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Editorial

Unlike our Parish Council's Annual Report to the Village Assembly ("Not much has happened.") June saw it all happening in Swaffham Prior with the 40 Years On celebrations at St Cyriac's supported by young and old, a resounding success with many congratulations due to the organisers.

The editor (singular) did manage to catch a bit — Roy Tricker's talk, as excellent as predicted in these pages and in which we learnt that Roy was only four (or was that three?!) when he first set off on his tricycle to inspect local churches!.

Also happening was a local deputation to Mara in Tanzania, a region our group of parishes has long supported and a trip much enjoyed by all, who returned determined to redouble efforts in further support of the many projects, education, water supply and so forth, that have been instigated in the

region.

No so good happenings have been the mystery of the disappearing cats (see Page 8) where three cats have recently vanished in the vicinity of Mill Hill. The Northrop family were so determined to find out what had happened to their tabby that they flew in a professional cat-finder from Ireland who has raised the serious possibility that the cat has been *removed* from the neighbourhood. If anyone has seen anything suspicious, please get in touch.

Village Photographers need to get practising for this years Autumn Show, which for the first time will include a **photography section**. Meanwhile, don't forget, next month's issue is **DOUBLE**, August-September.



St Cyriac's Restoration Exhibition

Cover Picture: *St Cyriac's Church* by **Ruben Long**, Saturn Class

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October copy for end of
July please!

Caroline Matheson



Letters to the Editors



Dear Editors,

African Impact Yard Sale

I would like to say thank you so much on my daughter Miriam's behalf to everyone in the village who so generously and kindly supported her yard sale last month for African Impact, the charity with which she is currently working and has been for over a year. She went out to a small community on the East Coast of South Africa in March 2012 as a volunteer for an AIDS/HIV project and whilst there applied for the position as Intern, got the job coming back for Easter this year. She was only at home for eight weeks before returning as the project's Volunteer Co-ordinator, her first paid position, and whilst here was on a mission to raise as much money as possible to purchase vital and essential supplies to take back with her. Friends, family and residents of Swaffham Prior and neighbouring villages rose to the challenge and she returned with a suitcase full of medical and educational items and other resources that are desperately needed by the people who live there. We were overwhelmed by the interest and kindness of everyone who either donated items to sell, money towards the cause, or who came on the morning of the sale. So once again, thank you so much.

Janet Willmott,
Adventurers Farm

OPEN STUDIOS IN SWAFFHAM PRIOR

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**These SP studios
will be open this
month. Contact
artists for full
details (or see
last month's
Crier)**



STRAWBERRY TEAS

Sunday 21st July 2013
3.00 – 5.00 pm

The Barn, 44 High Street
Opposite the Red Lion

Tickets £5/£2.50 from Kate Child 743983
or Dee Noyes 743864

Garden games for all

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

Proceeds to St. Mary's Church

Donations!

*Many thanks to the Festival Committee for their very kind donation to the **Crier** this month. Although most of our costs are covered by advertising, it is donations such as these that put us on the right side of solvency!*

From our Reporter at the Parish Council Meeting

I suppose the most notable feature in this meeting was that Geoffrey, after being almost mute at the May meeting, was his usual voluble self. He was perhaps even more voluble than usual, and the following report only gives a faint hint of his verbal activity.

David Brown reminded the meeting of the distribution of seats following the recent County Council elections: - Conservatives 32, Liberal Democrats 14, UKIP 12, Labour 7 and 4 Independents. Though with “no overall control” the Conservatives will try to rule with a minority party government. It seems that one UKIP councillor may be on a Benefit Fraud charge. David helped to raise £2,400 to benefit certain children by having wet sponges thrown at him. This is dedication.



Allen Alderson had little to report but he did say that ECDC are disappointed with the lack of support for Neighbourhood Panels and are now trying to think of a better way of interacting with the people. “What about Parish Councils?” many asked. Allen did not answer but obviously this was not what he wanted to hear, and ECDC will continue to ponder. They then shifted to travellers being on National Trust land, with the usual discussion about the NT’s effectiveness, integrity, etc.

ECDC has sent the ‘Draft Swaffham Prior Village Vision’ following the recent consultation. The major and possibly only change is that the planning proposal for the Dencora Field was altered from “approximately 20 houses” to “up to 20 houses”. Geoffrey fiercely opposed this, said there was no difference between the two phrases and wanted “approximately” kept. He thought it mattered not if a few extra houses were built. Many remembered the original phrase being “up to” and voted to keep this, except for Geoffrey (hereinafter GW) who abstained saying it was “a bad policy”. As we all know, GW for the last two or three decades has had a love affair with the Dencora Field, has always wanted it to be covered with houses, did his best to change our “in-fill only” status, and has never actually lived anywhere near the centre of the village, but only in its furthestmost outpost. However, full marks to Geoffrey for his tenacity.

The heap of clunch in the cemetery has always been a problem because trimmers of the hedges followed by allotment holders pile rubbish onto it. A recent quote estimated there are 65 tons of compacted chalk and the removal cost would be £980 plus VAT. GW thought this a terrible waste of money and after discussion it was agreed to leave it for a month. There was a suggestion that controlling the allotment holders may help, with just a bit of landscaping. We shall see.

Next came the review of the Asset Register, and they all looked at the insurance cots, which involved sums always including the odd 73 pence, 45 pence etc. GW asked why there are such ridiculous figures and was told that insurers always make a percentage increase each year. He thought this a nonsense, that all existing figures should be revised and rounded off, and that the PC tells the insurer not to make a percentage increase next year because the PC will review and revise every two years. He then proceeded to revise and round off all the sums for consideration at the next

meeting.

At the end they all welcomed and approved Steve's letter in the *Crier* proposing a stained glass panel in a church to commemorate the Land Girls in the style of the "WW1 panels already there." The PC is writing to the PCC commending this suggestion so that it can be considered at the PCC meeting on 24th June. Perhaps the addition of a light on the porch will also be on the agenda.

Earlier in the evening it had been asked, following the unfortunate disposition of Peter Hart, who was going to report to the CCC that the grass path across the field behind the School leading through to Station Road, had not been cut. CCC asked specifically to be told if any paths had not been cut by mid-June, and they would have a word with their contractors. If the PC does make the report we must hope it produces a result. Mind you the hole in the hedge in Station Road has now grown over, and a farmer still insists on ploughing across the corner so that wheat covers that bit of the footpath. We all know that farmers are having a very hard time of it but I doubt if ten square yards or so will add to their fortune, or misfortune.

If anyone wishes to make a public footpath unusable, and thereby unused, then they are certainly being very successful with this particular path. It is to be hoped that the PC will do something about this, and I write on behalf of a lot of walkers and dog owners

Alastair Everitt



From our Local County Councillor
David Brown

Cabinet met on 18th June. I presented a paper seeking authority to build 3 new Special Schools over the next few years to cope with rising demand in the number of young people with Special Educational Needs. This was approved unanimously, with preferred sites identified as Littleport, Northstowe and the Huntingdon area. Cabinet also agreed our approach to bidding for a City Deal for the Cambridge area and also agreed to get involved in promoting the Green Deal for energy efficiency.

Business planning for the next 5 year period started in June, with a workshop with senior officers. I also had a number of 1:1 briefings with directors.

I chaired a meeting of the Transitions Board, which aims to help those individuals moving from receiving services from CYPS to Adult Social care. I also attended a meeting of the Cambridgeshire Improvement Board.

I spent a day interviewing candidates for the Service Director post for Strategy and Commissioning, and a provisional offer was made.

I had the usual variety of requests for help from individuals and also had the dubious pleasure of having wet sponges thrown at me at Burwell Carnival raising money for the Baptist Church youth visit to Zambia.



Village Feast 2013

This year's Village Feast started off with a lively demonstration of Maypole dancing. The enthusiastic exertions of the children almost caused the pole to topple, but the day was saved by the ever-vigilant Julian Luttrell, who stepped into the midst of the ac-

tion and rescued the teetering Maypole. Unfortunately, having stepped in, he was unable to escape and had to stay there for the duration of the dancing.

The picture shows some impressive ribbon-tying by the children, whilst Julian props up the pole sporting the regrettable hat, which he wore, with quiet irony, for the entire day.

The Surprise Challenge was as sticky as usual, with pairs competing against the clock to ice and decorate a cake. The decoration was performed by a blind-folded participant, guided by verbal instructions from their partner. The competition was a very close-run affair and came down to a judges' ruling. Kiera Scrivener and Amber Byford earned admiring comments for their comprehensive demolition of the sponge cake. Reuben Long and George Dean-Tozer demonstrated excellent artistic skills, with the cake decorations being spread fully up to the elbows ... if not particularly successfully on the cake itself. Margaret Joyce (our judge) eventually ruled that, in managing to get the icing and decorations actually onto the cake, the team of David Cane and Anis Wrench had stuck most closely to the brief and were therefore awarded First Prize. Runners up were given the opportunity to eat their own cakes, but appeared strangely unwilling to do so.

The Cake Stall, as always, was a great success thanks to the sterling efforts of the anonymous cake makers (thank you all - you know who you are). The winner of the fruit cake was Kaye Lewinski, who was closest to getting the correct number of raisins with her guess of 910. James Carrington took his failure to win hard, having taken accurate measurements and employed a range of statistical, topological and numerical algorithms to calculate the number of raisins.

Jill and Bob Bourne once again organised and ran the ever-popular Bottle Stall, providing a healthy contribution towards the improvements planned for the Hall, as mentioned in a previous Crier.

Other attractions included the Lucky Dip, organised by Clare Freeman and the new Ping-Pong Catapult, introduced by the inventive Wrench family.



Ice creams were provided by a rather solemn man in his ice-cream van, but the weather meant that cups of hot tea from the pop-up tea room that appeared in the Village Hall sold rather better than his chilly wares. There was a wide selection of cakes and treats, and some debate about how healthy the rocky road could be: it was decided that since it contained marshmallows it was mostly air and therefore fine in terms of calories.

Extreme teddy bear sports made its debut this year. White-water rafting and rocketry were particularly popular activities with the children, and nine bears managed to complete all six extreme events, with their owners getting a certificate to commemorate the achievement. Special thanks to Mark Lewinski for stepping in at short notice to man the extremely perilous zip-wire.

Extreme sports will be back - bigger and better - next year.

An impassioned plea was made by a strange man in an odd hat to extend the rocketry to adults next year - we will see what can be done.

The day, as always, was brought to a satisfyingly scrambled end by the Egg-Throwing (and sometimes Catching) competition, organised by Martin Mead. The eventual winners were the Carrington family, who narrowly defeated the Latchford family in a tense final.

Thank you to everyone who gave up their time to help on the day - we were very short-handed this year and every extra body was much appreciated. If anyone would like to help at the Feast next year, or is interested in being part of the organising committee, please get in touch with the Village Hall Committee.

Mike Carrington - email: mcarrington@me.com

Disappearing Cats

On the evening of Saturday 1st June from 12 Mill Hill one of our cats disappeared.

A 3 year old male Tabby, he walked down the garden at about 6:30pm and hasn't been seen since. His normal routine would be to return for more food and attention in around 3 hours maximum. When he was 1 year old he had an accident with a car and limped home at around midnight with a broken leg. We took him to the vet and he fully recovered, however since this incident he is frightened of traffic and won't go near the road. We always called him in every night and on the night he went missing we stayed up calling him until around 2am, then got up at 5am on the Sunday to call him again. We spent the whole of Sunday 2nd June calling and searching for him, combing the whole of the field behind us, every hedge in the field and all the road hedges and grass verges either side of Mill Hill and Heath Road for about 400 yards each way. We put posters all around the village and and through every door of the houses near us asking people to check their sheds and garages for him. We got up at 5am for the next few days and called him when it was quiet without traffic, walking along the field at the bottom end of the gardens and listened for him in case he was trapped or injured nearby. We did the same in the evenings for the rest of the week walking most of the footpath and surrounding fields towards Devils Dyke, Caddenham Road and Heath Road. We put up more posters in Burwell and Swaffham Bulbeck. All to no avail.

At a loss to what more we could do we called on the help of a professional pet detective. Rob Kenny, owner of Happy Tails Pet Detective Agency, trained in America and has vast experience in tracing all types of animals with nearly 3000 cat cases alone. He flew in from Ireland and arrived in Swaffham Prior at 9am Saturday 8th June. He conducted a lengthy search in twice the area he usually would at 400 meters, looking for any evidence on the roads, verges and hedgerows. He went door to door asking questions and requested access to peoples gardens to search. After examining the road surfaces and finding no evidence of cats he was convinced that our cat was no longer in this area. He said a fox would not take a fully grown cat and there was a slight possibility our cat could have been chased out of his normal area by another cat but would almost certainly find his way back from at least a mile and possibly 3 miles, so this was also ruled out. He estimated our cats normal area to be no more than 100 meters and possibly only 50 meters. Anyone who watched the Horizon Cat Diaries on BBC2 recently will have noticed this isn't far from the norm.

After reviewing all the evidence and information Rob Kenny is even more convinced our cat is no longer in the area and we can only assume someone has taken him out of the area and released him far from here, or maybe done something worse to him. He was also concerned that 2 other cats of neighbors within 3 doors either side had also gone missing all in the space of 2 months, and whether related or not, 3 cats have also gone missing from Swaffham Bulbeck recently. We have contacted the police and reported it. At first the operator said they don't log missing cats, but after telling her that 2 other cats are also missing from the same area at the

same time she has logged it and has advised the officers in our area to be on the lookout for anything suspicious. She also suggested we let people know via The Crier.

We would ask that everyone in the village keeps an eye and ear out and if anyone knows any information or saw or heard anything suspicious on the evening our cat went missing or since to please contact us.

Paul, Sarah & Chloe Northrop, 12 Mill Hill.

Annual Village Assembly 2013

This isn't going to be easy – at last finding the time to write this report a month after the event means having to rely more on deciphering my scribbled notes than on memory, not helped by a sense of déjà vu that makes some things indistinguishable from the previous meeting, and the one before that...

At least this one started differently, with apologies for absence from the Parish Council Chairman – and Vice Chairman – and Treasurer. There were some rank and file PC members amongst the 20 or so attending, but the meeting started with Karen King in solitary state requesting a volunteer to take the Chair. David Greenfield was the last to take a step backwards, and got the job.

The first topic was Local Crime, ably presented by Ian (PCSO) and Sue (Crime Reduction), neither of whose surnames I can make out from my notes (sorry). There were a total of 58 crimes reported in the area in the last 12-month period, made up of 6 burglary (house), 5 burglary (other), 8 thefts from motor vehicles, 10 thefts (other) and 27 everything else. There were no reported incidences of antisocial behaviour (but would have been if I had bothered to report the second incidence in two years of a drunken idiot walking over the top of my car) and they solved 20 out of the 58.

There was lots of information about Crime Prevention – much of it common sense about fitting locks, restricting access and visibility (curtains on the shed windows), marking valuable items and signage to show the precautions you have taken. There is a free property database service which I had not heard about before – look for the 'immobilise' website – to which you can upload details and photographs of your valuables, and you get window stickers to say so. There is also a free service (the 'Bobby Scheme') for the over-65s which provides advice and helps to fit locks and alarms.

The long arm of the law having dashed off to their next engagement, we got back to normal routine, during which Geoffrey noted a spelling error in the previous minutes before approving them, and moved on to the CC report. Ours is the fastest-growing area (12.4% population increase) which amongst other things presents problems of school capacity and care for the elderly; the CC is being charged high prices by external providers for the latter. Being required to make £40 million savings this year will be 'challenging', and the CC has had to increase charges by 2%. There have been a couple of local success stories including negotiating a 20-

year extension of the peppercorn lease for the Burwell and District Day Centre (having been told that the commercial rent would be £14,000 per year), and removing a 'silly' proposal for far too many new houses before approving the Burwell Master Plan.

Allen Alderson was not present to deliver his DC Report, which was read out by Karen. My notes seem to refer exclusively to recycling issues, and seem to say that the black bags will still be used when we finally get the inevitable wheelie bins – which will be specifically for recycling in some combination or other (I hope I've got that right). Oh, and you can ask for a free copy of the Cambridge Phone Book if you want one, and the DC have also upped their tax by 2%. That's it.

The Parish Council report was delivered by Geoffrey from a script by John Covill, and began 'not much has happened'. The things they were pleased about included improvements to the Village Hall driveway, the new bench seats (thanks to SK-P for his works) and something in Pound Hill (notes not clear...). They were less happy about the wheelie bins ('not a well thought out operation'), and there has been some muttering about the resurfacing of the church path, which apparently took place without anyone telling or consulting them. It transpires that the resurfacing work was done on the wishes of, and using a legacy from John Norris, who had found the church difficult to access once his wife became dependent on a wheelchair. Concerns have since been raised about how slippery it will be in Winter.

Geoffrey finished by proposing a vote of thanks to the PC, and in particular to Karen, without whom this meeting (and probably the PC ones) would never have got off the ground.

Things cheered up as usual when Tim Doe presented his report on the Scouts, Cubs and Beavers – an ongoing success story that is a great credit to all those who spend a lot of time and energy running them. There are now over 60 members, with 28 Cubs and 14 Beavers, and they are particularly proud of the number of former members who come back to help as Young Leaders. Some things haven't changed – they still suffer from vandalism at their ground, and still haven't been able to reach any form of agreement with the Youth Club, which is struggling with the dilapidation of the Hut – needing rewiring, redecoration and some new doors, a major project which would need a lot of community involvement and funding.

Another positive report came from Burwell Tigers, who (if my notes serve me well) now run 14 teams with over 250 children and are successful in a number of leagues. They are still hoping to raise enough money for their pavilion building, and wished to remind us that the field is available (by arrangement) for village activities.

A mixed report from the Village Hall committee listed substantial improvements to the kitchen (whether planned or finished I'm not sure – didn't look), new blinds and sanding of the floor, against a background of higher utility costs and falling income which will require an increase in hire fees – any suggestions of how to increase the usage would be gratefully received. One of the ideas is to change the internal layout to allow the two parts of the main hall to be used and accessed independently – but of course that requires funds as well...

There were no reports from the PCC or the School, but the latter had provided a

display showing numbers of their activities, and is understood to be fit and well. Someone asked who had received grants from the PCC, and who could apply for them, but no-one seemed to know.

And that was it – until next time, when it would be nice to have a few more bums on seats.

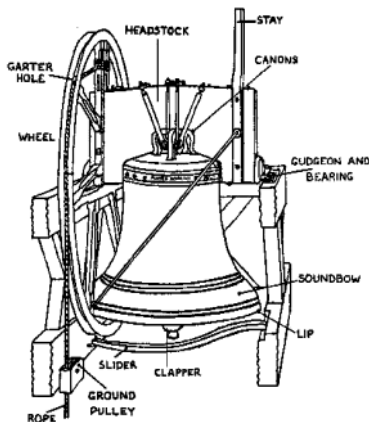
John Chalmers

LET THE BELLS RING OUT

In June the bells of St Cyriac rang out on two occasions. Not visiting bands this time or a return of the monthly practice but dedicated quarter peals.

Quarter peals are performances of continuous ringing to a specific composition that usually last about 45 minutes. They are rung for many reasons: extending the ability and achievement for individual ringers; special events; birthdays; weddings or, as was the case on the 14th June, funerals. Isobel Bryant who had lived in the village for 45 years died recently at the age of 90 years and before her funeral, a quarter peal of *London Surprise Minor* was rung. There are several ways of ringing for funerals. One bell can be tolled slowly with each “dong” counting the age of the deceased in years. Or the bells’ clappers can be “muffled” on one side with leather pads giving an echoey effect of soft and normal notes which sounds very melancholy. Or they can be rung “open” as normal, joyously, which was what Isobel’s family requested. Ringers also organise performances in remembrance or as a thanksgiving. On Wednesday 26th June *Grandsire Doubles* was rung in memory of the late John Norris, who died a year ago, on the bells he himself rang for many years.

Primrose S. Royal



Birthday Greetings for the Mature person.

Do enjoy Your Special Day.
But - standing on your birthday cake.
Don't have a candle for each year;
You'd never blow them out, I fear,
And it'd get hot, for heaven's sake,
Then quite probably, melt away.

Ophir



Swaffham Prior Autumn Show and Photography Competition

This year's Swaffham Prior Autumn Show will be held at the Village Hall on Saturday 14th September, and will include a photography competition.

It looks like another difficult year for growing vegetables with such a late Spring, but we know that Swaffham Prior gardeners are hardy souls and that greenhouses and window-sills have probably seen the germination and sprouting of tomatoes, courgettes, pumpkins, sunflowers and the like.

Vegetable and flower beds are now starting to fill out, and by September there will be a collection of prize-winning flowers, fruits and vegetables in the village. Even if you haven't started yet, there is still time to get out in the garden and grow some prize-winning exhibits.

If your talents lie in the kitchen, there will be the opportunity to demonstrate your prowess with categories for cakes, preserves and wine.

Get all the kids involved too: as usual, there will be special categories just for them.

Digital cameras and smartphones in our pockets mean that there is no excuse for missing those amazing views and family events. Capture them and enter the **Photography Competition**. There will be three age categories with the following themes:

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



The Autumn Show categories this year will include:

VEGETABLES

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

FRUIT

Apples	Pears	Soft fruit	Stone fruit
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CHILDREN'S CATEGORIES

Cake	Giant vegetable	Sunflower
Decorated egg	Miniature garden	Vegetable animal

FLOWERS

Roses

Mixed flowers

Pot plant

Arrangement

BAKING and PRESERVES

Jam or jelly

Fruit cake

Alcoholic drink

Pickle/chutney

Victoria sponge

Eggs

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

www.swaffhampriorvillagehall.co.uk

or contact: 01638 741659

Bottisham Village College Adult and Community Learning

Have you seen our new 2013-2014 Prospectus?

**We have many new courses for the
Autumn Term including:**

Creative Digital Photography

Drawing & Painting – Techniques (daytime)

Emergency First Aid in the Workplace (Saturday workshop)

Felt Making (plus Saturday workshops)

French, German, Polish and Spanish Classes

Getting More from Your Computer (Saturday workshop)

History of Art

Indian Cookery, Thai Cookery (plus Saturday workshops)

Interior Design

Planting Bulbs for Christmas (Saturday workshop)

Sewing for Beginners (evening), Sewing for Fun (daytime)

Silver Clay Jewellery (Saturday workshop)

Sugarcraft (plus Saturday workshops)

Writing for Pleasure or Profit (Saturday workshop)

and much more!

**Don't miss our enrolment evening on
Tuesday, 10th September 7 – 9 pm**

or enrol in advance by visiting our website:

www.bottishamvc.org/adultlearning, or contact the Community Office

on 01223 811372, email: adultlearning@bottishamvc.org

You can also follow us on Facebook: BVCAdultandCommunityLearning

News from Bottisham Patients' Group

Last month we reported on Dr Elliott's fascinating talk at our AGM. Well, her studies of ageing have proved so fascinating that she has decided to continue with them. She writes here of her plans for the future:

Dear Patients of Bottisham Medical Practice

After much careful consideration, I have decided that I would like to be able to continue studying and pursue my research interest in developing health services for older people beyond the term of my sabbatical leave. For this reason I will not be returning to Bottisham Medical Practice in September as originally planned. This decision has not been taken lightly and, whilst I am very excited about the opportunities ahead of me, I feel very sad to be leaving Bottisham. It has been a huge privilege to be part of so many of your lives during the last fifteen years and to have worked within such a friendly and supportive community. I know that I leave the Practice in very safe and capable hands and wish you all every health and happiness in the years to come.

With very best wishes, Margaret Elliott

All Bottisham patients have benefited from her work there, as well as those of you who have consulted her regularly. As senior partner after Dr Mark Towriss's tragic death, her contribution to the work of the Practice has been immense. We will miss her but wish her every success in her new work. Dr Emma McGrath, who has been covering for Dr Elliott this year, will continue at the Practice as a partner in September.

Cambridge Musculo-skeletal Service

At our Committee meeting on 23rd May, Rachel Harrison (Cam Health Manager) and a colleague consulted members on the future of the Musculo-skeletal Service, incorporating Physio Direct. The Service was set up under Community Services to relieve pressure on hospital orthopaedic departments by providing advice and non-surgical treatment for diseases and injuries to bones and joints. It can be accessed directly by patients, or through their GP, at various health centres in Cambridge. It is currently under review for providing poor value for money and not significantly reducing the pressure on the orthopaedic department at Addenbrooke's Hospital. Those of us who had experience of using the service were keen to see it continue so we hope that Cam Health can arrange a more effective contract soon.

Summer fêtes

The Patients' Group had a stall at Lode and Bottisham village fêtes in June and will be present at other village fêtes during the summer. These are an opportunity to find out more about the Group and support its work so we look forward to seeing you there.

Walking Group

Although summer weather seems to be eluding us so far, the Walking Group is still in existence and the next walks will be on Thursday 11th and Friday 26th July, meeting at the Surgery at 11.00 am.

Bottisham Patients' Group Committee

Visit the National Horseracing Museum.

The National Horseracing Museum in Newmarket is well worth a visit. Situated next to the Jockey Club in the High Street it is a treasure trove of racing memorabilia from fine paintings to the tiny saddles worn by jockeys anxious not to carry more than their allotted weight.

Some of the more interesting items are the skeleton of the famous racehorse, Eclipse, the racing colours worn by Frankie Dettori on that incredible day that he won all seven races at Ascot and a saddle used by the diminutive Willie Carson, the former Royal jockey. Another is the chart showing how all today's thoroughbreds can trace their ancestry to just three stallions imported from Arabia, the Byerley Turk, the Darley Arabian and the Godolphin Arabian.

My favourite item is a bronze of the racehorse, Brown Jack, by the famous twentieth century artist, Sir Alfred Munnings. Brown Jack won the Queen Alexandra Stakes at Royal Ascot, the UK's longest flat race, no less than six times in the thirties.

For the more energetic visitors there is a racehorse simulator, known as an equicizer, where you can practice your skills as a jockey under the direction of one of the retired riders working for the Museum. When you are totally exhausted by everything you have seen and done, make your way to the Museum cafe for some light refreshments.

The Museum arranges tours of the gallops and local racehorse training stables. These tours tend to take place quite early in the morning when it can be lovely watching some of the 2500 or so horses being trained on Newmarket Heath. If you would like to book a tour, look at the Museum's website www.nhrm.co.uk or call the



Museum on 01638 667333.

Looking to the future, the Museum has ambitious plans to move to the historic Palace House site in Newmarket. In this setting the Museum will combine with the British Sporting Art Trust and the Retraining of Racehorses Charity to create a new Racing Heritage Centre. The new site has been derelict for 25 years since Bruce Hobbs stopped training racehorses there. It consists of the former trainers's house, two yards of stables, a 4 acre paddock and the surviving portion of King Charles 11's palace. Charles loved his racing and hunting so much that he would move his royal court to Newmarket for months on end, often stopping for racing at the defunct racecourse at Odsey between Baldock and Royston en route. His mistress, Nell Gwynne, would often accompany him.

The cost of the new project is £15m. We plan to start building later this year and have the centre ready for opening in late 2015. It will offer more space for the present bulging collection, provide a worthy showcase for British racing and revitalise rather a run-down part of Newmarket.

Come and see the Museum it is open daily between 10.00 am and 5.00pm, and it provides enormous fascination for visitors of all ages.

Christopher Tregoning

(Christopher is a Trustee and Hon Treasurer of the Museum).



Mothers' Union

At our last meeting Tony and a colleague Katie, gave us a most interesting talk about Daily Bread Co-operative Ltd. As retailers of whole and organic food, fairly traded and eco-friendly, the Daily Bread Co-operative offers a wide choice of affordable foodstuffs, home products and gifts. They firmly believe in fair trade and respect for the global environment.

Daily Bread first began trading in Northamptonshire in 1972 when a group of nine friends developed the idea of taking their Christian beliefs and values into a simple business environment. Daily Bread Cambridge started in 1992 with just four workers and from then on the business has gone from strength to strength. Being a co-operative Daily Bread has always been owned and run by the people working in it. The permanent staff fulfil the same role as a company director but as a team - and everyone is paid the same. They also aim to support members of the community who are disadvantaged and they try to improve their lives by empowering them to take responsibility and share in decisions.

Tony and Katie brought along a large selection of their products for us to see and we certainly enjoyed sampling the various dried fruits, nuts and such like.

Our Mothers' Union meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 2.30 p.m. in Lode Chapel and, if you would like to join us, you would be most welcome

Anne Pheonix

40 YEARS ON

Yes, it is forty years since the Churches Conservation Trust (CCT) took over the Church of St Cyriac's, and saved it. Even then it was a tight call whether the church would be demolished leaving just the tower standing.

In the celebratory Midsummer Market there was a fine exhibition detailing this and also the various changes that have taken place over the years. The Market itself was a huge success and raised the very encouraging sum of £1,307 of which £200 will go to the CCT, £307 to our General Fund, and £800 to the Restricted Fund which is set aside for the purpose of tidying up the Chancel. £30 is being donated to the *Crier*, without which many local events would be without publicity.

Apart from people on the committee – Janet Willmott (Teas and Children's Art); Francis Reeks (Books); Sharyn Robinson (Tombola and Quality Pre-Loved Clothes); Elisabeth Everitt (Exhibition and Plants); and me with the Bric à Brac – the event depended on others. None of this could have happened without the generous help and contributions of so many people, to whom the organisers are very grateful.

On the Saturday evening there was a talk, 'Then and Now', by Roy Tricker who was one of the early field officers. There was a gratifyingly large audience. With his now legendary humour he told tales of those early days and, what we can only call, the interesting administration. What also came through was the intense love that all CCT staff have for churches. Peter Aiers, currently regional manager in the area, brought us up to date with the CCT, with equal humour, and revealed that the CCT had spent well over £200,000 on the church since first taking it over. This is something for which the village should be grateful, as we are now just one of over 340 CCT churches. He appears to have persuaded some that becoming a CCT supporter for a relatively modest sum is very worthwhile.

On Sunday a delicious fare of entertainment (I must have the gorgeous teas in mind when it write this) was dished out. At 1.00pm the Cage Hill Clangers delivered a very polished hand bell performance from the West Gallery. At 2.00pm



*Young Customer with
Cross Old Man*



Judges Sue Giles and Tim Doe —it's not easy!



The Tombola — unlucky o



How much??



A sighting of the Cage Hi



Tea and cakes





again



ll Clangers



Sue Giles and Tim Doe judged the children's pictures of the church and its surroundings. At 2.30 Richard Hinnit played Palm Court Music beautifully, even under the threat of a pseudo palm that had been placed nearby for inspiration.

The only proper ending is a repeat huge thank you to all those who helped or who came and made this such a successful event.

Alastair Everitt

Children's Art Competition

For those of you who were able to make the Midsummer Market last month what a wonderful treat we had from the amazing artists that we have at the Primary School. The Competition required the pupils to contribute a drawing or painting of what had inspired them following a visit to St. Cyriac's Church. It could be a representation of the Church itself, the surrounding grounds or just one particular feature, the results were truly wonderful and gave our judges, Rev. Sue Giles and Tim Doe, a particularly hard time in coming to their final decisions for each class.

Our thanks go to Headteacher Hannah Curtis, RE co-ordinator Debbie Cole and also Elisabeth Everitt, for inspiring the children to produce such spectacular entries. Grateful thanks also to our judges who followed the remit closely to find the works that showed how inspired the individual had been by the visit to the Church.

The resulting pictures provided a super backdrop to the Market in St. Cyriac's and were greatly admired by all our visitors. Prizes and certificates are to be handed out in School Assembly later this month and the results are as follows starting with the youngest entrants:

Mercury Class, 1st place Mia Hudson, runner up Phoebe Clayton

Mars Class, 1st place Hugh Griffiths, runner up Rowan Coley

Neptune Class, 1st place Archie Wesley, runner up Skye Wilson

Saturn Class, 1st place Kathryn Cane, runner up Finnian Houghton

An additional entry was also selected to be this month's front cover of the Crier for its clear, bold and striking effect in its depiction of the Church – well done Ruben Long, the judges loved your drawing, but also well done to everyone for such wonderful contributions to this competition.

Jaet Willmott

School News

We reached the end of our Outdoor Learning Week and what an fabulous week it was. Throughout the week the children spent time exploring and learning outside. Activities included a visit to Anglesey Abbey for a Creative Arts Day and den building. The children had the opportunity to paint, sketch, explore the woodland area we were in and make dens. The den building proved



to be a great favourite and demonstrated some clever architectural skills! There were opportunities for orienteering and a range of art based activities, Years 5 and 6 went to Wicken Fen where they made willow hurdles, and had a go at geo-caching. All the children learnt about 'Survival Skills' (- KS2 had the chance to light fires) and fire safety, and tried 'backwards' cooking. Cooked bananas and marshmallows were consumed in great quantities by all! They also had maths trails and a sharing assembly.

A Family Campfire and BBQ on the school field, supported by FOSPS ended the week. We enjoyed a range of campfire songs from the school choir and feasted on burgers and hot dogs! In the hall there was an exhibition of some of the artwork and writing that was created during the week and a slideshow of photographs.

'Drop everything and read' day took place and the school became full of book characters, including Fantastic Mr Fox, Legolis the Elf, a selection of princesses and fairies, Little Red Riding Hood and some pirates. We were joined by the author, Gillian McClure, who shared a selection of her books and got the children to think

about some of the skills required to be an author or illustrator. The children spent the day carrying out book related activities and there was a competition for the best costumes of the day.

Some football matches against Teversham were organised by Paul Jordan who takes the KS2 children for PE sessions each week. Teams of Year 5 and 6 children played



Outdoor Learning



Children and Staff



two matches against Teversham Primary School, one away and one at home. The boys were great ambassadors for the school, both on and off the pitch and it proved to be a wonderful opportunity for them to play competitively. Swaffham Prior won both games with scores of 3-2 and 8-4.

Saturn and Neptune classes enjoyed a trip to Mountfitchet Castle, which is the only reconstructed Mott and Bailey castle in the world. They had a fabulous day during which they explored the castle and found out about life as it was then.

Congratulations to our Year 5 Maths Challenge team, which consists of Dylan, Hugh, George and Josh. They have just found out that they have qualified for the final at Duxford later this term. We wish them well!

We were delighted that paintings and drawings of St Cyriac's Church were exhibited in the church as part of the celebration of '40 Years On'. Children in KS2 had a visit from Elisabeth Everitt who talked with them about St Cyriac's Church. The whole school then went to the church, made preliminary sketches and then finished off their pieces of artwork in school. Many thanks to Mrs Debbie Cole for organising the project and Mrs Willmott for organising the exhibition and competition. We await with excitement to hear the results and celebrate the winners!

At the time of writing the article, the children in Saturn Class were on a residential trip to Aylmerton and having a wonderful time. They have been playing team building games, having a twilight safari, during which they saw bats and other wildlife, and been to the beach for an evening walk.

Some of the other planned events for this term include, a trip to Banham Zoo for Mercury and Mars classes, Sports Day, the KS2 production and an Olympic Legacy sports day with Swaffham Bulbeck. More exciting times ahead!



St Cyriac's 40 Years On

Hannah Curtis
Head teacher

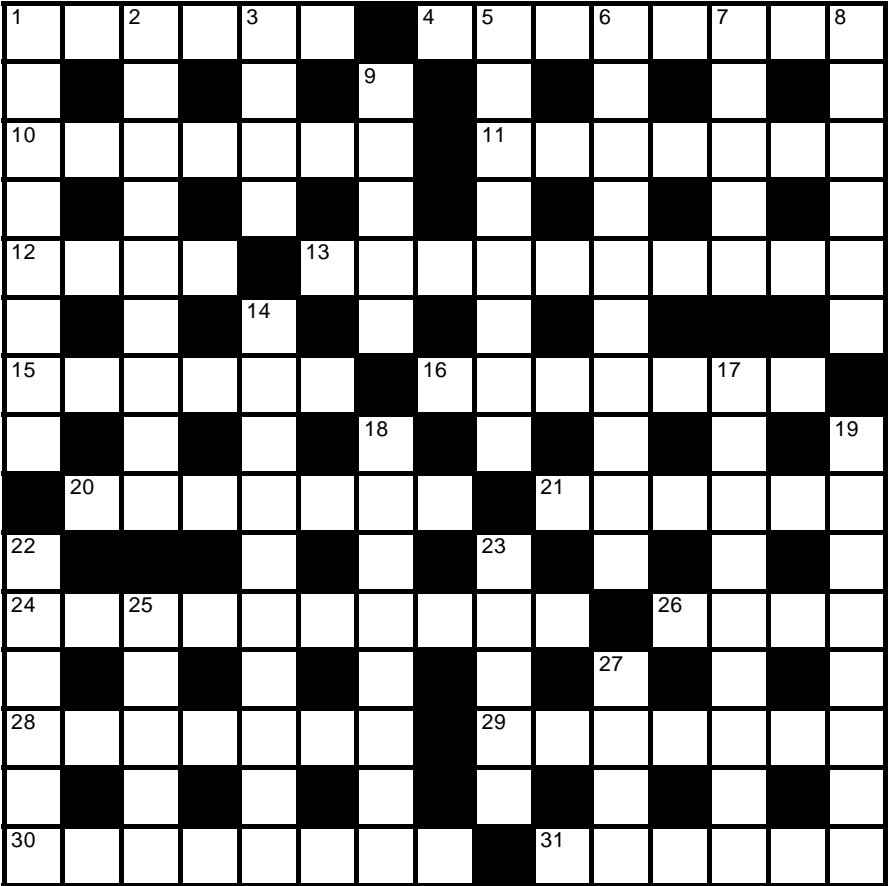
Crossword Number 102

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BYWELL

This month's puzzle is a simple cryptic crossword. Send your answers to the editors by 18 July 2013. The first correct solution out of the hat will win a free meal for two at the Red Lion—See the Manager at the pub for full details.



Name:.....
Address:.....
.....Tel:.....

Across

- 1 Show pot coated in butter (4,2)
- 4 Take no sides in daily plot typical of salt flats (8)
- 10 Daisy we uprooted by the road (7)
- 11 Mar the appearance of crumbling old pies (7)
- 12 Unaccompanied fish (4)
- 13 Marking a letter around cable (10)
- 15 One second-class lounge on fire (6)
- 16 Hippie overcame family rejection (7)
- 20 More than one little girl is eating at all times (7)
- 21 Soft buzzer ringing youth centre very loudly (6)
- 24 Jaw exercise could start by chopping eucalyptus down under (7,3)
- 26 Running through rye a healthy positive profession (4)
- 28 Throw a tart at some one at the door? (3-1-3)
- 29 Maybe credit or debit current account, having problem with heart (7)
- 30 Those wishing for your start-up lucrative ventures (8)
- 31 Aromatic vegetable might be grown here bearing leaves at first (6)

Down

- 1 Urban resident at last has an island (8)
- 2 Redesign your label to go with red and white (5,4)
- 3 Measuring base for posh louse (4)
- 5 Mooring no longer done at sea with duck (8)
- 6 Assemble at building to make raw

materials for alchemist (4,6)

- 7 Small rising soup manufacturer changes hands (5)
- 8 The best showed joy over losing at last (2,4)
- 9 Strangely frightening after odd characters leave Peter ruined (5)
- 14 Home for some foreigners takin' ze bus all over ze place (10)
- 17 Voicing alternative on-line fix (9)
- 18 Anything eaten by the German offspring (6)
- 19 Thy claim to be re-written in fairy stories (8)
- 22 Sickness at sea shows first pleasing attribute in a woman (6)
- 23 Move suddenly left before you are heard at church (5)
- 25 Actor's old skill turning up (5)
- 27 Could be ash in theatre entrances (4)

Solution to crossword no. 101

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We congratulate Keith Richard, the winner of last month's competition, who should collect his prize certificate from the editors. An honourable mentions goes to Tamsin Budd.

News from Wicken Fen & Anglesey Abbey

Do you have some free time this summer – would you like to help children and their families have a great day in the great outdoors? If the answer is yes, how about volunteering as an Events Assistant at Wicken Fen this summer. Duties would involve helping to prepare and assisting members of the Learning Team to deliver the event. You would need to be available at least 2 days a week during the school summer holidays and a few days beforehand for training. Travel expenses between home and Wicken Fen will be paid. To find out more please contact Learning Officer, Rachel Beaumont on 01353 720274 or e-mail rachel.beaumont@nationaltrust.org.uk

At Wicken our programme of summer activities and events starts with a 24 hour **Bioblitz** starting at 4pm on Friday 12 through to 4pm on Saturday 13 July. During this period we will be trying to identify and record as many species as possible, hopefully beating last years total of 917 species. There are lots of activities on both days to help us with our quest – on Friday there's a Mammal Trapping at 19.00, Bat Walk at 21.00 and Moth Trapping at 22.00. Saturdays programme includes – Bird Ringing demonstration 5.30 -11.00, opening Mammal Traps 8.00, opening Moth Traps 9.00, Minibeast Hunt 10.00, Aquatic Plants boat trip 12.00, Pond dipping 13-16.00, Botany Walk 13.00, Dragonfly walk 14.00 and the Final Count up at 16.00.

Dragonfly Day on Sunday 28 July, 10am -5pm, is the perfect opportunity to discover more about these amazing insects – organised by members of the Dragonfly Project, there will be lots of activities throughout the day including pond dipping, larva feeding demonstrations, dragonfly walks and lots of dragonfly themed arts and craft activities.


Our main summer holiday programme gets underway with **Pond dipping and Minibeast Hunt** on 24, 30 July & 6, 13, 20 and 27 Aug; **Mud Glorious Mud** on 26 July, 7 and 19 Aug; **Fairies and Pixies** on 29 July and 23 Aug; **Summertime Arts and Crafts** on 31 July and 9 Aug, **Wicken Warriors** on 2 and 21 Aug; **Den Building** on 5, 16 and 28 Aug; **Wildlife Detectives** on 12 and 30 Aug and **Myth and Magic** on 14 Aug. Bookings can be made via the Events page of our website at www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wickenfen or by calling the Box Office on 0844 249 1895.

Down at Anglesey Abbey, we are running **Wild Wednesdays** in the Hoe Fen Wildlife Discovery Area throughout the school holidays. The programme includes **Bugs & Butterflies Galore** 24 July; **Pond Dipping** 31 July; **Birds & Moths Day** 7 Aug;



Den Building 14 & 28 Aug and **All Things Sticks** 21 Aug. The activities are free (normal admission applies) and run from 11am–1pm or 2-4pm. Have a great summer.


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WHAT'S THE TIME, MR PLANT?



We can just glance at our watches to know the time, but how do plants know what to do when? We can observe over the year how plants respond to the seasonal melodies, in particular deciduous trees shedding leaves in autumn and buds bursting with new growth in spring. In ornamental gardens, it is intriguing how the same sorts of plants, give or take a little location variation, all come into flower at the same time – it was wonderful to see all the magenta flowers of the Judas trees blister into bloom along bare branches seemingly overnight all across Cambridgeshire. But plants also respond to the much shorter 24 hour periods of day and night.

The ubiquitous but lovely daisy close up their flowerheads at night and let down their petals again at dawn, giving rise to their common name which derives from ‘day’s eye’. This is even more noticeable in some of the larger members of the same family – the dense mats of South African *Osteospermum* which have colonised many of our seaside shores, are topped in summer with large white flowers which close up at night to show elegant pink and purple striping to the underside. The growth rate of a plant also changes over a 24-hour period, with the quickest stem extensions occurring just before dawn, so if you wake up to think the borders (and weeds, and grass) have grown overnight, they probably have! There are also lots of processes at work over a 24-hour period that are harder to see: the green parts of a plant are covered in tiny pores called stomata, little vents that allow air flow in and out of the plant. These open during the day and close at night and are important in both respiration and photosynthesis, the process by which a plant can use sunlight energy, carbon dioxide and water to make food.

The activities of a plant, and indeed animals, over a 24 hour period is known as the Circadian rhythm, regulated by a complex internal clock of genes cogged together to operate in a feedback loop. In plants, the increased light levels of sunrise trigger certain clock genes to manufacture proteins that drive daylight plant activities. As light levels decrease at evening time, these proteins are destroyed and trigger the manufacture of night activity proteins. In some back-to-front plants, this might include overnight flowering to attract moth pollinators, as in *Cactus*, or an intensification of scent in the evening, as in *Nicotiana*. The night time gene and protein is even named TOC1 to reflect its timekeeping role!

So when the Botanic Garden stays open late ‘til 8pm every Wednesday in July for our Sounds Green picnic proms, different plants will be opening up and fragrancng the air to those that stole the show in the morning and which are shutting up shop for the day. And no need to try working out when it is closing time by blowing away the parachute seeds of the dandelion clocks in the long grass meadows and spreading the seeds about, thank you – the horticultural team are flat out as it is! Just listen out for the bell rung by one of the visitor service team from the only bike allowed into the Garden to mark 15 minutes to closing, a tradition that has been going on for over half a century.

Notes from the Parish Council May/June Meetings

Annual Parish Council Meeting – 9th May 2013

The Clerk took the meeting for apologies and the first two items. There were 5 Parish Councillors and 3 members of the Public in attendance.

Election of Chairman: Following the formalities, John Covill was elected as Chairman. This was unanimously agreed. John confirmed he was happy to continue as Chairman for another year.

Election of Vice-Chairman: Peter Hart was elected as Vice-Chairman. Unanimously agreed.

Confirmation of Parish Council Representatives for:

Village Hall Management Committee: Peter Hart stepped down as Parish Council representative. Paul Latchford agreed to take on this role.

Swaffham Prior Parochial Charities: John Covill, Eric Day and Andrew Camps agreed to continue to represent the Parish Council.

Swaffham Prior Sports & Recreation Committee: Steve Kent-Phillips.

Confirmation of RFO (Responsible Financial Officer): The Clerk – Karen King.

Confirmation of PCRF (Parish Councillor Responsible for Finance): Steve Kent-Phillips.

Parish Council Meeting – 9th May 2013

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

Members' Declaration of Interest for Items on the Agenda + Requests for Dispensations: None.

Public Participation: No comments.

Reports:

CCC– Cllr David Brown was unable to attend meeting but provided a written report read out by Clerk.

ECDC–Cllr Allen Alderson was unable to attend meeting but provided a written report read out by Clerk.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes (for information only):

Litter bins on High Street and Coopers Green: David White of ECDC replied to the Parish Council's letter confirming that he had asked Veolia to ensure the bins were emptied and that this was to be monitored closely.

Correspondence for Consideration/Circulation:

CCC – Grasscutting of Public Rights of Way: Summary of planned cutting programme for this season including a request to be advised of any additional footpaths that might require cutting. *Peter Hart said he would keep CCC informed.*

CCC – Village Grass Cutting 2013/14: Contribution of £504.36 to be paid for this season. This is an increase of 5% on 2012/13 season.

General – Bird scarers: A letter was received from a resident complaining

about the use of bird scarers by landowners and in particular the times they were set to go off. *This was discussed and the Clerk was asked to reply noting that Parish Councillors sympathised with the resident's concerns about timings for the use of bird scarers but adding that this was an essential part of country life. John Covill confirmed that he had recently spoken with a land owner about scarers going off through the night and the land owner immediately checked and corrected the problem.*

Clerk's Annual Appraisal and Review of Contract: The meeting agreed that the Clerk's performance was exemplary and there were no issues requiring attention. With regards to the Clerk's contract it was suggested that this was carried forward until the outcome of a national review of Clerks' salaries was known.

Amendment to Parish Council Standing Orders: The following amendment was agreed; *"The Clerk is authorised to spend up to £200 without prior authorisation provided permission is granted by both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. The expenditure must be ratified at the next available meeting. This agreement is to be reviewed yearly."*

Review of Parish Council Financial Regulations & Risk Assessment: Amendments were agreed in line with the changes to the Standing Orders.

Review of RoSPA Play Area Safety Inspection Report: Steve Kent-Phillips had checked through the report and noted minor items for attention including the installing of a sturdier gate to the rear of the play area.

Proposed Erection of Fencing on Footpath Boundary at The Beeches by Sanctuary Hereward Housing:

Sanctuary Hereward were made aware of damp problems in one of the bungalows at The Beeches. This was due to the ground level at the back of the bungalow being above the damp course and work was to be carried out to rectify this. When looking at the damp issues the high drop from the footpath to ground level was noticed and to protect pedestrians SH had agreed to erect a temporary fence whilst the levelling work was being carried out and then a more permanent one. Before going ahead with the work SH wanted to check that the Parish Council had no objections. *This was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk would ask SH for more details on type of fencing to be used and timescales.*

Cemetery Matters: Peter Hart reported on recent tidying work carried out by himself and Andrew Camps at the cemetery and told the meeting of areas needing attention including the clearance of the spoil heap, refixing of the open fence panel between the allotments and the cemetery and monitoring of the water supply meters. The Clerk was asked to obtain quotes for the removal of the spoil heap.

Approval of Accounts including Annual Audit Return and

Governance Statement: Steve Kent-Phillips reported on accounts noting

an end-of-year surplus of £2,258. The accounts, Audit Return and Governance Statement were agreed for submission to the External Auditor for approval.

Accounts for Payment: These were agreed.

Clerk's Reports:

Allotments: Request received to keep chickens on allotment. *This was agreed but the Clerk was asked to make allotment holder aware of nearby beehives.*

Parish Councillor's Reports:

Wicken Fen Community Liaison Forum: Geoffrey Woollard reported on latest meeting and confirmed that he was happy to continue as Parish Council representative. David Almond asked that the minutes be circulated.

Church Path: There was discussion on the type of surfacing used and the steep angle of the path.

Open Question Time: General discussion.

Parish Council Meeting – 13th June 2013

The meeting was chaired by John Covill with 6 Parish Councillors and 3 members of the Public in attendance.

Members' Declaration of Interest for Items on the Agenda + Requests for Dispensations: None.

Public Participation: Alastair Everitt told the meeting that the footpath running from Village Hall Car Park to Station Road needed cutting. John Covill said he would report this to CCC.

Reports:

CCC– Cllr David Brown reported to the meeting.

ECDC–Cllr Allen Alderson reported to the meeting.

Matters Arising:

Gate at Play Area: Steve Kent-Phillips reported that a new two-way gate raised from the ground was to be made and installed by Simon King.

Correspondence for Consideration/Circulation:

ECDC – Draft Swaffham Prior Village Vision. *Request for clarification on wording in the Village Vision document.*

ECDC – Buildings of Local Interest. *"The Council is proposing the establishment of a list of Buildings of Local Interest that will be adopted as a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) that forms part of the Local Development Framework. Should the SPD be adopted it would become a material consideration when determining planning applications that affect properties that feature on the list.*

The establishment of a list of Buildings of Local Interest is promoted by both National Planning Policy and Government guidance. It is something that over half the Local Planning Authorities in England already have in place"

*There is a public consultation running **Monday 3rd June until Monday 15th July 2013** (inclusive). Details can be found on ECDC's website or please contact the Clerk.*

Cemetery – quotations received for the removal of spoil heap:

Discussion on quote received for work. This was carried forward to next meet to give Parish Councillors the opportunity to consider alternative options.

Review of Asset Register: Changes were made to the asset register. These are to be considered further at the July meeting.

Accounts for Payment: These were agreed.

Parish Councillors' Reports:

Memorial to Land Army Girls: Geoffrey Woollard commented that Steve Kent-Phillips suggestion of a stained glass window in the Church to commemorate the Land Army Girls was an excellent idea. *The Clerk was asked to write to the PCC.*

Fly-tipping: John Covill reported the dumping of some TV's and computer monitors on Great Drove. Allen Alderson said he would arrange for collection.

Potholes: John Covill reported some potholes in need of attention.

Open Question Time:

Michael Limb asked the Parish Council to continue to monitor the emptying of the litter bins.

Michael Limb asked about the reinstatement of the water fountain currently stored in the Pound.

If anyone would like further information on any of the above items, please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk.

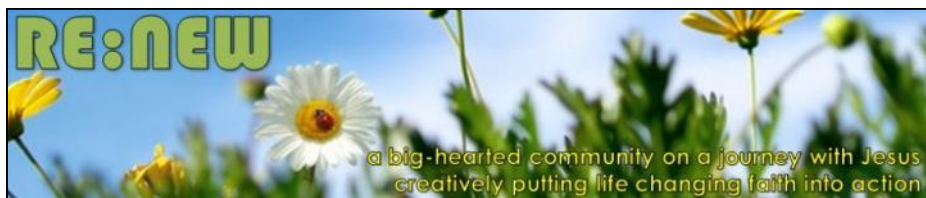
The next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday, 11th July 2013 starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Future meeting dates:

8th August (*if called*), 12th September, 10th October, 14th November, 12th December.

All are welcome to attend.

Karen King – Clerk to the Parish Council. Tel: 742358. NEW EMAIL ADDRESS: karen.king@swaffham-prior.co.uk



Jungle Jamboree

This summer we're taking a trip to the jungle... and spending a week there enjoying craft, games, challenges, music, drama, puppets and general silliness! Yes, our summer holiday club for children aged 5-11 is back – and it promises to be just as much fun as previous years.

The **Jungle Jamboree** is taking place at the beginning of the school holidays, from **Monday 29th July until Friday 2nd August**. The club runs from **9.00am until 12.30pm** each day, but whole family can join in with the fun because there will be a **family celebration and picnic** at the school on **Sunday 4th August**, complete with bouncy castle and ice cream van.

As in previous years RE:NEW are organising the club, but it will also be supported by other local churches and Christians, as well as the Womens' Institute who provide snacks for the children and lunch for the helpers! I'll be leading the club, having lots of fun bouncing around on stage and generally making a fool of myself, while the rest of the team will be doing the hard work! Without their contribution the club wouldn't be able to happen.

The venue for the **Jungle Jamboree** will be Bottisham Primary School, but we'll be going into all of the local schools to advertise the club and to send home registration forms. Do send the forms back swiftly as places are allocated on a first come first served basis and we have to limit the number of children we can take for health and safety reasons. If your child doesn't give you a registration form, or if you want to ensure your child's place by booking early, then you can also register on our website www.re-new.me.uk. We do ask for a donation of **£2 per child per day** to help cover the cost of the school hire and the resources that we use, but much of the expense of the week is willingly subsidised by the church. As always, the club is operated in line with our child protection policy – the welfare of the children at the club is very important to us.

I must, however, issue a disclaimer. Children who have been to holiday club in the past have been known to spend the rest of the summer endlessly singing the songs, which have an annoying habit of being very hard to forget. Nonetheless, children of all ages are bound to have fun – and I, for one, can't wait!

Simon Goddard

Services in July

Sun 7th Jul, 10.30am – RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (School)

Sun 14th Jul, 10.30am – RE:NEW Café & Kids Club (School)

Sun 14th Jun, 6.20pm – Traditional Service (Lode Chapel)

Sun 21st Jul, 10.30am – RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (School)

Sun 28th Jul, 10.30am – RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (School)

Sun 28th Jul, 6.20pm – Traditional Service (Great Wilbraham Chapel)
Sun 4th Aug, 10.30am – Family Celebration & Picnic (School)

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If you have any offers or wants, please contact me by the 14th of each month: jun.thompson@tiscali.co.uk, or c813362, or drop a note through 23 Longmeadow. Everything is free and nothing is expected in return. Please can you contact the offers after the 1st of the month to make it a little fairer.

Offers

- 2 children's tickets for Wicken Fen Wildlife Detectives activity 10.30am on Friday August 30th; IKEA LACK coffee table in birch finish (pale wood effect) length 90cm width 55cm height 45cm (Flat-packed, needs assembly. Corner of table is damaged with some veneer peeling.); Grey metal and glass coffee table 70cm square, height 35cm metal surface a bit worn, otherwise in good condition. Amy 07795 975075.
- Retired 'Clerical' Stepladder - St James' Church has a vintage wooden '12 step' stepladder available for rehoming. It is still in good working condition (if you have the muscles to handle it) although it could do with a replacement cord; Water Underground Supply Pipe 25 metre coil of standard 20mm Blue Water supply pipe. End plugs still in place. Surplus to requirements due to change of planned project. Peter Swannell c811584.
- 4' 6" Jay-Be double bed with slatted base and mattress in clean condition. Chris and Judith c812085
- King size slatted pine bedstead, includes headboard but no mattress. Gerry c811236

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.
- Any photographic/darkroom equipment. From cameras to chemicals. Beginner wanting to learn about film photography and development. Also looking for a working flatbed scanner. Mark c813919
- Garden gate. Anything considered! Sharon n742505/n742199

Dear Friends,

Last time I wrote about the IF Campaign where the world's major aid agencies have come together to campaign to end world hunger. Since writing that, I have had the opportunity to see what that might mean to the lives of many people. For some years before my arrival, the parishes of the Anglesey Benefice have developed a link with the Diocese of Mara in Tanzania and for two weeks a small group of us had the privilege of sharing their life.



The contrast between what we and they would see as sufficiency is stark. We take it for granted that our children will have the opportunity of schooling up to the age of 18 and then move on to further or higher education. In Tanzania, free education is available to children from the ages of 7 to 14. Some pupils walk miles to school and back each day under a burning sun. Secondary education is only available to those who can afford to pay. Over the past few decades, we in Britain have striven to train more teachers so that children can be taught in smaller classes enabling individual attention to be given to each child. The average class size in Mara was 60-70 children while the largest class we saw was 150. As someone who enjoys possessing books in considerable number it was a shock to learn that in most classes one book has to be shared between 10 children. The children were delighted with the small gifts we brought – pencils and crayons, something children in our primary schools had to admit would not be the kind of present they would hope to receive.

So did we return with a feeling of depression having seen the sheer gulf between the privileges we enjoy and the deprivation facing people in Tanzania? The answer is no. What we saw were committed Christians working to make the best use of the resources available to them, and most importantly, working as a community to support each other. It was humbling to see how small gifts that our communities have given, have been channelled into life changing projects. The construction of wells is one way in which life can be changed. Where previously women and schoolchildren, would have had to walk perhaps miles to collect water, now this most precious commodity can be available in the midst of their community. The effort that previously went into collecting water, can now be turned to cultivating land or tending livestock.

All this, however was the surface experience; much deeper was the sense of our common humanity and the development of relationships between those who went to Mara and those who welcomed us. This is a small fragment of what we saw; as you meet us we will be anxious to share our experience and our privilege – I may draw on this rich vein again!

Sue

Services in July

Sunday 7 July, Sixth Sunday after Trinity
11am Matins

Sunday 14 July, Seventh Sunday after Trinity
11am Holy Communion (CW1T)

Sunday 21 July, Eighth Sunday after Trinity
11am Family Service

Sunday 28 July, Ninth Sunday after Trinity
10am Benefice Service Holy Communion (CW1T)



Date for the Diary

Harvest Supper – 5th October

St Cyriac's Church

Helpers required to organise this
popular village event

Please contact Janet on 07833 960678
for further details

Donations of white double bed
sheets urgently required and
also small wicker bread baskets
– happy to collect

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“Wit is educated insolence.”

Aristotle (384-322bc)

Dates for Your Diary July 2013

Thu	11	PC Meeting, 7.30pm, VH
Fri	12	
Sat	13	
Sun	14	Crier Copy Deadline
Mon	15	WI, 7.30pm, VH
Tue	16	Mobile Library, Cage Hill 2.45-3.15pm Chapel 3.20pm-4.00pm Village Gardeners, 8pm VH
Wed	17	
Thu	18	
Fri	19	
Sat	20	Cantilena Singers, 7.30pm, St Mary's Burwell
Sun	21	Strawberry Teas, 3-5pm, The Barn (opposite Red Lion)

Club	Contact	Tel.	Date	Time	Place
FOSPS	Clare Freeman	741316	2 nd 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 st Weds of month	8:00pm	(See Crier)
Scouts	Tim Doe	743656	Weds (term)	6:15-7:45pm	Village School
Village Gardeners	Margaret Joyce	744390	3 rd Tues of month	8:00pm	Village Hall
WI	Pat Cook	742224	3 rd Mon of month	7.30 pm	Village Hall
Youth Club	Alan Badcock	742228	Tues	7-8:30pm	Youth Club Hut Hut
			Thurs	7-10:00pm	