



# The Swaffham Crier

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## Editorial

A VERY BIG WELCOME to our new Vicar Sue Giles and her family. Sue gave her very first service in Swaffham Prior last week (see her first contribution to the Crier on page 34), and particularly enjoyed the family-

service children's play. These highly entertaining and frequently satirical playlets (if you've never seen them, do come) are produced by Dee Noyes every month with less than one hour rehearsal time and showcase some very impressive budding juvenile village talent. As indeed does our *Cover Picture* this month. Welcome to new *Crier* Cover Artist young James McCubbin from Rogers Road.

Swaffham Prior's version of the Big Society (see page 14!) features very largely in this month's issue, with Minnie Willmott's exploits in Africa, the amazing collaborative success of the Xmas shoebox effort and of course our Harvest Supper — many congratulations to hard-working organisers Fleur Routley and Sue Wade. We hope our pictures come out all right,

although we can't compete with neighbouring magazines in this respect. Yes, one reader asked how we managed to get that authentic *sepia tint*....

Meanwhile, what is happening with our public footpaths? One new resident complained that having attempted the circular Dyke Walk one way round (and failed) they then tried it the other way round, and *failed again*. This is because the diagonal bit in between had been ploughed up and the path not re-instated as it should have been. In the past, the land owners have been quite conscientious about this, so please don't forget! Down the Fen it's even worse, where the public footpath rejoining the National Trust's Yellow Brick Road (Stately-Home Gravel Path effect) to Bulbeck Lode is never *not* ploughed up.

*Caroline Matheson*

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**Cover Picture:** *Waiting for the First Frost* by James McCubbin



## Letters to the Editors



Dear Editors,

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning, 28th September 2012**

Thank you all, once again, for your wonderful generosity in helping to raise £452.30 for Macmillan. Coincidentally, just as I was about to write this letter I had a personal thank you card from 'The Head Coffee Lady' at Macmillan and I thought I would include her words as they are for all of us.

"You are wonderful! You really are. Your coffee morning raised £452.30 on the day.

"That's a fantastic amount of Macmillan time, to give people affected by cancer - and their families - some really good people in their corner. A nurse to support them through treatment. An expert at the end of the phone. A volunteer to help with the everyday things.

"Because you made time for what really matters with the World's Biggest Coffee Morning, others won't be going through cancer alone.

"With my warmest wishes and thanks for making time to get together, and help sustain others too. I hope you really enjoyed it."

I can't really add to that except to say isn't it nice that all our efforts have been recognised and THANK YOU so much for your continued support.

See you all next year - last Friday in September!

With best wishes,

***Ruth Scovil***

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Dear Editors,

### **HARVEST SUPPER**

Sue and I would like to say a really big thank you to all the wonderful cooks who made food for the Harvest Supper at the end of September. It was all really delicious and we are very grateful for your efforts. Thanks also to Mary Charlesworth for her flower arrangements, Mark Lewinski for organising and running the bar, Emma Wade-Gledhill and Charlotte Elston for washing up all the glasses and everyone who helped clear away at the end of the evening, particularly Tom Gledhill and Phil Routley. The Cyriacs, headed up by Andrew Noyes, with vocals by Helena Pumfrey, played and sang beautifully and really added to the atmosphere - thanks very much to them.

We are delighted to report that the evening made about £450 for St Mary's church and the raffle and bar made £230 for the Mara Well Appeal, thank you to all who generously donated to the fair-trade hampers.

Thank you for your support.

***Fleur Routley and Sue Wade***

*And most especially, a big thanks to Sue and Fleur for organising this hugely enjoyed event! Eds*

Dear Editors,

## **Timely Crier**

Congratulations. Adams Road had their magazine on 29th September! Keep up the good work!

*Betty and Ron Prime.*

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Dear Editors,

### **SWAFFHAM PRIOR PAROCHIAL CHARITIES**

Once again the time has come to remind anyone who considers themselves eligible for our Christmas Grant.

I would ask that you reply as soon as possible.

The majority of applicants come from our pensioners in particular those who have to manage on the state pension.

If however you are in particular need or know of someone who may be in difficulty but are unlikely to apply on their own behalf the Trustees will always be happy to consider requests for assistance.

Applications should be sent to me or to any Trustee and may I stress that assistance is available at all times not only at Christmas.

***Mrs Pam Waters Clerk to the Trustees***

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All ready to go at the Harvest Supper. St Cyriac's made a beautiful setting. And the decorations looked wonderful — see page 18 for more pictures.

## From our Reporter at the Parish Council Meeting

Before the October meeting officially opened there was a brief discussion about what is sufficiently significant to include in the official minutes. A few interesting comments were made but the result was rather inconclusive.

In his CCC report David Brown remarked there had been 26 items in the CCC September Agenda which had made it a very long and exhausting session. He selected a few items which may be of local interest. The long lease of the Burwell Day Centre is shortly coming to an end and a new valuation raises the yearly rent from £1 to £14,000. This would be the end of the Day Centre. However, with one accord, officers and the Cabinet agreed to grant a new 21 year lease at £1 per annum; it would cost considerably more for CCC to take over the caring responsibilities.



Remaining in Burwell it seems there has been a steady stream of complaints about the new lights and CCC is sorting them all out. Something for us to look forward to in due course. The last item David mentioned is that CCC has amended its rules to enable small and medium businesses to work more easily with CCC. This can only be good news.

Alan gave his report and attention was then drawn to an article in an Ely paper quoting Councillor Richard Hobbs as saying that Ely was moving one step further to getting Wheelie Bins. Alan confirmed that ECDC was applying for a £5 million grant to offset the cost of renegotiating the contract with Veolia when the current contract comes to an end in 2015. He said they would continue to have a weekly black bag collection and a fortnightly WB collection. Each house would be examined to see if it was suitable for a WB. Because of his difficult access Alan announced that he would not be having one. Peter asked what criteria would be used for deciding who had a WB. Alan said that had still to be worked out. He went on to say that because ECDC's recycling record was so poor something had to be done to avoid being charged for excessive landfill. John asked how WBs would increase the amount of recycling. Alan said it would be "a different and better process", and that they need £5 million to buy new lorries. In any case he said they first have to wait to see if ECDC gets the grant.

The PC had become a little agitated. Peter thought that ECDC should first have considered how WBs would improve the recycling rate before putting in for the money. John supported this and the question was bandied about many times without receiving any answer. Alan said he would come with the answer and more information at the next meeting. David Almond thought this was of such concern to the village that it should be an Agenda item in November. Good news it does not sound. About four years or so ago a new 'waste manager' at ECDC gave a talk at our Annual Village Assembly and he announced that he was in favour of WBs and would like to introduce them. Horror and opposition was expressed at the meeting and I don't think the general opinion has changed since then. So we will have to wait for ECDC to explain just why WBs will significantly increase the amount of recycling. Surely it is not so long ago that ECDC assured us that the black sack

collection would remain.

Janet Willmott's Community Car Scheme came up with a funding request. Steve thought it a good scheme and that £100 could be thrown into the pot. Geoffrey, who has long advocated such a service, suggested an annual donation of £250. Peter thought £250 a good start up figure and this was approved unanimously.

In her Clerk's Report, Karen raised the need in the new Code of Conduct for every member to make a Disclosable Pecuniary Interests statement so that they could be issued with a Dispensation to vote on the Precept, (and other matters?). Don't you usually get a Dispensation from his Holiness in Rome, or from some other august body. I'm not sure who is handing out this Dispensation, and wondered who thought up this little item. I suppose it shows that some him or her is doing a job. And how do we know who does not receive a Dispensation? Will they carry a black cross on their forehead? This particular little whim is being inflicted on all PC members throughout the country. I do wonder why they pick on Parish Councillors in this way. A couple of months ago I mentioned the slackness of Gordon Brown in his Commons' attendance record. Why can he get away with consistent non-attendance, especially as he gets a decent pensionable salary? If any PC member misses more than six consecutive meetings he has to resign. Even Committee Members of the St George's Club in Beirut who misses more than three consecutive meetings "shall be deemed too have resigned." What is so special about Gordon?

While on the new Code of Conduct Geoffrey said he was disappointed that only he and one other member attended the training session on the Code. Peter said they were all otherwise engaged. Geoffrey thought it was "mandatory" to attend. "Ah, no" said Peter with a certain amount of quiet enjoyment, "Did we forget to tell you that it was only strongly recommended and that we didn't have to go?" So Geoffrey tried another line and said that it had been amazingly interesting and informative and he recommended that every one should attend a session, many of which are still available. This sounded like the fellow who fell into a pond and urged all his laughing friends that they ought to join him because it was so warm and refreshing.

*Alastair Everitt*

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## MINCE PIES



Yes it will soon be that time of year again. On 2nd December at 4.00p.m. (Advent Sunday) Cambridge Voices will be singing in both churches. It is tradition that after the concert mulled wine and mince pies are served. As is customary the mince pies are kindly donated by residents of Swaffham Prior to whom we are most grateful, if you would like to provide some I should be most grateful if you would kindly let me know the number not later than Friday 30th November (2 days before the event ).

***Kate Child 01638 743983***



## *Anglesey Benefice Xmas Shoe Boxes*

A huge thank you to everyone from the Anglesey Benefice who supported our first communal Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoe Box packing day in St Cyriac's, Swaffham Prior, on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October. We completed an amazing 69 boxes on the day with a few more trickling in afterwards which was just fantastic. We were able to do a good selection of boys' and girls' boxes across the ages with all the super things we had been given and were also generously supported with donations and the proceeds from the coffee "shop" which covered the shipping costs of all the boxes. A very willing band of helpers wrapped

and filled boxes all day, served coffee and cakes and helped clear away at the end. We benefited from an unexpected coach load of visitors from one of the Cambridge Colleges who stopped by on a tour of the Fens which boosted funds too. I am de-



lighted that we know our boxes are destined for Kyrgyzstan (pronounced keer-gih-STAN), Central Asia, on the border of China. The long journey that the parcels will have to make across land via Russia, the fact that 98% of the landscape of Kyrgyzstan is mountainous and that snow renders the roads there impassable, means they will not reach their destination until February/March next year. Local co-ordinator David Collins



and his wife have visited the area and you can see some of their photos of last year's shipment by going to <https://picasaweb.google.com/110165129613565148794/OCCKyrgyzstan201>

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It was great to get folk from Bottisham, Quy, Lode, Bulbeck and Prior all coming together to make this event such a huge success, I really cannot thank you enough, there are just too many of you to name individually. On looking up various articles on line connected with the Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Appeal, I read one heading that called the gifts "Love in a Box" – and looking at the faces of the recipients in the photos what a wonderfully appropriate caption.

Looking forward to doing it all again next year.

*Janet Willmott*





## *Minnie's African Impact*

Many of you will already know me – I'm Miriam Willmott, born and brought up in Swaffham Prior, living at Adventurers Farm all my life. As part of my gap year I spent a couple of months as a volunteer in St. Lucia, a small town situated on the east coast of South Africa. I have now moved here to work with African Impact and The Happy Africa Foundation. These organisations work in close partnership to support developing communities within KwaZulu-Natal. Within the two communities we work, approximately 70-80% of the population are HIV positive. In 2009 the province of KwaZulu-Natal had the highest prevalence in South Africa of HIV at a rate of 39.5%.

When I arrived here for the first time in April I was very interested to see how the African Impact team dealt with numbers of this size and what its role was in these communities. As the weeks went on I fell in love more and more with the people and the work that I was doing. African Impact focuses on empowering and educating individuals and the communities it supports and finding sustainable solutions to the challenges that they face.

African Impact has both a Community Outreach and a Medical project. Many children or their relatives are affected by the disease which puts a strain on their everyday life. The community project involves educating children in Orphan Day Care Centres, HIV/AIDS awareness programmes, after school clubs and reading club with the aim to give each child a fun and different way of learning.

The medical outreach project involves assisting care givers in their patients own homes throughout rural villages helping with basic first aid and giving them attention they might not otherwise get. We also give HIV/AIDS support to the local community and advice on health matters through seminars and weekly support

groups in order to help build a better life for the people living there.

A typical day for a community volunteer may be teaching at a crèche in the morning then gardening with community members in the afternoon. For a medical volunteer they may be working at the local clinic in the morning helping the local nurses then visiting homes in the afternoon to check some of our many Home Based Care patients. This will



*Three young boys at the After School Club in Khula enjoying a meal that has been provided for them*





*Before and after — the new Ikanyezi Creche*

involve giving basic first aid, distributing food parcels and giving attention to people that may not otherwise receive it from anywhere else.

Now I am back in South Africa my role is to help find funds for our four focal projects. 'The Medical Project', 'Educational Support Programme', '10 Families Programme' (which focuses on nutrition and sustainable living) and the 'Inkanyezi Crèche Development Programme'. We are currently raising money for the next stage of the Inkanyezi Crèche development programme. July of this year saw the opening of the main building which used to be a simple wooden hut. The crèche caters for 30 children and the old building was barely big enough to fit them all in. The new building is a spacious, clean and welcoming facility but it is by no means finished. The next stage will be adding a kitchen for the staff so they can prepare the children's breakfast and lunches, also a room for the babies will be built. At the moment the learners share a room with the babies meaning that they are easily disrupted and don't always have the full attention of the teachers. This crèche is an amazing place and like many other crèches in this area it is not funded by the government meaning our help is greatly appreciated. In the Zulu language Inkanyezi means Star and I think it is important that the staff at this crèche know they are Inkanyezi and that there are people out there who want to support them for the great work they are doing.



*Members of the Zikhale family who are part of the "10 Families Nutrition Programme"*

African Impact and The Happy Africa Foundation are always looking for donations for these projects and anything that is given is always greatly appreciated. If you would like to get involved please visit [www.thehappyafricafoundation.org](http://www.thehappyafricafoundation.org) and go to the page 'How Can You Help' this will then direct you to the different African Impact projects and of course the St.Lucia pages. From here you can choose which project you would like to donate to, currently Inkanyezi Crèche is in desperate need of funds.

If you have any questions or would simply like to know more about the projects and the work that we do please don't hesitate to get in contact at [info@africanimpact.com](mailto:info@africanimpact.com).

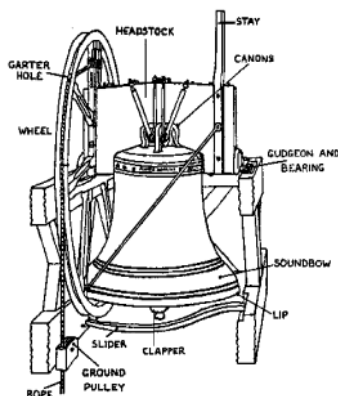
I do hope that you will become involved in our programmes as every single contribution makes a difference.

Thank You

**Miriam Willmott**

# LET THE BELLS RING OUT

Church bells are tuned but, unlike handbells which are often used to ring melodies, church bells are rung in sequences that start with the lightest and highest sounding bell, the treble, progressing to the heaviest and deepest sounding bell, the tenor. This is called “*rounds*” and all ringing normally starts and ends in rounds. The sequence is then changed either by the “*Ringling Master*” calling a pair of bells to swap their position in the sequence, known as “*call changes*”, or by all the ringers memorising the course taken by their own bell by following a specific order called a “*method*”. There are numerous methods to learn with varying levels of complexity and for different numbers of bells. Rather like the scientific system for naming plants giving a clue to their family, shape, colour etc, methods are given names with two or three parts to them to signify the structure of the method and the number of bells ringing the method. The first part is often a place name (Glasgow Surprise Major for instance) but can also be people’s names (Stedman Doubles for example after Fabian Stedman, a notable bell ringer in the 1700s who published the first book on change ringing) or a name may just be plain quirky (such as Reverse Bob Minimus).



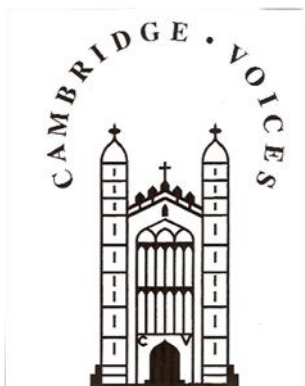
On Saturday 3 November from 2 to 3.30pm, we are welcoming ringers from the Ely District to practise a variety of five and six bell methods on St Cyriac’s six beautiful sounding bells. The Glasgow Surprise Major mentioned earlier by the way is one you definitely won’t hear though. Not only is it an exceedingly complicated method, making it fiendishly tricky to ring, it also requires eight bells!

While method ringing predominates in England, ringers in the county of Devon are famous for their skills in call change ringing and on Sunday 2 December at 9.45am we are very fortunate in having an expert band from Devon coming to put the bells through their paces which should be an absolute treat. At St Cyriac’s we are unable to teach newcomers to bell ringing but if you are interested in finding out more about this absorbing hobby, pop along to the Wednesday practice night at Swaffham Bulbeck between 7.30pm and 9pm. Lesley Boyle, the Tower Captain, is a very experienced, friendly teacher with great patience and enthusiasm. Ringers of the Bulbeck and Bottisham bands are extremely supportive and tend to ring here as well at their own towers so why not join them and give it a go?

If you wish for further information on taking up bell ringing locally please contact either Geoff Reed, Swaffham Bulbeck Tower Secretary, on 01223 811777 or myself on 01638 745247.

***Sharyn Robinson***

***Tower Secretary to Swaffham Prior Bell Ringers***



# *Advent by Candlelight*

Concert presented by

***Cambridge Voices***

**in the two churches of Swaffham Prior  
4.00 – 6.00pm, Sunday December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012**

**Tickets (all £8) only available on the door.**

**All profit goes to the locally-based charity *Emmaus***

This year's annual *Advent by Candlelight* village concert, the principal event that initiates Advent, the harbinger of Christmas, will prove to be rather special,

for this year is not only the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II's Accession to the throne and Head of the Church of England, but it also encompasses the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of *Cambridge Voices*, one of Britain's finest and most innovative choirs. Accordingly, this year's Advent concert features many pieces of music that are closely aligned to these two events.

The underlying theme for the concert is *God is love*, and therefore much of the concert will be devoted to the ground-breaking cycle of pieces for solo cello & choir which the Swiss composer Carl Rütti wrote for *Cambridge Voices* and Cambridge-based cellist Veronica Henderson several years back, and was in fact recorded in St Cyriac and St Julitta's Church, Swaffham Prior, before then



Carl Rütti

taking the work on tour across Europe, to great acclaim. Some of you may have recently heard an extensive feature on this very piece of music, presented by Aled Jones and the composer, on *The Choir* programme one Sunday afternoon on BBC's Radio 3. This series of songs brilliantly display the great variety of emotional resources that become available with the symbiotic combination of solo cello and 16 solo voices. Interspersed among these songs will be sacred and secular readings taken not only from the bible, but also from leading poets and authors, which this year will include Shakespeare, Keats and Edwin Muir, the latter having been a resident of this very village in the mid 20<sup>th</sup>-century.

There will also be a sequence of music and readings in honour of Queen Elizabeth II, including *Cambridge Voices'* exclusive version of the most popular pieces of music to have been written in her honour, Ronald Binge's ever-tuneful *Elizabethan Serenade*. What is curious about this lovely piece of music is that it was written in 1951, a whole year before Elizabeth II's father had died! It was first performed by the *Mantovani Orchestra*, when its title was the rather anodyne-

sounding *Andante Cantabile*. But the composer's manuscript has a more intriguing appellation, that of *Man in the Street*, and it's thought that the music had been commissioned by the BBC as the title track for a putative television documentary that was never completed. Following the death of King George VI in February 1952, the composer hastily re-titled the work, thereby getting himself onto the royal bandwagon that eventually led to him receiving very handsome royalties indeed!

The concert will begin in St Mary's Church at 4.00pm, and the church will be sensitively lit, as always, by candlelight. Three-quarters of the way through the concert, everyone will then migrate to the other church where there will be a 20-minute epilogue, principally in darkness, with more intimate music and words that focus our minds towards Christmas. Do bring along warm clothing for this part of the concert, as there is no permanent heating in the second church, except for in the toilet! After the concert, mulled wine and mince pie - always so generously prepared by members of the village - will be festively proffered, back in the warmth of the first church, when there will also be the chance to talk to the cellist, the choir and their director, and hopefully to the newly-appointed vicar of the parish, too.

Notes by Ian de Massini, Founder and Director of *Cambridge Voices*.

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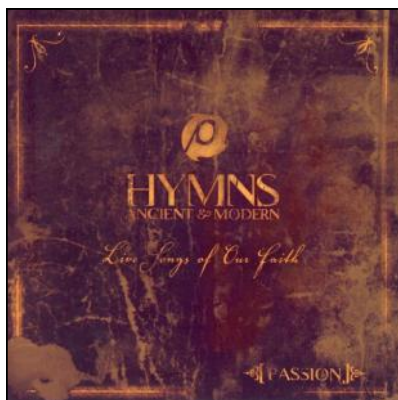






Big Society in operation: packing Xmas boxes at St Cyriacs





# Hymns and Things

Whatever our churchgoing habits (or none), most people at some time attend weddings, baptisms, funerals or Christmas or Easter services and are more or less conversant with some of the best known hymns and their tunes.

I am always curious to see, if the hymn book prints it, the name and dates of the author, or in some cases the translator, of what I am about to sing. And when I search for details on Google I

am often amazed at the tortuous path that has led to its creation.

This month's hymns included "Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy", which I remember well (and loved to sing) at school. The author was given as Jan Struther. "Interesting" I thought, "probably a Dutch protestant".

Well, no. Jan Struther is the pseudonym of J(oyce) Anstruther, 1901-1953, whose married name was Joyce Maxtone Grahame. She was best known for her creation of the character Mrs Miniver about whom she wrote a regular column in *The Times* at the request of Peter Fleming, who asked her for the Diary of a woman "rather like yourself". She also wrote hymns for children, of which this was one.

The next question is always (how the mind rambles when singing) who wrote the tune? In this case Google tells me the melody is called "Slane", named after a hill about ten miles from Tara in County Meath, Ireland. In ancient times Tara was the political, religious and cultural capital of Ireland and the site of a tussle between St Patrick and the established druidical faith.

In 443 AD the Irish king Logaire of Tara, ordered that no fires should be lit at the Spring Festival until he himself lit one to open the pagan celebrations on Tara hill. St Patrick defied him by lighting a Pascal candle on Easter Eve on Slane hill.

The tune (one of the great Irish folksongs "The Banks of the Bann") was first matched with a different hymn ("Be thou my vision") in the Irish church hymnal of 1919. This hymn had originally been written in Old Irish in about the 6<sup>th</sup> century AD. It was translated in 1912 by Eleanor Henrietta Hull who, although she was born and died in England, belonged to a County Down family and was passionate about Gaelic language and culture.

All of which takes us a long, meandering way from the English Hymnal in Swaffham Prior church. It is in any case being replaced by an orange-bound inter-loper called "Complete Anglican Hymns Old and New". Not so much is old but quite a lot is new and I don't know the tunes. Help!

**EMW**

## **News from Bottisham Patients' Group**

The Group had its committee meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> September to put the finishing touches to some activities for the short term and to plan for some more in the spring. At Little Wilbraham village fête last month our stall raised £43.00 for church funds and we were pleased to discover that most people we met read these articles! We responded to Cambridgeshire County Council's consultation on its Health and Wellbeing Strategy under the new NHS arrangements. The local authority has broadly the right ideas about what services we need but there is considerable uncertainty about how these will be provided or funded. Every two months we attend the Cam Health Patient Forum meetings which provide an opportunity for keeping up to date with local changes and exchanging ideas with other patients' groups for constructive activities. We are trying to make some headway on lobbying the NHS for improvements in the provision of maternity services in the Cambridge area and will soon be consulting new parents about their satisfaction levels with the current system. The Patients' Group and its involvement in the Patient Forum are effective conduits for influencing which services our GP practices decide to commission. Last month we made a strong case for funding materials for the self-management programmes for patients with diabetes and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

### **Walking Group**

The first walk was on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October, starting from Bottisham Surgery at 11.00 am. It was a thirty minute walk without climbing boots or trekking poles – just comfortable walking shoes! Ideas were exchanged for future walks so look out for more details on our notice board in the surgery.

### **Future plans**

We are well on the way to setting up a support group for patients who are carers. The first meeting will be a coffee morning at Downing Court Community Room in mid-November. Those carers known to the Practice should have received an invitation by now and others are very welcome, so look out for more publicity about this. We have secured the help of Crossroads Carers (who have the County Council's contract for carers' support) to ensure that there will be a programme of activities which carers want, as well as useful information sessions.

We plan to hold a Health Fair in May next year – on a lovely sunny Saturday! There will be entertaining activities for children and adults, as well as stalls to provide information and advice about health and welfare matters. If you have a particular topic that you'd like to have covered do get in touch by contacting us through [www.bottishammedicalpractice.nhs.uk/ppg.aspx](http://www.bottishammedicalpractice.nhs.uk/ppg.aspx), or Reception at the Practice.

### **Update from the Practice**

The new doctors are settling in well. There are two additional lines on the phone system which are helping to cut down waiting times for answering. After one or two hiccups the new online ordering system for repeat prescriptions is up and running. Don't forget to ask for your password at Reception if you want to use it. By the time you read this the Flu Clinics will be doing steady business so if you haven't booked your appointment yet, phone 01223 810030. At the time of writing, the Practice has a good supply of vaccine in spite of press reports about shortages.

***Bottisham Patients' Group Committee***

## **Do your bit to bring better broadband for all**

Have you registered for the Connecting Cambridgeshire campaign to bring better broadband access for everyone across the county?

Time is running out and we need as many people as possible to register before December 2012, when a supplier will be selected and planning for the big broadband rollout begins.

It only takes a minute to go online at [www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk](http://www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk) or fill in a Freepost reply form in the leaflet at your local library or council offices.

All we need is your postcode and a landline phone number, and whether you are a home or business user – and we will only use this information for the campaign.

The more registrations we get, the more likely we are to get the investment needed to install better broadband connections for all (2 Mbps minimum) with superfast speeds (25mbps minimum) for at least 90% of premises by 2015.

Latest figures show that over 18,000 homes and businesses across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough have already registered their demand for better broadband making our campaign one of the fastest growing in the country.

Much of the support is being generated through the fantastic efforts of more than 80 Broadband Champions, who are busy promoting the campaign locally through leaflets, posters, events, and community websites.

Many parish councils and local councillors are also backing the campaign because good broadband connections are vital for our businesses and communities to thrive, particularly in rural areas, with benefits for health and education too.

So, why not do your bit so that more people can benefit from better broadband?

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## **BON MOT NUMBER TWENTY SEVEN**

**"It is better to be thought a fool than to open one's mouth and remove all doubt."**

*Abraham Lincoln*

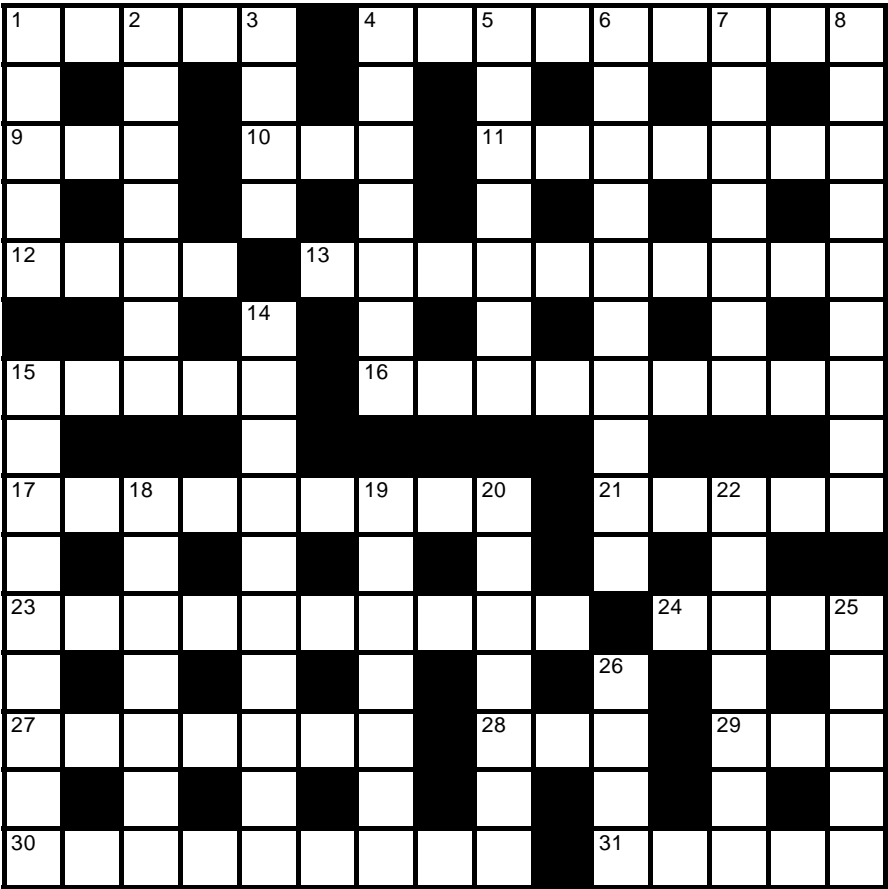
# Crossword Number 94

Compiled by

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**NIBOR**

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



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## Across

- 1 What the Queen does when it's wet, we hear (5)
- 4 Dire scene erupting in house (9)
- 9 Small seed caught in windpipe (3)
- 10 French bed set on fire (3)
- 11 Vicar is exactly right? Come again (7)
- 12 Cross about entry (4)
- 13 Can't find a man who may be Blessed from Northern Spain (10)
- 15 Gum might upset 1 across (5)
- 16 Short lived but somehow ample here (9)
- 17 C'mon out as mad spaceman (9)
- 21 Pixies go in to label vessels (5)
- 23 Processions for a second class boulder in potholes (10)
- 24 Work for crude team leader first (4)
- 27 Crazy! Mature king makes a mistake? (7)
- 28 Initially lambs enter a meadow (3)
- 29 Stubble found in lawns (3)
- 30 A time of carefree youth; for vegetarians? (5,4)
- 31 28 in credit; it's obvious (5)
- 7 Muddled assertion, so removed, is less agreeable (7)
- 8 Hospital department has corners and mats (9)
- 14 United Nations election finds reformed two are clean (10)
- 15 Messy soccer hit rebounds (9)
- 18 Some see young Sarah around all the time (7)
- 19 A strange name with first class backing leads to bad blood (7)
- 20 William is about right for a grid (7)
- 22 Abuse 60 who died afterwards (7)
- 25 Crescent originally left unfinished near a road (5)
- 26 Powder found in metal case (4)

## Down

- 1 Fast raptors and pigeons I discovered first (5)
- 2 I'm reverent? no, irreverent! (7)
- 3 Bad mood - Consul knows it's internal (4)
- 4 Go back over ruined terrace (7)
- 5 Extend prison sentence (7)
- 6 Doctor removed bib to find warplane (4,6)

## Solution to crossword no. 93

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

## School News

During the last week of September we welcomed the 'Life Bus' to school and the children were given the opportunity to find out about and discuss a range of topics, including the body, being healthy and feelings. On board the bus, the children met Harold Giraffe and saw a body that lit up when touched!



The Harvest celebration was held at St Mary's Church at the beginning of October and Mr Simon Goddard led the service for us. He tested our spelling by asking us to make new words using the letters in 'Harvest'. The children thought of quite a few including 'Earth', 'share' and 'starve'. He also taught us about sharing, using a magic trick. Each class presented an item, including



*Neptune Class performing 'Seasons Song'  
accompanied by boomwhackers*

a samba from Saturn Class, a 'Seasons Song' with boomwhackers from Neptune class, a rousing song and some prayers from Years 1 and 2 and a scarecrow action rhyme from reception. Many thanks to those who joined us - it was lovely to see so many celebrating in the church.

There was a sale of produce following the service and £101 was raised. The money is being donated to the village fund which is raising £2000 to create a new well for a village in Tanzania. We are grateful to Dee Noyes for telling us about the project

and hope that the target may soon be reached.

Saturn Class visited Ely Cathedral for a day of activities. They had an action packed day which started with an autograph hunt with children from other schools present on the day. This was quickly followed by a series of activities based around the period of Henry VIII and the Dissolution of the Monasteries. The children found out about how monks made stained glass and entered into singing and storytelling. After lunch, Bishop David led a special service. The children were asked to provide a decorated stone with the school's name on it which will be added to a cairn, along with stones from other church schools in Cambridgeshire. They also wrote a prayer which was given to another school. We in turn received a prayer. It was an extremely informative and very enjoyable day!

On 16<sup>th</sup> October, I had the pleasure of attending the Institution by the Bishop of Ely and the Induction by the Archdeacon of the new vicar, Reverend Susan Giles.

The children made a very glittery card to welcome her and we are looking forward to her coming into school.

As the half term break looms, we are preparing for a Pumpkin Parade and Grounds Day. Busy days ahead!

*Hannah Curtis*  
Head teacher



*Saturn Class performing a 'Harvest Samba'*

**Swaffham Bulbeck School PSA**

## **Bonfire & Firework Party**

**Friday 9th November**

**Gate opens 6pm**

**Vicarage Field (behind St Mary's Church, Swaffham Bulbeck)**

**Adults: £3 Children: £2**

**Group (1 Adult & 3 Children or 2 Adults & 2 Children): £8**

**Hot Dogs & Mulled Wine for sale**

**NO SPARKLERS PLEASE - Glow sticks for sale**



**Your children are  
your responsibility.**

**Please keep away from  
the firework display site.**

## WI Notes

The speaker at our September meeting was Janet Jeacock, a Blue Badge Tourist Guide and author of guide books on Cambridge and the Colleges. Janet gave us a very interesting slide show and talk about the Cambridge Colleges and their history together with fascinating facts not always known. We learned why Clare College bridge can never be described as finished, Why Henry V111 holds a chair leg alongside the orb in his statue, how Newton used echoes in the cloisters to work out the speed of sound. Did you know that Trinity clock strikes the hour twice, once on a low note and then on a much higher note. Lord Byron's statue is in the Wren Library although it was intended for Westminster Abbey but was declined due to his notoriety. We continued our tour round the Colleges with wonderful insights and humour that make Janet such an excellent speaker.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 19th November when we will welcome the Meldreth Handbell Ringers. 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***



## Anglesey Group Mothers' Union

At our October meeting Margaret Harrop came to talk to us about her collection of Orthodox Icons. Margaret gave us the background as to how she started to make her collection some 50 years ago whilst travelling to Greece. She explained the layout of an Orthodox Church and where the icons are situated. Margaret described the icons she had chosen to show us from her collection and passed them around for all to see closely. They came from Mainland Greece and the Islands, Turkey, Russia Georgia and Syria showing Christ, Mother of God, The Crucifixion, Archangels St Michael and Gabriel, St Catherine and St. George. Margaret explained how they are always painted on a gold background representing heaven, and the specific colour of the subjects clothing – Christ in blue robes, Mother of God in red. Margaret also brought along several of her books on icons for us to look at.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 15th November when Jenny Kartupelis will speak about the East of England Faiths Council. You are most welcome to come and join us.

***Ann Langran***



## VILLAGE GARDENERS

‘Yours and My Need for Plants’ was the thought-provoking title provided by our most recent speaker, Rob Brett. Rob’s background in horticulture began at Kew, moved to the Botanic Gardens here in Cambridge then to the Eden Project and more recently back to the Botanic Gardens where he is lucky enough to work in the architecturally award-winning Sainsbury Building which is dedicated to plant research. Rob is interested in educating the public in the wide uses of plants of all kinds and this was the basis of his talk.

Besides the obvious use of plants for food, they have been used in construction and as fuel for thousands of years. Several different plants used as biofuels are now grown, often for the production of ethanol. Plants are also used in the cosmetic and pharmaceutical industries. For centuries plants have been used in healing – aspirin from willow, digitalis from foxgloves and St John’s Wort are a few examples, as well as the Madagascan Periwinkle used in the treatment of leukaemia and Hodgkin’s Lymphoma. But harmful agents also come from plants, such as tobacco, cocaine and ricin, one of the most poisonous substances known to man. Plants also have their uses in technology – the substance in water lily leaves which makes globules of water stand on the surface has been isolated and produced synthetically for use in waterproofing materials.

Rob ended a most enlightening talk by detailing some of the work being done in the Sainsbury building. We heard that by 2050 the world population is expected to double and how will we feed ourselves? Scientists there are looking in particular at which genes are responsible for the branching of shoots and roots so that this knowledge can be applied to food crops to make them more productive. As well as using experimental plants such as Arabidopsis, much computational science is done there.

Rob’s enthusiasm for the subject and his work shone through his original and interesting talk which provided us all with a very entertaining evening.

Our next meeting will be the AGM on Tuesday 20 November at 8pm in the Village Hall.

*Mary Hart*

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## Olympic Equestrian Event

We saw Marjorie Daw

Who did not *quite* finish the course.

She didn’t win any medals

For her feet left the pedals

Just before she left the horse.

*Ophir*



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# News from Anglesey Abbey and Wicken Fen



Preparations for Anglesey Abbey's in-augural **Winter Lights Festival** are now in full swing. The Festival promises to be 'an enlightening experience' as the Winter Garden and Riverside Paths are transformed with the use of coloured lights into a Winter Wonderland complete with music, traditional entertainers and delicious seasonal fare. The Festival is being held on Saturdays and Sunday's over the first three weekends of December, from 18.00 – 21.00 each evening. Tickets (£10 adults, £7 Children or £30 for a Family Ticket) are available from the National Trust Box Office on 0844 249 1895 or online by following the links from our website [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/angleseyabbey](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/angleseyabbey)

The new two storey tree house in Hoe Fen Wildlife Discovery area was formally named on 23 October. The name chosen following a competition held over the summer was 'Lime Tree Lookout'. An exhibition of designs and prints inspired by nature around the Tree House and Hoe Fen will be on display in the Robinson Room until 4 November. The art was produced by children from the Croft Child and Family Unit, which provides intensive assessment and treatment for children with complex emotional, behavioural and social difficulties as part of a 3 year project developed in partnership with local mental health charity Arts and Minds and facilitated by Stow cum Quy based, artist and printmaker, Susie Turner. Eventually we hope to permanently display some of the art in the Tree House.

Anglesey Gardener, Rob Green, will be leading a guided walk entitled 'How we used to garden' on Thursday 15 November, at 12noon. The walk will take a nostalgic look at changes in the gardens, gardening techniques and equipment since the gardens were first created by Lord Fairhaven in the 1930's. To reserve a place on the walk, please call the Visitor Centre on 01223 810086. Spaces on the walk are free but normal admission rates apply – don't forget admission is free to National Trust members.

Up at Wicken we launch our Festive programme with a **Christmas Decorations Workshop** on Sat / Sun 17 – 18 Nov, 10am – 1pm or 2-5pm, and a **Christmas Wreath Making Workshop** on Sat 1 Dec at 10am – 12.30pm or 1.30 -4pm. Workshops cost £18 per session - pre-booking is essential on 01353 720274.

Finally, a quick reminder that the first **Vision Tidy-up Work Party** is scheduled for Sunday 4 November, 10am -1pm. If you would like to get involved in helping to clear the Vision lands of litter and redundant agricultural equipment please call Community Ranger, Lois Baker on 01353 720274 or e-mail [lois.baker@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:lois.baker@nationaltrust.org.uk)

*Howard Cooper, National Trust –Anglesey Abbey & Wicken Fen*



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## Time for tree-planting



At the Botanic Garden we are privileged to look after one of the best tree collections in the region. The towering evergreen cedars, redwoods and pines together with limes, tulip trees, walnuts and wingnuts form the backbone of the landscape. Some of our trees are the finest specimens in UK cultivation and have acquired ‘champion’ status; others are heritage trees, noteworthy for the stories they tell. Some surprise and delight, like the recent flowering of the beautiful Chinese tree, *Emmenopterys henryi*, for the first time with us after a thirty year wait! But not all of our trees are huge specimens or botanical rarities. Many of our most eye-catching trees are good options for Cambridgeshire gardens, being low maintenance and offering seasonal interest, as well as nesting sites and food sources for a whole host of animals. With the end of November, after leaf fall, being the best time to get new trees in the ground, a research visit to the Garden may be in order!

The maple family has much to offer and there are several species to choose from in our Winter Garden, including the paperbark maple, *Acer griseum*. After the vivid red and orange leaves are shed in autumn, the beautiful trunk detail comes to the fore, as papery, rich chestnut strips peel away to flutter in the breeze and seem to catch fire in the low winter sun – positioning is key. Nearby is *Acer davidii*, the snakebark maple, which displays in contrast a smooth, olive-green bark with pale green stripes and diamond shapes that give rise to the common name. One of the most spectacular trees at this time of year is the trio of *Acer palmatum* ‘Osakazuki’ in the Autumn Garden. This is probably the best Japanese maple selection for Cambridgeshire’s generally chalky soils, but still needs some shelter from cold easterly winds to prevent leaf scorch. The leaves are relatively large, seven-lobed, green but flush a deep burgundy in early autumn before turning orange-scarlet, the whole tree strung with bright magenta winged samara fruits.

The rose family also offers a vast selection of good trees for the smaller garden. Ornamental hawthorns like the *Crataegus prunifolia* var *persimilis* that dot the Systematic Beds provide lollipops of burnt orange leaf in the late autumn, festooned with scarlet fruits and often huge globes of mistletoe, while *Malus trilobata* on the Main Lawn and in the Dry Garden makes a neat pyramid-shaped tree, perfect for underplanting. This choice tree thrives in our dry climate and produces large white, cupped flowers in spring, followed by clusters of green fruits and then seems to ignite, turning burgundy and copper in the autumn.

The Botanic Garden is open all through the winter, closing at 4pm from November- January (ring for Christmas closing times). 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](http://www.botanic.cam.ac.uk)

## **Notes from Parish Council Meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> October 2012**

The meeting was chaired by John Covill with 7 Parish Councillors and 3 members of the Public in attendance.

### **Public Participation:**

General discussion.

### **Reports:**

**CCC** – Cllr David Brown reported to the meeting.

**ECDC** – Cllr Allen Alderson reported to the meeting.

### **Correspondence for Consideration/Circulation:**

**ECDC** – *Neighbourhood Panel Questionnaire*. Parish Councillors were invited to complete questionnaire as part of an annual review of Neighbourhood Panels. The Clerk was asked to circulate the questionnaire by email.

**Cambs ACRE** – *Cambridgeshire Community Transport Fund*. Details provided on CCC's fund open to charities, social enterprises and community groups including Parish Councils. Following discussion it was suggested that this might be of interest to Janet Willmott, Scheme Co-ordinator for the SP Community Car Scheme (*see item below*).

### **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:**

*Damage to water hydrant*: Paul Butcher confirmed that he was happy for the Parish Council to go ahead and organise the repairs to the footpath using Mead Construction as an approved CCC contractor. It was suggested to also ask Mead Construction to reinstate the water hydrant. All costs are to be passed to the removals firm responsible for the damage for direct payment or reimbursement to the Parish Council.

*Cutting of footpath verge, Station Road*: It was confirmed that the verges are to be cut back as part of CCC's Autumn schedule. There was some discussion about the condition of the footpath itself and it was noted that repairs are an ongoing request to CCC and subject to the availability of funding.

### **Swaffham Prior Community Car Scheme – request for funding:**

A letter was received from Janet Willmott as Scheme Co-ordinator for the SPCCS with a request for help to fund the project. Janet explained that the scheme was started up solely for the use of Swaffham Prior residents for medical appointments that they would otherwise have difficulty in getting to. Following discussion it was agreed to contribute £250 per annum towards the running costs of the scheme with this amount reviewed as the scheme develops. Everyone present congratulated Janet on her hard work and enthusiasm in setting up such a very worthwhile and needed service.

### **Recreation Ground, Station Road – concerns about parking and use:**

The Clerk confirmed that she had contacted Burwell Tigers Football Club about the parking issues previously reported. BTFC apologised and gave assurances that the problem would be looked at and appropriate measures taken.

In addition other concerns were raised such as the use of a loudspeaker

system and its proximity to neighbouring properties and visitors unable to see clearly the entrance to the ground which led to them missing the entrance and then turning, at speed, in property driveways. *Steve Kent-Phillips said he had made a sign and erected it in the verge opposite the entrance. The Clerk was asked to write to BTFC and make them aware of the additional concerns and ask that they deal with them as a matter of urgency.*

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

**Clerk's Reports:**

*Pollarding of trees on driveway to Village Hall Car Park:* This work was chased with the contractors. They apologised for the delay and gave a timescale of 2 -3 weeks.

*Footpath from Cage Hill to Coopers Green:* Following a friendly reminder to residents with gardens backing onto the footpath, the majority of the overgrown vegetation had now been cut back.

*Ditch at Lower End:* Landowner confirmed that the growth on the field side of the ditch would be tidied up over the next few months when the relevant equipment was available.

*Flytipping – Whiteway Drove:* This was reported to ECDC's Enforcement Officer.

*Cemetery Maintenance/The Pound:* Waiting to hear further from the Community Probation Team on continuing the work in the cemetery and tidying of the Pound.

*Faulty street lights – Lower End & High Street:* These were reported to Balfour Beatty.

*Russian Vine overhanging footpath on Green Head Road:* To be followed up.

**Parish Councillor's Reports:**

*Code of Conduct Training Session:* Sandra Gynn, Geoffrey Woollard and the Clerk attended. Geoffrey said this was very useful.

**Open Question Time:**

David Greenfield informed the meeting that the road sign for Green Head Road, etc., was damaged and needed repairing/replacing. *Clerk to follow up with ECDC.*

It was reported that the bin in the bus shelter was not being regularly emptied by Veolia. Steve Kent-Phillips said this was also a problem with the bin on Coopers Green. *Clerk to follow up.*

**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, 8<sup>th</sup> November 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](mailto:karen.king5@btopenworld.com)**

## RE:NEW PEOPLE #3

Here's the next instalment in our contributions from people at RE:NEW. We're an ecumenical expression of church which means that we welcome people from all sorts of Christian heritage – and from no faith background at all. Originally Baptist, we now also have links with the Church of England. This means in recent years we've had a couple of visits from the Bishop of Huntingdon, as well as benefiting by having students from Ridley Hall Theological College in Cambridge. This month's article is written by Martin Hartley who is in the middle of a two year placement with us...

*Sunny autumnal mornings are truly wonderful. What isn't so wonderful is having to drag myself out of bed when it's still dark! Each of the seasons will have its good and bad points, and I suppose so do the seasons of our lives. I find myself at the moment in a season of experiencing the joys and challenges of raising a family, and the joys and challenges of being at college in Cambridge – new things to learn, people to meet, essays to write!*

*I remember the season for nearly 30 years of my life when I lived without any faith in God... as well as very little faith in myself. The times when life seemed so empty and lonely – despite having a family around me. A time when I could see no way out of my situation, and so thought it might be better not to be here at all.*

*But I also remember the season when this all changed, and a new life started to grow inside me, bursting with purpose, meaning, opportunity and love. The time when I knocked on the door of the vicarage as a 6'2" skinhead with tattoos, crying with joy because I had felt and experienced the love of God in my life.*

*Now, 15 years later, I find myself studying to be ordained into the Church of England. I'm not a natural fit... my hair has grown (but now receding), I still have my tattoos and ride a motorbike. I still experience the good and bad things in life, and although I sometimes question the church, I never doubt God! As I walk around the village I'm reminded of the beauty of creation, and the love that God has for me. What is the next season going to bring, I wonder?*

There's space for you and your family at RE:NEW too... perhaps we'll see you soon.

***Simon Goddard***

### **Services in November**

Sun 4th November, 10.30am – RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (School)

Sun 4th November, 5.30pm – Sacred Space Contemplation (Lode Chapel)

Sun 11th November, 10.30am – RE:NEW Café and Kids Club (School)

Sun 11th November, 6.20pm – Traditional Service (Lode Chapel)

Sun 18th November, 10.30am – RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (School)

Sun 25th November, 10.30am – RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (School)

Sun 25th November, 6.20pm – Traditional Service (Great Wilbraham Chapel)

**For more information please contact:** Rev. Simon Goddard.

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## **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 14<sup>th</sup> of each month: [jun.thompson@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:jun.thompson@tiscali.co.uk), or c813362, or drop a note through 23 Longmeadow. Everything is free and nothing is expected in return. Please can you contact the offers after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month to make it a little fairer.

### **Offers**

Lloyd Loom style bedroom chair and linen basket/stool; Bicycle suitable for child of 8 - 10 years. Anne c812395

Britax Renaissance child's car seat 9kg - 18kg only used occasionally for grandchildren; NEW HP inkjet cartridges 1 x 57 tricolour 2 x 56 (2 pack) black. Teresa c811517

2 white metal stair gates. Amy 07795 975075

### **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.

## **Jolly Jingle Number Nine**

There once was a woman named Bright  
Who travelled much faster then light.  
She set out one day  
In a relative way  
And came back the previous night!

*Anonymous*



Dear Friends,

Some reflections following on from family worship at St Mary's Swaffham Prior on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October when the congregation considered the ambitions of some of Jesus' first disciples.



Ambition can sometimes be a dirty word. Whilst many people appreciate others aspirations and goals and might prefer them to have ambitions rather than to be wandering aimlessly through life that can quickly turn to mistrust if those aspirations are seen as aggressive or ambition is seen to be at the expense of others.



*Malala Yousafzai*

Malala Yousafzai is a school-girl who has ambition and aspirations. Her ambition is to be allowed to go to school and to learn. It is not a selfish ambition although clearly she enjoys and values education. It is an aspiration that she held for herself and for the other girls and young women where she lived in Pakistan. Malala wants to be able to go to school like the boys around her and she wants to have access to all the opportunities that education can bring. And her ambition to go to school was one she pursued in the face of opposition. It meant so much to her that she

was willing to speak out against a powerful and oppressive group the Taleban.

Those powerful men responded to the ambitions and aspirations of a schoolgirl by shooting her in the head at close range and leaving her for dead. That's where her ambition led her.

I believe that we need to be aware of the hopes, ambitions and aspirations of those around us. Sometimes we might want to challenge those ambitions and work to oppose them when they are harmful or abusive but sometimes we might feel it is very important to align ourselves with the aspirations of others.

I would want to support Malala and others like her who long to be given access to education. I want to stand with young people who display such courage and I would like to do whatever I can to help them. Whatever we feel about the hopes and aspirations of others, however challenging they may be to our traditions or our view of the world they are part and parcel of people and we need to hear and understand them. And when those ambitions are ones which will enrich and empower the lives of exploited people then we need to do all in our power to encourage them. No child should be faced with an assassin's bullet for wanting to go to school and improve their lives and the lives of others. I pray that Malala will make a speedy and full recovery and will be able to continue her schooling in safety. The world needs people like Malala.

*Sue Giles*

## **Services in November**

Sunday 4 November, All Saints Sunday  
Holy Communion (CW1T) – 11am

Sunday 11 November, Remembrance Sunday  
Remembrance Service – 10.50am

Sunday 18 November, second Sunday before Advent  
Holy Communion (CW1T) – 11am

Sunday 25 November, Christ the King  
Benefice Service, St James', Lode – 10am

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## **Look out for distinctive jewellery**

PEOPLE are being urged to look out for distinctive jewellery that was stolen during a burglary in Ely.

The victims discovered their home in East Fen Common had been ransacked last month.

Burglars stole a large amount of jewellery including a number of distinctive items, including:

- Gold charm bracelet with 20 charms including an Aladdin's lamp, church with a bride and groom inside, a bible containing the Lord's Prayer and a ballerina

- Gold square-faced Rotary watch

- Three gold platted flat necklace

- 18ct gold diamond cluster ring

- A spring-loaded sovereign holder with a hinged front

PC Mark Beaven, investigating, said: "Some of the jewellery is 50 years old and many of the items hold huge sentimental value to the victims.

"They are desperate for the property to be returned and I would urge anyone with any information to call police."

Anyone with any information should call PC Beaven on 101 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555111.

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## Dates for Your Diary November 2012

Wed	7	Book Club, 8pm, Kent House
Thu	8	PC Meeting, 7.30pm VH
Tue	13	Mobile Library, Cage Hill 2.45-3.15pm Chapel 3.20pm-4.00pm 3rd Tues
Wed	14	
Thu	15	Mothers' Union, Lode Chapel
Fri	16	
Sat	17	
Sun	18	<b>Crier Copy Deadline</b>
Mon	19	WI, VH, 7.30pm
Tue	20	Village Gardeners' AGM, VH, 8pm
Sun	2	Advent by Candlelight, 4pm, St Cyriac's

Club	Contact	Tel.	Date	Time	Place
FOSPS	Clare Freeman	741316	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon of Term	8pm	Village School
Baby & Toddlers	Kelly Mead	741069	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 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> Tues of month	8:00pm	Village Hall
WI	Pat Cook	742224	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon of month	7.30 pm	Village Hall
Youth Club	Alan Badcock	742228	Tues	7-8:30pm	Youth Club Hut
			Thurs	7-10:00pm	

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