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Editorial

JUBILEE BELLS! Just when we thought we were getting away with a no-do-at-all option for the Diamond Jubilee, someone(s) has as usual come up with a really Good Plan which not only circumvents the Bank Holiday absence of villagers difficulty, but also

....all that arduous preparation time! See page 7 for details, many thanks to the someones, and we'll be there.

Also many thanks for all the good wishes, cards, presents, visits and general support that people have been so kind to give me while I have been in hospital and now I am out. I am very glad to be doing this job again, although I notice that in my absence, co-editor seems to have made a remarkably good job of putting this magazine together, with a good deal less *complaining* even...

Meanwhile, there's



Tina Jost's Chicken — see *Open Studios* for Exhibition Details.

loads to read in this month's issue, of which some highlights: since when was Bird Poo unhealthy for children? (has this world gone completely insane?), half of ECDCs annual budget to be spent on Wheelie Bins that no-one wants (yes), John Norris and the man on the white horse, a one-off NON-cryptic crossword—this is some people's chance in a lifetime to win—a really great PC Report from our new Apprentice Reporter, *S t r a w b e r r y a n d* Midsummer Teas, not to mention Affordable Housing: The Meeting..

Belated congratulations to Penny Walkinshaw on what seems to have been a much enjoyed and very successful High Sherriff installation (a celebrity do to which the *paparazzi* weren't invited, but we got the photos anyway!)

See you Bell ringing!

Caroline Matheson

Cover Picture: *Come to the Tea Party* by **Polly Perkins**

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Letters to the Editors



Dear Editors,

"Please stop !"

Would the kind person who is stealing the anti-bird poop spikes from the top of the swings in the play area please stop because (a) they are providing a very important health protection for the children and (b) I am running out of plastic cable ties replacing them.

Steve Kent-Phillips

Swaffham Prior Sports & Social Committee

OK, we own up. We need them to put on top of our walnut tree to protect the picnic table underneath, but the squirrels keep stealing them from us. Eds.

Dear Editors,

Alarm for St Mary's Church

Most of you will know that we recently had half the lead stolen from the south aisle of the Church. The PCC and our insurers felt that the best way forward was to sell the remaining lead and re-roof the whole aisle in a single ply material that would not be attractive to thieves. Unfortunately this solution turned out to be more expensive than just replacing the stolen lead and as a result our insurers were not prepared to pay the increased cost. In addition to that we were advised by the Diocesan Advisory Committee that because we were not planning to re-roof in lead we had to;

Contact our architect who gave us excellent advice and feed back, get planning permission, obtain DAC approval who didn't have a meeting for six weeks, advise English Heritage and finally contact Natural England in case we were disturbing bats. About the only thing they didn't ask us to do was get approval from the 'village idiot'!

With this array of obstacles in our path we decided to re-roof in lead – what a pity that the 'bonfire of quango's' that we were promised never happened.

With lead thefts from Churches continuing at more than twelve a day and the fact that once a church has been targeted it is likely to be hit again we decided that we should alarm the roof and the oil tank. This has now been done by AGI Mobile who were the firm who attended the crime meeting in the Village Hall and the real purpose of this letter is to advise everyone that this has been done and that if they should hear the alarm at any time they should dial 101. The system does have the capability to ring round members of the PCC when the alarm goes off, but the quicker response will hopefully be from people who live nearby dialling this number or 999 if they see a theft in progress. Also if they see any suspicious people or vehicles in the vicinity of the church, it would be much appreciated if they would let the police know.

The system is designed not to be triggered by birds or animals but inevitably there will be the odd false alarm and if this occurs at night then we apologise in advance to those disturbed by the noise.

The wider it is known that the roof and oil tank are now alarmed the better as hopefully this news will eventually filter down to the vermin who stole our lead.

Yours sincerely

Michael Cazenove
Treasurer PCC

Dear Editors,

THE SWAFFHAM PRIOR BOOK

- Complete – apart from final touches, revisions, finer details and proof-reading! (Not to mention the addition of those all important photographs – and I have managed to get hold of some good ones!) The last mile home is definitely the longest; but attention to detail is so necessary in order to try and prevent errors and make the book a worthwhile historical picture of this intriguing village.

One final request – may I assume that if something has appeared in the Swaffham Crier the writer of the article, and people mentioned therein, would have no objection to it being used in the book? If this is not the case please give me a call on the number below and I will ensure you are not mentioned. One example of the sort of thing to which I am referring is the time when an aircraft landed in a field of rape next to a farm down Station Road. I have never met the people concerned, but have used the article including their names. Please let me know if this is not acceptable.

It has been a most enjoyable journey, but, like most travels, I'm glad the end is in sight and very much look forward to being able to tell you that the work is finished and the book available – meanwhile I plod on!

Sylvie Short.

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Midsummer Tea Party and Market

For the Midsummer tea Party at St Cyriac's Church on June 16 and 17 we would be grateful for contributions of plants, garden items, books, and bric à brac in its widest sense such as toys.

If you have any available please phone 742974 or 743693



A piece by Matthew Blakely—see *Open Studios*.

From our Reporter at the Parish Council Meeting

Armed with the official seating plan and SPPC Who's Who, I was caught slightly unawares by the early start for the Annual Meeting so, although I thought I was early, I was in fact late. Fortunately I was in good company as the chair next to the Clerk was conspicuously empty too. After taking my place, District Councillor Allen Alderson looked totally bewildered when he recognised who had just sat down behind him. Geoffrey Woollard was mid-speech extolling the competency and charm of the previous Chairman and proposing he be re-elected, especially as he was a good mate of his. Steve Kent-Phillips was on the ball and quipped that perhaps Geoffrey should declare a personal interest. Luckily, before the Clerk had to break up this light hearted banter, John Covill arrived and the formalities of the meeting were soon established with John being unanimously re-elected as Chairman and Peter Hart as Vice-Chairman (poor Peter, it seems he hasn't had much opportunity to get his teeth into this role). The election of the representatives for the various committees and charities swiftly followed along with Andrew Camps reporting that he no longer wished to attend Neighbourhood Panel meetings which he has done for many years. No other Councillor seized the opportunity to be torch bearer for yet more Parish-related meetings and so that particular flame was quietly extinguished on the grounds that it wasn't actually a requirement for the Parish Council to send a representative to said meetings.



With the business of the Annual Meeting promptly dispatched, the monthly meeting got off to a flying start with County Councillor David Brown's report receiving little comment from members. Alas, the same cannot be said of Allen's District report. News of Ely's Eel Day, Shape-Your-Place and ECDC research into the needs of migrant workers passed without comment but the £5m bid to Central Government for a wheelie bin and black bag waste collection system caused quite a bit of discussion. Had Allen known that Paul Latchford was such a refuse expert perhaps he would have come equipped with: statistical evidence of the benefits and effectiveness of *kerbside sort* versus *co-mingled* collection; the cost of providing all residents with a number of wheelie bins; and, to placate a boggled Geoffrey, a breakdown of all the £5m costs which incidentally equates to half of ECDC's annual budget. Geoffrey was also astonished that residents will be able to opt out of the wheelie bin system and retain the present system if their circumstances mean they cannot cope with wheelie bins. Sadly Allen did not specify what sort of evidence ECDC will require from opt-out wannabes should one need to start formulating one's excuses. Whatever happens, Allen reassures members, refuse will continue to be a priority for the District Council. With the price of recyclates falling and the Bam Nuttall-built state-of-the-art recycling facility not quite working to state-of-the-art capability at AmeyCespa's plant in Waterbeach, costs are likely to continue to rise. Rubbish eh?

Allen's monthly report had a good deal of content but unfortunately for a disappointed Geoffrey it lacked the very figures he was eagerly awaiting – figures to justify Ely's proposed car parking charges. Hopefully that is something to look

forward to next month.

The Clerk adeptly moved the meeting onto *Correspondence for Consideration/Circulation*. There was an invitation from Cambridgeshire County Council for one councillor to attend a street lighting briefing being held in Ely in June. Paul gallantly volunteered to attend, diary permitting. Then, just as Allen thought he would be left alone to finish writing his *To Do List*, the next agenda item was the new Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). The Chairman asked Allen what exactly the charges would be. Allen did not have them with him but did explain that money raised would be to cover infrastructure costs and that Section 106 monies would still continue. Paul pointed out that in the information the Parish Council received it said that s106 monies would partly continue. Allen agreed, 'Yes partly'. Paul The Tenacious said 'Yes but what part?' David Brown stepped into the discussion and informed the meeting that the 40% social housing element will continue but the s106 cash will be replaced by the CIL. Paul speculated that this merely passes the developers' responsibility onto residents.

During *Matters Arising* an update on the parking at Fairview Grove was given. Andrew had met Natalie Osborne from Sanctuary Hereward on site and she later confirmed to the Clerk that there were no funds available to provide a driveway for the residents of number 5. The parking problem appears to be exacerbated by other residents and visitors to the windmill parking on the grass. There is parking behind the windmill for visitors (with no charges, current or proposed!) but without signage it seems to be little used. Allen offered to look into the parking problem and was given very detailed instructions by Peter, which I must say would make any Sat Nav proud, on how to find the windmill car park and other locations on that part of Mill Hill...Once we had all "reached our destination", Steve suggested that as there was no money to deal with the problem, the matter be brought to a close. Geoffrey wasn't happy with Steve's suggestion and reminded members that there was a 'concerned resident with a valid concern'.

Moving on, the lucky parishioners going to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee picnic are the very grateful Mr & Mrs Greenfield and John Norris who is taking his grandson. Further good news was also announced – the elusive Cage Hill fly tipper has admitted the offence so the case can now be closed.

Steve presented the Annual Audit Return and noted that reserves at the year end were quite high. This is largely due to lower than anticipated grass cutting fees and no vandalism costs. All the boxes on the Governance Statement were duly ticked using the same pen so as not to upset the Auditor like it did last year. By the way, this isn't the same "special" pen as used by Steve when wearing his *Parish Councillor Responsible for Finance* hat.

Having attended the Annual Village Hall meeting Peter asked if something could be done about the pot holes in the drive. With alacrity, Steve, being flush with funds, suggested that quotations be obtained forthwith.

The meeting came to a close with yours truly offering Paul a lift to the street lighting briefing in Ely in the name of co-operative sharing of resources between parishes. Paul has obviously been brought up well and remembered he shouldn't get

into cars with strangers - he did look a tad scared.

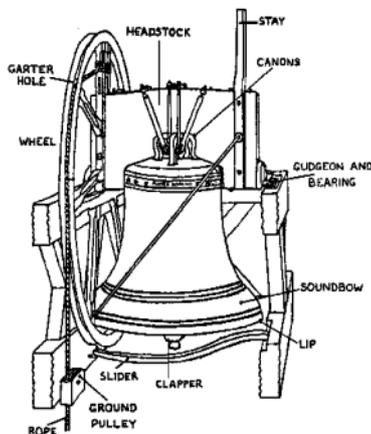
Apologies: Any opinions contained within this report are entirely those of the locum reporter and any substandard reporting or inaccuracies are due to the fact that she lacks the vast experience and witticism of your regular correspondent and indeed his eye for fashion. But she did enjoy the meeting and thanks the PC for an interesting and cosy evening.

L. G.

LET THE BELLS RING OUT

To celebrate the Diamond Jubilee there will be a Quarter Peal (lasting 45 minutes) rung on Thursday 7 June at 7.30pm. To add to the celebration there will be an informal get together in St Cyriac's. At the time of writing the details have yet to be decided (*but now have: see opposite page. Eds*) – whether it will be vodka and pickled herrings, cakes and ale, Queen's Puddings and dessert wine, or pork pies and stout. The word will be spread later

Alastair Everitt



Interested in learning the ancient art of church bell ringing?
Pop along to St Cyriacs between 6.30pm to 7.30pm, before the quarter peal is rung, to have a go at ringing a model bell .

ART EXHIBITION IN SWAFFHAM PRIOR

(See Open Studios, page 27)

A group of six artists exhibit their paintings at St. Cyriac's Church during July as part of the Cambridge Open Studios initiative.

The works of Joss Goodchild (Reach), Dafila Scott (Reach), Hannah Webb (Reach), Vee Wallace (Exning), Cathy Parker (Cambridge) and Julia Suddaby (Sudbury) cover a wide variety of subject matter including landscape, portrait, wild-life and trees in realistic, semi-abstract and abstract painting styles.

The painters recently formed a new art group known as Outside Edge and their show runs from 10am – 5pm during two weekends 7/8 and 14/15 July.

All are very welcome and admission is free.

**Celebrate the Diamond Jubilee
(in the traditional way) with
BELLS**

on
Thursday 7th June 2012

I

A Mobile Bell in the Churchyard

6.30 - 7.30

*Come and try your hand at ringing
be ye young or old*

II

A Loyal Toast

at 7.25

Bring your own bottle (glasses provided)

or be served at the bar

(for a contribution)

Nibbles also available

III

A Quarter Peal

rung on the Bells of St Cyriac's

from

7.30 - 8.15

Just drop in at any time between

6.30 and 8.15

and enjoy the village scene

Affordable houses for local people

THE RECENT HOUSING SURVEY identified a need within the village for more affordable houses for local people. Furthermore, there was good local support for a small scale development of such houses on the land opposite Rogers Road, known locally as the “Dencora field”. As a result, East Cambridgeshire District Council asked the landowners of the Dencora field to consider providing land to support such a scheme as part of their overall proposals. The landowners, who all live locally, are willing to support this in principle provided that any houses would be in keeping with the village and could be allocated preferentially to local people or people with strong local connections.

Unfortunately, government policy for affordable homes operates on the basis of a national bidding system with points earned based on criteria such as homelessness and lack of employment. This would mean that anyone in the country could bid for an affordable home in Swaffham Prior and would be successful if they accrued enough points. However this drawback can be overcome to ensure that any new affordable houses can be preferentially allocated to local people through forming a body known as a Community Land Trust.

Community Land Trusts are non-profit, community-based organisations run by volunteers to control the allocation of low cost houses to ensure that they comply with the Founding Trust and are offered to local villagers preferentially so that they stay for use by local people in perpetuity.

Consequently, the landowners of the Dencora field are interested to explore whether the village would like to form a CLT, which would ideally consist of a few respected members of the local community. Consultations are still at an early stage but, should any affordable houses be built, the role of the CLT would include meeting in the village from time to time to put forward new tenants for any vacant affordable housing and to administer the trust.

If you are interested in volunteering to get involved with a Swaffham Prior Community Land Trust then please contact Adrian Dickens on 01638 742020 or come along to a meeting on Tuesday 19 June at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

John Norris Remembers Some of his Early Days

WHEN I FIRST LEFT HOME TO WORK ON A FARM, I found a job in Huntingdonshire on a farm where most of the farm staff were old and unfamiliar with the progress that had been made during the last war. This part of the world was steeped in the old ways and not ready to accept the advances of science. The main source of power on the farm was either steam or horses, although there was one Farmall W9 tractor. This latter machine was closely guarded by the driver and was his pride and joy, so no chance of a go there, at least at first.

The staff of ten or so did most of the work by hand. The plough was pulled by horses, but steered by someone holding the handles, and keeping the furrow straight. When drilling wheat, a man would hold the horse's head steady with a three-foot pole attached to the bridle, so that he could walk down the wheel mark of the previous pass and so get an even covering of the land, and guide the seed drill. Walking behind was the man in charge of seeing that all the coulter were dropping seeds, and that they were covered with earth.

Many farm tasks which today are carried out by one man, needed a team to perform their duties. This encouraged a team spirit, and a hierarchy which had to be respected. Geof Hobbs was the thatcher, and although he needed help in his work, he was in charge. Bill Dellar ran the steam engine, and managed to be so busy with it, that he did no manual work at all. The supply of coal, and water carting were done by others, whilst he walked around with an oil can in his hand.

I well remember one occasion when I was asked to drive the Farmall, and harrow in some recently sown wheat. A real treat for me, as at last I was considered reliable to be entrusted with this magnificent machine. There was no cab or safety frame, just the familiar iron seat and steering wheel, with an old corn sack to sit on..

I loaded the set of four harrows and the harrow pole onto a trailer and set off to a field next to where John Major, the MP for Huntingdonshire lived. This was a pleasant site on the side of a hill overlooking the Ouse Meadows. All went well at first after unloading the harrows, fixing them side-by-side on the pole, and attaching the equipment to the tractor. The hill was quite steep, but this tractor was powerful enough to pull up the hill and harrow in the seeds.

After a little while the sky darkened, and rain began to fall. A few drops at first, but later a down-pour. I was half way up the hill, when things got very sticky. The harrows pushed up the mud into lumps, and the tractor tyres made ruts in the soil. Something had to change, and quickly. The harrows were unhooked, and I made a hasty retreat up the hill to the lane beside the field. Even with no load to pull, the tractor made quite a mess.

As luck would have it, the Boss arrived on his white horse. He was quite rain proof in his riding mack, whilst I was wet through in my overalls, and feeling very depressed at the lack of work done, and the mess of ruts now full of water running down the hill.

"What is all this then?" he exclaimed. I started to remind him that it was raining, but gave up when he continued " I don't have my equipment left in the middle of the field, get it off - Now" How? I enquired. That is up to you he replied and rode off. That arrogance did annoy me, but being the underdog, I set about carrying the harrows, one at a time up the hill and stacking them in the middle of the road-way as a small protest of the way I was treated.

This event is firmly stuck in my memory, and has several morals which can be withdrawn. Firstly, the harrows could have been left where they were until the land dried enough to carry on with the work, secondly, such arrogance is unnecessary, and would not be accepted to-day, and lastly, watch out that you don't behave in a similar manner when frustrated, especially with employees.

As time passed on, this event was forgotten by the Boss, as I was more useful to him as a friend and organiser. I don't believe he remembered the unfortunate outburst, for it was only a few weeks later that I was invited to lodge in his large house rather than the farm cottage with Mrs Wendholt. The only disadvantage was that the cottage was a lot warmer, and my new bedroom, although spacious, was draughty and cool. The advantages were that I was well fed, and got an insight into the other side of farm management, the farm workers do not see.

John Norris

STRAWBERRY TEAS and light music on the Fen

Sunday 1st July 2012
3.00 – 5.00 pm



Commissioner's Farm in the Fen

*From Swaffham Prior, go down Station Road,
Then follow the signs*

Entertainment will be provided by
THE CYRIAC'S FOLK GROUP

*Tickets £5/£2.50 from Kate Child 743983
or Linda Evans 741437*

*Gazebos will provide shelter from the sun or the rain -
The event will take place no matter what the weather !!*

Proceeds to St. Mary's Church

Churches Conservation Trust
In aid of St Cyriac and Julitta's Church

**MIDSUMMER
TEA
PARTY**

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PLANTS AND FLOWERS
PAINTINGS – OLD AND NEW
TEA AND COFFEE BAR

**SATURDAY 16th June
& SUNDAY 17th June
11.00am to 5.00pm**

In St Cyriac's Church, Swaffham Prior

Free Entry

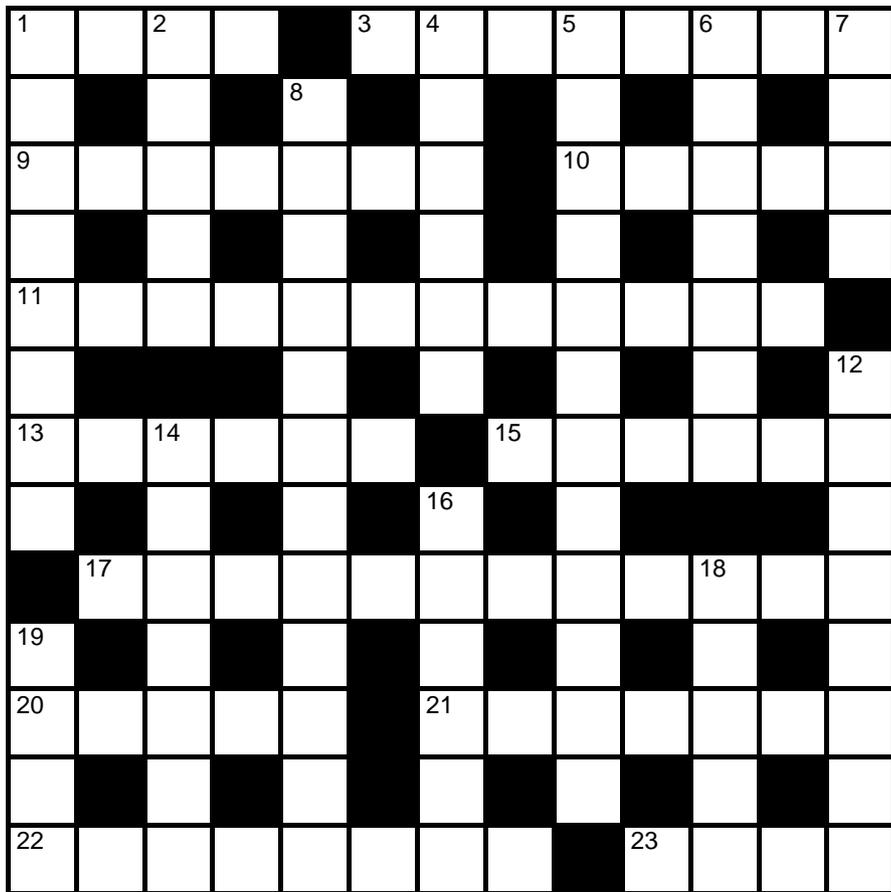
Crossword Number 90

Sponsored by **The Red Lion**

Compiled by

WORRAPPS

Nibor, your regular compiler, is away this month so a QUICK crossword has been provided by a co-compiler. Send your answers to the editors by 18 June 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 Small flute (4)
- 3 Inhabitant (8)
- 9 Cork (7)
- 10 Opening (5)
- 11 Gum olibanum (12)
- 13 Rubbish (6)
- 15 Approval (6)
- 17 Boisterous (12)
- 20 Connection (5)
- 21 Virtuoso (7)
- 22 Style of jumper (4,4)
- 23 Hits (anag) (4)

Down

- 1 Commercial aquatic breeding place (4,4)
- 2 Plant life (5)
- 4 Gaseous stellar envelope (6)
- 5 American country (6,6)
- 6 Entertainer (7)
- 7 Walked on (4)
- 8 Speaker (12)
- 12 Scholarly (8)
- 14 Money management (7)
- 16 Nuclear (6)

Solution to crossword no. 89



We congratulate Tansy Burd, the winner of last month's competition, who should collect his prize certificate from the editors. Honourable mentions go to Robert Nunn.

Jolly Jingle Number Six

Lord Finchley

LORD Finchley tried to mend the Electric Light
Himself. It struck him dead; And serve him right!

It is the business of the wealthy man
To give employment to the artisan.

Hilaire Belloc

Cambridge Cat Clinic

The eagerly awaited **Cambridge Cat Clinic** opened its doors in **Fulbourn**, on 8th May. This is Cambridgeshire's first cat only veterinary clinic. It is unique in providing high quality care and expertise for cats and their owners without the stress of dogs and other animals and it has been designed specifically with cats in mind.

The clinic is the brainchild of local vet, Mini Wright, who is a self-proclaimed cat fanatic and all round cat medicine guru. Sam McMillan, has taken on the role of practice manager, having joined Mini as a partner in the business. The team are caring, highly skilled and have the necessary attitude to deal with everything from moggies to Maine coons.



Vet Mini Wright with a patient!

Cambridge Cat Clinic is at Cox's Drove, Fulbourn, CB21 5HE

For further information, telephone 01223 880707, see the website – www.cambridgecatclinic.co.uk or email info@cambridgecatclinic.co.uk

1. The advantage of a cat-only specialist clinic is that cats are very sensitive to stress and this will adversely affect their general wellbeing and recovery from surgery or illness. Our cat only clinic addresses this by:

- Being free from the sight, sound and smell of other animal species (especially dogs).

- Using gentle and sympathetic handling to encourage our patients to become much less apprehensive while being examined or treated.

Cambridge Cat Clinic concentrates its resources and expertise solely on cats, which allows it to provide optimal standards of care.

2. There are only a handful of specialist cat-only veterinary surgeries in the UK but this will be Cambridgeshire's first one. We will offer high quality, considerate first opinion care and some more specialist services for cats referred to us by other vets.

3. We are passionate about being part of the local community and are proud to be offering our services to the people and cats of Fulbourn and the surrounding villages.

TP swing frame with seat. suitable for young family.

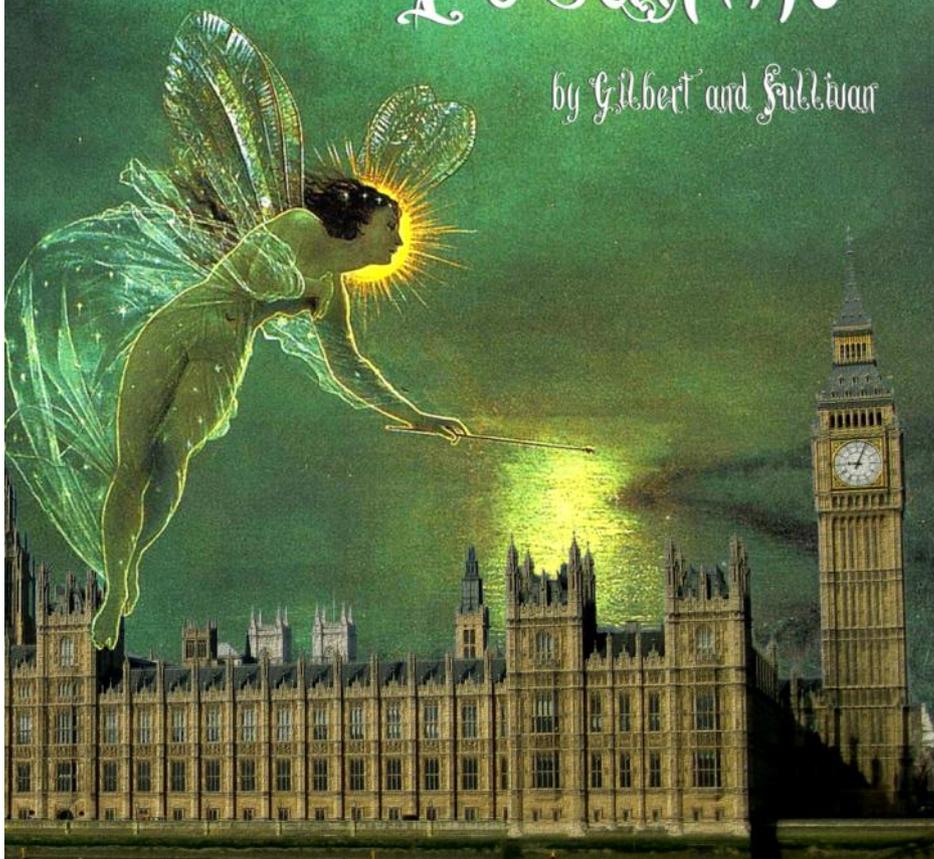
Offers invited.

Please ring 01638 743864

SWAFFHAM BULBECK SUMMER THEATRE PRESENTS

Lolanthé

by Gilbert and Sullivan



Wed 13th - Sat 16th June 2012, 7:30pm, + 2:30pm Sat
Downing Farm, Station Rd, Swaffham Bulbeck, CB25 0NW

Tickets £9 Wed-Thur, £10 Fri-Sat eve, £6 Sat matinée
from www.sbst.uk.com or kari.karolia@gmail.com or 01638 745490

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Gorgeous Geraniums

This month you should be able to find several species of wild *Geranium* growing along hedgerows and in meadows, including the delightful and dainty pink Herb Robert (*Geranium robertianum*) and the deep blue Meadow Cranesbill, (*Geranium pratense*).

This appealing group of plants are relatively easy to grow in any free-draining soil, and with their versatility, hardiness and beauty, many make indispensable garden plants. They range in colour from white to dark plum through an array of pinks, blues and purples. Underplanted with spring bulbs, they make excellent work of enveloping the untidy bulb foliage after flowering, and give new life to a border otherwise left bare when the spring bulbs are over.

We have one of the National Collections of Hardy Geraniums at the Botanic Garden, and cultivate them across the site, but the bulk of the collection, including many common hybrids and their parent species, is grown in the long Lynch Walk border. Here they are grown together with herbaceous and tree peonies – a stunning combination. On the Systematic Beds, the family Geraniaceae can be found on the western side, where the related pelargoniums, known as bedding geraniums, are also grown for comparison. Geraniums flower from late spring to early summer, but the majority are at their best in early June. Cutting spent flowers and foliage to the ground will encourage a flush of fresh leaves and sometimes a second flowering.

Amongst the Garden's collection are several hybrids and cultivars named by Dr Peter Yeo, taxonomist at the Garden for 40 years. One of the best is *Geranium* 'Brookside' a superb, long-flowering garden plant named after the Garden's administrative offices, which was awarded an Award of Garden Merit (AGM) from the Royal Horticultural Society in recent trials. Another with a Cambridge connection is *Geranium x cantabrigiense*, which makes excellent groundcover in both sun and shade with light green foliage and pink to white flowers. So, with a bewildering choice of several hundred *Geranium*, why not come and research which to choose for your garden at the Botanic Garden!

Juliet Day, Development Officer,
Cambridge University Botanic Garden



The Botanic Garden is open 10am – 6pm in April - September. Adult admission is £4.50 (Giftaid 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



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BON MOT NUMBER TWENTY THREE

“I have measured out my life with coffee spoons.”

J. Alfred Prufrock

News from The Bottisham Patient Participation Group

There was an excellent turn-out for the Group's first AGM on 26th April: every chair from every room had to be added to the familiar orange ones in the waiting room to avoid standing room only. Dr Higham gave a fascinating account of local patients' general characteristics, explained with examples from the 2010-2011 statistics. Apparently we are generally older than average; generally affluent; generally healthy; generally sensible; and generally resourceful! He explained how the Practice organises its 29 staff and facilities to meet our needs with limited resources and how it compares with other Cambridgeshire practices. Then Dr Elliott brought us up to date with the Practice's work this year and planned changes for the coming year. The AGM business which followed was speedily despatched with the election of its new team: Sylvia Thomson – Chair; Emma Jerman - Vice Chair; Jenny Langdon – Secretary; and Jean Jones - Assistant Secretary, while most of the existing Committee agreed to serve for another year. Watch this space for more details and the Patient Group pages on www.bottishammedicalpractice.nhs.uk. Grateful thanks are due to last year's team and particularly to Steve Gillson and Bruce Cleghorn for working so hard to establish the PPG.

Sixty years of the NHS

In 1952, when Her Majesty ascended the throne, the NHS was only four years old. Addenbrookes was still in Trumpington Street and tuberculosis and polio were major threats to children and adults alike. Men in the Bottisham area could expect to live to 66 and women to 70. Sixty years on the NHS has grown beyond anything its architects, Beveridge and Bevan, could have dreamt of. HM The Queen opened Addenbrookes on its present site in 1962. It was joined by the Rosie maternity hospital in 1983, and growth in the world-class facilities to which we are lucky to have access has been almost constant since. Polio and tuberculosis are largely threats of the past, though TB shows signs of making an unwelcome comeback in our cities.

Today, of the 5600 plus patients of the Bottisham Practice, men can now expect to live to an average of 77 years and women to over 81. Child mortality has dropped from 34 per thousand in 1952 to 5 per thousand today. So many of the hopes which surrounded the launch of the New Elizabethan Age in 1952 have been fulfilled in good measure. But there are new challenges. Some cancers can now be treated with great success, but cancer still remains a major cause of death. As the population ages, the illnesses and frailties of age present an ever greater challenge. And problems virtually unthought-of in 1952, when rationing was still in force, such as pathological obesity, place a growing burden on resources. New drugs and treatments offer the ability to reduce the incidence of strokes and heart disease, but prescription and other rising costs present a real threat to the continuation of the Health Service as we have known it over the past sixty years.

The Bottisham Patient Participation Group will be in touch with you over the coming months about how we can all play our part, for example by avoiding the waste of prescription drugs or by looking to the Practice for help with minor emergencies rather than the A & E Department at Addenbrookes. Enjoy the Jubilee and stay healthy.



School News

On Monday 30th April we welcomed into school, Barbara Leverett. She came to talk to the children about her experiences as a world champion in the triathlon (in the 60-65 years category). Barbara brought in examples of the clothing that she wears for the Triathlon and some of her medals. The children were then given the opportunity to ask her questions and found out about what inspired her and the need for determination and practise.

Reach Fair took place on Monday 7th May (Bank Holiday) and it proved to be a very enjoyable event although a bit wet!

Some of our Year 5 and Year 6 children competently

demonstrated maypole dancing to celebrate the opening of the fair by the Mayor of Cambridge. They danced with confidence and displayed fantastic team work and problem solving skills. Many thanks to Mrs Walker for preparing the children so well and for those who came and gave invaluable moral support. It is wonderful to continue the tradition and see children from the local community take part. (Photographs of the event can also be seen on the Cambridge Evening News website). Thanks also go to FoSPS (Friends of Swaffham Prior School) for organising the barrow at Reach Fair. A sum of nearly £500 was raised which is a fantastic addition to the Trim Trail fund.



We are now looking forward to celebrating the Queen's Jubilee in June and KS2 are beginning to prepare for their summer play. Alongside this, we are continuing to focus on the Olympics and Paralympics.

Torch Event: As I am sure you are aware, the Olympic torch will be travelling through Cambridge on Saturday 7th July. Four local schools have got together to organise their own torch event on Monday 9th July 2012.

Two children will be leaving Bottisham Primary School at approx. 9.30 am to



run with an adult (and a torch of course!) to Swaffham Bulbeck CofE Primary School. Here they will be met by the children waving flags and cheering them on. They will be presented with medals and the torch will be handed over to the runners from Swaffham Bulbeck. These

Maypole Dancing at Reach Fair

runners will then carry the torch to Swaffham Prior CofE School where they will be greeted by cheering children ready for their presentation. The torch will be passed on to be carried to Burwell. On the outskirts of the village, children from Burwell School will meet them so that they can then carry the torch back to their school. They will also be met by enthusiastic children encouraging them on ready for their special presentation event.

We are advertising this event in the hope that local folk might watch out for the children along the route and cheer them on – flag waving to also be encouraged!

Below are the approximate timings – so please watch out for us!

Bottisham Primary School 9.30

Swaffham Bulbeck CofE Primary School between 9.50 and 10.10

Swaffham Prior CofE Primary School between 10.30 and 10.50

Outskirts of Burwell village 11.20 – 11.40

Burwell VC Primary School 12.00 – 12.20

Hannah Curtis, Head teacher



Mothers' Union

In April Ute Towriss talked to us about the Mark Towriss Bursary Fund. This came into being following Dr. Towriss' untimely death and his knowledge of the huge health challenges which face small communities overseas which do not have the luxury or resources of an accessible G.P. practice.

By comparison Bottisham surgery has 5,450 patients within a six mile radius with the equivalent of three full time qualified G.P.'s each having had at least five years post-graduate training. However, in Kenya there is one doctor for every 16,000 people inclusive of all specialities. Also 80% of doctors practice in urban areas whereas 80% of the population live in rural localities. Therefore, the doctors working in these areas have to be multi-skilled to enable them to treat the wide ranging medical problems encountered. For such a huge task most doctors only receive one year's training which is obviously totally inadequate.

The Mark Towriss Bursary Fund is now in partnership with the Institute of Family Medicine, the Moi University Medical School and five district hospitals in Kenya. The Bursary aims to contribute 75% of a doctor's annual tuition fees during their three year training; to date it has provided funds for three student doctors - the first one of whom graduated in 2008.

Clearly Ute is dedicated to raising money for this extremely worthy cause; it will help to transform at least three communities which would provide a lasting legacy in memory of Mark.

Our meetings take place on the third Thursday of each month in Lode Chapel at 2.30p.m. and all are welcome. In May Katy Coutts will be speaking to us about The Cogwheel Trust.

Anne Phoenix



VILLAGE GARDENERS

At our May meeting Roy Nunn shared with us his wealth of knowledge on choosing, growing and caring for clematis. We learnt that these plants are to be found on all the continents apart from Antarctica. Interestingly, there are 150 different species growing in China and only six in Europe. It is possible, with careful choice of plants, to have clematis flowering in our gardens throughout the year and they can look particularly effective when grown through other shrubs or trees or with climbing roses. Contrary to popular belief more than half the species prefer acid to alkaline soil. We were given hints on choosing, planting and growing clematis and, most importantly, on the fraught question of when and how to prune – apparently it all depends on whether you have a Type 1, 2 or 3 clematis, which all have their individual growing habits and requirements. Roy's talk was illustrated with photographs of many different varieties, some of which he bred (and had the fun of naming them!) himself.

This year our annual coach trip will take place on Saturday 23 June and we will be visiting the Old Vicarage Garden in East Ruston, Norfolk. This garden is famous for its architectural framework of walls and hedges, its superb herbaceous borders and its many rare and unusual plants – I am told that it is well worth a visit. The coach will leave the Village Hall at 12 noon, returning at approximately 7pm. Members and non members alike are all very welcome. If you would like to come and bring your friends, please contact Roger Connan 01638 742182 or Mary Hart 01638 741681. We look forward to seeing you then.

Mary Hart



WI Notes

The Swaffham W.I. had a very enjoyable meeting in May; in part very serious-yes, we can get serious, and the other pretty hilarious!

In the first half we discussed the W.I.'s call on the government this year to recruit, train and retain more midwives. This being in support of the Royal College of Midwives supported by the National Childbirth Trust.

There is a national shortage of midwives in the U.K. and in London the highest shortfall of 18%. Whilst of course we all know that savings have to be made across the board, we felt that to retain an adequate number of midwives was vital to support young families at such a vulnerable time and provide professional care in maternal and child welfare.

Our vote of support was unanimously carried.

The second half of our meeting was very light hearted-talking and laughing about childhood memories. They varied from bombs, bomb shelters and digging the Headmistress's garden to lost siblings and untold, idyllic freedom in the countryside. How things have changed.

Our next meeting is our annual garden party in June.

We are going to the V and A in September and anyone in the locality is very welcome to join us on this trip. Please contact me on-744390 if you are interested.

Margaret Joyce

Notes from the Dispensary

The message one sees on medicines
Is patently good advice.

It's, '**Keep away from children**',
(Some of them are not nice)

And, '**Keep out of reach of children**'
Means much the same, I guess.
They're basically untidy,
And can make all kinds of mess.

Little girls, for instance,
May wear the sweetest smile;
But that can be deceptive,
They're full of scheming guile.

And boys may well look harmless,
But that's the outwards view;
Appearances can be misleading,
You can't tell what they'll do!

Ophir

Churches Opening Rota—HELP NEEDED!

Simply to thank all the key-holders who kindly help keep out two churches open daily. We are all busy and it can be difficult making time for yet another job but it is hugely appreciated and valued.

If anyone (eg. Dog walkers etc.) would like to join the rota it would be brilliant and you would be welcome. At the moment, we number eleven — each holding the keys for one week. Extra people would facilitate swapping even more!

Thank you again.

Tricia Harrison



Council Tax For Year 2012/2013

We increased the council tax by 2.95% this year, which is £3.99p per year on a band D property, or 7.67pence per week.

Accepting the Governments freeze grant again this year would most probably result in a budget gap of £273,000 by 2014/2015, equivalent to an estimated 6.7% increase on a band D property.

This year we have attempted to set a balanced budget for the next three years.



Newmarket Recycling Centre

Many residents from our area have used this facility. When it closed for several week's last summer, then re-opened under new management with a charging schedule for some items, I was concerned that it would lead to an increase in fly tipping in the area. Thankfully so far this has not happened. The recycling centre accepts the following free of charge; glass, metals, paper and cardboard, mobile phones, tonar cartridges, plastic bottles and any items which can be sold in the Open Door Superstore.

New Reception Area At the Grange, Ely

Sanctuary Hereward now has a service desk at the Grange, resulting in a one-stop shop for both housing and other council matters for the use of the public. The improvements also include four interview rooms and four self-service computer terminals for public use.

Tourism

The 'Visit Ely' website is proving to be a valuable information tool for anybody intending to visit Ely. The Councils Oliver Cromwell's House in Ely, has shown increases in its attendance and sale levels this past year.

Last autumn Ely Apple Day was well attended. As was this years Ely Eel Festival on the weekend of the 5th/6th of May.

Thanks should be given to the council's tourism team for all their hard work.

Housing

With 1446 people on the councils housing list, the short supply of social and affordable housing continues to be a problem. We are making the increased supply of such housing one of our prime objectives.

Finally... We have an excellent and well-run post office and village store at Swaffham Bulbeck. So that it will continue serving our community, please use it whenever possible.

Allen Alderson

April 2012

April started for me with a meeting of the Burwell Masterplan Working Party. This was another well-attended meeting, with many local people expressing a wide range of views on the future for Burwell. The meeting decided to instruct officers to further investigate 2 scenarios – a further 100 houses over the next 20 years or a further 350 houses.

I presented 3 papers to Cabinet in April – Special Educational Needs Educational Placements Strategy, Child Poverty Strategy and proposals to re-shape the Children’s Trust in Cambridgeshire. All 3 papers received unanimous support.

The Appointments and Remuneration Committee met in April to confirm the temporary arrangement which sees Adrian Loades act as Executive Director for both Children and Young People and Adult Social Care for a period of 18 months. The Committee also agreed associated changes in responsibility for other Executive Directors.

Our Children’s Social Care Team underwent a peer review led by Suffolk County Council to see how well the team functions. I was interviewed by the review team and we await the outcome at the time of writing.

Other meetings attended included a meeting between Cabinet and Senior Management Team and the Social Work – Working for Families Project Board.

COUNTY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2011-2012

For me personally, 2011-12 at the County Council has been a very interesting and rewarding year. The year started with Cllr Nick Clarke, the new Leader of CCC offering me the role of Cabinet Member for Children and Young People. This is a role (and challenge) I was delighted to take on and have thoroughly enjoyed throughout the year. Any role with responsibility for Children’s Social care is bound to ring challenges and there have certainly been plenty of those. 2011-12 has seen the County Council introduce a total restructure of how we work in Children’s Social Care. This has taken considerable time, effort and resource but I am pleased to say that initial feedback from staff and partners has been extremely positive.

As a member of Cabinet, wrestling with the Integrated Plan for the next 4 years has taken up considerable time. Cambridgeshire faces significant demographic challenges as a rapidly growing County. The County Council is keen to position Cambridgeshire to take best advantage once the economy improves. This means investing in areas such as superfast broadband, roads and footpaths, and new infrastructure to deal with the bottleneck caused by the Ely Level Crossing junction. At the same time we are addressing pressures on school places and rising demand on services for vulnerable adults and children in the County. All this at a time of severe pressure on public finances, which means we need to continue to deliver savings

across the Council. This necessitated a rise in Council Tax of 2.95% but as a Cabinet we believe our budget will deliver for the benefit of the people of Cambridgeshire.

Locally I have been involved in a number of issues on behalf of residents, both as a group and as individuals. Work continues on the Burwell Masterplan, where I represent the County Council on the Working Party. We have seen numerous improvements to roads, footpaths and drop kerbs in my area, and work is scheduled to start on more soon. The South Neighbourhood Panel has met frequently, with problems associated with speeding cars and anti-social driving at Bottisham Village College recurring themes. I have also intervened on behalf of a number of individuals experiencing problems, such as housing, bullying at school, problems with neighbours.

There have also been some truly memorable moments on the less formal side. The County Council holds the operating licence for the Duke of Edinburgh Awards and I had the privilege of being presented with our licence by HRH Prince Philip at St James' Palace. I also presented awards at a number of events, including to foster parents and carers, to Children in the care of the County Council and to school Governors.

Cllr David Brown

Motorcyclists urged to stay safe

MOTORCYCLISTS are being urged to sign up to a course to keep them safe on the road.

The Bikesafe course is part of a national initiative which is run by officers locally and teaches how to assess risks, cornering and overtaking.

As the weather improves many riders will begin to take to the roads, to coincide with this there will be courses running at Thorpe Wood, Sawston and St Neots police stations.

.The course runs over three consecutive Tuesday evenings from 7pm until 9pm.

The Bikesafe team will also be at the BMF show in Peterborough on May 19 and 20.

Course leader PC Simon Burgin, said: "Motorcyclists make up only two per cent of road users in the county but they make up 27 per cent of those killed or seriously injured.

"Being a good rider is no accident, it takes skill, knowledge and concentration to be one of the best. You might be surprised at what you can learn from the course." After the three evening sessions motorcyclists will be taken out for an assessed ride with an advanced police motorcyclist.

To find out more or book a place visit the Cambridgeshire section at www.bikesafe.co.uk



Borrowing money from illegal money lenders

If you are having financial difficulties or wish to borrow money quickly, it may be tempting to borrow money from illegal money lenders, known as ‘loan sharks’, who lend cash without asking questions about your financial situation. Trading Standards urge you to avoid such lenders and assure you that there are safe, reliable lenders that you can use.

Loan sharks may call at your door or you might hear about them from other people. At first they seem friendly and helpful and it might seem like a quick and easy way to borrow money. The trouble is that these people usually charge huge interest on their loan, meaning you have to pay back much more than you borrowed and far more than you can afford. With no paperwork to record what you are expected to repay, a loan of a few hundred pounds can soon lead to a demand to repay thousands of pounds - and the debt can quickly become too much to ever repay. If you struggle to keep up the repayments, loan sharks may use intimidation, threats and even violence to ensure you find the money somehow. It is believed that around 310,000 households in the UK currently owe money to loan sharks.

Luckily there are safe places you can borrow money from, even if you have financial difficulties. These lenders stick to the law, make it clear from the start the total amount you will need to repay and collect your repayments in a lawful way. Your local Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) can advise you which lenders are most suitable for you. You can find your nearest Bureau by visiting www.citizensadvice.org.uk or by calling 08444 111 444.

The England Illegal Money Lending Team was set up because of the misery and fear that loan sharks cause. Cambridgeshire County Council are working with this team and local District Councils, to tackle loan sharks in the county, raise awareness of them and to support their victims.

If you know of any loan sharks operating in the area, the England Illegal Money Lending Team wants to hear from you. Call 0300 555 2222, text 'loan shark + a message' to 60003 or email reportaloanshark@stoploansharks.gov.uk. Lines are open 24/7 and your details will be kept confidential.

If you already owe money to a loan shark the Illegal Money Lending team can offer advice and support. So don't suffer in silence, contact the team using the details above.

Get on your bike for charity!

The Big Bike Ride charity cycle event is being staged on Sunday 8th July – the day after the Olympic torch arrives in Cambridge – and, in keeping with the theme, there will be a silver route of 20.12 kilometres (12.5 miles) and a gold route covering 201.2 kilometres (125 miles).

All money raised from the event which is being organised by the Cambridge News with support from Cambridgeshire County Council, will go to Arthur Rank Hospice Charity, the East Anglia Children's Hospice at Milton and Press Relief: the News Community Fund. Entry is £12.50 for the silver route and £30 for gold. Under eighteens can take part in the silver route for free when accompanied by a paying adult. For more details and to register online, go to:

www.cambridge-news.co.uk/the-big-bike-ride, Tel: 01223 434378



Cambridge Open Studios Mini-Guide

Below are your most local artist open studios. You will find the information concerning the days and times the artist will be exhibiting as well as their location, the genre of their work and their contact information as some studios are only available to visit by appointment only.

The codes indicating which weeks the artist's will be exhibiting are as follows...

- 7th and 8th July (1)
- 14th and 15th July (2)
- 21st and 22nd July (3)
- 28th and 29th July (4)

149 Matthew Blakely

Potter

9 Abbey Lane, Lode, Cambridge, CB25 9EP

01223 811959

smashingpots@uk2.net

www.matthewblakely.co.uk

Fresh, translucent, porcelain pots with aqueous glazes and earthy, wood-fired stoneware and porcelain. Please park on Lode High Street.

Weeks: (2) and (3) Yes, this artist has disabled access.

150 Emma Mitchell

Jeweller

Greenview Cottage, 31 Fair Green, Reach, CB25 0JD

01638 741063

emma@minnielldog.co.uk

www.emmamitchelldesigns.co.uk

Nature-inspired designs in hand-worked silver, enamel and gemstones. Blossom, hares, birds and structural plant forms. Beach-hut-style studio.

Weeks: (2) and (4) No disabled access.

151 Susie Turner

Artist-printmaker

Printroom, The Old Station, Station Road, Stow-cum-Quy,

Cambridge, CB25 9AJ

01223 750280

susie@susieturner.com

www.susieturner.com

Nature-inspired traditional and contemporary fine-art printmaking in a picturesque and unique location, with easy parking and riverside walks nearby.

Weeks: (1) (2) and (3) Yes, this artist has disabled access.

Working Studio

152 Kari Karolia

Jewellery

Eeyore's Tail, 99 High Street, Swaffham Bulbeck,

Cambridge, CB25 0LX

kari.karolia@gmail.com

www.karidesign.co.uk

Unique beaded jewellery, influenced by vintage work,

nature, architecture and other cultures. Studio in picturesque surroundings, opposite the Church.

Weeks: (3) and (4) Yes, this artist has disabled access.
Working Studio

153 Outside Edge

Painters

St Cyriac's Church, High Street, Swaffham Prior,

Cambridge, CB25 0LD

Joss Goodchild, Cathy Parker, Dafila Scott, Julia Suddaby,

Vee Wallace and Hannah Webb. Six painters create

abstract, narrative and landscape works.

Weeks: (1) and (2) Yes, this artist has disabled access.

154 Paul Abbott

Oil painter

The Mill House, 11 Mill Hill, Swaffham Prior, Cambridge,

CB25 0JZ

01638 741537

paul@vividcity.com

www.vividcity.com

Bright, happy paintings from a vivid palette. Beaches, huts and rural views reflecting the local and east coast landscape.

Weeks: (1) (2) and (3) No disabled access.

Working Studio

155 Tina Jost

Fine pen & ink

The White House, 32 Lower End, Swaffham Prior,

Cambridge, CB25 0HT

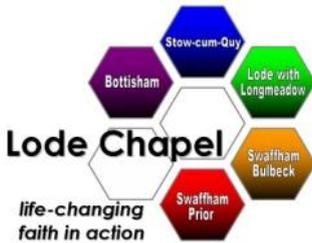
01638 741750

Tina.Jost@Swaffham-Prior.co.uk

Working studio filled with fine 'pen & ink' drawings and illustrations of flora and fauna, houses and other works of art...

Weeks: (2) and (3) No disabled access.

Working Studio



Gold ‘n’ Goals

This really is an eventful year... after our Jubilee celebrations at the beginning of this month we move into Euro 2012 and the Olympics. I don’t know about you, but I’m often inspired by some of the stories that come out of these great sporting events. Take, for example, the men’s 400m semi-final in the 1992 Barcelona Olympics. Derek Redmond of Great Britain

was considered a contender for a medal and as the gun went off he was probably visualising himself winning a place in the final. But as he prepared to round the curve after the halfway mark he suddenly heard a pop – his right hamstring had snapped!

As Redmond found himself paralysed by the searing pain of his leg, the other runners had, within a few seconds, finished the race. It was all over – but he was determined not to give up, unwavering in his desire to cross the finishing line. So, slowly and painfully, he began hobbling down the home straight, waving off the medics with their stretchers. From the stands, his father had been watching. He pushed his way past security guards to meet his son on the track. Reaching his weeping son he said: “Derek, you don’t have to do this,” but Redmond replied: “Yes I do!” Admiring his son’s resolve, his father then said to him: “Well, if you’re going to finish this race, we’ll finish it together.” With his arm locked around his son, Jim Redmond helped his son to the finish line to the sounds of a cheering stadium.

To me, this is a reminder of our Father God who is always there ready and willing to help us in the ‘race of life’ that each of us are running. Sometimes we fall, or get injured along the way, but God is always there ready put His arm around us, and help us towards the finish line. Indeed, you may be surprised that the Bible uses a number of sporting analogies to help us think about God and the journey of faith. That’s why, as this busy summer begins, we’re starting a special series inspired by sport. Do join us if you can.

17th June: **Preparing to Win**

24th June: **Playing as a Team**

1st July: **Praying for Victory**

8th July: **Passing the Torch**

Simon Goddard

Services in June

Sun 3rd June, 10.30am – RE:NEW Jubilee Themed Service (School)

Sun 3rd June, 5.30pm – Sacred Space Contemplation (Lode Chapel)

Sun 10th June, 10.30am – RE:NEW Café and Kids Club (School)

Sun 10th June, 6.20pm – Traditional Service (Lode Chapel)

Sun 17th June, 10.30am – RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (School)

Sun 24th June, 10.30am – RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (School)

Sun 24th June, 6.20pm – Traditional Service (Great Wilbraham Chapel)

Roman Catholic Church, Newmarket Parish

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

Advance Notice

This year's candlelit HARVEST SUPPER will be held once again in St Cyriac's on Saturday 29th September 2012, from 6.00-9.00pm. Look out for more information in the next edition of the Crier. Tickets will be on sale over the summer. If you would be willing to help by cooking up a casserole (with meat we provide) or by making a pudding, we would be very glad to hear from you! Please call Fleur on 743992 or Sue on 741736. Looking forward to welcoming you to another lovely village event.

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.

Offers

11 inch child's bicycle (yellow) – one previous owner before my children. Needs a new inner tube on one wheel. Andy/Jun c813362.

Giant African Land Snail babies need a good home. 9 months old, currently about the size of golfballs. Helen c813962.

14 inch wheel, pink bicycle, has a box on the back, with stabilizers. Jane c811592

Suffolk Colt 12" petrol cylinder lawnmower with grass box. Goes, cuts, but could do with some TLC. Nick c812634

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.

Double knitting wool for making hats for the annual Christmas Shoe Box Appeal, Valerie c 813611.



Please support Your Mobile Library Service.

Cambridgeshire currently has four mobile libraries stopping at 421 locations in 245 villages and communities throughout the county. It's a great place for catching up with friends and neighbours whilst supporting a local community resource. We visit most locations once a month *e.g.* the first Tuesday of the month. For your nearest mobile library stop you please visit www.Cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library then click on 'find my nearest library'. Or you can call us on 0345 045 5225

- The service is **free** to join and use.
- Each Mobile Library vehicle carries up to 3,000 items of stock including fiction, non fiction, large print, books on CD & cassette, DVDs. Books for children of all ages.
- You can **request** books/cassettes/CDs/DVDs. We have access to all the books in Cambridgeshire Libraries.
- Any books borrowed from the Mobile Library can be **returned to any other Cambridgeshire Library** and you can return books from other libraries to us, so no need to worry about missing your due date.
- You can **renew and order books online**, please ask onboard for your 'PIN' to get you started.
- Books are issued for **5 weeks** and you can renew for up to three months.
- Unfortunately we do charge when books are returned late.

All vehicles have a lift for wheelchair users or those who find stairs difficult.

Swaffham Prior – Cage Hill – 2.45-3.15pm

Swaffham Prior – Chapel – 3.20-4.00pm



We look forward to welcoming you onboard soon.

St Mary's Church, Swaffham Prior

SERVICES FOR JUNE

Date	Service	Time
3 June	Trinity Sunday Holy Communion (CW1T)	11am
10 June	1 st Sunday after Trinity Matins	11am
17 June	2 nd Sunday after Trinity Family Service with Communion	11am
24 June	3 rd Sunday after Trinity Benefice Service - Holy Trinity, Bottisham	10am

Other Events

Date	Event	Time
1 July	Strawberry Teas on the Fen Commissioner's Farm With music by The Cyriacs Tickets: £5/£2.50 - 743983/741437	3-5pm

Bulbeck, Burwell & Broadway

Over 100 children and young people aged from 3 to 18 years of age, who are taught by Jane Newbury will be taking part in a big Charity Dance Extravaganza, the proceeds of which will go to the Children's Cancer Ward at Addenbrookes Hospital.

There will be two performances at Burwell Village College on Saturday July 7th at 2.30pm and 7.30pm. The show, as the name suggests will have a 'Broadway' theme to it with music from Musicals such as West Side Story, Guys & Dolls, South Pacific, The Wizard of Oz, and Starlight Express, as well as Classical Ballet, Tap and National dances.

Tickets will be available from June 20th from Jane Newbury 01223 812154. Price, which includes refreshments – Adults £8.00 Primary school children £5.00.

Do please come along and support the dancers and hopefully our donation may make a difference to the seriously ill children who are undergoing treatment in Addenbrookes Hospital.

Dates for Your Diary June 2012

Thu	7	Jubilee Bells, 6.30, St Cyriac's
Sun	10	Crier Copy Deadline
Wed	13	(to Saturday) Iolanthe, 7.30pm, Downing Farm, Bulbeck, Sat Matinee, 2.30pm
Sat	16	Midsummer Party, 11-5pm, St Cyriac's Church
Sun	17	Midsummer Party, 11-5pm, St Cyriac's Church
Tue	19	Affordable Housing Meeting, 7.30pm, VH Mobile Library, Cage Hill 2.45-3.15pm Chapel 3.20pm-4.00pm 3rd Tues
Sat	23	VG Coach Trip to East Ruston , 12 noon
Sun	1	Strawberry Teas, 3-5pm, Commissioner's Farm

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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