



# The Swaffham Crier

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## Editorial

WHERE HAVE ALL OUR COUNCILLORS GONE? Long time paassing...? Not our local ones, but our District and County Councillors, who after a flurry of publishing in our local magazines, are now hiding their lights under a Bushel. Or perhaps behind a Neighbourhood Panel?

Unlike some of our other correspondents (who appear to have transferred their allegiance to the Nationals — see *Letters*) we don't know what they've been doing now. It IS useful to know what are elected representatives concern themselves with, —yes, we like to *scrutinise* too!—and we do hope they will reconsider, more regular copy would be very welcome.

As most of us will be aware, June 2008 was tragically marked by the sudden and wholly unexpected death of a much-loved and respected local doctor, Mark Towriss, who at 53, was very much in the prime of his life. More than six hundred people, including rows of nurses in their uniforms, turned out to pay their respects at Swaffham Bulbeck Church, and the *Crier* would like to add their own sincere

condolences. Overheard: “the best, the kindest doctor I ever had”. Who could ever replace him?

Next month is the last month before the *Crier* Holiday. Hip, Hip. HOORAY!!! For those new to the Village (and those who might have forgotten!) this means only one edition for August and September, so events for OCTOBER have to appear next month. Ho Yes!

As promised, this month's edition contains all the low-down on Lucy Morgan's most generous recent Legacy to St Mary's Church, and also something-else, for which the *Crier* editors are very sorry to say there have been dastardly attempts at *censorship*. This is the news that local farm manager James Willmott has won some quite remarkable awards at the East Anglian Agricultural show. And the would-be

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censor? One James Willmott!

*Caroline Matheson*

Cover Picture: *June Flower* by Clair Warren



## Letters to the Editors



*Most unusually, no Letters to the Editors this month, and where Guardian readers will have noted that one of our regular correspondents, Mark Lewinski, has been moonlighting again. But the following letter (from Alex Kirby to the PC) is of considerable public interest, and we reprint it here.*

### **Letter to the Parish Council**

#### **Bee Orchid Decimation on the By-Pass**

Last June I wrote to the Cambridgeshire County Council Environment Support Officer, and told her of my concern regarding the plight of the bee orchids on the Saffham Prior by-pass, which were under threat from an insensitive grass-cutting regime; I enquired if the verges could be granted 'protected roadside verge' status. The Environment Support Officer wrote to the Bio Diversity Officer, who wrote to me, stating "At the moment we don't have any plans to designate any new verges because we are going through a review process to make sure those we have designated already are worthy of protection".



In October I wrote to the Parish Council expressing my concerns that the bee orchids were under threat from insensitive ground work. I believe that the Parish Council wrote to the County Council, expressing their concerns regarding the plight of the bee orchids. I believe that a County Council Officer replied to the Parish Council and made some vague statements about performing some sort of review, at some undefined point in the future.

This June I have walked along the by-pass and observed the bee orchids, and taken more photographs. The photographs accompanying this letter were taken on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of June. They show a small number of orchids, not as many as in years past, but encouragingly this year the orchids have spread across the verge. At some point on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June the verges were cut. The orchids, along with countless other flowering plants have been decimated. What was a lush display of specialised chalkland flowers is now a featureless manicured verge, which stretches from Ipswich to Cambridge.

This year I identified a Yellow Vetchling; a rare plant designated 'Vulnerable' in the Red Data Book lists. Saffham Prior's specimen is no longer vulnerable, it is extinct. It will not set seed and it is unlikely that we will see another on the by-pass.

I found the remains of one bee orchid, it is enclosed. Please take it away with you; show it to your family and friends; show it to the school children; some may be interested to see what bee orchids look like, many will not; explain that whilst rare and vulnerable plants are becoming extinct just yards from our homes it is still possible to see, meet, and conduct important reviews with a few dodos and dinosaurs

**Alex Kirby**

# Swaffham Prior School Summer Fair

**Saturday 5 July 2008**

12.30 pm to 3.30 pm  
at Swaffham Prior School

Bouncy Castle \* Bar \* Pony rides  
Barbeque \* Maypole dancing \* Games  
Craft corner \* Stalls \* Cakes

There's something for everyone and everyone's welcome at the  
Swaffham Prior School Summer Fair!

## Missing

**Ozzie - Fluffy Black and  
Tabby neutered male cat  
with very fluffy tail.**

Last seen on the morning  
of 20th June.

Likely to have been seen  
around Tothill Road area or  
the bypass.

Any information gratefully  
received contact Debby/  
Martyn Clark on 01638  
741652



## From our Reporter at the Parish Council Meeting

The meeting opened with a highly professional presentation by Mr Simon Drummond-Hay of Northern Affordable Homes Ltd, a private company, who made a proposal regarding affordable homes in the village. While this proposal is being considered by the PC a short record of the presentation is:- two possible sites – the land near the Deal Hole and that next to Ivy Farm, to which was added the Dencora field; 2 bedroom houses at £89,000 and 3 bedroom houses at £99,000; shared ownership with 999 year lease; no right to buy but can sell on at 60-70% of the market value; rent of £20 a week; only available to people following guidelines agreed with the village; a suggestion for about 12 houses; willing to put on for the village with PC involvement an exhibition from 8.00am to 8.00pm.



Our “listening” Government is at its best! The Audit Commission has specified that next year all the PC end of year account audits, both internal and external, have to be completed by the end of May! “Impossible”, “Stupid”, “Ridiculous” – such were the comments.

One feature of the evening was Alex Kirby’s letter about the Bee Orchid which appears in the letters section. It seems that neither the CCC Environment Support Officer nor the Bio Diversity Officer gives a fig about the poor Bee Orchid. And yet at the same time the CCC is alleged to be selling off good farm land to the National Trust for its “Vision”. And one justification for the land grab is the Crucifix Ground Beetle known as *Panagaeus cruxmajor*. The NT has issued a press release on the discovery and a “beetle expert”, after being amazed at this “fantastic” find, concluded by saying that it shows **“the importance of this nature reserve and why it is important to make the reserve larger.”** This appears to be a rather unsubtle push. Geoffrey Woollard produced his own press release which reported that a friend had brought him not one, but six specimens of this “rare” crucifix ground beetle, which he had picked off his asparagus bed. Geoffrey’s conclusion was that “it is very evident that the Trust is all too ready to embroider reality for the sake of a silly publicity stunt!” And what about the declining numbers of moths, already badly suffering from last year’s wet summer, and expected to plunge to an all time low this year. Flooding the fens isn’t going to help this important pollinator of fruit crops.

Okay, we all know about the National Trust’s “Vision”. But why is the CCC being so hostile to our Bee Orchids, let alone the “vulnerable” Yellow Vetchling?

The Mill Hill traffic improvement scheme was discussed but I suspect all thoughts will be redirected towards the traffic calming in Qu’y’s 40mph through-road. This should stir up the honey pot.

The Parish Plan was also discussed briefly and it was decided to defer a judgement until John Jordan could attend a meeting. Peter Hart however did surprise the meeting by claiming that the reaction to a Parish Plan at the AVA was “evenly balanced”. Geoffrey’s eyes opened as wide as I’ve ever seen them and he

quietly said “I don’t think so” while Sandra Ginn just vigorously shook her head.

BUT we do now have far more information about Parish Plans than ever previously supplied. By using the *Haddenham and Aldreth Parish Plan* as an example I shall this month expose the limited value of the plans. Next month I shall look at the wider context and value of Parish Plans by referring to the independent report “*Integration of Parish Plans into the wider systems of local government*” which was commissioned by Defra, researched by SQW Consulting, and published in July 2007. ***Anyone wishing to make any comment on Parish Plans MUST read this report – the full report of about 204 pages and not just the Summary.*** It is not easy to find but you should be successful with [www.defra.gov.uk/rural/pdfs/communities/pplan-execsumm072007pdf](http://www.defra.gov.uk/rural/pdfs/communities/pplan-execsumm072007pdf). (no, you can’t I now discover). So, via Google go to SQW Consulting, then Latest News etc, scroll to July 2007, find the above report and continue clicking until it comes up. Enjoy!!

*Alastair Everitt*

## **WHAT’S WRONG WITH PARISH PLANS**

***Parish Plans were introduced in 2000 to enhance community participation in the planning process.***

***ECDC agreed on 14 December 2006 that it would feed***

***Parish Plans into its Local Development Framework.***

***ECDC NOW HAD TO FIND SOME PARISH PLANS***

***HOW DID IT DO THIS?***

At the January 2007 Parish Council Meeting Hazel Williams and Allen Alderson both moved into action. Hazel in particular was very forthright in her demand that our PC should agree to a Parish Plan. There was mention that it was a requirement for Quality Status, that it would be a help in obtaining grants, that the PC cannot be sure of knowing the opinion of the village unless it has sent out a questionnaire, that there is a need to get the opinion of all those who never go to any event, never take part in anything, and who never read the magazine, and that the opinion of the village and PC will be ignored without a Parish Plan (PP).

What neither Hazel nor Allen mentioned was the December 2006 agreement made by ECDC, why they had made it, and whether there were any strings attached which made ECDC adopt such a hard sell. What pressure was being put on ECDC which made it begin to put such pressure on local parish councils? We still don’t know. Meanwhile the PC kicked the PP into touch.

A year or so later John Jordan joined the PC and immediately raised the issue of PPs with Hazel, Allen, and David Almond supporting. It was discussed at the Annual Village Assembly (AVA) during which Allen again stressed that our views would be ignored if we failed to complete a PP. He did admit that our failure to have a Plan would not affect any application for grant money.

MEANWHILE our neighbours in Swaffham Bulbeck already had a PP but it has not been made available to Prior. When asking some active Bulbeckians about

their PP they just give a bemused grin. One said that it had been shown to ECDC who told then to “buzz off” (or similar but stronger). Burwell also has a PP which according to Hazel was so labour and time intensive that she would never want to do it again. In his report of the AVA John Chalmers identified from the “helpful brochures” a “mere 49 bullet points for primary actions.” What a recommendation! As far as I know no-one in Prior has seen the Burwell Plan. So we are being bludgeoned into having a PP without anyone daring to show us plans which would prove the value.

**The Haddenham and Aldreth Parish Plan.....  
“ according to the 2001 Census the population was equally female and male ”**

BUT, at the AVA, copies of the Haddenham and Aldreth Parish Plan were made available. Hazel at a PC meeting had considered this to be a model example of a PP so it is worth looking at in some detail.

The introductory remarks include the astonishing statement that “according to the 2001 Census the population was equally female and male” which means that in Haddenham exists the largest number of hermaphrodites ever collected in one place.

Then we learn that only the “active citizens” participated with “about 54% of the Parish involved in the residents’ survey.” Why does Hazel find this acceptable for Haddenham and not for Prior?

Now to the Haddenham Plan itself. I will ignore in this lavish four coloured 24 page glossy production all the flim flam, coloured pictures, village background etc and just look at what proportion of the information could sensibly be incorporated into a Local Development Framework. I do not see anything. All are of local interest and importance, to be dealt with by an effective Parish Council which I am sure Haddenham has. The list of “Quick Wins” of which Hazel is so proud is:-

- Move bus stops 50-100 yards
- Create pedestrian crossing for Surgery
- Install bus shelters at some bus stops
- Install a seat (with backrest) on village green
- Improve area around telephone box into little garden
- Design and erect village sign for Aldreth.

It may be thought that I have been unfairly selective but this is the full list of Quick Wins and it is pretty representative of the whole Plan! I have photocopies of the four page detailed action plan for anyone who wishes to borrow one. After reading it please let me, or the Parish Council, or the *Crier* know if you can find anything which could influence any Local Development Framework, or Structure, or whatever it may be called tomorrow.

My apologies to Haddenham. I do not wish to be disrespectful, it is a great LOCAL PLAN, for local action, and that is all.

*Alastair Everitt*

# JAMES WILLMOTT WINS TOP AGRICULTURAL AWARDS

ON FRIDAY 13TH JUNE at the East of England show in Peterborough, James was the proud recipient of the East of England Agricultural Society's Farm Business Awards 2008 as Class winner for Farms 1100-5500 acres. He also received the Reserve Supreme Champion Award.

The competition, which was sponsored by Barclays and Gleadell (grain merchants), had been of a very high standard and James had undergone two days of scrutiny and questioning by four different judges before the final decisions were made. He was delighted to receive the awards. It is recognition of his skills and management in all aspects of the farming business that he conducts for Mr. Henry Hurrell across the three farms at Swaffham Prior, Newton and Stretham.



St. Mary's Church. Swaffham Bulbeck

## A special **BENEFICE SERVICE**

will take place in Swaffham Bulbeck Church on  
Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> August at 11.00am  
to be attended by

## **The BISHOP of MARA (Tanzania)**

who is attending the Lambeth Conference.

Last year's Lent Appeal raised money to buy 40 bicycles for clergy in the Diocese of Mara with large, remote and inaccessible parishes.

The service will be followed by a BBQ in the Churchyard  
(served in Church wet!)

Tickets £5 from Margaret Roberts 811772.

# THANK YOU!

## Grand Village Garage Sale

### 14th June 2008

THANKFULLY IT DIDN'T RAIN, well only about half a dozen drops, just enough to cause a panic and reach for the tarpaulin. A total of 15 took part, with 8 selling from their own garages and drives, and 7 with a car boot sale on the meadow opposite the thatched cottage in the High Street.

Much to our surprise, the first buyers arrived whilst the majority were still eating their breakfast. However, a good time was had by all, resulting in more space in garages and attics, and a total of £500 pounds raised for the MaryLoo Project.

A very big THANK-YOU to all the sellers and buyers.

## Teas, Tombola and Nearly Sale

### 22nd June 2008

The sun shone, visitors were able to enjoy 8 wonderful different gardens and then come to the Village Hall. Tease and cakes were served, raising £78. A superb Tombola, which had to be replenished after the first hour raise £98, and the Nearly New Sale had a steady stream of customers, raising £230, making a total of £406.

Thank you to all who worked so tirelessly. There are far too many to mention by name, but YOU know who you are. Thank you also to those who came and supported the event.

As well as raising money for the MaryLoo Project, we all had an enjoyable afternoon with much fun and laughter, especially when my rather nice jacket nearly got sold for £5.

As previously mentioned,, the entrance money for the Open Gardens goes to the Village Garden Club, which will help keep it solvent.

*Kate Child*

## Farmers' Market

### Burwell Village College

2nd Saturday each month 9.30 - 12.30,

Our English summer has arrived and we have the very best local soft fruit and vegetables available, juices, organic bread, relishes, beef, beer and pies. In addition we can offer single estate coffees, selected cheeses and even hand made bath and beauty products and local honey. Not forgetting a wonderful selection of bedding plants and perennials. There is always fresh and smoked fish direct from our own Lowestoft fish merchant who buys first thing Saturday morning to offer the very freshest fish you can buy.

**July 12<sup>th</sup>, August 9<sup>th</sup>, September 13<sup>th</sup>**



# **Cage Hill Soap Box Challenge**



In association with Swaffham Prior Primary School Summer Fair

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2008**

On the Grid at 11.00am until approx 1.30pm

Junior Class to start to allow time for children to be at school for  
the Summer Fair

Senior & Adult Classes to follow

Presentations at the Summer Fair

Each Kart – Best Time of at Least 3 Runs

3 Classes include:

Juniors - Swaffham Prior Primary School Pupils, 8 years old or over

Seniors – Any Village Resident of Village College Age

Adults – Must be Swaffham Prior or Local Village Resident

**“Build It – Ride It”**

Enter at your own risk.

E-mail Tim Doe to register your interest at  
[stalkynorman@swaffham-prior.co.uk](mailto:stalkynorman@swaffham-prior.co.uk)

## John Norris Remembers....

# The Fenland

One of the excitements of helping to pick off clods and rubbish from the potato harvester, was the discovery of ancient artefacts. The photographs show the wide variety of treasures uncovered. It was also useful to walk the fields after ploughing and a heavy rain, for the flints would be washed and shine, so being easily visible. At one time shortly after the arrival of the more powerful tractors, many of these flints surfaced, and there was a healthy trade amongst the collectors. As a result I had to be there, and quick as well, to pocket my treasures

These treasures are shown in the photograph, and represent a collection over thirty years. My greatest prize is the arrow head, but I think this was made very far from here, and carried and lost in this fen by an ancient invader. The flint and bone artefacts were most likely made nearby. They were chiefly found near the fen edge, or adjacent to a small rise. The red pottery is probably Samian ware brought here by the Romans. In Burwell the drainage resulted in the extraction of a clay suitable for brick making. The two chimneys were a landmark until the factory closed and the chimneys toppled over in the seventies. The huge pit is now a rubbish dump. These Burwell bricks are to be found all around in this neighbourhood and easily distinguishable by their yellow colour.

The coprolites were sold to a Mr Balls who had a crushing mill on the road from Burwell to Newmarket, the lower parts of which are still standing, but with a thatched roof. Their chief use in peace time was as a phosphate fertiliser, but in times of strife and warfare they formed an important constituent of gun-powder. With the demise of horse power the trade in litter vanished, but today has been replaced by turf growing, mostly for golf courses or landscaping. During the nineteen nineties many reservoirs were dug, as grants and profitable trading produced much money which had to be spent. The irrigation pumps were very busy for a time, but their use seems to have diminished in this century.

During 1990, my last year in farming, I did manage to make a video of the last year, and all the up to date equipment of that era, almost twenty years ago now ! The highland farming in my times was chiefly cereals, with a crop of sugar beet every fourth year of the rotation. I did try other crops, but either birds (on oilseed rape) or flints getting in the machinery and causing hold ups, and bruising the crops. encouraged the easy harvesting of wheat or barley.

Before I leave the fen, a description of the equipment at Upware needs a mention. The first drainage pump was built in 1840, and stood near the road just on the rise to the older pumps. The building had now gone, but the line of the drain leading up to it is still visible. The main engine I remember was of 1927 vintage, the same as me, and situated on higher ground nearer the lode. This was a four cylinder diesel engine directly coupled to a Gwyns Rotary pump. It was built on the site of a water wheel driven by steam, with the inlet pipe in the old trough for the water wheel. . The chimney for the boiler was standing, and was later sold as the bricks

were in great demand for house extensions ( they looked old). There is another water wheel still able to work at Streatham. This is the sort of engineering I can understand, huge, impressive, with all the working parts visible.

The Achilles heel of these water wheel pumps was that as the land was drained, so the need to go deeper emerged. The only way this could be done was to increase the diameter of the wheel, which they did several times, until it became too unwieldy. These wheels were started by rocking the wheel to and fro by regulating the steam valves by hand. As the swing got bigger, the weight of the water helped, until the wheel eventually made a complete circle. At this time the engineer would put it" into gear", so that the valve was driven by the engine and we were off pumping. Quite a performance with I'm sure steam leaking out of many places, and the huge wheel turning slowly, about twenty revolutions per minute.

The diesel engines too required skill in starting. The first job was to start the petrol engine controlling the sluice on the outlet of the rotary pump. This sluice was necessary to prevent the river water running back through the pump into the drains, as the outlet was under water to minimise erosion of the outlet bank. The next task was to crank the flywheel round to the special notch for starting. after holding open the valves to the cylinders This was done with a crow-bar and a block working with the notches on the edge of the eight foot diameter flywheel. The second engine coupled to a vacuum pump and compressor would have been started, to suck out air from the pump and inlet pipe, so that the whole system would be full of water. As the inlet pipe was three feet in diameter and must have been over fifteen feet long it took some time to complete this part of the starting procedure. I was told, I seem to remember, that there would have been fifteen tons of water in the pipe.

Now was the time for quick action using the air in the pressure tank charged up whilst sucking up the water. On opening a valve the compressed air turned the engine over on two cylinders, not too difficult as the valves were open on the other two. After one revolution the valves snapped shut, and were driven by the engines own gears, and with luck the diesel ignited and it was off. Now was the time to lift the sluice to let the water go. During the floods in the fifties this engine was working non stop for over three weeks, with teams keeping an eye on things all the time. In 1958 an electric vertical pump was installed as the lift was getting too much for the diesel engine, and starting difficult unless the water was high. The outlet for this pump was in to the same drain, but a siphon breaker was necessary to prevent the river being sucked back into our drains when the engine was stopped. Starting this was so easy, just press a switch ! As the fen kept on sinking two more pumps are now at Upware. These are submersible electric and automatic starting when required. So today all is quiet, nobody around, and they are monitored in the clerks office!

There was also a second diesel pump erected shortly before the war, in a concrete shed of very ordinary design. The power source was purported to have been in a submarine. This Allen engine had five cylinders, and drove the pump by "v" belts, very modern for the times.

*John Norris*

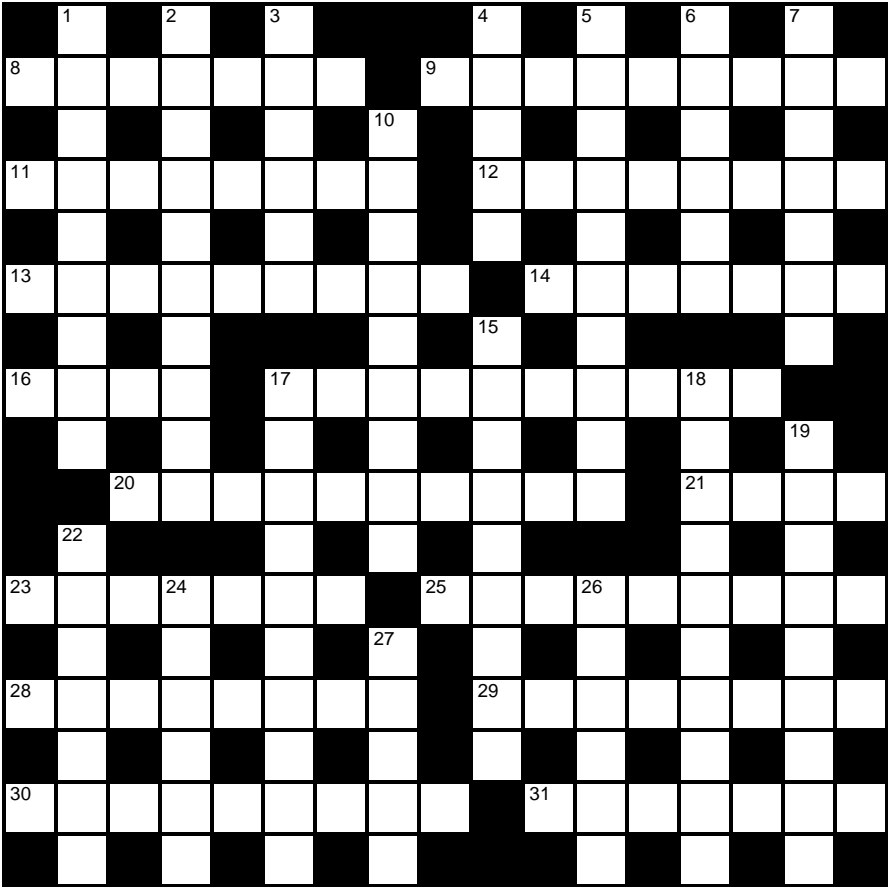
Crossword Number 45

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**OUNCE**

All answers begin with the same letter which is omitted from the cryptic part of the clue. Send your answers to the editors by 18 July 2008. The first correct solution out of the hat will win a free meal at the Red Lion—See the Manager at the pub for full details.



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

## Across

- 8 Sabre I brandish at military site (3,4)
- 9 Cello Mr. S plays for everyone (3,6)
- 11 I enlist crazily as ET's psychiatrist? (8)
- 12 Book the French communist made horned (8)
- 13 Scented sweetheart tempestuously predates (9)
- 14 Hundred coins for brogues (7)
- 16 Spirit for Lily (4)
- 17 Concocts italic fir fake (10)
- 20 Wild god by river in sound return of primate (10)
- 21 Catholic bridge player bends (4)
- 23 Go by way of hill with flyboy? (7)
- 25 Bath frolic, with us and seasonal delicacy (9)
- 28 GPO removed from micrograph to make comfy seat (8)
- 29 Male we hear consumed renegade (8)
- 30 Hundred caught: one within crippled, thus praised (9)
- 31 Endless relative follows broadcaster to model for extra part (7)

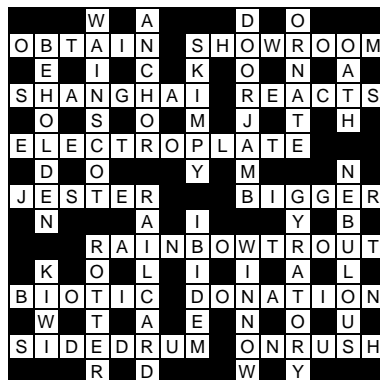
## Down

- 1 Islands around river, backing about nothing: means of transport? (9)
- 2 Sean mixes with Melba, the fit sailor (4,6)
- 3 Ship that is last within court (6)
- 4 Fifty produce ovum to assuage (5)
- 5 Commons leader and French in charge, a hundred I would shortly give sour stuff (6,4)
- 6 French man? French father for

current measure (6)

- 7 Queen relaxes and stops (7)
- 10 Intent to subvert concentration (9)
- 15 Sofia ran mixed race (4-5)
- 17 Peel off petrochemical mixture without colour (10)
- 18 Hang-ups at battered plant (10)
- 19 Dove's call on thin branches we hear, as study of sounds (9)
- 22 State, right - cold stuff, greed (7)
- 24 Church left inside railway roguishly (6)
- 26 Six swallow ring. Five hundred skinhead keeps away from (6)
- 27 Old Italian coin tossed for spirit of the Tempest (5)

## Solution to crossword no. 44



We congratulate Bob & Julie Nunn, the winners of last month's competition, who should collect his prize certificate from the editors. Honourable mentions go to Betty Proctor.

# **St. MARY'S CHURCH**

## **LEGACY OF THE LATE**

### **LUCY MORGAN**

We have recently received the most wonderful news that St. Mary's Church is one of the major beneficiaries of the will of the late Lucy Morgan.

Lucy was born in the High Street, Swaffham Prior in 1915, the second of seven children born to James and Kate Sheldrick. She was baptised in St. Mary's Church. She went to the village school until the age of 11 and then went on to Burwell School. She left school at 14 and started working for Mr Yarrow further along the High Street in Swaffham Prior, and then she subsequently went to work in Wales as a domestic servant, probably through the connections of her mother who came from Wales.

By 1938 Lucy was working in London for the Astor family. She was not called up during the war, but stayed working for the Astors. After the war she continued to work for the family in Plymouth. The Astors were very actively involved in the rebuilding of the city after the war. I have visited the Astor home on Plymouth Hoe on a number of occasions. The house was left to the city by the family, and is now used for entertaining. I have dined there, and it is strange to think that Lucy would have one time worked there.

We are not sure when or where she met Herbert Morgan, and when or where they were married. Apparently he had built up a toy factory in London, which was



bombed out during the war. He managed, however, to recover, and continued to be successful in business. It is reckoned that he was about 20 years older than Lucy. Some say that Lucy initially became his housekeeper, and then subsequently married him. They didn't have any children.

Lucy was always very well dressed. She had fur coats and matching Pekinese dogs. She was a very tall, slender upright person, very well spoken, quiet and didn't like any fuss made about anything. I attach two photographs of her, one from her early years and one taken at her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Once Lucy left the family home in Swaffham Prior she very rarely visited the village. In later life (after Herbert's death) Lucy, and her sisters Audrey (the youngest sister) and Clara (the oldest) spent several holidays together. The others in the family are Peter who still living in Burwell with his wife Joan, Philip (Bubble's husband who died a few years ago and is buried in the village cemetery with his son John and daughter Sylvia), Bob (he and his wife Beryl are also buried in the cemetery) and Lesley (whose ashes are buried in the garden of remembrance near Lucy's ashes).

Lucy left a third of her estate, which her solicitors have valued at £450,000, to the Church. So we expect to receive a legacy in the region of £150,000. We are deeply grateful to Lucy for remembering the Church in which she was baptised in her will.

The PCC will be considering over the next few months how best to make use of this unexpected windfall, and will naturally be considering whether it can be used to assist the completion of the Maryloo project. I am sure that they will also want to create some sort of lasting memento in the Church to Lucy's kind generosity. I don't doubt that their number one priority will be to ensure that this very generous legacy will be husbanded in such a way as to guarantee the long-term financial security of the Church.



*David Lewis*

## P. MARSH ELECTRICALS AND HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE (Kitchen and Bathroom refits)

Part-P registered Electrician, (in compliance with current electrical laws). NICEIC registered.

From a single socket to a full house re-wire.

Testing and inspections of electrical systems.

General household maintenance, from a dripping tap to a full kitchen/ bathroom refit.

01638 744 281

Peter: 07759 308 270

Honor: 07941 107 321

(Based in Burwell)



**P. MARSH ELECTRICALS**

### **Scouts' Exhibition**

I think the freshly painted  
boards look great,  
But could be hung a little higher.  
They should be offered to The  
Tate  
Where they may well find a  
buyer.

*Ophir*





# **It's All Happening at...**

## **Oliver Cromwell's House**



### **Every Saturday (subject to availability) at 2.30 pm (1 hour) from May 3rd to 27th September**

Guided tour of OCH with guide in costume. Hear the story of how the Cromwell's came to live in Ely and let the story of their stay come to life with our experienced guides. No booking necessary. Normal admission price applies. Tours operate on a first come, first served basis with a maximum of 25 per tour.

### **Every Sunday (subject to availability) at 2.30 pm (1½ hr) from 4th May to 28th September**

Guided walking tour around city. Learn about the history of this beautiful city with one of our guides. Meet outside Oliver Cromwell's House. £3.50 per person. No booking necessary. Tours operate on a first come, first served basis with a maximum of 25 per tour.

### **City at Six - Every Wednesday throughout July and August, at 6 pm until 7.30 pm**

Guided walking tour around city. Learn about the history of this beautiful city with one of our guides. Meet outside Oliver Cromwell's House. £3.50 per person. Booking essential. Tours operate on a first come, first served basis with a maximum of 25 per tour.

### **21st July to 31st August - Summer School Holidays**

Free children's craft activities in the Tithe Office. Only available to paid visitors to house.

Any enquires: Oliver Cromwell's House/Tourist Information Centre, 29 St Mary's Street, Ely, Cambs , CB7 4HF, Tel: 01353 665555

[www.eastcambs.gov.uk/tourism](http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/tourism)

e-mail [tjc@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:tjc@eastcambs.gov.uk)

## 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. Everything is free and nothing is expected in return.

Offers	Wants	Details:
Pair brand new solid leather mens shoes (unworn): brown strapover style, size 8½ Printer HP series 3500 with new ink cartridges. Perfect working order.		Mr Bonney 01223 812511
Portable 1960's record player by Hacker. mains operated. Rather large but originally good quality.		Robin, 01223 811632 or 07796 956 535
5 x 5ft x 10" scaffold boards	old fashioned wall clock	Meleena, 01223 813775
14 MAVALA pearl and glitter nail polishes, all new and unused in various colours.		Chrissie 01223 812970
3 red/white check Bottisham Primary School dresses, Marks and Spencer, two for age 8 years, one for age 11 years Ilyama Monitor 17", tower , keyboard and mouse. Pine bunk bed		Mandy 01223 812553
	Spare Bricks old fashioned canvas bungalow tent	Nicole, 01223 812363
Flymo Hover Compact 300 mower - minus power cord ELC outdoor swing, suitable from about 6 to 18 months Winnie the Pooh ride-on toy, suitable from about 6 to 24 months Two green plastic full-length reclining sunchairs with yellow/blue/green cushions		Vicky or Jonathan 01223 812801

Offers	Wants	Details:
<p>Wooden 16-slot wine rack  New unused square wooden planter (and used large round earthenware plant pot)  Four metal single bed bases and assorted frame pieces - no instructions so  I don't know whether there's enough to make up four complete beds!</p>		<p>Vicky or Jonathan  01223 812801</p>
<p>Children's garden swing set by TP –swing, trapeze and double swing. Plastic is faded and 1 leg is slightly bent but still safe and plenty of fun. Size 3.2m x 2.2m x 2.2m  Pre-formed plastic pond liner approx 1500 x 900 x 500 deep. Some minor damage to top but can be repaired and holds water  Pre-formed plastic pond liner approx 2500 x 1400 x 500 deep. Some minor damage to top but can be repaired and holds water</p>		<p>Alan Lamb 813787</p>
<p>Cat food: 8 x 400g Tesco's Meaty chunks in gravy (nothing wrong with it – we have a fussy cat)</p>	<p>Bicycle for 3.5 year old  Scooter for small child  (these two went in the “offers” column by mistake last month)</p>	<p>Jun, 01223 813362</p>

*Jun Thompson*



## WI Notes

There was no monthly meeting in June as we had an outing on 21<sup>st</sup> June to the Abbots Ripton Garden Show. Although I was not able to go - I understand that it was a rather disappointing day due to the bad weather. We'll let us hope we have perfect weather for our July meeting which is a garden party at 6 High Street - on July 14<sup>th</sup> - a week earlier than our usual meeting and starting at

7pm.

If you are interested in joining our friendly group - give me a ring on 01638 742224.

*Pat Cook*

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## Mothers' Union 2008

As I write this at the end of May 2008 I think we can say that the year so far for our Mothers' Union group has been a varied and most interesting one. The group is growing steadily and we now have 36 members from all 5 parishes in our Benefice. 36 is a wonderful number, but new members are always very welcome! If you're not quite sure whether you would like to be an enrolled member but often wonder what our group is about, please do come along to any of our meetings to get a "flavour"! We have a very interesting Programme and we all find that our monthly meetings are an afternoon of fellowship and friendship and are very enjoyable. We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month in the comfort of Lode Chapel at 2.30pm.



Emma and Jonathan Dowman (our Curate and his wife) came to our February meeting and told us all about themselves, their background and about their Church in Bristol where Emma worked as a Youth Worker while Jonathan was at Theological College there. We were all so impressed by their energy and enthusiasm and a good afternoon was had by all!

In March we went "Worldwide" and learned with great interest as Liz Elson spoke of her own work abroad and the worldwide work of Mothers' Union, reminding us that it's not just in this country that they work. What a dedicated organisation it is and it deserves all our support.

In April we all sat riveted as John from the "Emmaus" Community in Landbeach came to talk to us about the work that takes place there. Not only did he tell us about the work, but the background behind the work and how he came to be there himself. It was the most moving testimony of how he was taken into the Emmaus Community 10 years ago and with their help and support was "put back on his feet" after being a homeless alcoholic and living "rough" on the streets of London. Such was his gratitude and admiration for the way that the Community exists that he is still there and is now the Deputy Leader of the community. We were delighted that he brought along his wife whom he met while they were both companions in the

community – to hear about their Wedding was a delightful end to a moving story.

In April we had a “surprise” speaker! Anna Crofts from the Sue Ryder home in Ely was booked to come and speak to us but unfortunately she has left and they were unable to provide us with a replacement speaker. However, with less than 48 hours’ notice we had an offer from a speaker and that was my husband the Revd. David Lewis! He came and spoke about his trip to Russia where he went as a Curate 15 years ago, and showed us slides of that trip. It was a most interesting afternoon learning about the way of life in that country, the poverty, the grand buildings, and the sheer diversity of it all. We are deeply indebted to David for coming at such short notice and we all thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon.

In August we are having a Branch Outing to Old Hunstanton where we will visit the Flower Festival at St. Mary’s Church. Anybody from the Benefice is very welcome to come along on that trip – we are in the process of filling the coach but still have places available so do come if you enjoy flowers and would also like some sea air!

Our next Meeting is on June 19<sup>th</sup> when Mr. Paul Hawes comes to speak to us about Burwell Museum. We look forward to hearing him!

*Pauline Lewis*

St James’ Day Celebrations at St James’ Church Lode  
with Longmeadow

**“Waterbeach Brass” in Concert**  
**St James’ Church Lode**

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2008**

**7.30 pm**

Tickets £5 available from Lode Post office

Or on the door

Refreshments available during the interval

## The Reading Group Reads....

### ***THE LADY AND THE UNICORN***

**by Tracy Chevalier**

The six tapestries depicting the Lady's seduction of the Unicorn were commissioned by the Paris nobleman Jean Le Viste in 1490, and woven in Brussels on the looms of Georges de La Chapelle. The artist, Nicolas des Innocents, was given the task of designing them.

Nicholas is the hub of the story and its catalyst: he schemes to seduce Claude, the spirited and far from unwilling fifteen-year old daughter of Jean Le Viste, but her mother sends her off to a convent till her engagement is announced to an approved suitor.

Again, Nicolas enfuriates the weavers: knowing nothing about the making of tapestries, he is dismissive of their art - and, as a Parisian, he is contemptuous of Brussels. But Georges de La Chapelle knows he will be hard-pressed to complete the tapestries within Jean Le Viste's two-year deadline, so Nicolas stays on to help Philippe de La Tour paint the cartoons from which the tapestries will be woven. The weavers come to respect him as an artist, but neither like nor trust him. He has



One of the six Medieval tapestries around which the book is centered

designs on the daughter, Aliénor; for her, he might be a means of escape from marriage to the coarse Jacques Le Boeuf, who stank of the fermented sheep's piss in which woad was soaked to fix the colour. It was Jacques who supplied Georges with blue wool.

We were fascinated by the making of the tapestries. Before weaving can start a full-sized cartoon has to be painted from the artist's design. Tapestries are so large that there cannot be empty spaces in it, so these are filled with *millefleurs*, small trees, rabbits, dogs, monkeys, parakeets - anything suited to the subject. The cartoon is the mirror image of the design and is attached to the loom for the weavers to work from; they work from the back. And the weaving is worked not across but downwards in narrow strips which are sewn together. So when the finished tapestry is cut off from the loom the weavers see it for the first time.

The tapestries of The Lady and the Unicorn are now displayed in the Musée National du Moyen Age in Paris.



Author Tracey Chevalier

**Meryl Moore**

The Reading Group's next book will be *A Fortnight in September* by AC Sheriff.

\*\*\*\* A date for your diary \*\*\*\*

## Swaffham Bulbeck Primary School PSA

### CEILIDH

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2008 from  
7 pm at Downing Farm, Swaffham  
Bulbeck.

Music from: Pigeon Toes

Food and drink available.

All are welcome. Information about  
ticket sales to follow next month.



## RED2GREENHOUSE

At Bottisham Village College

Reg Charity No 1112429

We are a local charity working with adults with learning  
difficulties and pupils from Bottisham Village College.

We can offer you a range of locally grown fresh vegetables,  
and a selection of plants for all seasons.

Also home made jams and pickles.

We are open Tuesday - Friday 9.30am - 3.30pm

Saturday - 10.00am - 12.00pm

We are behind the College, just follow the signs.

Telephone 01223 813650

We Look Forward To Seeing You

## Notes from the Parish Council June Meeting

Vice-Chairman Andrew Camps chaired the meeting with 6 Parish Councillors and 2 members of the Public.

### **Presentation by Mr Simon Drummond–Hay, Director of Northern Affordable Homes Ltd re Possible Affordable Housing Scheme.**

Mr Simon Drummond-Hay explained a little about Northern Affordable Homes and their philosophy towards the provision of affordable homes. This presentation was for the purpose of very early stage consultation with the Parish Council about their views on the need for affordable housing and possible sites. This will be considered more fully at the July Parish Council meeting. *The Parish Council would very much welcome your views.*

**Reports:** CCC – Cllr Hazel Williams  
ECDC – Cllr Allen Alderson

### **Correspondence Received:**

#### **CCC**

Post Office Closures – *details and dates of briefings*

Jointly Funded Minor Highways Improvements – 2009-10 Bidding Round

#### **ECDC**

Letter of Introduction for new Chairman of the Council – Peter Cresswell  
Local Development Framework )

Core Strategy Submission Development Plan Document ) *documents for consultation*

Proposals Maps Submission Development Plan Document)

#### **General**

Concerns about the condition of the Cemetery.

Concerns about the cutting of verges and destroying of Bee Orchids - *this was discussed and the Clerk will write to the Chief Executive of CCC to ask why verges needed to be cut in areas of wild plant growth particularly where these areas did not pose any hazard for drivers, pedestrians or cyclists.*

Annual Inspection Report from RoSPA for Play Area

Newsletters from School

### **Matters Arising from Annual Village Meeting including:**

- a) ***Consultation with Mill Hill Residents re Traffic Calming Measures:*** Draft outline plans by CCC were displayed at the Annual Village Meeting. It was apparent that the suggested measures were not considered adequate to help prevent speeding and provide pedestrians with a safe crossing and that much more was needed. This is to be further discussed with CCC Highways.
- b) ***Parishioners' Views re Parish Plan:*** Again, this was discussed at length at the Annual Village Meeting and there continues to be very mixed views. This is to be carried forward.



## **Jointly Funded Minor Highways Improvements – 2009/10 Bidding Round:**

Applications forms are to be completed in draft form suggesting additional measures for traffic calming on Mill Hill. To be agreed at July meeting and submitted to CCC.

### **Play Area – Annual Inspection Report by RoSPA:**

The recommended minor repairs will be put in hand. The report did not list any major hazards.

### **Security Measures for Village Hall Oil Tank:**

Metal security fencing is currently being made and will shortly be erected to stop any further thefts of oil from the tank.

### **Cemetery Maintenance Works following Inspection:**

Parish Councillors met at the Cemetery prior to meeting to carry out inspection of areas reported as needing tidying up. These included the pruning/shaping of the Yew Trees at the entrance, overgrown vegetation, the removal of the spoil heap at the far end of the cemetery and possibly some levelling work. Following this inspection it was agreed to firstly clear the path at the side of the cemetery to allow access to remove the spoil heap. The Yew trees at the entrance are to be trimmed back. The boundaries are to be tidied with vegetation cut back where needed.

**Review of Assets:** A full Register of Assets is to be produced for review at the July meeting.

**Review of Financial Risk Assessment:** Steve Kent-Phillips carried out the annual review of this document. Minor amendments were made.

### **Planning Matters:**

There were no new applications.

Approval: Kent House, 9 High Street – *replacement of boundary fence with new wall to match existing.*

Refusals:

60 High Street – *single storey rear extension to form conservatory to rear.*

Goodwin Manor, 1 Heath Road – *proposed extension and alterations.*

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

### **Items for the Next Agenda:**

Traffic calming – Mill Hill

The Lodes & The Fens

Parish Plan

Review of Asset Register

Review of Parish Clerk's Contract

Jointly Funded Minor Improvement Scheme – application

Affordable Housing

Update on Cemetery Maintenance Works

Report on Neighbourhood Panel Meeting – 1/7/08

### **Open Question Time:**

Reminder about the need to cut back the vegetation on the Village Hall driveway.

It was suggested that a small gate in the back fence of the play area might deter the damage to palings and provide a more secure access to the grassed area rather having to use the front gate as currently.

### **For information:**

Several complaints have been received about the condition of the grasscutting. The very wet weather experienced at the beginning of June was causing some problems for the contractors but they are aware of the problems and working very hard to get all areas back on schedule.

**Again**, complaints have been received about fouling of footpaths and pavements by dogs. **Dog owners please clear up after your pets!** A supply of 'poop' bags can be obtained from the Clerk.

*Should anyone require any further information on any of the reported items above, please contact me.*

**The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2008 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

**All are welcome to attend.**

**Karen King –  
Clerk to the Parish**

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## **Just the one 'van then?**

I pitch my lonely caravan  
To keep the water out.  
That it is efficacious  
I haven't any doubt.

But see – It's such a lonely caravan  
That no-one hears my cries  
And so I'm stuck upon the roof  
Until the black stuff dries.

*Ophir*

THE ANGLESEY GROUP OF PARISHES  
invites you to a  
RENEWAL OF WEDDING VOWS SERVICE

on  
Sunday 20 July at 4pm  
at  
St Mary's, Swaffham Prior

Peal of Bells ~ Music by Cantilena ~ Celebratory cakes

Please RSVP by 11 July to Rev David Lewis  
01223 812367; [revdavidhlew@msn.com](mailto:revdavidhlew@msn.com)

ALL WELCOME

Whether it was just last year or many years ago, everyone remembers the excitement of their wedding! Now is the chance to get your bridesmaids and bestman, friends and family together to relive your special day.

The Churches in the Anglesey Group would like to invite you to a special service of celebration to renew your wedding vows in St Mary's Church, Swaffham Prior. The Church will be filled with flowers for the occasion, a peal of bells will welcome couples and families, the Cantilena singers will lead the singing and after the service we will share memories – and perhaps photos - over tea and specially decorated cakes. We would very much like to invite you to this special occasion. To help with catering, please RSVP to Rev David Lewis on 01223 812367; or email [revdavidhlew@msn.com](mailto:revdavidhlew@msn.com) ,

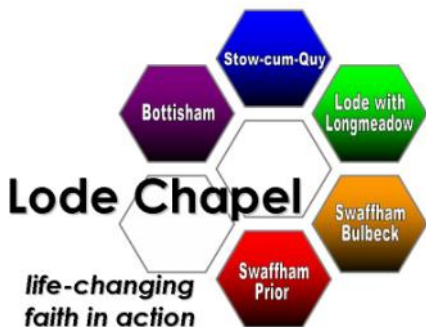
*Dee Noyes*

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## Keith Pearson's Coup de Grass Events

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July we are playing once again at the Marlborough Jazz Festival. Early evening slot. Please see [www.marlbroughjazz.co.uk](http://www.marlbroughjazz.co.uk) for further details.

On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> we are playing in Cambridge, on Parker's Piece, at The Big Weekend gig promoted by the City Council. See [www.cambridge-summer.co.uk](http://www.cambridge-summer.co.uk) . Kick off 12 noon on the main stage. It's a great event out so why not make a day of it?



# Amazon Adventure Revisited...

## Waste Watchers: Holiday Club 2008

One of my best experiences over the last few years was being involved in the 'Amazon Adventure' holiday club that was held at Bottisham Primary School in the summer of 2006. The week was loads of fun and ever since then I've had parents and children asking me when the next club was going to

take place. Well, the waiting is almost over... holiday club is back, and this year the dates to put in your diary are:

### Monday 4th – Saturday 9th August

This time the club is called '**Waste Watchers**', and it focuses on the themes of transformation and the environment (although I know it sounds a bit like we're running a slimming club). 'Waste Watchers' is for children aged 5 to 11 and runs Monday to Friday from 9.00am to 12.30pm. Each day will be packed with video, songs, games, creative Bible teaching, craft and drama and the week will conclude on the afternoon of **Saturday 9th with a Family Funday**. At this there will be all sorts of activities including a barbeque and an opportunity for parents and siblings to see and hear about what the children who have been at the club have been up to.

This year Jonathan and Emma Dowman (the Anglican curate and his wife) are joining me in the planning and leading of the club. Over the last year we've been working together on Sunday Club and re:new and we're really looking forward to Waste Watchers. Between us we've run a number of holiday clubs before and this year looks like it's going to be just as good (if not better) than previous clubs.

Once again we'll be holding the club at Bottisham Primary School, but we'll be going into all of the local schools to advertise the club and to send home registration forms. Last year we were oversubscribed and for health and safety reasons we have to limit the number of places, which are allocated on a first come, first served basis. It is important that you register your children as soon as possible – and if your child wants a friend to be there it might also be an idea to make sure their parents know about the club so that they can be certain of a place too. If your child doesn't give you a registration form (last time one parent found it in the child's school bag the day before the club started) then contact me directly and I'll send you one (details below). As always, the club is operated in line with our child protection policy – the welfare of the children at the club is very important to us.

There is, however, one word of warning, which I offer as a disclaimer. Children who have been to holiday club have been known to spend the rest of the summer endlessly singing the holiday club theme tune and other songs, which have an annoying habit of being hard to forget. I have even known parents who can tell me all of the words of the songs – and they weren't even there! Nonetheless, children of all ages are bound to have fun – I, for one, can't wait!

*Simon Goddard*

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

Morning Worship every Sunday at 10.30am with Sunday School.

**No Sunday Club in July or August.**

For more information about the holiday club please contact:

Simon Goddard on 812881

Lode Chapel, High Street, Lode, CB25 9EW.

Email: [simon.goddard@lodechapel.org.uk](mailto:simon.goddard@lodechapel.org.uk)

Web: [www.lodechapel.org.uk](http://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).

## **Waterbeach Brass**

**St James' Church Lode** have arranged for a concert to be given in the church by "**Waterbeach Brass**" as part of their St James' Day celebrations on Saturday 26th July 2008 7.30 pm. (see advert on Page 21).

This promises to be a first class event from a band which has blossomed over the 30 years it has been in existence. Early in 1978, Maureen and Wally Neville approached John and Beryl Few with the idea of forming "Waterbeach Brass. All were then members of *Haddenham Brass Band*.

The Band was crowned Cambridgeshire Champion Band in 1991 and over the past few years Waterbeach Brass has been very successful on the contest platform, reaching the National finals in 2004 and 2006. In 2005 Waterbeach Brass recorded their first CD, which has proven to be popular with audiences ever since.

The band's repertoire contains a wide variety of music, comprising of traditional brass band marches, solos and overtures as well as more contemporary pieces such as film score arrangements, songs from the shows and chart music.

This promises to be a first class entertainment and it is hoped to have a packed church for this occasion. For this reason, the ticket price has been kept as low as possible – everyone at the concession price of £5.

Tickets may be purchased in advance at Lode Post Office or on the door on the evening of the event.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm for a happy time together and when you leave, we hope that you will be humming the memorable tunes all the way home.

Church pews can be a little uncomfortable so please feel free to bring a cushion.

Enquires to Julie Tel: 01223 811222



## Church of England Services

### July 2008

	<b>ST MARY'S Swaffham Prior</b>	<b>ST MARY'S Swaffham Bulbeck</b>	<b>Bottisham</b>
<b>Sun 6</b>	<b>11:00am</b> Family Communion	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Communion	<b>8:00am</b> Holy Communion <b>11:00am</b> Family Service
<b>Sun 13</b>	<b>11:00am</b> Holy Communion	<b>9:30am</b> Holy Communion <b>11.00am</b> Renew (In the Primary School)	<b>11.00am</b> Holy Communion
<b>Sun 20</b>	<b>8:00am</b> Holy Communion <b>11:00am</b> Family Service	<b>9:30am</b> Village Communion	<b>11:00am</b> Morning Prayer
<b>Sun 27</b>	<b>11:00am</b> Matins	<b>8:00am</b> Holy Communion <b>9.30am</b> Morning Prayer	<b>11:00am</b> Family Communion

#### PASTORAL LETTER, July 2008

**Bottisham Vicarage**

Dear Friends,

The Archbishop of York John Sentamu said in a recent speech made the point that our country needs to rediscover the compassion and service that lies at the heart of the Christian Faith.

That thought reminds me of a story I once read about an orphaned boy who was living with his grandmother. Their house caught fire, and the grandmother, trying to get upstairs to rescue the boy, perished in the flames. The boy's cries for help were eventually answered when a man climbed up an iron drainpipe to save him. Having reached the boy he then climbed back down with him hanging tightly to his neck.

Several weeks later, a public hearing was held to determine who would receive custody of the child. A farmer, a teacher, and a wealthy businessman all came forward to give reasons they felt they should be chosen to give the boy a home. But

as they talked, the lad's eyes remained focused on the floor.

Then a stranger walked to the front of the hall and took his hands from his pockets, revealing severe scars on them. As the crowd gasped, the boy cried out in recognition. This was the man who had saved his life. His hands had been burned when he climbed the hot pipe. With a leap the boy threw his arms around the man's neck and held on for dear life. The other men silently walked away, leaving the boy and his rescuer alone. Those marred hands had settled the issue, they bore the marks of love.

It was St. Augustine of Hippo who wrote: *"What does love look like? It has hands to help others. It has feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like."*

Jesus taught us that his greatest command was to love each other as he loves us, and then he proceeded to demonstrate his love by offering up his life for us on the cross. As he himself said *'The Son of Man came, not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'*

It is that call to love and serve each other that lies at the very heart of the Christian faith. Our five Churches are seeking to explore what that means in reality in the villages we serve. We recognise that it means praying for and visiting the sick, the dying, the bereaved and the lonely; and those in hospital. So often it seems that Churches are always begging for money to repair our buildings and help pay the bills, But to be a Christian is really to serve rather than to receive. Above all it means caring about people. John Oxenham puts it beautifully

*Love ever gives,*

*Forgives, outlives,*

*And ever stands*

*With open hands.*

*And while it lives,*

*It gives.*

*For this is love's prerogative-*

*O give, and give, and give.*

May God bless you all,

*David*

## **Donations!**

Many thanks to Lode Chapel for their very kind donation to the *Crier* this month. All contributions to *Crier* finances are extremely welcome!

## ***Dates for Your Diary***

### **July 2008**

Sat	5	School Fair, 12.30-3.30 Cage Hill Soap Box Challenge, 11am-1.30pm
Sun	13	Keith Pearson's Coup de Grass, Parkers Piece, 12 noon
Mon	14	WI Garden Party, 6 High Street, 7pm
Tue	15	Mobile Library, 13.15-3.50, Cage Hill, 3.55-4.15 Chapel
Fri	18	<b>Crier Copy Deadline</b>
Sat	19	Mothers' Union
Sat	26	Waterbeach Brass, 7.30pm, St James' Church, Lode
Tues	29	Mobile Library, 13.15-3.50, Cage Hill, 3.55-4.15 Chapel

<b>Club</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Tel.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>
FOSPS	Clare Freeman	741316	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon of Term	8pm	Village School
Baby & Toddlers	Nicki Webb	605705	Fri	9:30-11:30am	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 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> Tues of month	8:00pm	Village Hall
WI	Margaret Phillips	741495	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon of month	7.30 pm	Village Hall
Youth Club	Alan Badcock	742228	Tues	7-8:30pm	Youth Club Hut
			Thurs	7-10:00pm	

***Village  
Clubs  
&  
Societies***