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Editorial

SEPTEMBER, and it's back from the holidays (boo!) and back to work (even more *boo...*), but for us a *revamp* for the Crier. Yes, it's high time we had one of those: the editors have been bumbling along recently, and, detecting perhaps a certain lack of enthusiasm in the ranks....

....some very generous people have offered to help! Well alright, *one* very generous person has offered to help. So if you're feeling equally generous, please get in touch, and we'll have a meeting.

First things first, if we could have volunteers for a roving **Crier** photographer and a similarly roaming **Crier** reporter, that would be very good start. Especially as there are some fun events coming up this month: Dog Show, Harvest Supper, Heritage Day—could you cover any of these? Think about it.

On embarking on their usual early-morning amble in Lode Woods, the dog-walking fraternity were nonplussed to come across a **Police Notice** pinned to a tree to the effect the area was being patrolled by plain clothes cops — a p p a r e n t l y , Neighbourhood Panels

have complained about CRUISING in the vicinity. But we thought it was a strategically positioned nudist camp! Not that there isn't a cruiser, this being a well known Jack-the-Lad ne'er-do-well. Yes, *Harry*, Bad Dog, stop that *at once...*

Many congratulations and best of luck to Clare Freeman and Catherine Wrench who've beaten hundreds of other Mum-run businesses to be in the running for two top *Mumpreneur* awards for their Out of School Alliance business to be judged on September 25 at the Mumpreneur Conference in Warwickshire—we hope to hear all about it in the next issue.

A l s o , m a n y congratulations to Fred & Alice Day who the **Crier** hears were celebrating their 70th Wedding Anniversary last month.

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70th??!

Caroline Matheson

Cover Picture: *Why can't we go to the Dog Show?* Thomas Newbolt



Letters to the Editors



Dear Editors,

Macmillan Coffee Morning

This is just to let you know that the Macmillan Coffee Morning will, as usual, be held at my house - The Oaks, Manor Farm Court, Lower End, Swaffham Prior - on Friday 30th September, 10.30 am - 12 noon. When I rang the head office to check the details I told the young man we had raised over £7,000 he said that according to their records we'd raised over £8,000 so isn't that brilliant? There will be the usual raffle, Bring and Buy of Cakes and Savouries and everybody is very welcome - from babies to great grandparents - and all the rest in between! PLEASE just remember to bring your money so that we can raise lots more for Macmillan. They do so much for so many.

Looking forward to seeing you Friday 30th September,

Ruth Scovil

Dear Editors,

Blind Bob's

Many readers will have heard of or have memories of the Royal Oak, Commercial End, otherwise known as Blind Bob's, the inimitable pub run for many years by Bob and Vera Scrutton.

A book called **Blind Bob's** has been put together by Vera, her family and friends, and its 90 pages are full of anecdotes and illustrations, including pieces by Michael Jeacock and John Humphreys. **Blind Bob's** tells the story of a remarkable man, and of a rapidly vanishing part of our local history. It's been privately printed, costs £5, and all the profits will be donated to the Royal National Institute of the Blind.

If you would like a copy, please contact Peter Raby, 71, Commercial End (tel: 811264), David Butler, Stocks Hill House, Station Road (tel: 811888), or Janet Jeacock ((tel: 01638-660584), or ask at the Swaffham Bulbeck village shop.

Peter Raby

Dear Editors,

Localism

I am grateful to Geoffrey Woollard for his rather odd letter about me in last month's *Crier*. I can confirm that my account of the May Parish Council meeting is accurate in the sequence of events given; the words ascribed to Mr Woollard and others are what was said; and in the context described in the report. The warring metaphor is mine, yes, used only (and not always seriously) to communicate the enthusiasm for conflict displayed by some PC members present at the meeting. The forward planning officer, Abigail Taylor, confirms she felt much the same: she wrote to me later that she felt 'ambushed' in the May PC meeting.

I can confirm too that my update letter in the last Crier was not 'hysterical' nor written in 'malign ignorance and misunderstanding'. I have the email correspondence after the May PC meeting from Parish Council members, none acknowledging - as none did in the May meeting - the right of the village to be surveyed on *all* available sites for planning, and there is criticism of Ms Taylor in personal and belittling terms; and as mentioned above, I have correspondence from her which says that she felt attacked.

I would be happy to release the relevant correspondence to the *Crier*.

However, I know that Mr Woollard is a gentleman of the old and proper kind. Reading this and knowing now how Ms Taylor felt then, I know that he will not fail to render a sincere and overdue apology to that lady. As a gentleman I know Mr Woollard will want to deliver it in person also. I look forward to hearing that it has been delivered.

Just to say though, for myself I don't ask for any apology for Cllr Woollard's less than gentlemanly references to me in his letter. When I was at school our teachers also called us by our surnames - it wasn't polite but they didn't care and so neither did we, but times have moved on. The comment that I hadn't taken the trouble to turn up to the next PC meeting is still less generous but perhaps understandable, since he hadn't asked anyone whether it was possible for me to attend (it wasn't). But as with the Fen vision, the Newmarket recycling facility and the Reach Lode bridge, I know it to be custom and practice that some around the PC will express their opinions generously and without being overly fussed about the facts.

Mr Everitt, reporting the June PC meeting, gallantly takes this to task. In the last Crier, he writes that facts matter; quoting bravely, '*comment is free but facts are sacred*' - and I agree. Unfortunately he goes on to say that 'anyone who wasn't at the next PC meeting and the village assembly doesn't know what they are talking about' ie 90% at least of the SP populace who according to Mr Everitt are a considerable majority that cannot contribute an opinion towards village matters as they failed to attend two village meetings. This is more Stalinist even than I'm used to hearing from some round here but hey ho, comrade - last time I saw Mr Everitt he told me my solar panels are 'cheating the people'. I'd never been labelled a decadent Bolshevik before. Should I be flattered? Not sure. In a post-Thatcherite political climate it might be considered by some to be a forward-thinking economic strategy.

So in case I am one, I'd better dust off some revolutionary slogans: forward with the revolution, rise up and purge the bourgeois Parish Council, proletariat brothers and sisters of the village! Etc etc (fade out to the sound of *the Internationale* sung by a Red Army choir)*

Mark Lewinski

* following recent civil unrest across the nation I hereby renounce every word of the preceding paragraph and will send myself to a labour camp just as soon as I can find a Gulag brochure to choose one from. Anyone know, does Ryanair do flights to Siberia?

We'll ask. Eds

From our Reporter at the Parish Council Meeting

We live in extraordinary times. The financial world appears to be collapsing. Public money is short. We are moving into a period of austerity. And yet our Cambridgeshire County Council continues to sell off farm land cheaply.

At the July Meeting it was announced that CCC had sold off another 24 acres of farmland cheaply to the National Trust. The land was at Reach. Geoffrey was incensed. Not only because farmers were not given the option to purchase the land, and would have paid more for it, but also because it was sold to his favourite – the National Trust. David Brown explained that about 20 years ago CCC introduced the policy that any surplus farm land should initially be offered to a parish council, and then to any environmental group. As Reach PC was interested in only about 4 acres it was sold as one block to the NT. Allen Alderson explained that initially NT intended to allow Reach to have the 4 acres, but after the sale decided that Reach could manage the whole 22 acres. This is great news for Reach who now have quite a tidy land bank.



What is good for Reach is less good for the rate payers who have lost out on the deal. The PC was concerned about this and foresaw large sums of money being lost in the future unless there was a change. Some may have thought, but didn't say, that it was almost like Gordon Brown selling off our gold at one of its lowest prices for 20 years. In spite of all the objections and advice between 1999 and 2002 he sold off more than half of our country's gold (almost 400 tons of bullion) at an average price of \$275.00 per ounce. It is now about \$1,700 per ounce and has been higher. How much is that we have lost? The PC asked how the selling price the CCC land had been set. David explained that two valuations were obtained and the "average" was taken as the price. This makes matters worse, said Steve, because one of the valuations must have been even less than the low selling price. He asked whether there is a "Scrutiny Committee" and whether the sale could be referred to it. David said there is such a committee, and the matter will be referred. The PC was encouraged by this and also asked David whether the policy set up 20 years ago could be reviewed in the light of changed economic circumstances. David said he will ask.

As we all know the Newmarket Tip has been saved and will be operated by the Open Door charity. I gather they will not accept Green Waste and there will be a charge of between £3 and £12 per vehicle. So a disaster has been avoided including the forecast by one of the many worthy matriarchs in the village that there will be marching in the streets if the tip was closed. I told her I couldn't see the lady in question marching down the street, broily in hand. In any case it would not have been the end of the world because we do have the Milton Tip even if many of us find it less congenial. Question – would you swap a tip for a local library?

Inadvertently Allen mentioned Neighbourhood Panels and when this was taken up he was certain he hadn't mentioned it until all assured him he had. How his face fell. Only about 12 people had attended the last one, one of which was the

amazingly loyal Geoffrey (how else would we know the truth?) Woollard, who declared it to be “yet again a complete waste of time.” It really does appear to be a piece of nonsense and a waste of money – something we are all concerned about. They are going to select a more popular and populous village next time in an attempt to rustle up a few more.

And talking about a waste of money . We all thought these had been dusted down and put to bed long ago. But people are still employed working on them in spite of research having shown that half are invalid and that most have not been updated which makes them irrelevant.

Which leads onto the Village Vision. What is the connection between the Village Vision and a Parish Plan? Probably none but the Village Vision is considerably cheaper. With all the warnings about the Localism Bill this may not be so in the end and we shall have to wait and see. At the meeting the copies of the Questionnaire were produced, PC members agreed to distribute throughout the village, and the PC now awaits the decision so that THE PEOPLE can make the decision. Well, they can up to a point. If anyone chose to complete the form on-line and does not wish to have any development in the village then they become disenfranchised. Question Six offering the choice of sites is immediately wiped out on the on-line version and the following questions are automatically renumbered. The matter was raised, emails circulated, and the response from the fair Abigail Taylor of ECDC was that “question-logic” had been applied to the online version at the request of Steve. I suppose the reasoning is that you do not wish to have any development then you are not expected to have any views on any new development.

During the discussion about accounts Steve was outraged that we had been charged £100 for **not** having had an election. For years the PC has been saving us about £700 for each election by ensuring that never more than nine candidates stand and therefore not requiring an election. If there are ten candidates they have a member in reserve who resigns so that the candidates are kept down to nine. Without notice this fine has been imposed and, understandably after all their hard work, the PC were a bit miffed.

ACRE has just written to ask whether we are interested in HAVING A PARISH PLAN. The PC just guffawed....

Alastair Everitt

BON MOT NUMBER FIFTEEN

**“I think it is good that books still exist,
but they do make me sleepy.”**

Frank Zappa

RaSP Latest News

The Reach and Swaffham Prior rural broadband network continues to go from strength to strength; by the time you read this the latest speed upgrade will have been implemented, increasing total bandwidth in the main fibre optic feed from 10 megabits/sec (Mb/s) to 30 Mb/s; this will provide users with a consistent performance at least five times faster than the speeds available via local phone line based services.

An advantage of the RaSP system is that it offers the same 'upload' speed as 'download'; this means that if you are transmitting a number of large files (eg photos to a web based printing service or using online storage for data backup) you will see a transfer speed that is 50-100 times faster than a typical phone line service.

One of the dilemmas facing a volunteer-run community broadband service is how to provide good support if things go wrong and get customers reconnected as rapidly as possible. Part of the answer to this is to increase the use of equipment that

can be remotely managed by support personnel from their home PCs. There have been a number of power cuts affecting the villages in the past few months and it became apparent that often, after power was restored, certain of the radio units in the network would reconnect to the wrong masts resulting in some subscribers being cut off; it was then necessary to go round physically resetting pieces of equipment. To address this, an equipment upgrade was recently completed in which one of the radio links was fitted with new equipment to increase reliability and remotely controlled switches were installed to allow equipment to be easily reset if problems occur.

The RASP committee is pleased to see that the government has recently announced some £6m of funding to upgrade broadband availability in Cambridgeshire. There have been a few false dawns in the past so we will be interested to see the actual detail of what is being proposed. If there is full fibre optic infrastructure, then it will be excellent news but from past estimates of the



Volunteers Paul Catling & Hugh de Lacy putting final touches to the recent equipment upgrade.

Photo: David Greenfield

investment needed to do this and mention of 2Mb/s as the target minimum speed, it looks as if this might be another political announcement that won't be able to deliver the speeds a modern society needs.

For further information see www.raspnet.co.uk

Hugh de Lacy,
September 2011

Swaffham Prior Autumn Show of Garden Produce

The Village Hall

Saturday 3rd September

***** FREE TO ENTER *****

with CREAM TEAS and

Grand Auction of Produce

* Show your fruit and vegetables, cakes and preserves, eggs and flowers.

* There will be categories for children - miniature vegetable garden, vegetable animal and decorated buns.

* Demonstrate your cake-making expertise in the Victoria Sponge and muffin categories.

* *And, by popular demand, the sunflower competition will return.*

More details can be found on the Village Hall website:

<https://sites.google.com/site/swaffhampriorvh>

Heritage Open Days

St. Cyriac & St Julitta Church, Swaffham Prior

10th-11th September 2011, 10.00am – 4.00pm

As part of the countrywide Heritage Open Days weekend, the Church of St. Cyriac & St. Julitta at Swaffham Prior will be open from 10.00am-4.00pm on the weekend of 10th-11th September, 2011. We will be welcoming visitors who come in to enjoy the beautiful interior and surroundings of this wonderful building and will be serving tea, coffee, cold drinks, cakes and biscuits. There will also be a book stall for you to browse over. So whether you are walking, cycling or doing a tour by car please do drop in and see us, we will be pleased to see you. Any enquiries prior to the weekend can be made by calling Francis Reeks on 01638 743693.

THE MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL

In its long standing role as a supporter and fundraiser for St. Cyriac's the "Festival Committee" put on a range of shows during the June weekend of 24–26 June.

The current aim of this group is to tidy up the Chancel and to bring it a little into line with the recent refurbishment. Now blessed with a loo and some kitchen facilities the anticipated increased use of the venue makes it even more important that the neglected area of this beautiful building is improved. It will not be a complete restoration (which is outside the brief of the Churches Conservation Trust) but an enhancement of what already exists.

The Festival opened with the show "Midsummer Madness" which was put on by Hilary Sage and her Remarkable Friends. And what a show! See page XXX for Hilary's opening words which give an idea of the pithy and caustic hilarity which filtered through all the songs, jokes, patter and sketches. If the *Daily Express* drama critic had been present it would have been called "Riotous".

On Saturday and part of Sunday was held the Midsummer Market in St Cyriac's. There must have been the largest plant stall ever and we are grateful not only to all members of the Garden Club but to all the others who grew plants and brought them along. Thanks to Prue and Tom Hines who masterminded the sales. Thanks also to Kate Child and her Quilters for their magnificent display, and also to Peter and Mary Hart for their Cards, as well as to all the painters who exhibited. There were also books, bric-a-brac, and Janet Willmott's outstanding coffee bar.

In the evening, thanks to the generous hospitality of Adrian and Catherine Dickens at the Manor House, Ian de Massini explained and explored the music of Bach. This was followed on the Sunday by a Cambridge Voices concert split between St Cyriac's and St Mary's.

The total raised during the whole weekend was £1,474.

Next year there will be a series of events spread throughout the year supporting the Church of St Cyriac's.

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

HARVEST SUPPER

Saturday 17th September 2011

6.00—9.00pm

By candlelight in St Cyriac's Church, Swaffham Prior

- Hearty casserole
- Vegetarian option
- Scrumptious puddings
- Licensed bar
- Folk dancing and live band
- Raffle for fair-trade hampers
- Children welcome

In aid of St Mary's church and the DEC East Africa Crisis Appeal.

Food, entertainment and welcoming drink included.

£8.00 per adult

£7.00 concessions (OAPs/under 16s)

£5.00 children (under 11s)

Bring your own plate, bowl and cutlery

Tickets available from: Dee Noyes 743864, Kate Child
743983, Fleur Routley 743992 or Sue Wade 741736

A warm welcome also to the Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church, Swaffham Prior,
Sunday 18th September 2011 at 11.00 am and for coffee afterwards in St Cyriac's.

Trading Standards

A Spotlight on Energy

We all want to do our bit to save energy around the home - to be 'green' and to save money. However, at Cambridgeshire County Council's Trading Standards Service we have seen an increase in queries from residents about 'cold callers' selling energy saving schemes, particularly loft insulation and solar energy, so below we offer some advice to help you.

Solar Energy

Before you start it's worth taking a look at the information provided by the Energy Saving Trust on www.energysavingtrust.org.uk or speaking to an advisor on 0800 512012.

For supplier/installer information, the Microgeneration Certification Scheme can provide a list of members online or by calling 0207 0901082. Membership is not compulsory, but you will need to use a member if you plan to use the Feed-in Tariff scheme (a government-backed initiative paying you for the electricity you generate).

Obtain three quotes to ensure the price and projected savings are competitive and realistic. Arrange a technical survey, rather than a sales visit, so the quote is accurate, and ensure all quotes are in writing, detailing what's included. Once you've chosen your installer read the contract carefully and ensure their claims about savings and maintenance costs are included before signing so that you have evidence of what you were told.

Remember! If you sign an agreement at home for solar energy, you should be given 7 days to cancel. If you need advice on this, ring Consumer Direct on 0845 4040506.

Loft and cavity insulation

When it comes to insulation, the Energy Saving Trust can provide information on grants and offers that can help you cover the cost of it. They can also provide a list of installers. It is advisable to use a member of the National Insulation Association, the Cavity Insulation Guarantee Agency or the British Board of Agreement, ideally who has signed up to a professional code of practice and provides a 25 year guarantee.

Reducing your energy bills

Start by checking with your current gas and electricity supplier that you are on their best rate. Then compare the prices of other suppliers in case you can get it cheaper – switching supplier could save you around £237 a year if you haven't changed before. You can compare prices on Consumer Focus's weekly pricing factsheets at www.consumerfocus.org.uk or by contacting Consumer Direct on 0845 4040506 for a paper copy. Also, most suppliers offer cheaper tariffs for 'vulnerable' customers, so it is worth enquiring about these 'social tariffs' if you are over 60, are on means tested benefits or are on low income. In addition, your District Council could offer you advice on how to reduce the amount of energy you use in your home by offering a home visit, or you can get tips by calling the Energy Saving Trust.

Support if you are struggling to pay your energy bills

If you are struggling to keep on top of energy bills, seek help from your local Citizens Advice Bureau, either in person or on the phone on 08444 111 444.

Finally, if you feel that you have been mis-sold any product or service – energy or otherwise - or have any other kind of consumer issue, contact our partner Consumer Direct for advice.

Digital Retuning

Viewers will need to retune their Freeview set top boxes and TVs (and Top Up TV and BT Vision boxes) on 31 August, 14 September and 23 November to keep watching the full range of digital channels you currently receive, unless the set top box has auto-retune. You will see captions on-screen reminding you of the need to retune on the run up to these dates. Guidance on re-tuning is available from www.digitaluk.co.uk. If you are watching satellite or cable services, this does not affect you."



Reflections on a Bus Ride

It is some time now since I went on a journey where I was not the driver. To be able to watch the countryside flash by and see how several thousand of acres are being farmed is an interesting experience, especially as I was involved in it for many years.

The frequently made comments about this dry season, and its effect on yields, no doubt to extract sympathy, are not bourn out by what I saw. There were fields that looked very sad, some even neglected, but this is inevitable from the wide ability of those responsible. I did not see anywhere, areas of drought, or poor crops, over a large acreage. Where the cultivation, and sowing had been done timely, those crops looked very well and should produce a good yield.

This brings me to the heart of this experience, in that our old traditions of farming seem to have been taken over by the American Tradition of large machinery and few workers, and it does not work that well in our climate. It may well be that the numbers of people involved in the making, selling and maintaining these huge complicated machines does provide jobs, but for how long, and where. These machines today are so wide that video cameras are used to see the edges, and Sat Nav. is required to drill fields, as the driver has to know where his wide drill has been, and where it is to go next !

The sugar beet drilled early in a well prepared seed bed looked fine, and had not suffered from the drought.(I could not see any irrigation plant there so I assume it had not been watered). On the other hand, late sown wheat and barley, perhaps after a late harvested beet crop, looked very sad, and a candidate for concern. I have just used the word “late” twice, and this I venture to suggest is one of the causes for the concern. You may think that this large machinery would be quicker than our old way, but only if it can travel over the land. The heavy rains in the autumn, and the usual frosts kept these monsters in the shed until conditions improved, often months later. The other alternative was for the contractor to do his best, and muddle the seed onto the poor surface, and feed the hungry birds.

Here again the word contractor has added significance. If all goes well large acres can be covered with little trouble. Large trailers are needed to take the harvest to a store, and these usually come with the harvester, be it corn or roots. The result of this is there are very few farm workers employed on a regular bases nowadays; the staff come and go with the machines.

On my trip to Rutland it was very clear that the variety of crops is very limited, mostly wheat and rape. (What has happened to the four course rotation ?) These two enterprises require very little labour or thought. The harvested crops are sold to merchants who do their best and cream off a share of the money. If wheat price is good, not much is said, but if it is poor. due perhaps to a brilliant Russian harvest, then the crocodile tears start to run.

Sitting in a bus, it is not easy to deduce who owns this England. Until recently it was a variety of folk, some new to the business, some old families who had been in it for generations, and others who were using the tax laws to save money going to

the government. It is not that well known that there is no inheritance tax on farmers land. So the wealthy soon saw the advantage of being a farmer, and invested huge sums in land, pushing up the price by thousands of pounds. To them it did not matter, as their carrot was the 40% reduction in death duty, not the 5% return on their capital.

Oh what a mess is unfolding before our very eyes. These investors are not “farmers”, they use contractors to do the work, and rely on their management skills to run the business. The contractors charge a fee whatever the yield (they did their best), and the financier is not that worried. The government encourage us, rightly, about producing our own food, but in the present financial climate will not let it happen. Dairies are being sold because of cheaper milk from abroad, any form of meat production produces little profit, and the vegetable producers are established on very few farms. The Super Markets have some blame in this, continually pushing down the prices, and the spare freight space in the airlines encourages produce from anywhere in the world.

A lot for the politicians to think about, and a chance to re-regulate our farming economics.

On a different subject, those of you who try to solve the Times jumbo crossword may have been successful in finding the correct name for a spherical form of a carbon atom. After much searching I was lucky to discover that is a Buckminsterfullerene !!!

John Norris

The logo for Bottisham Medical Practice features the name 'Bottisham' in a stylized, cursive-like font, with 'Medical Practice' in a bold, sans-serif font below it. The entire text is enclosed within a red oval border.

Bottisham Medical Practice

10th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday 24 September 2011

10.30 - 12.00

Come along to Bottisham Medical Practice's open morning! We are celebrating the 10th anniversary of our building.

We would like you to celebrate with us! Come and talk to the doctors, staff and members of the Patient Participation Group whilst having some refreshments and cakes. There will be various stalls for your enjoyment.

Money raised on this memorable day will go to Macmillan Cancer Support

Gorgeous grasses and Dazzling Daisies

The Systematic Beds, which group plants in their families, are fascinating at any time of year. In most botanic gardens, systematic (or 'order') beds are long and rectangular but in Cambridge, they are all irregular, curving island beds. The visual effect in the height of summer is a great kaleidoscopic mosaic of flowering plants covering some three acres. In late summer and early autumn, the beds devoted to grasses (Graminae) and the daisy family (Compositae) are stunning.

The grasses occupy several beds in the central oval that is devoted to monocotyledons – plants that germinate with one seed leaf, such a lilies, grasses and alliums – which constitute about 20% of all flowering plants. They make a tapestry



of tactile textures from the feathery plumes of many different varieties of Pampas Grass (*Cortaderia*) to the soft bristly 'caterpillars' of the *Pennisetum* flowers and the hazy sprays of *Panicum*. The golden and silvery tones create a muted metallic shimmer in the air, accompanied by a gentle rustling as the lightest breeze rustles through. It is impossible not to run a hand over the soft, billowing awns!

The central oval of monocotyledons are surrounded by the dicotyledons – those plants that germinate with two seed leaves – that make up 80% of flowering plants. On the north side, you will find a dazzling display of late-flowering members of the daisy (Compositae) family in a sizzling-hot palette: lemon-yellow perennial sunflowers, tangerine-coloured *Tithonia* and bright pink *Cosmos*.

The Botanic Garden is open 10am – 6pm through the summer months. Admission is £4 (£3.50) or join the Friends & help the Garden grow! To discover this week's Plant Picks from the Head of Horticulture, please visit the website at www.botanic.cam.ac.uk

St James' Church Lode

Harvest Flower

Festival Celebrations

17th & 18th September

Celebrate 400 years of King James Bible through
Harvest Verses from the bible

Sat 17th September

Church Open 2.00 pm - 5.00 pm

Teas, Raffle, Flowers,

Exhibition of bibles and their history

Sunday 18th September

Church Open 2.00 pm - 5.00 pm

Flowers and Exhibition

Family Harvest Service

5.30 pm

Bring and Share Supper

Lode Social Club 7.00pm

Got better things to spend your money on than electricity bills?

Borrow an energy meter from any Cambridgeshire library free of charge and find out how you could cut your electricity bills by as much as 15%.

The meters are easy and safe to use and show how much electricity is being used in your home at any one time. Using a meter can help you see just how much energy is used, for example, by lights in empty rooms, appliances on stand-by or boiling a full kettle. Armed with this information, studies show that households can reduce their bills by 5 - 15% by making small changes to use less electricity. Ask to borrow a meter at your local library today and start planning what to do with your savings!

Bottisham Village College

Community Education

Courses for the Autumn Term 2011

Look out for our new Adult Learning Prospectus which will be delivered to your door soon!

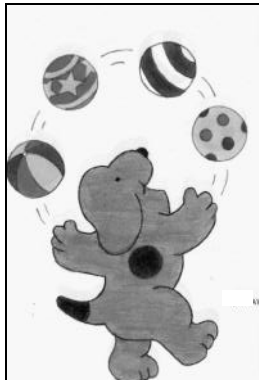
As well as our regular courses, new for the Autumn Term are:

Back2Basics – Drawing
Beekeeping for Beginners
Bookkeeping and Accounting Skills Level 2
Cookery – Jam & Chutneys, Cookery – Simple Chinese
Floral Art – Traditional with a Twist
History of Art – European Painting 1200-2000
Knitting for Beginners
Mosaics in a Day
Personal Safety for Women
RHS Horticulture Level 3
Upholstery and Chair Caning
and new for the Spring Term 2012:
Writing the Short Story

For further details visit our website www.bottishamvc.org/commed or
contact the Community Office (01223) 811372, email
commed@bottishamvc.org

‘LATELY’

Exhibition of paintings by Joss Goodchild, Julia Suddaby, Hannah Webb
10th – 15th September 2011
The Edmund Gallery, Bury St. Edmunds. IP33 1LS
10 am – 4.30 pm. Free Admission.



SWAFFHAM PRIOR DOG SHOW

17th September 2011

Village Hall

2.00pm Start

£1.00 per class or £5 for all classes

**COULD YOU BELOVED POOCH BE A WINNER
IN THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL DOG SHOW?**

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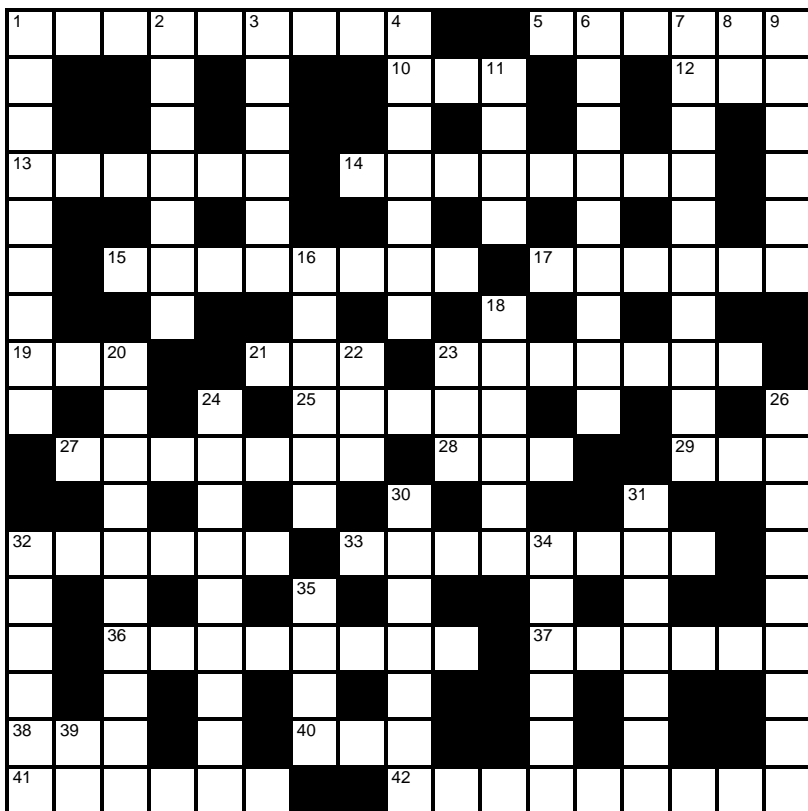
Crossword Number 81

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A number of the answers have a common link word. This is indicated by either [A] (answer comes after the link word), [B] (answer comes before the link word) or [C] (answer is loosely associated with link word). For example, if the link word was 'fish' then the answer 'fingers' would be indicated by [A], 'angel' by [B] and 'chips' by [C]. Send your answers to the editors by 18 September 2011. The first correct solution out of the hat will win a free meal for two at the Red Lion—See the Manager at the pub for full details.



Name:.....

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Across

- 1 Freely ban morning clue for [B] (9)
- 5 Ace [C] removed from Tenancies for sport (6)
- 10 Briefly, North, 41A, [C] (1,1,1)
- 12 Poem uncovered; a period epic (3)
- 13 Her Majesty takes in priest and upstart, type of 21A (6)
- 14 Balkan state (for Wombles' relative?) (8)
- 15 1001 crazily tail railway [B] (8)
- 17 I snore badly [B] (6)
- 19 Find in pungent Earl Grey perhaps [B] (3)
- 21 13A for example, goes along smoothly at first (3)
- 23 Notice Conservative's strange device (7)
- 25 15A type to contemplate we hear [B] (5)
- 27 Insect talked, reportedly [B] (7)
- 28 Make fun of bone (3)
- 29 Grand piano nothing to do with Royal Mail [C] (3)
- 32 32D dries seats (6)
- 33 Conifers smashed by science [C] type (8)
- 36 Medics to mangle servant [B] (8)
- 37 Imagined Boulder, for example, surrounding engineer and Tory leader (6)
- 38 Life energy held in exotic hiding place (3)
- 40 Chief Biggins hides agency (1,1,1)
- 41 Cliff leaves Cathy's lover after he swallows litre [B] (6)
- 42 Small measure in company group at day's end [B] (9)

Down

- 1 Expert writer, object unknown (9)
- 2 How rude, (United Nations join [B]) (7)
- 3 Graduates - one leaves metal without hesitation (6)
- 4 Jumbled New York paper [B] (7)
- 6 "Greece", my new composition [B] (9)
- 7 Authenticating error; is ignorant (10)
- 8 Passport for little state? (2)
- 9 Prospector's props away for [A] (6)
- 11 Starters: short and green edible herb (4)
- 16 Good man returns holding coil of rope and expresses gratitude (6)
- 18 Quiet! E. coli metamorphosing [B] (6)
- 20 I relax, Dana goes off to ancient port (10)
- 22 If you want an answer back please include this (1,1,1)
- 23 Juggernaut? No his vehicle [B] (3)
- 24 Oddly enough Tampa rent is payable on this [B] (9)
- 26 Short volume for giddy Aunt, by the way? [B] (9)
- 30 Tangle I clip to be prudent (7)
- 31 Members of a 6D loud in ermine creation? (7)
- 32 Found in Raichur chophouse [B] (6)
- 34 Greek character, princess, takes small mass for naturism (6)
- 35 15A type removes blot from boastful lunatic (1,1,1,1)
- 39 Woman loses direction for him (2)

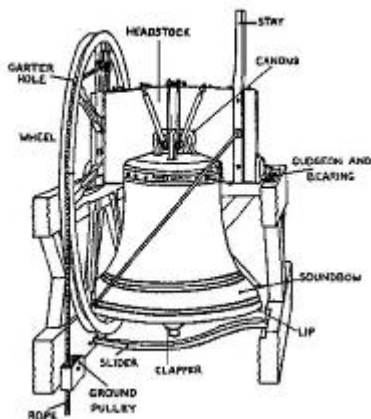
LET THE BELLS RING OUT

What a good August IT was for the Bells. It all started on the 30 July when the Welsh Colleges Society of Bell Ringers turned up. All 36 of them with 32 riding bicycles and 2 tandems. They were in the district for the week, stayed at Reach Village Centre, and rode to all the various towers, having brought along the bicycles in a trailer. Most were in their 30s and 40s and gave a jolly good ring.

In the middle of the month there was some lusty ringing celebrating the marriage of Philip Mead and Holly Perks.

The month was capped by a visit from the Cambridge University Guild of Ringers. How very different to the Welsh ringers. The age range appeared to 50 to 80, with a few younger, bicycling did not appear to be their preferred method of transport, they had arrived from all over the country, and they rang superbly.

Alastair Everitt



Mothers' Union

In August the Mothers' Union committee provided an excellent cream tea which was much enjoyed by us all.

This was followed by a most interesting talk by David & Pauline Lewis on their trip to Oberammergau last year to see the Passion Plays. As you no doubt know, this is only staged every ten years and dates back to 1633 when Oberammergau was beset by the Black Death. The inhabitants at that time prayed to God that if he spared them, they would put on the passion play every decade as an act of thanksgiving.

The participants have to be born in Oberammergau or have lived there for twenty years and, as well as performing, they still pursue their normal jobs. There are around 2,000 musicians, singers and actors taking part, as well as many children.

David & Pauline found the depiction of the Garden of Gethsemane to be most powerful and moving and they felt that it was a great privilege to be part of the whole production.

Our Mothers' Union meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month in Lode Chapel at 2.30 p.m. and you would be most welcome to join us. In October our speaker is D.J. Walton on 'My Pilgrimage to the Holy Land'.

At our last meeting Sue Evans gave us a most interesting talk about her work as a Parish Nurse in Burwell. Parish Nursing is a developing area of nursing practice in the U.K. and was originally started in 1986 in the U.S.A.

To fulfil this role they have to be a practicing nurse and be connected to a church. Their job is to identify the needs in the local community of a nursing and a spiritual nature. Parish nurses encourage people towards a healthy lifestyle; they are able to spend time listening to people's difficulties; give reassurance and long term support, where necessary, as well as liaising with G.P. surgeries and making referrals as appropriate and help patients to manage their prescribed treatments. They also offer spiritual care, praying with people, if asked to do so, and referring them to other denominations for spiritual help, as requested. They can arrange discussions with community groups about health issues and help older people to live at home independently for as long as possible . However, a parish nurse doesn't do dressings, injections or any invasive treatments - these are provided by a practice nurse or the district nursing service.

A parish nurse is part of a ministry team which offers pastoral visiting, communion as appropriate and bereavement care.

The vision for the future is for every church and community to have their own parish nurse.

We all enjoyed Sue's most interesting presentation.

You are most welcome to join us at our meetings on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 2.30 p.m. in Lode Chapel. In September the Rev. Keith Morrison will be talking to us about his work as a Chaplain at Addenbrookes Hospital.

A. Phoenix

Crossword Results No. 80

Solution to crossword no. 80

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We congratulate Dainin O'Dowd, the winner of last month's competition, who should collect her prize certificate from the editors. Honourable mentions go to Margaret Beckley, Robert Nunn, Shirley Wilkins, Elly & Paul Catling and Trish Whitehead.

MIDSUMMER MADNESS

Hilary Sage introduced her show with a proposed programme guaranteed to send the packed audience rushing to the emergency exits. It was delivered in Hilary's inimitable style, so if you think the following text funny then be assured that it was many times more funny when live. Just as is the case with Tommy Cooper. Here it goes.

1. Kate Child is going to give us a demonstration of how to sit still while *somebody else* does something. It's 3 years since she's been to an event not catered for or organised by herself!
2. *An Intellectual Treat!* A live and lively debate between Alastair E and Mark L on the authorship of the works of Shakespeare – oh sorry, Caroline and James are claiming intellectual copyright on behalf of the *Crier* – thank heavens!
3. In saying goodbye, the Vicar wanted too practice next Sunday's sermon tonight – well, he *was* going to but, when he saw the dross of disbelievers and shirkers here, he felt it'd just be pearls before swine.
4. Meryl Moore, Jane Bulleid, the Bowers, the Hughese and I have penned a delicate little HAIKU on why we left Swaffham Prior and moved to Burwell – but then we thought that it might cause offence so early in the evening, or even legal reprisals – so that's that.
5. Catherine Walston and Jane Hendy are doing an exhibition of Zumba, which they have been enjoying ever since that awful accident last year on the lace-making course. Oh sorry, I've just been told that the stage won't take it, -- sorry girls.
6. Brenda Wilson, whose fan dance used to be legendary on the South Coast in the 70s and 80s, will give us a short talk on the geriatric possibilities for women in 2012 – no, stop crying Brenda, it's not worth regretting, dear.
7. Martin Mead has specially pruned his lecture on "How Mead Construction is Controlling its Carbon Footprint" and this will allow him time to treat us – in addition – to a paper on "Why Can't We All Live In Harmony? The Travelling Community and Us".
8. The Willmotts are singing excerpts from 'The Sound of Music' – 3 Jack Russells, 2 retrievers, a pony and James as Captain von Trapp – what *possibly* could go wrong?

Your Neighbourhood Panel

Neighbourhood Panels are your opportunity to tell agencies working in your area what you would like to see improved and will ultimately make your locality a better place to live. The last South area Neighbourhood Panel meeting was held on Tuesday 28th June and amongst other things, reported back on what we've been doing to address some of your issues of concern including:

Reducing Speeding Offences

Support given to Community Speedwatch to carry out speed checks.

Speed enforcement checks conducted by Police officers from reactive shifts resulting in 15 tickets and 25 verbal warnings.

Speed enforcement checks conducted by headquarters based police staff resulting in 24 tickets and 15 verbal warnings.

Speed enforcement checks conducted by officers from the neighbourhood policing team (NPT) resulting in 17 tickets and 20 verbal warnings.

An NPT project involving children's comments sent to speeding drivers outside their school has been launched.

Reducing Parking Offences

142 thirty pound fine tickets issued within this period.

S59 warning given to a driver who was wheel spinning.

Vehicle seized for not having any insurance cover.

Numerous road tax offences reported to the Revenue Office.

Some of the other issues that were addressed were:

Problems with Anti-social behaviour at a car park at Bottisham Village College, which has resulted in improved signage, the installation of CCTV and Police Patrols. More work is required over the coming weeks to further reduce the incidents of ASB at this location.

The re-surfacing of a footpath in Jenyns Close, Bottisham had covered a soakaway, causing nearby garages to flood. Sanctuary Housing has carried out the required works to resolve this.

There are falling levels of Anti-Social Behaviour in Burwell, and the ASB Project Group has been meeting regularly to ensure this remains the case.

The Police and Wherry Housing have met to discuss an ASB issue in a small part of Burwell, resulting in an ASB Survey has being conducted for the period 13 – 26 March. Approximately 50 properties were contacted and happily the findings were that the overwhelming majority of residents were not experiencing any anti-social behaviour.

Fly-tipping was raised as an issue by Reach Parish Council and clarification has been provided explaining that priority is given to fly tips on public land, but where time allows those on private land will be investigated. The fly tip at Hurdle Hall was investigated, but sufficient evidence was not found to support enforcement action.

Following a query from Chippenham Parish Council, the County Council has confirmed that it is actively exploring opportunities for communities to have a greater involvement in winter service arrangements. Interested Parishes are invited to contact Claire Robson in the Highways Team: claire.robson@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

The issue of securing road safety improvements to minor roads, especially reductions in speed limits, has been raised many times at many Panel meetings across the District. The County Council have taken this on board and have revised its speed limit policy. Under the new policy, where the county council is unable to respond to a request for a change in speed limit in a settlement, because it does not meet the criteria, local communities will be able to

decide on the setting of speed limits in their settlements, provided that they are willing to cover the costs involved. The new policy can be seen in full on this link: <http://tinyurl.com/3ym7ahk>

What you have asked us to address next

Explore the reason for the increased number of low flying aircraft over the Bottisham area.

Explain the recycling facility changes at Brinkley.

Obtain information about the operational changes at the Newmarket Household Water Recycling Centre.

Comment on the size of the PCSO beat area around Burwell.

Address speeding and parking offences across the Panel area.

Priorities for Action

The Panel agreed that the policing priorities for the 3 months to the end of September should be:

1. Tackling speeding offences across the Panel area
2. Addressing driving and parking offences across the Panel area

The Panel agreed that the other priority should be

1. Investigating the low-flying aircraft in the Bottisham area.

If you would like to raise an issue of concern, but are unable to come to the next Panel meeting, please contact your local Neighbourhood Panel representative or contact Julie Cornwell, Partnerships Officer, on 01353 665555. The next Panel meeting is on

Wednesday, 5th October at 7.00 – 9.00pm in Burwell Village College



From our Local County Councillor
David Brown

Full Council met on 19th July. We started with 2 petitions, the first opposing cuts to the local output on BBC radio Cambridgeshire and the second about cuts to bus subsidies. Council then debated and adopted 3 policy papers – Minerals and Waste Core Strategy; a new Flexible Retirement Policy; and moving IT and Facilities Management into LGSS.

There was a lengthy debate surrounding the financial problems surrounding Southern Cross Care Homes, and Council is carefully reviewing the position regarding care providers in the County. Motions calling for an independent review of cuts to bus subsidies; calling for political support for Councils to have to institute a policy for independent retailers on high streets; and to come forward with a plan to upgrade the A14 were all defeated after long debates.

At Cabinet on 5th July we agreed to purchase land on the site of the Shirley Primary School in Cambridge and to retain the site of an old school in Cambridge for potential future use as a school. We also agreed to move forward with the

Cambridgeshire Future Transport Initiative and agreed to start 3 pathfinder projects to test different models for providing transport in the County. These should start in October, with the aim of rolling out more widely in 2012. In light of the difficult construction situation at Northstowe we agreed to put back the proposed opening date for the new primary school at Northstowe until September 2016 or the occupation of the hundredth dwelling.

I visited a number of schools – primary, secondary and special - in my role as Cabinet member to gain more experience of the issues facing different schools. I also had the pleasure of speaking at an awards event for School Governors and Clerks. Also as Cabinet member I took part in a stakeholder workshop considering how Cambridgeshire should develop a Health and Wellbeing Board in the run up to the county Council taking on responsibility for public health in 2013.

I have been appointed to represent the County Council on the Burwell Masterplan Working Party.

August

Whoever told me that August would be a “dead” month at the County Council was either pulling my leg, or not aware of the truth!

August has felt a really positive month - it started with an early Sunday morning to go to St Ives and catch the first bus to Cambridge. The Guided Bus is up and running. Talking to people in Burwell and surrounding villages it is a great asset to the County. Nearly 56,000 trips in the first week and the bus operators putting on extra buses to cope with demand is good news. I have been pleasantly surprised how many local people have used it to visit St Ives, and businesses there are reporting increase in trade.

The Cabinet met to consider an ambitious plan to invest in Superfast Broadband across the County. We agreed that Superfast Broadband is one of the keys to enabling business to flourish in Cambridgeshire: to attract inward investment, safeguard existing jobs and encourage further employment opportunities. We are now talking with a number of potential providers to deliver Superfast Broadband, and have secured over £6 million from Central Government to help move this forward.

Plans for re-shaping family and children’s social work have also been coming together in August. Following considerable consultation with families and staff the future shape of the service is being put in place, which will give a better service to those in need, whilst also delivering the best value for taxpayers. This has meant a number of meetings of the Board overseeing the restructuring, as well as a variety of other meetings.

August has also seen considerable time spent in drawing up a strategy to address child poverty, and to identify ways of narrowing the gap in achievement between young people across Cambridgeshire.

The first meeting of the Burwell Masterplan Working Party, on which I represent the County Council, took place. It was a lively meeting and clearly showed how much people care about the village.

There have also been a number of other issues to address, ranging from: the

potential impact of any increase of business at Cambridge airport, to timeliness of award of student transport allowances, to the conduct of the sale of County Farms land at Reach, to the quarterly performance reports for our Children's homes, and to the ownership position of Burwell Swimming Pool.

All in all, an eventful month!

David Brown

Notes from the Parish Council June & July Meeting

John Covill chaired the June and July meetings with Parish Councillors and members of the public in attendance.

The following items were discussed:

Public Participation:

'Village Vision' Questionnaire: Over the two meetings there was discussion about the content and detail of the questionnaire.

Following the above, Katie Child and Abigail Taylor attended the June meeting and replied to questions and comments. Katie confirmed that it was important to work with the Parish Council in finalising the detail of the questionnaire and that this involved trust on both sides. When asked whether it was ECDC or the Government who set the timescales, Katie confirmed that ECDC did this. There was some discussion about the sites listed as options in the questionnaire and Katie said these would be fully discussed with the Parish Council before the questionnaire was finalised for circulation – *this was discussed with Abigail Taylor at the earlier May meeting and a second draft finalised with Katie Child at the June meeting. Copies were printed by ECDC and collected by the Clerk for circulation to every household in the Parish following the July meeting.*

Cambridgeshire ACRE 'Housing Needs Survey'. Mr M Phillips spoke of his concerns about the recently circulated survey considering that this did not take into account the lack of facilities, supply and demand for affordable housing suggesting that there had been no demographic survey beforehand.

(It was noted that the 'Village Vision' Questionnaire and the 'Housing Needs Survey' were two different processes with the HNS aimed at the future affordable housing needs in the village and the ECDC VVQ aimed at the future of the village as a whole.)

Reports:

CCC – Cllr David Brown reported to June/July meetings.

ECDC – Cllr Allen Alderson reported to June/July meetings.

Planning Matters:

The following planning application was considered:

(June) Swaffham Prior House, 86 High Street – *photo-voltaic array comprising 5No runs of panels each measuring 25-30 metres x 3.5 metres. Ref: 11/0439/FUL.* There were no objections or comments.

(July) Goodwin Manor, 1 Station Road – *installation of Schrijver System elements to outside walls in order to control damp. Ref: 11/00343/LBC. Noted.*

Additional Items:

Repairs to 'Picnic' Play Shelter. The work needed was carried out by Kim Sheldrick with extra bracing added to make the roof more sturdy.

Play Ground: RoSPA carried out annual inspection. Items of minor maintenance were noted.

Recreation Ground: Following concerns raised at the Annual Village Assembly about the cars parking outside the Football Ground on Station Road, Burwell Tigers Football Club confirmed that they would be extending the car park over the summer to create more spaces within the Football Ground.

The Pound: Tidying up work to be carried out.

Litter bins: The wall mounted bin in the bus shelter was replaced with a standing bin. The damaged bin at Coopers Green also to be replaced.

Dog fouling: The Dog Warden from ECDC confirmed to the Clerk that they no longer provided dog 'poop' bags but suggested that owners used nappy sacks as an alternative.

Accounts for Payment: These were agreed.

Open Question Time:

General discussion.

If anyone would like further information on any of the above items, please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday, 8th September 2011, starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. *There is no August meeting unless called.*

All are welcome to attend.

Karen King, Clerk to the Parish Council,
Tel: 742358, karen.king5@btopenworld.com

Wilburton Solar Farm

The new Solar Farm just off Twenty Pence Road on the edge of Wilburton has "gone live" and has started pumping enough green electricity into the grid to power about 1200 homes. This "farm" which is currently the largest operational one in the UK was built by a UK contractor "Solar Century" and will be almost invisible from the road and will be home to many types of wildlife and can be returned to agricultural use at the end of it's lifespan.





A Farewell...

On Sunday 28th August we cancelled our normal RE:NEW service at Bottisham Primary School and joined with the Anglesey Group of Parishes in saying farewell to David and Pauline Lewis. They will be missed by us, and by many in these villages, and I wanted to take this opportunity to publicly thank them for all they have contributed.

When I arrived in 2005 as minister of Lode Chapel David warmly welcomed me, and we've been meeting formally every month or two ever since. We have chatted together, planned together, prayed together, eaten together and led services alongside one another on numerous occasions. I've often admired David's faith and commitment, but I must say I've never envied him in the task of looking after five churches!

David has shared the joys and sorrows of many families within our community, and he and Pauline have both ministered Christ's love faithfully over the last eight years. As they begin their retirement I know, however, that that neither of them will see this as an opportunity to stop doing the Lord's work. May God bless them in this new phase of life, helping them to settle into their new home and giving Pauline patience as they both get used to David spending a bit more time at home!

...and a Big Welcome!

As a new school year starts we'd like to invite you to join us for a special service on **Sunday 25th September**. It's an opportunity for you to come and see what we get up to at Bottisham Primary School every Sunday morning, and you'll certainly receive a Big Welcome. At this service we'll also be introducing our Autumn Series which seeks to answer the question **"Why on earth am I here?"** During October and November we'll then be proposing five key purposes for our each of our lives based on Rick Warren's book 'The Purpose-Driven Life'. These goals exist in all of us, whether we believe in God or not, so why not come along and find out more. Don't forget, all ages are welcome, and we have a crèche and groups for children every week.

Simon Goddard

Services in September

- Sun 4th Sept, 10.30am – RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (School)
- Sun 4th Sept, 5.30pm – Contemplative Service (Chapel)
- Sun 11th Sept, 10.30am – RE:NEW Kids Club and Café (School)
- Sun 18th Sept, 10.30am – RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (School)
- Sun 18th Sept, 5.30pm – 'Healing Space' (Chapel)
- Sun 25th Sept, 10.30am – The BIG WELCOME (School)

For more information please contact: Rev. Simon
Goddard.
Tel: (01223) 812881
Email: simon.goddard@re-new.me.uk

Roman Catholic Church, Newmarket Parish

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

FREECYCLE



If you have any offers or wants, please contact me by the 14th of each month: jun.thompson@tiscali.co.uk, or 01223 813362, or drop a note through 23 Longmeadow. Everything is free and nothing is expected in return. Should you be unsuccessful, please try your offers/wants on <http://freebiefreakz.org> or <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cambridgefreecycle/>. Please can you contact the offers after the 1st of the month to make it a little fairer.

Offers

Variable height bike stabilisers; Assortment of playdough accessories (Bob the Builder theme and others); ancient analogue colour CRT Matsui 1420A 13" TV. Jun c813362.

Lady's riding hat; Child's car booster seat; 6 Garden chair cushions 20" x 33" (seat and back) floral on cream; Quantity of board games & jigsaw puzzles. Fay c812231

Two-drawer wooden filing cabinet. Bernard c812402

Washing rotary line. Chris c811564

Blue EYC toddlers trampoline; Blue Little Tykes toddlers rocker/seesaw. Emma c812793

Dark brown, L-shaped 5-seater leather settee in single units. David/Marion c811888.

Wanted

Your old light fittings, brown bakelite switches, iron conduit and switches, bulb holders and holders. Sheets and bits of bakelite. Postcard rack (carousel if possible). George 07895064727.

Large water butt - the bigger the better! Can be ugly, as will be hidden from view. Jackie/Tim c813815.

Gardener's Wheelbarrow. Chris c811564.

Bookshelf (3 – 4 feet across); big garden pots. Bel, c811070.

Dear Friends,

So, this is my last letter for the parish magazines, as Pauline and I set off for our new life in retirement in Devon. I can't believe that it is more than eight years since my first letter published in the July magazines in 2003. In that letter I referred to the Bishop's sermon at my induction service, and his reference to the Holy Spirit working in people's lives. I went on to write:



"I saw quite clearly that the Holy Spirit has indeed guided Pauline and myself to these villages to live and work amongst you. I can't help feeling that God has lots of exciting things in store for all of us to share together in the months and years to come, and I am sure that we have a great deal to look forward to."

Well there have indeed been many exciting moments, but also some very challenging and some very sad ones as well. But that is the nature of the human condition. Life is about joys and sadness, successes and failures. The important point for me is that I have had the privilege of sharing so many personal moments of joy and sadness, success and failure with so many of you, and I shall always treasure those special experiences. God, in his gracious goodness, has indeed called Pauline and myself to share those special experiences with you, and it has been a very moving, joyful and precious time. Most of all we want to say "thank you". Thank

you to God for calling us to these five villages to travel through all those special experiences with so many of you, and thank you to all those of you who have allowed us to share in your lives. We have made many friends over the past eight years, and we shall never forget you.

The arrangements following our retirement on the 28th August will be as follows:-

The Vicarage phone number 01223 812367 will still be operational, but only to give out a standard response, and you won't be able to leave a message. It will tell you who to contact in each parish in respect of booking a baptism, funeral or wedding, or for any other enquiries, as follows:-

Bottisham:- Derek Metz 01223 812671 or Mike Young 01223 811754

Lode:- Julie Sale 01223 811222

Quy:- Bill Watts 01223 811063

Swaffham Bulbeck:- Christopher Welton 01223 811501 or Peter Goldsmith 01223 812525

Swaffham Prior:- Brenda Wilson 01638 743937 or Rod Clayton 01638 743911

	ST MARY'S Swaffham Prior September 2011
Sun 4	11:00am Holy Communion
Sun 11	11:00am Matins BCP
Sun 18	11:00am HARVEST FESTIVAL
Sun 25	10:00am Benefice Communion (Lode)

Any urgent need for ministry can be referred to Rev'd Roger Bowen on 01223 352592.

The e-mail address that I have been using will no longer be operational, but you can use the address:- contact@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk Any enquiries to that address will be passed on to all the above persons for action.

We have worked out what we feel is a sustainable pattern of services in each Church during the vacancy, which will be led by a team of retired and other clergy, together with a team of lay helpers, until such time as a successor is appointed.

The process of appointing a successor cannot commence until I depart from the Vicarage, but hopefully will get underway as speedily as possible afterwards. Inevitably, the process of deciding what kind of person is needed for the post, and finding the right person, will take time. It will also take some while before a successful candidate will be able to take up their duties. The important thing is that I am sure that God has just the right person in mind, just as he had us in mind over eight years ago.

Pauline and I will be praying for you all, and we wish you every blessing in the months and years to come.

With best wishes to you all.

David

ELY APPLE FESTIVAL

Saturday 15th October 2011

Apple Identification and Display

Bring your apples to be identified (stalk or leaf will help with identification)

Apple Market

Local traders selling related produce

Woodturner and Beekeeping Demonstrations

Come and see how it's done

Children's Activities and Story Telling

Apple and spoon races and apple shy

Cookery Demonstrations

See apple dishes prepared with tasters

Folk Music and Morris Dancing

Musical entertainment

Watergull Orchards Produce

Competitions

enter the famous longest apple peel contest



Dates for Your Diary September 2011

Sat	3	Autumn Show, VH
Wed	7	Book Club, Kent House, High Street
Thu	8	PC Meeting, 7.30pm, VH
Sat	10	Lately, The Edmund Gallery, Bury St Edmunds, 120am—4.30pm
Sun	11	Heritage Open Days, St Cyriac's, 10am-4pm
Thu	15	Mothers' Union, 2.30pm, Lode Chapel
Sat	17	Dog Show, VH, 2pm Harvest Supper, St Cyriac's, 6-9pm Harvest Flower Festival (to 18th) Lode (see page 15)
Sun	18	Crier Copy Deadline
Mon	19	WI, 7.30pm, VH
Tue	20	Mobile Library, Cage Hill 2.45-3.15pm Chapel 3.20pm-4.00pm Village Gardeners, 8pm, VH
Sat	24	10th Anniversary, Bottisham Medical Practice, 10.30-12 noon.
	30	Macmillan Coffee Morning, 10.30am—12 noon. The Oaks, Manor Farm Court, Lower End
Sat	1	Doctor Who, 1-am—4pm, Bottisham Primary School

Club	Contact	Tel.	Date	Time	Place
FOSPS	Clare Freeman	741316	2 nd Mon of Term	8pm	Village School
Baby & Toddlers	Jessica Shakeshaft	744266	Fri	9:30-11:30am	Village Hall
Jamsing	Jo Pumfrey	741376	Tues (term)	9.20-12	Village Hall
Cubs	Tim Doe	743656	Weds (term)	6:00-7:30pm	Village School
Reading Group	Brenda Wilson	743937	1 st Weds of month	8:00pm	(See Crier)
Scouts	Tim Doe	743656	Weds (term)	6:15-7:45pm	Village School
Village Gardeners	Margaret Joyce	744390	3 rd Tues of month	8:00pm	Village Hall
WI	Pat Cook	742224	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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