vicarage garden. We have Greengages, Damsons and Plums all ready for picking during the month, and Pauline and I try and freeze as many as we can, make fruit crumbles and make as much jam as time allows.

Sometimes the task of making the most of the fruit that grows in our garden all seems to be a bit too much effort at times, and the burden of it all sometimes weighs me down. Yet it seems to me that I should be grateful for God's providence and make the most of the generous gifts that he freely gives me.

It is said that in Africa there is a fruit called the "taste berry", because it changes a person's taste so that everything eaten tastes sweet and pleasant. Sour fruit, even if eaten several hours after the "taste berry," becomes sweet and delicious.

Gratitude is the "taste berry" of Christianity, and when our hearts are filled with gratitude, nothing that God sends us seems unpleasant to us.

A sorrowing heart filled with grief can be sweetened with gratitude for all the wonderful memories of all those precious moments we have shared with our loved ones, and all of the companionship and the achievements shared together. A soul weighed down by worries and fears can be, lightened by singing God's praises. The pain of loneliness can be dispelled through thankfulness for the love of family and friends. The burden of sickness can be eased by gratitude towards God for his enduring love for you, for his understanding of your pain and for his desire to bring you comfort and hope. Keep the "taste berry" of gratitude in your hearts, and it will do for you what the "taste berry" of Africa does for the African.

As the poet John Oxenham puts it:

*For all things beautiful, and good, and true;  
For things that seemed not good yet turned out good;  
For all the sweet compulsions of Thy will  
That chased, and tried, and wrought us to Thy shape;  
For things unnumbered that we take of right,  
And value first when first they are withheld;  
For light and air; sweet sense of sound and smell;  
For ears to hear the heavenly harmonies;  
For eyes to see the unseen in the seen;  
For vision of The Worker in the work;  
For hearts that apprehend Thee everyone;  
We thank Thee, Lord!*

As St Paul puts it so eloquently in his letter to the Colossian Church: - *May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.* (Colossians 1:11/12)

So let us practice thankfulness to God for all his love and generosity in our lives, and I am sure he will bless us in return.

With every good wish,

*David*

## **MOBILE LIBRARY DATES**

**August 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**Cage Hill: 15.05-15.45,**

**Chapel: 15.50—16-10**

**Book Club requests welcomed. Stamps, cards and videos for sale.**

***Use it or Lose it***

***Dates for Your Diary***  
**August/September**  
**2007**

|                  |       |                                                                 |
|------------------|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tue              | 9     | PC Meeting, 7.30pm VH                                           |
| Tue              | 14    | Mobile Library, Cage Hill 15.05-15.45, Chapel 15.50-16.10       |
| Mon              | 20    | WI, VH, 7.30pm                                                  |
| Tues             | 28    | Mobile Library, Cage Hill 15.05-15.45, Chapel 15.50-16.10       |
| <b>September</b> |       |                                                                 |
| Tue              | 11    | Mobile Library, Cage Hill 15.05-15.45, Chapel 15.50-16.10       |
| Wed              | 12    | WI Coffee Morning, 10-12am, 6 High Street                       |
| Sat              | 15    | Harvest Show, 3pm, VH                                           |
| Tue              | 18    | Village Gardeners, 8pm, VH<br><b><i>Crier Copy Deadline</i></b> |
| Sat              | 22    | Quiz Night, 7.30pm                                              |
| Tue              | 25    | Mobile Library, Cage Hill 15.05-15.45, Chapel 15.50-16.10       |
|                  | 5     | Alpha Supper, 7.15-7.30 Village Hall                            |
|                  | 17-22 | "I am Shakespeare", Arts Theatre, Cambridge                     |
|                  | 20    | Mother Union, Bottisham                                         |
| <b>October</b>   |       |                                                                 |
|                  | 6     | Cambridge Voices 20th Anniversary, St Etheldreda, Reach, 7pm    |