



The Swaffham Crier

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Editorial



Don't we just love people who MISS the meeting (Sorry, threw a sickie. It was the Annual Village Assembly) and then suddenly when all is done, dusted, settled and done, PONTIFICATE at length as

to why everybody has got it all wrong. Editors privilege? It's that Scooter Park to be on Town Green of course. As it happens, I know a thing or two about this sort of thing because my son single-handedly instituted a new football pitch just off Town Green (in the middle of the High Street, actually). The only two objectors were seen off in short order: a well-meaning young policeman who finally retired *defeated* and Old Misery from two doors down (fortuitously now departed) whose unfortunate frequent lapses into Very Bad Language made him easy prey to the experienced football pitch conversationalist (Result! *The ref might overhear....*).

Can't compare his efforts though with these lovely young lads who've done all this work, made a brilliant case and got the money: 13 thousand pounds! Except, the pitch disappeared when the

footballer did, didn't cost 13k, and football seems ongoingly quite popular, whereas scooter parks....yes, every grown person in this village knows perfectly well that in a rather predictable short time, we're going to have a 4 metre high 10 metre long (that big??) LOST AND LONELY folly/eyesore/reefer den etc. Etc.

Marshall's sponsor the Science Centre outreach programme and they are moving their centre from Jesus Lane in Cambridge (to St Cyriac's for the week. The kids at the Primary schools in Bulbeck and Prior are going to have a smashing time — don't miss the Big Bang! Roy Tricker's coming again—unmisbale too, Midsummer Market, Heritage Walk, Open Studios this month packed with stuff to do. URGENT APPEAL. Our distributor Ruth Stinton NEEDS HELP NOW. Anyone? **CM**

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Cover Picture: Cocktail Alley in Seville by Hannah Webb



Letters to the Editors



Dear Editors ,

Village Feast!

What happened to Feast Day this year? There has always been a Feast Day ever since we've lived here.

At one time there was a theme and all the stallholders dressed to represent it. As well as Maypole dancing we had a children's fancy dress parade, we had guess the weight of the cake, how many Smarties in the jar, stalls selling plants, ice cream, cakes, bric-a-brac, bottle stall as well as side shows, a greasy pole and Miss Swaffham Prior. One year the vicar sat on a chair in his swimming trunks and people paid money to aim at tipping a bucket of water over him (I'm not suggesting our vicar be asked to do this!). It was all great fun.

It was all part of village life. Why do these things disappear? Are people too busy sitting in front of their computers to make the effort? It was done for the Royal Wedding so it can be done for the Feast. Here's hoping it will be back again next year, I look forward to it - and I'm very willing to help if needed.

Betty Prime

Dear Editors

Star Shine Stroll for the Arthur Rank Hospice Charity

I would like to say a huge thank you to the very many people in Swaffham Prior who supported me by donating online or in the old fashioned way for the ten-mile evening walk around Cambridge in aid of the Arthur Rank Hospice Charity. It was a lovely event and I am delighted to have raised £620 so far for this great cause. It is not too late to give: online at <http://www.justgiving.com/Dee-Noyes>, or via my letterbox at 1 Mill Hill. Grateful thanks.

Dee Noyes

MIDSUMMER MARKET

14th to 15th June, St Cyriac's Church

Donations of books, bric a brac, toys, plants and
tombola items etc needed

Please contact Elisabeth Everitt c 742974

We are happy to collect contributions

Dear Editors

BBC's Big Allotment Challenge

. We are currently developing a new primetime gardening series with a working title 'Garden Republic' for one of the UK's major broadcasters and wanted to send you the information in case you may be interested.

The series will follow a group of neighbouring home-owners who will each expand their individual gardens by banishing fences to allow for one large communal garden, to be shared by the neighbours. We hope the residents will work together to create a space that none of them could ever dream of owning individually and, with the help of gardening experts, transform their small plots into a beautiful space the whole community can enjoy... a real life Garden of Eden!!

The home-owners will be guided, helped and mentored by one of Britain's biggest gardening names, working together to decide on what their perfect garden will include – from creating a stunning rose garden, to tending chickens, growing a fruit orchard, or constructing a giant children's play area. The series will be a celebration of both gardening and good old British community spirit!

We are looking for a group of neighbours (with back gardens) to take part in the series and would love to hear any thoughts you have on the project!

Felicity Rankin



BANG GOES THE SWAFFHAMS!

FREE hands-on science event open to EVERYONE.

Thursday 5th June 2014

5.30pm to 7.30pm

St Cyriac's Church, High Street, Swaffham Prior.

Crier Distribution

Please contact Ruth Stinton

j.stinton104@btinternet.com, tel: 742641

If you can help out.

From our Reporter at the Parish Council Meeting

Constitutional rules dictate that the Parish Council has to choose its chairman from amongst its numbers every year in May and this formality preceded the usual monthly meeting. I missed the nominations and voting because my dog ate the agenda. Sorry pooch, I'll own up – I didn't actually do my homework and read the agenda so didn't note when the meeting started. John Colville clearly was ensconced as Chair again and the usual monthly meeting started with the County Councillor presenting his report. Before David Brown could slip away to attend another meeting Geoffrey Woollard, with his eagle eye on the public purse and local government activities, asked why the County Council had used independent consultants to review the future of the Cromwell Museum at Huntingdon and why the final decision on its future was being made by the Highways & Infrastructure Committee. Apparently tourism and museums come under that committee as they don't fit sensibly into any of the other committees which, for those of you who are interested, are *Adults, Children & Young People, Health and Economy & Environment*.



District Councillor Allen Alderson then gave his report and sadly admitted, but still maintaining his usual smile, that for the first time ever he had voted against his party. Looking to cut costs, the District Council had called a special meeting to request that the Boundary Commission review the ward boundaries and reduce the number of district councillors from 39 to 27 by removing double member wards in rural areas. Ever the optimist, Allen said he hopes that, as a single member, his seat will be safe but fears his workload may be increased if ward boundaries change.

Another formality at the merry month of May meeting is to review the asset register in readiness to submit a total asset value for the Annual Audit Return. Seeking advice from the floor, guesstimates were made of such things as the replacement and insurance value of the village hall and the grade of brick to be used as grave markers. Discussions took place on whether the Pound should be rebuilt if it was damaged due to potentially huge restoration costs and whether the Crazy Daisy play springie would be replaced as Steve Kent-Phillips has never seen anyone use it. The worn paint work may suggest that perhaps Steve is passing the playground at the wrong time of day. Fortunately, championing the rights of the tiny tots in the village, Paul Latchford donned his public relations hat and suggested that perhaps it would be a little harsh not to replace it. The accounts were then presented for approval and with Steve as Responsible Financial Officer leading the “ayes” the governance statement questions were duly ticked.

During Parish Councillors Reports, Geoffrey updated members on the Wicken Fen Community Liaison meetings. Sounding uncharacteristically down beat, he reported that meetings are becoming muddling with a great deal of bickering. And surprisingly, the bickering is nothing to do with him. He wishes he didn't have to go to them but being the dedicated chap that he is (that's me saying that, not him), he said he will continue.

Speeding on Heath Road was brought up and it was suggested that a *No Through*

sign be placed at the top of road to try to address the problem. Members are of the opinion that drivers often mistake it for the Heath Road in Swaffham Bulbeck and when they come to the dead end, turn around and speed back up it.

And finally, Paul asked why the flag has not been flown on special occasions for some time at St Cyriac's. By the manner in which he spoke it was clear that Paul deeply misses this loss of tradition. No-one in the room had any idea of who was responsible for raising the flag or why it had stopped. Since the meeting however, the current flag raiser has been located. He now has too many other commitments to be able to perform this duty all by himself. Any volunteers willing to help? Someone who is able bodied, keen to keep the tradition going and who lives near the church would be ideal. Do you know of anyone who fits the bill Paul?

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The Outside Edge Painters

**Cathy Parker, Vee Wallace, Dafila Scott,
Joss Goodchild, Heather Saunders,
and Hannah Webb**

*Warmly invite you to visit their
Cambridge Open Studio exhibition of work*

in

**St Cyriac and St Julitta Church
Swaffham Prior**

**Saturday and Sunday 5th and 6th July
and**

Strawberry Teas

Sunday 13th July, 3-5pm

Baldwin Manor

High Street, opposite Thatched
Cottage

Tickets £5.00/£2.50

Must be booked in
advance

Kate Child 743983

Dee Noyes 743864

Garden games for all
Will go ahead whatever
the weather!

Proceeds to
St. Mary's Church



BANG GOES THE SWAFFHAMS!



Thursday 5th June 17.00-19.30 St Cyriac's Church, Swaffham Prior

Cambridge Science Centre is coming to Swaffham Prior

Situated on Jesus Lane in Cambridge, the Cambridge Science Centre is a registered education charity established to show the importance of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) as vital skills for day-to-day life and future careers. The centre is dedicated to bringing science, technology, engineering and mathematics to life with fun, lively and hands-on activities.

To ensure that the impact of the centre reaches well beyond those able to visit central Cambridge, they have developed an extensive science outreach programme, sponsored the Marshall Group. The mobile exhibits include lively chats, intriguing experiments and amazing demonstrations.

As part of the outreach programme, the Cambridge Science Centre will be spending a week in June based in St Cyriac's Church in Swaffham Prior working with the school children from Swaffham Prior and Swaffham Bullbeck Primary Schools.

BUT to ensure no one misses out on having a go we are having a

FREE OPEN EVENING for EVERYONE in the neighbouring villages on:

THURSDAY 5TH JUNE 2014

17.00-19.30

ST CYRIAC'S CHURCH, HIGH STREET, SWAFFHAM PRIOR.

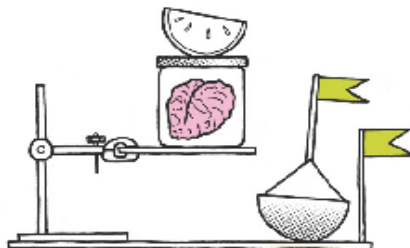
So dust down your white coats, come and try your hand at something new – we cannot guarantee you an “ology” but you will have **FUN!**

For more information contact:

David Beeb

Schools Co-ordinator

davidbeeb@cambridgesciencecentre.org





St Cyriac's Church, Swaffham Prior
With the Churches Conservation Trust

Saturday 14th June 6.00 – 7.00pm

“ECCENTRIC CLERICS”

A return performance by

Roy Tricker

A talk by this colourful, rebellious and humorous speaker
will provide a sympathetic and warm insight
into the extraordinary behaviour
of some “potty parsons”

A SHOW NOT TO BE MISSED

Tickets £5 on the door

Refreshments available from 5.30pm when doors open

Organising a summer event and don't have enough seats? We can solve the problem!

For Hire: Grey hard plastic stacking chairs, black metal legs, can be used indoors and out, hirer collects and returns, deposit required, 50p per chair per hire. Contact 07833 960678

Proceeds to St. Mary's Church, Swaffham Prior



St Cyriac's Church, Swaffham Prior
With the Churches Conservation Trust

Midsummer Market

Saturday and Sunday 14th and 15th June 2014

11.00am - 5.00pm Entrance Free

Plants * Books * Bric a Brac

Teas * Tombola

Furniture * Videos, CDs & DVDs * Toys

Tempting Togs

(any donations for stalls please call 01638 742974)

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“Saturday Special”

6.00pm - 7.00pm

“Eccentric Clerics”

A talk by Roy Tricker

(see separate notice for details)

“Sunday Specials”

Handbell ringing by the Cage Hill Clangers

and Afternoon Tea accompanied by

Palm Court Music



Followed by 21st
Century
Afternoon Tea &
Cake

**Sunday 29th
June 2014
2.00pm –
4.00pm**

Meet on the steps of St Mary's Church

Adults £7.50, Family ticket £24.00
to include refreshments

Contact Elisabeth 742974 or Janet 743472
Limited numbers, all tickets to be booked in advance

Romans, Saxons, Norman Knights and “Huguenot” French Protestants, as well as English Villeins have all been here before us leaving traces of their presence either above or below ground.

Come and hear about them, walk where they walked (well almost) and learn of the no less than five manors on which they lived and worked.

MADE IN EAST ANGLIA

**A new course on Tuesday or Wednesday mornings at the Village
Hall, Swaffham Prior**

to July 2nd

This is an opportunity to delve into the region's cultural heritage from Anglo-Saxon times through to the 21st century. We shall look at a wide range of art works and their historical development, covering jewellery and silverware, stained glass, paintings, early photography, prints and sculpture – all produced on our doorstep !

Email tutor at deborah.monteiro@btinternet.com for more details



Your local family friendly LodeStar Festival begins Friday 29 August, Gates open at 8am and close Monday 1st September at 1⁰₁₅eqiva Noon. Book your tickets now online www.lodestarfestival.com or phone 01223 813 318.

LodeStar brings you the very latest National and International acts and in its sixth year it has grown by word of mouth and support from the community, that's you! Come along and be part of a great event and help the fund-raising of Addenbrooke's Hospital ACT, CLIC Sargent.

Every year LodeStar gives 1,000 free Tickets for Troops!

There's music for all tastes, please see the website for the most up to date details. www.lodestarfestival.com

Dance groups, Archery, power kiting, zorbing, face painting and more!

Drinks from the local Calvors Brewery 'LodeStar' golden pale ale, English lager, Aspoll's cider and a host of bespoke caterers offering wholesome tasty food at reasonable prices!

LodeStar Festival -it's very Family Friendly with exciting music right on your doorstep, a great entertainment experience and wonderful atmosphere!

Affordable 3 or 1 day tickets, 15-17yrs reduced, 14yrs and under FREE! LodeStar Festival "for lovers of music" not to be missed, Book now!

LODE HALF MARATHON & 3 MILE FAMILY FUN RUN (AFC Race Permit No. tbc)

Sponsored by Scotsdales Garden Centres and Sweatshop

The 4TH Lode Half Marathon is fast approaching and this year our principal charity is Prostate Cancer. Over the last 3 years we have had great support and raised over £8000 for charity and local causes.

ENTRY is now open so if you are a runner please get your entry in as soon as possible. If you are not a runner but would like to help with **stewarding** please get in touch.

It is being held on **Sunday 2nd November 2014** at 10 a.m. - our race HQ is the Passage Hall in Lode. The Family Fun Run will start at 10.15 a.m. The course is flat and takes you from Lode village, along the "Lodes Way" to Wicken Fen and back, with water stations along the way. Last year's runners said it was great to run through such lovely countryside. Trophies will be awarded and

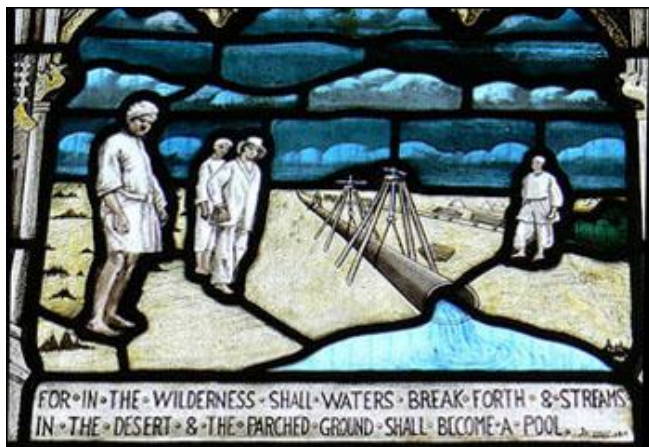
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***Please keep the
date: Friday 14
November
2014***

To commemorate the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War we will be holding an event to study the unique war memorial windows in

St Mary's. Professor Jolyon Mitchell from Edinburgh University will put the windows into local, national and international historical context and provide insight into the fears, hopes, and heartbreaks of 1914-1919.

Funds raised from this event will be used to produce information about the windows in various forms to allow them to be more widely understood by villagers and visitors alike. We will also support the work of the Royal British Legion and St Mary's, Swaffham Prior. More details in The Crier in due course.



Swaffham Bulbeck Summer Theatre

Our 2014 performances of Gilbert & Sullivan's 'Patience' will be staged at our wonderful 'Theatre in a Barn', Downing Farm, Swaffham Bulbeck on:

Wednesday 11 June 2014 at 7.30pm - £9

Thursday 12 June 2014 at 7.30pm - £9

Friday 13 June 2014 at 7.30pm - £10

Saturday 14 June 2014 at 2.30pm (matinee) - £6 and 7.30pm - £10.

Our tickets will continue to be available to purchase **online from Ticket Source** <<http://sbst.ticketsource.co.uk/>> from **1 April 2014** and **ticket prices remain unchanged** as previous years.

Visit www.sbsummertheatre.com/ or call Business Manager, Ruth Dennis, for more details on 01638 508171.



SWAFFHAM BULBECK VILLAGE STREET MARKET



Saturday 5th July 2014 11am – 4pm

PARADE ALONG THE HIGH STREET AT 11am

**Crafts – Collectables – Food – Plants – Jewellery – Wood
Turning – Books – Cards – Leather goods – “Cash in the Attic”
Attractions for Children**

**Programme of music and entertainment during the day
Lunch time Hot Dogs and Burgers Morning Coffees and Afternoon Teas**

New attraction for 2014 “Horse Racing”



Further information - Julia Bevington (01223 812777) or Margaret Roberts (01223 811772)

St Mary's Church, Swaffham Bulbeck



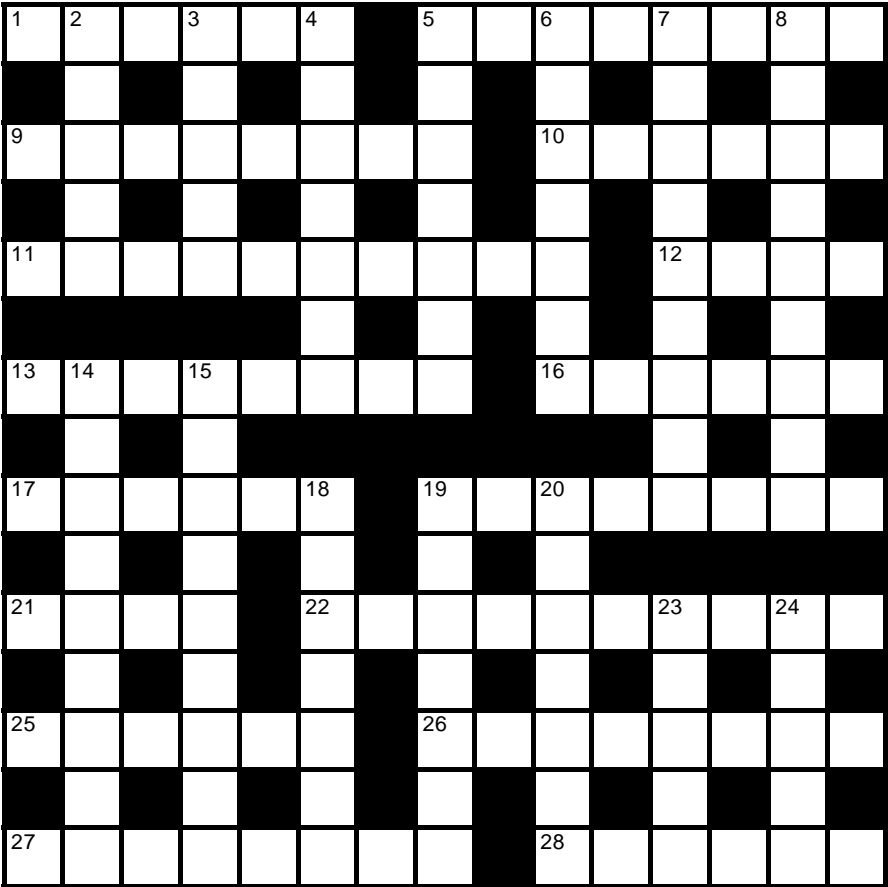
Crossword Number 112

Compiled by

Sponsored by **The Red Lion**

NIBOR

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

- 1 Make variegated pattern 'cos I'm a mess (6)
- 5 Upset open jar (8)
- 9 Viewers of broadcast documentaries storm out (8)
- 10 Go hungry when superstar ventures inside (6)
- 11 Enthusiasm for a pet gun dog organisation (3-2-3-2)
- 12 Small kind of barrister (4)
- 13 Naturally relating to race (2,6)
- 16 Ruddy Rolf is back and Diana too (6)
- 17 Meets up with English leader and shows respect (6)
- 19 Standard river flows back into HQ (8)
- 21 German leader gets to throw up lump (4)
- 22 Chicle mug (7,3)
- 25 There is a danger that, initially, hardly any zoos accept red ducks (6)
- 26 Guarantee of battle cry at day's end (8)
- 27 It's a type of concrete, deary (5-3)
- 28 Skillet judge found in store room (6)

Down

- 2 Egg seed is overhauled, cooked but not heard (5)
- 3 Roadie unpacks contents and says 'goodbye' (5)
- 4 Mythical creature has small change in front of a bygone city (7)
- 5 Look inside to discover duellists are late (7)
- 6 Moderate comfort no longer

available (4,3)

- 7 Despicable person's implement found where Noddy might meet Big Ears? (9)
- 8 Olive runs around in disgust (9)
- 14 Barrage makes us sick and fade out (9)
- 15 Chairman is lost at sea (9)
- 18 Scotsman meets a barrier on the road surface (7)
- 19 Polish web sex? a mess (7)
- 20 Agitate about never-ending support for riders (7)
- 23 Cereal may produce profit around the middle of April (5)
- 24 Complete state (5)

Solution to crossword no. 111

	A	M		S	M	O	E	
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We congratulate Eileen Creese, the winner of last month's competition, who should collect her prize certificate from the editors. Honourable mentions go to Andrew Houston, Steve Kent-Phillips and Sue Richards.

Be cautious of traders who call at your door

Advice from Trading Standards

In the last 5 years it is estimated that £1 million has been paid to rogue traders by older residents living in Cambridgeshire. In most cases the rogue trader will have called at the customer's door offering to do work on their house or garden, and will have overcharged for unnecessary and shoddy work.

These are serious crimes, in some cases costing the customer their life savings and often leading to them being fearful in their own homes.

At Trading Standards we would like to make you aware of the telltale signs of rogue traders to help you avoid them. We would also urge you to pass this advice on to elderly friends and relatives.

Rogue traders typically:

Call at the door offering services such as replacing a loose roof tile, roof or gutter cleaning, gardening, house maintenance, jet washing, driveway paving and tree felling.

Engage with the customer to win their trust e.g. claiming to have been before, claiming they are working up the street etc. They will seem very friendly and chatty.

Start with a small job such as gutter cleaning and then claim further work is needed. This subsequent work will not be quoted for and will run into thousands of pounds.

Make fraudulent claims e.g. moss growth on a roof causes severe damage and needs to be washed off, painting a roof is necessary to protect it.

Fail to give you written notice of your right to cancel which is required for most contracts agreed at home.

Use intimidation to extort money and often take the customer to a bank or cash point to withdraw cash (a criminal offence).

Return again and again demanding further payment for bogus reasons e.g. claiming that VAT has not been paid.

If you think rogue traders are currently at your property, are in the vicinity or are due to return, please contact the police on 999. If you think rogue traders have done

WHAT'S ON

Activities and support for families with children under five in the local area

BOTTISHAM CHILDREN'S CENTRE

Stay and Play Mondays 10.00am-12.00pm

Well Baby Clinics 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month 12.30-2.00pm

Little Movers (0-2) Wednesdays 12.30pm-2.00pm

Childminder Drop-in Thursdays 9.30-11.30am

Tell me a good birth story 3rd Friday of the month 12.30-2.00pm

BURWELL AREA

Well Baby Clinics 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month 1.15-2.45pm
at Mandeville Hall, Burwell

Stay and Play Thursdays 9.30am-11.30am at Burwell Sports Centre

Contact us to find out what else we have to offer! We are here to support you and your family with any issue. If you would like some support, you can contact us confidentially.

Please call Soham on 01353 727188 or Bottisham on 01223 507152.

To see our full timetable please visit

www.cambridgeshirechildrenscentres.org.uk

Re-Cycling Open Day at Waterbeach

There will be fun for all the family at this year's Re-Cycling Open Day on Saturday 21st June at [AmeyCespa's waste management park on the A10 at Waterbeach](#).

With the Tour de France coming to Cambridge, there is a cycling theme to this year's event, with a cycle try-out around a recycled track and cycle-powered smoothie makers showing how to reduce food waste.

Visitors to the Open Day will be able to see a range of reuse, recycling and composting exhibitions, including cycle repair workshops from Opportunities Without Limits, the Sawston based charity that refurbish bikes. There will also be coach tours of the Waterbeach site to see how Cambridgeshire's waste is recycled, and walking tours of AmeyCespa's Mechanical Biological Treatment plant and Materials Recycling Facility.

There will be model-making activities using waste packaging and competitions, including the chance to win bike lights if you bring along household batteries for recycling at the DHL electrical recycling stand.

The Open Day is a joint venture between AmeyCespa and Cambridgeshire County Council. Entry is free and the event is open from 10am to 4pm. For more information call (01223) 861010.

“THE LAND GIRLS”

The celebration to commemorate the instalment of the new Land Girls Memorial Plaque on the green by the Village Sign went off with a bang.. As noon approached, a happy crowd converged to the bottom of Cage Hill from all directions. The little green was packed, there a lovely display of diaries, letters and photographs from the times, followed highly entertaining speeches, and then Sid Prince stepped forward to unveil the plaque in memory of those wonderful girls who did such a brave job with great humour in some really horrible conditions.

Their legacy and surviving families seem have had such a huge influence on the character of this village ever since. Yes, Swaffham Prior is different from other villages, and when you think about it.....

And all rounded off by champagne! A Glorious Day!

Eds



Andy Prince, Martin Mead (to the back), Pam Waters, Ralph Waters (to the back), Sidney Prince, Stephen Bradley (to the back), Emma Fletcher kneeling and on the end Linda Kirby.



So Marmite really IS the Food of Love

What is this life if, when Tea-Time host
You find you've no Marmite for the toast?
So offer caviar to your guest,
And though it is the very best
You hear, to your ultimate dismay
The words, "*Unfortunately I cannot stay
And cannot come another day*".
"*You're clearly not the one for me,
I always have Marmite for my tea*".
"*And please don't ring me! We are through!*"
- - - "*And by the way; I'll not ring you!*".

Ophir

Cambridge Open Studios Mini-Guide

Featured Artists, Selected for *Swaffham*

Prior Crier

Below are the artists who are local to Swaffham Prior area. You will find the information concerning the days and times the artist will be exhibiting as well as their location, the genre of their work and their contact information. Please note that not all of the artists open their studios every weekend.

The codes indicating which weekends the artist's will be exhibiting are as follows...

Weekend (1) 5-6 July

Weekend (2) 12-13 July

Weekend (3) 19-20 July

Weekend (4) 26-27 July

The full Guide to the Cambridge Open Studios can also be accessed and downloaded via website <http://www.camopenstudios.co.uk>

173 Outside Edge

Painters

Church of St Cyriac and St Julitta,
High Street, Swaffham Prior,
Cambridge, CB25 0LD
01638 743163

Joss Goodchild, Heather Maunders, Cathy Parker, Dafila Scott, Vee Wallace and Hannah Webb. Six painters show abstract, semi-abstract and figurative work.

Weekends 1, 2



174 Paul Abbott

Oil painter

The Mill House, 11 Mill Hill, Swaffham
Prior, Cambridge, CB25 0JZ
01638 741537

paul@vividicity.com

www.vividicity.com

Rural and coastal landscapes from East Anglia, beach huts and modern florals. Vivid oil colours in a dynamic and loose style.

WORKING STUDIO Weekends 1, 2, 3, 4



175 Lorraine Izon

Potter and illustrator

Meadow View, 24 Lower End,
Swaffham Prior, Cambridge,
CB25 0HT

01638 742920

izon.elliston@btinternet.com

Animal and bird sculptures, tiles and decorative bowls. Drawings, illustrations, prints and cards. Also SALE of some older pieces and seconds.

WORKING STUDIO Weekends 2, 3



176 Ruth Blundell

Painting and 3D animals

The Old Dairy, 34 Lower End, Swaffham
Prior, Cambridge, CB25 0HT

07792 656223

ruthescott@hotmail.com

Birds and beasts frolic vividly upon pages in a mixture of acrylic, watercolour, oil-pastel and pencil or stand three dimensionally in painted wood.

Weekends 1, 2, 3



177 Tina Jost

Fine pen and ink

The White House, 32 Lower
End,

Swaffham Prior, Cambridge,
CB25 0HT

01638 741750

tina.jost@swaffham-prior.co.uk

Working studio filled with fine 'pen and- ink' drawings and illustrations of flora and fauna, and other works of art...



WORKING STUDIO Weekends 2, 3

178 Emma Mitchell

Jeweller

Greenview Cottage, 31 Fair Green,
Reach, CB25 0JD

01638 741063

emma@minniedog.co.uk

www.emmamitchelldesigns.co.uk

Nature and craft-inspired designs in handworked silver, enamel and gemstones. Blossom, hares, birds and structural plant forms. 'Beach-hut' studio.
Weekends 1, 3



179 Melanie Goemans

Painting, printmaking, drawing

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Professional studio; high levels of craftsmanship; techniques demo; new etchings, tiles and a few paintings for sale. Warm welcome, refreshments.

Weekends 1, 2, 3



BON MOT NUMBER FORTY FOUR

"I do not know which makes a man more conservative - to know nothing but the present, or nothing but the past"

John Maynard Keynes (1883-1946)

Nature in song

A tea-time concert celebrating the world of nature

Saturday 26 July 2014, 5pm

St John the Evangelist Church, Station Road, Waterbeach, Cambs. CB25 9PX

Programme to include music from Britain, France and the United States of America, from the 16th to the 21st century, featuring works by William Byrd, Orlando Gibbons, Gerald Finzi, Maurice Ravel and Samuel Barber.

Daniel Spreadbury (director)

Tickets £7.50 on the door or contact adrianj.wright@ntlworld.com

Proceeds to the Church

Do something memorable this Father's Day

Remember. Celebrate. Change lives.

A leading cancer charity has created a special place where people can remember and celebrate the lives of loved ones they have lost to cancer.

Losing someone you love can leave you feeling lost, particularly with Father's Day approaching. So, Macmillan Cancer Support have created a permanent place where friends and family can come together, share memories and even change lives.

Local fundraising manager, Jessica Levin says "The website allows you to create a lasting legacy for your loved one – a legacy that will help Macmillan support more people with cancer and their families, if someone close to you dies from cancer, Macmillan are here for you. Call the support line on 0808 808 00 00 to help you cope with grief, give you all the practical information you need, and when you're ready, offer ways to celebrate the life of your loved one.

To find out more about Macmillan tribute funds, visit

www.macmillan.tributeffunds.com,

or contact Jessica Levin, Fundraising Manager Cambridgeshire at fundraising@macmillan.org.uk

Swaffham Prior Autumn Show

Saturday 13th September

This year the Autumn Show will be held at the Village Hall on Saturday 13th September. In addition to the traditional garden and kitchen produce classes, the newer breadmaking and photography competitions will also feature - and the show would not be the same without the children's section

Flowers and Vegetables:

There has been some warm and pleasant weather (now that the wind has died down), and gardens and greenhouses around Swaffham Prior are bursting with new plant life. Now is the time to plan your entries for September's Autumn Show - the list of categories is given below, so you can decide what else to plant in your vegetable and flower beds.



Baking and Preserves:

If your talents lie in the kitchen and you want to outshine The Great British Bake-Off, there will be the opportunity to demonstrate your prowess as there will be categories for bread and cakes, as well as preserves and wine.

Children's Categories:

Plenty of opportunities to get the kids involved, with special categories just for them, including a "design your own model car, fantasy animal or dream house" challenge.

Photography Competition:

The themes for this year's photo entries are:

Age up to 10 years Transport

11 to 16 years

Light and Weather



Over 16 years

Windows and Doors

The Autumn Show categories this year will include:

VEGETABLES

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

FRUIT

Apples	Pears	Soft fruit	Stone fruit
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CHILDREN'S CATEGORIES

Model challenge	Giant vegetable	Sunflower
Decorated cup cake	Miniature garden	Vegetable animal

FLOWERS

Roses	Mixed flowers	Pot plant
Flower arrangement		

BAKING and PRESERVES

Jam or jelly	Fruit cake	Alcoholic drink or wine
Pickle/chutney	Victoria sponge	Bread

Full details and rules for all of the categories will be published in The Crier.

Entry forms and photography competition rules, will be circulated and also made available from the Village Hall website:

www.swaffhampriorvillagehall.co.uk



Mike Carrington
Village Hall Management Committee

School News



In March, our KS2 choir conducted by Mrs Holt, took part in the Circle Schools concert at Burwell. They were one of twelve school choirs who took part and there were 3 adjudicators present who gave feedback once the performance was finished. The theme was music from around the world and our choir sang a Greek song (in Greek) called 'Thalasa'. The adjudicators commented on how professional

the choir was on stage, 'lovely gentle singing' and 'for good clear rhythms over a tricky backing track'.

Mars class assembly also took place March. They gave us a good insight into the learning that has taken place this term. We heard a retelling of a story, saw some beautiful and detailed artwork based on Van Gogh's 'A Starry Night', learnt about 3D shapes and saw a demonstration of some of the playground songs and games they have been learning as part of the Enid Porter Project.

School Council organised a 'Walk a mile' for Sports Relief. The whole school enjoyed the sunshine and everyone, including the adults, walked and/or ran a mile. Over £200 has been raised.

Easter came and we celebrated with Reverend Sue in St Mary's Church. During Lent we participated in Bishop Stephen's Lent Challenge for which we were received a Gold Award. Part of our challenge was to create something as a school. We hope you enjoyed finding and looking at our tiles which Reverend Sue hid about the village. We had fun painting them! Dee Noyes also came to school to share another Family Service performance with us.

On the last day of term we had a Swaffham Prior Book Day and everybody dressed up as their favourite book character. We met Harry Potter, Alice in Wonderland, Gangsta Granny, the Gruffalo, Wally from 'Where's Wally' and many more!

On Wednesday 30th May we had a celebration to mark the end of our Enid Porter Project and what a fantastic evening it was! The children performed a range of songs, dances and plays and explained some of the traditions they had been learning about. We





were joined by past pupils, including the Cooper family who were at school over 60 years ago, and other people from the village. Thank you very much to those of you who came to support us.



Some very exciting news...We have been awarded a Local History award by the Cambridgeshire Association for Local History in recognition of the work that we have been doing on the Enid Porter Project. Mr Godfrey went with Sam and Sebastian to receive it on behalf of the school.

Mercury and Mars classes visited The Museum of Cambridge and took part in workshops throughout the day. They looked at a range of artefacts and enjoyed finding out about corn dollies and little boxes made to ward away evil spirits. They then had the opportunity to make their own. Both classes also had a visit from a planetarium and learnt about various star constellations and planets in our solar system.

Reach Fair took place on Monday and the Year 5 and 6 children demonstrated once again their proficient skills in maypole and molly dancing. Congratulations to all, with a special mention to George who outshone the adult molly dancers with his broom dancing! A special mention also needs to go to FoSPS who raised over £700 and huge thanks for their hard work on the day.

There is lots of information about the Enid Porter Project with information, photos and video of what the children and school have been doing on The Enid Porter site. <http://www.enidporterproject.org.uk/>

We have lots to look forward to over the next few weeks, including a range of sporting events, a French day, a KS2 production and a final Enid Porter celebration. More busy times ahead!

***Hannah Curtis,
Head teacher***





VILLAGE GARDENERS

The speaker at our May meeting was Barry Gayton, Radio Cambridgeshire's Sunday morning gardener and his topic for us was 'Climbing Plants and Wall Shrubs'. Barry is a real plantsman, having started to grow plants from the age of seven when he asked his parents for a greenhouse for Christmas! He went to Woolworths to buy his seeds and was soon selling his young plants back to the same shop! Barry's garden in Santon Downham has been developed over thirty three years. Amazingly he has over 50,000 cacti and succulents, many of which live for 2,000 years! Every year he moves 2,000 plants from his glasshouses into the garden for the summer – this job alone takes him four weeks! Incredibly too, Barry has a thousand varieties of auricula and more than two hundred of magnolia! Barry then showed us many more unusual climbing plants and shrubs, from the Abutilon with its stunning white flowers three inches across, to the Callistemon or Bottlebrush and Cytisus or Pineapple broom, a highly scented wall shrub. We saw slides of ornamental grape vines, the unusual Aristolochia or Dutchman's Pipe and a kiwi plant that Barry grew from seed and which produced so much fruit that he couldn't give it away! It was an interesting and informative evening. Barry's garden is in the Yellow Book and this year will be open on Sunday 6 July, 10am to 5pm.

Our next meeting will be an evening visit to the garden of Pavilion House in Dullingham on Tuesday 10 June.

There are still spaces left on our coach outing to capel Manor Gardens on Saturday 21 June. For more information please contact Peter Hart on 01638 741681.

Mary Hart

Still places for CAPEL MANOR GARDENS SATURDAY. 21st. JUNE

If you are interested in joining us, please contact
Peter Hart, 1638 741681.



WI Notes

At the May Meeting we first had to discuss and vote on this years resolution which will be put before the AGM in June. This is to raise the awareness of the importance of organ donations and to remind everyone that putting their name on the donor register is only effective if they also make their wishes known to family and friends so that those wishes can be respected at the time of death. The resolution has the potential to add thousands of new would be donors just through encouraging these discussions.

The Speaker for the evening was Martin Rushworth who gave us a very interesting talk about the restoration of the Theatre Royal in Bury St Edmunds. It is one of eight grade I listed theatres in the UK. Opening as a Regency Theatre in 1819 it was one of the most elegant playhouses of its time. In 1920 the freehold was purchased by Greene King and for many years it was used as a barrel store. In 1975 the building was leased to the National Trust and is managed by the Bury St Edmunds Theatre Management Ltd. When the Theatre closed in 2005 to begin a £5.3 million project to restore the building to its original 1819 configuration, Martin was asked by the National Trust to photograph the project from start to finish for their archives. We were able to follow this through all its stages through some of these photographs and it is quite amazing what was achieved in the two years it took to complete. I think we might have to plan a visit to Bury to see for ourselves!

The June meeting will be on 16th June in Swaffham Prior Village Hall at 7.30 when the speaker will be Sarah Lindsell whose talk will be End Polio Now - National Immunisation Days in Delhi.

New members and occasional visitors are always welcome 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



Mothers' Union

In May Wendy Lovell came to talk to us about 'Fostering'. When her own two boys were small, she and her husband decided they did not want any more children of their own, Wendy thought she would look into fostering babies. After careful checks by the authorities to make sure they were suitable, they adopted many young babies. It was a rewarding and wonderful experience.

The Deanery Coffee Morning raised £70 towards MU Charities. Our meetings usually take place on the third Thursday of each month starting at 2.30 in Lode Chapel. On June 19th Arwen Folkes will be speaking to us about 'Life in training at Westcott House.' You are most welcome to come along and join us.

Jill Jenyns

News from Anglesey Abbey and Wicken Fen

There's a real buzz of excitement at Anglesey Abbey as we prepare to open the Domestic Wing of the House giving visitors the chance to experience 'life below stairs'. Residents from local villages have been crucial to the overall success of the project, whether contributing to the development of an oral archive, donating artefacts to dress the rooms, or training to become Encounter volunteers, who will really bring the Domestic Wing alive for our visitors.



We are organising a traditional **1960's village fete** on Saturday 28 June between 11am -3pm, to mark the official opening of the Domestic Wing. It promises to be fun event for all the family with traditional stalls, games, live music and refreshments from yesteryear.

If you're looking for some gentle exercise don't forget our new weekly Heart Beat Health Walk at Anglesey Abbey. The walk departs the main car-park every Thursday at 1.30pm and lasts around an hour covering 3 – 4 miles (dogs on leads welcome).

At Wicken Fen, Joan Childs has been appointed Strategic Manager for the Reserve and Vision project. Joan joins us from the RSPB where she was site manager at the Ryemeads Reserve in Hertfordshire. She has plenty of experience in site management, as well as youth work and wildlife crime investigation. She is also a trained entomologist.

If you have some free time on your hands we have a number of volunteering opportunities for Catering, and Summer Learning Assistants. Work in the café involves taking orders, preparing hot drinks, and clearing tables. The hours can be really flexible – please call or email our Catering Manager, Anita on 01353 724713 anita.escott@nationaltrust.org.uk to find out more. Summer Events Assistants are needed to help our Learning and Community Team to prepare and run events throughout the summer holidays. At time commitment of a least 2 days a week is required (starting on 24 July) plus a few days before the start of the summer holidays for training and event preparation. Please contact our Learning and Community Officer, Jenny Kershaw on 01353 720274 or e-mail jenny.kershaw@nationaltrust.org.uk if you're interested or would like more information.

If you're feeling creative why not join our poet-in-residence, Dr Charles Bennett, for a **poetry workshop** on Friday 20 June, 2-4pm. Charles is Associate Professor of Poetry & Creative Writing at the University of Northampton. We would suggest you soak up the sights and sounds of the fen in the morning and then join Charles to turn your experience into verse. Tickets £10 (includes cream tea) are available from the Visitor Centre on 01353 720274.

For the start of the summer holidays we have **Pond Dipping and Minibeast Hunt's** on 24 & 29 July; **Summer time Arts & Crafts** on 25 July, **Bat & Moth Discovery Evening** on 25 July, **Fairies & Pixies** on 28 July and **Bug Hunters** on 30 July. Information and tickets can be booked online at www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wickenfen or by calling the NT Box Office on 0844 249 1895- advance booking essential.

Le 'Swaffham Bulbeck School PSA' présente

le Tour de Bulbeck



Le **2014 PSA ASSAULT COURSE**

avec: Tombola, Plants, Biscuits & Brownies

5 JULY 2014 : 11.30 - 13.30 HRS

Swaffham Bulbeck School

Part of the 2014 Swaffham Bulbeck Village Street Market

County Council Report

May 2014

Full Council met on 13th May for the Annual Meeting. This meeting saw the inauguration of the new Committees. I have been appointed to the Children and Young People Committee, the General Purposes Committee, the Constitution and Ethics Committee and a substitute member on the Health Committee.

Cllr S Count (Conservative) was elected Chairman of the General Purposes Committee with Cllr Mac McGuire (Conservative) as vice-Chairman. This also means that they are Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council respectively.

I had the honour of being elected vice-Chairman of the Children and Young People Committee, with Cllr Joan Whitehead (Labour) elected as Chairwoman.

The first meeting under the new structure was a meeting of the General Purposes Committee. This meeting primarily considered a number of financial reports. A report from officers seeking delegation to officers to dispose of County Council properties at less than best value was deferred for further work.

During May I also chaired a meeting of the Corporate Parenting Board; attended a meeting of the Local Safeguarding Children Board; had a meeting with the spokespersons of the other political groupings for children and young people; and had various introductory meetings with directors. On the less formal side I joined the Mayor of Cambridge to distribute pennies at Reach Fair.

David Brown

The Cantilena Singers
Summer Concert
St John the Evangelist Waterbeach, Station Road, Waterbeach,
CB25 9PX
Saturday 26th July 2014
5.00 pm

Director Daniel Spreadbury
A selection of unaccompanied choral music for a summer afternoon.

Tickets on the door
Refreshments available
Proceeds to the church
www.cantilenasingers.org

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY BOTANIC GARDENS IN THE NIGHT GARDEN



As the bell sounds across the Botanic Garden and the last of the visiting public leave, a new shift of flowers comes into bloom with the setting sun. This floral transformation is rarely witnessed, but includes some of the plant kingdom's most elegant flowers and delicate perfumes.

Flowers, whether night or day opening, are the advertising hoardings that plants use to attract pollinators. But, in the case of night blooming species, colours in the visible spectrum become redundant. It is scent and contrast, usually white petals against a dark sky, that matter and this suite of characteristics is a common theme in the floral plan of species with night blooms. They appeal to crepuscular (activity at dawn and dusk) and nocturnal animals; bats, moths, mice and oddities like the kinkajou, a small rainforest mammal native to Central and South America. The Garden holds many of these exotic night bloomers, but there are also plenty of temperate candidates for your own garden.

Evening primrose (*Oenothera spp.*) are easy to grow biennials and, as their name suggests, open in the early evening, unfurling before your eyes. Under ultraviolet light, the lovely, wide-cupped flowers are shown to have spectacular nectar guides, invisible to our eyes, but hugely helpful to the pollinating bees and moths on the hunt in the gloaming. The bees are persuaded to stay up past their usual bedtime by the rich scent and nectar lures and live a shady half-life moonlighting as pollen chauffeurs. This behaviour is known in the zoological world as a vespertine (evening) temporal specialism.

A tender plant for pots and borders, the night phlox, *Zaluzianskya capensis*, is steadily increasing in popularity. We grow night phlox nestled near its mullein and snapdragon relatives in the figwort (Scrophulariaceae) family on our Systematic Beds, and the flowers have an exquisite, heavy vanilla scent. The petals are fused into a tube which splays at the apex into five flat appendages. The tube prevents all but an elite group of insects -long- tongued, night-flying hawk moths (Sphingidae) - from accessing the highly prized nectar lure.

So take the opportunity as the nights get warmer this month to get to know your garden after dark, and discover the hive of activity ongoing through the night. On June Wednesdays, the Garden opens late until 8pm for you to enjoy a peaceful wander and discover those plants just coming onto the night shift, including our exotic rainforest climbers and arid land cacti, the flowers of a great many of which open in the evening.

The Botanic Garden is open 10am-6pm through June –September (Wednesdays in June until 8pm). 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

Notes from Annual Parish Council Meeting

8th May 2014

The Clerk took the meeting for apologies and the first agenda item. There were 8 Parish Councillors and 2 members of the Public in attendance.

Election of Chairman: Following the formalities, John Covill was elected as Chairman. This was unanimously agreed. *The Chairman took the meeting from this point.*

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

Confirmation of Parish Council Representatives for:

Village Hall Management Committee: Paul Latchford to continue to represent the Parish Council.

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

Swaffham Prior Sports & Recreation Committee: Steve Kent-Phillips to continue to represent the Parish Council.

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

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

Notes from Parish Council Meeting – 8th May 2014

John Covill chaired the meeting with 8 Parish Councillors and 3 members of the public in attendance.

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

Public Participation:

No items raised.

Reports:

CCC – Cllr David Brown reported to the meeting.

ECDC – Cllr Allen Alderson reported to the meeting.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

Passing Place, Station Road: Following a site inspection carried out by CCC's Local Highways Improvement team, a plan showing the proposed location for the passing place - on the left-hand side just before the bridge - was circulated for councillors to consider. Following discussion the proposed location was agreed as the best option. Also, a requirement of CCC's funding for the project was a Parish Council contribution of 10% towards the cost of the work. This was agreed. Clerk to confirm with CCC.

Correspondence for Circulation/Consideration:

ECDC – Notification relating to the East Cambridgeshire Local Plan (consultation) – close date 30th May: Notice displayed. Full details available on

ECDC's website.

ECDC - Planning: *The Manor House, 37 Lower End – copy of planning permission.*

Consideration of Planning Application for 5 Rogers Road – works to convert an extension to an existing dwelling as follows:

raising of roof on existing rear extension to gain usable room heights;

first floor addition on top of existing ground floor extension totalling 12.7m.

Ref: 14/00235/FUL.

There were no objections or comments.

Consideration of Planning Application for 26 Green Head Road – two storey rear extension.

Ref: 14/00402/FUL. Comments were submitted to ECDC.

Review and Approval of Asset Register: Adjustments were made and agreed.

Memorial to Women's Land Army – insurance and maintenance: The Parish Council agreed responsibility for future insurance and maintenance costs.

Cemetery Maintenance: Following a complaint received about the overflowing bin and the spoil heap in the cemetery, Andrew Camps confirmed he had burnt off the rubbish in the bin. Other maintenance items were discussed.

Approval of Accounts including Annual Audit Return and Governance Statement: Steve Kent-Phillips reported on the accounts for 2013/14. The accounts, Audit Return and Governance Statement were agreed for submission to the External Auditor for approval.

Accounts for payment:

These were agreed.

Clerk's Reports:

Village seats: The seats on Cage Hill were in need of some attention. *Clerk to obtain an estimate for the work needed.*

Parish Councillors' Reports:

Andrew Camps reported that some of the hedges needed to be cut back on the footpath from Cage Hill to Coopers Green. *Clerk to follow up.*

Peter Hart reported part of the footpath running across the fields from Heath Road to Devils Dyke had not been sprayed off and that he had written to the land tenant/CCC asking for this to be carried out.

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, 12th June 2014 starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Future meeting dates:

10th July, 14th August (if called), 11th September.

All are welcome to attend.

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



Are we a Christian country?

I'm writing a week or so after the Prime Minister drew harsh criticism upon himself, from a number of humanists, atheists, and others, for asserting that Britain is a Christian country.

Rowan Williams, the ex-Archbishop of Canterbury, responded by saying that we are a post-Christian society, which doesn't necessarily mean non-Christian, but rather that our society has a cultural memory which is still quite strongly Christian.

It is surely undeniable that the foundations of many of our laws, our moral values, our system of government, our welfare and social programmes, our care for the weak and the vulnerable, are rooted in Christian principles. Today, however, in many of these areas, Christian influence is being eroded.

To a Christian the figures are not encouraging. In the 2001 Census 72% of the UK population claimed to be Christian, although only 5% are actually in church on any given Sunday.

A Church of England report, published in 2004, concluded that Christianity is no longer at the heart of the nation, *'Although people may identify themselves as 'Christian' in the national census, for the majority that does not involve belonging to a worshipping community, or any inclination that it should.'*

Another survey in 2007 found that almost 70% of the UK population have no intention of attending a church service at any point in the future!

So was David Cameron right? Surely we have to say that on the basis of actual faith and commitment we can hardly claim to be a Christian country.

What would a truly Christian country look like anyway?

Honesty and integrity in business; truth and justice in the legal system; faithfulness in relationships; respect for others, even if you don't share their beliefs; compassion and practical concern for the poor and needy; help and healing for the sick; a determination to work together for the common good.

Now, I would have to confess that not everyone who professes to be a Christian measures up to those standards. And also that many people who do not profess to be Christians measure up much better than I do!

Even if we were able to create a society like that it would still not make Britain a Christian country, because Christianity is first and foremost about faith. It is not

something which is endowed automatically by virtue of being born in a 'Christian' country. It is about what people believe in and put their trust in. Without personal conviction and faith in Jesus there is no Christianity.

At RE:NEW we try to explore what it means to be a Christian in a world which seems increasingly hostile to our beliefs; and we aim to be a group of people who try to put into practice the teaching of Jesus that we should love one another; love our neighbours; and even love our enemies! Tough call! But we promise a warm welcome to anyone who would like to come along and give it a try!

Christian country – No!

Christian believers trying to make a difference in the world – Yes!

Peter Wells

RE:NEW Services in June 2014.

*1 June 10.30am – RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (Bottisham Primary School)
With Holy Communion*

8 June 10.30am – RE:NEW Café style (at the School)

8 June 6.20pm – Traditional service. (Lode Chapel)

FREECYCLE



If you have any offers or wants, please contact me by the 14th of each month by phone (c813362), e-mail (jun.thompson@tiscali.co.uk) or drop a note through the letter box (23 Longmeadow). 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

Children's cycle helmets: 2 pink helmets (with butterflies) size 50-55cm, 1 blue helmet (with crocodiles) size 45-50cm; Children's Capezio ballet and tap shoes (note that the marked size is 1-2 sizes smaller than the equivalent children's shoe size): Ballet (pink): 8.5, 9.5 (brand new), 10.5, 11. Tap (pink): 10 (pink and black pairs). Amy 07795 975075 or amy@weatherup.org

Child's first 2 wheeler bike (blue); Green plastic turtle sand pit with lid. Lucy/Nick c811192

Wanted

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

Child Car Seat for 2 yr old. Caroline, 01638 744008

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.

Dear Friends,

I don't know about you but I have a great envy of those who possess a facility with foreign languages – those who can read directly the words originally written and understand them. The reality for some of us is that many great texts are only available to us in translation where the author's original words are mediated to us through the skill or otherwise of the translator.



Nowhere does this come more sharply into focus than with the Bible. If I want to go back to the original Greek of the New Testament I have to arm myself with a lexicon and a good commentary based on the Greek text – the Greek I studied 30 years ago has got a little rusty! It clearly is an issue because countless translations exist and people are adding to their number daily. It is perplexing to see how the original text can be rendered in such different ways.

One example is Matthew 5:3. The RSV renders this verse: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven”. The New English Bible (NEB), first published in 1961 translates the same verse: “How blest are they who know their need of God; the kingdom of heaven is theirs”. My small knowledge of Greek is clear that the first is closest to the original....or is it?

As the context in which the Bible is read changes, it may be that we need more explanation to understand its import. There is no question that the RSV translation is closest to the Greek words but maybe the translators of the NEB recognised that they were making a version for a different age. While there may have been competing religions at the time Matthew's gospel was written, it does seem likely that atheism, if it existed, was the preserve of a very small minority. When these words were first uttered by Jesus, there would have been little doubt that each of the groups listed was being described in relation to God. I think that the attitude of the “poor in spirit” is one of humility: those who are humble in the face of God.

So, maybe the NEB translation does have something important to say to our age. As we make more and more discoveries about life, the universe and everything, we may get to the point where we cease to ask the even bigger question about the creator and sustainer of that universe. I cannot provide the answer to that question to the satisfaction of everyone, maybe not even to myself, but I am clear that the fullest value in life comes to those who, in humility, keep seeking.

Sue Giles

**Church Services in June
at St Mary's, Swaffham Prior
unless otherwise indicated**

Sunday 1 June, 7th Sunday of Easter

11am Holy Communion (CWIT)

Sunday 8 June, Pentecost

11am Matins

Sunday 15 June, Trinity Sunday

11am Family Service

Sunday 22 June, 1st Sunday after Trinity

9am – 4.15pm

Churchathon

9am

Morning Prayer, Swaffham Prior

10.15am

Ministry of the Word, Swaffham Bulbeck

11.30am

Tea and coffee, Lode

11.45am

Benefice Communion, Lode

12.15pm

Picnic in churchyard, Lode

2.45pm

Service of Reflection, Quay

4.15pm

Songs of Praise with choir, Bottisham

Followed by barbeque in Vicarage, Bottisham

Sunday 29 June, 2nd Sunday after Trinity

8am

Holy Communion (BCP)

6pm

Evensong

Dates for Your Diary June 2014

Fri	6	Bang goes the Swaffhams, 5.30-7.30pm, St Cyriac's Church
Tue	10	Village Gardeners evening visit to Dullingham PC Meeting, 7.30pm, VH
Wed	11	SB Gilbert and Sullivan, (to 14th) 7.30pm, 2.30 Saturday Matinee
Sat	14	Roy Tricker, 7pm, St Cyriac's Midsummer Market, 11am—5pm, St Cyriac's
Mon	16	WI, 7.30pm, VH
Tue	17	Mobile Library, Cage Hill 2.45-3.15pm Chapel 3.20pm-4.00pm 3rd Tues
Thu	19	Mothers' Union, 2.30pm, Lode Chapel
Fri	20	<i>Crier Copy Deadline</i>
Sat	21	Village Gardeners Capel Manor visit
Sun	29	SP Heritage Walk, 2-4pm, meet at steps of St Mary's

Club	Contact	Tel.	Date	Time	Place
FOSPS	Clare	741316	2 nd Mon of	8pm	Village
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	