



The Swaffham Crier

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Editorial

NOBODY uses the footpath between the Village Hall car park and Station Road. According to the land's owners that is, who otherwise would be keeping it clear. So people *could* use

it! Well, WE do, or rather attempt this exercise every now and again. I got completely stuck once, unable to go forward or back between the forest of thorns and bushes that crowd round one of the gates.

Although very short, this little footpath is delightful and takes one through the field where the humps and bumps of the old village settlements is still very evident. Our PC is campaigning to keep this path open, so come on PC, campaign a bit harder!

The PC are also planning a suitable memorial for John Norris (see *Our Reporter*) —this is a really good idea, and we hope to hear more about the plans in October, when we will be running some more of John's as yet unpublished memoirs.

Readers will note all our calendar events in this issue are for September 2012, unlike last month's, where one reader kindly identified an historically somewhat more distant month and year, possibly 1066! Apologies all — have a very happy summer, and see you in October.

Caroline Matheson



Strawberry tasting at the Strawberry Teas

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Cover Picture: Summer Diner in a Pizza Restaurant by Thomas Newbolt



Letters to the Editors



Dear Editors,

Here and Gone — Wild Flowers

I wasn't going to write in appreciation of the stupendous roadside wildflower display this year between here and Burwell, as I know from previous experience to point that out only encourages the militant farming tendency to tell us that these are weeds and they spoil the crops, and then they then get their mowing machinery out to underline their argument.

The fantastic colour sprays have made the trip to Burwell a delight; a real consolation to the wettest spring/summer on record, and they would be great for struggling bee and butterfly populations - the underground wild bees at the end of my garden appear not to have survived the constant rain - when the sun finally comes out, for sure.

Best experienced on foot or cycling, I was thinking at 9.30am on the Sunday morning after the end of term as I made my way to Burwell, Saturday having been at last, the first really sunny day since May. But then round the corner came a tractor mower, which took it all down in a few minutes.

If you have never asked yourself before, this is why we need nature reserves.

Mark Lewinski

Dear Editors,

How Do You Find Out What's On?

Every time a Village Hall event is planned, I worry that no-one will turn up - not because of apathy, but simply because people didn't know about it.

We rely on the inestimable Crier for the bulk of our advertising of events such as the Autumn Show (it is on the 8th September - don't miss it!), along with posters around the Village, the occasional flyer/entry form through doors, and - hopefully - people talking to each other.

People do come, but I have no idea of what tempted them out, or how many more would come if I had done a better job.

Anyway, I thought it was time to take action, to get some feedback from Priorites, and to make a suggestion.

This letter was prompted by an article I read by someone who felt that the internet had revolutionised the way that we communicate with friends around the world, but not with what was happening on our street or in the surrounding villages. This led to the formation of a website called StreetLife, designed to get information from people that we don't necessarily know in our neighbourhood.

So, what would I like you to do?

First, turn on the computer, go to StreetLife.com and watch the introductory video.

If you like the sound of it: join. You'll find me there, as well as people from

Bulbeck, Bottisham, Lode and other nearby villages.

Next, let me know how you normally find out about local events.

Finally, give me your suggestions about ways of improving village communication.

You can respond through the Crier, using the Village Hall website (www.swaffhampriorvillagehall.co.uk/survey), or by emailing me (mcarrington@me.com).

And, hopefully, you won't miss Village events.

Mike Carrington



**Steve & Karen's Fancy Dress
Disco & Karaoke**

LEAVING PARTY

**With a Free Barbeque
At the Red Lion
On Saturday, 1st September
From 8pm Onwards
All Welcome**

HARVEST SUPPER

**Saturday 29th September 2012
6.00-9.00pm**

We look forward to welcoming you to St Mary's Harvest Supper, once again by candlelight in the lovely surroundings of St Cyriac's church. There will be live music to listen to, a bar, delicious food, activities for children and a raffle to raise money to build a well in the African village of Mara. Tickets will be on sale in August from Fleur Routley, 743992; Dee Noyes, 743864; Kate Child, 743983; and Sue Wade, 741736. Tickets cost £8 for adults, £7 concessions and £5 for children. If you are able to help please contact Fleur.

From our Reporter at the Parish Council Meeting

It is not that PC Members are ungrateful for all the efforts contributed by our ECDC and CCC Councillors, but there was quite a cheer when Karen announced that neither councilor could make the meeting and she circulated written reports. There were mutterings such as “we can finish early for a change”, “we’ll get to The Red Lion in good time”, etc.

There was very little correspondence, the only interesting item being an ECDC online questionnaire on “Waste Consultation”. Steve was the only PC member who had completed it, while it seemed closed to the rest of the village – or, at least, we appear not to have been asked.



There has been a reprieve for the horse chestnut on Town Close. Far from needing to be cut down, the Tree Officer announced the crown only needs to be reduced by thirty per cent. That’s a lot of previous discussion down the drain.

A new Code of Conduct is being prepared by ECDC but the Clerk reported it as being a “bit of a mish mash” with ECDC still “toing and froing about it.” It should have been adopted by the 1st July, so, as an interim measure, ECDC has suggested that the PC uses the NALC (National Association of Local Councils) Code of Conduct until the new ECDC version is ready. A PC member quickly pointed out that this was ridiculous as the PC already has a Code of Conduct. Members did wonder why ECDC needs a different Code to that of NALC, why the Code needs to be revised every few years, and whether this was just a way to keep someone employed.

The PC acknowledged the unique contribution John Norris has made to the village and wished to make a fitting acknowledgement of this. Steve came up with an excellent suggestion but it was agreed that other bodies should be consulted, that the family should be approached for their views, and that opinions should be sought via the *Crier*. Geoffrey said that the only memorial he would want for himself would be a sign saying “He meant well.”

The second tree issue came up when the trees lining the Village Hall pathway were discussed. The trouble with trees is that they will not stop growing, and the time had come for a little more pollarding. Geoffrey tentatively suggested taking them down because they preceded the neighbouring houses, could be a danger to the houses, and could disturb the pathway. Eric agreed, though no other member appeared to be in favour and gave good reasons why they should remain. Geoffrey now moved into second gear and demanded to know “what is the point of these trees?” He claimed it was a waste of money to pollard them every five or six years. Again no-one agreed. So Geoffrey now moved into top gear and asked for a vote on whether the trees should be taken down. This from a man who is on record for saying “he loves trees” and would never support taking any down. Geoffrey and Eric voted for the motion and all others opposed.

John Chalmers, who had expressed concern about the new lamp post outside his house, is going to get the full treatment because a senior Balfour Beattie executive is going to discuss this directly with John in an attempt to keep him happy. Paul spoke to the report on the new lighting and there was some concern about the increased height of the lamp posts as illustrated by those in Burwell. As all the villages in

Cambridgeshire are being dealt with in alphabetical order there will be plenty of time to review the results in other villages.

Trees made its third appearance of the night because a new resident in the Beeches is concerned about the beeches towering over her. A tree surgeon could not see a problem and asked for specific information. Karen raised this with the lady but there appeared to be quite a high level of unhappiness which it was thought best to leave to Allen Alderson.

Karen (on whom Steve had just carried out a successful risk assessment) said that the bin at the end of Coopers Green was very rarely emptied in spite of her regular email reminders. One member wondered if it was because some people used that bin for dog poo. No-one had definite information on this or offered to carry out any research on the amount of dog poo there might be in the waste bin. Without the necessary hard facts they considered the possibility of having a dog bin near the cemetery, but meantime thought it best to “put Allen onto it.” That will teach him to miss a meeting.

We were now in “Parish Councillors’ reports and Geoffrey had the chance to launch into what he called a “rant”, inevitably against the National Trust and the Wicken Vision. He deplored the amount of arable land being taken out of production and also deplored that those fields owned by the NT allow the rampant spread of elder bushes, hemlock, ragwort, stinging nettles and thistles, and that when left to seed they spread onto neighbouring farmers’ fields. Geoffrey had great delight in circulating a statement from the 3rd July blog of John Hughes, the Wicken Vision warden, which read:-

“Today we have been cutting and baling some of our areas with thistles and ragwort present. It is done in one fast process with no drying as it will be taken to compost down. The ragwort and other weeds present in the balers mean they can’t be used for feed and so on like a normal hay bale. Also the rain is not such an issue with us for the same reason. They are only small but pretty heavy. We chose to cut it now as the weeds have begun to show signs of seeding and we clearly don’t want that to happen as it will increase their populations in future years.”

There is no more space for further discussion but perhaps one of our agricultural experts will explain separately in the *Crier* why, in Geoffrey’s words, **John Hughes “would have been put in jail during the Second World War”** for doing this.

Some remaining odds and ends. The condition of the hedges towards the top of Cage Hill, and also at the very bottom of Greenhead Road, was discussed with two members of the public taking an active part. Obviously one took the discussion to heart as a hedge has now been neatly trimmed. Peter is attempting to have the footpath cut which leads from the Village Hall car park through to Station Road. If I understood correctly the owner sees little purpose in doing this because no-one uses the footpath. If this is true, surely it is easily corrected. A 21st birthday party in Reach caused havoc and much damage to cars in the High Street after Bulbeck and Bottisham youths walked back to their villages at about 1.30am. Thefts continue. The PC usually has a break in August unless an urgent matter arises. Karen said they ought to meet in August because they might have to discuss and accept the new ECDC Code of Conduct should ECDC finish in time. That did not go down very well.

Alastair Everitt

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Friday, 28th September 2012

at

The Oaks, Manor Farm Court,
Lower End, Swaffham Prior



This will be the 20th year that we have held the coffee morning in Swaffham Prior!

Our High Sheriff, Penny Walkinshaw, will be here in her official capacity and we hope that many of you will be able to come.

There will be the usual cake stall as well as a raffle so start planning your cakes now and we look forward to seeing you on Friday, 28th September any time between 10:30 am and 12:00 noon!

Ruth Scovil
01638 743720

Donations!

Many thanks to the Swaffham Prior Festival Committee & Anon for their very kind donations to the Crier this month.

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

HARVEST SUPPER

Saturday 29th September 2012

6.00—9.00pm

By candlelight in St Cyriac's Church, Swaffham Prior

- Hearty casserole
- Vegetarian option
- Scrumptious puddings
- Licensed bar
- Live music
- Raffle for fair-trade hampers
- Children welcome

In aid of St Mary's church and the Mara Well Appeal.

Food, entertainment and welcoming drink included.

£8.00 per adult

£7.00 concessions (OAPs/under 16s)

£5.00 children (under 11s)

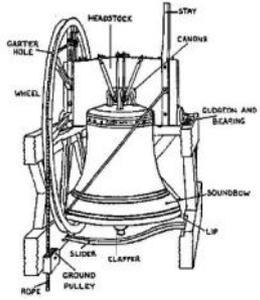
Bring your own plate, bowl and cutlery

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 30th September 2012 at 11.00 am.

Olympic Bells

July was a fine month for the bells of St Cyriac's. On Monday 9 July a visiting band from Essex rang an exceptionally fine quarter peal of Norfolk Surprise Minor. This method is rarely heard in these parts, indeed it may have been the first time it has been rung in living memory on these bells. For those of you that may be interested, the method is a variant of the more popular Cambridge Surprise Minor and is very similar to Primrose and Ipswich. One may think that being closely related to other methods may make it easier to ring but in fact the opposite is true. You have to concentrate exceedingly hard to stop yourself ringing the methods which are more familiar to you. How fortunate we are to have such talented visitors.



Then later in the month came the chance for us locals to shine. All the Bells project, Work 1137, was the inspiration of the Turner Prize winning artist and musician Martin Creed. The whole nation was encouraged to take part. Any bell, any where at 8.12am on Friday 27 July for three minutes - just 12 hours before 20:12 hours and the start to the London Olympics Opening Ceremony. Loving an excuse to let St Cyriacs bells ring out, our Tower Captain embraced the opportunity to join in, undeterred by the fact that his tower probably has one of the smallest bands in these parts so getting enough ringers might be tricky.

However thanks to keen and accommodating ringers from Exning, Bottisham, Bulbeck and one he had bred himself quite a few years earlier, an Olympic band for the tower bells was secured. There then followed a last minute rally for a band to ring the tower's handbells. Six enthusiastic novices were volunteered. Following the briefest of training sessions in handbell handling, handbell etiquette and change



Looking for the missing "Ding Dong"

The Cage Hill Clangers



ringing by a self appointed Ringing Master, the Cage Hill Clangers band was formed barely 18 hours before Big Ben was due to start the nationwide performance. Unbeknown to the Ringing Master, a no-show disaster was narrowly averted thanks to breakfast television. The treble and tenor ringers, a husband and wife team, thought the band were meeting at 8.12 in the evening. Fortunately, whilst said husband and wife were in their jim-jams watching the BBC interviewing people preparing to ring early in the morning, the misunderstanding was realised. Being keen and accommodating newly qualified ringers, a quick change into their ringing regalia ensured they arrived on time ready for their debut performance. With nine year old Phoebe as official Photographer and Time Keeper and Harry the Dog as the Olympic mascot, the Cage Hill Clangers positioned themselves round the village sign at the bottom of Cage Hill and at 8.12am precisely all the bells of St Cyriac, six large and twelve small, rung out "loudly and quickly" to signal the start of Work 1137. Three glorious minutes then all was quiet. However, bolstered by their new skills and encouraged by their audience of two, the handbellers burst into a new composition, one so new it had never been performed before. This new method not only contained "bobs", "caroline" and "rounds" but also the mind boggling "reverse caroline". Alas despite efforts by the conductor (after whom the method was named) to keep it all together "reverse caroline" ringing rhythm collapsed and howling from the mascot rounded off the morning's Olympiad performance.

The purists among you may wish to note that "caroline" is not a recognised call in change ringing but unique to the CHCs.

Such is the enthusiasm within the handbell band, plans for another local gig are already being made.

Primrose S. Royal



**Anglesey Benefice
For Samaritan's Purse
Operation Christmas Child –
Shoe Boxes**

**Saturday 13th October, 2012
At St Cyriac's Church, Swaffham Prior
11am – 4pm**

We will be packing Christmas Shoe Boxes
to send to needy children overseas.

Bring along your donations, as many items as you like from
the suggested list below, and we will do the rest, from filling
boxes to arranging their despatch

(completed boxes will also be gratefully received).

Enjoy a cuppa and a piece of cake, the proceeds of which
will go towards buying items to make up incomplete boxes.
We also need your empty shoe boxes, Christmas wrapping
paper and cellotape, ideally before the date, I can collect
them from you.

If you are able to spare an hour on the day then your help
would be very much appreciated to wrap boxes and sort the
gifts.

(please contact Janet Willmott, details below, if you are able to assist with these)

Contributions are required to cover the suggested £2.50 "shipping" donation of each box, which can be gift aided making every £1 worth 25p more. Envelopes will be available at the Church or in advance by calling one of the numbers below.

Boxes are made up for either a boy or girl with the age categories being 2-4 years, 5-9 years and 10-14 years.

If you are unable to pop along to St Cyriac's on 13th October but have a contribution, please do contact me, **Janet Willmott, on 01638 743472 or 07833 960678**, and I will arrange for the collection of your donated items – **Thank you so much!**

Yes please to:

Toys: bear, soft toy, finger puppet, jigsaw, yo-yo, building blocks, small musical instrument, trucks, cars, dolls, clip on earrings, tennis ball, etc

Educational supplies: felt pens, pens, pencils, colouring book, notepad, puzzle book, stickers etc

Hygiene items: toothbrush, hairbrush, hair clips, bar of soap, flannel etc

Other: sweets (sell by date to be at least March 2013) gloves, scarf, sunglasses, hat, bangles, etc

All items should be new

No thank you to:

No food: especially chocolate

No medicine or vitamins of any kind

No war related items: toy guns, soldiers of knives of any kind

No clothing other than hats gloves or scarves

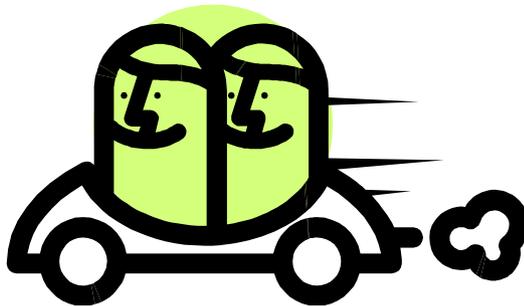
No fragile items or liquids

No dangerous items, sharp objects, scissors or razors

No novels or anything of a political nature

No hand-knitted stuffed toys

Swaffham Prior Community Car Scheme (SPCCS)



A voluntary community car scheme for residents of Swaffham Prior providing door-to-door transport for those who do not have the use of a car and are unable to use conventional public transport to cover essential trips eg medical, dental, chiropody **COMING SOON!**

See October Crier for full details

spccs@adventurersfarm.co.uk

07900 351742

(Janet Willmott – Co-ordinator)



The Swaffham Prior Autumn Show and Village Feast is coming!

The combined Swaffham Prior Autumn Show and Feast will be held on the afternoon of Saturday 8th September.

We are hoping to include as many people in the Village as possible, so we have teamed up with the popular Dog Show, and are adding a new Photography Competition.

It has been a tough year to try and grow vegetables (with hose-pipe bans followed by the wettest June for a century), but we know that Swaffham Prior gardeners are not easily put off - so come and show everyone the fruits of your labours! Even if you thought that the odds were against you this year, there is still time to get out in the garden and grow those prize-winning vegetables, fruit and flowers.

If your talents lie more in the kitchen, cakes, preserves and wine can also be exhibited.

Get the kids involved too: there are a selection of categories just for them. In addition, the school has had a competition to design posters for this year's Show, with lots of wonderful entries. So come along and see the winners and some of the runners-up which will be on display in the Hall.

As always, there will be an Auction of the Autumn Show entries, in aid of the Village Hall (please remove your entry before 3pm if you do not wish to donate it).

For the budding photographers in the Village, the Photography Competition will have three age categories with themes:

Up to 10 years	Pets and Family
11 to 16 years	Action and Abstract
Over 16 years	Landscapes

All entries (fruit, veg, cakes, photos, etc.) should be taken to the Village Hall on the morning of 8th September (see the separate article about arrangements for the Dog Show).

The provisional timetable for the day is as follows:

10am-12:	Registration of entries in Village Hall
12-2pm:	Judging of entries (Hall closed)
2pm:	Hall opens for viewing of winning entries
2-3pm:	Dog Show
2-4pm:	Feast activities, with cream teas
3pm:	Auction
4pm:	Egg throwing competition



The categories this year include:

VEGETABLES

Beans	Herbs	Mixed veg	Peas	Squash
Beetroot	Leeks	Onions	Potatoes	Tomatoes
Carrots	Lettuce	Parsnips	Shallots	

FRUIT

Apples	Pears	Soft fruit	Stone fruit
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CHILDREN'S CATEGORIES

Cake	Giant vegetable	Sunflower
Decorated egg	Miniature garden	Vegetable animal

FLOWERS

Roses	Mixed flowers	Pot plant	Arrangement
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BAKING and PRESERVES

Jam or jelly	Fruit cake	Alcoholic drink
Pickle/chutney	Victoria sponge	Eggs

Full details of the categories, photo competition rules, and entry forms are available from the Village Hall website:

www.swaffhampriorvillagehall.co.uk

or contact: 01638 744 195

New Vicar Appointed for Anglesey Group

The Bishop of Ely is pleased to announce the appointment of The Reverend Susan Giles as vicar of The Anglesey Group comprising Bottisham, Lode, Quy, Swaffham Bulbeck and Swaffham Prior. Susan who wishes to be known as Sue is currently Priest in Charge of the parish of Holy Trinity with St Mark at Stockton on Tees in the Diocese of Durham.

Sue will live with her husband Jonathan and children Oliver and Caitlin in the Vicarage at Bottisham and will be licensed in a special service at Holy Trinity Bottisham on Tuesday 16 October 2012 at 7:30pm.

We are delighted with her appointment and welcome her to our Benefice.

Brenda Wilson
Churchwarden



Sue Giles, our new Vicar



Washers uppers at the Strawberry Teas — see centre spread for all the pictures

Swaffham Prior Dog Show
Saturday 8th September 2012



Village Hall, **2pm**, in conjunction with the
Village Feast and Harvest Show
Six Classes, to include Fancy Dress and Most
Obedient Dog

Classes £1 each or £5 for all six classes
Entries on the day, enquires in advance to
Janet Willmott on 01638 743472

Prizes and rosettes for first place and
a gift for the runner up in each category
Generously supported by Alan's Ark at Soham

All proceeds to St Mary's Church



CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY BOTANIC GARDENS

Roses: what's in a name?

The origin of our modern garden roses was a mystery until the twentieth century. Their genealogy was explored by geneticist Charles Chamberlain Hurst from 1922-1947 here in the Botanic Garden. Hurst attempted to disentangle their complex ancestry by crossing rose species and examining the genetics of the resulting hybrids. He proposed a scheme of rose evolution from these studies.



This is demonstrated in the design of the Rose Garden, the work of legendary plantsman and Garden Adviser to the National Trust, Graham Stuart Thomas, who was a horticultural trainee here. The Rose Garden straddles the South Walk: on the south side are the rose species and the primary hybrids arising between them. The radiating island beds on the north side show the influence of new species crossed with traditional European varieties, including the China roses, the Damasks, and the Bourbons.

The garden forms of roses do not grow particularly well in the chalky, dry soil of the Botanic Garden, so a really thick mulch is applied each autumn to enrich the soil and conserve moisture. Many species and primary hybrids, however, flourish. Hurst created many beautiful hybrids during his experimental work and he named two after the Botanic Garden – the single pink *Rosa* ‘Cantab’ and the beautiful yellow pink shrub *Rosa x cantabrigiensis*. Another hybrid commemorates the Botanic Garden benefactor Reginald Cory, and is known as *R. x coryana*. The diversity of colour and form of the many different roses in the Rose Garden is counterbalanced by a classic underplanting of lavenders and geraniums so throughout the summer, the Rose Garden is a magnet not just for visitors but for myriad of bees and butterflies. At its heart are two back-to-back, yew-enclosed benches that offer scent-infused vantage points over the history of the garden rose, a lovely spot to sit at the height of summer.

The Botanic Garden is open 10am – 6pm July – September, October 10am – 5 pm, November- January 10am – 4pm. Adult admission is £4.50 (Giftpaid admission £4.95) or join the Friends, get free admission & help the Garden grow! For news and events, detailed information about the Garden or to discover this week’s Plant Picks from the Head of Horticulture, please visit the website at www.botanic.cam.ac.uk

Swaffham Prior Village Hall presents:

Combined Autumn Show and Feast

which will take place in

The Village Hall on

Saturday 8th September

with CREAM TEAS

All the fun of the Feast - and vegetables!

- * Show your fruit and vegetables, cakes and preserves, eggs and flowers.
- * Lots of categories for children.
- * Demonstrate your cake-making expertise.

More details including the full list of categories will be available on the Village Hall website:

<http://swaffhampriorvillagehall.co.uk>

2012 FENLAND STRAWBERRY TEAS



A lovely afternoon was had by all who turned out for the St Mary's Strawberry Teas on the first Sunday afternoon in July. The weather forecast wasn't promising, but only one shower interrupted an otherwise splendid afternoon. The beautiful setting was provided by Linda and Colin Evans at Commissioners' Farm with tables and chairs laid out on the lawn to accommodate the visitors allowing them

to enjoy their strawberries, cream and scones and listen to the delightful music provided by The Cyriac's Folk Group. Despite the distance of the venue from the village folk arrived by horse, bike (including a tandem), JCB loader, car and on foot - although I think back up was called in when they realised how far it was!

The fantastic sum of £212.50 was raised for Church funds and my very grateful thanks for all their hard work goes to Linda and Colin; James and Miriam Willmott; Shirley Wilkins and her team; Lindsey and Eliza Raja; Dee Noyes; Andrew, Richard, Phil, Ed and Yvette who made up The Cyriac's and of course Jill and John Jordan for once again so generously giving us the use of their home.

Janet Willmott







Crochet and Knitting Classes in Burwell



Small, relaxed, friendly classes with a patient tutor.

Sat 29 Sep:	Crochet for Beginners	£18
Sat 20 Oct:	Next Steps in Crochet	£15
Sat 10 Nov:	Knitting for Beginners	£18
Sat 1 Dec:	Crochet for Beginners	£18
Sat 8 Dec:	Next Steps in Knitting	£15

Each class runs in my Burwell home from 10 am until 1pm. Includes coffee, tea and homemade cake.

Private Classes: I am happy to come and teach individuals and small groups at a time and venue of your choice from a range of knitting and crochet subjects. Please contact me to discuss this. Prices start from £15 per hour.

Full details of all classes on notsogranny.blogspot.com and click 'Classes'

For more information or to book:

Email: notsogranny@gmail.com
or call/text: **0795 2882 484**

Nearly New Sale



Quality toys, clothes, maternity wear and
equipment for children & babies

Saturday, 15th September 2012

10am – 12noon

**Mandeville Hall
Reach Road, Burwell**

50p entry

To register as a seller ring April on 07718 894709



Equipment Beauty Treatments

Original Crafts

Delicious Cakes & Refreshments

Plus Raffle Prizes!

Proceeds in aid of St Mary's – Building To Serve Appeal

Bottisham Village College
Adult and Community Learning

Have you seen our new 2012-2013 Prospectus?

We have many new courses for the Autumn Term including:

IT Skills for Today's Office

Bookkeeping Levels 1 & 2

Indian Cookery

Back to Baking

Life Drawing

Ceramics

Felt Making

Quilting for Christmas

Ice and Decorate your Christmas Cake

Research your Family History

and much more!

Don't miss our enrolment evening on Tuesday, 11th September 7 – 9
pm

Full details of all courses are available on our website: www.bottishamvc.org/commed, or contact the Community Office on 01223 811372, email: com-med@bottishamvc.org.

Swaffham Prior. 2012 June 23

Just now, within my little room
I hear the church's spire; '*Boom!*'
Reminding me that the spire
Of a church in Swaffham Prior
Is a 'fleche' of stainless steel,
Albeit not to everyone's appeal;
But one might if pushed, admit
That when one is used to seeing it,
It has a certain unique charm
Reminiscent of one who used to farm
And was active in its acquisition;
For its definitive position.

Ophir

News from Bottisham Patient Participation Group

Our first activity this year was the Swaffham Bulbeck village market on 23rd June. This was a great success. Our stall at Downing Court (with thanks to the Manager, Carole Stevens, and others) raised £50 for Swaffham Bulbeck Church and we met a number of Bottisham Practice patients. We had a similar stall at the Bottisham Church Fête on 14th July. The Committee is still exploring the possibility of setting up a:

Practice's Telephone System

In the past patients have sometimes had difficulty getting through quickly to the Practice. With this in mind, the telephone system has been updated. This should ensure that calls are handled promptly. Callers will now be greeted with the following message (recorded by a member of the Practice staff):

“Welcome to Bottisham Medical Practice. You now have 5 options:

To make, cancel or amend an appointment, please press 1.

If you are housebound and need a home visit, please press 2.

For medical emergencies, if you require urgent medical attention only, please press 3.

To speak to the Dispensary after 1pm, please press 4. If you are calling before 1pm please call back.

For any other enquiries please press 5.

We would appreciate non urgent calls being made between 10am and 3pm. This is to manage the volume of calls coming through in peak hours so we can help as quickly as possible.”

Do note that the Practice's telephone number is changing. By the end of the year the old number - 01223 813456 - will be phased out. The new number will be **01223 810030**.

Paying for prescriptions

Because banks no longer guarantee cheques, the Practice can no longer accept them. It has therefore invested in a credit card reader. So you can now pay by card instead.

Changes to the NHS

The Local Commissioning Group of which Bottisham Medical Practice is one of nine members is Cam Health. Your PPG Chair and Vice Chair attend bi-monthly meetings of Cam Health's Patient Forum where they glean information about developments in health service provision locally and can exchange ideas about ways to engage patients in it. There is little more to report than what was in last month's news as some posts at the Cambridgeshire Clinical Commissioning Group still have to be filled. However the CCG is on course for taking over from the PCT by March 2013. One significant difference for the CCG Board is that it will include nine GPs (one from each LCG), rather than just the one on the PCT Board. If you have any queries or comments about the new arrangements do let us know by going to the Patient Group page on the Bottisham Medical Practice website at: www.bottishammedicalpractice.nhs.uk.

Heating oil and gas – getting the right measure

At the time of writing we're having a mini heatwave, so you might not thank me for turning your thoughts to the winter months! But sometimes time flies far more quickly than we like, and in our British climate who knows how early a cold snap will arrive. Some of you may therefore be considering buying in your fuel for those cold months.

In Cambridgeshire, Trading Standards work closely with heating oil and bulk gas suppliers to help them ensure their tankers are measuring and dispensing fuel accurately. This helps to ensure that you, the customer, can be sure you're getting what you've paid for. When it comes to bottled gas, local Trading Standards services check the meters at the bottling plants to ensure they are accurate. We provide support for businesses to make it easier for them to meet regulations and provide good customer service too.

However, for added peace of mind there are a few checks you can make yourself, at the time of delivery, to ensure you are getting the fuel you paid for.

Heating oil and bulk gas

On most tankers there is an automatic ticket printer that records and prints the quantity of fuel dispensed into your tank. You should be given a copy of this delivery ticket. If you want to make absolutely sure it is correct, you can take the following steps:

For heating oil, observe the fuel being dispensed from start to finish. (For safety reasons we do not advise this for bulk gas).

Inspect the ticket before it is put in the printer and before the fuel is dispensed to make sure it is yours and that it remains in place until it is printed again on completion.

When the ticket is inserted, make sure the meter shows 'zero'.

At the end of the delivery, check the reading on the meter is the same as on your ticket.

A small number of oil tankers still use a dipstick to measure fuel being dispensed. This is harder for you to check as your own dipstick or sight tube may not be as accurate.

Bottled gas

Bottled gas is sold by the weight of its contents which should be clearly marked on the cylinder. If you want to be sure that you have received the correct amount of gas, you can take the following steps:

Check the amount marked on the cylinders adds up to the amount on the delivery note and both match the amount ordered.

Where fitted, check the plastic seals are in place and that the essential safety information is stamped or painted on the side.

If you have concerns or issues with any products that you have purchased, you can contact our partner, Citizens Advice Consumer Service, on 08454 040506 for advice. For business advice and support contact 0345 0455206.

Goodbye to Phil Kingsmill — 11 years Governor of Swaffham Prior School

New Governor Required

Earlier this term, Phil Kingsmill stepped down from his position as Foundation governor for our school. We are very grateful to Phil for all of the time and continual support he has given to the school over the last eleven years and give enormous thanks for all that he has done.

In the next few months, the terms of office for two other governors come to an end. The Governing Body is always looking for people to serve as governors. Governors are drawn from all areas of the communities that our school serves including staff, parents, the church and the Local Authority. This means that school decisions are made by local people with a wide range of experiences and views. There are no prerequisite skills to becoming a governor. The ability to work as part of a team, a readiness to accept responsibility and the confidence to ask questions listen and fulfil all aspects of the role. There are a wide range of skills that some governors bring with them from their experiences at home or at work, such as financial planning or personnel issues, which will enhance the effectiveness of the Governing Body, but all are welcome. You do not need to have any particular qualifications or have expertise in education; you just need to have time, enthusiasm and commitment.

If you are interested and would like to find out more, please contact me, Roz Chalmers, Chair of Governors on 01638 742004 or Beverley O'Dowd, clerk to the Governors, through the school.

Phone scam warning

RESIDENTS are being urged to be vigilant after two people fell victim to a telephone scam. The victims were left hundreds of pounds out of pocket after agreeing to hand over cash to cold callers. In one of the cases, the scammer had details of the victim's outstanding insurance claim and personal details.

Police are urging people not to give out personal details over the phone.

Advice includes:

- Never give out banking details.
- Do not divulge names and numbers of occupants at the address
- Do not tell the caller what times you go to work or any holiday plans
- Do not give out personal details such as date of birth or marital status
- Be suspicious of all sales calls
- If in any doubt concerning the identity of the caller, hang up and dial the telephone number on any paperwork you have from the company

To report a scam phone call, contact police on 101.

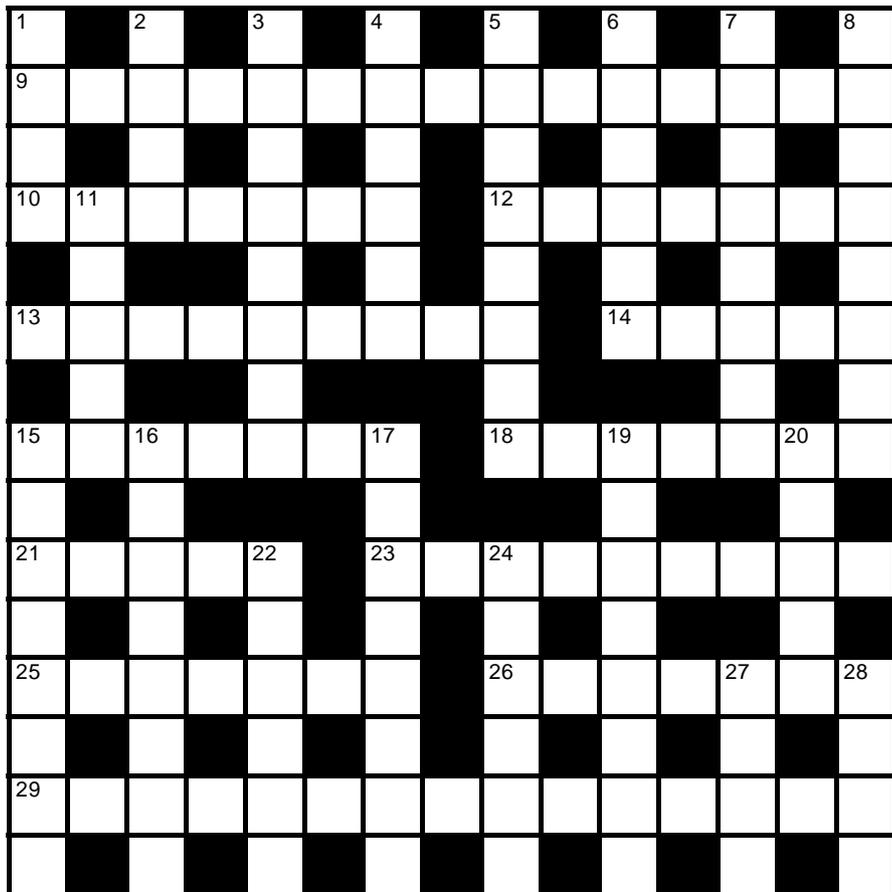
Crossword Number 92

Compiled by

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BYWELL

This month we are pleased to welcome a new crossword compiler. Send your answers to the editors by 18 September 2012. 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:.....
Address:.....
.....Tel:.....

Across

- 9 Features of Arctic crash site to be redeveloped (15)
- 10 Poe characters appreciate act in theatre (7)
- 12 Campaign for used car to be rebuilt (7)
- 13 Ivan's rule restored all over the world (9)
- 14 Call off Bush (5)
- 15 All Eve's original qualifications (1,6)
- 18 Close to joining the regiment as a consequence (7)
- 21 Ways father's tooth becomes hollow inside (5)
- 23 Footballer incites riot inside ground (9)
- 25 Rameau upset about the first unpaid performer (7)

- 26 Negotiates a rest by shops (7)
- 29 Reviewing a milk tax, Cameron shows surprise (11,4)

Down

- 1 Heard again in Czech opera (4)
- 2 General courts queen (4)
- 3 VP transition from one oriental islander to another (8)
- 4 Rest from throes of relocation (6)
- 5 Allow to strengthen handcuff (8)
- 6 Henry's second beheaded wife as protection for subjects (6)
- 7 Fail to match sari edge stitching (8)
- 8 Building dining-room upside down and incompetently (8)
- 11 Jury spring up around last foreman (5)
- 15 Begins with a lap-dance, live in Panama maybe (8)

- 16 Last supper in messy canteen doorway perhaps (8)
- 17 Asian tongue almost in Asian dish for weekend starter (8)
- 19 Alive and sexing it up (8)
- 20 Stray into Libyan interior to get fruit (5)
- 22 Understands all women initially can raise children in the playground (6)
- 24 Punch thrown first by spiritual leader (6)
- 27 Horse race (4)
- 28 Alcoholic beverage to quench thirst if no loss leader (4)

Solution to crossword no. 91

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We congratulate Sue Richards, the winner of last month's competition, who should collect her prize certificate from the editors. Honourable mentions go to John Cook and Shirley Wilkins.

The Reading Group Reads..... The Prodigal Summer

By Barbara Kingsolver

The Book Group's July read was *The Prodigal Summer* by Barbara Kingsolver.

The story is set deep in the Appalachians between mountains and farming country, with a lush backdrop of plants, wildlife-predators and prey, insects, the forces of nature and the serious business of conservation ecology.

The two main protagonists, over the course of a summer, have their lives profoundly changed. Deanna, a solitary mountain ranger, obsessed with Coyotes, meets a lone professional hunter and brave Lusa, a half Arab half Polish academic, is widowed after only a year of marriage to Cole, when he is tragically killed on their farm.

Their lives are cleverly intertwined by the author, with their families, friends and neighbours, in an array of relationships which feel very real; shared pain and loss, grief, love adversity and hope.

I shan't forget Eddie Bono (yes that does sound like an extra from the *Magnificent Seven*), Garnett Walker the third and his neighbour Nanny Rawley—two delightful warring, cussed pensioners and Jewel, the youngest sister of Cole, dying of cancer, surrounded by the powerful Widener family.

Oh—and a warning—there are quite a lot of pheromones in this book—and no—we haven't read *50 Shades of Grey* (yet),

Our next meeting will be on September 5th, when we are going to discuss *The Green Knight* by Iris Murdoch.

New members are always very welcome—phone Brenda Wilson on-743937

Margaret Joyce



Barbara Kingsolver



WI Notes

At the July meeting our speaker was Christine Brown who talked to us about her two very different careers. When she returned to work after time out with her children she was first employed as a school nurse where she spent many hours inspecting children for signs of head lice. She later worked as a nurse consultant at the Medical Entomology Centre where she became an expert on head lice and was involved in clinical trials to evaluate various treatments. We were then given a quick guide to dealing with nits as the problem is not going away, and although most of us are at the grandparent stage, we still need to keep a watchful eye on the problem. After Christine retired she decided to take up a completely new challenge and with a business partner opened Yarn on the Square in Ely, specialising in yarns for Knitting and Crochet. We were shown lots of very unusual yarns and various items that had been made using them. The shop has now been open for two years and is doing very

well and already won several prestige awards. Classes are also provided for those wishing to improve their skills and a social group meets to knit and chat every week. Christine's enthusiasm for her craft was clear and I think at least some of the audience will be dusting off their needles and visiting Ely to spend their vouchers having made sure their hair is in good condition with no little visitors first!

There is no meeting in August and sadly we have had to cancel our planned outing to the V&A in September due to lack of numbers.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 17th September when our speaker will be Dr Herbert talking about Red Balloon which provides learner centres for the recovery of bullied children.

New members and occasional visitors are always welcome. Regular meetings are on the third Monday of the month in the village hall at 7:30 so come along and see if you would like to join our friendly group.

Pat Cook
01638 742224



Mothers' Union

In June Nigel Stott gave us an insight into the work of the Cambridge Search & Rescue team. This is a registered charity which was established in 2006. They provide an emergency service 24/7 for 365 days per year and are fully backed by the Cambridgeshire police and cover a wide area throughout Essex, Suffolk and Norfolk.

CamSAR volunteers are fully trained and are always ready to respond in the search and rescue of vulnerable persons whenever an emergency occurs. This could involve a child, an elderly person suffering from dementia or even someone intent on taking their own life - and in all these situations an emergency response is vital. In addition to giving priority to missing persons, they are also involved in casualty evacuation after an incident and relocating people to a place of safety.

Instead of our usual meeting in August, we are providing a summer cream tea for all our members.

We meet in Lode Chapel on the third Thursday of each month at 2.30 p.m. and, should you wish to join us, you would be most welcome.

Anne Phoenix

Jolly Jingle Number Eight

I'm tired of love: I'm still more tired of Rhyme.
But Money gives me pleasure all the time.

Hilaire Belloc

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On June 20th I attended the South Area neighbourhood Panel that was held at Stetchworth. Tom Kerby, District Councillor for the Chevely ward was elected chairman.

There were few members of the public present.

The panels are a way for parishes and members of the public to engage with the county and district Councils, plus various partner agencies. I feel this roll will be partly taken over by ECDC'S 'Shape Your Place' community website.



Ely Markets

In 2010 the council undertook a service review of the markets. As a result of the review the council's income from the markets has increased from £18,443 in 2010/11 to £52,084 in 2011/12.

There is now an average occupancy level of 90% for both the farmers and the craft market. Which is very pleasing in the current economic climate. We are pursuing several marketing initiatives this year such as –

Improve signage to remind customers which market is running on which day.

To launch a 'Made In Cambridgeshire' brand to highlight local producers.

Develop a New Traders Pack to provide a more professional and welcoming introduction to trading on Ely Markets.

Small Villages Fund (Section 106) Grant Schemes

This is available for villages such as Swaffham Bulbeck, Swaffham Prior, and Reach. Any community organisation with a project in mind can apply for financial assistance through this fund. For further information, contact myself.

Grants being considered at this month's Community Services Committee are –

Ellesmere Centre – Refurbishment of village hall.

Little Downham Parish Council – Replacement of play equipment.

Replacement of all weather court fences.

Ely Rail Crossing

Work to determine the best way to tackle congestion at the railway crossing in Ely suggests a new bypass could be the way forward. Members of the Enterprise, Growth and Community Infrastructure Committee at the County Council heard how six months of investigation, assessment and study has rated options including bypasses, underpasses and stacking systems.

This work involved updating previous work and carrying out new areas of investigation from air monitoring, noise pollution, and engineering feasibility studies. The study considered the challenges and deliverability, cost and the impact on the views of the Cathedral as well as value for money and the primary objective of reducing congestion.

The option which the assessment recommended meets the challenges of taking traffic out of Ely, is future proof and offers the best value for money is Route B – a new road to bypass the level crossing. The proposed link road would be just over a mile long diverting the A142 at Angel Drove to just outside Stuntney via two roundabouts, a bridge over the railway line, the River Great Ouse and its floodplains.

While the underpass option was seen to have the least impact on the heritage setting of Ely, it did not meet the objectives of reducing congestion; allowing the station area to be developed or providing value for money as constructing an underpass would carry significant levels of risk. Members of the Scrutiny Committee have made a number of suggestions, which will now go to the County Councils Cabinet later this year.

Gypsy and Travellers sites

Councillors at the District Council have approved five sites for future Gypsy and Travellers provision as part of the authority's Local Plan. In a study last year an additional 38 pitches were identified to meet the accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers over the next 20 years. With a number of sites already granted planning permission, a further 14 pitches have been recommended to meet the need over the next ten years. There are no pitches proposed for the Swaffhams ward.

During the last month I attended the following committees 1) Licensing 2) Development and Transport 3) Community and environment.

Allen Alderson



From our Local County Councillor
David Brown

Complaints about works associated with the replacement of streetlights in Burwell have taken up a considerable amount of time in July. Most of these complaints have been associated with the quality of work by the contractors but there have also been complaints about the lack of consultation and about lights taken out where they are still needed. All of these are being followed up.

I also arranged a meeting with Cabinet members, County Council officers and Burwell and District Day Centre over to discuss the renewal of the lease.

Cabinet met to discuss a number of issues including changes to the Blue Badge Scheme, a member-led review into domestic abuse and a contract exemption for community volunteers working in child protection.

I chaired a meeting of East of England portfolio holders for children and young people with the main agenda items being around the interests of children in health and well-being and sector-led improvement for children's services.

We arranged a well-attended meeting with the judiciary and the legal system to identify and address delays in the legal procedures for adoption. This was a first of its kind and hopefully will lead to real improvements.

Other meetings attended included the Child Poverty Champions Group, the

Social Work Project Board, the Corporate Parenting Board, a cross-departmental meeting to make sure officers are working together on issues such as provision of appropriate facilities in new developments. I also attended an event arranged by Pinpoint on behalf of the County Council to signpost parents of young children with disabilities to support services available to them.

I had a training session on the new code of conduct for Councillors.

Finally, on a less formal note I presented certificates to a group of our Looked after Children who had achieved City and Guilds Qualifications in training others.

David Brown

FREecycle



If you have any offers or wants, please contact me by the 14th of each month: jun.thompson@tiscali.co.uk, or c813362, 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.

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.

Windbreak for beach/camping. Jun c813362.

Roman Catholic Church, Newmarket Parish

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

BON MOT NUMBER TWENTY FIVE

“We started off trying to set up a small anarchist community, but people wouldn’t obey the rules.”

Alan Bennett

News from St Mary's

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Rev'd Sue Giles as the Vicar of the Anglesey Benefice (Bottisham, Lode, Quy, Swaffham Bulbeck & Swaffham Prior). After more than 13 months we shall have a Vicar again. Sue will be licensed on Tuesday 16 October in Holy Trinity Church, Bottisham, at 7.30 pm.

Sue was born in London, but spent most of her early life in Burley-in-Wharfedale, Yorkshire. She read Biology with Education at the University of Aston, Birmingham, before proceeding to Lincoln Theological College, where she took a First in Christian Ministry and Christian Theology. Between Aston and Lincoln she spent a year working with the Franciscan Community in Wellclose House, Birmingham, a hostel for young women who were trying to get out of prostitution or avoid arranged marriages. She was made a Deaconess in 1983 and served as a curate in St Paul's, Balsall Heath, an inner-city, multiracial parish in Birmingham. From there it was off to the south-west for the next 16 years, first as the Chaplain's Assistant in Southmead Hospital, Bristol and then on to posts, initially part-time, as a chaplain in the prison service. Sue was ordained priest in the Diocese of Bristol in 1994. For the last 11 years she has been Vicar of Holy Trinity with St Mark in Stockton-on-Tees – a parish of some 17,000, with 2 church-aided primary schools, a community primary school and a church-aided secondary school. The move to a commuter/rural benefice of 5 parishes will be a huge change.

Sue will move into the Vicarage in Bottisham with husband Jonathan, whose last position was as the Regional Director for Cheshire Homes, son Oliver, off to the University of East Anglia in the autumn, and daughter Caitlin, who will join the GCSE year at Bottisham Village College. Their older son, Nathaniel, will remain in Stockton training to be a chef.

We look forward to welcoming her to St Mary's, Swaffham Prior and to the wider village community.

Dee Noyes

CHURCH CLEANING

Many visitors remark on St.Mary's being such a well cared for church and a delight to visit. Have you ever thought who the fairies are that keep it looking so spic and span throughout the year? The secret is they are a group of village ladies [sadly no men yet]who take it in turns about once every two months to come and sweep and dust for an hour or so on a Friday or Saturday. If you feel you would like to come and help.I would love to hear from you. You can be any age, male or female, you don't have to be a church attender, just some-one with a bit of public spirit.. The times are very flexible just when it suits you, all equipment provided. There are two people on the rota each week, some like to work in pairs, some on their own to enjoy a time of peace and tranquility whilst dusting. Please think about it, I really look forward to hearing from you.

Kate Child 01638 743 983

Services in August

Sunday 5 August, ninth Sunday after Trinity

11am - Holy Communion (CW1T)

Sunday 12 August, tenth Sunday after Trinity

11am - Matins

Sunday 19 August, eleventh Sunday after Trinity

11am - Family Service

Sunday 26 August, twelfth Sunday after Trinity

10am - Benefice Communion Service at Swaffham Bulbeck

Services in September

Sunday 2 September, thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

11am - Holy Communion (CW1T)

Sunday 9 September, fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

11am - Matins

Sunday 16 September, fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

6pm – Evensong

Sunday 23 September, sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

10am - Benefice Communion Service at Swaffham Prior

Sunday 30 September, seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

11am - Harvest Festival

Dates for Your Diary August/September 2012

Sat	1	Steve & Karen's Leaving Party, Red Lion, 8pm
Thu	5	Book Club, Kent House, 8pm
Sun	8	Village Feast & Autumn Show, VH, 2pm—4pm Dog Show, 2pm
Sun	15	Crier Copy Deadline
Mon	16	WI, VH, 7.30pm
Tue	17	Mobile Library, Cage Hill 2.45-3.15pm Chapel 3.20pm-4.00pm
Sat	28	Macmillan Coffee Morning, The Oaks, Manor Farm Court, 10.30-12 noon
Sun	29	Harvest Supper, VH, 6-9pm

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
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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