



The Swaffham Crier

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Editorial

OCTOBER, the *Crier* is back, and still beset by computer problems (yes, we've still got Vista), not to mention the apparent ongoing discrimination that our local broadband RASP seems to be conducting solely against us.

RASP users who sent emails to the *Crier* may have been disappointed in previous months because we ignored them completely. This is because they disappeared completely. We have asked for the situation to be remedied, and we keep hoping!

Swaffham Prior's *Scumbag College, Cambridge* were only just pipped at the post in September's Quiz (eventually won by Densa). Unlike (un)Lucky Harry, the editors' team, who successfully fought off strong competition to achieve the unique distinction of *bottom place*. Celebrations started at the Red Lion apparently, and continued well until the small hours—Lynne Rand and Jenny Brant's Quiz is always an excellent affair, and if you haven't put up a team yet, think about it for next time.

The *Crier* made an absolute howler in last month's edition, where a

quote concerning a recipe for success in life (*ignore your wife*) was quite wrongly attributed. Many apologies from us: this quote actually came from a long-suffering wife, and readers might like to guess *whose* wife, although there could be quite a few candidates there...

The Cage Hill Soap Box Challenge is rolling on, but don't forget to get in touch with Tim Doe if you intend to enter—see *Letters*. Earlier this year, Tim suggested the *Crier* do *something* about Hallowe'en, so that trick-or-treaters would only call on willing participants, and we invented a "no pumpkin" notice. But we've been anticipated, by ECDC no less—get your free NO TRICKS NO TREATS notices in this issue. Although why they have to be quite so *officious* about it (a *police* notice) is quite beyond us. Trick-or-treaters, your always welcome here! **Caroline Matheson**

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Letters to the Editors



Dear Editors,

That Festival

I believe that the Swaffham Prior Festival was generally thought to be a great success and I really appreciate everyone who was involved. Special thanks have to go to a number people: Dee Noyes & Janet Wilmott - they were there for me at the 'drop of a hat' from beginning to end – they really are such 'super' women. A very special and warm thank you to Christopher Walkinshaw who paid for and arranged for the printing of the Festival Programmes. The Marshall Motor Group for their generosity in sponsoring some very special prizes. The Rev. David Lewis kept me going and helped, supported and guided me throughout the 18 months it took to arrange the Festival, whizzing through any problems – he really has been truly blessed by God!

The Festival opened with beautifully arranged scented flowers in St Mary's church. Ruth Scovil and our very own village Flower Ladies created arrangements, not a Newmarket shop as some people thought. WOW & Note for a Child later totally transformed the church – and the 'Pimms' in the Pews was enjoyed by those who came. Both Rev. Gill Smith & Susie's heavenly voices along with the musical instruments from around the world were just amazing.

The ladies of the WI are so professional and *really* know how to hold events - Village Teas & the Comedy Night. Hilary Sage and friends staged "The Lighter Side of Village Life" – a superb production of real, traditional comedy! For anyone that missed Coup de Grass and the Cage Hill Hillbillies on the first Saturday evening – it was a sell out! They were fabulous and they promised they will come back again very soon...Tap Dancing attracted people from all walks of life and it was a lot of fun. It was very 'moving' to see Ron Prime's wonderful film of "The Bell Tower" amongst other things and to see old faces again in further footage – we munched our way through Pop Corn and glasses of wine whilst watching. The filming and commentary were every bit as professional and absorbing as current TV productions, betraying Ron's background. Thank you to the Artists who donated a piece of Artwork to be auctioned on the opening evening and to those also kindly donating a percentage of the sales of their paintings during the Art Exhibition. Clive Riggs & Paul Abbott both gave a lot of time and a huge amount of effort and support in setting up the whole Art Exhibition. The Festival ended with another highlight - Ian de Massini with Cambridge Voices & The Orchestra of Reason staging Handel's Messiah. The Trumpeter was astounding and the rest was pure magic! Then to finish off, Ian's exquisite Piano Recital raised the most money per person in spite of free admission.

I would like to thank you all for having confidence and believing that it was possibly to arrange this Festival after many years of absence.

The final tally was around £1,600 profit – well done to all.

Tina Jost

Dear Editor,

Play Scheme

This past summer I somehow stumbled into being in charge of organising this year's Playscheme, 'no' having temporarily slipped from my vocabulary. However, as a relative newcomer to Swaffham Prior I am compelled to say that the whole experience has left me feeling immensely privileged to live in a community (on this occasion includes Reach, pockets of Burwell and farms further a field) so full of kind, helpful and incredibly talented people willing to donate their time to helping make our children happy. A big thank you to everyone involved including the organising committee members, session leaders and helpers; to Emma Vincent and Beverly O'Dowd at the school and to the Village Hall Committee and in particular Barbara Dennis for her patience and kindness. Many thanks as well to Snakehall Farm for their massive support of our vegetable garden project and to the school's new neighbours the Burwell Tigers for running the football sessions. Thank you also to organisers past for creating and maintaining such a great tradition for the children of our community and finally...thanks especially to the children themselves who this year were without exception models of good behaviour whilst demonstrating extraordinary creativity and talent in so many different ways! I look forward to seeing all of you next year at Playscheme!

Nancy Pollini

Dear Editors,

The Striking Clock

As a resident of Tothill Road I am expressing my view on the striking clock issue. As far as I am aware, my neighbours and certainly my husband and I were not against it striking. I cannot speak for everyone, but the ringing would not wake us in the morning as we do not LIE IN at the weekend nor would it keep us awake at night. Big Ben it is not. As for children, as I remember, when my son was a child, he would sleep through anything and still does at 25 years of age. When we moved to the village, which was 22 years ago now, we loved to hear the church bells ring, and still do. I don't think the clock striking is going to bother us. I can honestly say that we don't even notice it. It's what you get used to and if you choose to live in a village, then church bells are part of the village way of life. I would rather hear bells than live in a town with traffic noise, which we did before moving to Swaffham Prior. To the best of my knowledge, there was only one person who was against the clock striking at certain times and he lives in Greenhead Road. I don't think it's fair to say Tom R was speaking on behalf of ALL Tothill residents, as I or my husband have never met him and wouldn't even know what he looks like. I only know that he also is a resident of Greenhead Road.

As for the children playing on Coopers Green, Tothill doesn't even look out over the green so why would anyone want to complain. In fact it was Tothill residents (some years ago now), who got a petition up to maintain the green so our children and others could play there, my son included. I do wish people would get their facts straight before pointing the finger. And a few words on Shakespeare. He's Dead get over it.

Lynne Rand

Dear Editors,

Quiz Night

We would like to thank everyone for their contributions for the quiz raffle. A special thank-you goes to Pru and Clifton, who always make up a lovely grocery box—it is much appreciated, as are all of the prizes. Thank-you again

Lynne Rand and Jenny Brand

And thank-you, Lyne and Jenny, for always organising such a good quiz (see Editorial). Eds.

Dear Eds,

Cage Hill Soap Box Challenge

The organisation of this event has been appropriately slow, but I can confirm at long last one detail...the date!

If the event goes ahead it will happen on Feast Day in May prior to the Feast Event itself. Start time will be determined by the number of entrants, probably noon and end by 2pm

Now for the rest...

I intend to keep the whole thing uncomplicated and FUN.

At present the rules are simple and can be summed up as follows; enter at your own risk & build it yourself. It must have 4 wheels and carry one person only. Brakes are now allowed. Successfully negotiate a course running down Cage Hill and on to the High Street.

Due to preliminary tests on the distance idea, it has become apparent that this will not be feasible so a timed run principle is to be adopted with a couple of gentle slaloms to add to the challenge.

I hope each entrant will be able to complete the course 3-5 times.

Organisers (that's me) reserve the right to refuse participation on any grounds.

Spectators will be able to see the course from start to finish from the bottom of the hill.

28 Green Head Road Swaffham Prior

Cambridgeshire

CB5 03T

Any incurred costs will be covered by the entrants and by any kind sponsors who come out of the wood work!

I need provisional entrants to confirm that they will definitely be taking up the challenge so that I can arrange the following important issues:

Local Police to be notified — because we are using the highway!

Residents of Cage Hill and the middle part of the High Street need to be asked if they are "ok" with the idea and are generally happy to not park their cars on the relevant roads during the event. So if you live between Cage Hill near Greer- Head Road and on the High Street from the bottom of the hill to the phone box on the

High Street, please let me know of your concerns. (You will get a letter through your door soon.)

Public Liability Insurance will be needed in case some one not taking part gets hurt then involves one of the ambulance chasing solicitors who bombard us with adverts for their services.

I reckon that I will need up to 5 people to help with marshalling the event - any volunteers?

Any questions to me direct or via the Crier.

Thanks

Tim Doe

Ruby Weddings

Congratulations to Mary and Roger Cook (married in Swaffham Prior), Pam and Ralph Waters (married in Swaffham Bulbeck) who both celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversaries in September. Also to Pat and Peter Cooke, who celebrated theirs in August.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Daniel Cozens:

**A Morning
of Colour**



Saturday 17th November

07:45 – 09:45 • Poppy Restaurant,
British Legion, Bottisham

£7 FROM:

Simon Goddard 01223 812881 • David Lewis 01223 812367
Jonathan Dowman 01223 813301 • Peter Wells 01223 812388

**This event is organized by:
Anglesey Churches Together**

From our Reporters....

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS GALORE

All covered by our Crier Reporters

David Greenfield's Report appears to have so delighted our PC that they had three meetings during August – perhaps they were hoping to see him again? All the meetings were about planning applications.

In days long gone it was assumed that all August planning applications were a bit dodgy as most people were away and applications could go through on the nod, especially slight amendments which would add an extra floor to an originally modest proposal. It might have been the case then, but it is certainly not now, I'm sure.



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 9TH AUGUST

Curious as to why our Parish Council should break with hallowed tradition and meet in August I went to listen in the public gallery. The Agenda promised no burning issues – and none arose until (after a reprise of the traffic on Mill Hill, the threat to the Lodes, the National Trust plans, parking problems in Ely, fly tipping on the droves) we finally got there.

There were three planning applications. The one for a garage with utility room behind 39 Cage Hill raised some concerns, while an application to demolish a clunch barn at 28 High Street, said to have “had its useful life”, was contested rather more hotly. Although the building is currently unsafe, it is in the Conservation Area and the meeting was evenly divided over the merits of retaining it. Roughly speaking the “old guard” opted for demolition while the newer arrivals voted for it to be kept. The Chairman had to cast his deciding vote, which he did, in favour of preservation.

Elisabeth Everitt

MEETING FOR MILL HILL RESIDENTS 15th AUGUST

Six Parish Councillors and the Clerk attended the presentation by the Ashwell Property Group to Mill Hill residents about the development of the Water Tower site. There were 3 Mill Hill residents, 2 from the High Street, and 1 other.

Ashwell went out of its way to meet objections – by reducing the height of some of the houses and by having considered the Mill Hill traffic problem and agreeing to contribute money to what is called a “build out”. They offered to make a donation to the Parish Council and rarely have I seen people put in such a spin at the offer of money. Both the Chairman and Geoffrey Woollard exclaimed “Don’t give it to us, give it to the CCC.” The Ashwell representative was nonplussed and didn’t know what to say. Being helpful I offered to look after the money but for some extraordinary reason this simple solution was not taken up. No-one asked how much would be contributed and no questions were asked about the Thirties/Greco/Egyptian

concrete shed/building which has been left out of the new Water Tower enclosure. When asked about this at the previous Ashwell presentation one of its staff said “It’s not on our patch.” On whose patch is it?

Alastair Everitt

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 28TH AUGUST

The Parish Council had called an extraordinary meeting to discuss the plans for the conversion to a house of the Chapel at the end of the High Street. A nudge from nowhere came from a strange voice in my ear telling me that I’d really be interested in the discussion and, anyway, it wouldn’t last very long. So, there I was, on Wednesday 29th, in the Village Hall – observing.

There were about eight Councillors sitting round the large Committee Room table, with the plans spread out before them. Members were eager to see where the parking was sited as traffic congestion could easily become an issue in that part of the High Street. Satisfied that this question had been answered, there was little further discussion except that Geoffrey Woollard liked the development and commended the environmentally sympathetic treatment of this important building. Living nearby I think the proposal could not have been bettered. The plans were approved. And the strange voice was right – I was interested and the meeting was very short.

Barbara Dennis

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 13TH SEPTEMBER

The Night that Eric Day Dropped a Bombshell

On the Agenda of the July Meeting I noticed that Swaffham Bulbeck had offered Karen the job of being *their* Clerk. How dare they try to steal our Clerk! I thought. And it wouldn’t be the first time that the dastardly Bulbeckians have put one across us. For example they nicked Marlon Brando’s bedroom door once the filming had stopped. The door is still there, in Bulbeck, and I gather there is no chance of getting it back. As it happens all is well as Karen is now Clerk to both PCs and easily parries questions from our PC – “Are they any good?”, “as good as us?” etc. Karen cut them down to size - “I’m not having any of that, so you can stop it.”

So what was new in the September meeting? Not a lot. Part of the problem today for any reporter is that letters and other documents are previously circulated by email and just mentioned in passing, usually with no comment. Before email the interesting ones were read out and there could be a discussion. No longer. There is no way round this but there can be times when the *Crier* reporter is left uninformed and may make the occasional error.

There was a letter about the High Street signs which was being nodded through when Geoffrey dragged it back by the scruff and insisted members should consider it because ECDC had only removed 2 of the 3 High Street signs the PC had asked to be removed. This was a 2/3rd success which normally isn’t bad. But Geoffrey was not to be appeased and kept on banging on about number 2 sign still being there. I now began to worry about his map references because in the *official Crier* record of the signs (March 2007, page 9), number 2 was at the Bulbeck side of Swaffham

Prior House entrance, and this *has* been removed. I think Geoffrey should have used the *Crier* reference and referred to number 3. This would have avoided the misunderstanding.

The Play Area is to have some substantial maintenance and refurbishment and Steve Kent-Phillips was congratulated for having master-minded this, all without any cost to the PC/Village. Money also has to be spent on the gate to ensure an ambulance can enter. It appears this is a regulation though how Bulbeck can squeeze one into its play area is a mystery.

In Open Question time two members of the public made a contribution and it was immediately after this that Eric Day dropped his bombshell. He, out of the blue, informed the meeting that “the plans for the five houses on the Water Tower site had been withdrawn.” Only Eric knew about this, how, we shall never know. Maybe it is because the land was originally owned by Eric’s father, had been compulsorily purchased, and therefore it was considered only decent to tell Eric first. Maybe it is going to be given back to Eric which would ensure there would be no development on the site. The meeting ended quite early.

Alastair Everitt

CALLING ALL ORGANISTS!

Are you a confident organist, keyboard player or pianist? Would you be able to play the pipe organ or electric piano in Church? St Mary's Church, Swaffham Prior is in need of organists or pianists to play for morning services at 11am on Sundays (and for special services at other times). We are fortunate in having a number of people we can call on to play, but could do with more to join this merry band! We are hoping to improve the standard of music and singing in the Church and would love to be able to get together a choir on occasions. The ideal would be to have a permanent organist at some point in the future but once a month would be a great help if you couldn't manage every week. We are able to pay a small amount per service (although many organists kindly play for free). If you would like to find out more, please contact Brenda Wilson, Church Warden on 01638 743937; e-mail: Bgdtwilson@aol.com

*St Mary's Church would like to invite
you to this year's*

Harvest Supper

On Saturday, 13 October, starting at 6pm
In Swaffham Prior Village Hall
Food and Entertainment included in ticket
price

£7 per adult; £6 concessions
(OAPs/under 16s);
£4 children under 11

Bar and Charity Raffle

Tickets are available from:

Barbara Dennis – 743939

Dee Noyes – 743864

from 23 September 2007



Don't miss your chance to buy tickets for this ever-popular annual event. The organising team has planned a delicious repast, featuring local produce, and luxurious puddings. This will be followed by entertainment suitable for all the family. All ages are welcome; an early start time has been set with families in mind. Wine and soft drinks will be on sale and a raffle with superior prizes will take place. Vegetarians gladly catered for. Newcomers to the village are especially welcome to this fun event.

THE HARVEST SHOW

What a lovely group of people came and supported the Harvest Show this year. The entries were selective but great, the cream teas very munchable, the raffle highlighted by Ron Prime's double success, a quiz which guaranteed amusement and almost total failure, and finally receipts of £196, a substantial portion of which our Secretary will ensure is donated to FARM AFRICA.

Alastair Everitt

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

YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU!

VILLAGE VARIETY SHOW

SATURDAY 1st DECEMBER

7.30 p.m.

at

THE VILLAGE HALL

**CAN YOU RECITE A DITTY, TELL A TALE, PLAY A
TUNE,
SING A SONG, DANCE THE FANDANGO, RAP, GRIND,
SHRED, HIP HOP?**

**IF SO...NOW'S THE MOMENT TO EMERGE FROM THE SHADOWS
AND PERFORM IN PUBLIC!**

**ALL WELCOME - CHILDREN AND ADULTS - NO UPPER OR
LOWER LIMITS!**

**If you would like to take part,
or simply buy a ticket or two,
Please contact**

Andrew Noyes 743864

Mark Lewinski 744062

DR MARGARET STANIER

It is with sadness we report that Dr Margaret Stanier died on Thursday 13 September in Addenbrooke's Hospital. She has donated her body to the Anatomy Department of Cambridge University. A Memorial Service will be held in Newnham College at some time during October. A fuller appreciation of Dr Stanier will appear in the November *Crier*.

Health, Safety and PC Insanity

A six-year old went into the school playground at break and, during a game, fell, grazing her knee. Common sense would suggest that she was picked up, her knee cleaned and a plaster put on. Oh no! the school rang her working mother and requested that she come and tend to her daughter forthwith! Litigation Lunacy?

“Perplexed”

What's Swaffham Prior's school policy on this? Comments? Eds

Burwell Surgery News

Sponsored Walk

We are delighted to be able to announce that our sponsored London Bridges walk for Kidney Research UK has raised a total of £2010 from both individual and team sponsorships. Once again, we would like to thank all those patients who very kindly sponsored our team.

Staffing Changes

Dr Debbie Gilbert has successfully completed all of her training and has now left our practice. Dr Matthew Piccaver is our new GP Registrar and he will be with the practice until February.

Flu Vaccinations

Flu jabs are now available at the surgery. It is recommended that patients with any of the following conditions: heart disease, diabetes, asthma, chronic renal or liver disease or immunosuppression, any patients who are aged 65 years or over and any patients who are carers should have the flu vaccination. There will be a flu clinic at the Day Centre on 25th October and one at Ness Court (date to be arranged). Please contact the surgery for an appointment.

STATION BUSES

As of Monday 3 September there are to be changes to where you catch your bus from Cambridge rail station.

Two new bus shelters have been introduced at the rail station. The existing shelters will become Stop A and the new shelters Stop B.

Buses leaving from Stop A (right hand side when leaving the station) will go into the City Centre and onto Arbury, Cottenham, Fison Road, Grafton Centre, Histon and Impington.

Buses leaving from Stop B (left hand side when leaving the station) will go out of the City calling at Addenbrookes, Cherry Hinton, Duxford, Fulbourn, Pampisford, Saffron Walden, Sawston, The Shelfords and Whittlesford.

The bus numbers will not change.

DON'T DITCH OUR LODES

The Cambridgeshire Lodes' supporters are still urged to obtain more signatures for the **'Don't Ditch Our Lodes!'** on-line E-Petition. If you know of others who might like to sign up, please copy or forward this message to them so that they can click on the website, which is to be found at -

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

The E-Petition 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!"

I conclude this message with the following, which may be apt at this point:

"Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning."

(Winston S. Churchill, the Prime Minister, speaking at the Lord Mayor's Luncheon, held at The Mansion House, London, following the British victory at El Alamein in North Africa, 10th November, 1942).



CROSSWORD RESULTS

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

Don't know what to do with all those oversized courgettes? Nancy Pollini tells us how to make....

Zucchini Bread

12 oz. plain flour
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
8 oz. sugar
8 oz. finely shredded, unpeeled courgette
2 oz. cooking oil
1 egg
1 teaspoon finely shredded lemon peel
8 oz. chopped walnuts, pecans and/or pine nuts (optional)

Combine dry all ingredients except the sugar in a large mixing bowl; set aside. In another bowl combine sugar, courgette, oil, egg and lemon peel; mix well. Add to dry ingredients. Stir until just moistened (batter should be lumpy). Stir in nuts if using.

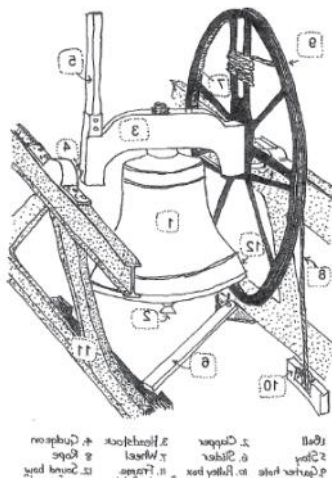
Spoon batter into greased or lined loaf pan. Bake at 190 C° for 30-40 min. or until a wooden toothpick inserted into the middle of the loaf comes out clean. Makes 1 loaf (if using an 8x4x2 inch loaf pan).



LET THE BELLS RING OUT

On Saturday 29 September there will be a visiting band from Sutton, near Ipswich from 2.00 to 2.30. On the following Saturday, 6 October, we will be visited by a band from Hornchurch, Essex, ringing from 4.15 to 5.00. On Tuesday 30 October there will be the usual monthly ringing practice from 7.30 to 9.00.

Also sometime during October a Quarter Peal, lasting $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour, will be rung in memory of Dr Margaret Stanier on the bells she loved so dearly. This Quarter Peal will be rung by superb ringers who have known and rung with Dr Stanier for many years. It will be an excellent piece of ringing. A poster will be displayed later giving the time and date of this event.



Alastair Everitt

Bottisham Players present.....

“It runs in the Family”

Ray Cooney

A rip roaring comedy is what everyone needs to start the summer fun. We can deliver thanks to the clever writing of Ray Cooney.

Dr. David Mortimore finds himself in a position that may lead to a knighthood. What could possibly happen to put paid to that!!!

Well an old flame with surprising news that needs to be hidden from his wife and the hospital authorities. What does he find out and how does he deal with it?

Take your seat and come and find out. You will need a hankie because you will “laugh until you cry”

Performances will be at 7.30 pm on Thursday, Friday & Saturday, 4^h, 5th & 6th October 2007 in the Main Hall at Bottisham Village College.

Tickets £7 those entitled to a concession (O.A.P's , children under 16 and anyone over 16 who can produce a Student card) will be charged £5. No concession on Saturday. Available from Lushers News, Bottisham for personal bookings. Alternatively ring our separate advance booking line on 01223 811033.

Tickets must be paid for and collected prior to the show. Tickets may be available on the door

The format will be a standard Auditorium with drinks available from the dinner hall in the interval..

THE TWO SIDES OF HALLOWE'EN

Hallowe'en is traditionally a night of fun and frolics with children and parents alike knocking on doors for a night of 'Trick or Treating': but for some it can be a scary experience.

The majority of people see Hallowe'en as good-humoured fun with children dressing up as ghosts, witches or monsters; and householders are happy to hand over sweets. Children accompanied by their parents or responsible adults call at houses where they know they will be made welcome for some good-natured trick or treating.

However, there are sometimes gangs who swoop along a street, knocking at every door demanding some sort of gift or payment. For the vulnerable or elderly, this can be an intimidating experience. If they are unprepared, or unwilling to respond, they can be targets for anti social behaviour. Some people want their privacy respected, and have a right not to be accosted on their own doorstep.

We are not being killjoys - we don't want to stop harmless fun - but it ceases to be fun when some residents are genuinely living in fear. To help, the East Cambridgeshire Community Safety Partnership is encouraging people who do not want a Hallowe'en visit to display the "No Trick or Treat" poster which will be available from our websites: Cambridge Constabulary at www.cambs.police.uk (click on 'crime advice', then 'crime prevention advice', then 'Hallowe'en'; and East Cambridgeshire District Council at www.eastcambs.gov.uk (click on 'community and living', then 'crime prevention', then 'Hallowe'en'). Copies will also be available from Ely Police Station or the Council Office in Nutholt Lane, Ely. The poster should be on the websites, or available to collect, from mid-October.

The message to parents is to take responsibility for their children. Explain how vulnerable people can be frightened by an unwanted and unexpected group calling on a dark evening. Tell them to visit only where they know they will be welcome, and to respect people's privacy when there is a "No Trick or Treat" sign on display."

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bridgeshire Community Safety Partnership is encouraging people who do not want a Hallowe'en visit to display the "No Trick or Treat" poster which will be available from our websites: Cambridge Constabulary at www.cambs.police.uk (click on 'crime advice', then 'crime prevention advice', then 'Hallowe'en'; and East Cambridgeshire District Council at www.eastcambs.gov.uk (click on 'community and living', then 'crime prevention', then 'Hallowe'en'). Copies will also be available from Ely Police Station or the Council Office in Nutholt Lane, Ely. The poster should be on the websites, or available to collect, from mid-October.



The Crier's proposed poster

The message to parents is to take responsibility for their children. Explain how vulnerable people can be frightened by an unwanted and unexpected group calling on a dark evening. Tell them to visit only where they know they will be welcome, and to respect people's privacy when there is a "No Trick or Treat" sign on display."

Please contact me if you have any queries.

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Brian Tully

But the Crier had this idea first (see June issue)! We've published the Police poster on page 20.

BURWELL MUSIC CIRCLE

Have you ever heard of the Burwell Music Circle?

You may have seen the name during your quick scan of the "What's On" pages in "Clunch":

What do you know about us?

We are a Group of approximately 25 who meet at 7.30 p.m. on the 2'd Friday of each month at the Burwell Day Centre for an evening of recorded music selected by a member. No! We are not a "bunch of high-brows", our members' tastes cover the whole range of music from Abba to Wagner, and in fact, both of these were recently heard in the same programme!

Admission, including refreshments during the interval, is just E1, where else can you get a full evenings entertainment at such a low cost?

Our next meeting will be on October 12th so why not give it a try, or for further information please contact Margaret Mason on 743918

Swaffham Prior Summer Playscheme 2007



Toby Pitt Brass Rubbing in St. Mary's



Party Games with Dee
Noyes and Co.



Football courtesy of
the **Burwell Tigers**



Freya Thomas, Sara and Sofia Pollini
hard at work in the Veg. Garden



Fleur Routley, Ann Hubbard and
children getting crafty

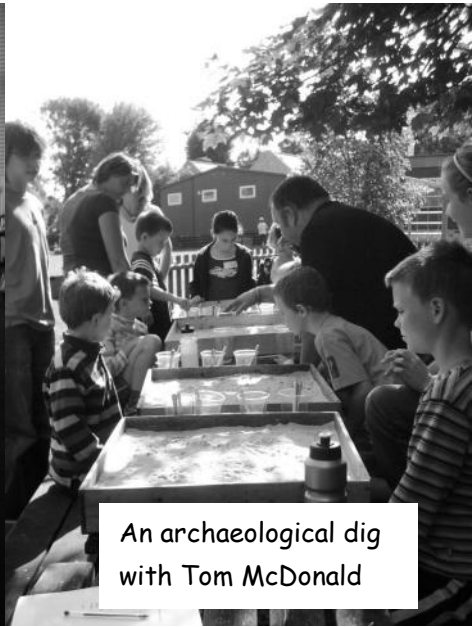


Swimming

Girls getting pampered by
April Cook, Clare Snaith and
Tina Jost



An archaeological dig
with Tom McDonald



These are just some of the fun activities children were able to participate in at this year's summer **Playscheme**. There were a total of 27 different activities spread out over 5 days from the 23rd to the 27th of July, including the building, planting and embellishing of a new **vegetable garden** for the school. See the amazing results below!



SORRY



NO TRICK OR TREAT HERE
THANK YOU

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CAMBRIDGE OPERATIC SOCIETY PRESENTS

The Gondoliers

by WS Gilbert & Arthur Sullivan

at

The Arts Theatre, Cambridge

Monday 26 November – Saturday 1 December

**Monday-Saturday 7.30pm & Saturday 2.30pm: £10/
£15/£20**

All tickets are subject to a £1.50 booking fee

Box Office 01223 503333

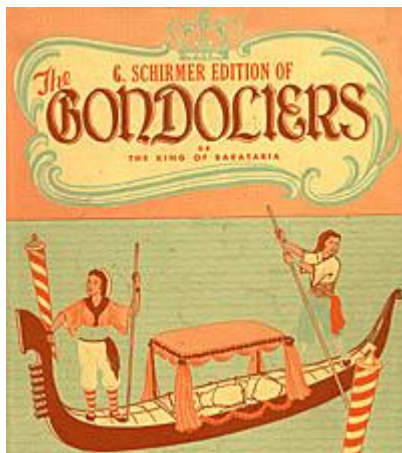
Book online: www.cambridgeartstheatre.com

*Audio described performance by Arts Audio, Sat 1 Dec 2.30pm
(commentary from 2.15pm). Touch tour available, please book.*

The ever-popular Cambridge Operatic Society is delighted to be returning to the Arts Theatre for its annual production, looking set to top the success of last years smash hit *My Fair Lady*.

The twelfth of Gilbert & Sullivan's successful collaborations, *The Gondoliers* is a Mediterranean delight full of instantly recognisable music that takes us from the grand splendour of Venice to the fictional Spanish island of Barataria. Two newly-wed gondoliers suddenly discover that one of them is the heir to a kingdom. In the ensuing marital confusion, it is revealed that the prince was wed in infancy to Casilda, daughter of the Duke of Plaza-Toro...but blissfully unaware of this, she's secretly in love with her father's attendant Luiz. Just who is the true heir to the Baratarian throne? And more to the point, will love ever triumph over duty?!

The Gondoliers is a vibrant, sparkling operetta packed with some of Sullivan's finest music, including the famous song 'Take a pair of sparkling eyes'. So join us to dance the cachucha, fandango and bolero and immerse yourself in the unique topsy-turvy world of Gilbert and Sullivan.



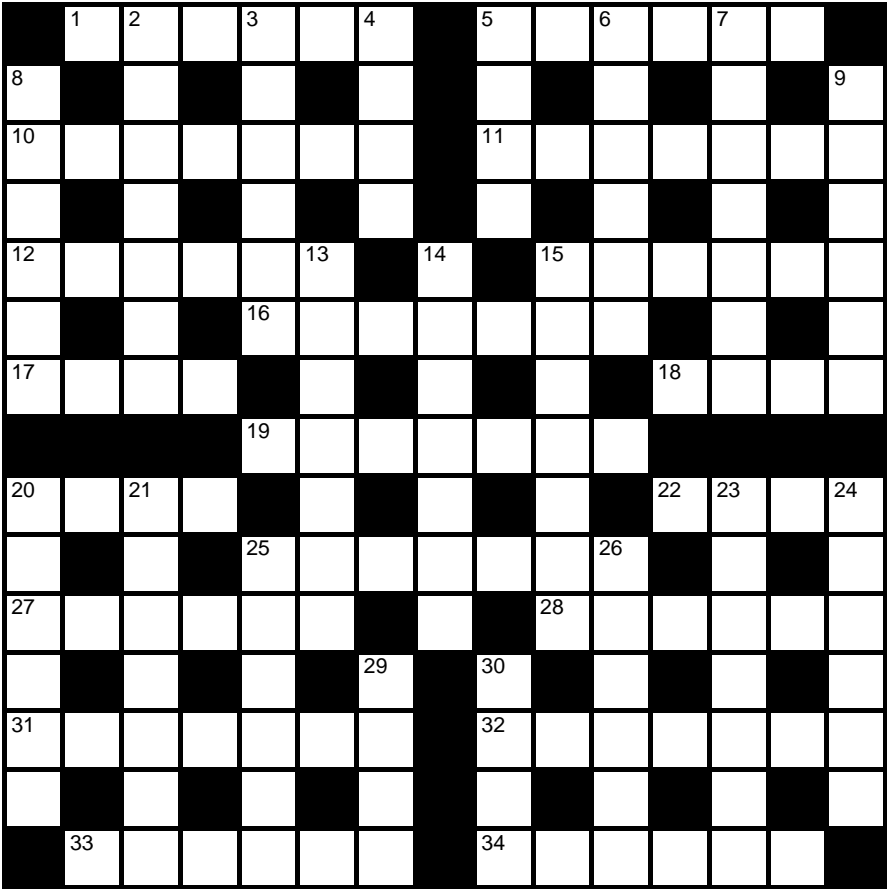
Crossword Number 46

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 October 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:.....
Adress.....
.....Tel:.....

Across

- 1 Gangster takes pictures back from the stars (6)
- 5 Fighting before a short period of tenderness (6)
- 10 Italian dumplings for Greek character after pig's tail with no can opener (7)
- 11 Secret police encounter postage problem (7)
- 12 No snoring with the French hooter (6)
- 15 I would find a queen maybe showing her characteristics (2,4)
- 16 Uncouth woman let date get drunk (7)
- 17 Immunodeficiency I found in bills (4)
- 18 Nothing more than water (4)
- 19 Quaint, befuddled, idle, Tom (3-4)
- 20 Bad smell follows when legal restraint is used (4)
- 22 Preserve a follower by the doorway (4)
- 25 Instrumentalist who toils so distraughtly (7)
- 27 Behind the Abbot tombola is filled (6)
- 28 Pelt the queen in front of the pit (6)
- 31 Mother, cover my head, mother, o wise one (7)
- 32 Service company grandpa leaves; pituitary gland is abnormal (7)
- 33 A pattern appears from a rough guide young ladies experience at first (6)
- 34 Some are heard before the fall (6)

Down

- 2 Menagerie came back into raised lairs and nodded off (7)
- 3 Remember to phone again (6)
- 4 Look in the joint (4)

- 5 Pay women on time (4)
- 6 Strange desire to be at home (6)
- 7 Sally Lunn might adulterate a cake mix inside (7)
- 8 Union leader goes first and leads a country in Africa (6)
- 9 Pamper then immerse in hot water (6)
- 13 Dishevelled old mare seen in nobleman's domain (7)
- 14 Peppermint oil found in supplement holder (7)
- 15 List roughly; I'm it, see (7)
- 20 Young Albert reaches bottom point with pictures (6)
- 21 Retailer includes halibut, cherries, etc. for sale (7)
- 23 Foolish when I have one over the eight (7)
- 24 Cheerio. Run, run (3-3)
- 25 Piano frequently found in surreptitious setting (6)
- 26 'tis obvious; 'tis rum cocktail (6)
- 29 Rest first, especially after strenuous exercise (4)
- 30 Teachers bearing crackers (4)

Solution to crossword no. 45

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WI Notes

The sun shone brightly on the coffee morning at Pat Cooke's house and conversation flowed with the coffee and biscuits. Homemade cakes and bric-a-brac went well, and we can count it as a social and financial success too.

There was much laughter at the meeting on the 17th when Barbara Redman demonstrated how to make greetings cards. We each had a bag containing blank cards and bits and pieces, and from these, under her expert tuition, each of us turned out some fairly plausible cards—we hadn't had so much fun with double-sides sticky tape since Blue Peter.

On the 15th October, we have Stephen Brookes telling us about his escape to India — do join us.

The Anglesey Group Mothers' Union

Have you heard of "The Red Balloon" Learning Centre in Cambridge? Many of us in the Mothers' Union Group had heard of it, and knew it was a School in Cambridge which caters for bullied children, but many of us were unaware of exactly what sort of school it is and how it is run. At our Meeting on Thursday 20th September, we were fortunate to have Dr. Carrie Herbert as our speaker who was the founder of The Red Balloon in Cambridge 11 years ago. We had the most fascinating and interesting afternoon, and are deeply indebted to Dr Herbert for her informative, riveting, moving and amusing talk. She originally founded the school for children who were being bullied in schools and were unable to cope with mainstream education. She described how her house was adapted to be the premises of the school. They operated here for 9 years, and now the School is housed in New Square in Cambridge.

The education received there is "short-term" with the aim of the children returning to mainstream education as soon as they are strong enough. The aims of the School are to restore self-confidence, help students regain control of their learning, help them to return as soon as possible to mainstream education or to find worthwhile employment, and to encourage and expect consideration and respect at all times.

We learned of the success stories she has seen at her School, how tirelessly she has worked and will continue to do so for the next 14 years she says! Dr Herbert is a very motivated and enthusiastic lady to whom a lot of young people in Cambridge have much to be grateful for I am sure.

At the end of the afternoon we not only learned a lot about the work of The Red Balloon, but we felt inspired and uplifted, and felt that it was a privilege to have



learned so much about this project from Dr Herbert. This was a MU Meeting not to be missed, and if at any time in the future you would like to come, please do! Everyone is very welcome at all times.

The Diocesan President of the MU – Mrs. Joan Cameron – is speaking at our next Meeting on 18th October and on 15th November Ros Wright will be telling us about “Christmas Customs”. The year ends with a Bring and Share Lunch at Bot-tisham Vicarage. We have a lot to look forward to!

Pauline Lewis.

The Reading Group Reads....

The Tenderness of Wolves

A small but enthusiastic group gathered for our August meeting to discuss 'The Tenderness of Wolves' by Stef Penney, recent winner of the Costa Prize for a first novel.

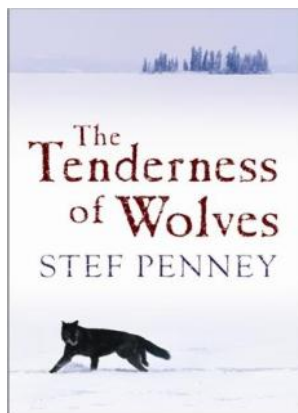
The year is 1867 and the small, isolated settlement of Dove River in Canada is witness to a brutal murder; Laurent Jammet, a trapper, trader and loner is found dead by his neighbour and the book's main character, Mrs Ross, whose son, Francis, simultaneously disappears. There follows an emotional roller-coaster of events in the search for the killer as a cloud of suspicion hangs over the small town. Men from the Hudson Bay Company come to investigate the murder and there begins a series of evocative journeys through the Canadian wilderness in winter. The descriptive writing makes the intense cold and isolation almost palpable and the need to continue reading becomes compulsive. It is during their journeyings that the true nature of many of the characters is revealed and several mysteries posed during the story are answered within it's violent conclusion. In spite of certain questions remaining we agreed that we found this to be an entertaining and rewarding novel - a thoroughly 'good read'.

The next meeting of the Reading Group will be on Wednesday 3 October at Janet Cooper's house when 'After You'd Gone' by Maggie O'Farrell will be discussed. Future chosen books are;

7 November: The Business by Iain Banks

5 December: Far from the Madding Crowd by Thomas Hardy

January :The Nine Tailors by Dorothy L. Sayers



Mary Hart

On the Buses...

Everyone has a view of bus services regardless of whether they use them or not. Many though have no idea where to express those views.

Passenger Transport services at Cambridgeshire County Council has taken steps to solve that problem. We have posted a survey on the web, which is quick, simple and easy to complete.



All the responses received will be compiled regularly and be one of the contributory factors used to develop our plans for the future. The survey can be completed as many times as people like as we will continually review the results.

What we need is your help in letting people know how they can access the survey. The address below will connect them directly to the survey

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/consultations/bussurvey

Please let as many people know this address as you can. It can be by word of mouth, at your next parish meeting or through your parish newsletter. It really doesn't matter. Just help us to get it out there.

Finding out what people really think about bus services is vital. The on-line survey gives those who have a view but don't know where to express it, the opportunity to be heard.

With your help we can make the survey a success.

Stephanie Wade

Passenger Transport Customer Relations Officer

...And There's More....

East Cambs residents aged 50+ are invited to Ely Library on Thursday 25th October, at 10.30am, to 'Have Your Say' about transport in the area.

There will be three main speakers, talking about:

- what's happening with concessionary fares and public transport?
- Ely's Transport Strategy is being updated
- Changes to parking arrangements in the area.

The organisers of Ely Soham Dial-a-Ride and Ely & District Community Car Scheme will also explain what their services can offer.

Help the Aged is providing lunch, and afterwards there will be optional activities including chair-based balance and strength training, and a computer 'taster' for absolute beginners.

Tickets are free but you do need to book beforehand as places are limited to 50. Collect your ticket from the library in advance, or ring Lynda Martin at Cambridgeshire Libraries to reserve one (tel 01480-375194 or 07796-336301).

For more information (but not tickets), you can also call Helen Randall at Care Network's Ely office on 01353-772169.



**EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE
DISTRICT COUNCIL**

From our District
Councillor
Allen Alderson

WEEKLY RUBBISH COLLECTION HERE TO STAY

**LESS LANDFILL, BETTER RECYCLING, PLASTICS
COLLECTION**



East Cambridgeshire residents will be relieved to know that their weekly rubbish collection has been retained and the inexorable invasion of the wheelie bin stopped short at their borders.

In addition, from Spring 2008 plastics will be picked up from the kerbside along with existing fortnightly collections of black box recyclables and brown sack garden waste.

According to the Conservative's waste management project leader, Councillor David Brown, the disposal problem of black bag residual waste will be greatly reduced when a new mechanical biological treatment plant (MBT) comes on line at Waterbeach in 2009. He said: "This will ensure that the District's landfill dependence is kept well short of soon to be imposed Government limits."

"If we exceed these limits we shall face of £150.00 per ton of excess but we are confident now that this won't happen to us." Welcoming the announcement, Conservative Council Leader, Brian Ashton said: "We have been experimenting with fortnightly collection in Witchford, Burwell and Bottisham. They hate it. We have knocked on doors throughout the District, we have listened to residents and we have reacted to the majority view. "We have delivered. Furthermore we have done so within budget."

"Fortnightly collection trial villages will be reverting to weekly collection very shortly with apologies for the inconvenience they have endured and grateful thanks for their forbearance. It was not a Conservative led council that did this to them, but it is a Conservative Council that has put a stop to it once and for all."

The Waterbeach MBT plant will receive thousands of tons of Cambridgeshire's household waste. It will remove any remaining recyclable materials, process the organic element to reduce its volume and produce a compost-like soil which can be used for land restoration.

Because a certain amount of organic material is required for the process to work, kitchen waste will be welcomed in the weekly black sack collections.

Mountains of garden waste remain an expensive issue, but the Conservative budget will enable the Council to increase spending on public education, encourage more home composting and reduce excessive use of brown paper sacks.

Commenting on the outcome of extensive negotiations over many months with various waste management contractors, Cllr David Brown said: "East Cambridgeshire District Council has opted to stay with our existing contractor, Veolia, whom we believe can deliver our new and improved service within budget and to the satisfaction of Council Tax Payers."



Oliver Cromwell's House — WHAT'S ON

Oliver Cromwell's House invites you to join them on two new Halloween Events aimed at either families or groups. These spooky treasure hunts are different to normal ghost trails as they end in an interactive showdown where you can outwit your family, friends or colleagues.

Thursday 25th October - Kids Spooky Treasure Hunt Family entertainment from 3.30pm-5.00pm. Families arrive at Oliver Cromwell's

House and are given a pack which leads then on a route around Ely solving clues at the various haunted sites marked on their trail map (approx 1 hour). Each group is given a mini torch to help them with their search. Once the treasure hunt is completed, return to Oliver Cromwell's House to find two more clues in the House itself (well known for its ghostly residents) before families compete in our Interactive Showdown to find out who knows the most about Haunted Ely.

All places must be pre-booked by phoning 01353 662062. Costs: Adult £8 per head, Kids £4 per head (under 5s free), Family ticket £22 (2+3) includes Spooky Treasure Hunt, entrance to Oliver Cromwell House, complimentary refreshments, showdown and prizes, certificates for everyone and treats for all kids.

Thursday 25th October - Ely Ghost Hunter Start anytime from Oliver Cromwell's House from 6pm-8pm. Groups (consisting of between 2 and 6 people) are given packs which leads then on a route around Ely solving clues at the various haunted sites marked on their trail map. Each group is given a mini torch to help them with their search. Once the treasure hunt is completed, return to Oliver Cromwell's House to find two more clues in the House itself (well known for its ghostly residents) before families compete in our Interactive Showdown to find out who knows the most about Haunted Ely.

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includes Ghost Hunter Treasure Hunt, entrance to Oliver Cromwell House, complimentary refreshment, showdown and prizes, certificates halloween sweet treats for everyone.

In addition to these dates, tailor made Halloween Trails can be provided for your organisation or business, so if you are looking for a team building exercise or a social evening, please call us at the Tourist Information Centre (01353 662062) where we can provide you with more details.

Tracey Harding

Tourism Team Leader

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"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

Notes from the Parish Council August & September Meetings

Chairman John Covill chaired the August meeting with 5 Parish Councillors and 2 members of the Public. Andrew Camps (Vice-Chairman) chaired the September meeting with 5 Parish Councillors and 2 members of the Public.

Minutes of Meetings: These were agreed.

Reports: CCC – Cllr Hazel Williams

ECDC – Cllr Allen Alderson

Correspondence Received: This was reported.

Update on Play Area: Steve Kent-Phillips met with ECDC to discuss grant funding for the play area. The sum of £7,150 was allocated by ECDC subject to the provision of suitable quotations and final agreement. It is hoped to refurbish the four -bay swings with new seats, chains and coloured surfacing and similarly with the ‘baby’ swings. The children at the School have been invited to choose the colour design for the surfacing. In addition the climbing frame is to be repaired and the gate brought up to current regulation standards with self-closing fixings. The surface beneath the slide will be cleaned and a ‘spiked’ strip will be added along the top bar of both swing units to alleviate the problem of bird fouling.

Maintenance Works to Cemetery Pathway: Further consideration was given to the quotations received for this work. It was agreed to ask Mead Construction to carry out the work. This repair work will provide extra support and strengthening to the edgings and additional hardcore and gravel will be laid to tidy the pathway.

Road Safety Measures/Traffic Calming, Mill Hill: Although agreed at the July PC meeting not to submit a bid for the CCC’s Jointly Funded Minor Highways Improvements – 2008/09 Bidding Round, following further information from CCC Highways, it was agreed that a bid should be submitted. Although suitable measures to help with the problems on Mill Hill could cost considerably more than the funds available within this scheme, other larger funds may be available. A bid was submitted following the August meeting.

The Lodes & The Fens: Ongoing discussion. It was reported by Geoffrey Woollard that the petition against the proposals for the Lodes had now reached 870 signatures.

Position of Clerk to Swaffham Bulbeck Parish Council: The Clerk informed the meeting that from the 1st September she would be taking up the post of Parish Clerk to Swaffham Bulbeck Parish Council as well as remaining Clerk to Swaffham Prior Parish Council. It was agreed that this could be beneficial to both Parish Councils.

Renewal of Annual Insurance: This was agreed.

Accounts for payment: These were agreed.

Planning Applications:



Karen, our Clerk.

28 High Street – *total demolition of outbuildings*. The PC objected to this application.

39 Cage Hill – *single storey attached garage with utility room to rear*. No objections.

The Old Chapel, 68 High Street – *conversion of existing redundant chapel into 1 No 5 bed residence*.

No objections.

Planning Approvals:

16 Green Head Road – *two-storey rear extension*

5 High Street – *single storey rear extension*

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

Items for the Next Agenda will include:

Play Area Maintenance

The Lodes & The Fens

Mill Hill - Road Safety/Traffic Calming

High Street Signs

Budgets/Precept

Open Question Time:

General discussion

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Thursday, 11th October 2007 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Karen King

Clerk of the Parish Council

Tel: 742358. Email: karen.king5@bopenworld.com

FREECYCLE

The offers and wants are a bit thin on the ground this month – so now the busy summer holidays are over, 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, 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:
Tippitoes doorway baby bouncer		Jun Thompson, 01223 813362



Lode Baptist Chapel

The Pursuit of Happiness

And before all you keen-eyed readers start reaching for your red pen, I do mean happiness with a 'y'. This is the title of a film I saw recently starring Will Smith in a retelling of a true story about the life of Chris Gardner, an ordinary guy who wants to provide for his family. The dream, however, starts falling apart – his wife leaves him and he and his son face one desperate struggle after another. At one point in the film he reflects upon the words of Thomas Jefferson in the US Declaration of Independence that everyone has the right to “Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness”. Why only the right to 'pursue happiness' he asks – is happiness itself unobtainable? Or is it perhaps, only in the act of pursuit, that this thing called happiness is found?

It does seem to be true that we spend more time pursuing happiness than enjoying it. We always seem to think that it lies just out of reach – that next pay rise, that new house, that new plasma screen TV... *then* I'll be happy! For thousands of years philosophers have mused upon happiness and have realised that short-term gratification often requires trade-offs that cause negative repercussions in the long-run. Aristotle observed that just as fish must be happy when they are swimming, and birds happy when they are flying, so the route to happiness for humans lies in the unique abilities that we possess. Happiness is thus defined as “a full use of your powers, along lines of excellence in a life-affording scope” which means that we will find long-term satisfaction when we put all of our efforts into fulfilling our unique vocation in life.

Jesus says something similar to this is what we call 'the parable of the talents' where the ones who wisely use the gifts that they've been given are invited to “come and share in your master's happiness.” Although a talent actually referred to a unit of currency, the meaning of the parable can equally apply to the skills and abilities we each have. I believe each one of us is given these specific 'talents' because we all have a unique and God-given purpose to fulfil – a hole in the world that only we are able to fit.

According to such a definition happiness is not linked to the acquisition of material possessions or wealth. This can be seen to be true in the lives of numerous 'rich' celebrities who are clearly unhappy, and in the huge smiles of African children who have so little. For the sake of justice it is important to work towards a fairer world, but although money may mean better health and better education, we in the 'rich West' know that this won't automatically mean more happiness. Indeed, the Greek word for happiness is 'eudaimonia' and literally means 'well-soul'. Rather than being a result of physical or emotional factors, the word suggests that 'happiness' is related to spiritual well-being. This is backed up by the extensive research

suggesting that religious people are happier and less stressed.

So, in your own 'pursuit of happiness' perhaps you could benefit from asking yourself the question 'is it well with my soul?' and from seeking God, the one who can guide you towards your unique purpose in life.

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 'Awesome' Sunday Club on 28th October.

For more information please contact:
Simon Goddard on 812881 or Peter Wells on 812388
Lode Chapel, High Street, Lode, CB25 9EW.
Email: simon.goddard@lodechapel.org.uk
Web: www.lodechapel.org.uk

Roman Catholic Church, Newmarket Parish

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

MOBILE LIBRARY DATES

October 9th and 23rd.

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



Church of England Services October 2007

	ST MARY'S Swaffham Prior	ST MARY'S Swaffham Bulbeck	Bottisham
Sun 7	11:00am Holy Communion	8:00am Holy Communion 11:00am Harvest Festival	11:00am Family Service
Sun 14	8:00am Holy Communion 11:00am Harvest Festival	9:30am Holy Communion	11:00am Holy Communion
Sun 21	11:00am Holy Communion	9:30am Village Communion	8:00am Holy Communion 11:00am Harvest Festival
Sun 28	11:00am Matins	9:30am Holy Communion	11:00am Holy Communion

PASTORAL LETTER, October 2007 Bottisham

Welcome to Jonathan Dowman, our new Curate, who
writes this month Pastoral Letter...

Dear Friends,

If those of you who love sunshine and heat would forgive and indulge me for a while, may I just explain why I think everyone's favourite time of the year should be autumn - the season which in my biased opinion ranks above all others! I'm certain that some of you will relate to my love of autumn, but if you don't, I won't hold it against you!

For me, autumn is all about a time of promise and hope, but before I get letters explaining that I must surely be thinking of spring, I assure that I am not. Let me explain...

The weather in autumn is fantastic with its promise of the first dense fog, when the world becomes eerily quiet, so that even the sound of your own voice doesn't carry and the first frost, where by the lower the temperature the more excited I get! The colours of autumn, conker fights and kicking through the leaves is magic and I love the promise of fireworks, bonfires, apple pies and the first roast potatoes! As a child (please excuse this petrol-head excursion!) I loved the promise of the Motor-Show in Birmingham or London, travelling there with my dad by train to see the latest Lotus, Porsche or Jaguar and of coming back with bagfuls of car brochures and car related tat! I still do love the promise of my Birthday and of the Christmas to come, but most of all, above everything else is the promise and hope that this coming winter may bring SNOW!

Now I know that looking forward to the possibility of snow, to many sounds rather ridiculous and that looking forward to it in the autumn only adds to my foolishness, but it is in the autumn that you see the change in the weather and (for me anyway) the promise and hope of a following winter with snow excites my inner child every year! I'm sure there must be people out there who feel the same...

Yet as I was thinking about this letter, I realised that for many autumn is not about promise or hope. The garden and trees are dying, the nights are getting longer and soon it will get cooler as well. For some people a season such as this is nothing to celebrate or find promise in.

In the same way, we too experience seasons in our lives and while some may be experiencing a season of promise or hope, something we all desire, I know that others are perhaps feeling that they are experiencing a season of decay, of chill, of bad weather or of long nights, through circumstance, illness, family life, work, stress, money, debt, failure, self esteem, loss or death, to name a few. Indeed we all can face difficult seasons and times which hold little promise or hope.

This autumn, if you are in that place of little to hope for or lacking any kind of promise, I would like to offer you the greatest promise of all – that of the love, care and guidance of God, who promises us good gifts and plans; who promises to make our paths straight, our burdens light. This autumn, if you need to know these promises for yourself, why don't you speak to David Lewis or I and we would be happy to introduce you to the one who keeps his promises forever. This is perhaps the greatest promise of all; because like the promises of autumn, our promises can remain unfulfilled. After all: when was the last time we had a good dumping of snow?!

God bless

Jonathan Dowman (curate of the Anglesey Benefice)

Tue	2	Mobile Library, Cage Hill 2:40-3:30, Chapel 3:35-4:00pm
Wed	3	Reading Group, 8pm Janet Cooper's, High Street
Thu	4	<i>It Runs in the Family</i> , Bottisham Players, 7pm BVC. Runs to the 6th.
Sat	6	Cambridge Voices 20th Anniversary, 7pm Holy Trinity, Reach
Thu	11	PC Meeting, 7.30pm VH
Fri	12	
Sat	13	Harvest Supper, 6pm VH
Mon	15	WI 7.30pm VH
Thu	18	Mothers' Union Crier Copy Deadline
Thu	25	Have Your Say About Buses, Ely Library, 10.30am
Wed	31	HALLOWEEN

***Dates for
Your Diary***

**October
2007**

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

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