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Editorial

Step forward Karen King, Il Duce (or should that be *Elle Duchesse*) of Swaffham Prior Diamond Jubilee celebrations *to be*. Persons new to the village need to know that no event, large or small, can ever hope to be *properly* organised round here without

a very great many Committee Meetings in the *Red Lion*, some people even generously giving of their time to turn up at these when they won't even be coming to whatever it is!! Despite this onerous obligation, a surprising number of things do get properly organised, and here's to the Jubilee Committee, would you like to help? — well, Feb 13 (see Page 3) *Red Lion*, that's the day, don't forget!

This issue was supposed to be shorter since we are now officially *economising*. Oh well, *next* month's will be shorter, but if you like your **Crier**, think about giving us a small donation now and then (see Page 3). It will make a lot of difference!

Meanwhile, we would like to make the **Crier** better for 2012, and one way we might very well try is to improve our so-

called *Contact Numbers* on the inside cover. This is probably a full time job, since where there used to be one organisation we all knew about with a telephone number in big letters at the start of the Directory, now there are dozens of them, busily "contracting out" to yet even more of them, you won't even know their name, let alone their telephone number. Even the police are hopeless (111? What's this then?) Volunteers anybody?

Read all about that wonderful Winter Walk and our tragic Boxing Day Hockey Defeat in this issue—take a bow Josh Willmott, Sports Reporter *par excellence*. And perhaps next month we will have heard from ACRE (See PC Report). We will try the *Chairperson* this time. Don't forget the Pancakes!

Caroline Matheson

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Cover Picture: *An Early Spring Chicken* by **Tina Jost**



Letters to the Editors



Dear Editors,

Voluntary Car Scheme - Swaffham Prior

Cambridgeshire County Council help volunteers in the community to set up car schemes designed to help people to get to hospital appointments, dentist, library etc and to generally help to keep folk mobile.

I would like to canvas the interest and support for such a scheme in Swaffham Prior, from potential volunteer drivers and also those who would wish to use the service. Drivers would be reimbursed for their services and the taking of calls and booking drivers would be on a rota basis thus spreading the workload.

I have waded through quite a lot of paperwork relating to setting up the scheme and have talked to others who run similar operations in their own villages and am certain that this would work brilliantly here.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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Dear Editors,

Anonymous

Who is Anon, and did he really say
All those things people say he said.
And can someone tell me anyway,
Is he now, alive or dead?

Ophir

Dear Editors,

Royal Mugs

Are there are any Swaffham Prior royal wedding mugs left to buy?? Who do I contact, if so?

Sue Jackson

Dear Editors,

The Jubilee Woods Project

(see page 23 in this month's issue)

Several of us at the WI thought that this could be a good idea for the village, especially as Cambridgeshire is the least wooded county in the land and that we CAN get together and do a worthwhile project.

Would any organisation be interested in taking this forward, or does anyone have a spare acre or toe?

The Woodland Trust offers its expertise, as little or as much as required.

Margaret Joyce

DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

2-5 JUNE 2012

The huge success last year of the celebration for the Royal Wedding will be a difficult one to follow but I know there is a strong feeling in the village that we must do something for the Queen's Jubilee.

Different groups may have their own ideas and to avoid clashes we thought it would be useful to have a meeting to discuss and to start planning. If you would like to be involved please come along to:

THE RED LION
8PM, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

If anyone is unable to come but would like to suggest ideas, offer to help, etc., please let me know. Here's to another great celebration! This does involve a lot of work and the more people to help the better!

Karen King

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The Crier

needs a little help

The Swaffham Crier has always been partly dependent on voluntary donations. For a number of reasons a reminder about this need had lapsed over the last few years. We now need and hope for a little financial input from our readers.

SO – if you enjoy *The Swaffham Crier*, if it helps your organisation, if you find it informative and useful – perhaps you may like to make a donation.

If you do, please make your cheque payable to The Swaffham Crier and, with your name, please deliver it (cash also welcome) to Peter Cook at 6 High Street (opposite the bus stop).

With thanks
Peter Cook

From our Reporter at the Parish Council Meeting

With only Eric missing from the PC, and the usual three in the public gallery, the meeting was preceded by Michael Limb cornering Allen and asking him who was going to pay for the workers parking in Ely at 8 pence a day. Someone has to pay for it he supposed. Just as some one has to pay the high feedback price for those with solar panels. It is advertised that those who have them can “Earn up to £1,000 per year TAX FREE for 25 years”. No wonder so many people are rushing to install. Where else can you get such a good return on your money. The solar panel industry proudly announces that 120,000 have installed panels in 2011, let alone all those installed in previous years, and those being installed now. Even just 120,000 multiplied by £1,000 over 25 years is an eye watering amount of money.



The meeting began with the usual formalities and David Brown in his report said that CCC will not charge for concessionary bus passes as some councils have started to introduce. Alan, with some justifiable pride, announced that ECDC had come 4th out of all the councils in the country. I’m not sure what the criteria were. He also said that ECDC will provide matching funds up to £500 should any community wish to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee. So, if the costs are £1,000, ECDC will provide half.

There was quite a lot of official correspondence including “Shape Your Place in East Cambs”, a new website. It looked as if was another development of “localism” until it was revealed the strong link with Neighbourhood Panels (NPs). It is not so long since ECDC was seeking contributions from PCs to keep NPs going. Now this just seems to be an expensive extension of NPs, with even more staff involved. Steve said that it was a pretty poor website, so see for yourself on www.shapeyourplace.org. At present it only exists for Chatteris, March, Whittlesey and Wisbech but apart from English you can have it in Latvian, Lithuanian, Polish, Portuguese and Russian. It appears to be little more than a kind of village mag/local newspaper. Steve also said that as NPs were involved he wasn’t interested. This must have pleased Geoffrey who had promised some restraint on the subject. No-one reminded Allen that about three months ago he said he would discover the costs of NPs. We all await this.

There was a very long lively letter from a resident at the bottom end of Fairview Grove complaining about the residents in No 5 Fairview Grove. The bottom end resident abhors the fact that No 5 residents park up to three cars on the grass verge outside their house. As the grass verge is the responsibility of CCC the PC has sent it to the CCC for comment.

Apart from the issues of low cost housing and local employment, the PC had not discussed other issues raised in the “Village Vision” Questionnaire and Peter Hart thought these should be looked at. The most important concern appeared to be an increase of the number of footpaths. The first request was for a reopening of the once permissive footpath from Station Road past the old station through to Swaffham Bulbeck. Peter, our footpath man, knew nothing about this, but those in

the know thought this to be a non-starter.

The other two suggestions may be a possibility. One would run from Station Road or thereabouts across country to Barston Drove and the other from halfway down Caddenham Lane across country to Heath Road. Peter said there were certain procedures and first it was essential he knew the amount of support before he could even think of approaching landowners to consider a “permissive right of way”. This is now up to all walkers, with or without dogs, to let Peter know if you support these two extra walks.

I don’t know whether the Chapel in the Fen formed part of the Vision, but Geoffrey, bring a Trustee, and being the astute politician he is, managed to drag it in. He said that this lovely little chapel has been refused a listed building qualification but that it is to be included in the list of “Buildings of Local Interest”.

Then the Lower Allotment Field came up again. In the last meeting the subject had taken up a large amount of time and head scratching. This time the PC excelled itself. The discussion went on and on and round and round. At least two councillors at some point said “I don’t understand” while the three in the public gallery began to look at each other in astonishment. Eventually it was all wrapped up, and it was agreed too have it on the Agenda of the next meeting. No report could do justice to the intricacies of the discussion.

So much for localism. We are not going to get a 30mph restriction on Mill Hill. David Brown had advised Steve to consult the police about the speed limit reduction. In a seemingly long letter it transpires that the police are not willing to enforce it. So it’s a no-go and all Steve’s work is to no avail. Peter still wanted to know the likely costs and Geoffrey said “never give up”.

The Clerk in her report noticed that more vegetation rubbish had been dumped on the bank nearly opposite the Pound in Cage Hill. A bald headed man had been noticed dumping cuttings there and another bald man was noticed pushing a wheel barrow. Mike McGaffy of ECDC is being phoned to clear it. But surely this is a local issue – for the Big Society. First we have to locate and restrain this old bald man, and secondly someone in the area should perhaps have cleared/bagged up the vegetation without calling in an ECDC employee. Perhaps? Meantime, keep your eyes open for all suspicious old bald men, and perhaps follow them.

Alastair Everitt

BON MOT NUMBER NINETEEN

“The only good I know of Cranmer is that he burnt well.”

Hurrell Froude

(Froude was an enthusiastic member of The Oxford Movement)

Boxing Day Hockey 2011

On a surprisingly mild Boxing Day morning, two of the world's great hockey establishments met for what promised to be yet another classic duel of skill, agility, wit and strength. As is often the case, neither village was assured of providing a full team until the morning of the match (in fact, it took until the morning of the match for most people to realize that there are 11 players on a hockey team, who knew?!), but as kick off/hit off approached, more and more brave souls emerged from their cars/bikes/surrounding shrubbery to play their part for their village. Both teams eventually had the luxury of having substitutes to use when some of the more 'experienced' players began to flag. It became quickly apparent however, that the experience fell firmly on the Bulbeckian side. The Prior average age was barely out of the teens (boosted by Mr. Pumfrey Jr celebrating his 18th birthday on Boxing Day- good commitment to the cause was acknowledged by everyone). It was also apparent that half of the Prior team was also made up of some splendid ladies of the village, which was a fantastic effort and surely deserved a mention on Sports Personality of the year?

So to the match, Prior won the toss, which as ever, made very little difference but was always a nice way to start the day. Some new rules were explained and quickly forgotten and we were off. The game made for fascinating viewing as Prior had the clear advantage of speed, skill and stamina, whereas Bulbeck



possessed the strength and experience that is essential when playing on the Denny. The first quarter was a tight affair, as neither team seemed prepared to show off their full array of talents until the crowd grew large enough to make it worthwhile. This did not take long as the smell of sausages and mulled wine, as well as the lure of some fine festive

“Some new rules were introduced and quickly forgotten.... “

sport lured passers by to stop and before long the touchlines were packed with viewers enrapt in the proceedings. During the second quarter however, disaster struck as Bulbeck with their first foray into the Prior goal area poached a scrappy goal to put them 1-0 up. The game continued in the same vein with Prior attacks being repelled and Bulbeck rarely breaking forward but looking dangerous when they did. Half time came and went with satsumas gratefully received by the players. Prior came out with at the start of the third quarter clearly with a point to prove and bombarded the Bulbeck goal going close often but with nothing to show for it. Again though, Bulbeck broke forward on the counter and after a mistake by the Prior keeper (woops) Bulbeck doubled their lead with a neat finish. Galvanized by this, Prior hit back wonderfully from the restart and scored in a matter of seconds. According to statistics website www.optasports.com, this was the fastest goal from a restart scored in the Boxing Day hockey match since time began. Or at least since this reporter can remember. This gave prior belief heading into the final quarter, being just the one goal behind that anything was possible. With the advantage of shooting down hill and with the crowd at fever pitch (if the Denny had a roof it would have been raised, something to put to the council perhaps?) prior flooded forward. Stoic defending from Bulbeck began to frustrate Prior as they poured even more numbers forward before the inevitable. As the referees looked at their watches Bulbeck launched one final assault on the Prior goal and a fizzed cross got a deflection into the Prior goal to give the game a somewhat lopsided final score of 3-1. Immense credit must be given to a young Prior team for battling it out with larger and older men and coming out equal in everything bar the score line. It bodes extremely well for forthcoming years that there is so much young sporting talent in the village.

Thanks go to Jo and Nigel for umpiring again. Thanks also to David Towriss for organizing the Bulbeck team and David Turner for preparing the pitch and taking over the organization of the Bulbeck team when David Towriss left for New Zealand. Thanks to Janet Willmott for providing mulled wine and sausages in aid of MAGPAS, £55 has been sent to the charity so thank you to everyone who so generously donated their money. Finally thank you to everyone who came out to play and to those who watched from the sidelines, your support makes the day even more worthwhile.

Until next year then, keep practicing and I'm sure that we can avenge this defeat in 12 months time.

Josh Willmott



Moveable Feast

THIS YEAR'S moveable feast is to be held on Saturday 24th March, 7.00pm start, and is as you know, for those of you who have been before, an event not to be missed.... three courses in three different places - sounds like madness but you have to be there. Venues yet to be confirmed but will of course, as in previous years, be spectacular! If you haven't participated before make this year your first - there will be excellent food and warm hospitality to be had at each and every course. Numbers are of course restricted and so it is on a first come first served basis and newcomers to the village are especially welcome. It is a wonderful way of meeting other village folk in relaxed and convivial surroundings. Proceeds to St. Mary's Church, it is really good fun, where else do you get three courses, wine, exceptional company and all for £17.50 a head?? Price held for the fourth year running!!

Waiting by the 'phone for your call to reserve a place and for offers to host a course! **Last bookings taken on 16th March** - don't miss out.

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THE WINTER WALK

Ignoring a forecast of rain, twenty-six walkers and two dogs departed from St Cyriac's on January 30th. The majority were professionals from elsewhere, recognisable by their proper walking boots. The Village was thinly represented by a minority of eleven (and one of the dogs). About three hours later we returned still dry, warm and pleasingly tired, and awaiting us at St Cyriac's was a splendid 3-course lunch:

Choice of soups
Three-cheese ploughman's
Clementines, mince pies and coffee.

The route, planned and organised by Francis Reeks, was I am told a typical walkers' walk. This means it was the opposite of the shortest distance between two points. "Reach and back" meant crossing the fields towards Newmarket and the Dyke and along the Dyke to Reach. Then

STOP FOR COFFEE, BEER, WINE
OR WHISKY MAC
At the "Dyke's End"

There followed a discombobulating switchback through Reach (via the Wood, the Port and the Lode) and an *eventual* return along Barston Drove. Never did Lower End seem so attractive to some of us (I am allowed to say that because I live there).

Many thanks to all the organisers: Francis, Janet Willmott for the lunch, Kate

Child and Marcia Miller for manning the canteen (and John Norris, who didn't walk but was good company at lunch).

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR

The walk was in aid of St Cyriac's Church

Elisabeth Everitt

THE VILLAGE HALL CAROL SINGING

What a great time we had of it. Cubs, brownies, owls, squirrels, I know not what, all over the place, with fabulous mulled wine and mince pies and carols and Christmas songs from *In the Bleak Midwinter* to *I'm dreaming of a White Christmas* and *Jingle Bells*.

Next year they might like to try the following *Jingle Bells* version. In the meantime anyone who sings this lustily throughout all 2012, dancing to the tune, could end up being a very happy person, and much fitter.

SW

Dashing through the food, with one eye on the scales
It's that time of year when all your willpower fails,
Chocolates on the tree, all wrapped in silver foil
Eat too many of them and your figure you will spoil.

*Oh, Jingle Bells, Christmas smells are drifting through the air
Turkey, stuffing, sausage rolls and mince pies everywhere,
Oh Jingle Bells, Christmas smells so hard to ignore
I must be good, I know I should, but can I have some more?*

If you wolf it down, and no one sees you munch
Sit down with the family and have a mighty lunch,
Then at 3pm, the Queen will have her say
But you're too busy eating all that grub on Christmas Day

Chorus

Take a tip from me; I know a thing or two
If you pile on pounds and pounds, you'll end up feeling blue,
So give a little thought, before you smack your lips
And make sure that your Christmas doesn't go straight to your hips.

Chorus

Save up all your sins, and have your little treat
Whether it's a glass or four! Or something sweet to eat,
Finally, a word, to add a little cheer
Have a Merry Christmas and a very slim New Year.

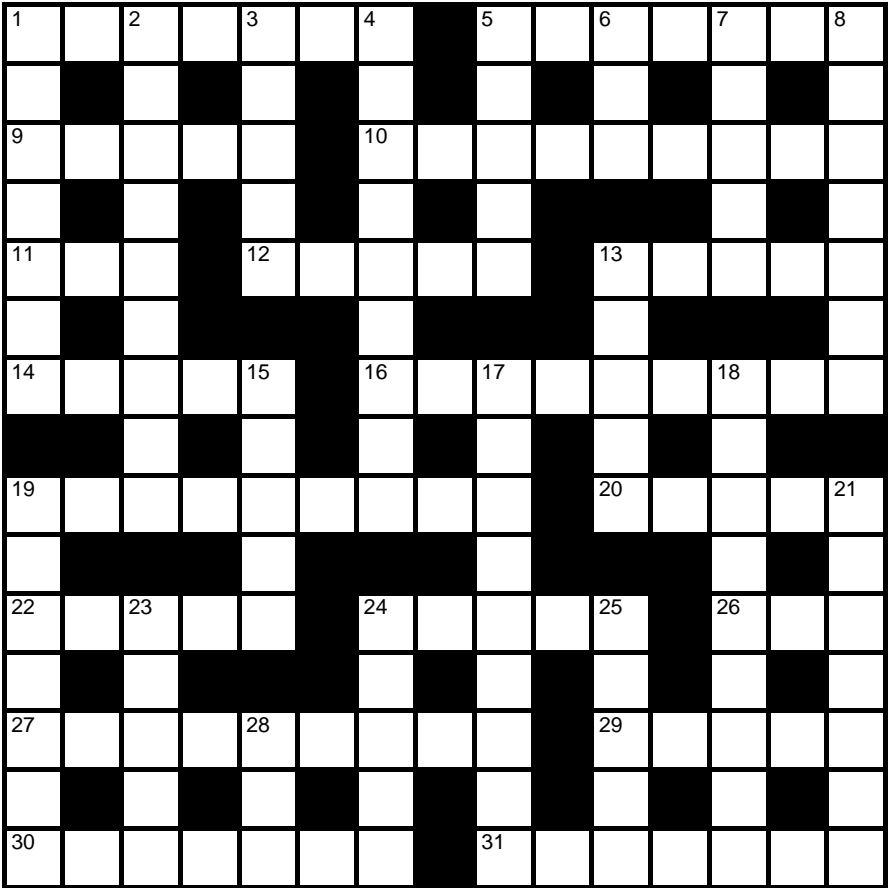
Crossword Number 86

Compiled by

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NIBOR

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

- 1 Books on grass (7)
- 5 Maria collects aluminium; it's a disease (7)
- 9 Initially not a terribly tidy youth but becomes fashionable (5)
- 10 Attached to four (6,3)
- 11 Operate fuse, but not loudly (3)
- 12 Wants dense compound (5)
- 13 Portly journalist is doomed (5)
- 14 Gateway points to judge (5)
- 16 Debauched, or is loudest anyway (9)
- 19 Warship called Pit Hen (9)
- 20 Drunken balladeer not able to see the birch (5)
- 22 Leading an elderly gent is protection (5)
- 24 Extremely useful trade included (5)
- 26 Not a road pole (3)
- 27 Enlist the services of paper band (5,4)
- 29 Grumble but grasp the point (5)
- 30 Trap damaged in earnest; it is removed (7)
- 31 Admit it's a swindle putting metal on ship (7)

Down

- 1 Haircut results in unruly sore nut (7)
- 2 Contents of wardrobe may be threadbare (4-5)
- 3 Attempt to deceive and attempt at working (3-2)
- 4 Dry eyes at breakdown in the past (9)
- 5 Ties up Muslims (5)
- 6 A pork pie is even plainer (3)

- 7 Suitable after sapper makes repair (5)
- 8 Shorten a card game (7)
- 13 Rolf goes back to a plant kingdom (5)
- 15 Shouts 'yes, Liberal and Labour leaders are in' (5)
- 17 Very important that Fender, for example, is checked first (9)
- 18 Two foreign articles with an edge at the bottom (9)
- 19 I met ape cooking a meal (4,3)
- 21 Remedy for soldier aboard colourful ship (7)
- 23 Rogues sit inside and speculate (5)
- 24 We object to maturity; it's the custom (5)
- 25 Gas particles have disappeared we hear (5)
- 28 Bath for old Bob and his assistant (3)

Solution to crossword no. 85

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We congratulate Tricia Whitehead, the winner of last month's competition, who should collect her prize certificate from the editors. Honourable mentions go to Robert Nunn and Shirley Wilkins.



RaSP News

Tech Talk: Broadband Speeds

One of the most confusing areas in internet services is 'broadband speed', with exaggerated claims by providers and disappointed customers. This article attempts to explain the main issues and highlights some of the differences between the RaSP network and the more commonly used phone line based services.

There are genuine difficulties in designing communication networks. Any network whether it be a road system or a data network will have peaks and troughs in its number of users which have to be catered for: a trunk road that does not accommodate the normal commuting peaks will rapidly become unpopular (the A14 being a case in point). Data networks will generally also have regular peaks and troughs. A more contentious area is the rarer extreme peaks (e.g. traffic using the M25 Dartford crossing on a summer bank holiday); in general these rarer peaks will not be fully catered for because to provide the capacity needed for rare events results in a system that is operating far below its capacity for most of the time which is often uneconomic.

A telecoms network is similar to a road network in having side streets and lanes connecting to regional roads which then connect to major trunk roads for long distance journeys. In telecoms networks the side streets and lanes are copper wires running between telephone exchanges and subscribers' homes with very limited speed capability and the regional roads and trunk roads are optical fibres which can carry huge amounts of data at very high speeds quite cheaply by sending rapid pulses of light down hair-like threads of glass.

BT and Virgin are gradually replacing some of the slow copper wires in densely populated areas by laying optical fibres to within 100 metres of subscribers' homes and then having only short final connections in copper (known as 'fibre to the curb' or FTTC). This however is currently uneconomic in rural areas where the numbers of potential subscribers are too low to justify the high costs of laying new buried fibre cables. Unfortunately it is in rural areas that homes tend to be at larger distances from their local exchange resulting in longer lengths of copper wire and even worse broadband speeds.

The RaSP network takes advantage of the happy accident that a computer software company operating out of Reach paid BT a large amount of money to lay a high speed optical fibre link into the centre of the village. When the company eventually departed, RaSP was born and created a high speed broadband network by linking homes to the optical fibre using the then new technology of high speed radio links (avoiding the buried cable problem).

While RaSP avoids making high profile claims about its connection speeds, users find that, following a recent significant upgrade, they generally get a consistent 5Mb/s speed at all times of the day (enough for snappy internet downloads and high

definition TV streaming). This compares with around 2Mb/s for phone line based internet in the area (sometimes much worse). RaSP business users are often pleasantly surprised to find that the upload speed is as fast as the download speed (a big advantage for connecting remote users and offline file storage). Phone line based systems always prioritise download (incoming) speeds with upload (outgoing) speeds typically 5-10 times slower.

Hugh de Lacy

Readers might like to know about Sylvie Short's latest novel, a family saga based around a village just like Swaffham Prior...

HOME TO ROOST

".....Clive was, at that very moment, unearthing a piece of family history so staggering that it caused a smile to spread across his face and linger there for a very long time. Clutching a small black book, the source of his newly acquired knowledge, very close to his chest, he crept stealthily out of the room at Manor Farm that had, until recently, been occupied by his Aunt Evelyn, and made his way silently down the stairs. His Grandmother Isobel dozed in her room a few doors away; his Uncle Geoffrey put a new thoroughbred through her paces out in the paddock; and Claude leaned on a gate, surveying with satisfaction a field almost ready to harvest. None of them could have guessed what their least favourite relative had in his possession as he clanked and rattled back to Monk's Manor in his sister's Morris Minor....."



Secrets kept with the best of intentions...lies told deliberately to wound – both combine with tragic consequences for Crystal. Will she find a way to life and happiness following the astonishing revelations surrounding her birth; or will Clive succeed in ruining her and hound her to death?



*As part of the Ely Diocese Mothers' Union
Book of Inspirations
Marathon Relay 2012*

**The Anglesey Group
Mothers' Union**

*Invite you to our
Coffee Morning
on*

*Saturday 18th February 2012
10.30 until noon
in Lode Chapel*

£1 Coffee & Biscuits

*Proceeds for Mothers' Union Charities
AFIA (Away from it All Holidays)
and The Wheels Appeal*

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

MISTLETOE – NOT JUST FOR CHRISTMAS!

Mistletoe (*Viscum album*) is a Traditional Christmas plant, but this spring, Dr Tim Upson, Curator and Acting Director at the Cambridge University Botanic Garden is urging us to take a closer look at these fascinating plants. The globes of these semi-parasites are very obvious high up in many of the trees surrounding the Systematic Beds at the Garden, sometimes topped with a Mistlethrush ardently protecting its crop of white berries. So often out of reach, the plant has spread locally in recent decades to colonise the smaller hawthorn and crab apple trees, even hedges, giving a rare opportunity to see this plant at close quarters.



You may be familiar with the white berries, but have you ever stopped to seek the flowers? From February to April, look closely at the end of the wishbone-like branches to spot the minute green flowers, each with four triangular petal-like structures. Unusually, Mistletoe plants are either male or female. The male flowers have four pollen-producing anthers borne singly on the petal-like structures; the flowers of female plants have a single rounded stigma (pollen receiving structure) at the centre. Of course, it is the female plants that will eventually bear the white berries in time for the following Christmas. It is thought these diminutive flowers are pollinated by flies.

Squeeze the berries and you will find them incredibly sticky. This makes the seeds difficult for birds to swallow, inciting them to wipe their beaks clean on branches, thus spreading the seeds and you can sometimes spot the sticky strings of seeds dangling from the branch. As a semi-parasite, Mistletoes plumb into the host plant taking nutrients and water, but the green leaves mean they are still able to photosynthesise and produce sugars. The point of infection is marked by an egg – shaped swelling, a structure known as the haustorium. Mistletoe won't kill a tree but can reduce its vigour and the branch beyond the haustorium is notably less vigorous.

The Cambridge University Botanic Garden is open from 10am – 5pm during February and March 2012. The Glasshouses and Café close 30 minutes before the Garden and the Botanic Garden Shop at Brookside closes 15 minutes before the Garden. Please check the website at www.botanic.cam.ac.uk or telephone 01223 336265 for details about opening times, admission charges, tours, courses and special events.

Juliet Day
CU Botanic Gardens

“Hold a Fish and Chip Supper to help spinal cord injured people live full and independent lives.”

Great British Fish and Chip Supper

Friday 18th May 2012

Want to do something different? Want to raise money where you live or work? Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 18th May 2012 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's information and support services.

You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 7 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £35.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

Last year we had over 100 suppers taking part in England and Wales and we raised £6,000. In the three years we have been running the event we have raised £20,000 to support spinal cord injured people.

The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to lead independent lives.

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.

Community Fundraising Officer, Elizabeth Wright, says, “The Fish and Chip Supper is a wonderful opportunity for a great evening with friends and family. We are also encouraging people who work to hold a Fish and Chip Lunch in their work places to raise even more funds. You may be even a local community group wanting



to run a fun evening with your group.

Be a part of something special and make a real difference to help spinal cord injured people gain access to the information and support they need to enable them to live full and independent lives.”

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Bottisham Village College Adult and Community Learning

**Courses and Workshops for the
Spring Term 2012**

**We have the following NEW 5 week courses
starting after half term from 21st February:**

**Ceramics
Cookery: Pasta
Cookery: Traditional Thai
Counselling: Introduction (10 weeks)
History of Art
Knitting for Beginners
Life Drawing
Personal Safety for Women**

Weekend Workshops - Saturday 10th March

**Dressmaking
Knitting: Next Steps
Mosaic in a Day
Photoshop
Upholstery and Chair Caning
Woodturning
Beekeeping: Introduction – Sat/Sun 12th/13th May**

***Please see our website for further details www.bottishamvc.org/commmed , or contact the Community Office on 01223 811372,
email: commmed@bottishamvc.org.***

News from Bottisham Patient Participation Group

On 3rd January members of your PPG committee and representatives of other Cambridgeshire PPGs met the NHS Cambridgeshire team responsible for the proposed reforms to mental health services in the county. The briefing we were given was thorough and we were assured that the changes flowed naturally from earlier developments in local provision and that views voiced during the consultation would be taken into account before the plans were implemented. That said it was also made clear that the proposed changes - in particular the reduction in beds for mental health patients - would be essential to meet the target for “efficiency savings” set by the Government. Failing which, savings would have to be found in other ways.

The intention is that in-hospital treatment will be concentrated at two centres - Fulbourn and Peterborough - in more modern facilities. This will be complemented by an increased emphasis on rehabilitation in the community, with support being provided to patients in their own homes. The NHS Cambridgeshire team said they were working closely with local authorities to ensure that this support will be provided, though they acknowledged that local authorities were also facing cuts and that some issues, e.g. the increased burden on carers, needed more work. The team also stressed that they were working closely with GPs through the new GP clusters (such as CAM Health, of which our own practice is a member).

The other key change is the creation of a single access point to mental health services for patients and GPs to provide speedier access to advice and support. This will be rolled out in stages between now and 2014, and will be coupled with a Primary Care Mental Health Service covering all age groups and supporting patients with mild to moderate mental health problems. The emphasis will be on earlier intervention and recovery. Important issues will be ensuring that the single access point is user friendly (we were told it would use all means of communication, not just the web, and that there would be provision for face-to-face interviews); transport from rural areas (the team is looking at community transport schemes); and that adequate provision is made for people whose first language is not English (a big issue for some practices in the city).

With the consultation process now over, we should hear shortly how - if at all - the proposals will be changed. Assuming no major changes, the plans will soon start to be put into effect, with completion by 2014 the target. There are considerable uncertainties: the rate of inflation, whether local authorities can deliver improvements to support in the home, and the impact of the growing numbers of elderly people with mental health problems - to name but a few. But the NHS Cambridgeshire team was confident they could cope. We can only wish them well in what is a complex process of importance to many of us.

Meanwhile, the latest news from Bottisham Medical Practice is that the dispensary now has a card reader so those of you who pay for your prescriptions can do so by credit or debit card if you wish.

Bottisham PPG Committee

Bottisham Village College
Counselling Training

**Introductory, Certificate, Diploma and Advanced Level Training in
Adlerian/Integrative Approaches**

Open Evening
for Courses Starting 2012

**Find out more about all the courses, meet the tutors and talk to
current trainees**

Wednesday, 8th February 2012
(7.00 pm to 9.00 pm)

Bottisham Village College, Lode Road, Bottisham, CB25 9DL

For more details contact the Community Office
on 01223 811372 or email

Jolly Jingle
Number
Two

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife,
Nor the ox her husband bought her,
But thank the Lord you're not forbidden
To covet your neighbour's daughter.

Anonymous

	ST MARY'S Swaffham Prior February 2012
Sun 5	11:00am Holy Communion
Sun 12	11:00am Matins
Sun 19	11:00am Family Service
Ash Wed 22	7.30pm Holy Communion Bottisham
Sun 26	10:00am Benefice Service Quy

WI Notes

After a lovely Christmas supper in December, in January our speaker was Peter Vince who gave us a very interesting talk about the Woodland Trust. We heard that the UK is now one of the least wooded places in Europe and Cambridgeshire the least wooded of the shires. Ancient woodland is defined as land that has been continually wooded since at least 1600AD while Native woodland describes an area of native trees that have grown here naturally since the last Ice Age and not introduced by humans. The UK has around 50 species of native trees including beech, birch, oak, ash and lime. The Trust was established in 1972 and its aims include protection of existing woodland, creation of more native woods and to encourage everyone to enjoy and value woodlands.

In this jubilee year the Trust is encouraging the planting of individual trees and Jubilee Woods and is happy to offer advice to communities interested in this project. Now there's a thought! More information is available at <http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk>

Our next meeting is on February 20th when our speaker is Avril Hayter-Smith talking about her experience as a Town Crier.

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



VILLAGE GARDENERS

At our first meeting of the New Year we welcomed back Richard Gant, Head Gardener at Madingley Hall. With the aid of interesting, and sometimes stunning photographs, Richard took us on a tour of a variety of gardens along the west coast of Scotland. Richard explained that these gardens are typified by their severe terrain, high rain fall of up to 70 inches per year, and most importantly are under the influence of the Gulf Stream which keeps them relatively frost-free. Plants from much warmer and wetter climates can therefore thrive happily in these gardens.

First we were taken to Logan Botanic Garden to see their diascia, a spectacular display of cordylines and dicksonia Antarctica tree ferns. In particular in this garden are conserved 'southern hemisphere plants of wild origin'. Castle Kennedy Gardens near Stranraer contains a stunning display of rhododendrons, while Culzean Castle has wildflower meadows, ponds and woodlands as well as more formal gardens and now belongs to the National Trust of Scotland.

We then moved on to Brodrick Castle, another NTS garden on the Isle of Aran, and Benmore Botanic Garden which has a busy conservation programme growing plants in danger of extinction in their native South America. Richard then took us on

a ferry-ride to Ghia to see Archmore House Garden owned by the island's residents and famous for its azaleas and rhododendrons. On to Torasay Castle Gardens on Mull with its large range of eucalyptus trees. Lastly we visited probably the most well-known garden in western Scotland – at Inverewe, in its spectacular setting on the shores of Loch Ewe. Richard had just one reminder – not to forget the midge repellent!

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 21 February, as usual at 8pm in the Village Hall, when local grower Alan Shipp will be talking to us on 'Hyacinths'. We always hope that members will come along, but casual visitors are always very welcome.

Mary Hart

Bottisham & Burwell Photographic Club

With Christmas and the New Year just a distant memory, perhaps you are coming to grips with your new digital camera? If you are looking to meet with like minded people you may wish to consider our club. For readers who are not familiar or are new to the area, the **Bottisham & Burwell Photographic Club** was established in 1973 and continues to flourish with some founders still taking an active part.

The club is relatively small but achieves a high standard of work both internally, area level and above. We meet on Tuesday evenings at Lode Chapel (CB25 9EW) 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm and our Easter break is Tuesday 3 & 10 April 2012. We are always pleased to welcome new members or you may attend as a guest for a fee £2.00 which includes refreshments.

The next guest speaker is on Tuesday 6 March 2012, at the usual time. The event is entitled "Jewels of Northern Italy" & "Nomads of Kenya" by David Keith Jones FRPS. This will be a digital presentation and includes prints which will be on display as well as artefacts from African cultures.

On Tuesday 1 May 2012 the speaker is Andy Hanson MPAGB ARPS APAGB FIPF, a founder member of our club who will be giving a print talk entitled "An Evening with Andy Who". This is a date for your diary, as it should be an entertaining evening with an insight into his photography.

For further details visit our web site: www.bottburpc.org or contact Daphne Hanson 01638 741106

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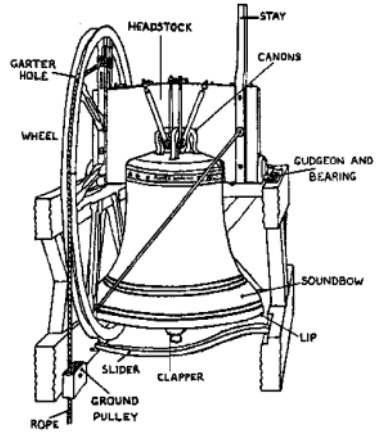
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dianem17@yahoo.co.uk

LET THE BELLS RING OUT

On February 10th in the afternoon there will be an historic peal of bells in Swaffham Prior. On that day, fifty years ago to the day, Alan Barber rang his first three hour peal and this was in St Cyriac's in 1962. Afterwards he rang several other peals in St Cyriac's and this is when a tilley lamp was used for lighting. There are still some retired bell ringers in the village who remember that tilley lamp.

Alan will be ringing the same bell (No 2, considered by some to be a tricky bell) under the very same conductor George E. Thoday. Now that's a great East Anglian name straight out of *The Nine Tailors*.



Alastair Everitt

The Jubilee Woods Project

Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee is an historic event and to celebrate we want millions of people across the UK to come together to plant **6 million trees**.

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Plant free Jubilee tree packs of 105 or 420 trees in your community.

Plant a free 60-tree pack with your school.

The Woodland Trust can offer landowners help and advice on planting and funding every step of the way — to find out more call **0845 293 5689** or go to **MotrTreesMoreGood.org.uk/jubilee**.



Full Council met on 7th December. Since moving from receiving reports to more debating of issues full Council is now lasting longer. Seven motions had been tabled, although one, about holding meetings outside office hours, was withdrawn pending a wider review. The other topics were: community transport; national scheme for allowances; review of spending on communications; quality bus contracts; fairer funding for Cambridgeshire schools; and action to combat child poverty.

Cabinet met on 13th December. A number of decisions were taken. These included a decision to start the legal/planning process to build a southern link road to overcome the bottle-neck at Ely railway crossing.. It was also agreed to defer any decision on introducing Civil Parking Enforcement in East Cambridgeshire. On future arrangements for Cambridge Park and Ride we agreed the principle that charges should not be levied on concessionary bus pass holders, and that charges for parking at Babraham Road should be introduced for those not using the bus. I also presented the findings of a Local Government Ombudsman maladministration report.

I appeared before the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee to answer questions regarding progress against savings plans. The County Council has issued guidance for public speaking at O&S meetings, details are on the CCC website.

I chaired a meeting of the Eastern Region young people's portfolio holders. At this meeting we agreed a protocol for closer working between authorities. We also held discussions with officials from the DoE regarding progress with Academies.

I spent some time with County Highways officers looking at pavements and crossings in need of work locally. We prioritised a number of areas to be addressed and hopefully work will start on those soon. I also visited Burwell and District Day Centre to discuss a number of issues.

Other meetings attended included the Social Work – Working for Families Project Board; Schools Admission Forum, Cabinet/SMT regarding budget proposals, and a stakeholder event regarding how public health responsibilities will be transferred to the County Council over the next year. Informal Cabinet met weekly during December and a seminar was held for all members about emerging budget items. I also visited a number of schools.

I had the pleasure of attending the Cambridgeshire Schools Concert of Carols and Lessons held in Kings College Chapel.

VILLAGE GARDENERS

Programme; 2012

Tues 17 th Jan	Richard Gant	'West coast gardens of Scotland'
Tues 21 st Feb	Alan Shipp	'Hyacinths'
Tues 20 th Mar	Peter Jackson	'Drought' resistant plants'
Tues 17 th Apr	Joe Sharman	'Primroses'
Tues 15 th May	Roy Nunn	'Clematis throughout the year'
Tues 29 th May	Evening visit to Docwra's Manor, Shepreth (Mrs Faith Raven)	
Sat 23 rd Jun	All day visit to East Ruston, Old Vicarage Garden	
Tues 17 th Jul	Evening visit to Madingley Hall (Richard Gant)	
Tues 16 th Oct	Rob Brett	'Yours and my need for plants'
Tues 20 th Nov	AGM	

Indoor meetings: 8.00pm in Swaffham Prior Village Hall

Details of summer visits will be confirmed later

Membership: individual £15, family £25

Visitors and new members always welcome: £3 per evening, including visits

Contact Numbers

Chairman: Roger Connan 01638 742182

Joint Secretaries: Mary Hart and Margaret Joyce 01638 741681 / 744390

Treasurer: Peter Hart 01638 741681

Notes from Parish Council

December 2011 & January 2012 Meetings

The meetings were chaired by John Covill with Parish Councillors and members of the Public in attendance.

Public Participation:

Naming of Earthworks Way: Alastair Everitt asked if the Parish Council shared in his concern that no reply had been received from Cambridgeshire ACRE to the Crier Editor's letter about the lack of information and consultation when naming the Earthworks Way. *Councillors agreed that Cambridgeshire ACRE had a duty to at least acknowledge receipt of the letter.*

Reports:

CCC – Cllr David Brown reported to the meeting.

ECDC – Cllr Allen Alderson reported to the meeting.

Correspondence Received:

CCC–Local Minor Highways Improvements Funding Scheme—as *some resurfacing work was soon to be carried out on the Station Road footpath (part of original application 2011-12), it was agreed not to submit a further application for 2012-13.*

Consideration of Planning Application for *Portrait Bench (bench which is also a piece of art work with tree life size 2-D cutouts of people standing around bench) – Land at Reach Lode Bridge Split Drove, Swaffham Prior* – Ref: 11/01067/FUL. *There were no objections or comments.*

Consideration of Planning Application for 52 Green Head Road – demolition of existing two storey extension and erection of a single storey and two storey extensions. Ref: 11/01097/FUL. There were no objections or comments.

Consideration of Planning Application for 6 High Street–proposed two storey extension.

Ref: 11/00999/FUL. There were no objections or comments.

Request for Repairs to Village Hall Fencing: A letter was received from the Head Teacher at the School informing the PC that following a recent visit from the School Inspector and subsequent risk assessment carried out by CCC, some “safe-guarding issues” were raised concerning fencing and boundaries. The PC was asked for its help in repairing and improving the fencing on the boundary between the School and the Village Hall. Steve Kent-Phillips told the meeting the School was to obtain costs for all the recommended work. The removal of stiles was also referred to and it was confirmed that these were not part of the public footpath and as such the School was responsible for their removal. The VHMC had agreed to part fund the fencing work. Following discussion, it was agreed that subject to detailed costs and negotiations, the PC would help fund the work in partnership with the School and the VHMC with the caveat that this would only be for the parts of the boundary fencing they were responsible for.

Concerns raised about High Street Parking: This was discussed at length

following the receipt of a further letter on behalf of residents. The Clerk was asked to reply and reassure residents that the Parish Council takes very seriously concerns raised about safety but has a responsibility to consider the impact of any measures taken for the village as a whole adding that unfortunately village roads did not allow for the modern day traffic/parking resulting in several areas in the village where care and caution was needed.

Reduction of Speed Limit on Mill Hill: The results of the A & B Speed Limit Review carried out by CCC were received. These results covered the B1102 from Quy to Burwell. The “Site Assessment” for Mill Hill read:

This is a single carriageway section 0.6km long from the 40mph limit approximately 170m south of Cage Hill, Swaffham Prior to the national speed limit (approximately 120m south of Rogers Road). This link travels through a village environment with a speed limit of 40mph. There are footways present on both sides of the carriageway for part of the link, with a number of uncontrolled crossing points. There are a couple of junctions and many direct accesses to driveways.

The average speed over the link is 40.13mph for northeast bound traffic and 38.64mph for southwest bound traffic. The average annual daily traffic flow is 7400. Pedestrian and pedal cycle activity is medium.

Based on the traffic and speed data, no change in speed limit is required for the link.”

Steve Kent-Phillips confirmed he was waiting for exact costs for the work from CCC. It was agreed to carry this forward to next meeting. There was some further discussion at the January meeting but SKP confirmed that he was still waiting on the costs.

Request to Rent ‘Lower Allotment’ Field: Andrew Camps and the Clerk met with future allotment holders to work out boundaries, etc. A sketch plan was provided showing the proposed use of the large allotment. Upon consideration it was suggested that more thought needed to be given to boundaries, access, terms, etc., and it was decided to look at this further.

Grass Verge at top of Fairview Grove: The Parish Council received a letter of complaint about the damage caused by cars parking on the grass verge at the top of Fairview Grove. Steve Kent-Phillips undertook to contact CCC Highways for their advice.

Results of ‘Village Vision’ Questionnaire – further consideration: Although the results had been considered as part of ECDC’s presentation at last November’s meeting it was felt that there were one or two suggestions that had been overlooked and worthy of a further mention. Peter Hart highlighted the advantage of additional footpaths to allow an easier circular walk and confirmed that he was happy to assess interest and take this forward but warned that this was a slow process.

Under this heading it was reported that the ‘Little Chapel in the Fen’ was unsuccessful in achieving Listed Building status but that it could be added to the ‘Buildings of Local Interest’. Councillors agreed that the building was important and should be included. Clerk to write to ECDC.

Final Approval of Budget & Precept for 2012/13: At the January meeting the

Precept of £14,500 was agreed. No increase on previous year.

Accounts for Payment: These were agreed.

Clerk's Report:

K H Services confirmed that they had carried out the last grass cut of the year and would carry out the next cut, if considered necessary, in March 2012.

It was confirmed with Cambridgeshire ACRE that councillors did not feel there was the need to have a review of the results of the Housing Needs Survey so soon after the recent presentation on the results of the 'Village Vision' questionnaire.

Further rubbish dumped at the front of properties on Cage Hill (up against the boundary hedging). *This was to be followed up with Mark Mahaffey of ECDC with a request that urgent action was taken.*

Complaint received about the mud left on the pavement and road by farm machinery coming off the land on Lower End. *Clerk to contact Farm Manager.*

Parish Councillors' Reports:

Peter Hart reported that the potholes on the village car park driveway were getting worse and needed repairing.

A resident had asked Steve Kent-Phillips why the water was turned off at the cemetery. *The Clerk explained that this was turned off to prevent a repeat of last winter's burst water pipe. It was suggested that the water should be turned back on but monitored through the winter months.*

Peter Hart told the meeting that the footpath from Cage Hill – Coopers Green was partially blocked by overgrown vegetation. *Steve Kent-Phillips said he would speak with Paul Butcher of CCC.*

John Covill reported damage to the gate at the back of the play area. *This is to be repaired.*

John Covill said that overflow parking for football matches was churning the verges on Station Road. *Clerk to inform Burwell Tigers F.C.*

Paul Latchford reported on the amount of litter in the village and particularly on the verges of the B1102. *The Clerk suggested a 'Litter Picking Day'. In other parishes this is an annual event to tidy up parish paths and areas where litter is a problem. Please contact the Clerk if you are interested in helping.*

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, 9th February 2012, starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All are welcome to attend.

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

St Mary's Concert
Saturday 4th February 2012
at 7.30 pm in St Mary's Church Swaffham Bulbeck

St Mary's Singers and Players
directed by Matthew Rudd

Handel's Messiah Part II
Vivaldi's Concerto for Two Trumpets
J S Bach's Cantata No 159
Handel's Zadok the Priest

To celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of H M The Queen

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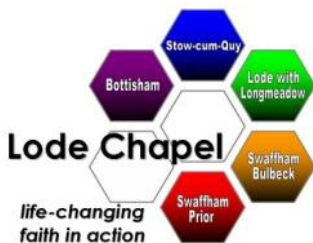
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Leap with Gratitude!

Thanks to Pope Gregory XIII, after whom the Gregorian calendar is named, we can all enjoy an extra day at the end of this month. Most of us know about 29th February being a 'leap day' but did you know that at midnight on 30th June 2012 we will also benefit from a 'leap second'? These extra seconds were first introduced in 1972 and are inserted every

500 days or so to keep astronomical time in line with international atomic time which is based on the movements of a caesium atom. Apparently astronomical time varies slightly as a result of the rotation of the Earth slowing down by about two thousandths of a second every day.

After a recent radio news item about the 'leap seconds' (in January there was a conference in Geneva to discuss abolishing it) the presenter invited people to contact them with details of how they planned to use the extra second – which of course the faithful listeners duly did! It prompted me to think, however, about the value of time...

One second seems so insignificant, but add a few of them together and soon you've got minutes, hours, weeks and years. It's easy for us to take the time we have for granted, and sometimes we only start to appreciate it when it begins to run out. Like the grains in a sand timer, however, the reality is that for all of us, our days are numbered. Despite death being the only inevitability about life, many of us seem to live in a way that tries to deny this truth.

So at the end of this month, on Wednesday 29th February, why not attempt to go through that 'leap day' in a way that gives gratitude for all that it entails? Get up and enjoy the sunset, make a loved one breakfast in bed, offer encouraging words to your work colleagues, praise your children, or choose your own list of ways to celebrate the joy of being alive. Indeed, why not work out how many days you have lived (for me it will be 14,488) and say a little prayer of thanks for all of the beautiful people, places and events that have filled your life so far. Happy Leap Day!

Simon Goddard

Services in February

- Sun 5th Feb, 10.30am – RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (School)
- Sun 5th Feb, 5.30pm, Sacred Space Contemplative Service (Lode Chapel)
- Sat 11th Feb, 10am-4pm, Quiet Day, £15 (Lode Chapel)
- Sun 12th Feb, 10.30am – RE:NEW Kids Club and Café (School)
- Sun 12th Feb, Jan, 6.20pm – Traditional Service (Lode Chapel)
- Sun 19th Feb, 10.30am – RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (School)
- Sun 26th Feb, 10.30am – RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (School)
- Sun 26th Feb, 6.20pm – Traditional Service (Great Wilbraham Chapel)

For more information please contact: Rev. Simon Goddard.

Tel: (01223) 812881

Email: simon.goddard@re-new.me.uk

Web: www.lodechapel.org.uk and www.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

John Lewis sprung cotbed mattress 630 x 1270mm, vgc; two 21W (100W equiv.) energy saving screw fit bulbs. Clare c811693.

2 Wine Racks, each holding 35 bottles. Mike/Hazel C 811606

11 Polypipe plastic floor panels (1.2 x 1m) for underfloor heating pipes. These look like enormous egg boxes into which one lays the pipes, holding them in place while concrete screed is poured. Ione Evans c812115.

Bamboo steamer (3 levels). Jun/Andy c813362.

FOR SALE: Dining table in light oak, solid wood (new) 180cm X 100cm, extending to 230cm. Mike/Hazel c811606

Wanted

St. Mary's drama group are performing a play on 2nd March - 'Allo Allo'. If we could borrow the following items it would be much appreciated :1940/50's old style black dial telephone, any army or khaki uniform - especially trousers or jackets, Piano music for 'The Stripper' and 'Falling in Love again'. Anne Datson c812395

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.

Bookshelf (3 – 4 feet across); Fiction books by Betty Neels. Bel, c811070

Dates for Your Diary February 2012

Sat	4	St Mary's Concert, 7.30pm, St Mary's, Swaffham Bulbeck
Wed	8	BVC Open Evening (2012 Courses), BVC, 7pm
Fri	10	Bell Peal, Afternoon, St Cyriac's
Mon	13	1st Jubilee Meeting, Red Lion, 8pm
Sat	18	Mother's Union Coffee Morning, 10.30, Lode Chapel Crier Copy Deadline
Sun	19	
Mon	20	WI, 7.30pm, VH
Tue	21	Shrove Tuesday Mobile Library, Cage Hill 2.45-3.15pm Chapel 3.20pm-4.00pm Village Gardeners, 8pm, VH

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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