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Editorial

“There was a lot of mud.” So says our intrepid Winter Walk reporter in this issue and that about sums things up round here at the moment! Clearly, even the dog thought this, who quietly slipped away, only to be found later in the bar at Reach Pub, presumably getting in the next round....

Alas, the bid to reinstate the path between Swaffham Prior and Commercial End seems to have foundered on lack of evidence that it was ever there in the first place (see Letters). But surely, didn't John Norris report in this magazine that he had demolished the bridge it used? Perhaps our local historian Sylvie Short could help, and readers who know anything about this, please get in touch! It is an enormous pity for two village so close not to have a connecting footpath, and its reinstatement would make such a big difference to regular walkers and joggers.

A big welcome back Margaret Joyce, whose excellent and entertaining reports of proceedings at the

Village Gardeners have once again encouraged us to think that we really should be going ourselves, how about it, readers?

We were very sorry to hear about the death of Jim Henderson last month. Jim was a lovely fellow and the Crier's music correspondent for a time, Readers wishing to attend his memorial service can read the details in this month's issue.

Meanwhile, we have had an unusual offer from Skye! Our poet Ophir is also a *dowser*, and has had some success with dowsing simply from a diagram, so we're sending him a plan of the cemetery. (that water leak). You never know, Happy Pancaking/Valenting!

Caroline Matheson

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Letters to the Editors



Dear Editors,

Village Carol Service

The annual Village Carol Service was held on Sunday 15 December, and once again it was a very special service, full of atmosphere, and full of people! The congregation took their seats to the sound of hand-bell ringing; traditional carols were sung by candlelight; readers representing village organisations re-told the Christmas story and children's voices rang out as two primary school choirs sang.

A huge number of people contributed to the success of the event and we would like to thank everyone: the readers for giving up their time and reading with such clarity; the talented players in the Cage Hill Clangers; the children of the Swaffham Prior Primary School KS1 and KS2 choirs, who sang so enthusiastically and behaved impeccably; Mrs Rachel Holt who taught and led the choirs, assisted on the evening by Mrs April Cook; Richard Hinitt, our organist; all at St Mary's for making the church warm, festive and welcoming – especially Andrew Camps, the verger; all parents for bringing the children along to take part, and all in the village who supported the service. We are sorry that we underestimated the number of chairs, candles and orders of service required and promise to supply more at the next Village Carol Service in December 2014!

Dee Noyes

Dear residents of Bulbeck and Swaffham Prior,

Public Footpath to Comercial End

In the Spring this year, one of your number approached the Ramblers' Association asking for help in restoring a path which was used as a short cut to the station many years ago. The station has gone since 1965, and the path is no longer available.

The request was passed round amongst our path workers, and my husband Roger agreed to look into the matter, but could find no reference to the path in our own or our Committee's records. We also consulted the Ramblers' East Cambs Group. As you know, he then sent letters of enquiry to both the "Bulbeck Beacon" and the "Swaffham Crier". We were impressed to receive e-mails or letters of interest from about 20 people.

Unfortunately Roger had a severe stroke in May. Thankfully he is making steady steps to recovery, but writing or typing with his left hand is slow, and I am doing what I can to fulfil our obligations to the Ramblers' Association as the local voluntary Footpath Secretary for South Cambs parishes. Accordingly, I picked up the pending file in the late Autumn, and wrote to Ms Karen Champion at Cambridgeshire County Council, giving an outline of the interest in the path locally.

I received a phone call and e-mail from Karen on Friday 3 January. She told me that the owner of land over which the former path lay was adamant that he would have no public path there now.

It is my opinion that this is the end of the line for your enquiries, unless there is more evidence which has not yet been forthcoming. I have to tell you that, on the basis of the letters I have received, there is insufficient evidence to claim a public right of way on the basis of either 20 years of uninterrupted use, or of historical records. The alternative, a "permissive" or "permitted" path would be at the discretion of the landowner. I believe he has made it very clear to Ms Champion that he has absolutely no wish to make such a path available.

Therefore, I regret that I am unable to help you all any further.

Janet Moreton

Dear Editors,

Plough Wednesday and Molly Dancing

We just wanted to say how much we enjoyed the celebrations of Plough Wednesday and the Molly dancing performed by the top classes of Swaffham Prior School. The performing classes were all dressed in bright clothes and had followed an adult pushing an old plough from school to the Village Hall and then onto St Cyriac's. The procession and the music were a little reminiscent of the Pied Piper but fortunately we never lost sight of the children! The whole school was in St Cyriac's by that time and Revd Sue Giles blessed the plough and then the children performed some Molly dances. A group of four also danced with brooms with extreme agility **and** without tripping over the brooms - quite a feat!

I understand that the children will be performing these dances - and more - at the end of term and also at Reach Fair so there are still opportunities to see them if you missed this occasion

We were told that Molly Dancing originated in Cambridgeshire and is a little like Morris dancing. The Plough Wednesday tradition is in fact celebrated on or around the Monday nearest to January 6th when the farm labourers would go from house to house asking for some money. If the house owner refused, his front garden was ploughed up!

Well done to all those who performed - you were excellent!

Ruth and Robin Scovil

Dear Editors,

Latest News

A potential politician draws
A connection between the floods
and Gay Marriage Laws.
Before the next election it's
imperative we know,
What mad connections
the others might show.

Ophir

From our Reporter at the Parish Council Meeting

It was possibly the shortest PC meeting ever. Finishing promptly at 8.30 it even left the building before 'Slimming World', which in the Main Hall continues to help save the nation from itself.

With so much rain and water there is little point in trying to locate the whereabouts of the cemetery leak. Meanwhile Steve had an accurate note of the usage from 1 June to 26 November. This amounted to 143 cubic meters, which a member rapidly converted into 3,000 gallons. I don't know who made the calculation but it was very impressive and is the kind of question they will be asking the aged to see if dementia is oncoming. Paul made the point that if the leak was a faulty connection (say, an inadequate joint between a metal and a plastic pipe) installed by Anglia Water then the PC may be able to claim. It seems his firm carries out a lot of this kind of work. Meanwhile St Mary's Church has no water at all. Maybe the organisations should get together



Karen, as the proposed representative of the PC acting as a Trustee on the Community Land Trust, had asked for some clarification from some 'authority' on what exactly was her position. She read out the lengthy response, and all the PC became equally confused whether she was a director or a trustee, and in the end it was decided to pass it all to Emma Fletcher for clarification. Slowly progress is being made.

There was an almost unanimous approval of the precept with Geoffrey again asking that there should be a £500 reduction. Over the last two or three years he has regularly asked for this. He made a special emotional plea in Ed Balls/Ed Milliband style that we should "alleviate the situation of the poor" by reducing our village precept. Yet again Steve reminded him it would only make a few pence reduction. In fact the saving would be about 71p per annum per person.

During this discussion Geoffrey said, "while Steve is doing a good job he does get on my nerves sometimes." "Only sometimes" retorted Steve, "I'll have to work harder at it."

Someone who has been working hard on an improvement is Karen. She reminded the meeting that for the last two years she has been asking for something to be done on the surrounding ground of The Pound. She said it is one of the features of the village and that people do come to look at it. Quotes will now be obtained to tidy it up, and leave it for easy maintenance.

There is nothing more of note to report so I shall return to the start of the meeting when Geoffrey raised yet again the future of the Cromwell Museum at Huntingdon. CCC, which has to make a £149 million saving over the next five years, has decided to withdraw funding for the museum because it is the only for which it is responsible, and therefore an anomaly. This leaves it open for Huntingdon Town Council, or Huntingdon District Council to take it over, or for another solution to be found.

Geoffrey was upset because he claimed it to be a lovely and quite remarkable museum for a very important man in English history. Before signing any petition

Elisabeth and I set off on the Bendy Bus from Trumpington to check Geoffrey out. The bus ride itself was a very instructive affair, and should be enjoyed by all. We arrived at the Museum, and **Geoffrey is absolutely right**. It is a wonderful museum, and must be saved. I urge everyone to go.

The one downside of the day was the state of the men's loo at the bus station. Of all the awful loos I have encountered throughout the world, this would have a pretty high ranking.

Alastair Everitt

The Memorial Celebration for Jim Henderson is to be held at 1pm for lunch on Friday 28 March 2014 in London at The Savile Club, 69 Brook Street. The nearest Tube station is Bond Street followed by less than 5 minutes walk to the Club.

Please RSVP to Ursula Henderson

e mail to janduhende@btinternet.com

or

by telephone after 13 March to 01638 780 843 or letter to Ursula Henderson, 5A West St, Isleham, nr Ely, Cambs, CB7 5SD'



"Unobserved" by David Cutting, one of the delightful pictures on display at Impington Village College's February Annual Art Exhibition (See page 26).

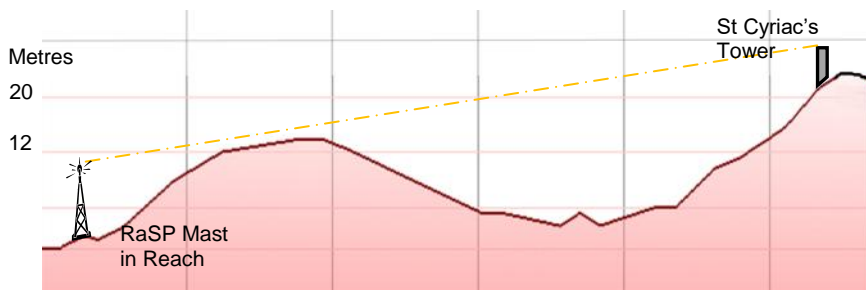
Broadband from the Belfry

Since its creation RaSP has always had a strong following in Swaffham Prior, partly because several of the founding members of the group live there. However linking Reach and Swaffham Prior by wireless has always been something of a problem because of the ridge that runs in a northeast / southwest direction between the two villages. This has in the past made it impractical to establish a direct link to Swaffham Prior without the use of an unrealistically high mast in Reach.

Hitherto the problem has been solved by the use of a two stage ‘dog-leg’ link via the Canes’ house on Swaffham Road and then on to Swaffham Prior around the end of the ridge; it is worth mentioning that (like other RaSP members who host RaSP infrastructure equipment on their houses), the Canes’ have been very generous in putting up with sporadic invasions of their domestic space by RaSP ‘techies’ on occasions when equipment problems have demanded urgent attention to keep RaSP subscribers online.

RaSP had for some years cast an envious eye on some of the high points on top of the ridge at Swaffham Prior (notably the water tower and windmill) but had always felt that permission for a bunch of engineers to fix outlandish radio installations on these structures would be unlikely to be forthcoming. Then the author, having read about the use of church towers to provide high points for community broadband systems in various parts of the country (notably Norfolk and Herefordshire), decided to make a tentative approach to the Churches Conservation Trust (CCT), owners of St Cyriac’s, the higher (and disused) of the two churches in the churchyard at Swaffham Prior. An unofficial survey of the view towards Reach from the top of the St Cyriac’s tower revealed that the tops of the RaSP masts in Reach were just visible, allowing the line of sight radio link that would be required – this is illustrated in the elevation profile below (acknowledgement: Google Earth).

The CCT had never heard of such a use for a church tower and requested more information, but on learning of the small size and low radio power output of RaSP equipment they became cautiously positive. Fifteen months later, after the drafting of a detailed proposal, lengthy discussions with the CCT Conservation Officer about



Height profile between Reach centre and Swaffham Prior

the possible impacts on a Grade II* listed building and the application for, and granting of planning permission and listed building consent the new RaSP radio station went live just before Christmas.

With the use of the latest wireless equipment, the new installation provides a reliable 100Mb/s link between the two villages (five times faster than the existing link); RaSP subscribers at the southeast end of Swaffham Prior are now being moved onto the new link, relieving the severe congestion on the original radio link that was beginning to degrade the internet connection performance for all RaSP subscribers in Swaffham Prior.

On the 15th January the CCT Publicity Officer organised a ‘switch-on’ ceremony on top of the tower of St Cyriac’s with the attendance of the local press.

Connecting Cambridgeshire

I wrote in the last issue about the joint project between Cambridgeshire and BT to bring fast fibre-based broadband to rural areas of Cambridgeshire that is likely to come to Reach in late 2015.

Last November James Matheson and I met with the respective Cambridgeshire and BT project managers for Connecting Cambridgeshire (CC) at Shire Hall in Cambridge. The main purpose of the meeting was to alert CC to the fact that RaSP is currently providing a service in their area which is significantly better than the 2Mb/s which is the stated minimum speed that some hard-to-reach rural subscribers might be left with at the end of the CC project. This is of particular concern because it is probable that RaSP will wind down operations once the new high-speed broadband service is available in the RaSP area. The CC people appeared to take our concerns seriously and have undertaken to perform a detailed survey of the RaSP service area to try to identify areas where subscribers might receive a worse service (and then look into ways to avoid this).

RaSP subscribers will have the opportunity to learn more about RaSP’s thinking with regard to Connecting Cambridgeshire at the RaSP AGM which is scheduled to take place in the Dyke’s End on Wednesday February 12 – see the RaSP website for details.



David Greefield (Rasp), Sally Porter (CCT) and Hugh de Lacy at the Rasp Switch On ceremony at the top of St Cyriacs.

Hugh de Lacy

SWAFFHAM PRIOR VILLAGE FILM NIGHT

**Saturday 8 March
Swaffham Prior Village Hall
At 7pm**

**Tickets: £5/adult & £2.50/child
(to include wine and home-made
nibbles
or juice and popcorn?)**

*Join us to see vintage film of
"The restoration of the Windmill"*

*The current owners will then show film of recent
renovations to Fosters Mill and bring us up to date
with this exciting local organic milling business*

*Take the opportunity to see historic photos of
Swaffham Prior and John Mold's photos of the
Royal Wedding Street Party from 2012*

**TICKETS: 01638 743864
In aid of St Mary's, Swaffham Prior**

The Annual Winter Walk

Alexander the Great led his men from Macedonia to India; Zhou Enlai led the Long March; and with no less spirited command, Francis Reeks led the Swaffham Prior Annual Winter Walk. Numbers were swelled considerably by a large contingent from local walking groups who name themselves after the day on which they meet regularly; we were favoured by the company of many Thursdays, some Tuesdays, and a few exclusive Tuesday-and-Thursdays. For these pedestrian titans, the walk would be a brief stroll; for the rest of us, a delightful trek through wind, rain and mud.

Setting out from St. Cyriac's (the walk was in aid of the Churches Conservation Trust, which looks after 'retired' churches), we went down the High Street and into Station Road before turning at the Allix Arms to go cross country. There was a lot of mud. Among the intrepid villagers it was a pleasure to see relatively recent arrivals such as the Grants and the Creeses as well as the usual stalwarts, such as the editrix of this magazine and her recalcitrant dog, and Elisabeth Everitt braving all in plimsolls while her husband shadowed the walk in his car like some whipper-in.

Driest Drove did not live up to its name, for there was still a lot of mud. The droveway comes to an apparent dead end but kind permission had been granted to venture onto private land in order to reach Black Drove. At this point, the wind and the rain were quite strong, and the more casual walkers made a beeline for the pub in Reach. Select Tuesdays, Thursdays and even one or two villagers, however, went the long way round, via Wicken Fen Bridge, to come in alongside Reach Lode and join the advance party at the pub.

Having recruited ourselves on some of Adnams' finest, the return leg was along the Devil's Dyke and then through Lower End back to St. Cyriac's. Awaiting us there were tables laden with a delicious, hearty and most welcome lunch prepared by Sharyn Robinson and her crack team, which included Kate Child, Marcia Miller and the doyenne of caterers, Janet Willmott, to all of whom many thanks are due. Even Caroline's dog eventually turned up (*he'd just nipped back to the Pub for more Adnams' Eds*). Those who had not replenished lost liquids sufficiently at Reach took the opportunity to conclude proceedings at the Red Lion.

To cap a splendid day out, £290 was raised for the Churches Conservation Trust meaning that, with luck, St. Cyriac's will be around a good deal longer yet to host generations more of intrepid walkers.

Rod Clayton



RASP AGM

Formal notice is hereby given of The Annual General Meeting of REACH & SWAFFHAM PRIOR COMMUNITY NETWORK

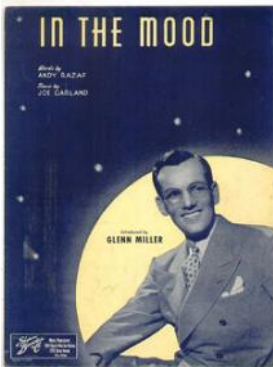
This meeting is to be held on Wednesday 12th February 2014, 8.00 pm, at The Dykes End (upstairs room).

The AGM agenda will be according to the constitution. That is:

- i. Apologies for absence and declarations of conflicts of interest
- ii. Minutes of the previous AGM
- iii. Chairman's report (To include "The future of RaSP")
- iv. Secretary's report
- v. Treasurer's report
- vi. Election of the new Committee
- vii. Election of Honorary Members (if any)
- viii. Charges for the forthcoming year
- ix. Election of auditors

Other business

Thanks to George Gibson for providing the venue.



King's Lynn Festival Chorus steps into the 21st century with a concert of "In the Mood"

Written in 2003, Will Todd's *Mass in Blue* has fast become a much enjoyed part of the choral repertoire. KLFC are delighted to bring it to Kings Lynn's Corn Exchange on Sunday March 30th.

Using the traditional Mass text, listeners will enjoy the fresh, jazzy approach that Todd brings to it. The 100 strong voices of the Festival Chorus will be joined on stage by pianist John Byron, and the Springwood High

School Big Band.

With performances of Jazz standards like 'Ain't Misbehavin', 'Somewhere over the Rainbow', and 'Blue Moon', it promises to be a brilliant evening with tunes that you'll be humming all the way home.

Tickets are available now from the Corn Exchange Box Office.

www.kingslynncornexchange.co.uk or call 01553 764864.

More information about KLFC on www.klfc.org.uk

Twilight at the Museums

Wednesday 19th February 2014, 4.30pm to 8:30pm

As darkness falls, Museums and collections across Cambridge are opening their doors into the night for an exciting evening of FREE drop-in and bookable family events. Taking place in twelve venues across the city, set out and discover the extraordinary world of Cambridge museums and collections after dark. Whether it's experiencing the sights and sounds of ice at The Polar Museum, journeying by torch-light through the Botanic Garden Glasshouses or creating amazing photographs in the evocative setting of the Museum of Technology, there will be plenty to explore!

Get ready for the adventure by visiting www.cam.ac.uk/museums/twilight

The following venues are taking part in Twilight at the Museums:

Museum of Archaeology & Anthropology, Downing Street
www.maa.cam.ac.uk

Cambridge University Botanic Garden, Brookside
www.botanic.cam.ac.uk

Museum of Cambridge, Castle Street

www.folkmuseum.org.uk

Cambridge Science Centre, Jesus Lane

www.cambridgesciencecentre.org

Museum of Classical Archaeology, Sidgwick Avenue

www.classics.cam.ac.uk/museum

Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey, Ely road, Waterbeach (A10)

www.dennyfarmlandmuseum.org.uk

Fitzwilliam Museum, Trumpington Street

www.fitzmuseum.cam.ac.uk

Kettle's Yard, Castle Street

www.kettlesyard.co.uk

The Polar Museum, Lensfield Road

www.spri.cam.ac.uk/museum

Sedgwick Museum of Earth Sciences, Downing Street

www.sedgwickmuseum.org

Cambridge Museum of Technology, Cheddars Lane

www.museumoftechnology.com

Whipple Museum of the History of Science, Free School Lane

www.hps.cam.ac.uk/whipple



From our local surgeries.....

News from Bottisham Patients' Group

Walking Group

The wet weather and muddy footpaths have not deterred our Health Walking Group during January and two more walks are planned for February:

You are invited to

“Heart Start”

on Saturday, 8th February from 9.30 am to 12 noon at the Bottisham Surgery

A practical first-aid session from British Heart Foundation volunteers
Learn what to do in a life-threatening situation; hear practical advice
and explanations; get some hands-on experience

Free entrance

Refreshments

Wednesday 5th and Thursday 20th meeting at 11.00 am at the surgery.

All patients are welcome to join the group for access to the best medicine – fresh air and exercise!

The Burwell Surgery

Newmarket Road, Burwell, Cambridge, CB25 0AE.

Tel: 01638 741234

'Out of hours' medical care options and how to access them.

Becoming unwell at night or the weekend when the surgery is closed (outside the times of 08.30 to 18.00 Mon to Fri), can be a stressful and worrying experience. The services that provide 'out of hours' medical care have now changed slightly, so here are the current options:

<p>Go to A&E or call 999</p> <p>Medical emergencies Critical or life threatening situations</p>	<p>Call '111'</p> <p>For any medical problem that is not an immediate critical or life threatening emergency</p> <p>If you call the surgery phone number, this will go straight through to the '111' service if the surgery is closed</p> <p>The '111' call handler can give advice, book an appointment with a GP or nurse directly, or arrange home visits when necessary</p> <p>The nearest Clinicians are based in Cambridge (Chesterton hospital) or Ely (Princess of Wales hospital)</p>
<p>Minor Injuries Unit</p> <p>The Minor Injuries Unit at the Princess of Wales hospital in Ely is open 08.30 to 18.00 Mon-Sun</p> <p>Experienced and highly trained nurses can treat a wide range of problems including wounds, minor burns, sprains and strains, limb fractures, emergency contraception, eye problems, ear ache (if over 2 years of age), cystitis (for ladies over 14 years old) and minor head injuries</p> <p>It is an excellent service which usually has a waiting time considerably shorter than local A&E departments</p>	<p>Self care</p> <p>A range of common illnesses such as coughs and colds, sore throats, upset stomachs and aches and pains can be treated with a well stocked medicine cabinet and plenty of rest</p> <p>Did you know that a cough caused by a cold normally takes 2-4 weeks to settle?</p> <p>Some self care essentials: paracetamol, re-hydration sachets, indigestion remedies and a thermometer</p> <p>Try the website www.patient.co.uk which has a large number of useful information sheets on many common medical conditions</p>
<p>Dental problems</p> <p>Out of hours dental care can be accessed by telephoning '111'</p> <p>To find an NHS dentist either visit NHS choices on www.nhs.uk or call 0800 2792535</p>	<p>Your local Pharmacy (for example Lloyds in Burwell)</p> <p>They can provide confidential expert advice for a range of common illnesses and complaints</p>

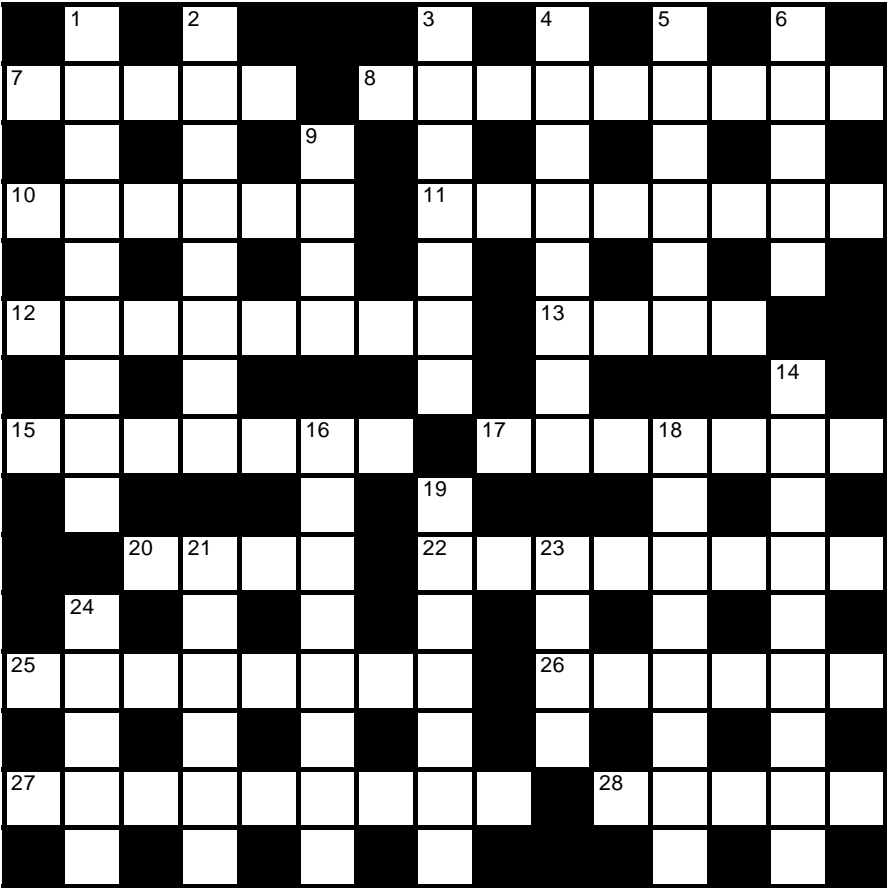
Crossword Number 108

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BYWELL

This month’s puzzle is a cryptic crossword in which four clues contain no definition — but the answers are not far away. Send your answers to the editors by 18 February 2014. 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

- 7 See 12
 8 Encourages nodding if Scorpio is aroused (9)
 10 Come into view English combine (6)
 11 It might help to settle water disputes (5,3)
 12/7 Misdirected by Lebanese gay (8,5)
 13 Steak may be unusual (4)
 15 Marshal treads carelessly around wicket (7)
 17 Legislator inciting treason (7)
 20 See 26
 22 Grant freedom to a foreign relief station, the last held by Poles (8)
 25 Counts you and me in unfamiliar scenes (8)
 26/20 Kiddy elves at play (6,4)
 27 A lot can go wrong with eight sides (9)
 28 Class of road boot in USA (5)

Down

- 1 Detest new trend to eat in a mob (9)
 2 Yogi's weapon maybe blew a car to pieces (4,4)
 3 Lifting sounds - sounds of doctor on lift (7)
 4 Come together to point against boundary (8)
 5 Runs alternatively under motorway reversing left and right (6)
 6 Tragic ending when heading west from Havana? (5)
 9 Mother Superior clasps possessions (4)
 14 Drying most of boot in gripping

instrument (9)

- 16 Pete's rod merrily pulled by organist (4,4)
 18 Sprinkle ale over a herb (4,4)
 19 Turn into steady generation when gracefully born (7)
 21 Not one to refuse you Spithead island (3-3)
 23 See 24
 24/23 Travelled round every side (5,4)

Solution to crossword no. 107

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We congratulate Tamsin Budd, the winner of last month's competition, who should collect her prize certificate from the editors. Honourable mentions go to Jenny Brand, Dee Noyes, Robert Nunn, Jo Pumphrey, S Richards and Shirley Wilkins.



Boxing Day Hockey 2013

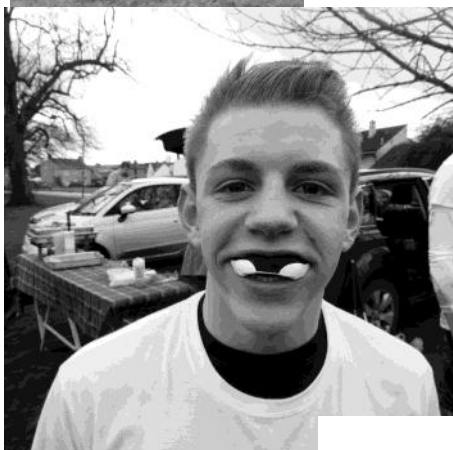
After last year's great result (6-2 to Swaffham Prior!), the Swaffham Prior hockey team gathered on the Denny on Boxing Day with high hopes of a repeat performance. Numbers were boosted by the very welcome volunteers from Rose Cottage in Swaffham Prior, who just happened to have a large number of very skilled hockey players gathering for Christmas. We also had the first international signing for this match: with Miriam Willmott flying home from South Africa. So it was with great enthusiasm that the team started the game. After the first quarter, with the score at 0-0, it was clear that this was going to be a closely

fought contest. With only two substitutes, and one player off with a very nasty bump to the knee, the players' fitness was being severely tested. At half-time, and still 0-0, it looked as though one goal might be enough to secure the victory. Sure enough, some time in the last quarter, that goal arrived, but unfortunately it was scored by Bulbeck. Despite throwing everything into the last minutes of the match, the final score was 1-0 to Bulbeck. Congratulations must go to all the players though for a really enjoyable contest and for their 100% effort throughout.

As always, a large crowd turned out to watch the event. Thank you to all those who supported and to Janet Willmott for refreshing spectators with hot dogs and mulled wine – this raised £85 for MAGPAS, a great total. Thank you also to Newmarket Hockey Club for providing the referee at short notice, and to David Turner and his Bulbeck team – see you all next year!

Mandy Kingsmill





Not even a low-score and miserable weather succeeded in dampening anyone's spirits at our annual derby match....





Blessing the Plough, with Rev Sue Giles in St Cyriac's

School News HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Christmas has come and gone and we are now at the beginning of another new year! We celebrated the end of last term with class parties, a visit from Reverend Eleanor who led an assembly with the theme of Advent and a Christmas celebration in St Mary's led by Reverend Sue. As a special Christmas treat Swaffham Prior and Swaffham Bulbeck Schools shared a Happy Puzzle Company Day together. Throughout the day the children from each year group had to solve practical puzzles in mixed school groupings. They were certainly challenged and had their brains teased!

Term has begun again and we have started a whole school project on the local area. We are being supported by The Museum of Cambridge (previously named The Folk Museum) and as part of the topic they are teaching the children about the local heritage and traditions. They are using the diaries of Enid Porter who travelled throughout the Fenlands gathering information about local traditions and folklore. Swaffham Prior features a few times in her diaries and one of the traditions mentioned is 'Plough Monday'.



Gordon + Nicky, who taught the dances, with plough

In the past, boys from the village would blacken their faces and take a plough around the village. They collected from the villagers and the story is that they would plough up front gardens of those who did not give them a penny or two! There is a picture in a published version of her diaries showing a group of boys with a plough standing outside Swaffham Prior Village Hall.

Years 5 and 6 took part in a version of 'Plough Wednesday' during which a plough was taken into the village and



Outside the Village Hall, where the original 1929 photo was taken

then on to St Cyriacs for a display of Molly dancing (which is a traditional for Plough Monday). Whilst in the village, the children recreated a photograph, similar to one in the diaries from 1929 of village children with a plough. The children performed three Molly dances and were fantastic! They truly entered into the spirit of the event, wearing multi-coloured clothing and blackening their faces.

Many thanks to those of you from the village who came to support the

children.

****CAN YOU HELP US?****

We are studying our local area for the next term and would be like to learn more about the village and its past. We would be very interested in seeing photographs or objects that show how people used to live. Do you remember the village shop? Do you remember the tradition of May Garlands? Do you remember the village during the war? We would love to talk to anyone who has memories of village life as it was.

After half term (24.2.14-4.4.14), we would like to try 'Object(s) of the week'. The aim would be to show artefacts and objects from the village that have a special connection e.g. Reverend Sue has kindly offered to show us something special from St Mary's and St Cyriac's. Do you have anything which may be of interest? Please ring the school



Procession with Plough

on 741529 or email the office (office @swaffhamprior.cambs.sch.uk) if you are able to help and we can make further arrangements.

Other events to look forward to this term include, Little Windmills visiting Mercury Class, 'Kick-Ash', Class Assemblies, Year 4 Dance Festival, 'Big Bang' Fair, a KS2 trip to the Fenland Drainage Museum and a Circle Schools Concert at Burwell.

Busy, busy, busy!!

Hannah Curtis
Head teacher



Molly Dancing in St Cyriac's



VILLAGE GARDENERS

The title of our talk to the Village Gardeners this month was "Six of the best" - causing a little consternation—but of course it was GARDENS! A title fit for an ex-school master.

Andrew Sankey—a Lincolnshire lad, star of Radio Lincolnshire, gave us a sumptuously illustrated talk on gardens, mostly in the West, where of course there is a lot more rain and many frost free pockets. His talk showed us that he not only has a great knowledge about plants, but of garden design and garden history.

We started our tour at KNIGHTSHAYES in Devon—originally a 19th garden and largely unchanged till the Amory family with Graham Stewart Thomas, redeveloped in the 1950s. One particularly interesting part is The Garden in the Wood, where hundreds of trees were felled and the ensuing spaces planted with shrubs—mostly Rhododendrons, magnolias and Hydrangeas. In the spring it is a sea of bulbs and later, foxgloves. There are magnificent hedges framing the Pool garden and a pack of topiary hounds chasing a fox along a terrace. It has the first National Trust nursery, magnificent views and "not a pylon in sight".

HESTERCOMBE in Somerset was our next stop. Owned by Somerset County Council and headquarters of their Fire Service and considered by Andrew to be the finest example of a garden showing the collaborative talents of Edwin Lutyens and Gertrude Jekyll. It was developed between 1905-08, and the only one to survive. It has the informality of Lutyens—the steps, pools, pergolas, paving, walls, seating and the Orangery along side the formal planting of Jekyll. She incidentally only visited 10 percent of the gardens she designed and this was not amongst them. The original plans were found again in 1970—nearly all the rest having been sold to Americans and the replanting of the formal garden, has stuck to these as closely as possible. There are of course other lovely parts to this 50acre garden, including, roses, shrubs and Victorian terraces.

Next we were taken on a tour of POWIS CASTLE and GARDENS, near Welshpool in Wales. It was designed as a Dutch garden in the 1700s— the biggest of its kind and the only survivor of three. It has broad, cascading terraces, planted with huge (now), clipped yews, though originally topiary was not allowed. Fine urns and deep reassessed alcoves decorate the Aviary terrace; many of the others are frost-free. The Orangery was built at a time, when the influence of William and Mary was very strong—oranges in pots were the "in" thing! The garden is not for the faint hearted as the paths are very steep, but magnificent views are to be had.

HODNET HALL was our next port of call and in Shropshire. The hall is 1870 and the gardens are grouped around a series of lakes and water gardens—all spectacular. There is also large scale planting of Azaleas, Rhododendrons, Magnolias in this 60 acres.

Our next call was at a mere 7 acre site! THE DOROTHY CLIVE GARDEN in Shropshire. It was developed by Colonel and Dorothy Clive in an old quarry and certainly looked amazing and packed with plants. Andrew suggested May as the best

month to visit. I think the saying "it's not what you know but who you know", applied to Colonel Clive-among his good friends were the director of Wisley and a member of the Rothschild family!

Then last but certainly not least-CHATSWORTH In Derbyshire. The gardens, which cover 105 acres have been developed over the last 400 years. Only the grand cascade dates from early times as Capability Brown destroyed much of it, in the 18th century. He loved huge lawns and grand vistas. It was revamped by Joseph Paxton, in the first half of the 19th century between 1826-54 in conjunction with the 6th Duke of Devonshire. The garden now is Paxton's garden -the Arboretum, the great conservatory, sadly blown up after the First World War, when it had fallen into disrepair and there were no longer enough gardeners to work in it. Twice the size of the Palm House at Kew and now only a garden on the site. I could mention the underground tunnels for coal and the boilers to heat this monster but that would fill pages! The six acre rockery and the Emperor fountain, with its amazing fountain are also his. A certain Mr Thomas Cook started his first tours to see this wonder! The scale and grandeur have to be seen to be believed.

End of tour. Our next meeting will be on the 18th of February when Yvonne Leonard will be talking about "The Story of a Garden". Everyone welcome.

Margaret Joyce



WI Notes

In January we welcomed Steve Jones who came to talk to us about the Cambridgeshire Bobby Scheme. This is a local charity which provides a service to older or vulnerable people by improving home security to reduce crime and the fear of crime.

The charity works with the Police, Local Authority, and other charities to provide this service. We all learnt a good deal about improving the security of our homes and Steve had a range of items which were recommended not only for the home but also for personal security. If you are over 60 and are burgled, you will automatically be contacted by the service who will arrange a free visit to recommend any additional security which they will fit for you. The over 65s or the disabled can request a visit without being a victim of burglary with a minimum donation to the charity of £25 towards costs. A very worthwhile service.

Our next meeting is on February 17th when our speaker will be Sylvie Short to talk about her recently published book on Swaffham Prior.

New members and occasional visitors are always welcome at our regular meetings which are on the third Monday of the month in Swaffham Prior Village Hall at 7:30 so come along and see if you would like to join our friendly group or telephone if you would like more information.

Pat Cook - President

Tel: 01638 742224



Anglesey Group Mother's Union

Our programme for 2014 began with a Service of Holy Communion led by Rev. Sue Giles. Copies of the programme are available in each of our five Parish Churches. Our meetings are held every third Thursday in the month at 2.30pm in Lode Chapel, and should you wish to join us, you would be most welcome.

Ann Langran



LET'S DANCE

Come and join us dancing on Saturday evenings in the Main Hall at Bottisham Village College.

We will have music for Ballroom, Latin American and popular Sequence dancing.

Dates: 15th February, 8th March, 5th April and 10th May

Time: 7.30pm to 10.30pm.

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

For further information please contact: Frank and Sue Hancocks, 01638 741159 or check out our website: www.letsdanceclub.org.uk

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

Donations!

Many thanks to some very generous ANONS this month for their very kind donations to the Crier. Although the magazine is primarily funded by advertising, donations such as these make all the difference between profit and loss.

Do something special...Become a Foster Carer in 2014

Cambridgeshire County Council needs more foster families to help transform lives and meet the needs of local children and young people. Although the service has seen an increase in enquiries they still need to encourage more people to make that call and consider fostering.

People become Foster Carer because they want to give children and young people a home for as long as they needed it. There are so many positive changes that a families love and commitment can make and anyone who has a caring nature should consider fostering.

Every child is different so we need different Foster Carers. If you have a spare room and can offer stability, security and the positive experience of a loving family then we want to hear from you.

You might be:

- Married, in a civil partnership, single or living with a partner
- From an ethnic background
- In work, unemployed or retired

Recruiting local people will mean that children and young people can live in their own community, continue to attend the same school and maintain contact with their family and friends.

In return we offer generous allowances including a start up package, 24 hour support and full training.

Call our freephone number on **0800 052 0078** or email fanda@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

CALLING ALL CARERS

Do you give unpaid care to a friend or family member? How can we support you to stay healthy and well?

Carers make a huge contribution to the health and wellbeing of the thousands of people they support. But it is equally important for carers to stay healthy and have a good quality of life themselves. Health, social care and voluntary organisations in Cambridgeshire are working together to look at what support carers need to stay healthy and well. We would like to hear from anyone who looks after family, partners or friends because they are ill, frail or have a disability (or have done this in the past). If you can help and are happy to give your views please complete our survey in one of the following ways:

* On-line at: www.cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/JSNA/Carers

* Call Sue Hall, Public Health at Cambridgeshire County Council on 07508 916976

There have been two cabinet meetings in January. The first meeting was dominated by discussions on the business plan for 2014/15. The Cabinet meeting agreed to recommend the business plan as presented to full Council in February, including a proposed Council Tax increase of 1.99%. It was also agreed to lobby the coalition Government strongly as the capital settlement for 2015/16 awards Cambridgeshire over £30 million less than expected to fund new school places. The second Cabinet meeting in January had a number of issues to consider including: contract arrangements for temporary staff, phase 1 of the 20mph limit in Cambridge City, and the provision of housing primarily for rent on County Council land (ie CCC being the developer) including on land off Newmarket Road, Burwell.

Other meetings in January included a meeting at Bottisham Children's Centre regarding the consultation into future service offers; an Improvement Board Meeting; and a meeting of Constitution and Ethics Committee to further refine moves to the committee structure. I also had several individual briefings with Directors to catch up.

IF: Him

If you can wear your hair in an untidy, unkempt way
Thinking it "kind of like" adds impact to your inadequate display
And sport a T shirt emblazoned, with some idiot remark,
That makes you feel that you've made your innovative mark;
And if you've hair upon your face that is "kind of like" kept short, at
'stubble'
Despite the fact that at that length, it is a lot more trouble;
And have tattoos on both your arms, to show you're really 'butch'
When really it is evidence you are in fact, no such.
Then if you have an earring, in only one ear, mind,
You'll look like many others, "kind of like" your kind;
Then you're a Modern Man, my son, with no mind of your own
In point of fact you have become, simply a sad clone.

Ophir

UNDERGROUND OVERGROUND

It seems this month as though the Garden is waking from its winter sleep, as bulbs push through the soggy ground to paint it white, gold and blue, with a smattering of mauves, as the snowdrops, early narcissus, scilla and crocus of our spring bulb belt come into rapid flower, to be followed by the rich Venetian colourings of the tulips.

But while above ground the branches have been bare, there has been much underground, unseen activity taking place over the winter months. The great majority of spring-flowering bulb species require a warm-cold-warm sequence to complete their lifecycle and in fact, the flowers we see emerging this month had their genesis last summer, when flower meristem tissue began



to differentiate in response to the higher temperatures. The bulbs then lose all above ground photosynthesising parts, then cease root growth to go into a dormant state for late summer, just right for retailing at the garden centres! Breaking dormancy in spring-flowering bulbs is influenced by, among other factors, the drop in temperature over the winter which induces the underground shoot and flower stems to grow and elongate through the soil, powered by the starchy reserves in the bulb. This is why when you find a net bag of forgotten fritillary or iris bulbs in the shed in January, you will find they have nevertheless produced green shoots in response to the cold, despite being out of the ground. This does make late planting a ginger salvage operation - damaged young bulb shoots will be a great deal more vulnerable to disease and damaged flowers.

As the shoot emerges from the dark soil into the spring light, the plant is able to detect the increased light levels and corresponding changes in growth and metabolism occur. (We also can respond to light without using our eyes: think of how we tan in the summer sun – the result of skin cells producing more melanin in response to increased ultraviolet light intensity.) The leaves unfurl, position themselves for maximum light capture and begin to photosynthesise. As overhead, the trees begin to leaf up and the colour and density of light changes on the woodland floor, spring bulbs respond with rapid growth and the spectacular floral displays of spring, which really are the plant equivalent of the 100m sprint, as they compete for available sunshine and resources before the canopy knits over for a summer time out. Flowering and seed set is the equivalent of crossing the finishing line!

The Botanic Garden is open 10am-5pm through February and March and 10am – 6pm April - September. 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, please visit the website at www.botanic.cam.ac.uk

IVC 53rd Annual Art Exhibition

15-19 February, 2014



Into the Woods by Janine Elise Pike

Impington Village College's 53rd annual art exhibition will take place during the spring half-term from the 15-19 February, 2014. As in previous years, it will contain around 400 works from nearly 100 local artists. All the exhibits will be for sale at prices from £30 to £650. This year we have over 15 local and national professional artists plus regular favourites from past years including Anthony Day, David Cutting, Helen Immogen Field, David Dowling, Natasha Day, Fred Betteridge, Dorothy Babcock, Donald Beards, Peter Currington, Barbara Harlow, Linda May

Peckham, Malcolm Rimmer, Janice Wilson & Roy Wadley. The range is from classical, modern impressionist and abstract, which will appeal to a wider range of buyers with varied tastes, age and budgets.

To mark the event's 53rd year, the main exhibition will include a separate theme representing TENSION. Encyclopaedia Britannica defines it as, '*A balance maintained in an artistic work (such as a poem, painting, or musical composition) between opposing forces or elements; a controlled dramatic or dynamic quality*'. There will also be a display of student art, offering a flavour of what we might expect to see in years to come. This year student art would be available for sale.

Private view is from 7.00 - 9.00 pm on Saturday 15 February and visitors will be able to view the exhibits and meet some of the artists. Tickets costing £4.50 will be available at the door and will include a catalogue (normally costing £2.80) along with complimentary wine and snacks.

Entry to the exhibition is free during the rest of the week and the opening times are:

Sunday 16 February: 10.00 - 6.00 pm

Monday 17 February: 12.00 - 8.00 pm

Tuesday 18 February: 12.00 - 8.00 pm

Wednesday 19 February: 12.00 to 2.00 pm

The event is organised by the IVC Parent, Staff and Friends Association, a local charity, which raises money for the college. Last year we crossed the £4,000 mark in sales and the commission on the sales together with advertising and door receipts were used to support the work of the college.

For further information, please contact Mehboob Hamza at ivcartexh2014@outlook.com or at 01223 237062.

A SURPRISE - continued

Anyone familiar with Carol Reed's film *The Third Man*, made in 1949, will be familiar with the tense, suspicious and often treacherous atmosphere in the four sections of Vienna after the Second World War. The same sector divisions existed in Berlin. The 31 December 1953 copy of the London *Evening News*, mentioned last month, brings this very much to life. Because on that very day it was reported:-

"An American soldier was freed after four years as a Russian prisoner....The American, ex-Private Homer Cox of Oklahoma City...told how he fell into Russian hands. He was in a German public house in the British Sector of Berlin on September 5, 1949, when he was invited by a man who was apparently a German to join him and two women at another table. "After that Cox remembered nothing more until he woke up in a prison in the Eastern Sector. He presumed he had been drugged.

"After being interrogated and ill-treated for several days he was put in Lichtenberg Prison in East Berlin. He was there for two years and seven months, most of the time in solitary confinement.

"Later he was moved to a Russian forced labour camp at Workuta, north of Moscow."

He then gives a gruesome picture of the gruesome conditions there

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PS. In our very own village we have an even more vivid account of conditions and survival in Russian camps. This is Peter Jost's father's book recounting his four and a half years in various Russian forced labour camps. If you would like to know more or to obtain a copy please phone Peter Jost on 741750 about Hans Peter Marland's (pseudonym) *Last Train to Berlin*, published in 1995.

BON MOT NUMBER FORTY

"For nothing lovelier can be found
In woman than to study household good,
And good works in her husband to promote."

(Paradise Lost Book 9) *John Milton* (1608 – 1674)



Forget about Valentine's Day!

Looking over a calendar of events for February in search of inspiration for this article I came across one of the more bizarre annual celebrations, and one which was certainly new to me.

Did you know that February 11th is 'Don't Cry Over Spilt Milk Day'?

We are all familiar with this age-old proverb. Apparently, the first historical reference to the phrase appears in a literary work by British historian James Howell in 1659, when he wrote: 'No weeping for shed milk', but I suspect it goes back a lot further than that.

Why have a special day for this? According to the various website entries consulted, 'Don't Cry Over Spilt Milk Day' is *'in recognition that bad things happen and it's a day to be optimistic, think positive, look on the bright side, and find something good in everything that happens. Don't worry, or fret, or cry over it. Rather, take a positive attitude and fix it, or get past it.'*

I have to say I'm dubious about this. I'm all in favour of being optimistic and not dwelling on things that have gone wrong. A positive attitude seems good and right, but to have a special day for it? What about the other 360 odd days of the year?

At the time of writing this, large parts of the country are being battered by ferocious storms; rain, wind and high seas are causing loss and damage on a massive scale. The people affected are suffering far more than a drop of spilt milk! The spilt milk proverb is alright for the little inconsequential setbacks we face day by day, but we need more than that when the big storms hit us. Realistically, we all face dark and difficult times in our lives, and when we do we need more than a glib proverb to help us through. For me, and many like me, it has been my Christian faith which has provided the help and encouragement I have needed when trouble comes. About 3,000 years ago the Psalmist expressed the same feelings when he wrote: *'God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.'* [Psalm 46:1-3]

At RE:NEW we are trying to put that faith into practice by building a community which is loving, compassionate, supportive, caring and encouraging, not just to those within the church but also to our friends, neighbours, work colleagues and any others, wherever they may be, who need our help – not just on 'Don't Cry Over Spilt Milk Day', but all the time. *Why not come and try RE:NEW in 2014!* You are guaranteed a warm welcome!

Peter Wells

Special Event.

1 Feb 3 pm – Rev. Simon Goddard's Induction service as Regional Minister for the Eastern Baptist Association. Followed by tea and a Ceilidh. At Bottisham Village College.

Services in February 2014.

2 Feb 10.30am – RE:NEW (Bottisham Primary School)

9 Feb 10.30am – RE:NEW Café style (at the School)

6.20pm – Traditional service. (Lode Chapel)

16 Feb 10.30 – RE:NEW (at the School)

23 Feb 10.30 – RE:NEW (at the School)

6.20pm – Traditional service. (Great Wilbraham Chapel)

For more information about any of the activities of RE:NEW please contact
Rev. Keith Morrison on C.813055 or Peter Wells on C.812388.

Email: pandawells@cheerful.com Or visit our website at www.re-new.me.uk

CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

Last month's delightful New Year poem about getting on in life was attributed to the wrong Michael, the editor having muddled "Hall" and "House". Many belated hanks to Michael Cazenove for this contribution.



This month's Spot the Ball competition! Read all about the match on Page 15.

Dear Friends,

For a secular age, we have retained a great affection for prophecy. The media are filled with pundits who prophesy with great confidence about the future for our political and economic life. Other, less salubrious elements, foretell the demise of relationships of celebrities. And then there are the astrologers who make generalised statements about the future course of our lives by looking at the stars. On the whole, the sheer volume of such predictions means that the prophets are rarely called to account for the accuracy of what they say – if they are wrong it simply doesn't matter because yesterday's paper becomes the wrapper for tomorrow's chips.



Knowing that a considerable part of the Old Testament is based on prophecy may increase our scepticism. In fact, the Old Testament contrasts two different approaches to prophecy which are instructive for us today. Then, as now, there were numerous prophets churning out predictions which matched with the wishes of their hearers. They were popular and feted in direct proportion to the extent that they affirmed the lifestyle and choices of their listeners. The Old Testament prophets, on the other hand, condemned the false predictions of these prophets and replaced their message with warning – they were not making cast iron predictions of the future so much as warning of the consequences of continuing with a lifestyle that oppresses the poor.

There is an insidious danger with prophecy which is that it becomes self-fulfilling – because we are told what is going to happen we make choices that increase the chance of it happening. In that way it takes away our free choice and responsibility.

But maybe there is a form of prophecy in which we might profitably indulge. We can leave the risky exercise of trying to guess what will happen in the future; that is as likely to be successful as the purchase of a lottery ticket. Instead, let's start with the present; the people and the places that fill our life now. From that point we can reflect not on the uncertainties of the future but what is so important in the present that it must endure into the future. And that puts me in mind of an old prayer: May we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world repose upon thy eternal changelessness. Amen!

Sue Giles

Church Services in February

Sunday 2 February, Presentation of Christ in the Temple

11am Holy Communion (CW1T)

Sunday 9 February, fourth Sunday before Lent

11am Matins

Sunday 16 February, third Sunday before Lent

11am Family Service

Sunday 23 February, second Sunday before Lent

10am Benefice Service – Holy Communion (CW1), Quy Village Hall – with pancakes!

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). Please let me know if you would like anything repeating in subsequent issues. 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

Twin pine beds, full size, one stores under the other. Catie n742545

Car steering wheel lock; Set-top digi box. Val Hunter c812173

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.

Dates for Your Diary February 2014

Wed	5	Book Club, Kent House, 8pm
Sat	8	Heart Start, Bottisham Surgery, 9.30-12 noon
Wed	12	RASP AGM, 8pm, Dykes End
Sat	15	Let's Dance, BVC, 7.30 to 10.30pm
Sun	16	Impington VC Art Exhibition, (to 19th), 12 noon to 8pm,. Private View, Saturday 7-9pm.
Mon	17	WI, 7.30pm, VH
Tue	18	Mobile Library, Cage Hill 2.45-3.15pm Chapel 3.20pm-4.00pm Crier Copy Deadline Village Gardeners, 8pm, VH
Wed	19	Twilight at the Museums, 4.30-8.30pm
Thu	20	Mothers' Union, 2.30pm, Lode Chapel
Wed		

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	