



# The Swaffham Crier

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## Editorial

A big welcome to Barry and Jo, who are currently settling in as new landlord and lady of the Red Lion. If you haven't been to the Lion recently,

then give it a try, there's a lovely new outside area at the back and Jo's food is by all accounts delicious. Barry and Jo will very kindly be continuing to donate the Crier's traditional free meal crossword prize (Congratulations Bob Nunn, the only reader to vanquish the fiendish summer version!)

We were very sad to learn that one of our previous land-girls, Margaret Tattman, died



Your word is my command, O Master....

this month, and so as a tribute, we are rerunning our 2005 Crier interview—where among other things you can read all about the very many pubs the village boasted in those days—and why.

The Feast and Dog Show (see inset) were brilliant, and there was a very unexpected turn of events. Our dog does not normally win a sausage, but this year, he returned covered in glory. Step forward Verity Routley, dog-trainer *par excellence*, who took him in charge for the afternoon. So we all know where to go then...

Note our COLOUR centre spread! While we can't compete with some of the quite stunning publications now abounding in the neighbourhood, don't expect the *Crier* to take things quite lying down....

*Caroline Matheson*

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## Letters to the Editors



Dear Editors,

You may like to print the following as a warning to others.

On 31st. August I discovered that a heavy stone urn had been removed from my grand-parents grave; the urn had been in place when I last visited on 10th. June.

I have since learned that another similar object is missing from another grave.

In the unlikely event that the perpetrators have abandoned the urn elsewhere I shall be grateful if anyone knowing of its whereabouts would contact me, telephone number 01638 668170.

*G. J. Gillson.*

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Dear Editors,

### **The Swaffham Prior Book – so near yet so far!**

I am sorry to have to tell you all there has been an unavoidable delay in the production of the book. My husband's cancer is now terminal and six weeks ago he had to have his right leg amputated. He is doing reasonably well but caring for him is my responsibility and has to be my prime focus at the moment. The first twenty pages of the book came back from the printer's and they were fine, but I am unable to give my attention to adding the finishing touches, and Dave is not well enough to add the photographs; so it waits on my computer in my study.

All the documents and books I have borrowed are quite safe – also in my study – but if any of you are anxious about them please let me or Mary Cook know and I will get them back to you.

One way or another the book will see the light of day as soon as possible.

*Sylvie Short*

My telephone number: 01945 774443

Mary's number: 01638 742945

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Dear Editors,

### **Channel Swim**

I have written some letters to the Crier which you may or may not remember from my training and attempt to swim the English Channel in 2010. I would like to give you an update.

I have used the word rollercoaster every time I have written about my experience regarding my swim. Although I may have overused it I would say it is an apt description. Its a physical, mental and spiritual journey which started off being a one year project (well ten months in fact) to include training, motivation and cold water acclimatisation. It turned out to be a three year experience of life, the universe and everything. It included speaking with an inspirational heroine, Lynne Cox, a fund raiser organised by Nifty, his passing away and funeral (I cannot and do not have the right to describe that - other than to say hope you are in a wonderful place looking down :-), the birth of my little Nephew, relationship trauma, relationship highs -

thank you Gemma, training for the Channel, failing to swim the Channel, being given another chance and four months to concentrate on swimming the Channel. More than I can fit in...the swim itself is the thought process of much of this as can fit in to one day whilst constantly swimming.

So with the help of my crew, Helen, Gemma, Tindi and Gary, the guidance of the Pilot, my Mum and Dad, Howard Katie and Callum, family, friends, the community that I come from; on the 13th August 2012 I swam the English Channel in 14 hours and 19 minutes. I landed on French soil and achieved my lifelong dream. I deliberately did not promote the swim beforehand this time as I wanted to do the swim and concentrate solely on that, as much as possible. I am looking to raise money for two very worthy causes, one is magpas, who helped to save my life when I was a baby, and Macmillan who helped a friend and his family when they needed it, 50/50. Thank you for all donations on the previous swim, we managed to raise £2646 which equates to more than enough for four emergency call outs. You have helped to save lives in this region, thank you again. If you would like to donate and are able to then there will be collection boxes in Lode P.O., Lode Social Club and the White Swan in Quay. If you would like a collection box somewhere else please let me know. There is also an online donations page; <http://www.goldengiving.com/fundraising/lloydschannelswim2012>  
Thanks again for your support.

*Lloyd Clarke*

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**VILLAGE GARDENS**  
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Mary Hart 741681



## From our Reporter at the Parish Council Meeting

It was a full house apart from the Clerk and our two external councillors who were missing. Steve acted as Clerk, and everything rattled along. They swept through the Agenda with fairly brief and effective discussions. Under 'Correspondence' they queried a document with the intriguing title "Community Right to Challenge Protocol". What did this mean? is it a Challenge Protocol? or just a Protocol to Challenge? Paul thought he knew and would try to explain, but as the explanation progressed eyes appeared to glaze over, and everyone seemed to be still in the dark. It was concluded that "very few may read" the document, "so it mattered not". But it does matter and everyone is encouraged to go the ECDC website and scan/read the document. It is very revealing and part of the Localism Act which was supposed to pass power to the people. A reader of the *Guardian* has drawn my attention to a piece of similar obscurity and you can read this on page 6.



At the August meeting the PC had approved the New Code of Conduct and later in the year they will all go off for a day's training in the hope they will understand it. They accepted that it is not unreasonable for a code of conduct to exist, and here we have a group of intelligent people with the highest integrity, doing its best for the community – for free. In stark contrast are some of our MPs. The claimed expenses for 2011-12 is almost as great as it was before the expenses scandal and exposure in 2009. Gordon Brown received £127,197 in expenses and staffing costs, and he claimed £13, 458 in travelling costs, despite speaking in Parliament only three times since the 2010 election..

What an example, and how disheartening for all councils, following the promise of bottom up decisions, to be told by Eric Pickles that local authorities slow in approving developments or making the wrong decisions, could be stripped of responsibility for planning, which would be passed to a "Planning Inspectorate". What sort of society are we living in?

Let's return to the nuts and bolts of local decision making. The Village Hall pathway has been improved and quotes have come in for pollarding the tress. Geoffrey thought they should use the local firm whose quote was nearly £1,000. This gave Geoffrey the chance to again raise his wish to cut down the trees in question. He was in full flight when David Almond interrupted to remind him that it had all been discussed and voted on at the last meeting, and let's make a decision on the quote. The decision was to accept the other quote for £580, which would cover the next six years. Good value they thought.

Simon Long removals, while moving the Phillips just twenty yards, managed to knock down the street water hydrant which is "a feature of this village". There was a lengthy discussion whether the hydrants actually belonged to the village. This has been common knowledge and accepted for the last twenty five years, but Paul has set the Clerk the task of trawling the records to find out just when the Village actually adopted them. She'll enjoy that when she returns from holiday.

It was just 8.20 when we reached ‘Open Question Time’. This is far too early I said to David Greenfield, sitting in the public gallery with me. We can’t have the PC leaving before Sharon Heaps’ wonderful Slimming World, so we proceeded to fill the space with questions. David raised one which took up a little time. I asked for clarification on one point, explaining that I was always concerned to be accurate in my reports. I must say that the guffaws which followed this statement were quite hurtful. About four months ago there was a serious challenge to one report, but it subsequently turned out that I had reported accurately. At the August meeting, **in the open air outside the Village Hall**, one member raised a very forceful and voluble challenge to some facts in my July report.

And here I confess I did get something wrong and had genuinely misunderstood the point being made in a long and involved tirade against the National Trust. So let me try to set things right. 1) It is not John Hughes who “would have been put in jail during the Second World War.” 2) It would have been other people, I know not who. 3) They would have been put in jail, for I know not what. As our Archbishop of Canterbury says, I think that makes everything quite clear.

But we still had time to fill. So why not spend it on a chestnut which has been rumbling around for the last few months. This is the condition of FP11 which runs from Station Road, across a meadow and then behind the school to the Village Hall car park.

This turned out to be a very rich topic with many people throwing in their opinion. Of course we are very lucky in having such a good footpath representative but in the case of FP11 he has been caught between the landowner (no-one uses it) and CCC (it’s not on our list for cutting). Next year Peter Hart hopes it will be on the CCC list for cutting and meantime it fend for itself, though at the August meeting Peter was able to report that the footpath “had been made more walkable”. By this he meant that the gap in the hedge from Station Road and the Kissing Gate had been cleared. Meantime the grass had grown to over 18 inches high.

That’s a bit of background before the comments. “If people walked it the grass wouldn’t be so high”; “I took my granddaughter on that walk but when I reached the long grass I had to turn back”; “If you are in the country you must expect a bit of grass”; “Last winter I walked across a newly ploughed field and grew by almost a foot with the mud on my boots”; “CCC has no money, so tough”. There were far more comments than this but Steve, anxious to continue his welcome to the new landlord of The Red Lion, wrapped it up by saying “Look, it’s a meadow exactly the same as an agricultural field”. It was let go at that as we had reached 8.45, but Steve was not quite correct because a farmer has 14 Days from the date of ploughing to flatten out the footpath.

But that did not end the meeting because Geoffrey, who had kept out of the footpath debate, asked the acting Clerk to record in the minutes that he had broken the gents’ loo door so it could not be opened. On the way out we examined it, and he was quite right. We also checked the disabled loo and he’d also been there. The disabled helping aid had been wrenched off the wall. Whatever next!.

*Alastair Everitt*

## ***A DIRECTOR OF INSIGHT WANTED***

Simon Hoggart in the *Guardian* drew attention to an NHS advertisement for a **Director of Insight** at over £100,000 a year,. Appreciating some readers may not know what this is he explains as follows.

“World class leader in customer insight sought to develop and implement leading edge and comprehensive insight strategies for the NHS to support the improvement in quality and services for patients. You will educate and inspire your peers in to the value of insight in enabling all business-critical decision making to be truly grounded on patient and public voice and evidence.”

# QUIZ NIGHT

**Swaffham Prior Village Hall**

**7.30 pm ♣ Saturday**

**20th October 2012**

**Tickets: £6 each ♣ To book a table contact**

**Jenny Brand ☎ (01638) 742161**

or

**Lynne Rand ☎ (01638) 741960**

**Jacket Potato Supper ♣ Raffle**

**Bring your own drinks and glasses**

**Proceeds in aid of St Mary's Church, Swaffham Prior**



## CLASSIC BUSKERS

St Mary's Church,

Friday 2nd November, 7.30pm

£14, £12 concessions, £32 family ticket

The Classic Buskers, Ian de Massini and Michael Copley, and Neil Henry have created a brand new show in which the Buskers' wit and musical virtuosity on over forty instruments is combined with the often unbelievable tricks and illusions of one of Britain's best-known magicians.

Flutes may disappear and appear as something else, accordions (and players!) levitate, musical scores torn to shreds may be miraculously reconstituted. To say any more would give the game away.... Come and discover this spectacularly funny and hugely entertaining show, suitable for all ages.

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**BALDWIN MANOR, SWAFFHAM PRIOR**

**Wednesday 24th October 2012 10.30 – 12.30.**

*Bring something and buy on our stall for Home Produce and Plants*

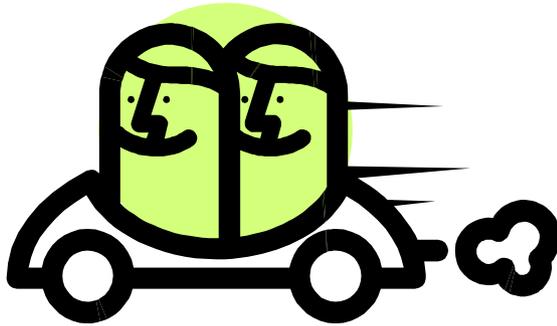
*Pretty Clothes and Accessories by **Leopardi**, stalls ideal for presents,*

*Raffle, Christmas Cards*

**Entry:** by donation to include coffee and biscuits

# Swaffham Prior Community Car Scheme

(SPCCS)



**07900 351742**

Ring 9am-6pm, Monday to Friday, preferably  
with 48 hours notice

[spccs@adventurersfarm.co.uk](mailto:spccs@adventurersfarm.co.uk)

A voluntary car service for residents of  
Swaffham Prior for all essential medical  
appointments

## ***What is the Community Car Scheme?***

A community car scheme provides door-to-door transport for people who do not have the use of a car and are unable to use conventional public transport. Passengers contribute 30p a mile to the cost of the journey, which is also subsidised by local sponsorship.

Journeys are arranged through the scheme's co-ordinator. The lifts are provided by volunteers using their own cars and they are insured to do this. These drivers support the community by giving their time and we are very grateful to them.

### ***Who can use this service?***

Any resident of Swaffham Prior who is unable to travel by any other means can ask to use this service. All journeys are subject to the availability of drivers and at the discretion of the co-ordinator.

#### **What type of journey can you make?**

All essential journeys for medical appointments are covered.

#### **How much does it cost?**

Passengers pay the driver, in cash, on the day of travel, to contribute towards fuel expenses. The driver also gets a subsidy per mile from a fund supported by local donations.

Mileage is calculated from the driver's home and back at a rate of:

***30p per mile, with a minimum charge of £2.00 on all journeys***

The passenger will also be required to pay for any car park charges incurred on their trip.

The Scheme co-ordinator can be contacted on **07900 351742**.

Please give as much notice as you can, preferably 48 hours, so that the co-ordinator has time to find a volunteer driver who is free.

If possible please phone between 9am and 6pm Monday to Friday. If no one answers please leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

*Please note: The Scheme and its Volunteers cannot take any responsibility or accept liability for any mishaps that may occur whilst on SPCCS journeys.*

## **BON MOT NUMBER TWENTY SIX**

**“There's nothing like the sight of an old enemy  
down on his luck.”**

*Euripides*

## Margaret Tattman — Part I

*Margaret Tattman was one of the last two of the Land Army girls still living in the village when this Crier interview was taken with her in October 2005 by Mark Lewinski.. She died this month.*

When I left home I were seventeen. That was it. I came here, New year's Day 1945, there were twelve of us came: thought I'd come to – Oh God, I wished I'd gone to munitions now, at least I'd have gone home! Got there and I remember us tea was a bit of spam and half a tomato and a bit of lettuce and a bit of bread and butter and that was us tea, and we'd been coming all day from Chesterfield and we didn't come direct - we'd had nothing to eat! We was too excited in us uniform. They were hand-made, they were beautiful. (Margaret has a framed photo of herself in uniform) I look at that with many regrets – see, we had some Italian prisoners of war lived down Station Road in a wooden hut, about thirty of 'em, and they used to make spitfires out of a penny. That spitfire is on the lapel of my jacket. How I regret not looking after it. Fantastic, making a spitfire out of a big old penny.

When I left school at 14 I went into bespoke tailoring – which my mother went and got, and took me the first morning I went to work, much to my disgust: but you did as you were told, even when you were 14. But I didn't like it. A penny farthing an hour! I worked from 8 till 6 at 14...like something out of Dickens...The boss that always seem to be looking over his glasses at you...I became a buttonhole machinist but I kept putting buttonholes in t'wrong place so..I went to Robinson's, big factory in Chesterfield. My friend went in t'weaving shed and I went into the antiseptic department, we did all the pink lint and aquaflavin for the Navy. We used to put little notes in – but we never did get a response! Then last year of t'war I was informed I'd either got to go in munitions or Land Army..I wanted to fly me wings a bit, never been allowed to flutter your wings a bit, y'know, freedom, so I thought, here's your chance..Never been out of Chesterfield...there'd been six years of war, there were no lights, and you were protected...cause the paratroops were stationed in Hardwick Hall – well, I could see that through my bedroom window, but when they kept bringing more dirt out of the pits, it blocked the view...Pit me dad worked at was Hardwick pit.

My dad were a miner from when he were about thirteen. Went down with his dad. Used to look after ponies. People used to think they were treated badly but they weren't. All right, maybe people in this area would think, pulling tubs of coal - but horses used to pull a beer, and a ton of coal I mean...that's how we used to have all our coal delivered! They used to fetch them up on a weekend. We always run home on a Friday night, watch them as they brought them up. Men used to fetch the canaries home too – they'd all be in a row, like Coronation Street, all these canaries in cages, hung on a nail on t'hook.

When I was a kid, I always dreaded seeing t'ambulance outside door when I went home and it was there one day – he'd had his hand smashed with two tubs of coal run away, smashed his hand – no compensation, nothing, in them days.

I would have thought my dad, being what he'd been through in the General

Strike, he would have been red hot Labour but he wrote a book, which we found, but he didn't finish it because he went blind - *Looking Back* - from being a little boy, going to school with a satchel and a slate on his shoulder. And he had no political views whatsoever. He's not here now, so I can't ask him why he hadn't got any political views. I don't know.

Me mam didn't come to see me off. Only me dad, come out of pit. Me mam didn't want to know. I wasn't contributing hardly anything to the house, which shouldn't be expected, not when you earn that little. I never remember my mam kissing me, and if you tried to kiss her, she'd turn away..she was the youngest of thirteen, and her mother died when she was twelve...so we've tried to look back and think, did it stem from then? She went in service in Nottingham when she was thirteen, so maybe she was a very bitter lady. She wouldn't sit and talk to you like my daughter, cause my son in law says, oh, not you two again at it - Ann says, if I don't ask when me mam's here, I won't know! Same as my other sister, her young man, they were a family that always stood on market, with fruit and veg. Nothing wrong with that, they were earning a living, but he used to what we'd call hawk - he'd come with a van, and as soon as me mother heard heard him come up jenal - you know what a jenal is? There were so many houses, then a passageway, and they called it a jenal. Soon as me mam heard Stan, she'd go in and shut t'door. It was beneath our mother for Mavis to marry someone that stood on market. She got pregnant and she left home, and I got pregnant, so there was all this fuss Mavis being only nineteen and I was twenty. We didn't want that. And our other sister, Lorna, she lived with me mam and dad for a while. Her husband worked down t'mine, a pit rescuer and electrician. They went to live in another mining village, Doe Lea, about ten minutes away. Well, it had a reputation. It was in a hole and all the houses went up the hill in rows. Well, of course it were dirty - where I lived it were dirty. Couldn't be any other wi't mines, could it? But my mother was disgusted that our Lorna was going to live at Doe Lea.

Everywhere round us was filthy, it was only our mothers that kept it clean, rubbing stone steps, and do all the grates round wi't donkey-stone, off rag and bone man. They all wore apron made out of a sack when they were doing steps and grates. You could have eaten out of 'em. She'd had a hard life, but we couldn't help that though.

My dad always had a greenhouse with chrysanths, cause miners always grew chrysanths. Didn't bother about growing anything to eat, as long as they'd got the chrysanths. He'd put his arms round me and he'd say, You're best of t'lot, lass. That's what he'd always say to me. Somebody'd put some new windows in and he'd take the glass and made a greehouse, grew tomatoes. He smoked and I smoked, and I put this cigarette out, so I thought, but I hadn't and there was this old sack beneath the bench (he had a coal fire, so we had tomatoes at Christmas!) and the fumes from the sack killed all his tomato plants. Used to call 'em Swaffham flips, because I used to smoke a bit then put 'em out. He was a lovely man. To have all that talent, and it be wasted. I used to have a little blue card, and it was a miniature of me dad on't front with trombone. And he won about twenty-eight gold and silver medals but we

never ever saw the medals so I reckon that he must have sold them. They used to go to Belle Vue, they used to go to London, to band contests and all that. Fantastic man. But he said, he was born too soon. But he did have the pleasure of playing at the princess royal's wedding, at the 'crooked spire' in Chesterfield, the old princess royal. She was a bit staid, like old Queen Mary, the older generation. This book that he wrote, lots of people in the village have read it, the old lady at number six, she couldn't stop reading it, till two in the morning. But he never mentioned us, he never mentioned me mam. But he was blind for about four years. He just went to bed out of way. He was a proud man, a bitter man. He wasn't having people seeing him fumble about, couldn't write his music any more. So he just went to bed. He wrote a score for Burwell Band. In the band that me dad ran there were three brothers called Forbert, and he wrote a piece of music, and he called it The Forbert Brothers. After he died, one of them came to see if me mam had found it, but it was all gone. See, it could have been up in band room. They had a band room over the pub, the way they used to. And he could do the other writing, copperplate. I mean, he only went to school till he were thirteen. You either got it or you haven't. I couldn't read music at school. Wouldn't go in.

There was three girls and one boy – I was the youngest, there were nine years between. My oldest sister died last year at Doncaster, that's all was left of my maiden name, Roughton.

I didn't go to work till 1962, for Pye's in Cambridge, till 1987, when it were Philips at the end. I loved every year of it until the last two when they went like the Japanese. Flowline, you did something for a minute then passed it – bored you to tears. Much better when you made an article yourself. It wasn't progress, because there were more mistakes than there was if you made the whole set, because they knew who'd done it...all the walkie talkies the police've got – printed circuit boards, no bigger than a stamp...then came the robots, we had a robot cut the components then. I finished when it were me 60<sup>th</sup> birthday, July the 19<sup>th</sup> 1987, and then my mam died a fortnight before I retired... then I used to go cleaning, 3 shillings an hour; I used to go to Mr & Mrs Norris, I went to Bowden's the vet down here, I went for Doctor Weeks that lived in the White House. And when it were potato season, that were 19 bob a day. You were home at two o'clock, before the kiddies came home...and I used to bike to Fordham, picking flowers. They don't seem to grow the flowers now, they're all imported.

The breweries, they wouldn't spend the money in those days, on the pubs, after the war. The Rose & Crown, same as the Cock...during t'war you couldn't get in any of the pubs there was so many soldiers and air force. About 500 Belgian Air Force boys at Bottisham – of course, they all used to come because there was sixty girls, and if they wanted to go to toilet sometimes they couldn't get out of door so they used to get out of t'window...and that's when they made their business, these pubs, but after that there were nothing. There's a lot more people in this village than what there were...

Me dad said, don't do what other people do, it's weakness. But the other 59 were going so I went with them! We used to get a gallon of beer, I think, for about half a

crown, in a white jug. And that's how we..I mean, I'd never had beer in me life! That was taboo. You might get a drop of raisin wine at Christmas, at home, but me mother thought pubs were dreadful. I always remember she come to Cambridge, and she didn't like heat...she wanted to go to t'botanical gardens so I took her, with a big umbrella held over her; then we come back into town and I said, well what do you want to do? And she said can we go somewhere where it's not hot? And there used to be a reputable pub at the side of Victoria Cinema, and it was underground, you went down stairs at side of cinema. Course, when we got down there, it was a gay pub – well, my mother...! But anyway, she did stop down there and have a shandy because she was glad that she could go somewhere cool. I can't remember the name of it but it was a gay pub and I'm going back 60 year ago! I forgot the name. I bet Sid would know. Not that he used it.

Snowy was still in the Navy when I came in '45. Other lasses used to say, in't half a nice looking lad live at Rose and Crown, so when he was home on leave we used to go and have a look at him. He was engaged, but I s'pose, in the war, all that time he were away, that didn't work out. I don't care, because I had him.

If you got into trouble you wouldn't go home. Mam's'll have'em back nowadays, won't they? But if you made your bed you'd got to lie on it, you'd got to get on with it. And we'd wanted to get married: I mean Snowy wasn't a kid, he was 26, he'd done nearly 7 years in t'Navy, and she wouldn't sign t'paper. You had to have permission if you were under 21 so - I lived at Rose and Crown with my mother in law, Florence Webb – she kept t'Crown - and we waited right till last post on Friday night before we were getting married Saturday morning, and my friend's mother forged my mother's signature. It weren't me dad – me dad was much more...no. I mean, I didn't want to be pregnant at 20 – if she'd given permission – I mean, we'd nothing! – we come out of Rose and Crown and we squatted – in the cottage across the road from the pub; then we waited till Elsie, this first one here (indicates her neighbour's house) and her husband moved out of the Nook to live in the farm houses at the top of t'hill – it had been requisitioned so we knew it was going...so we got that.

*Interview with Margaret Tattman by Mark Lewinski*  
September 2005

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## BURWELL MUSIC CIRCLE

Why not come along to the Burwell Music Circle!

It is held every second Friday in the month at 7.30pm in the Burwell Day Centre.

Programmes are prepared by members and cover all aspects of music to suit all tastes.

Where else could you have an enjoyable evening at £1.50 per session, tea/coffee and biscuits included and no subscription!



# The Village Hall Waste Paper Collection

This is a reminder to those who have forgotten, and an appeal to new-comers to the Village. We are able to sell old newspapers to a firm which recycles them as horse bedding. The proceeds go to the Village Hall.

We are especially grateful to those people who keep the sheds tidy throughout the year.

There are four sheds opposite the swings on Town Close and papers should be left in the one designated. You can't miss it. Newspapers should be tied in bundles if possible and stacked neatly.

PLEASE do not put heavy, glossy magazines (such as *Country Like*) or telephone directories in the shed. It just means that we have to clear these away because the newspaper collectors leave them behind. Even supplement-type glossy magazines are best avoided.

The papers generate a real income for the benefit of the community, and the horse's love them. Thank you all.

*The Village Hall Management Committee*

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## Information @ GPs to be trialled in Ely practices

Care Network Cambridgeshire has just launched a new service called 'Information@GPs'. The service aims to give information to patients in their GP practices. The NHS is funding Care Network to provide information in 9 of the Isle of Ely Health consortium surgeries until March 2013.

Care Network's Senior Coordinator Hilary Johns said, 'We'd heard from GP's that they have found it impossible to know the vast range of voluntary and other organisations in Cambridgeshire which could be beneficial to their patients. Information@GPs, will make available information on: help in the home; transport; support groups and social clubs; keeping safe and secure, and how to get advice on finances and benefits. But we will try to help with anything - or signpost patients to people who can.' She added, 'As it's a pilot project we'll be able to see what the actual need is, but we begun receiving requests for information before the service officially started.' 'We believe that GPs, practice staff and patients will all benefit from this new service.'

The service is available now at Burwell, Haddenham, Stretham, Chatteris, Littleport, Soham, Sutton, and the two Ely surgeries once a week. An appointment can be booked with the receptionist at the patient's own surgery, or by calling one of the information officers on 07436 263347/8. Home visits are available to people who are unable to get to the surgeries.

For more information on this press release call Hilary Johns on 01954 211919.

## Burwell and District Photographic Club



Following our article in the last issue of Swaffham Crier where SLR (Single Lens Reflex) cameras were mentioned, there are of course many different types of digital camera that can be used to capture your images. You do not even need a camera, just a scanner and a computer! Most people however will find it easier to use one of the various types of digital camera. The photographs taken will usually be of good quality, subject to the light conditions and the knowledge of the user. However a far more important factor in the appearance of any photograph is the composition, which has a major influence on the way the human eye views the picture. This applies equally to photographs taken with any camera and indeed our members use many different types.

For any of you who may be interested in developing your photography further, we hold our meetings on Tuesdays 7:30-9:30pm at Lode Chapel **CB25 9EW**.

### **Forthcoming Events:**

#### **Tuesday 2 October 2012**

‘**Permajet Colour Management Presentation**’ by Ian Windebank from The Imaging Warehouse. A selection of Permajet paper will be available for purchase during the evening.

#### **Tuesday 9 October 2012**

‘**Composite Images**’ Mark Mumford FRPS will be discussing his distinctive surreal compositions to create images inspired by Dali and Bosch.

#### **Tuesday 27 November 2012**

‘Safari to the Back Garden – Nature for Beginners’ - Digital presentation by Liz and Barrie Hatten from Cambridge Camera Club.

A date for your diary next year is 12/13 October 2013, when we will be holding the **Bottisham & Burwell Photographic Club 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibition** in Burwell at the Mandeville Hall.

New members are always welcome as a guest at any meeting, paying a fee of £2:00, refunded on joining the club. The annual fees: Adult membership £30.00, Joint membership £50.00, Student £15.00. There is a weekly fee of 50p which includes refreshments. Alternatively further details can be obtained by contacting the Secretary, Daphne Hanson, Telephone: 01638 741106 or

email: [hanson943@btinternet.com](mailto:hanson943@btinternet.com).

[www.bottburpc.org](http://www.bottburpc.org) - Members gallery and further details of the club and our programme for the 2012/2013 year can be viewed.

*Barry Coles*  
Publicity Officer

# Stories for Smiles

**Read a story this half-term and change the world for children in our city.**

1 & 2 November 9.30am - 6.30pm  
Waterstones, Sidney Street, Cambridge

Join readers, writers, illustrators, and celebs for 1,080 action-packed minutes of fantasy, fun, surprise and delight in a non-stop, sponsored read-aloud marathon on behalf of local children's charity Blue Smile.

Book your slot on the read-aloud rota and find out more today on [www.bluesmileproject.org](http://www.bluesmileproject.org)

*Blue Smile is tackling the growing mental health problem amongst disadvantaged children, providing therapeutic support and mentoring in Cambridge's schools. Research increasingly shows that this early specialist intervention makes a real difference to children beginning to display problems and helps them turn their lives around.*

*A big thank you to all at booksellers Waterstones and the staff of the Cambridge Building Society for their enthusiasm and support for Blue Smile and for the Stories for Smiles read-aloud marathon.*

blue smile 

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## ***BURWELL HAPPY TOTS***

If you have a baby or children 5 years and under you'll be only too aware of the cost of clothes, toys and equipment for your little ones...

Why not save money by coming to our Second Hand Sale of high quality clothing, toys, equipment, maternity items, games and more.? You'll be surprised at the amount of great bargains to be had. The sale is run by local baby/toddler group Burwell Happy Tots and will be **on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October** from 10.30-12.00 at the Gardiner Memorial Hall, High Street, Burwell CB25 0HD. Entry to the sale is 50p which supports Burwell Happy Tots. For more information including how to be a seller, please contact Libby Lomas 07766335174 or e-mail [burwellhappytots@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:burwellhappytots@hotmail.co.uk)



*Jessica Shakeshaft*

## **Host of activities at Ely Police Station open day**

PEOPLE have the chance to look behind the scenes at Ely Police Station at an open day this weekend

Visitors can have their fingerprints taken, visit the custody block and check out the CCTV systems between 12pm and 4pm on Sunday (September 16). Officers will also be on-hand to discuss local issues and there will be representatives from the ambulance service, Neighbourhood Watch and alcohol and drugs advisory services.

There will also be a host of activities for children including a Speed Gun Challenge.. Simply turn up on the day between 12pm and 4pm.

Two Facebook pages are also being launched by police this week covering Ely and East Cambridgeshire villages.

**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.



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

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

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

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

(completed boxes will also be gratefully received).

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Yes please to:**

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

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

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

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

All items should be new

**No thank you to:**

No food: especially chocolate

No medicine or vitamins of any kind

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

No clothing other than hats gloves or scarves

No fragile items or liquids

No dangerous items, sharp objects, scissors or razors

No novels or anything of a political nature

No hand-knitted stuffed toys



## LET'S DANCE

Come and join us dancing on Saturday evenings in the Main Hall at Bot-tisham Village College. We will have music for Ballroom, Latin American and popular Sequence dancing.

Dates: 13<sup>th</sup> October, 10<sup>th</sup> November and 8<sup>th</sup> December

Time: 7.30pm to 10.30pm.

The cost is £10 per couple, which includes interval tea/coffee. You are welcome to bring along your own refreshments. There is ample parking on site.

For further information please contact: Frank and Sue Hancocks, 01638 741159

or check out our website: [www.letsdanceclub.org.uk](http://www.letsdanceclub.org.uk)

\*Let's Dance Club is a "not for profit" organisation established to provide dances for the community.

## *Phone scam warning*

PEOPLE are being warned not to fall victim of a telephone scam.

Several victims have been left hundreds of pounds out of pocket after being contacted by companies offering loans.

The caller asks for an upfront payment in the form of Ukash vouchers – an online payment.

However, these companies are fraudulent and victims will lose the transferred cash.

Community safety officer Sue Loaker said: "This is a scam, genuine loan companies will never ask for advance fees to be paid in this way.

"We would also urge people not to send these vouchers to any caller claiming to be able to sell a timeshare of holiday bonds, or to pay for items purchased from classified adverts."

For more information, visit the official site <http://www.ukash.com/uk/en/security-tips.aspx>

## **SWAFFHAM PRIOR DOG SHOW**

The annual Swaffham Prior Fun Dog Show took place this year alongside the Village Feast and Harvest Show outside the Village Hall. With six classes, there was something for everyone, culminating in the very entertaining dog fancy dress, but favourites also included biscuit catching and musical sit, to the strains of George Gershwin's Promenade Walking the Dog (many thanks to Andrew Noyes for the loan of his amplifier). The event was generously sponsored by Alan's Ark at Soham, who provided prizes for the winner and runner up in each category. Grateful thanks go to Martin and Phil Mead for stepping in at the very last moment as judges, Alastair Everitt for his wonderful compering and Josh Willmott and Helen Blair who were the officials on the day and kept everything running smoothly.

The results were as follows:

### **Class 1, Best Turned Out:**

1st: Elloise Curtis with Rollo,  
Runner Up: Fiona Kenward with Winston

### **Class 2, Best Biscuit Catcher**

1st: Verity Routley with Harry,  
Runner Up: Dee Noyes with Lucky

### **Class 3, Waggiest Tail**

1st: Dee Noyes with Lucky,  
Runner Up: Emma Andrews with Maggie

### **Class 4, Retrieve**

1st: Emma Andrews with Maggie,  
Runner Up: Verity Routley with Harry

### **Class 5, Musical Sit**

1st: Verity Routley with Harry  
(Sorry, in all the excitement,  
Runner-up not recorded!)

### **Class 6, Fancy Dress**

1st: Josh Curtis with Sasha,  
Runner Up Eloise Curtis with Rollo

The proceeds from the dog show went to St Mary's Church. A big thank you to everyone who entered and made the afternoon such fun and a success.



*Janet Willmott*



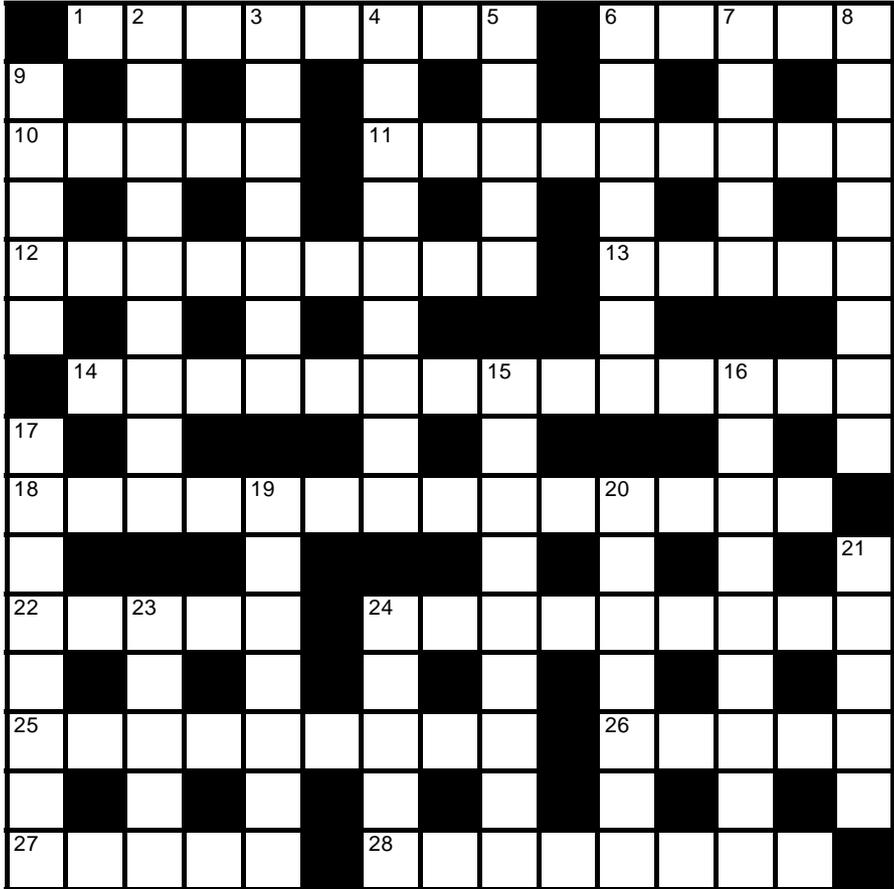
# Crossword Number 93

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**OUNCE**

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



## *News from Wicken Fen & Anglesey Abbey*

The rich colours of autumn make it one of the best times of the year to get outdoors and enjoy the British countryside – This autumn we've joined up with PruHealth to organise **The Great British Walk**, a walking festival with lots of fun and exciting walks nationwide – here's a flavour of the walks that we've got organised at Anglesey Abbey and Wicken Fen – **Adventurer's Fen Walk** – (Wicken Fen (WF) Sun 21 Oct, 10.30am £8 inc soup) – join our Vision Ranger to discover the wildlife on newer areas of the reserve £8 inc soup; **Family Fun Walk** – (WF Sat 27 – Sun 4 Nov, 10am -4.30pm) – your chance to tick off some of the 50 things to do before your 11¾; **Walk the Fens** - (Sun 28 Oct, Anglesey Abbey (AA) 10.30 am or 11.30am WF) join us for a long walk to the pub! Choose where you start from Wicken Fen or Anglesey Abbey and meet the other group halfway for lunch at the 5 Miles from Anywhere No Hurry Inn in Upware; **Pram Push** – (WF Mon 29 Oct, 10.30am) – step out with your babies and toddlers for a buggy friendly countryside walk; **A Story of Statues** – (AA Tue 30 Oct, 10.30 -4.30pm) collect a trail guide from the visitor centre and explore the story of Anglesey Abbey's magnificent garden statues; **Children's Garden Discovery Walk** (AA Wed 31 Oct & Fri 2 Nov, 11am & 2pm); **Geocache Taster Day** (WF Fri 2 Nov from 10am) Fancy having a go at geocaching-then come along to our beginners taster day; and finally the **Big Walkies** (WF Sat 3 Nov, 10am) – bring your 4 legged friend to enjoy a social walk with lots of other dogs! For other walks & events in the East of England check out our website [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/gonewalking](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/gonewalking)

Mucky Pups, our monthly themed arts and crafts activity for young pre-schoolers has resumed following the summer break – the programme for the autumn is **Mucky Pups Do .... Autumn Activities** on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October, and **Misty Magic** on Wednesday 14 November. Each session runs from 10.30 -12noon & costs £3.95.

It may seem that the children have only just returned to school following the summer holidays but we have plenty of activities for the pending half term holiday. The week kicks off with our famous **Halloween Ghost Walk** on Saturday 27 October, from 6.30pm £5.25, **Batty Halloween** – Tues 30 Oct and **Owl Prowl & Pellet Investigation** – both activities have sessions from 10.30 – 12.30 & 2-4pm £4.75.

Finally, this winter we are planning to give the Vision lands a tidy up - collecting litter and removing old agricultural machinery and debris. Thanks to some generous funding support from the Linley Shaw Foundation, Community Ranger, Lois Baker and Vision Ranger, John Hughes, are planning a series of volunteer work parties on the following dates –Sundays, 4 November, 2 December, 6 January, 3 February and 3 March from 10am -1pm. If you would like to join the big-clear up please contact Lois on 01353 720274 or e-mail [lois.baker@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:lois.baker@nationaltrust.org.uk)

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



## School News

Fresh from the excitement of the Olympics and Paralympics, the Autumn Term has arrived once more! It has been lovely to welcome the children back and hear all about their summer ventures. The reception children are settling well into school life.

Neptune and Saturn Classes have begun a topic on Space and have already spent a large proportion of their time finding out about the planets and our solar system. Children in Saturn Class have been exploring the use of powerpoint presentations to share their information with each other and produced models and posters to represent their findings. Children in Neptune class have been trying out different printing techniques and using them to represent features seen in Space. Mars Class has been learning about Matisse and creating their own versions of 'The Snail' and children in Mercury Class have been drawing and painting portraits. They practised mixing a range of skin tones and there has been some very careful colour-mixing.

The Village Show was a great success and it was a wonderful opportunity for the children at the school to design posters to advertise it. Mr Godfrey entered some vegetables grown by the Gardening Club in our vegetable garden and we were delighted to win some prizes. The carrots were highly commended, the potatoes got second and third prizes, the courgettes got a third and the marrow came first. Well done Mr Godfrey and the Gardening Club! Thank you to the organisers for a super show and the thoughtful prizes.

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September, under the direction of Lois Baker from Wicken Fen, the whole school took part in a 'Bioblitz' during which they listed and found out about different plants and animals found on our school grounds. Activities included pond dipping, bird watching, hedge sweeping for minibeasts and tree

identification. A wide range of animal life was seen, ranging from spiders and various types of beetles to newts and buzzards. We are hoping to collate all of the information and produce lists of the animal life and plant life found. These can then be added to as the year progresses. It will be interesting to see what different animals and plants we have and the changes with each season.

Next month, Saturn Class will be going to Ely Cathedral for a day of activities and we will be celebrating the Harvest. The learning journey at Swaffham Prior School has begun again!



*The Prize-winning Marrow*



***Bio-Blitz!***

***Hannah Curtis***  
Head teacher

## WI Notes

At the September meeting our speaker was Dr Carrie Herbert who gave us an excellent talk about Red Balloon Learner Centres for the recovery of bullied children of which she is the founder and chief executive. After a successful career in teaching both in the UK and Australia, Carrie studied for a PhD in Cambridge on sexual harassment and went on to set up a very successful consultancy offering training to companies on how to handle sexual harassment in the workplace. She was then asked to lecture in schools on bullying and through this discovered there was no support at all in this country for the victims of severe bullying who had been forced to drop out of school. The hopelessness of this situation resulted in Carrie setting up the first learner centre in Cambridge in her own home providing one to one teaching and therapy where required in a safe environment. The model was very successful and there are now 6 centres with 5 more in the pipe line and also Red Balloon of the Air for those children who cannot reach a centre. 95% of those children who stay longer than 6 weeks with Red Balloon return to mainstream school, go on to college, further education or into employment. Dr Herbert is a very dynamic person and the work she has done for this group of children is inspirational. She was awarded an MBE in this New Year's Honours list which was very well deserved. Needless to say she hopes the award will open new doors to improve the lot of bullied children.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 15 October when our speaker will be Janet Jeacock on 'The things you don't know about Cambridge'. 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

**Cleaner Required in Swaffham Prior  
Monday to Friday 4-6pm  
Good rate of pay**

**Contact Jo Hebb on 07795 343035 or call Advanced Cleaning  
Services on 01223 813475, or email  
[vacancies@advancedcleaningservices.co.uk](mailto:vacancies@advancedcleaningservices.co.uk)**



## Anglesey Group Mothers' Union

In September Hilary Sage made a welcome return as our guest speaker to entertain us with prose and monologues on 'The Lighter Side of Church Going'. Hilary delivered a programme which included works by Joyce Grenfell, John Betjeman, Michael Palin and Terry Jones. These covered 'Blame the vicar', Noah's Ark, Church Fete, Church Wardens report to the Parish Council, and Children's nativity play. She also quoted some very amusing Notices from Church Notice Boards and a politically correct version of the Lord's Prayer. Hilary's imaginative and witty style of presentation made the situations come alive with amusement and gave us a most enjoyable afternoon.

You are most welcome to come and join us on the third Thursday of each month at 2.30pm in Lode Chapel. In October Maggie Harrop will speak about her collection of icons and bring some of them along for us to see.

In addition to this we will be hosting a MU Deanery Afternoon Tea on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2.30pm in Lode Chapel. The retiring Diocesan President Joan Cameron will be speaking to us about her recent visit to Vellore in India. All welcome.

*Ann Langran*

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## **Bottisham Village College**

### **Adult and Community Learning**

There is still time to book a place on one of our Saturday Workshops

**17<sup>th</sup> November 2012, 10 am – 4 pm**

Come and spend the day learning a new skill, preparing an Indian Dinner Party feast to share with your friends in the evening or making gifts for Christmas!

Choose from .....

**Fabulous Felt Making**

**Quilting for Christmas**

**Ice and Decorate your Christmas Cake**

**Photoshop**

**Upholstery and Chair Caning**

**Woodturning**

**Dressmaking**

**Indian Cookery Dinner Party**

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



## Crochet and Knitting Classes in Burwell



Small, relaxed, friendly classes with a patient tutor.

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

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

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

Full details of all classes on [notsogranny.blogspot.com](http://notsogranny.blogspot.com) and click 'Classes'

For more information or to book:

Email: [notsogranny@gmail.com](mailto:notsogranny@gmail.com)  
or call/text: **0795 2882 484**



### **Fly Tipping**

Over 40 vehicle tyres were fly tipped at Headlake Drove. I have had them cleared away.

If anyone sees any incident of fly tipping, it would be helpful if a note of the vehicle make, colour and registration number was recorded and the information passed to myself on 01638-741744 or Mark Mehaffey, the East Cambs environmental enforcement officer on 01353-665555.

We are lucky to live in a very pleasant area and we do not want it spoilt by fly tipping.

### **Warm Front Grants**

'Warm Front' is a government scheme providing heating and insulation improvements to households on certain income-related benefits, living in properties that are poorly insulated, or do not have a working central heating system.

From Wednesday 12 September changes are being made to the scheme to make it easier to apply, so that more people can access the grant funding available. For more information contact the Environmental Services Team on 01353-665555 or email Rachel.Doyle@eastcambs.gov.uk

### **New Tenancy Strategy for ECDC**

The Governments Localism Act 2011 has made significant changes to social housing provision, including an obligation on Local Authorities to publish a 'Tenancy Strategy' which must set out matters to which providers of social housing in the district formulate policies relating to:

- a) the kind of tenancies they grant
- b) the circumstances in which they will grant a tenancy of a particular kind
- c) where they grant tenancies for a certain term, the length of that term.
- d) the circumstances in which they will grant further tenancy on the coming to an end of an existing tenancy.

The new rules only affect new tenancies, NOT EXISTING ONES. They should build more flexibility into the system and in the longer term more housing availability.

### **Pavement Repairs**

I am sometimes contacted about the state of certain pavements. As these can be dangerous to young children, the elderly, and those with a sight impairment, could anyone please contact me on 01638 741744 about any problem areas and I will seek to get them repaired.



*Allen Alderson*



With no Cabinet meeting in August, the meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> September had a long and varied agenda.

Of particular local interest was an agenda to consider a new lease for Burwell and District Day Centre at “less than best consideration”. Discussions around the new lease have been on-going for some months now and included a visit by relevant Cabinet members to the Day Centre to see the excellent work that is done. The final outcome has been to offer the Day Centre a 21 year lease at a peppercorn rent of £1 per annum. I firmly believe this is the best possible outcome for all concerned.

Cabinet also had a lengthy debate about the possibilities for a new road crossing at Ely to sort out the traffic bottleneck around the station. After discussion Cabinet unanimously approved the next steps for a new crossing across the river and railway line. A formal planning application will now be submitted.

Cabinet also agreed changes to procurement rules at the County Council to make it easier for local small and medium sized enterprises to bid for work with the Council.

I attended a meeting of the Burwell Masterplan Working Party, which approved the latest version of the Masterplan for public consultation. The consultation is now open and runs until 31 October and I urge everybody with an interest in the future of Burwell to contribute to the consultation. Documentation is available on the East Cambs District Council website – [www.eastcambs.gov.uk](http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk).

Locally I have continued to take up numerous complaints over the new street-lighting.

There has been a number of business planning meetings as we seek to draw together the budget proposals. The County Council is currently doing a consultation called Your Choice to seek the views of local residents. This can be found on the website – [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk) and again I would urge people to get involved. As one of the fastest growing counties we face a number of demographic pressures. High on this list is the funding we receive from Government for education. Changes to how education is funded are currently being brought on and we are in close contact with schools and others about the changes. We also continue to lobby Government for a fairer share for Cambridgeshire – currently we are the 143<sup>rd</sup> lowest funded authority out of 151.

Child protection arrangements in Cambridgeshire are currently going through an unannounced Ofsted inspection. At the time of writing we do not know the results.

I chaired a number of other meetings during September including a meeting of regional portfolio holders for education and children’s services and also a meeting of the Cambridgeshire Children’s Trust. I also attended meetings about the troubled families initiative and education funding reforms.

*David Brown*

## Autumn's capsule collection



As the days shorten and summer's great flowering begins to dwindle, the plants of gardens, fields and hedgerows are getting ready to ensure the next generation, developing capsule collections of diverse seed shapes and ingenious dispersal methods.

Cranesbill, the common name for *Geranium pratense* refers to the elongated column of the seed capsule, thought to resemble the beak of a crane. When the seeds are ripe and the structure dry enough to create sufficient tension, the five sheath strips peel up the column at great speed and, like a medieval trebuchet, catapult the seeds far away from the parent plant which might otherwise shade out next year's seedlings. In fact on a still, warm day you can often hear seedpods exploding. For example, the side of a lupin seedpod facing the sun dries out quicker than the other side, so the unequal tension causes the seedpod to buckle and pop open, twisting up to resemble sheep's horns and expelling the seeds. The same process occurs in many other bean family (Leguminosae) plants, including sweet peas and gorse, but the loudest pops belong to spurge in the Euphorbiaceae family – the seed capsule comprises three compartments and as the joint walls dry out the pod splits open suddenly and the seeds are shot out.

By contrast, the autumn sky becomes a silent stage for a balletic display of all sorts of floating and winged seeds – the beautiful paired propellers of maple samaras wheel about with the downy parachutes of a great many daisy family (Compositae) members, especially the knapweeds, thistles and dandelions. And then there are the movers, like the velcro seeds of teasel that hitch a ride on passersby, and the shakers, like the pepperpots of poppies and love-in-the mist. The ability to 'bagsy' suitable germination spots on the ground also confers a great advantage, and seeds of successful weeds like wild oats (*Avena fatua*) make sure they get the best spots. One of the bracts enclosing the seed of this grass has a long bristle attached that develops a right-angle bend due to uneven thickening in the cell walls. On the ground, if the bristle becomes wet it straightens and makes the seed roll over, bending and twisting once more as it dries out again. These hygroscopic movements cause the seeds to wriggle around until they fall into a crack in the earth and then drill the oat seed into the ground, which is now perfectly placed for spring germination.

The Botanic Garden is a great place for exploring all these different seed dispersal strategies. One of the most impressive is the squirting cucumber, *Echallium elaterium*, a common weed of Mediterranean roadsides which we grow on the Systematic Beds. The bristly seedpod balloons with water until the pressure is so great that the slightest touch triggers the pod to shoot off, expelling the hard black seeds and a jet of water in the exhaust!

The Botanic Garden is open all through the autumn and winter, closing at 5 pm in October and at 4pm from November- January 10am – 4pm. 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)

## Donations!

Many thanks to James Fitch for his very kind donation to the *Crier* this month.

## CHILDREN'S PATCHWORK WORKSHOP

### Region 9

### The Quilters' Guild of the British Isles

invite you to come and have FUN making a

Patchwork Christmas Stocking

on Sunday 1st December

11.30am - 4.30pm

in Swaffham Prior Village Hall

£10 for the day which will include all materials and embellishments

Boys and girls from 8 years upwards, no previous experience necessary

Please bring a packed lunch, drinks will be provided

Please telephone Diana Ridsdill Smith, 01223 811946 for a booking form and more details. A good idea to book early as places are limited to ten children.



# The Missing Sock

## presents **The Missing Kind Festival**

**6th & 7th / 13th & 14th October : 10am - late**

Intergenerational, community based events. We believe in bringing families, communities, and generations, together.

**Free Yoga & Pilates classes**  
**Wellbeing Day**  
**Live Music**  
**Indoor & Outdoor film screenings**  
**Elmer the Elephant trail!**  
**Pay what it's worth dinners**  
**Arts projects**  
**The Big Issue Dinner**



Full programme available online [www.missingkind.org](http://www.missingkind.org) /  
Tickets @ [www.missingkindeventbrite.co.uk](http://www.missingkindeventbrite.co.uk)

## Missing Kind Movie Season

On the last Thursday of each month The Missing Sock will be hosting a film screening in aid of a local charity. Entrance is by donation & we'll be giving away vouchers! This is a fantastic opportunity to see a classic film in an alternative venue whilst supporting local causes!

Tom  
Hanks  
Forrest  
Gump



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**FILM - Forrest Gump**

**CHARITY - Cambridgeshire Mencap**

**DATE - 27/09/2012**

**TIME - Doors 6.15 / Film 7.30**

**LOCATION - The Missing Sock**

**PRICE - Donation**

**TICKETS - Reserve seats on [eventbrite.co.uk](http://eventbrite.co.uk)  
(search Cambridgeshire Mencap) or  
telephone The Missing Sock - 01223 812660**

# Summary of Parish Council Meetings - July, August & September 2012

## **Adoption of New Code of Conduct:**

Under S28(1) of the Localism Bill the Parish Council was required to adopt a version of the new *Code of Conduct* from the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012. There had been several delays from Government in the detail of this code and subsequently ECDC's consideration and adoption of their new Code of Conduct was held up until their full council meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> July 2012. This version was then circulated to Parish Councils for their information. Parish Councillors agreed to adopt ECDC's version of the new code including the delegation of the power to grant dispensations to the Clerk. The Parish Council's *Standing Orders* were reviewed and amendments agreed as required by the new code. A *complaints policy* was also considered and agreed.

*(If anyone would like to see more details of the new Code of Conduct, please contact the Clerk or details can be viewed on ECDC's website).*

## **Draft 'Village Vision' for Swaffham:**

Katie Child, Forward Planning Officer for ECDC, confirmed amendments to the draft 'Village Vision' as suggested at the June Parish Council meeting. *(Again, if anyone would like to see a copy of this, please contact the Clerk).*

**Consideration of Planning Application for 36 Mill Hill** – *reconstruction of previous flat roof single storey extension as a two storey pitched roof extension and internal alterations.* Ref: 12/00707/FUL. Following consideration at the September meeting there were no objections or comments.

**Consideration of Planning Application for the School** – *variation of Condition 1 of Planning Permission to allow retention of mobile classroom until 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017.* Following consideration there were no comments or objections.

## **Village matters:**

### *Pollarding of trees on driveway to Village Hall Car Park:*

Cathy White, Tree Officer for ECDC, inspected the trees and approved the work needed to cut the trees back. Three contractors were invited to quote, two replied. Following consideration at the September meeting, it was agreed to instruct Truelink Ltd of Stretham to carry out the work.

### *Resurfacing of driveway to Village Hall Car Park:*

Meads Construction carried out resurfacing work at the beginning of August.

### *Cutting back of verges and clearing footpaths:*

Following a request to the landowners from Peter Hart, the footpath from the Village Hall Car Park to Station Road was cut back to make it easier for people to use. Steve Kent-Phillips also asked CCC Highways to cut verges on Rogers Road and Station Road. This work was carried out but it was noted that the footpath on Station Road needed spraying to help keep the footpath clear. *At the September meeting there was further discussion on the problems of overgrown footpaths and the division of responsibilities between landowners and CCC.*

### *Cemetery Maintenance:*

Work to cut back hedges and vegetation was carried out by the Community Probation Team. They visited the cemetery over 3 Sundays and made a very good job of cutting back hedges, etc., on the boundaries. The Clerk was to write and thank the probation team for their hard work. It was hoped that one of the teams would be able to return in the near future to clear the weeds from the cemetery path and also tidy the Pound area as this is very much in need of attention.

*Play Area:* RoSPA had carried out the annual inspection of the play area and reported on minor items needing attention. There were no medium or high risk items in the report.

*Damage to Water Hydrant, Lower End:*

A removals lorry had reversed into the hydrant causing considerable damage. The Clerk spoke with the removals firm and they acknowledged responsibility. Steve Kent-Phillips was to contact Paul Butcher of CCC as repairs would also be needed to the public footpath.

*Horse Chestnut – Play Area:*

Eric Day reported at the September meeting that two boughs had broken off the tree. John Covill said he had spoken to the Parochial Charities about this and would follow up.

*Parking on Station Road:*

It was reported that 14 cars were parked outside the football ground on Station Road during a football match blocking the way for a lorry. The Clerk was to contact Burwell Tigers Football Club and make them aware of the problem and ask that cars park on the ground.

*Overhanging hedges, etc., on footpath between Cage Hill & Coopers Green:*

It was agreed that the Clerk should send a polite note to residents with properties backing onto the footpath asking that they cut back overhanging hedges, etc.

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, 11<sup>th</sup> October 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)

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## **Autumn Jumble Sale**

**Saturday October 20th**

There will be a huge jumble sale at Lode Social Club from 2-4. Please bring any jumble to the club in the morning between 10.30-12. Entrance is £1 for adults and free for children. The proceeds will be shared between the Lode Social Club and Corona House which is a charity that cares for homeless women and women with mental health problems.

Have a good clear out and ring me if you need me to collect stuff. Thank you

***Fran Platten 01223 813 016***

## RE:NEW PEOPLE #2

Thank you to those who have told me they appreciated the contribution from Peter Wells last month. Here is the second of our stories from people at RE:NEW in which Lesley van der Walle, who has only recently moved into the area with her family, tells us of her first impressions...

*We moved to Bottisham from Hamilton, near Glasgow, at the end of June. We have two children, age 11 and 9, so there were many considerations – but apart from location, home and schools, it was very important for us to find a new “spiritual home”. We had been part of a large Baptist church in Hamilton for eight years and prior to moving had visited some churches around Cambridge city.*

*We found out about RE:NEW through their website and were instantly drawn to it. We were not disappointed when we first visited – we were given a warm welcome and felt very much at home right away. There was a real sense of community among the people there – genuine friendship and concern for each other – but there was also a real love for the wider community. Modern worship music and a sense of God’s presence as people gathered in a relaxed and familiar environment. Our children enjoyed themselves very much and asked when they could go back, so a really important seal of approval for us!*

*I believe God, our amazing Creator, has a good plan and purpose for everyone and He has brought us to Bottisham as part of His plan for our lives. We are so excited to become part of RE:NEW, where God so evidently works in many lives and where people have a real heart for the local community. They eagerly seek to see God at work in the lives of those beyond the walls of where they meet on a Sunday morning.*

RE:NEW would also like to welcome the new vicar Rev. Sue Giles and her family, as they move into the area and get settled into life in the Anglesey Benefice. We look forward to continuing the partnership between the local churches that has developed over recent years. Just like RE:NEW, we know you’ll also receive a warm welcome in your parish church if you use Sue’s arrival as an opportunity to start attending on a Sunday morning.

*Simon Goddard*

### Services in October

Sun 7<sup>th</sup> October, 10.30am – RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (School)

Sun 7<sup>th</sup> October, 5.30pm – Sacred Space Contemplation (Lode Chapel)

Sun 14<sup>th</sup> October, 10.30am – RE:NEW Café and Kids Club (School)

Sun 14<sup>th</sup> October, 6.20pm – Traditional Service (Lode Chapel)

Sun 21<sup>st</sup> October, 10.30am – RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (School)

Sun 28<sup>th</sup> October, 10.30am – RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (School)

Sun 28<sup>th</sup> October, 6.20pm – Traditional Service (Great Wilbraham Chapel)

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

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**Web:** [www.lodechapel.org.uk](http://www.lodechapel.org.uk) and [www.re-new.me.uk](http://www.re-new.me.uk)

## Roman Catholic Church, Newmarket Parish

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

## FREecycle



If you have any offers or wants, please contact me by the 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

A coir spring mattress (700mm x 1400mm) to fit toddler bed. Good condition. Emma c812793.

Selection of jigsaw puzzles (ranging from 9 piece to 24 pieces) for children aged 3 – 5 ish; ELC pot of magnetic lower case alphabet letters (some missing). Jun c813362.

I am about to split my vigorous Boston Fern. If you would like some call Jacqui on c811190

Terracota coloured foam sofa-bed (old but good condition); Birch-effect computer table (hardly used, very good condition). Rachel n743467 (evenings/weekends)

2ft 6in pine bed frame with nearly new mattress; Pro guitar amplifier: 2 Channels (clean/overdrive) 130watts, 2 x celestian cones. Very heavy! John c811722

### 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.

Rolls of Christmas wrapping paper and cello tape for Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoe Box Appeal. Will Collect. Janet 07833 960678

Wheelbarrow – any condition. Brian c813635

South East Cambridgeshire Conservative Association  
THE SWAFFHAMS AND REACH BRANCH

*would like to invite you and your friends  
to come and enjoy*

## A SUNDAY LUNCH

with some

### COMFORTING COUNTRY CASSEROLES

**Baldwin Manor, Swaffham Prior**

Sunday 21st. October 2012, 12.00 noon

*Guests: James and Ava Paice*

**Please reply to:**

Mrs Marcia Miller

Baldwin Manor

Swaffham Prior

CB25 0LD

**Lunch: £20 each**

Tel: 01638 741141

Email: mrciamiller75@gmail.com

## Church Opening

Thank you as ever to all those kind people who make time to keep the two churches open.

More people would be welcome, do -walkers, joggers, more people prepared to open and shut., to their routine, as long as the churches are available 9am to 5pm. Perhaps two people could share? With one opening, one shutting?

Love to hear from you,

*Tricia Harrison*



Tweedle Dum and Tweedle Dee

Lived together in unity ;

An ideal life, as far as one could see,

Accepted by the community.

But then they moved to Scotland –

When, after a civil ceremony in Fife,

They were known to all and sundry

As ‘The Tweedles’; Man and Wife.

But eventually, what happened;

Was an unforeseen, unfortunate hitch;

They found that neither of them could  
decide

Which of them was which!!

*Ophir*

*St Mary's, Swaffham Prior*

## **Rev'd Sue Giles**

Everyone is very welcome to attend the service of Institution and Induction for our new vicar, Rev'd Sue Giles. The service will take place on Tuesday 16 October at 7.30pm in Holy Trinity, Bottisham, followed by refreshments at Queen's Court, Bottisham. The service is likely to be well attended, so please arrive in good time to get a seat.

We hope to welcome Sue to St Mary's at the Family Service on 21 October at 11am (subject to confirmation). She will be preaching at the service for all the churches in the benefice on Sunday 28 October, in Holy Trinity, Bottisham at 10am. We look forward to welcoming you to services in St Mary's or the benefice; please see rota attached:

### **Services in October**

Sunday 7 October:	Holy Communion (CWIT) – 11am
Sunday 14 October:	Matins – 11am
Tuesday 16 October: Bottisham - 7.30pm	Institution of Rev'd Sue Giles, Holy Trinity,
Sunday 21 October:	Family Service – 11am
Sunday 28 October: 10am	Benefice Service, Holy Trinity, Bottisham –

### **Services in November**

Sunday 4 November:	Holy Communion (CWIT) – 11am
Sunday 11 November:	Remembrance Service – 10.50am
Sunday 18 November:	Holy Communion (CWIT) – 11am
Sunday 25 November:	Benefice Service, St James', Lode – 10am



## Dates for Your Diary October 2012

Thu	11	PC Meeting, VH, 7.30pm
Sat	13	Christmas Shoebox Packing, 11am — 4pm, St Cyriac's
Mon	15	WI, 7.30pm, VH
Tue	16	Institution of Sue Giles, Holy Trinity Church, Bottisham, 7.30pm Mobile Library, Cage Hill 2.45-3.15pm Chapel 3.20pm-4.00pm
Thu	18	<b>Crier Copy Deadline</b> Mothers' Union, 2.30pm, Lode Chapel
Sat	20	Quiz Night, VH, 7.30pm Lode Jumble Sale, 2-6pm, Lode Social Club
Sun	21	Conservative Association Lunch, 12 noon, Baldwin Manor
Wed	24	Mothers' Union Afternoon Tea, Lode Chapel, 2.30pm Red Cross Coffee Morning, 10.30-12.30, Baldwin Manor
Fri	2	Classic Buskers, St Cyriacs, 7.30pm

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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