



The Swaffham Crier

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Editorial

For the first time ever, we couldn't make the Dog Show. However, this gave other village dogs a chance for once, because as we may have occasionally mentioned before, our EXEMPLARY dog is

accustomed to scooping a great many of the prizes....hmmmm. This is a fiercely competed event much enjoyed by all (see our centre spread) congratulations to winners, and many thanks to some great organisers and of course sponsors Alan's Ark, whose prizes are *ace*.

Sometimes churchgoers, as they philosophically contemplate somewhat dwindled numbers of a Sunday morning, might be mislead into thinking no-one cares about the church anymore. But evidently nothing could be further

from the truth, only witness the ongoing path debate! We all miss John Norris, there are so many good deeds he did, including it appears keeping the *gravel* paths in the churchyard weed free. Alas, now they are competing with our drive for jungle effect overlays. PCC?

Congratulations to Janet Willmott: her car scheme has just given its hundredth ride, Jan Petersen's biannual German visit was another big success, many thanks due to all those involved, Goodbye and very Best

Wishes to Simon Goddard, who's leaving next month, and lastly BIG Congrats to Sylvie Short, whose book about Swaffham Prior hits the press this month — see you at the book launch!

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Jan Petersen at the primary school

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Letters to the Editors



Dear Editors,

THE SWAFFHAM PRIOR BOOK – It's finished – over 80,000 words and 145 photographs.

Two hundred copies will be delivered and ready to go on sale by the end of September...so... I am very pleased to be able to invite anyone who may be interested, and able to attend, to a launch

In	Swaffham Prior Village Hall
On	Saturday 26 th October
Starting at	7.00pm

The completion of the book has been possible as my husband's oesophageal tumour has been successfully controlled by dilation and, although mobility is an issue since his leg amputation, he has felt well enough to help by adding all the photographs to the text and compiling an index – no mean feat! The book has, in fact, provided something for us to work on at a time when getting out and about is not as easy as it once was. For me it has been a real labour of love, made possible not just by the help and support of my husband, but by so much practical help and encouragement from many of you in the village, particularly Sir Michael Marshall and Michael Cazenove, who have kindly written very encouraging forewords. I do so hope you will enjoy reading the book as much as I have enjoyed writing it, and I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible on the 26th

With best wishes,

Sylvie Short.

Dear Editors

John Norris' Paths

I do sympathise with Kate Comin's feelings as expressed in her letter in the last issue, and I have no wish to cause any further upset. But it may help to explain the comments of the Parish Council which I reported in the *Crier*, and which incidentally were echoed by many in the village at that time.

The Parish Council made its comments on 8th May, very close to the time when the work was completed. It did not know whether ECDC, PCC or CCT were responsible. Or whether planning permission, or a faculty, etc., were required for such a dramatic change to the churchyard. Just imagine if ECDC had carried out the work without informing the village. It was only later in that May meeting that the PC was told by someone in the public gallery that the PCC was responsible, using money left by John Norris to the Church.

Presumably the new path had been discussed at a PCC meeting and it is surprising the decision had not been revealed to anyone outside the PCC. And at that PCC meeting surely the surface material and appearance would have been discussed. I think there is hardly anyone who did not think the black stuff

“startling”, and that a more attractive and fitting surface could have been chosen. And that may remain so today though, as with all things new, many people appear to have become accustomed to the new look, which has softened down and currently compares very favourably with the neglected gravel paths.

The PC made its comments on 8th May and these were published at the end of May, together with Brenda Wilson’s explanatory letter. Kate did not read the PC report until 26th June, with her own letter not being published until the beginning of August. So, quite a lot of water had passed under the bridge during the four months since 8th May, and it could have been hoped that there were now calmer waters. This appears not to be the case.

Everyone really does appreciate John’s contribution to the village and his generosity in providing the paths. But, from my knowledge of John, he would have told his neighbours and many others what he proposed; and with his great knowledge and interest in materials, he may well have had views and suggestions about that final finish.

Many wonder why the PCC, acting on John’s behalf, did not act, as John would have acted.

Alastair Everitt

The Crier has done some investigation and it appears that the sequence of events was: John Norris’ family obtained estimates for the work and gave these to a member of the PCC who selected one, emailed the rest of the PCC to ask if there were any objections and there being none, went ahead and agreed the contract. There is some suggestion that there is a provision for a different surface to be added to the paths if required, but it doesn’t seem that the PCC consulted any other bodies, e.g. the Church of England; the Churches Conservation Trust re St Cyriac’s; ECDC for planning permission/listed building consent; or took any soundings from the village as a whole. In view of the subsequent upset that this has caused this is obviously unfortunate. If the PCC wish to do so, we would welcome copy from them for the Crier and/or minutes posted on the village web site.

James Matheson

Dear Editors,

Car Scheme

I should like to thank Janet and all the members of the Village Car Scheme. They do a grand job and are very helpful to me. I know Ron enjoys his trips with them, they are always so cheerful and helpful.

Many, many thanks and carry on the good work.

Betty Prime

From our Reporter at the Parish Council Meeting

What an instructive night! The only pity is that there were no Rogers Road residents (apart from their PC representative), or any from the Barns, or the Beeches, or from anyone else in the area who were there to witness the presentation by Jamie Wilding of Hill Residential Ltd on the proposed development of what is still known as the Dencora Field, next to Rogers Road. But if people will not look at the PC Agenda posted on the Village Notice Board, how can they expect to know.



Apart from Jamie Wilding, there were also Mitchell Tredgett of Hill Residential, Adrian Dickens (one of the owners of the field), Philip Murton of 100 Houses, and Emma Fletcher, who has been involved in the negotiations. There were also two members of the public at this open meeting.

Copies of the ground plan together with the design of some of the houses were distributed and I am sure your local PC member will show it to anyone interested. There are to be twenty houses of which eight will be low cost. The section of the field being used will not be over crowded and it seems the usual number for that size of plot is twenty eight houses. There will be larger gardens than usual and the general plan does appear to be quite generous in its provision of space. There is also variety in the houses with twelve different house types.

It is hoped to obtain a sustainability of level 4. As a comparison I asked a knowledgeable person what level David Greenfield's (unfortunately not at the meeting) state of the art sustainable house achieved and it was guessed at four and a half. There will be many different roof materials for variety, but later it turned out that many of these might be solar panels. Rainwater harvesting had been considered and rejected because it has become controversial; if you don't clean out the underground tanks regularly there could be health problems, and there have been three cases of legionnaire's disease. However each house will be fitted with a water butt. Also considered were geothermal heat pumps but these had been rejected because they are expensive to install and can go wrong after about 15 years. Air-heat pump sources were also considered and rejected because of the noisy fans. Therefore solar panels it shall be.

Paul expressed concern about the lack of parking spaces. We all have our obsessions. Parking appears to be one Paul's obsessions and this goes back to the last century when, at a public meeting discussing the possible use of St. Cyriac's as an event site, he raised the question of parking, asking whether anyone had thought about it. The affordable houses have two spaces but no garage. The five bedroom houses have a double garage and two parking spaces. Paul thought this totally inadequate because no-one parks in a garage, and that when the three children of a couple grow up and continue to live at home there will be a need for five parking spaces rather than the two provided (if we omit the garage in which no-one parks). And where will visitor's park, and what happens if they throw a big party? We have to project forward twenty years he said.

Paul spoke convincingly, swayed some of the PC, and they turned their attention to the open green space which has to be provided in such a development. Why can't people park on that and use it as a car park? They thought it a ridiculous ruling of ECDC. In vain Emma pleaded

Where the Wheelie money goes	
Purchase of vehicles	£2,043,757.68
Purchase & distribution of bins	£1,817,870.61
Additional collection costs (to 03/15)	£841,030.99
Additional fixed term staff	£258,674.61
Promotional activities	£24,678.41
Computer software licences	£7,500
Total £4,993,512.30	

that if the open green spaces were reduced or objected to then the whole scheme could be thrown out as a breach of planning policy. Adrian wondered why the same rule applied to both town and villages. After all, someone said, in towns people can walk, cycle or catch a bus –unless of course they want a trip into the country.

Many people expressed their views and inevitably we soon saw that one person's meat is another person's poison. There is not room to give an account of all. But everyone had a jolly good time in expressing their opinions. Even Geoffrey, who has always done his best to have the *whole* field developed, did concede that if the owners of the field are happy then so is he. He also picked up on Paul's 20 years theme and added one of those personal details he often treats us to by saying that if the development lasts for twenty years he will be 95 years old. And this is possibly a greater worry than the number of parking spaces. I do not mean the longevity of Geoffrey, but that an increasing number of the younger people are predicted to live to well over 100. Extra parking for buggies and zimmer frames?

Emma mentioned the need to name the two entrance roads and said this is often the most controversial part of a new development. Someone in the public gallery suggested "Woollard Way". Emma pointed out that the person would normally need to be dead so Geoffrey refused the honour until it was explained that the Woollard in question was his great uncle who had farmed that field for many years in the past. This is Charles Y.Woollard (1877-1932) who had farmed 1000 acres and lived in Anglesey House from about 1900 to 1924. Encouraged by this, Geoffrey suggested a farmer of the field who preceded his uncle, and this was Matthew Witt (1765-1824). I think this was rejected because, apart from "Witt Way" being a difficult address over the phone, it seems that Mr Witt was also a great collector of phallic symbols.

If anyone does have a suggestion for either of the two entrances they should write to the *Crier* or speak to their local PC representative. I don't think "Dencora Drive" will be acceptable.

This discussion lasted for just over the hour and it seemed to me that the village was very lucky to have such a generously spaced development proposal. The plan will be submitted to ECDC in October. This, one might have thought, would be the highlight of the evening.

BUT IT WAS NOT. Allen Alderson had at last produced the figures accounting for the expenditure of the £5 million which ECDC had received for introducing wheelie bins. Geoffrey had been asking for these over the last few

months because, even though at one meeting he had said he was “choosing his words carefully”, what he really meant is he wondered if some of the money had been siphoned off for other purposes. The figures are indeed very interesting and, one may say, startling in parts. (see inset). Peter Hart wondered about the additional collection costs (£841,030) through to March 2015 and I think the answer was that this is needed to cover the extra cost for those who just wish to have black bag collection. And it was only costed through to March 2015 because after the election the decision may be made to dispense with black bags altogether. And the additional fixed term staff cost (£258,674) is to cover the staff to deal with the huge number of extra phones calls and queries about the wheelie bins. So that’s a million gone – just like that. There was then a heated debate about the powers of the EU, whether the EU had forced ECDC to apply for the money, with some attention being diverted onto Mr Pickles, and possibly his future on this planet. Meanwhile Paul revealed that if you opt out and just want a black bag collection you need to make your own arrangement for the disposal of recyclables. This had all been very lively. One could even say that they all became “very energised” – as the phrase is today

And then “The Land Girls” made their entrance. The Prince family have progressed with their wish to have a memorial to the Land Girls. I suppose this means the proposal to have a memorial window in St. Mary’s has been dropped. The idea now is to have it near the village sign at the bottom of Cage Hill. Martin Mead has agreed to build the plinth at no charge and the PC agreed to donate £100 towards the £307 cost of a honed black granite splayed tablet with the lettering in gold leaf. The proposed wording was discussed, and there was a question mark about the maintenance.

At some point in the meeting we were informed that the “Code of Conduct” is to become “Principles of Public Life”. Do you think the BBC hierarchy might be interested in the details?

Alastair Everitt

In Memoriam

Those in the village who remember him
will be sorry to hear of the recent death
of

JOHN CLARKE

Born February 25, 1926

Died August 23, 2013

BOOK LAUNCH
TWO CHURCHES TOGETHER
A HISTORY OF SWAFFHAM PRIOR
BY
SYLVIE SHORT MA
(A Village Resident from 1954 to 1963)
AT
Swaffham Prior Village Hall
7 p.m. on Saturday 26th. October 2013
Introduction ~ a short talk from the author ~ questions

Enjoy a free glass of Cava and some canapes as you listen

**After the talk you will have the opportunity to buy copies of the book – signed
by the author if you wish**

**The Book will make an ideal Christmas present for village residents, former
residents, family and friends.**

The Village Web Site

The village web site (<http://www.swaffham-prior.org.uk>) has received a bit of attention over the summer, the most notable addition being an on-line copy of Elizabeth's Everitt's history of the two churches - well worth a read. The site is still however very short of original content, being mainly links to information on other sites. I would very much welcome ideas, contributions and offers to help put material on line. We're still well behind Reach ...

James Matheson
webmaster@swaffham-prior.org.uk

Donations!

Many thanks to Re:new for their very kind donation to the *Crier* this month.



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

**Saturday 19th October, 2013
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
and shipping costs.

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)

Yes please to:

Toys: bear, soft toy, finger puppet, jigsaw,
yo-yo, building blocks, small musical in-
strument, trucks, cars, dolls, clip on ear-
rings, tennis ball, etc

Educational supplies: felt pens, pens, pen-
cils, 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 or
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

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 19th 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!**

QUIZ NIGHT

Swaffham Prior Village Hall

7.30 pm ♡ Saturday

19th October 2013

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

News from Bottisham Patients' Group

There is little to report about Patients' Group activities until after our committee meets on 26th September. We have changed our constitution to elect a Treasurer and to raise funds so that we can offer occasional talks on health topics at the Village College. Look out for news of one before Christmas. We are also pleased to learn that the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Commissioning Group is continuing to make additional funding available to local practices which engage in patient participation. Here is some important information from Bottisham Medical Practice:

Flu Jabs

As many of you are aware, everyone over the age of 65 and those in clinical 'at risk' groups are recommended to have a flu jab every year. Bottisham Medical Practice has organised two **Saturday Flu Clinics**: Saturday 19th October and Saturday 2nd November 2013. **Please book an appointment to attend a Saturday Flu Clinic if at all possible**, to enable our nursing team to provide our usual nursing service during normal surgery hours. Additional flu clinics will be scheduled for later.

Flu and Children

This year, for the first time, flu immunisation is offered to all children whose date of birth falls between 02/09/2009 and 01/09/2011 inclusive. It is given to these children as a **nasal spray** and parents/carers will be contacted by the Practice to invite children to attend and receive their vaccination. Children aged 5 + who are also in clinical 'at risk' groups, will receive the normal flu vaccination.

Shingles Vaccination

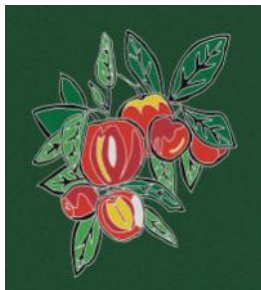
Another 'first' for this year is the shingles vaccination, which is offered to patients who were born between 02/09/1942 and 01/09/1943 inclusive and those born between 02/09/1933 and 01/09/1934 inclusive. This is a one-off vaccine that can be given at the same time as the flu jab, however please note that **the Saturday flu clinics will be solely dedicated to giving flu jabs** due to the timing of appointments on Saturdays. Shingles clinics will be offered very shortly – see our website (www.bottishammedicalpractice.nhs.uk) or look out for further information on the Practice's posters. Flu vaccinations can also be given at the same time if you missed the Saturday clinics. We expect that the age bands for both the children's flu vaccination and the adult shingles vaccination will be extended next year. **This year the practice is strictly limited to vaccinating only those patients whose date of birth falls in the age ranges specified above.**

You can find out more about the Patients' Group at www.bottishammedicalpractice.nhs.uk/ppg.aspx

Bottisham Medical Practice Patients' Group Committee

AUTUMN APPLES

Autumn, Keats's season of 'mellow fruitfulness' when the hedgerows and orchards are full of ripening pomes, drupes, berries and hips – all botanical terms for different sorts of fruits in rich, inviting colours and often aromatic and juicy - the characteristics required to attract an animal to eat them up and effect seed dispersal.



Ripening is a complex process controlled by plant hormones, the chemicals by which different parts of a plant communicate with each other and trigger change. Most plant hormones are transported via the plant's vascular system, but some, like ethylene are released as gas into the air. One of the effects of ethylene release is ripening, prompting the plant to convert the starchy reserves in fruits like apples into sugars, and in many varieties causing the exposure of 'ripe' colours such as red and yellow as the green chlorophyll breaks down. This chemical process lies behind the old adage 'one bad apple spoils the cart', since one apple releasing ethylene will promote ripening and ultimately rotting in the rest. It also explains why placing a ripe banana, a prolific producer of ethylene, in a paper bag together with unripe fruit will encourage them to sweeten and soften.

Apples have inspired not only scientists – think of Sir Isaac Newton and the falling apple said to have inspired his theory of gravity - but also storytellers, and feature particularly richly in classical mythology. The judgment of Paris resulted in him awarding the golden apple to Aphrodite, who granted him Helen of Troy in return, the most beautiful woman in the world, thereby sparking the Trojan Wars, while the swift-footed huntress Atalanta, determined never to marry, challenged all potential suitors to a running race. She won them all until Hippomenes laid down golden apples to distract her, allowing him to win the race and her hand. And Hercules had to use trickery and skulduggery to extract the golden apples from the Garden of Hesperides. But perhaps the most remarkable story still is the slow journey of the orchard apple from its wild home in the Tien Shan mountains of Central Asia eastwards to China and westwards through Turkey to Europe, diversifying over the centuries into the 7,500 cultivars grown today.

Juliet Day,

Development Officer, Cambridge University Botanic Garden

The Botanic Garden is open in October 10am–5pm, November & December 10am–4pm. Admission is £4.50, Giftaid admission £4.95 or join the Friends, get free admission and 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



CAMBRIDGESHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

Saturday 26 October 2013

Girton Glebe Primary School, Girton, CB3 0PN

10.00-16.00

Have you been inspired by 'Who Do You Think You Are?' to look into your family history? Have you been researching your family history for a while and come up against a brick wall? Come along to the Cambridgeshire Family History Society Fair and get free advice from local family history experts.

There will be a free internet research room run by the Society's volunteers with access to findmypast.co.uk, ancestry.co.uk, britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk as well as the Society's own transcribed parish records.

Plus talks from expert speakers...

- Using The National Archives - Simon Fowler
- 20th Century Research - Ian Waller
- Newspapers - Mike Petty
- Dating Victorian Photos - Tom Doig
- Computer Research - Helen Tarbox
- 200 Years of Civil Registration - Louise Clover
- War Memorials - Martin Edwards

and more than 20 exhibitors...

- CFHS March Branch
- East of London FHS
- Essex FHS
- Felixstowe FHS
- Federation of Family History Societies
- Histon History Society
- Huntingdonshire FHS
- Norfolk FHS
- Northamptonshire FHS
- Peterborough FHS
- Romany & Traveller FHS
- Royston FHS
- Cambridgeshire Archives
- Cambridgeshire Local Studies
- CAB Search – acid free storage products
- Desira – old postcards
- Family Tree magazine
- Keepsake Imagery – photographic restoration & retouching
- Maxbal Genealogy - family tree charts
- Robert Parker – myfamilygenealogy
- Roll of Honour – war memorials
- Tom Doig – Victorian photograph identification & dating

Admission to the fair is free, but attendance at talks is priced at £2 per person, per lecture. Free car parking will be available on site. The Citi 6 bus stops very close to the school and runs every 20 minutes from/to Cambridge city centre.



B U R W E L L H A P P Y T O T S

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 19th 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

EVENTS IN AND AROUND JESUS LANE FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE

Saturday 28th September, 11.00 – 12.00 **WITNESS FOR PEACE**

Outside the Guildhall in Cambridge Market Square

Contact: Rich Braun 01223 812115

**Sunday 29th September: Plain Quakers present:
NINE PARTS A QUAKER – UNFINISHED BUSINESS?**

The story of Thomas Clarkson and the abolition of the slave trade: if the 19th century abolished slavery why are more than 20 million people enslaved today? 2.30pm, Glebe House Theatre Space, Shudy Camps, Cambridgeshire CB21 4QH
Tickets from Sheila Gatiss, tel Cambridge 845142 (£10 donation for Cambridge Central Aid)

Monday 30th September - Friday 4th October

Cambridge Regional College (CRC) – daily 10.00 – 4.00

The Quaker Service Exhibition telling of the work of
Friends Ambulance Unit, Friends Relief Service, and our Peace Testimony

Contact Sheila Gatiss: tel Cambridge 845142

Thursday 3rd October, 7:45pm

Jesus Lane Meeting House

A QUAKER'S ADVENTURES IN BOLIVIA

Presentation by Graham Spinks: Quaker Service and Study Tour of Bolivia
REGULAR MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP AT JESUS LANE MEETING HOUSE
Sunday 29th September and 6th October, 10.30 – 11.30 with tea and coffee
Wednesday 2nd October 1.15 – 1.45: Midweek Meeting for Worship preceded
by Soup and Cheese Lunch at 12.30



News from Bottisham Players.

Our next production will be Pinocchio 23rd – 25th January 2014 written by Joshua Dixon, Pam Daish will be directing this years pantomime and casting will take place at the beginning of October, there will be a reading of excerpts from the show on Thursday 3rd October 2013 at 7.30pm and auditions will be on Sunday 6th October 2013 at 4.30pm both of these will take place at Queens court, 2 Downing Close Bottisham cb25 9dd, there are several characters including Barbie Botox and Fairy Powder puff along with Polly Patchwork and of course Pinocchio and Gepetto, the chorus

always has space for those who don't want a main part but have enthusiasm for entertaining, so why not come along and enjoy the fun and fantasy of panto land.

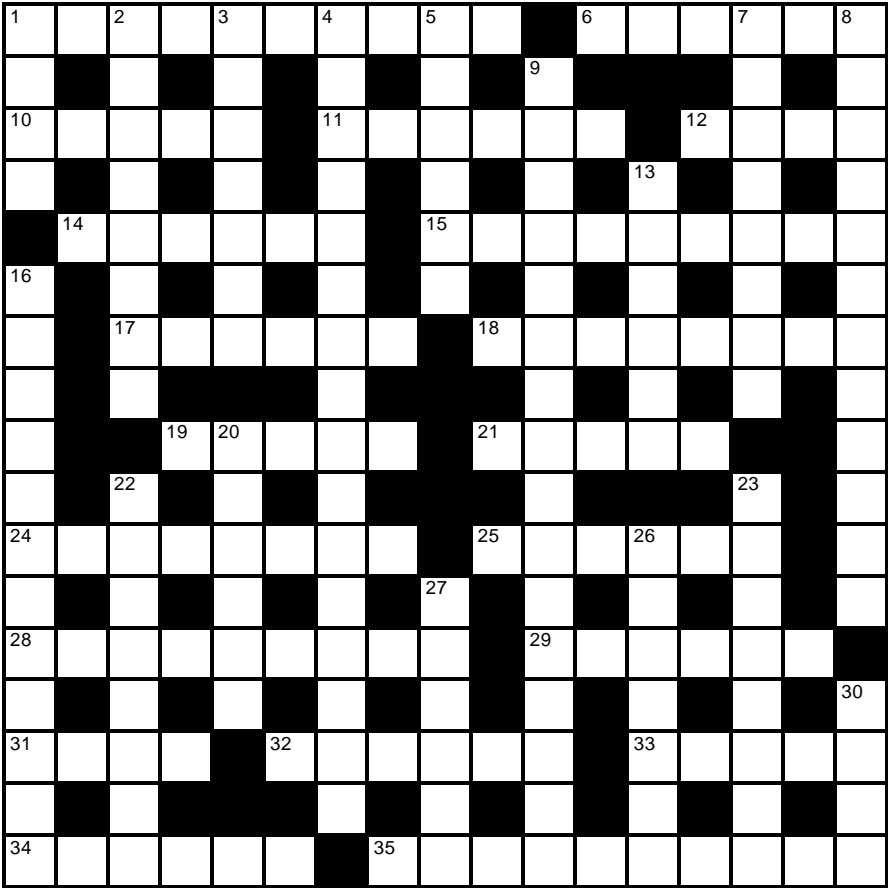
Crossword Number 104

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OUNCE

Clues starting ** relate to places in the British Isles, some more obscure than others, but all real (counties given as additional clue). Send your answers to the editors by 18 October 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

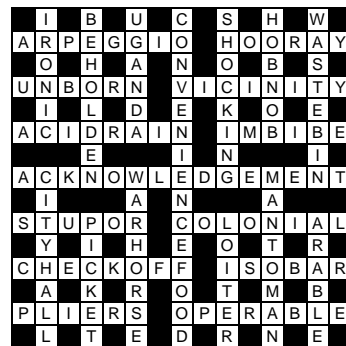
- 1 **Church sign back in Herefordshire (10)
- 6 Bow followed by spasm as freezing cold? (6)
- 10 **Little Edward carrying bovine in Surrey (5)
- 11 **Goon in Greater Manchester (and elsewhere) (6)
- 12 **Bargains here in Greater Manchester (4)
- 14 **James' drinking vessel in Kent (6)
- 15 **Wet corset wrung out in Northamptonshire (9)
- 17 **Priestley throws pet in Derbyshire (or HMP, Cheshire!) (6)
- 18 **Witch or king crazy for house in Suffolk (8)
- 19 **Graduate joins mug in Lancashire (5)
- 21 **Little rabbit in Nottinghamshire (5)
- 24 "A Knee Pad", interpretation of Morris' work (5,3)
- 25 Little Joseph and Edward came together about India (6)
- 28 **Obstacles overthrown in Cornwall (9)
- 29 ** Opposite of roundabout that in East Riding of Yorkshire? (6)
- 31 On top of Rousseau pondering contents (4)
- 32 ** Lady detective in Cheshire (6)
- 33 ** Place taken from a ghost in County Tyrone (5)
- 34 Cleopatra's cruel, we hear (6)
- 35 **"Viral Infection Creek" in Scottish Borders (10)

Down

- 1 **It's said to be a convenient place in Cornwall (4)
- 2 Deviant litres, or French extreme deviations (8)
- 3 Charges in, underworld swallowing 100 teaspoonsful (7)

- 4 **Septuplet embeds a manifestation in Essex (7,9)
- 5 Arouse former place, say (6)
- 7 Tricky Triceratops throws pie at farm vehicles (8)
- 8 **Fruit clue? No, back in Cambridgeshire (6,6)
- 9 ** Brick broken twice by bridge partners, 31A-cloth in Northumberland (7-4-5)
- 13 **Cow's tail newly dislocated in Hertfordshire (6)
- 16 **Fish in good stream containing nothing in Cambridgeshire (12)
- 20 Aberdonian stupidly discarded Biro of the mountains (6)
- 22 Piste where yogurt breaks poles? (3,5)
- 23 ** Leavened mixture (of old yogurt?) in County Durham (4,4)
- 26 **Not an old drink in Gwent (7)
- 27 Careless little shepherdess (surname, first name) for baby's game? (4-2)
- 30 **Strong drink reported once off Scotland (4)

Solution to crossword no. 104



We congratulate Trish Whitehead, the winner of last month's competition, who should collect her prize certificate from the editors. Honourable mentions go to Malcolm & Eileen Creese, Pat Cook and Sarah Cook.

News from Wicken Fen and Anglesey Abbey

The National Trust is one of a number of organisations supporting the release of **Project Wild Thing**, a new feature-length documentary looking at the relationship between children and nature. The film follows director David Bond as he appoints himself Marketing Director for Nature and ‘sells’ the benefits of his wonder-product, nature, to apathetic children - including his own!

Filmed in locations as diverse as the island of Eigg in the Hebrides and Tower Hamlets in East London, the film makes a convincing case that giving children access to nature is essential. The film was premiered at the Sheffield Documentary Film Festival in June and is set to hit cinema screens nationwide towards the end of October. You can catch a sneak peak of the film at www.projectwildthing.com

Project Wild Thing is being supported by **The Wild Network**, a new partnership of organisations, including the National Trust, RSPB, Play England and the NHS Sustainable Development Unit. Over the next three years The Wild Network will be supporting a series of projects and campaigns aimed at ensuring children in the UK have the opportunity to forge a close bond with nature.

We have a number of events scheduled at both Anglesey Abbey and Wicken Fen this month & early November as part of the Trust’s **Great British Walk Festival** held in conjunction with PruHealth. Events at Anglesey include **Wildlife Explorers** on Monday 28 Oct, 11-1pm or 2 – 4pm, where we will take a walk tracking wild animals living in the garden and a **Wild Art Sculpture Trail** on Wed 30 Oct, 11 – 1pm or 2 – 4pm. Up at Wicken we have a **Geocaching Taster Day** on Monday 28 October from 10.15am, a **Pram Push** on Friday 1 Nov 10.15 – 11.30am, a **Dog Walk** on Sat 2 Nov 10am – 11am, and finally a **Family Bird Watching Walk** on Sat 2 Nov 2- 4pm. Details of all walks can be found on our respective websites.

Our popular pre-schoolers **Mucky Pups** programme continues with **Autumn Magic** on 9 & 10 October. The sessions run from 10.15 -11.45 & cost £3.95 per child – booking essential on 01353 720274.

Finally – our half-term menu for kids at Wicken includes **Autumn Adventure** on Tuesday 29 Oct at 10.30am or 2pm, and **Batty Halloween** on Thurs 31 October 10.30am or 2pm. Tickets for these events cost £4.75 per child and are available from the NT Box Office on 0844 249 1895.

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“It may be the cock that crows,
but it is the hen that lays the eggs.”

Margaret Thatcher



Swaffham Prior Dog Show 2013

Sponsored by Alan's Ark

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Swaffham Prior Dog Show last weekend sponsored by Alan's Ark. It was a really fun afternoon with lots of different breeds coming along - small, large, furry, waggy tails, no tails, well behaved and not so well behaved. All were very friendly and seemed to enjoy being with lots of dog friends. Janet Willmott, who kindly organised the afternoon, arranged a variety of six entertaining classes including waggiest tail, musical sit, played to 'How Much is that Doggy in the Window' and best turned out. It was great to see some of the dogs

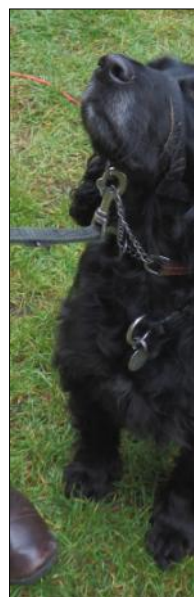
having a go at something new in the agility and retrieving classes. You could certainly tell which ones had done it before and with the dogs off their leads there were definitely a few owners that were not always in control. Well done to everyone who entered the fancy dress competition at the end, there were lots of imaginative costumes and the final winner was Caley dressed as 'Where's Wally?'. Thanks also to Mark Lewinski who took some lovely photos, Debbie and Shaun Cole for judging all the classes so well and Martin Mead for keeping the owners under control. Finally thank you to Alan's Ark for supplying the prizes for each class.

The results of each class were as follows –

Class 1 Waggiest Tail	<i>Truffle</i>	Valerie Ford	<i>Polly</i>	Ruth Blundell
Class 2 Musical Sit	<i>Magic</i>	Emma Lankfer	<i>Norman</i>	Molly Crawford
Class 3 Retrieve	<i>Jasper</i>	Phil Blundell	<i>Tessa</i>	Zelda Stuck
Class 4 Agility	<i>Magic</i>	Emma Lankfer	<i>Cali</i>	Janine Elston
Class 5 Best Turned Out	<i>Ava</i>	Merilyn Hessernan	<i>Izzie</i>	Jepson family
Class 6 Fancy Dress	<i>Cali</i>	Janine Elston	<i>Norman</i>	Mabel Crawford

Huge thanks go to our judges Shaun and Debbie Cole, who did a magnificent job, which was not at all easy considering the amazing entries they had to choose from.

Emma Lankfer





SWAFFHAM PRIOR DOG SHOW 2013

The Autumn Produce Show

Saturday 14th September. This year's Autumn Show arrived, as expected, to forecasts of rain and cold weather, but the BBC were more pessimistic than necessary as the day proceeded without serious meteorological interruptions.

Despite garden dampness, deliveries of fruit and vegetable exhibits started soon after 10am, and by 12 o'clock we had well over one hundred entries, including a good number in the newly inaugurated photography and bread-making competitions.

Judging was carried out by our crack team of five experts, Janet Hall, Marcia Miller, Gordon Godfrey, Val Ford and Jonathan Cook, who scrutinised the entries by sight, touch, smell and, of course, taste (it is possible that not all of these senses were involved in judging the photographs). The judging team were splendid, and the Village Hall Committee would like to express their gratitude and admiration.

At the same time that the vegetables were being poked and prodded, the local canine companions were being put through their paces in the parallel dog show - I expect that there will be more about this popular event elsewhere in the Crier.

Now we come to the outcome of all these detailed deliberations! Firstly, I would like to apologise for the lack of the usual prize-winners' award certificates. They will return next year.

Winning entries were as follows:



Winning Photo: Rachel Marsh's stunning "Curves of Cranfield Point"

Beans:	Mary Hart	Beetroot:	Isabel Verdonk	Carrots:	Viv Elston
Potatoes:	Julian Luttrell	Tomatoes :	Linda Kirby	Onions:	Julian Luttrell
Shallots:	Viv Elston	Courgette s:	Chris Verdonk	Squash:	Alex Kirby
Other vegetable :	Alex Kirby Julian Luttrell	Dessert apples:	Peter Hart	Cooking Apples:	Ruth Scovil
Pears:	Peter Hart	Other fruit:	Linda Kirby	Single flower:	Mary Hart
Mixed flowers:	Margaret Joyce	Jam:	Shirley Wilkins	Chutney:	Alex Kirby
Sponge:	Ruth Scovil	Other cake:	Shirley Wilkins	Alcoholic drink:	Andrea Strange
Eggs:	Leah Maslen	Mini garden:	Evie Mitchell	Veg animal:	Cleo Wrench
Odd vegetable :	Julian Luttrell	Bread:	Margaret Joyce	Photo (10 -16) Photo (over 16)	Darcy Luttrell Rachel Marsh

In an attempt to identify and crown an overall winner, we introduced a scoring system based on points earned for first place (4), second (3), third (2) and entered (1) in each category. This produced an amazingly close contest, with our first Show Champion, **Viv Elston** (with 28 points), narrowly pipping Julian Luttrell (25). Peter Hart, Alex Kirby, Ruth Scovil, Margaret Joyce and the Maslens were all within spitting distance of first place.

The funniest-shaped vegetable class was hotly contested this year, with Julian Luttrell winning (what was intended to be a children's category) by an oddly-shaped potato from Leah Maslen's curly carrot.

Rachel Marsh took the prize in the adult photography contest with "Curves of Cranfield Point", despite stiff competition from Angela Fitzpatrick, Peter and Mary Hart, and Andrew Noyes.



Jams and Jellies were also hotly contested, as were the Victoria sponges, and these classes were won after much discussion and even more tasting by Shirley Wilkins and Ruth Scovil respectively. It is rumoured that the judges didn't need to partake of lunch after their efforts.

After the judging of all the entries, clotted cream teas were served to the hungry mob by Catherine Wrench and Clare Freeman, whilst Alastair Everitt did a wonderful job auctioning off the produce to raise funds for the upkeep of the Village Hall. Overall a highly enjoyable and successful show.

Michael Carrington

School News



After a long, hot summer we have reached the beginning of the school year again and it has been lovely to see the children once more. Our new reception children are beginning to settle well into Mercury Class with their new teacher Miss Helen Cranness. As our numbers have grown, we have also welcomed Miss Emma Ojelade, who is teaching Year 5 for four mornings a week.



Designing Web pages

Neptune and Saturn Classes have begun a topic on The Blue Planet and have already spent a large proportion of their time finding out about coral reefs and their inhabitants. Children in Saturn Class have been creating their own website pages to share their information with each other and display on the school intranet. Children in Neptune class have been designing and sewing sea creatures and have had to think about what makes a good stitch. Mars Class has been learning about instructional writing and the children have been writing their own

instructions describing how to make sandwiches and boats. They have also enjoyed making the sandwiches and eating them! Children in Mercury Class have been drawing and painting portraits. They have also been writing about themselves.



Our new reception children

On Friday 20th September, we entertained some German visitors. Pastor Jan accompanied by Britta, a kindergarten teacher, and a group of 12 young people from Pastor Jan's confirmation group spent part of the morning with us. Following a tour of the school they then spent some time in the classes learning about English schools. They joined us for our Celebration assembly and we were treated to some photographs of their home town. We found out that German children do not have to wear uniforms and they do not have whole school assemblies like we do.



Sewing sea creatures

Next month, Saturn Class will be going to Ely Cathedral for a day of activities, we will be celebrating the Harvest and have Grounds Day to look forward to. Exciting times ahead!

Hannah Curtis
Head teacher

Burwell Surgery Flu Programme 2013

The doctors at the Burwell Surgery are inviting you to our clinics for this year's Flu Immunisation Programme.

Our surgery encourages all patients who are over 65, or whose medical condition puts them at particular risk from flu, to have the vaccine. Please check with the surgery if you are unsure if this applies to you.

Other groups who are encouraged to have the flu vaccine are pregnant women, carers and asthma sufferers.

The vaccine can be given quickly and easily and getting vaccinated is the best way to protect you from a potentially fatal disease.

We will be holding flu clinics during the month of October, so please contact the surgery to make an appointment or come along to one of our open clinic sessions below:

Thursday 3rd October - Burwell Day Centre – **by appointment only**

Saturday 12th October – Burwell Surgery – no appointment necessary

Thursday 24th October – Burwell Surgery – no appointment necessary

If you are unable to make any of these dates, please ask about the flu vaccination next time you are in the surgery or make an appointment with the nurse.

This year we are also offering a Children's Flu Immunisation that can be given to all children aged 2 and 3. This immunisation is administered via a nasal spray, so please ask at reception for more details.

Finally, are you aged 70 or 79? If you are, please ask us about the new National Shingles Immunisation Programme that has been introduced by the Department of Health and is now available at the surgery.

Debbie Everitt
Practice Manager

Sing today none but joys

An evening of seasonal choral music for Advent and Christmas.

Saturday 30 November, 7.30pm

**Holy Trinity Church, High Street Bottisham
Cambridgeshire CB25 9BA**

Programme to include carols, anthems and spirituals in Latin and English, including works by Benjamin Britten in his centenary year, and favourite arrangements by David Willcocks, John Rutter, Ralph Vaughan Williams and others.

Daniel Spreadbury (director)
Jonathan Giles (organ)

Refreshments available
Tickets on the door

Bottisham & Burwell Photographic Club

Time is fast approaching to one of the major highlights of the Bottisham & Burwell Photographic Club calendar this year, as in October 2013 they are staging the Clubs **40th Anniversary Exhibition**. This will take place at Mandeville Hall, Burwell on Saturday & Sunday 19/20 October 2013, 10 – 4 pm. The official opening by Keith Heppell, a photographer with Cambridge Newspapers Ltd, is on Saturday 19 October at 10:30am.

Entry to the exhibition is free and there will be a prize draw, including prizes kindly donated by Waitrose, Katherinepaul, Burwell Print Centre, Finishing Touch, Permajet (photographic paper), Tina's, Premier Stores and Nomad Ltd. Light refreshments will also be available. Please be sure to remember this important date and come along to view the exhibition. The show will feature high quality prints from members, some of which will be available for sale. An audio visual presentation will also show a selection of members' digital images.

The current season commenced on Tuesday 10th September at our normal meeting venue, Lode Chapel, Lode, CB25 0EW. In October and November the following events are scheduled:

15 October 2013

'Creative Consciousness' Dianne Owens FRPS from Lancashire & Cheshire Photographic Union will be presenting her prints, during her tour of East Anglia clubs.

22 October 2013

For those of you who are interested in obtaining a PAGB award, Andy Hanson MPAGB ARPS APAGB FIPF, will be explaining how to apply for these awards.

12 November 2013

'Photoshop Demonstration Evening', given by member Ian Kippax AFIP DPAGB BPE3*, who is an award winning photographer at National level.

19 November 2013

'Nature Through a Viewfinder', Digital presentation by Roger Hance FRPS AFIAP BPE5*, from Ipswich Photographic Society.

Full details of our new programme are available on our website and members gallery.

The club welcomes guests to any of our meetings held at Lode Chapel from 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm for which we charge a visitor's fee £2.00, which includes refreshments, refunded on joining.

Annual subscriptions: Adult £30.00, Joint Membership £50.00, Student £15.00, plus a weekly fee 50p (including refreshments).

Barry Coles

Publicity Officer

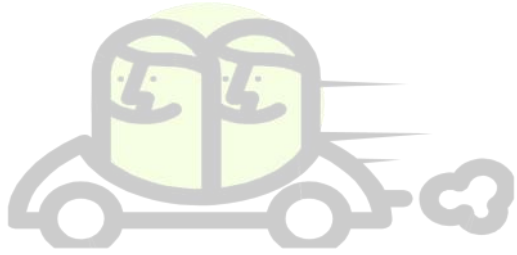
For further details contact:

Mrs Daphne Hanson CPAGB APAGB, Hon Secretary

Tele: 01638 741106

www.bottburpc.org.

Swaffham Prior Community Car Scheme Is delighted to



announce its 100th Journey this month!
**Many thanks to our volunteer drivers for their
continued support**

Carers' Away Day

Friday 11 October 2013, 10 am to 3.30 pm

The Holiday Inn Lakeview, Bridge Way, Histon, Cambs CB24 9PH

Do **you** provide unpaid care and support to a family member or friend?

Why not come along to this free annual event provided by Cambridgeshire County Council? In the **morning** we will have expert speakers hosting informal discussions on subjects such as:

The Mental Capacity Act, Lasting Power of Attorney and Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults. The GP Carer Services Prescription for free information, support and a break, provided by Carers Trust Cambridgeshire (Crossroads Carer Services). Self Directed Support for adult social care and how this can help you to stay independent. Welfare Benefits. Balancing paid work and caring and accessing training for employment. Finding good quality care.

Refreshments served all day and a buffet lunch. Fun in the **afternoon**, including: Hand & neck massage, Music Therapy, Art, Swimming/Aqua Fit, Gym, Pedicure/toe nail paint, Pilates/Yoga

To book your place contact: Nancy Voak

Tel: 01480 373282, Email: nancy.voak@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Charity fundraising event for Blue Smile

Children's nearly new clothes sale, children's books, CD's and DVD's.

Donations gratefully received.

The Merchant's House, 97 Commercial End, Swaffham Bulbeck.

Friday 18th October, 2013. 10 am to 3 pm

Entry charge £5. Free tea/coffee and cake.

Whilst the New World undoubtedly has its exciting life style, one should not ignore the Old World, with its many Historically Important Sites.

“.....an holy nation, a peculiar people” (1st Peter 2.9)

Damascus?

I'd like to visit the Holy Land
Where the Dawn of Christianity was planned.

There are some Notably Ancient Sites
And a few Extremely Significant 'Heights'.

But then again, on the other hand,
There is quite simply, too much sand.

I like to think that I could see
The shores and boats of Galilee,
And sample the Bread 'n Fish Take-a-Way

That was surely there in J.C.'s day.

On second thoughts, it was simple fare,

And I wouldn't like the sand which is there.

I like to think that I could be
One of the thousands who daily see
The famous Stable and the Star,
That shone in the sky, that Night, from afar.

On reflection though, I don't think I might,

It's probably not safe to go out at night!

And so after all, I don't think I'll go,
Swimming, as ever, against the flow.
News of their conflict starts to pall
And it's probably not safe to go there at all!

Ophir



St Mary's Concert

Saturday 19th October 2013 at 7.30 pm

St Mary's Church Swaffham Bulbeck

Mozart's Coronation Mass

and Orchestral Music

St Mary's Singers & Players

conducted by Matthew Rudd

Soloists: Jenny Neo, Ashley Harries,

Martin Kenward, Simon Adams

Refining Collection for Church Restoration Fund and Red2Green

Ladies Swishing Event



Enjoy a glass of wine & nibbles

Friday,

18th October 2013

7:30pm – 10:00pm

**Guildhall, nr St Marys Church
Burwell**

Swap gorgeous
clothes, shoes,
bags &
accessories



Recycle & help the environment

Beauty Tips/Treatments
Hair Stylist/Advice
Fashion Advice

Tickets £6.00 per person

Available in advance & on the door

Contact April on 07718 894709

Email: building2serve@gmail.com

All proceeds to St Mary's – Building To Serve Appeal



Cabinet in September considered a number of issues. These included consideration of a planning application for Alconbury Weald and agreement of a local contribution to the costs of upgrading the A14. (This is a sign of changing times with the Coalition Government making it quite clear that without a local contribution there will be no upgrade.) A decision to bring in a £1 parking charge at Cambridge park and ride sites to offset the £1 million running costs was called in and will now be reconsidered at Cabinet in October.

Constitution and Ethics Committee held a workshop to further consider the details of how a Committee system might operate from 2014 onwards. Further details are now being worked up by officers.

Business planning continues apace, with savings of a further £33 million needed in Children, Families and Adults in 2014-15 to enable us to set a balanced budget.

The Cambridgeshire Improvement Board met to consider progress in addressing the Ofsted report. Good progress is being made to address the findings.

I chaired a meeting of the Eastern Region Portfolio Holders for Children and Young People. The role of Council's in school improvement and the East of England Improvement Programme for safeguarding the main agenda items.

I also represented the County Council at a meeting of the Local Government Association Rural Commission, Community Infrastructure Levy, Renewable Energy and Fracking, and changes to welfare benefits were the main items for discussion.

I helped to sort out the final costs for alterations to the lease for Burwell Day Centre.

I also had the pleasure of helping to present medals and certificates to those young people who had completed the summer reading challenge at Burwell Library and I also participated in an awards ceremony for our Foster Carers.

Jumble Sale at Lode Social Club Saturday October 19th from 2-4pm

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 are going to Sustrans for our future cycle path between Lode and Qy. So far we have raised £635.

We are trying to reach the £1000 mark

Turf out your wardrobes and garages and bring us what you no longer need!

Thank you, fran platten 01223 813 016

Notes from Parish Council Meeting – 8th August 2013

The meeting was chaired by Vice-Chairman Peter Hart. There were 5 Parish Councillors and 2 members of the public in attendance.

Members' Declaration of Interest for Items on the Agenda +

Requests for Dispensation: Noted.

Public Participation:

Emma Fletcher confirmed the date for the first meeting of the Community Land Trust – 16/8/13 and that the agreement with ECDC had been signed and submitted for grant funding towards the setting up of the CLT.

Reports:

CCC – Cllr David Brown reported to the meeting.

ECDC – Cllr Allen Alderson reported to the meeting.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

Footpath, Mill Hill: Clerk confirmed repairs had been carried out.

Footpath, Station Road: Clerk contacted CCC about the condition of the footpath. Jason Tyrrell inspected and said CCC did not have funding for the level of works required. He suggested the best option for the Parish Council would be to submit a bid through the Local Highways Improvement scheme.

Correspondence for Circulation/Consideration:

General items.

Consideration of Planning Application for 8 High Street – demolition of existing single garage and replacement with double garage. Ref: 13/00402/FUL: There were no objections or comments.

Consideration of Planning Application for St Cyriacs Church, High Street – installation of radio transceiver equipment and a supporting mains power supply on the church tower to enhance the service of local community internet service 'Reach and Swaffham Prior Community Broadband'.

Ref: 13/00563/FUL&13/00562/LBC: Following a vote the majority agreed no objections or comments.

Funding and Parish Council Representative for Community Land Trust:

With reference to discussion at the July meeting, the following was formally agreed:

Grant funding for Community Land Trust: It was agreed that the Parish Council would receive grant funding into its deposit account until needed and this would be ring-fenced for the exclusive use by the Community Land Trust as required.

Parish Council representative for CLT: It was agreed that the Clerk would act as representative.

Accounts for payment:

These were agreed.

Clerk's Reports:

Litter bins: emptying of bins very 'hit and miss'. To be monitored.

The Pound: painting work completed.

Play area: repairs carried out to covered picnic table.

Parish Councillors' Reports:

No additional reports.

Open Question Time:

David Greenfield thanked the Parish Council for the new Green Head Road sign.

Notes from Parish Council Meeting – 12th September 2013

The meeting was chaired by John Covill. There were 6 Parish Councillors and 7 members of the public in attendance.

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

Proposed Development of Land at Lower End/Rogers Road:

The Chairman invited representatives from Hill Residential Ltd to give a presentation on the proposals.

Jamie Wilding, Development Manager for Hill Residential presented to the meeting outline plans for the development of the land on Lower End/Rogers Road consisting of 8 affordable and 12 market value homes. Comments and suggestions were invited and there followed discussion on the types of houses and the size of open spaces. There were some concerns raised about the number of car parking bays to some of the properties and it was suggested part of the open spaces could be adapted for additional parking. Jamie explained that Hill Residential have allowed for the maximum car parking under current local plan policy. The Parish Council felt that higher parking standards should be allowed on the site. Jamie confirmed that this was contrary to planning policy and therefore could cause problems with a planning application unless the Parish Council was supportive of more parking on site. The Parish Council agreed to write to ECDC's planning officer in support of higher parking standards.

Reports:

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

ECDC–Cllr Allen Alderson reported to the meeting.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes (for information only):

None.

Correspondence for Consideration/Circulation:

ECDC – *Councillor Code of Conduct – revised wording (Principles of Public Life)*. This was noted.

Update on Memorial for 'Land Army Girls':

The Clerk received from Andy Prince details of the cost of a memorial obtained from a local Stone Mason. The suggested design was a black granite tablet with gold leaf lettering on a brick plinth to be erected on the grass 'triangle' at the bottom of Cage Hill. Martin Mead kindly offered to position and build the brick plinth f-o-c. Some minor amendment was made to the proposed inscription as follows:

The Women's Land Army
To remember with gratitude the many women
"The Land Girls"

who came from far away to work on farms in this area
from 1940 to 1946, some of whom remained to make it their home.

Note: Should anyone wish to comment on the inscription, please contact the Clerk.

Accounts for Payment: These were agreed.

Clerk's Reports:

Grass cutting tender: Reminder that contract due for review/renewal.

Agenda item for October meeting.

Village Hall - cutting back of vegetation on driveway & front boundary: It was proving difficult to arrange a date to carry out the work due to Village Hall bookings and the availability of people to carry out the work.

The Pound: Painting work completed. Clearing of weeds, etc., pending.

Parish Councillor's Reports:

Geoffrey Woollard referred to details of meetings for the Wicken Fen Community Liaison Forum.

Eric Day asked that the weeds be treated in the Village Hall car park. Andrew Camps offered to carry out this work.

Open Question Time: General discussion.

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

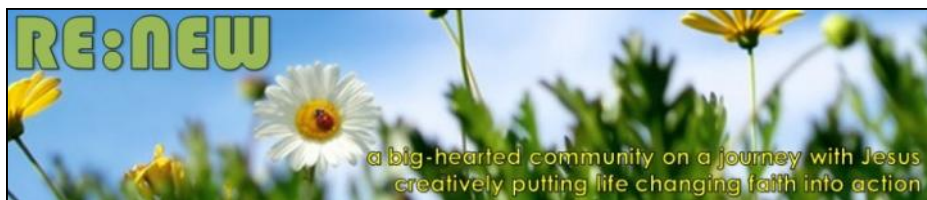
The next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday, 10th October 2013 starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Future meeting dates:

14th November, 12th December, 9th January 2014, 13th February.

All are welcome to attend.

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



8 Years and Then...

It's been 8 years since September 2005 when I first arrived as minister of Lode Chapel, and things have changed dramatically over that time. We've doubled in size, now meet every Sunday morning in Bottisham Primary School, and call ourselves RE:NEW. Lode Chapel continues to be well used by the community and for evening services, and in the last couple of years we've also taken on responsibility for the chapel in Great Wilbraham. Many children in the local villages will know of RE:NEW through our annual holiday clubs or the assemblies I've taken in the schools, and older members of the community have benefitted from our chaplaincy to Queen's Court.

So, why am I telling you all this? Well, on 11th September I was interviewed by the nominations committee of the Eastern Baptist Association, who were seeking to appoint a new Regional Minister – the Baptist equivalent of a bishop. A few days later they announced their decision and, at the end of 2013, I will be leaving RE:NEW to fulfil this exciting but challenging role. I will be one of three Regional Ministers with responsibility for overseeing and inspiring the ministry and mission of 175 Baptist churches across the East of England. I will also have the particular task of helping to set up new churches in the housing developments like Northstowe which are being planned across our region. The details are yet to be finalised, and there is a possibility that I will continue to live locally, at least for another year or so, but it's been great to be part of community life here, and I will certainly miss the people who I've had the pleasure of getting to know over the last 8 years.

Life at RE:NEW will continue as normal, however, and until a new minister is appointed Peter Wells and Keith Morrison will be guiding the work of the church alongside other members of the church's leadership team. RE:NEW will also continue to work closely with the Anglesey Group of Parishes and together provide opportunities to express and explore the Christian faith. It's been a real pleasure to have ministered alongside David Lewis, Jonathan Dowman and Sue Giles – and the friendly co-operation between all of the churches in our villages is a model that I hope others will adopt elsewhere.

Over the next couple of months or so the church may well decide to organise something to celebrate my departure – so watch this space! In the meantime please be praying for me and the new opportunities I will have to encourage churches to share the love of God with people in Cambridgeshire, Essex, Norfolk and Suffolk.

Simon Goddard

Services in October

Sun 6th Oct, 10.30am – RE:NEW (Bottisham Primary School)

Sun 13th Oct, 10.30am – RE:NEW Café Style (at the School)

Sun 13th Oct, 6.20pm – Traditional Service (Lode Chapel)

Sun 20th Oct, 10.30am – RE:NEW (at the School)

Sun 20th Oct, 5.30pm – Contemplative Service (Lode Chapel)

Sun 27th Oct, 10.30am – RE:NEW (at the School)

Sun 27th Oct, 6.20pm – Traditional Service (Great Wilbraham Chapel)

FREECYCLE



If you have any offers or wants, please contact me by the 14th of each month **only by e-mail please** (jun.thompson@tiscali.co.uk). 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

5 wooden internal doors (2'6" x 6'6"). Julie 812036

Toddler garden equipment: Little Tykes ride-on police car; Little Tikes double rocker; plastic picnic table. Clare c811693.

Metal climbing frame with slide and plastic levels. Rather worn condition but with years of play left in it. Fleur 01638 743992

Dropside cot with mattress. Gerry c811236

Bookcase, wooden, dark stained, four shelf, floor standing, 32" high, 24" wide, 6" deep. Pine cupboard, old, 2 door, middle shelf, floor standing, 52" wide, 37" high, 15" deep: Robin c811632

Portable Campinggaz stove and three gas canisters. Ken c812740

Old-fashioned cider/beer bottles with internal coarse screw thread, and jam jars with non-screw tops. John c812120

Gerbil cage with water bottle, a couple of wooden den hidy holes and a bag of gerbil food. Lucinda c813670

Wanted

Any sort of garden gate. Julie c812036

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

PASTORAL LETTER, October 2013

Bottisham Vicarage

Dear Friends,

Music is a wonderful gift. It has been important to people down through the ages and across many cultures. Music is able to give a new language to complex emotions and it can bring new meaning to familiar words. Music has the power to bring people together. It enables men and women from different backgrounds and with many languages to play together and find a common language and it also draws people together as they listen to music (as they will at the Lodestar Festival). Music is important in the life of many faith communities too and hymns, songs and chants play a central role in Christian worship. Yet hymns are a fairly recent introduction and in the eighteenth century they were not only a novelty they were regarded as subversive in some quarters and their use in parish churches was forbidden for some time. Until around 1700 both Anglican and nonconformist congregations sang almost nothing but metrical psalms in the form created by Sternhold and Hopkins in 1562 and these were sung to a limited number of tunes.



Gradually the music for congregational participation began to develop and more hymns were written with new words, not always taken from scripture, and new tunes. It was recognised that music not only enabled congregations to join together in praise and worship but it was also an excellent way of teaching the Christian faith and of sharing it with those outside the church, who were often attracted by the music. The new forms (or hymns) were taken up with great enthusiasm by John and Charles Wesley who recognised their potential both in worship and in evangelism. The Wesleys' hymns appealed to many people and were often used in large open-air meetings. The Methodists soon began to write tunes for their hymns which were secular in style and which could have had a place in the theatre or the tavern as well as in a church. It was this that shocked members of the Established church and this delayed the introduction of hymns into parish churches. However hymn-singing became so popular that by the end of the century it was widespread amongst nearly all denominations, the Quakers being one notable exception. Many of the parish churches in the Anglesey benefice have services of Songs of Praise at times through the year and these remain very popular services where people feel they can easily join in. To finish I thought you might like to see John Wesley's instructions for singing dated 1761. These instructions are an excellent model for how a community should work together, not just to sing and make harmony but to live peaceably together. Practising these instructions in our singing is a good way of preparing to use them as a guide for our living together in the wider community.

- 1 Learn these tunes before you learn any others...
- 2 Sing them exactly as they are printed here without altering or mending them at all....
- 3 Sing all. See that you join with the congregation as frequently as you can....
- 4 Sing lustily and with good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half dead, or half asleep; but lift up your voice with strength.

- 5 Sing modestly. Do not bawl, so as to be heard above or distinct from the
rest of the congregation, that you may not destroy the harmony.
- 6 Sing in time. Whatever time is sung, be sure to keep with it. Do not run
before nor stay behind it...and take care not to sing too slow...
- 7 Above all sing spiritually. Have an eye to God in every word you sing. Aim
at pleasing Him more than yourself or any other creature.

Sue Giles

Services in October

Sunday 6 October, nineteenth Sunday after Trinity - Green

11.00am - Harvest Family Service + Baptism

Sunday 13 October, twentieth Sunday after Trinity - Green

11am – Matins

Sunday 20 October, twenty-first Sunday after Trinity – Green

11am – Holy Communion (CW1T)

Sunday 27 October, Bible Sunday – Green

10am- Benefice Service Holy Communion

At St Mary's, Quay

Going to church

In the process of updating our Electoral Roll, we have discovered that there are people in the village who would like to go to a church service but are unable to get there. It may be a Benefice service in another parish or an ordinary service in St Mary's. To address this, we have set up a designated phone number for you to call. The number is

07553 151585

If you would like a lift or just want somebody to go with you to church please ring and we'll make the necessary arrangements

[NB This is separate from the village car scheme]

Dates for Your Diary October 2013

Thu	10	PC Meeting, 7.30pm
Tue	15	Mobile Library, Cage Hill 2.45-3.15pm Chapel 3.20pm-4.00pm Village Gardeners, VH, 8pm
Fri	18	Crier Copy Deadline Blue Smile Nearly New Sale, Merchant's House, 97 Commercial End, 10am to 3pm Ladies' Swishing Event, 7.30-10pm, Guildhall, Burwell
Sat	19	Shoe Box Packing, St Cyriac's, 11am-4pm Quiz Night, VH, 7.30pm St Mary's Cioncert, 7.30pm, Swaffham Bulbeck St Mary's Lode Jumble Sale, 2-4pm, Lode Social Club
Mon	21	WI, VH, 7.30pm
Sat	26	Book Launch, SP Village Hall, 7pm Family History Fair, Girton Primary, 10am-4pm

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	