



# The Swaffham Crier

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## Editorial

### THAT WAS THE FESTIVAL THAT WAS!

YES, despite the rain, the hiccups and all the rest of it, it *was* alright on the night. Correspondents, please send us reports or snaps of what *you* especially enjoyed for next month's August/September Crier, but meanwhile, this month's (regrettably) tardy issue can report this: anyone who attended anything in the last ten days of festivalling (and if you didn't, *your loss*) will know that it was *great*: from the superb art-work of some fine local artists in the opening exhibition and Saturday's sell-out Coup



Tina explaining to the audience how she foolhardily agreed to run this year's festival?

de Grass concert through to the magnificent Cambridge Voices grand-finale HalleLOOiah Chrous (yes, the money goes to finance St Mary's new loos), with its magical lone gallery trumpet triumphantly ringing out over a packed and thrilled St Cyriac's audience.

Many congratulations to Overlord organiser Tina Jost, who may have aged a bit this week (see our mid-festival snap), and all the performers, contributors and helpers—we know Tina would particularly like to thank Dee Noyes and Janet Willmott—who combined to make this week a week to remember and have inspired us all: in two years time *we can do it all again*.

Meanwhile, welcome to Lord's Ground Farm manager David Almond who was unanimously elected to our Parish Council this month, apologies for a recently discovered unforeseen

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bias in our Crossword-winner selector (the dog: Beamish's owner has won again) and don't forget the Crier holiday—yippee!—any September copy must arrive for the August copy date: July 18<sup>th</sup>.

Oh, end of *rain-delay*: back to Wimbledon now!

**Caroline Matheson**

**Cover Picture:** *The Churches from Caddenham Lane* by Clive Riggs



## Letters to the Editors



Dear Editors,

### **DON'T DITCH OUR LODS!**

Since I wrote to you regarding the above an on-line E-Petition has been started and has already been signed by many people including Mr James Paice, M.P., several County and District Councillors, and the Chairmen of some local Parish Councils. If your readers wish to sign it and have access to the Internet they should go to -

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

I believe that the E-Petition will carry a lot of weight, certainly so if even more people sign it!

*Geoffrey Woollard*

Chapel Farm, River Bank, Nr. Upware.

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Dear Editors

### **Desperately Seeking Rodney**

Could we please make an appeal through you for anyone to contact us who may still keep in touch with Rodney and Carol Firmin who used to live in our house at Lowfields, Lower End?

We would like to fill in some history about the house, and can be contacted on 01638 741563.

*Colin Brooklyn & Julie Waterman*

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Dear Editors,

### **Nit-Picker picked?**

The bike statistics mentioned in my verse (May) were from the Cambridge Evening News. The others were from a National Daily and were edited down so as not to offend the faint-hearted.

It's possible that the stolen bicycles, having been returned, were stolen again the next week, although a van was seen collecting bicycles in Newmarket.

No new bicycles were mentioned in the verse, but it's a sad thought that if a National company was involved in manufacturing replacements, it would probably not be in this country!

Incidentally, I understand that more bicycles than cars are sold in this country, and there's not one with a safe, comfortable seat!

*Ophir Catling*

### **Donations!**

Many thanks to Ian de Massini for his very kind donation to the *Crier* this month—all donations very gratefully received!

Dear Editors,

## **Thank you to the 1st Swaffham Prior Scouts!!**

Over recent weeks the Pound had become increasingly overgrown but thanks to the Scouts all is now tidy and the Pound stands proud once again, ready for its historic tale to be told.

The Parish Council would like to thank the Scouts for their help under the dedicated direction of their Scout Leader, Tim Doe, in weeding and tidying the Pound enclosure.

*Karen King, Clerk*

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# **Tigers Get the Money!**

**SOME BREAKING NEWS** on the Burwell Tigers Swaffham Prior Development!

Today we have received notification that our first grant application has been passed! The Local Network Fund have agreed to fund our new pitches at the Recreation Ground. Great news.

I have said before that progress would be slow until the grant applications worked their way through the systems but we should be hearing more news in the coming weeks on other grants. Our aim is for the next stage to be complete by the end of the summer. That means we should have a temporary car park, security gate and fencing and the pitch levelled and seeded.

We continue to strive to solidify our links with the village and in July our coaches will be running the football section of the Swaffham Prior playscheme so please attend in numbers!

We have recently enjoyed coaching at the school's P.E. week. Emma Vincent's references certainly helped with our application for funding from the L.N.F. Thank you Emma.

Tigers are continuing to raise money themselves and are holding a Car Boot Sale at Margaret Field in Burwell on July 15th. For more details call Neale Smith on 01638 612374 or visit the Tigers website at [www.burwelltigers.co.uk](http://www.burwelltigers.co.uk)

*Steve O'Rourke*  
Burwell Tigers F.C.

## **SID'S TOP TIPS**

### **NO. 5**

**Let the Forget-Me-Not seed  
So the Goldfinch can feed**

## From our Reporter at the Parish Council Meeting

The Agenda for our PC increases month by month. This started to happen ever since the PC was told to remove 'Any Other Business' from the Agenda and to substitute it with 'Items for the Next Agenda'. In other words no decision or action can be taken on any new matter which has arisen since the last meeting and which is not included in the agenda.

Therefore the PC will now be including almost everything in 'Items for the Next Agenda' just in case a matter of importance arises. This of course will require ruthless control by the Chairman to prevent people repeating themselves each month. But it's a worthwhile precaution because no-one has yet explained why no action/decision can be taken on items brought up in 'Any Other Business'. This is a challenge to Mrs Hazel Williams (whose work and ability I admire greatly).



At the beginning of each meeting members declare their non-interest in any item on the Agenda. This was followed by the "Parish Council Vacancy" and the good news that someone was willing to fill it. The volunteer was David Almond, manager of Lord's Ground Farm, who was voted in unanimously, with David remarking how pleased he was to return to the village. I am particularly delighted because David used to be as fine a right wing as we have ever had and it's good to know he will be out there again in the Annual Boxing Day Hockey Match. He also has a very good knowledge of the fens and this together with his realistic approach can only be good for the PC. Steve asked whether David should declare any interests and was told that it didn't matter. This was very confusing because here was a member/stranger who could vote on any issue without the PC knowing if he had any interests in any item. Steve just hoped that nothing "illegal is happening".

Geoffrey raised again the 'Travellers in Headlake Drove' issue and even though the situation changes little it is good he does. At present it seems there is a huge row between the CCC and ECDC about the rubbish. ECDC asks CCC to remove the travellers, CCC won't or fails to, the rubbish multiplies, and ECDC picks up the bill. Neither of these councils is necessarily at fault but both are constrained by..... (fill in your own words).

In 'Correspondence Received' one letter of significance was from Dominic Doble, Senior Countryside Access Officer, to Jake Williams of the National Trust regarding the installation of cattle grids on "Reach (191) Byway 14 'Straight Drove'". It is a very long letter, and I just quote for public interest the last paragraph:-

*"I accept that these attempts to balance public rights with private goals may not be the responses you were hoping for, particularly in the latter case. Nevertheless, doing the right thing by local people, within the constraints of the law, should set the National Trust up favourably to pursue the laudable aims of Wicken Vision in the years ahead."*

Perhaps we need a reminder about this Wicken Vision. We are threatened with Global Warming and a rising sea and to meet this challenge the National Trust

proposes to flood the fen. Is this the Vision? Why not save the money, I wonder. Meantime someone made the observation that the NT was better at looking after buildings than land.

Geoffrey again raised his “Don’t Ditch the Lodes!” campaign (see his letter, page 5, of the June *Crier* which unfortunately omitted the web reference to register your objection). David thought the local people with an interest ought to be better organised because as far as he could see the reaction was rather “spasmodic” and “not terribly well organised”. This may well be, as Geoffrey ought to have many more than the 200 signatories he has at that time of writing. It should be nearer 2,000? Maybe there is an emphasis on quality rather than quantity.

Next came up the possibility of Quality Status for our PC. Hazel Williams is red hot on this and she forcefully put forward the need for it in what I thought was at times a bullying approach which was almost tantamount to blackmail. Or maybe it was just excessive enthusiasm. It took Steve to ask pertinent questions whether the extra paperwork gives any tangible benefit, whether not being a Quality PC will have a serious affect, and whether you have to be a Quality PC to have a Quality Clerk – as Karen is fast becoming. A list of requirements will be sent to the PC for its consideration and it will then decide. One requirement it seems is a quarterly report – “But we do a monthly report and also have a monthly outside reporter”. This won’t do it seems. What we would quite like in this village is a monthly report from our ECDC and CCC representatives, though I suppose a quarterly one would do if time is short.

Mill Hill traffic continues to be of concern and the PC was meeting CCC officials on site on the following Wednesday in the search for a solution - money permitting. Meanwhile there is a very simple measure which would produce immediate results and which is employed in the top half of the High Street. Park on the road a big car which is rarely or never used. The results would be remarkable. All that’s needed is a car or a large van. Does anyone have a spare one? Maybe there could be a parked car rota. Give it a try and see what happens.

Then we moved on to the High Street Signs issue which could go on and on and eventually acquire the notoriety of the Shakespeare authorship question. Geoffrey had previously said that if the signs weren’t taken away he would personally remove them. He reported that Allen Alderson had advised him not to do so as he could be thrown off the PC for misconduct. Geoffrey was torn between appearing as a “man of straw” or not staying on the PC. There was no contest. Correspondence has been flying around and I think the latest is that the Chief Executive of ECDC has entered the fray and is seeking the official confirmation from the Bulbeck/Prior PCs as to their requirements.

OF COURSE IT COULD BECOME MUCH WORSE. I have a friend in the lovely Cotswold village Painswick who lives in a house which for 400 years has been known as Brook House. A recent arrival in the village did not like the name of his new house and renamed it Brook House. In spite of protests and pleas he has refused to drop the name. There is nothing that the Painswick PC can do, because the Stroud District Council and Post Office rules stipulate that while there is no limit

to the number of similar names in a town or village, they only draw the line at more than one house with the same name in any one street. This means that we could have a Swaffham Prior House (or Anglesey House, Shadworth House or any other house name) in Rogers Road, in Greenhead Road, in Lower End etc. Wouldn't that get our PC excited! We must hope that no-one in the village has a mischievous sense of humour.

*Alastair Everitt*

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## 62 Years and Counting

RON PRIME'S prowess as a film-maker was much in evidence at this year's festival, where three beautifully constructed and evocative films featuring the restoration of the village windmills, the restoration St Cyriac's bells and the events of the millennium year were greatly appreciated by a near-full-house audience, as too was the exhibition of black-and-white photographs of historic village events.



Ron started his film career with a spell with Rediffusion (some of us will remember this!) and, as well as his professional involvement, further sharpened his skills with a London film club. For villagers who had not had the opportunity to see these films before, it was quite a shock to see themselves and their neighbours take starring roles in BBC quality documentaries; but Ron's work always is of this standard.

As the editors guzzled their pop-corn in the second row, they couldn't help but reflect on the historical importance of work such as this. Although daily inundated by media reconstruction of anything and everything, this honest record of English village life as it was *actually* lived here in the latter part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and early 21<sup>st</sup> is nevertheless extremely rare.

However, one black-and-white photo was noticeable by its absence: Ron and Betty Prime themselves, getting married on June 9<sup>th</sup> 1945. CONGRATULATIONS, Ron and Betty, on your *sixty-second* wedding anniversary!

*Caroline Matheson*

### For Sale

#### Child's Drop-Side Cot with Mattress

£10-00 - please collect. Contact 741221.

# Donation of CHURCH RECORDERS' BOOK

by

## The National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies

THE NEWMARKET BRANCH of NADFAS has presented St. Mary's Church, Swaffham Prior with a beautifully bound book containing details of every item in the Church and some superb photographs. It has taken several years of meticulous and detailed research to complete.



Four copies were produced and one was presented to the Church; the remaining three are housed in

I The County Records' Office in Cambridge

II The Victoria and Albert Museum — English Heritage

III The Archbishop's Council in Lambeth Palace

If you would like to borrow our book for a few days, (it is the sort of book one tends to dip in to), either put your name on the booking sheet on the table at the back of the Church or contact me directly and I will arrange for you to borrow it.

*Kate Child*

Phone 743983

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## Ladies' Lunch – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

ON TUESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY a Ladies' Lunch took place in Quay Village Hall and the guest speaker was Fiona Castle O.B.E. It was organised by the Churches in our Benefice – The Anglesey Group – and ladies from all 5 Churches joined together and organised the event. Fiona had been booked to speak for quite a few months and we had planned this Lunch for many weeks. We were not disappointed. When the day arrived, the sun shone brilliantly, 90 ladies came into Quay Village Hall and enjoyed a meal of cold meat salad followed by delicious puddings provided generously by many willing ladies! It was wonderful to have ladies from Bottisham, Lode, Quay, Swaffham Bulbeck, Swaffham Prior, the free Church in Swaffham Bulbeck and Lode Chapel sitting down and enjoying a meal together. We even had “friends of friends” from further afield with us which was marvellous.

After eating a delicious lunch together, Fiona Castle then spoke, and her subject was “Living Simply”. As many of you will know, Fiona is the widow of the late Roy Castle - musician and entertainer. She is a committed Christian and often goes to occasions such as this and speaks about her books and/or her life. On this occasion her talk was based on her latest book entitled “Living Simply”. The attention of

every lady in the Hall was held as Fiona spoke most movingly on that theme. She first told us about her daughter Julia who works among the women of Peru in the shanty towns there. We learned about the simplicity of their lives, how little they possess materially, and yet how much they possess spiritually. She told us of the overwhelming welcome she received when she visited their Church with Julia. She then very cleverly took us through her book, going from room to room of a house and likening the furniture of each room to the “clutter” that can accumulate in our minds and hearts. We learned how she had “de-cluttered” her life and how we could do the same. We sat spellbound and I feel sure that nobody went out of the Hall unmoved and I’m sure we all had much to think about.

We are so deeply grateful to Fiona for coming to talk to us that afternoon. She travelled from Buckinghamshire to be with us and claimed no travelling expenses and did not want a fee for speaking. We never planned this as a fundraising event and charged £5 per ticket. However, the Lord blessed us, because we not only covered the cost of the food, but, along with donations given on the day, we were able to send £374 to charity, including “Activate”, which is Fiona’s own charity.

It was a day of hard work, a lot of fun, good food, and friendship. I would like to say a very big heartfelt “thank you” to all the ladies who worked so hard to help with this event – I can honestly say that it was very much appreciated by all. Everyone is now looking forward to the next “LL” !

*Pauline Lewis*

**The Cantilena Singers  
Cambridge Composers through the Ages  
Sat 7th July 2007 7:30  
St Mary's Church, Burwell  
Director Daniel Spreadbury**

**Programme includes  
What is Our Life - Gibbons  
It was a Lover and His Lass - Rutter  
Three Motets - Stanford  
Seven Part Songs - Stanford  
Oculi Omnium - Wood  
Hail Gladdening Light - Wood  
plus a selection of songs from Cambridge  
composers**

**Programmes/Tickets on the door; prices tba  
Proceeds to church and charity  
tel: 01223 812115 for details**



The Swaffham Prior Festival presented  
**COUP DE GRASS**

**With Cage Hillbillies and Minnie Willmott**

A sell-out performance that took the audience by storm! Clockwise from top-right: World Champ harmonica player and Coup de Gras in action, Andrew Noyes. Kieran Raja, and Minnie Willmott.



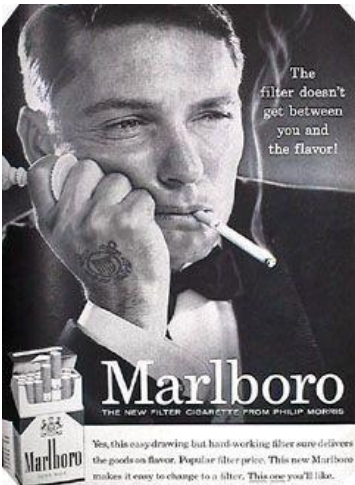
# DON'T LET SMOKE GET IN YOUR EYES OR PUT OUT THAT FAG

Swaffham Prior Village Hall, following an Act of Parliament, is to become a non-smoking venue from 1<sup>st</sup> July. This Act also applies to other Village halls - and organisations such as the Church. "But surely no-one ever smokes inside a church" people say.

This is not so. Professor Elizabeth Anscombe did. She was a Professor of Philosophy at Cambridge, a literary executor, editor and translator of Wittgenstein, and was possibly the greatest English philosopher of her generation.

But what has this to do with smoking and the Church. Well, Elizabeth Anscombe, a Roman Catholic, used to read her newspaper and smoke a cigar at the back of her church on a Sunday. Possibly only the Roman Catholic church tolerates such human foibles.

Why a cigar? She was a cigarette chain smoker. But when her second son became seriously ill she bargained with God that she would give up smoking cigarettes if he recovered. He did recover, she did give up smoking, and the strain became too much. She re-examined the bargain with God, realised she had not mentioned cigars or pipes, and took to smoking these.



Professor Anscombe was what is known as a "well-bosomed" lady, who was outspoken, was the mother of seven children, and died in 2001 at the age of 81. She was a lady who always wore trousers except when pregnant. Once, entering a smart Boston restaurant in the 1960's she was told that ladies were not admitted in trousers. So she simply took them off and went in.

How would she deal with one of the 1,200 council employees who initially are to be trained to sit amongst drinkers under cover? – funded by a £29.5 million grant to councils. Maybe a little biff on the head with an umbrella and with the appropriate comment "silly little man".

But not all is lost for smokers. Under 'Statutory Instrument 2007 No 765 The Smoke-free (Exemptions and Vehicles) Regulations 2007' you can continue to smoke



- 1) If you are in a submarine at sea (Difficult to go outside)
  - 2) If you are in jail (It may make you unhappy)
- These may not be the most acceptable options for many but there is one further exemption which may increase the number of amateur actors and supporters of the theatre.
- 3) “Where the artistic integrity of a performance makes it appropriate for a person taking part in that performance to smoke, the part of the premises in which that person performs is not smoke-free in relation to that person during his performance.”

I foresee so many plays having inserted a line like “I shall die if I do not have a cigarette”. If

the actor died it would severely affect the “artistic integrity” of the play and the Craven A must be allowed.

*Alastair Everitt*

PS. Our local doyenne of popular entertainment tells me there are more people involved in amateur dramatics than actively play sport – now you know why.

## Open Gardens 2007 Lode and Longmeadow

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July

12.30 pm – 5.30 pm

entrance to all gardens

Adult £4 includes a drink

Children free

Refreshments available at St James' Church

1.30 pm – 5.30 pm

Car Parking at Broughton Hall

Entrance programmes available from Broughton Hall or St James' Church  
Proceeds to be shared between St James' Church and Lode Chapel wildlife garden

The Swaffham Prior Festival presented  
The Lighter Side of Village Life  
starring Hilary Sage and Friends



The audience (or are they really the subject matter) assemble.

The show begins with some announcements and Hilary explains that, by popular request, there will be no children on stage this year. But popular demand doesn't seem to agree.



The distinction between cast, musicians and real villagers is a little blurred at times



Two vicars? We've not had two vicars for hundreds of years!





A jilted bride looking  
for a new man



A typical villager  
reflects on kleptomania



There's some nudity or  
the closest the licence  
will allow



And even the raffle draw is not without  
drama as Alastair lends festival organiser  
Tina a hand.



But finally  
the real  
cast alone  
are  
revealed



*James  
Matheson*

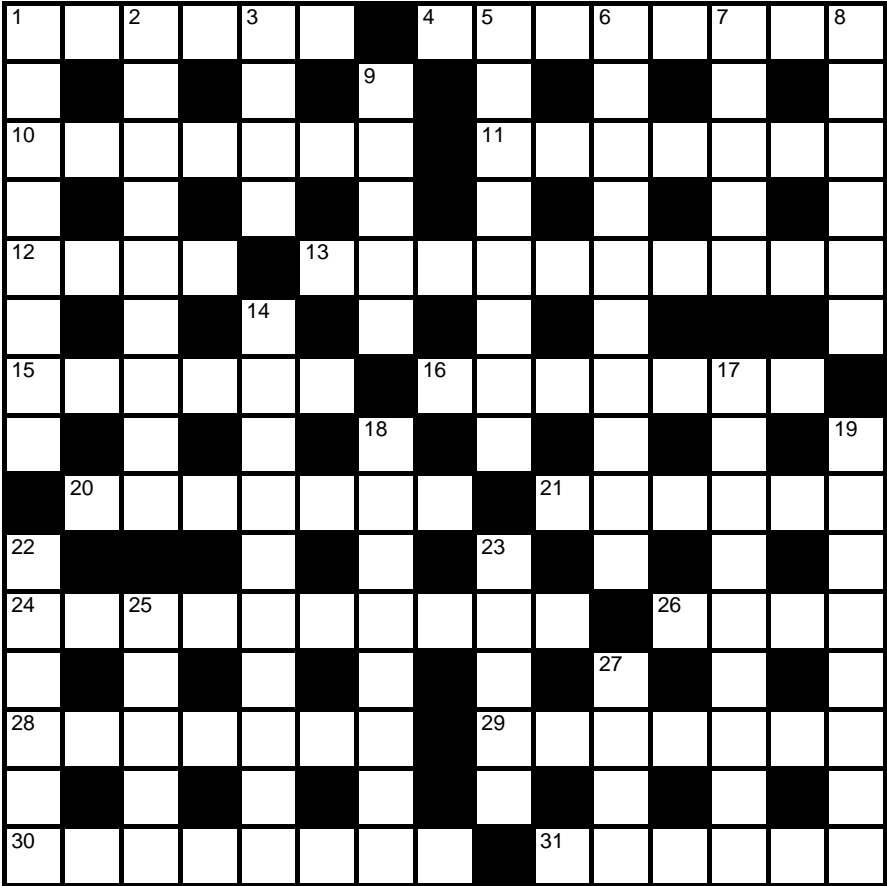
# Crossword Number 44

Compiled by

Sponsored by **The Red Lion**

**NIBOR**

This month's puzzle is a simple cryptic crossword. Send your answers to the editors by 18 July 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.



Name:.....		
Address.....		
.....		Tel:.....

## Across

- 1 Finished making recording about leisure (6)
- 4 Her gifts might be boxers (8)
- 10 I stood between nobleman and queen once (7)
- 11 Vicar without transport takes a tube to bridge (7)
- 12 Stored broken tape decks - not cased (4)
- 13 A short length coming from recent time (10)
- 15 Closer to reformed earner (6)
- 16 Is it normal to put peacekeepers first? No, strange (7)
- 20 I object to smart car. I lead ruler who is happier (7)
- 21 Clear in theorem over time (6)
- 24 A race at the end of October; battle may be a draw (10)
- 26 Come from the south east; it's over (4)
- 28 Very erudite readers, some in overalls, name first edition (7)
- 29 Sing, or I ruin pedigree (7)
- 30 Garibaldi's in terrorist enclosure. Dig him out (8)
- 31 Rely on old Penny to get old record at last (6)

We congratulate Hilary Sage, the winner of last month's competition, who should collect her prize certificate from the editors. Honourable mentions go to Jenny Brand, Bob & Julie Nunn and Shirley Wilkins.

## Down

- 1 Curbing east European ruler one hears (8)
- 2 Jet perhaps or a paler one maybe (9)
- 3 Once had sex appeal; now way out (4)
- 5 Requesting something tempting (8)
- 6 Teacher is mad, mad Theresa (10)
- 7 Explode at junction then clean up (5)
- 8 In the closet teenagers find something to sit on (6)
- 9 Heated forensic medicine lacks omniscience when cooked (5)
- 14 Sport might be about composition (10)
- 17 A record in a composed state - sorry (9)
- 18 Life maybe expressed in words (8)
- 19 Went back and changed the lyrics (8)
- 22 Cut up vehicle and initiate very extensive damage (6)
- 23 Steal some books from Hal or Marvin perhaps (5)
- 25 Goes? goes off (5)
- 27 In dire trouble? Go by bicycle (4)

## Solution to crossword no. 43

H	S	A	T	A	S	S	F	
B	A	N	T	A	M	W	E	I
G	A	A	A	A	I	A	R	R
D	R	A	P	E	R	C	O	L
I	L	E	E	E	F	N	I	
A	D	V	E	N	T	U	R	E
D			T	E	C	R	T	E
N	E	W	S	R	O	O	M	
N	T		O	T		M	B	
		D	R	A	G	O	N	
T	A	E	Y	L	L		H	
N	E	P	T	U	N	E		
A	A	O	P	G	E	A	A	
S	I	G	H	T	S	E	E	R
H	E	Y	R	I	E	E	I	
P	O	E	M	P	A	R	A	D
P	S	E	Y	S	O	S	G	



## WI Notes

There was no monthly meeting in the Village Hall in June as we had our outing to Little Bentley Hall and Water Gardens. We had great weather and everyone enjoyed strolling through the gardens and the varied trade stalls and displays. It was judged to be a very good day out. On 16th July we will have our Summer Party hosted by Betty Fox starting at 7pm.

**Date for your diary.** We are having a Coffee Morning 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.

*Pat Cook*

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## Burwell Surgery News

### Sponsored Walk

ON SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, seventeen members of surgery staff including doctors, nurses, dispensary and administration staff took part in the Kidney Research UK London Bridges sponsored walk. The walk was approximately seven miles long and the route followed along the Thames path and across the bridges between Tower Bridge and Hammersmith Bridge. It was amazing to see a long line of people in purple t-shirts, sporting purple balloons, stretched out along the route. Despite the weather, which varied from drizzling to downpour at times, everyone enjoyed the walk, the sights along the river and especially the picnic afterwards, underneath our own personal gazebo in Greenwich Park. We would like to thank all those patients who have very kindly sponsored our team. We are in the process of collecting all the donations at the moment and will let you know the grand total of team and individual sponsorships as soon as the figure is available.

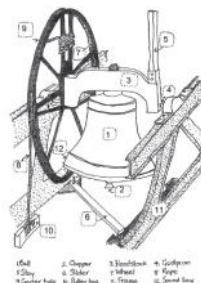
### Missed Appointments

Unfortunately, we are experiencing a higher level than usual of missed appointments at the surgery. Last month there were 70 appointments that were not kept by patients. If you have made an appointment and then find that you are unable to keep it, please would you let the surgery know as soon as possible so that the appointments are available for rebooking.

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## Let The Bells Ring Out

ON THE AFTERNOON of Saturday 28 July a band from the Southwest District of the Suffolk Guild will be ringing in St Cyriac's from 3.00 to 3.45. On Tuesday 31 July the usual monthly ringing practice will be held from 7.30 to 9.00.





## FREECYCLE

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 Longmeadow. As a quick reminder, everything is free and nothing is expected in return.

Offers	Wants	Details:
Girls 16 inch bicycle (it will need mending as it has a puncture) Little Tikes play kitchen		Inge, 01223 811959
Garden incinerator (dustbin style) Black & Decker lawn raker Wood suitable for wood-burning stove (including old fence-posts) Garden netting Garden canes Various hanging baskets Sheet of rigid clear plastic (46 inch square) Basket-making materials		Marjorie & Malcolm Sabin, 01223 811108

## THE PERPLEXING £ s d Test: The Answers

A Stone : 14 lb	14	0	0
A Bicycle: A penny-farthing			1 ¼
A man's name: Bob		1	0
A singer: tenor (tenner)	10	0	0
A type of pig: Guinea	1	1	0
A leather worker: tanner (sixpence)			6
Part of a monkey's leg: Ape knee (ha'penny)			½
Sun, moon and Mars : three far things (3 farthings)			¾
A Royal Headress: Crown (5 shillings)		5	0
50% of panties: Half a knicker (10 shillings)		10	0
Batter: Pound	1	0	0
Unwell sea creature: Sick squid (6 quid)	6	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>8 ½</b>

## Notes from the Parish Council June 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.

**Parish Council Vacancy:** Mr David Almond of 32 Cage Hill was co-opted onto the Parish Council.

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

ECDC – Cllr Allen Alderson sent his apologies but was unable to attend

**Correspondence Received:** This was reported.

**Matters Arising:**

Peter Hart asked whether any progress had been made with reference to maintenance work to the substation at the bottom of Cage Hill. The Clerk confirmed that she had not heard anything further from EDF but would follow up.

**Quality Status for Parish Council:** There were varying opinions on the value of attaining Quality Status and it was agreed to defer until the July meeting to allow members to consider further.

**Adoption of New Code of Conduct:** Copies of a “Guide for Members May 2007” had been circulated. Again, it was agreed to defer this to the July meeting to allow members to consider further.

**Road Safety Measures/Traffic Calming – Mill Hill:** The Clerk confirmed that a meeting with Kevin Hall, Traffic Engineer for CCC was to be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2007 to discuss what measures could be put in place.

**Jointly Funded Minor Highways Improvements – 2008/09 Bidding Round:** To be deferred until next meeting.

**Use of Footpath at The Beeches by Bikers:** Several complaints had been received with reference to bikers using the footpath as a cut through from Lower End to Fairview & vice-versa causing considerable disturbance and distress to residents. It was suggested that some form of ‘staggered barrier’ should be installed across the top of the footpath to stop access. A meeting was arranged with Paul Butcher of CCC to discuss what could be done.

**The Lodes:** Geoffrey Woollard reaffirmed the importance to keep a watchful eye on proposals for The Lodes. David Almond suggested that it would be useful to have a meeting of interested Parish Councils to share views. This was felt by all to be a good idea. The Clerk is to contact Swaffham Bulbeck, Burwell Reach, Wicken and Lode Parish Councils.

**High Street Signs & House Numbering:** Cllr Alderson had passed to the Clerk a copy of a letter received from John Hill, Chief Executive-ECDC which asked for confirmation of which signs should be removed/remain. It was agreed that two “High Street” signs should be removed (one to the left hand side of the entrance to Swaffham Prior House and one to the right hand side of the Swaffham Prior House farm entrance on the Village boundary with Swaffham Bulbeck). It was agreed that the removal of the “Green Bank Road, Swaffham Bulbeck” sign was a matter for Swaffham Bulbeck Parish Council but that Swaffham Prior Parish Council would support any decision to remove this sign.

**Play Area Maintenance Works:** Confirmation of original estimates for this work was still awaited. Only one estimate had been confirmed. It was agreed to carry this over to July meeting. A verbal estimate had been received for the removal of algae on the surfacing beneath the slide. This will be considered with the foregoing at the July meeting.

Steve Kent-Phillips agreed to organise a working party to cut back the new growth at the base of the 3 trees to the front of the play area as recommended in the RoSPA annual inspection report.

**Maintenance Works to Cemetery Path:** It was agreed to defer this until the July meeting.

**Request for Donation from Swaffham Prior Playscheme 2007:** A donation of £100 was agreed.

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

**Planning Applications:**

The Cottage, 67 High Street – *single storey rear extension (reduced proposal)*. No objections.

16 Green Head Road – *two storey rear extension*. No objections.

(CCC) The National Trust – *New timber bridge over lode, earth ramp adjacent lode bank, foot and cycle path across field south of lode*. This was discussed at length and several concerns were raised. The Clerk to submit to CCC queries for reply

**Planning Approval:**

Reservoir at Lords Ground – *permission to use the reservoir water for course fishery in addition to agricultural use*.

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

Quality Status

New Code of Conduct

Jointly Funded Minor Highways Improvements – 2008/09 Bidding Round

Play Area Maintenance

Cemetery Maintenance

The Lodes & The Fens

Mill Hill - Road Safety/Traffic Calming

Recycling – Station Road

**Open Question Time:**

The repair of the footpath on Rogers Road was raised. The Clerk to follow up with CCC.

**The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> July 2007 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

**Karen King**  
**Clerk of the Parish**  
**Council**

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## Lode Baptist Chapel

### Do You Facebook?

I've recently been introduced to the relatively new internet phenomenon of Facebook. You register online, write a profile and then develop a virtual network of friends. These friends are people you know or have known in 'real life' who also have set up a profile at [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com), but can grow as other people come across your profile and ask to 'be your friend'. You can swap news, upload photos, share movie reviews and, if you happen to be online at the same time, you can even 'poke' one another! You might think that this new craze would be limited to the younger generation – but amongst the first people I was able to link up with on the site was none other than Rev. David Lewis!

The desire to 'connect' with people is as new as the twenty first century, and as old as time. Right at the beginning of the Bible we hear God telling us "it is not good to be alone" and even the most introverted of us needs to relate to others at least some of the time. It is our interaction with others which, in part, define who we are whether it is members of a family, players in a team or regulars at the social club. Psychologists will tell you that we all have a need to feel that we 'belong'.

Although some will look at the 'virtual friendships' on Facebook and make the judgement that they can never replace 'the real thing', its amazing growth in popularity is clearly an indication of something that has been missing in today's society. Many people who have lived in the village for decades will tell you how the 'sense of community' is not like it used to be - now the definition of a 'good neighbour' is someone who keeps themselves to themselves and doesn't cause us any bother. We're too busy to connect - our lives have become so full of 'doing' that we've got no time for 'being with'. Even when we're relaxing at home we tend to do so as individuals in our separate rooms or in front of the television – not really connecting at all.

I'm not sure whether we'll ever 'do community' like we used to, or whether Facebook is a suitable replacement. I do think, however, that church should try to be a place which explores what community means and seeks to model the principles it discovers. It should be a place where we can journey together, not as individual 'consumers of spirituality' but as people learning to relate to one another better as we seek also to 'connect' with the one who designed us for relationship in the first place.

*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 July or August!**

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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).

## **The Anglesey Group Mothers' Union**

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May Steve Watts from Romsey Mill in Cambridge came to talk to our Group. We had the most fascinating and interesting afternoon hearing all about the very worthwhile work that goes on there. Romsey Mill is situated in Hemingford Road (off Mill Road) in Cambridge and was originally a Methodist Chapel. It has been converted and recently refurbished and extended, providing a wonderful facility for the people of that area. The newly refurbished building was actually opened at a special dedication Service led by the Archbishop of York, at the end of May.

Steve, who lives in Kedington, joined the Staff of Romsey Mill in February of this year, and he told us with enthusiasm, of all the work that takes place there. It is primarily concerned with youth work, but also provides all sorts of care and courses for children from difficult home backgrounds, parenting groups, groups for Mums and toddlers, care for children in the transition stage between primary and secondary school, computer courses..... the list is endless. It is a Christian organisation and the Staff are dedicated to standing alongside people in Cambridge, reaching out to them and caring for them. Their work is to be commended.

This certainly came across to us when Steve spoke to our group, and we are very grateful indeed that he was able to come and bring the work of Romsey Mill to us. We felt both enlightened and uplifted by his talk and had not realised what marvellous work goes on in our area.

Pauline Miller from Burwell will be coming to our July meeting when we will be learning about the art of "Flower Arranging".

*Pauline Lewis*



# Church of England Services

## July 2007

	<b>ST MARY'S Swaffham Prior</b>	<b>ST MARY'S Swaffham Bulbeck</b>	<b>Bottisham</b>
<b>Sun 1</b>		<b>8:00am</b> Holy Communion	<b>10:30am</b> Benefice Service
<b>Sun 8</b>	<b>8:00am</b> Holy Communion <b>11:00am</b> Family Service	<b>9:30am</b> Holy Communion	<b>11:00am</b> Holy Communion
<b>Sun 15</b>	<b>11:00am</b> Holy Communion	<b>9:30am</b> Village Communion	<b>8:00am</b> Holy Communion <b>11:00am</b> Family Communion
<b>Sun 22</b>	<b>11:00am</b> Matins	<b>11:00am</b> Holy Communion	<b>11:00am</b> Holy Communion
<b>Sun 29</b>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <b>Lode</b>  <b>11:00am</b>            Benefice Communion         </div>		

### PASTORAL LETTER, July 2006

### Bottisham Vicarage

Dear Friends,

It is often said that a dog is a man's best friend. Our Golden Retriever Henry is a wonderful friend. He and I enjoy lovely walks together each day, and Henry is especially excited on our day off (yes, he does seem to know when it is our day off!) because of the promise of a long and interesting walk in different surroundings. I often talk to him as we walk along, and he is always a happy, cheerful companion. He loves his walks very much, and his fluffy tail is always sticking up like a sail in the breeze as he lopes along and takes in the sights and smells of the countryside. His natural enthusiasm for life always lifts my mood when we are out together, and his quiet and gentle companionship around the house is always somehow reassuring.

Children naturally respond to Henry, and he very much enjoys their attention. I often take him into school as a live 'visual aid' for the message that I want to share with the children. I have always felt that it is good for children to have a dog because it encourages them to take on a tangible responsibility for a real friend, and at the same time they get real enjoyment from the love and affection that a dog can offer.

I am reminded of the lovely story I have told occasionally in sermons of the newsboy delivering the evening paper to a farmhouse. The boy noted the sign 'Puppies for Sale' and got off his bike and said to the farmer, "How much do you want for the pups, sir?" "Twenty-five pounds, son." Replied the farmer. The boy's face dropped at the size of the sum, and he pleaded. "Well, sir, could I at least see them anyway?" The farmer whistled, and in a moment the mother came bounding around the corner of the house quickly followed by four excited puppies, wagging their tails and yapping excitedly.

The boy looked at the puppies with delight and reached out to stroke and cuddle them. But then another pup came straggling around the house, dragging one hind leg awkwardly along. Immediately the boy stiffened and asked the farmer, "What's the matter with that puppy, sir?" The farmer replied, "Well, son, that puppy is crippled. We took him to the vet and the doctor took an x-ray. He doesn't have a hip joint and that leg will never be right." To the amazement of the farmer, the boy immediately reached into his pocket and took out a 50p coin. "Please, sir," the boy pleaded, "I want to buy that pup. I'll pay you 50p every week until the twenty-five pounds is paid. Honest I will, sir."

The farmer was by then really concerned and gently replied, "but, son, you don't seem to understand. That pup will never, never be able to run or jump. That pup is going to be a cripple forever. Why in the world would you want such a useless pup as that?"

The boy paused for a moment, then reached down and pulled up his trouser leg, exposing an ugly iron brace and leather knee-strap holding a poor twisted leg. The boy answered, "Sir, that pup is going to need someone who really understands him, and who really wants to help him in life!"

For me that story says so much about the way that God relates to us. There are times in all of our lives when we feel a bit like that poor crippled pup, whether it be through illness, depression, bereavement or through major problems or difficulties that have arisen in our lives. God is like that newspaper boy. He has experienced every aspect of human suffering for himself when he came into the world to live in poverty in an ordinary poor human family, through his Son Jesus Christ. And then He experienced the unspeakable suffering and death of the cross. The wonderful message of Jesus Christ is that God has been there and really understands our needs, and really wants to help us in life.

So never be afraid to reach out to God and share your problems with Him in prayer. He always understands, always cares and will always seek to enfold you in His love.

May God bless you all,

*David*

## ***Dates for Your Diary: July 2007***

Mon	1	
Tue	3	Mobile Library, Cage Hill 3:05-3:45, Chapel 3:50-4:10pm
Sat	7	Cantilena Singers, 7.30pm, St Mary's, Burwell
Thu	12	PC Meeting, 7.30pm VH
Fri	13	
Sat	14	
Sun	15	Tigers' Car Boot Sale, Margaret Field, Burwell
Mon	16	WI Summer Party, 7pm, Betty Fox's
Tue	17	Mobile Library, Cage Hill 3:05-3:45, Chapel 3:50-4:10pm
Wed	18	<b><i>Crier Copy Deadline</i></b>
Tues	31	Mobile Library, Cage Hill 3:05-3:45, Chapel 3:50-4:10pm

<b>Club</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Tel.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>
<b>FOSPS</b>	<b>Clare Freeman</b>	<b>741316</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Mon of Term</b>	<b>8pm</b>	<b>Village School</b>
<b>Baby &amp; Toddlers</b>	<b>Fleur Routley</b>	<b>743992</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>2:30-4:00pm</b>	<b>Village Hall</b>
<b>Messy Play</b>	<b>Julia Turner</b>	<b>742688</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>2.00-2.45</b>	<b>Village Hall</b>
<b>Jamsing</b>	<b>Jo Pumfrey</b>	<b>741376</b>	<b>Tues (term)</b>	<b>9.20-12</b>	<b>Village Hall</b>
<b>Cubs</b>	<b>Andrew Noyes</b>	<b>743864</b>	<b>Weds (term)</b>	<b>6:00-7:30pm</b>	<b>Village School</b>
<b>Reading Group</b>	<b>Brenda Wilson</b>	<b>743937</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Weds of month</b>	<b>8:00pm</b>	<b>(See Crier)</b>
<b>Scouts</b>	<b>Andrew Noyes</b>	<b>743864</b>	<b>Weds (term)</b>	<b>7:45-9:15pm</b>	<b>Village School</b>
<b>Village Gardeners</b>	<b>Margaret Joyce</b>	<b>744390</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Tues of month</b>	<b>8:00pm</b>	<b>Village Hall</b>
<b>WI</b>	<b>Margaret Phillips</b>	<b>741495</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Mon of month</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>Village Hall</b>
<b>Youth Club</b>	<b>Alan Badcock</b>	<b>742228</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>7-8:30pm</b>	<b>Youth Club Hut</b>
			<b>Thurs</b>	<b>7-10:00pm</b>	

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