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Editorial

A big welcome and many thanks to Pam Waters who is joining Ruth Stinton on the distribution side of the Crier from this month. Organising this is no mean task and until now has been achieved single-handedly by Ruth. As she says, this is all very well until she

breaks a leg, and given some of the muddy tracks she has to negotiate in this exercise, it's quite fortuitous this has not already happened...

In this edition, we are publishing the first of a series of reprints of some John Norris's memories about the village. While these may well have appeared before (in the dim and distant past), we still think they will be of great interest to readers old and new, and this month we learn about that disputed FOOTPATH to Swaffham Bulbeck (what happened to its bridge!) as also what happened to our fountain.

Most unusually, the Crier did not manage to get a reporter to this month's extraordinary PC meeting, where the new housing estate was discussed in detail. Allen Alderson has given us a good account though (expect more next month), and meanwhile Geoffrey Woollard tells us about the history of our bypass in the context of the Mill Hill roundabout discussions. Some bypass, he complains, with a substantial part of the village on the other side of it!

Don't miss Jonathan Cook on the Letter page and the bad news that BVC Sports Centre is having to cut its weekday opening hours. Also in Letters, an interesting situation. Whereas environmentalists are always telling us that in the interests of wild-life, our gardens should be tatter (we get 10 out of 10 for this), the Planning Enforcement Department may have an entirely different remit, although it looks like in this case a sensible view has been taken. Phew!

See you in December...
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Cover Picture: *Starlings over the Fen* by Lorraine Izon

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Letters to the Editors



Dear Editors,

Village Busy Body

I was recently contacted by the Planning Enforcement Officer following a complaint about the state of my garden. She was rather perplexed as from the road way all appeared to be fine.

I agree that my gardens had become overgrown early in the year, but, this was due to the fact I am bipolar and have suffered a long period of depression

The only real area still overgrown is to the side of my property which has been treated with weed killer and will be cleared in due course.

Therefore the complainant has:-

1. Illegally enter my property
2. Acted without establishing the facts from myself
3. Wasted Council time and resources
4. Caused myself unnecessary duress

GL

Dear Editors,

Bottisham Sports Centre Cuts

Bottisham Village College has announced that with effect from the 2nd January 2015 the hours when the Centre is open for community use will be shortened. On week days, the Centre will open from 4pm to 10pm and over weekends, from 8am to 4pm. These dramatic changes mean it will no longer be possible for the community to use the Centre during the mornings and afternoons during the week.

The College has been facing a situation for some years where the costs attributable to community use are not being covered by the income generated from opening outside school hours. The College's funding regulations (as an Academy) do not allow the College to subsidise community use and so far it has not been possible to identify sources of alternative funding to pay for the operational costs of running the Centre for the benefit of the community. The operational deficit equates to a weekly loss of nearly £450.00 per week and that is projected to increase by a further 50% over the coming financial year.

The College engaged Nuffield Health to conduct a full review of all activities and engaged in a period of consultation with users and the local community during September to explore ways forward. Nuffield Health, who have experience running similar facilities concluded that the demographics of the area meant there was little chance of achieving the levels of usage that would enable the facility to break even and so the College have concluded that the only way forward is to reduce opening hours so as to reduce the staff costs and thus manage the deficit.

This has come as a great shock to regular users, although we recognise that ac-

tion has to be taken to cut the deficit or find alternative funding. There are discussions taking place about the possibility of setting up a morning swimming club to try and keep the pool open for early morning users. It is understood that the changes will not affect the students' use of the facilities.

Jonathan Cook
info@fostersmill.co.uk

Dear Editors,

Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning 2014

Thank you to everybody who came and supported our annual contribution to the World's Biggest Coffee Morning and helping to raise the wonderful amount of **£560!** That is such a lot and all because of the generosity of everybody who came, baked cakes, donated raffle prizes and sent donations. It never ceases to amaze me that each year we make roughly the same amount and we are only a small village - but definitely a very generous one. We have been hosting the Macmillan Coffee Morning here in our house for 22 years now and over that time you have all helped to raise a grand total of just over £9,500! It's a remarkable amount - THANK YOU.

Special thanks for help on the day must go to Margaret Joyce, ably assisted by Janet Cooper, on the Cake stall and Robin, my husband, for selling all those Raffle tickets.

I look forward to seeing you all again next year on the last Friday in September which will be Friday 25th September 2015!

Many thanks for all your support,

Ruth Scovil

Dear Editors,

Swaffham Prior Parochial Charities

Once again it is time to remind all who consider themselves eligible for our Christmas grant that they should apply as soon as possible.

As usual, the majority of these applications will come from our pensioners, particularly those who have to manage on the state pension, but if you are in particular need, or know of anybody who may be in difficulty, but is unlikely to apply on their own behalf, the Trustees will always be happy to consider requests for assistance.

Applications should be sent to me, or to any Trustee, and I stress that this assistance is available at all times, not merely at Christmas.

Mrs Pam Waters

Clerk to the Trustees

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Dear Editors,

Cottage of the Week!

I lived in Swaffham Prior in a Cottage called 'Lavender Cottage' on the High Street until I married in 1961 and moved away.

I was pleasantly surprised to see a picture of the Cottage where I had lived featured for sale as 'Cottage of the Week' in the Sunday Times on the 17th July 2014.



It was featured again this time in the Daily Mail on 26th September 2014.

The Picture attached shows the Cottage as it was featured in the Sunday Times, it may be of interest to you and some of your readers.

I often receive a copy of The Swaffham Crier although I now live in Melbourn.

Aubrey Butler (Mr)



MINCE PIES

Advent By Candlelight

Sunday 30th November at 4.00p.m. in the two churches.

Can you believe it will soon be mince-pie time of year again ? It is customary for warm mince pies (over 100) and mulled wine to be served after the event, the mince pies being kindly donated by village folk. If you wish to provide some, it would be much appreciated if you would kindly give me a ring, no later than Friday 28th to let me know how many you are going to donate.

Thank you in advance

Kate Child

From our Reporter at the Parish Council Meeting

There was a full house at this month's meeting and for those of you who follow these reports, it was one where Ely was only mentioned twice in the County and District Councillors reports. David Brown informed us that work can now commence on the Ely Southern bypass thanks to the thumbs up from Eric Pickles and Allen Alderson had done his homework and was able to list the qualifying criteria for Green Flag parks of which Ely has two and Cambridge has none. Newmarket doesn't exist in ECDC eyes so you'll have to do your own homework if you're interested in finding a "clean" "safe" "sustainable" "welcoming" park with "community involvement" and a "management



plan" closer to home.

Talking of Mr Pickles, he praised the District Council for increasing their recycling rates by 20%. Excellent news indeed but at what cost? As one of our councillors knows, ramming an extra 20% of recylcates into your wheelie bin can be quite perilous. Falling out of one is probably a thrill Eric Pickles has yet to experience.

During Matters Arising Steve Kent-Philips confirmed the village 'mobile friendly' website is now up and running. Steve built it, RaSP hosts it and the Clerk decides what goes on it. So have a look at www.swaffham-prior.org.uk

This workshop was to replace the poorly attended Neighbourhood Panel meetings in which it did quite well it seems as it too was poorly attended....

The Clerk then had the tricky task of trying to eke out polite responses to correspondence inquiring why the Parish Council did not send any representatives to the East Cambs pilot Parish Conference Workshop in September. This workshop was to replace the poorly attended Neighbourhood Panel meetings which it did quite well it seems as it too was poorly attended. Only 12 out of 35 Parish Councils attended so before ECDC commit further resources to a sequel, it wanted to know why Swaffham Prior didn't send any delegates and asked for suggestions of what can be done to encourage participation. According to the correspondence, the people that did attend the five hour afternoon/evening workshop thought it was a success and on the grapevine I've heard that the buffet was excellent. Further correspondence from East Cambs revealed that Jason Littleboy has come up with some suggestions for road names for the new housing development down Rogers Road - St Mary's Grove or Orchard Lane. Members thought the suggestions were totally uninspiring with no historical connection, unlike their own suggestions of Whit Walk, Woollard Way or Sidney Foster Grove. The meeting was then adjourned to allow the ever efficacious energetic Emma Fletcher to present the latest update on the Community Land Trust (SPCLT) and the "Allocations Policy and Lettings Procedures". This document will hopefully be placed on the village website. All eight houses will be let at affordable rents but they are not necessarily homes for life - tenancies will be reviewed every five years or if tenants' circumstances change. The Clerk of the Parish Council is a Director of this fully incorporated Company and will be the first point of call for applicants. SPCLT and ECDC however have come to a bit of an impasse over the money that the developer has to pay (known as the Community Infrastructure Levy or CIL) and the Section 106 monies. SPCLT and the PC wish for as much of the money to be used within the parish but ECDC wish for the majority of the CIL money to be allocated to District projects (such as the Ely Leisure Centre and the new Soham railway). And what's more, as the level of public open space was reduced in the new housing development to improve visitor parking, it is now outside ECDC policy and for 'technical reasons' all the S106 money will be for the district and not the parish. Emma asked the PC for letters of support to help secure CIL funding for minor works to the school and Section 106 monies for other village causes. Allen was also

asked to help influence where the CIL money is spent using his clout/lobbying power as ECDC's Infrastructure Champion.

With the meeting reconvened, Geoffrey spoke of his fear, not of post-traumatic wheelie bin syndrome, but of having to face defeat with the PC's highway bid for a roundabout on Mill Hill. Although the CCC traffic engineer thinks the proposal looks good in principle, it is unlikely to happen as it all boils down to cost. But encouraged by the rest of the PC, Geoffrey will continue to try for it. The expansion of Burwell will put pressure on the village and there will be an associated big chunk of CIL money that may be able to be tapped into.

Geoffrey also reported strange happenings at Wicken Fen. Nothing to do with Black Shuck but with the Community Liaison Forum. Two different versions of the last meeting's minutes were distributed and the second set, where all references to an attendee and his actions were expunged, was agreed as 'a correct record of the meeting'. Needless to say, Geoffrey was appalled. It would also appear that maybe the Vision is becoming, as Steve amusingly called it, more of a Squint. The Chairman rarely receives public thanks but at the end of the meeting David Greenfield, ever the gent, thanked him for adjourning the meeting twice at appropriate times as it made for a much better public participation experience.

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The Annual Advent Concert

In St Mary's and St Cyriac's Churches
4pm on Sunday November 30th

This year, the Advent Concert presented by
Ian de Massini and the Cambridge Voices
will be centred on
the War Memorial Windows in St Mary's.

Both the music,
and the readings by villagers,
will explore the scope and variety
of the emotional impact of war.

The first half of the concert will,
as usual, be in St Mary's.

We shall then move to St Cyriac's
(bring something warm) for the second half.
Finally we shall return to the warmth of St Mary's
to enjoy hot mince pies and mulled wine.

This Concert is held in aid of Emmaus.

Tickets £8.00

At the Door

More Welsh Humour from those
Church Ladies with their Typewriters

The eight-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Weight-Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours'.



TEAM QUIZ NIGHT

**Swaffham Prior
Village Hall**

7.30 pm Sat 22 Nov

Tickets £6 each.

To book a table, contact

Jenny Brand (01638) 742161

or

Lynne Rand (01638) 741960



Jacket Potato Supper

Bring your own drinks and glasses !!

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

Mill Hill Roundabout

Over the years, Parish Councillor Geoffrey Woollard has had many disputes with the authorities regarding the pedestrian unfriendly nature of our “bypass”. Here is what he said at a recent meeting...

Local Highways Improvements - Panel Meeting 22/10/2014 - Witchford Depot

Cllr. Anna Bailey, Cllr. Bill Hunt, Cllr. Mike Rouse and several County Council Officers were present.

In presenting Swaffham Prior Parish Council's case I said the following:

"Mr Chairman, I'm going to read from my script: I understand that the Labour leader forgot bits of his speech and I don't want to forget any bit of mine!

I assume that you and your colleagues have read Swaffham Prior Parish Council's application for some of the funding at your disposal. I also assume that some of you will be aware of Mill Hill (on the B1102) at Swaffham Prior.

By way of background, I became the County Councillor for what was then the Newmarket No. 1 Rural Ward, in 1974. The Ward included Swaffham Prior but I was too late, in 1974, to have any influence on the route of the so-called 'Swaffham Prior Bypass,' which appeared in 1973. (That was during the days when County Councils could build village bypasses and when, I guess, being a County Councillor was less onerous than it is now: you all have my sympathy).

Anyway, the then County Council made a massive mistake with the routing of the bypass and we have been paying for that massive mistake ever since. I and the Parish Council have been complaining about its effect ever since. The reason? The 'Swaffham Prior Bypass' wasn't a bypass. It didn't bypass Mill Hill, a significant residential area of the village.

Mill Hill, Swaffham Prior, is part of the B1102 which runs from Mildenhall through to Stow cum Quy and the A14. About 20 homes along Mill Hill are on 'the wrong side' of the road (the B1102): they, too, should have been bypassed.

As soon as the so-called bypass appeared, traffic came roaring in from the Burwell end and from the Swaffham Bulbeck end, for the sharp corners at the top (Mill Hill) and bottom (High Street) of Cage Hill were calming the through traffic no longer. 'Relief' for part of the village produced high-speed dangers for Mill Hill. It was bad at that time and it is much worse now.

I pressed for the Mill Hill speed limit to be extended and this led to a stand-up row with a police inspector, but the speed limit was extended at the Burwell end and at the Swaffham Bulbeck end. However, traffic still came roaring in from the Burwell end and from the Swaffham Bulbeck end.

Further disquiet having been expressed, a site meeting with a County Council officer was held on the 2nd of June, 2007. This led to the installation of some small protrusions on the roadsides in order to narrow the carriageway. They are

helpful but only to a limited extent. Traffic still comes roaring in from the Burwell end and from the Swaffham Bulbeck end.

Something more must be done and we have a duty to those pedestrians crossing the road to and from 'the wrong side,' those children going to and from school, those cyclists, etc. We must not forget the residents of Heath Road, either: they, too, have difficulties with the B1102 at Mill Hill.

Swaffham Prior Parish Council discussed the matter yet again at its July meeting this year and it was resolved to seek further advice from County Council officers. Mr Matthew Pickering and Mr Joshua Rutherford came out on the 4th of August. They were extremely helpful and a roundabout idea was discussed on site (at the junction of Mill Hill, Cage Hill and Heath Road).

The Parish Council debated this at its September meeting and resolved, unanimously, to support the roundabout idea. The council further resolved that the sum of £10,000 be offered towards the cost. The application form was prepared by Mrs Karen King, our excellent Parish Clerk, and sent in to you. Mr Pickering remarked in an E-mail that the application looked good.

Swaffham Prior Parish Council is therefore seeking funding for a roundabout at the junction of Mill Hill, Cage Hill and Heath Road: a roundabout - like the pre-1973, pre-bypass Mill Hill/Cage Hill corner - which would force traffic to slow down: there would be no other option for it but to slow down, whether it be coming from the Burwell end or from the Swaffham Bulbeck end, or from Cage Hill or Heath Road.

I believe that the Parish Council is unique in that it already has the sum of £10,000 which was given to the council to be set aside specifically to pay for traffic calming and road safety measures on Mill Hill.

I might add that we have the support (confirmed on Monday of this week) of our County Councillor, Mr David Brown."

Inevitably the question of cost came up and I also said the following:

"I recognise that there is a money problem. I have no authority from my council to say it but, as one whose life has been in farming and as one who loves a good haggle, I say this to you: what if the Parish Council were, by some means or another, able to come up with a further £10,000 - making a total contribution of £20,000?"

I was told (by Cllr. Rouse) that they thought that I had made an enthusiastic and forceful presentation.

I was also told that it may be early in the New Year before we hear the result.

Geoffrey Woollard -
22/10/2014

BURWELL PRINT'S FIRST EVER CHRISTMAS FAYRE!

Yes, it's true, Burwell Print is planning a Christmas Fayre!

Where?

Mandeville Hall in Burwell

Date and time?

Saturday 6th December from 10 to 4pm.

Why?

You might think, what's this got to do with printing, but you know us, we're a creative bunch and we want to get involved with our local community as much as possible.

Not only will it give some Printers new work experiences on the day, it will also help to promote the work we do Monday to Friday, 50 weeks a year.

And, at the end of the day, hopefully everybody will have had some fun and we will have raised some money!

So, how can you help?

Well, come along for a start. There'll be over 15 stalls, each with some great gift ideas.

Our local school choir is coming at 11.30 and a singing group at 1.30 to entertain us.

There'll be mulled wine and refreshments. AND a Santa's Grotto – speaking of which, know any Santa's looking for work this year?

If yes, do let us know as we could use a bit more help in that department.

So, we look forward to seeing you on the 6th.

I'll like Innisfree --What?

I will arise and go now, and go to Innisfree,

Where in a secret silent glade, grows a Marmite tree.

The local natives gently 'milk' the soft brown salty sap,

And to make the task efficient, have installed a small brass tap.

And I shall have some peace there, for peace come dropping slow

As does the tree's delicious sap, but that of course, you'd know.

Dripping, from another tree, is used when frying crickets

That can be heard, chirping away, in the surrounding thickets.

I will arise and go now, for always, night and day

I hear the blobs of Marmite, dropping onto a small tin tray.

And crickets, sauced with Marmite, are guaranteed for sure

To send a warm, full feeling, into a person's core.

Ophir

After W.B. Yeats

**Illustrated talk by Professor Jolyon Mitchell on
The First World War Memorial Windows of St Mary's,
Swaffham Prior
at 7pm on Friday 14th November 2014
in St Mary's Church, Swaffham Prior**

Thank you for your support; tickets for the above are now all allocated. We are, however, operating a waiting list, so please send a cheque for £15 to the address below if you would like to go on the list in case of ticket returns. We will return cheques if you are not allocated a ticket.

Surplus from the event will go to provide permanent educational display materials to inform visitors and future generations of the history of our very special windows. We would also like to make a donation to the work of the Royal British Legion. If you are unable to attend but would like to support this project we would be very grateful if you would consider making a donation. Thank you.

*Please send cheque made payable to **St Mary's, Swaffham Prior** and SAE to: Dee Noyes, 1 Mill Hill, Swaffham Prior*

Swaffham Bulbeck School PSA

Bonfire & Firework Party

Friday 7th November

Gate opens 6pm Display starts 6.45pm

Vicarage Field (behind St Mary's Church, Swaffham Bulbeck)

Adults: £3.50 Children: £2.50

Group (1 Adult & 3 Children or 2 Adults & 2 Children): £10

Hot Dogs & Mulled Wine for sale from 6pm

NO SPARKLERS PLEASE – Glow bling for sale



Your children are
your responsibility.

Please keep away from
the firework display site.



Anglesey in Stitches

Anglesey In Stitches, the friendly and informal knitting and stitching group for the Anglesey villages, has changed location. Following the closure of Lode Social Club, we have found a warm welcome and good lighting at the Black Horse, Swaffham Bulbeck. We meet on odd-dated Tuesdays of the month at 8pm and can be found in the conservatory or at the back of the restaurant area. Upcoming meetings are November 11th and 25th.

This year has been an active one for the group. You may have seen our handiwork at Anglesey Abbey in March, in support of cycling in Cambridgeshire and in particular the Lode-Quy cycle path. Many of the items were used again on the Tour de France route and we also contributed mini-jerseys for the Cambridge bunting. We have continued our support for the Lode-Quy path by making and selling pompom handlebar decorations at various local events.

But most meetings are spent working on our own projects and many have come to fruition in the last few months - an intricate crochet shawl, a cross-stitch birth sampler, several Easter chicks, cardigans and scarves for adults and children. Some of us are accomplished at



our craft, others are complete beginners, and all are still learning and benefitting from each other's knowledge and skill.

So whether you are experienced or would like to learn something new, you are more than welcome to join us.

Catherine Onley, 811 309

Clare Wilkes, 811 693



Swaffham Bulbeck Village Christmas Art Workshop




At




St Mary's Church

Saturday 29th November 2014





From 10 am - 12 noon and 2pm – 4 pm




Please put this date in your diaries

This is a real fun village day


**Bringing together Church, School and
Community.**




We need volunteers to help make the magic happen and that is you!




There will be lots of activities, including: life size crib build, making pom poms, bunting, painting, sewing, knitting, Christmas decorations, natural and recycled craft, decorating the church for Christmas and lots more.








We need: wool, card, glitter, odd bits of material, ribbon, coloured paper and any crafty bits you can lay your hands on.



Yummy refreshments served throughout the day, fresh coffee, tea and home baking!



We need hundreds of pom poms so please start making them now. Hand them in at the School, Church or Linton House



Families at 5

**Café Family Worship with
activities and music for everyone**



**Family Church in the Anglesey Benefice
First Sunday every month
5 pm, Swaffham Bulbeck
C of E Primary School.**

Latest from Sylvie Short

Are you looking for that little extra Christmas present for someone? This may help. I write a column every month on behalf of The Methodist Church in Upwell, and a friend suggested that I should put some of them together in a little book – which I have done. It's a bit special as it's the last literary task my husband and I did together before he died. I have added coloured pictures to try and make it a little 'keepsake' book – the sort of thing to dip into on a dull day. Each topic has a serious message, but it is tempered with humour – not too preachy, I promise! Four of them have been used as 'Reflections' by Radio Cambridgeshire on a Sunday morning last year, and I'm recording four more in January next year which will be broadcast in February.

The book is called **'Short Steps Along The Way'** and the proprietors of 'The Red Lion' have very kindly said they will keep a thumbing copy on the counter so you can have a look before you buy.

They cost £8.50 each and are available from 'The Red Lion' in Swaffham Prior; and from Mary Cook at 25, Tothill Road.

Tel: 01638 742945

If you prefer to receive your copy by post contact me by email: sylvietoat@tiscali.co.uk or sylvieshort@yahoo.co.uk or

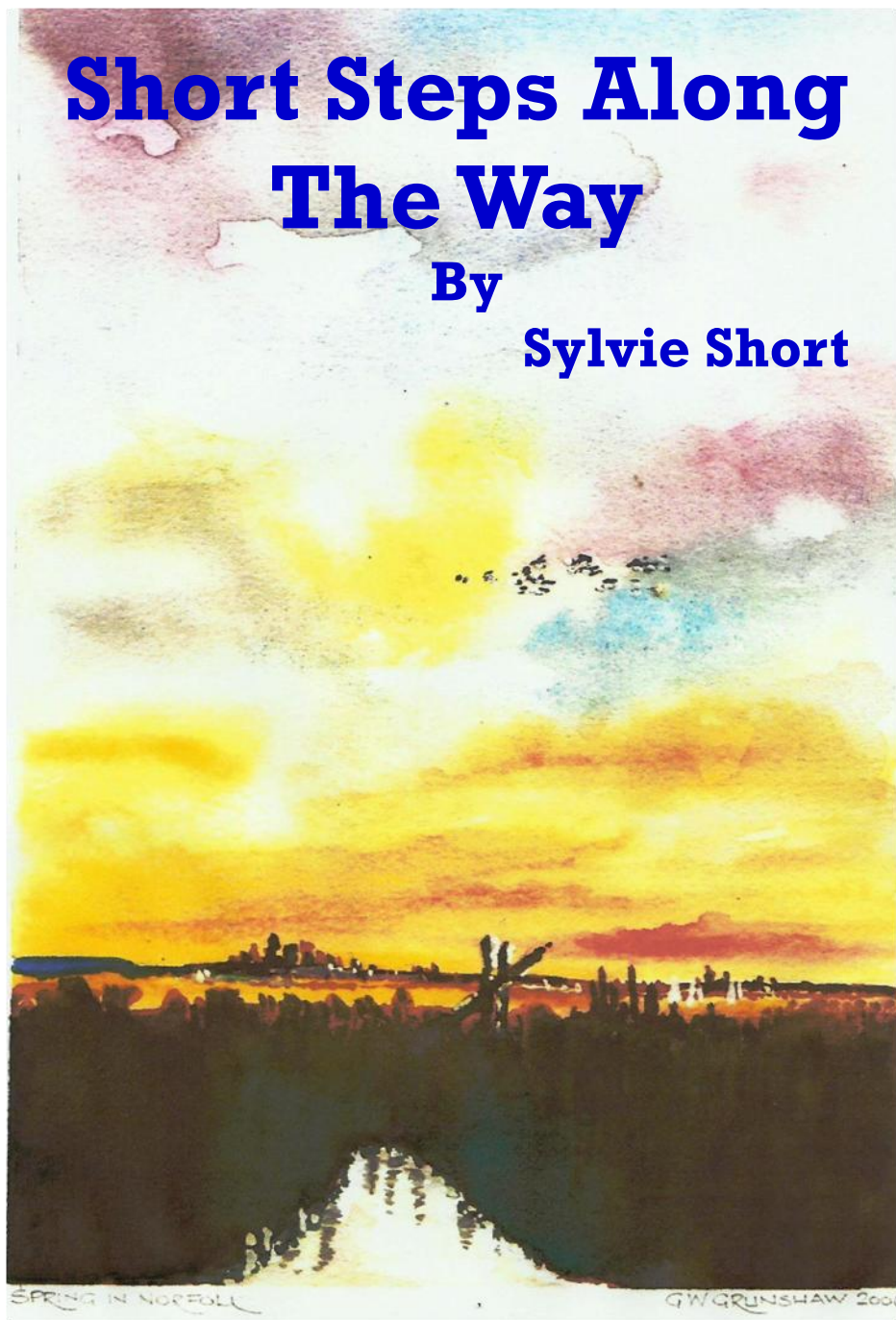
Tel: 01945 774443

The cost then is £10.00 to include post and packing.

Short Steps Along The Way

By

Sylvie Short



SPRING IN NORFOLK

GW/GRUNSHAW 2006

John Norris Remembers – First Impressions of Swaffham Prior in 1958

It was in early April 1958 that we first came to visit Swaffham Prior, just thirty years ago. My first impression on crossing the then new lock gates at Upware was that we had arrived in a very depressed area of failed enterprises.

The narrow concrete road, cracked by the sinking fen, wandered through dead reeds and grasses containing the remains of many ancient bog oaks and machines.

Judging by the number of horse hay rakes, there could not have been much arable farming done, at least in the past few years. As we got nearer to the village, the scene changed somewhat, in that there were fields of carrots still to be lifted and wheat already sown. It seemed a long way from Upware to Swaffham Prior, the five miles or so going slowly along that nine-foot concrete track. There was one redeeming feature on the landscape; two draglines were at work, one on each side of the drain leading to the new (1957) pump.

On arriving at Anglesey House we met Christopher Parker who had just been to see Mrs Kitchen. She was the sub-tenant of the house and was to be offered Baldwin Manor as alternative accommodation.

Mr Parker then showed us around the farm, first by going up Cadenham Lane. Mr Ambrose had been muck carting with their horse and cart team and the ruts up and down were deep and muddy until we came to a place where many red bricks had been tipped up and roughly levelled. These came from the Old Fountain on the High Street, which Mr Woollard had just pulled down. I heard much about this in later times from the local residents who did not approve of its removal but who would not contribute to its repair, or so I was told.

Mr Woollard did not have as much land on the heath as I do now and as he had a flock of sheep there was a field of kale and some mangolds had recently been drilled.

The farm buildings at Cadenham Farm were looking very sad. The cottage had not been lived in many years. John Goddard being the last incumbent, and was a candidate for demolition. The barn and yards had been used to fatten cattle that year although the yards were empty when I arrived. In the side shed was an old mangold slicer driven by a Lister engine, and another engine in a little shed at the back drove a water pump. The field opposite the farm was farmed by Mr Ambrose who did most of his work with horses and Ferguson petrol tractors.



After looking at the high land we then drove down the fen to Adventurers Farm. Here too the place was sadly neglected. The farm buildings comprised several pigsties, a small clunch barn and a wooden floored store. There was not a hard road anywhere, just mud and ruts. The farmhouse was no better, no water or electricity. Harry Day who lived there was looking for a better place; in fact, he left our employ shortly after we took the tenancy.

The previous tenant was paying a rent of 50 shillings an acre I learned later, but Mr Parker was suggesting that this farm would attract a rent of at least £4 50 shillings.

The railway line was in use with steam trains going between Mildenhall and Cambridge twice a day and a goods service when required. Mr Betts was the stationmaster and signalman. The line went up a chalk gradient on its way to Cambridge in order to pass over the Lode at Swaffham Bulbeck. The chalk for this embankment came from the cutting towards Burwell and was carted to Swaffham Prior on a light railway in tubs pulled by horses. The track for this was afterwards cut up and used as fencing stakes for the line. The wear on the track is clearly visible on the stakes that are remaining.

The date on the few remaining sleepers is 1884, giving an idea of the age of the line. In the station yard were several sidings and a high level dock. It was helpful when loading beet to have the truck in this dock as the entire beet had to be thrown in by hand and it was so much easier. I never had much luck in getting trucks in the dock, perhaps because my little sweetener of a dozen eggs or rabbit were not delivered in time!

We did not use the railway much as road transport was so much easier, but the railway did reduce the price to try and encourage us to use their service. Later on we did load beet using our trailers and an elevator. As the beet fell into the truck in the middle opposite the doors, most of the dirt landed there also. On one occasion the factory decided that there was too much dirt in the sample and rejected the truck and sent it back to Swaffham Prior for us to unload and clean. This time Mr Betts was more helpful! He suggested that the load which was not too bad be sent back to the factory again, routed through Mildenhall. This would ensure that the other door was opened at the factory and all would be well – which it was! The only other use the railway had for us was the carriage of potatoes. These were loaded in six-ton trucks, well littered with straw and in one hundredweight bags. The double humping of these bags was a chore we all accepted but



The Old Fountain

were glad when the lorries came direct to the farm. Even then these bags were often carried on our backs over a plank across the drain to the lorry.

Many merchants used the “TK” Bedford lorries built to carry six tons with a special back axle to enable them to carry ten tons. Not what we would sanction today!

During the summer when the steam trains were running there were several fires along the line. It was always a danger near harvest time on the section towards Cambridge as the bank was covered with grasses and brambles.

During the winter of 1961 the electricity people had parked their van on the crossing down Driest Drove. They often did this as the drove was very muddy and the crossing nice and clean, being made of sleepers. The evening train expected the gates to be open but as it was foggy the train proceeded and went through the gates and the van! Nobody was injured as the train was going quite slowly having just stopped at the station. About 1972 the same thing happened at Soham when a very nice young man was killed. Bob Bettsworth who was the Chafer rep left his car on the crossing while he changed his boots to go rabbit shooting and forgot about the trains and was run over.

Another strange reference to the trains was found when we were pulling down the church porch! It was during the demolition of the porch by Reg and myself that we found a broken pop bottle with a message in it buried in the top of the wall. We were doing the job because the best tender the PCC could get was over £200 and that seemed far too much. We completed the job in just one hour, as it was all down-hill you see. Anyway, to the bottle. When we got the paper out it was found to be a large yellow piece of paper advertising a play called *The Fatal Wedding*. On the back was a reference to two children killed on the line and a connection with the Allix family – all very mysterious.

When the line was finally made redundant the contractors pulled up the lines, which were sold, and most of the sleepers too. We had two good loads of sleepers, which would come in handy; indeed, many are still piled up in Adventurers farm yard (1989). The demise of the very nice signal box was unceremonious as it was set on fire. There were only three levers inside a box, which elsewhere would have had dozens and could easily have been converted into a greenhouse. I still have several of the penalty signs, which were screwed on the gates warning of the dire consequences of leaving them open!

After the track had been cleared away the railway company decided to sell everything. The adjacent landowners had the first offer, so the estate made a very advantageous acquisition. They later offered it to me. At that time I had no use for the station and the two cottages and suggested that John Hardiment might be interested. Indeed he was as his young son, Henry, had recently become engaged and would soon want a place to live. So it was that the station came into the Hardiment family for the grand sum of £3,000.

Before I leave the railway, I should mention the business we did hiring sacks. At the time of our arrival here nearly all the wheat was sold in rail sack, huge things holding two and a quarter hundredweights and not at all easy to pick up. These were hired for the season, the hire charge being transferred to the next user when the grain

was sold. At the end of the day reconciliation had to be made: all lost ones paid for and damage made good.

I am afraid that there was much wrangling done to get a few “spares”. When they were collected from the square shed at the station, they were in bundles of twenty, nineteen in one sack. The question of a good count was vital and preferential if we got too many! Mr Betts did his best but without being too greedy, we managed to keep a few spares. These sacks were filled out of the grain store we built at Adventurers Farm as our combine was of a later type that handled grain in bulk. Many of the local combines put the grain into sacks on the machine, dropped them onto the floor to be picked up later, mostly by hand. Not a very good job at the end of the day when we were all very tired. It is a pity that we do not have any rail sacks about today, especially the old LMS ones, just as antiques!

Just before the close of the railway, the water supply was found to be polluted and a fresh supply in an old milk churn was delivered daily. I suppose the use of water was growing rapidly at this time and being lower than the village, our sewage gravitated down to these cottages. After the alterations to the station, the main water supply was taken down to the station and later to Adventurers farm.

To conclude this short resume of the railway activities, I suppose the final act was to remove the built-up bank stretching out towards Cambridge. We decided to plough the land down towards the adjacent fields and try to level it out over a period. This has worked in the end but for many years the old track did not grow very much. The raised length over the interline was carted away to form the base of the new factory at Burwell for Tillotsons. Looking back, I think we too should have encouraged the contractors to have had our length of line.

As a postscript, there was a path leading from the station to Swaffham Bulbeck across the parkland over the interline and along Blackberry drive to the Cowbridge Road. I never saw anyone using the path, I suspect because the bridge over the water was not very safe. Indeed we very soon removed it in order to improve the drainage of that area and nobody seemed to mind or even know that it had gone.

Christmas around the world, Cantilena Singers

Sat, December 6, 7:30pm – 9:30pm

Bassingbourn Parish Church, North End Bassingbourn SG8 5NW

Christmas around the world,

Cantilena Singers Music for Advent and Christmas with an international flavour
Programme to include carols and other celebratory music suitable for Adventide and
Christmas.

Daniel Spreadbury (director)

Refreshments available by donation £7, £5

Proceeds to the church

For tickets contact Sam Spreadbury - 07967 197337 sam.spreadbury@gmail.com
www.cantilenasingers.org



Anglesey Group Mothers' Union

On a sunny afternoon in August members together with husbands and friends enjoyed a Summer Cream Tea.

Reverend Sue Giles was our guest speaker in September on the theme 'Every picture tells a story'. Sue spoke to us about pictures painted by Stanley Spencer the 20th century artist who lived in Cookham. We were warned that we may not admire the paintings as some are rather quirky. Sue took us through a series of pictures which depicted his faiths and beliefs within scenes set in his own village of Cookham. One of which being 'The Resurrection Cookham'. The local churchyard becomes the setting for the resurrection of the dead and in which Spencer included himself amongst other residents of Cookham. Sue went on to tell us how Spencer had the idea of painting forty pictures (one for each day of Jesus in the Wilderness). The first one being 'Rising from sleep in the morn-ing' (see illustration). Sadly this project was never completed, but pictures shown to us from the series gave us great food for thought. In the Great War Stanley Spencer was a soldier in Macedonia and his experiences during this time influenced his paintings reflecting on the hurting and pain. Whilst looking at the pictures we considered how it relates to what is going on in the world today. Each painting encouraged us to think and reflect on how we share our faith with others.



Our meetings take place on the third Thursday of the month at 2.30pm in Lode Chapel. You are most welcome to come along and join us. In November Helen Banyard will be speaking to us about the work of Mothers' Union Faith and Policy Unit.

Ann Langran 812797

BON MOT NUMBER FORTY EIGHT

"Science is one of the very few human activities – perhaps the only one – in which errors are systematically criticized and fairly often, in time, corrected."

Karl Popper

WI Notes

After our summer activities of Garden Party and outing to Bressingham which were both blessed with good weather and much enjoyed, we were back to base in the Village Hall on 20th

October for a very busy craft evening under the guidance once more of the very talented Barbara Redman to learn how to make 'exploding boxes' and no the WI are not about to blow up the village but to produce beautiful gift boxes to Barbara's original and delightful design. We were all so enthralled with our work we almost forgot about our tea and cake, but sanity prevailed, we are the WI after all and we do love our food and drink. Next month we meet in Swaffham Prior Village Hall again when our speaker will be Sarah Oliver, a lady plumber and the title of her talk is 'Beating the Cistern.' Will we all be wiser about those little plumbing jobs? Our Christmas Party will be on 8th December at 7pm (not 2nd December as shown on the programme).

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

Raising awareness of cycle safety in Cambridgeshire

CAMBRIDGESHIRE Constabulary is raising awareness of cycle safety, for urban and rural areas of the county, as the days get shorter and nights get longer.

The aim of the THINK campaign, a government initiative, is to encourage cyclists to have the right equipment and clothing and to remind motorists to be vigilant on the roads.

The number of cyclists seriously injured or killed in Cambridgeshire has decreased from 68 in 2012, to 60 in 2013, despite an increase in cyclists across the county.

Inspector Mark Rogers, from the force's road policing unit, said, "It is really important, especially at this time of year for cyclists and motorists to be extra cautious of their immediate surroundings and to show each other consideration.

"We want motorists to acknowledge cyclists and in turn, cyclists need to make sure they wear suitable high-visibility reflective clothing."

The force has been trialling the Lights Instead of Tickets (LIT) scheme in Cambridge since 2012.

Cyclists caught without lights during the hours of darkness are handed a leaflet giving them the option to buy a set of lights within seven days to avoid paying a £30 fine.

News from Bottisham Patients' Group

The big news in October was the awarding of the contract to provide an integrated service to improve older people's healthcare and adult community services across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. The UnitingCare Partnership has been selected; it is a consortium of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust with Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. They will directly provide and hold the budget for the following services:

- Urgent care for adults aged over 65 including inpatients as well as A&E services;
- Mental Health Services for people aged over 65;
- Adult (all people over 18) community health services for example, district nursing, rehabilitation and therapy after injury or illness, speech and language therapy, care for patients with complex wounds, support for people with respiratory disease or diabetes;
- And other health services which support the care of people aged over 65.

The service will start in April 2015 after when the Patients' Group will welcome feedback on patients' experiences of the service and about whether or not it is meeting its objectives. To find out more go to: <http://www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk/>

Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitors (ABPM)

Keeping high blood pressure under control is crucial to the successful treatment of many conditions, e.g. diabetes and heart disease. Monitoring a patients' blood pressure for 24 hours is frequently used by doctors to inform their choice of effective treatments. Currently, Bottisham patients who need an ABPM have to travel to Addenbrooke's hospital to have it fitted, then travel back there to have it removed. Then their GP has to wait for the results to come back to the Practice. The Patients' Group has agreed to raise funds to pay for an ABPM for Bottisham Medical Practice so that patients can have the monitor fitted at the surgery and their GP can have quick access to the readings. If you bought a ticket for the tombola, you were among the first to contribute to this fund raising project. More details of the project and of how donations can be made will be posted on the PG's notice board and explained in the December village magazines.

'Flu jabs

'Flu jabs are still available.

The Dispensary

We have been alerted to some critical feedback about the Dispensary. We welcome feedback from all our patients on our general services. You can email us at patientsgroup@outlook.com or write to us care of the surgery if you have a complaint - or a compliment.

Healthy Walking Group

The PG's November walks will be led by Steve Gilson on **Friday 7th and Wednesday 26th**, starting from the surgery car park at 11.00 am. Anglesey Abbey

walks continue weekly on Thursdays from the Visitors' Centre starting at 10.00 am.

Bottisham Patients' Group Committee



**EASTON AND BOTTISHAM
PARISH COUNCIL**

From our District
Councillor
Allen Alderson

We will soon be moving forward with the development of twenty houses at Rogers Road.

This will comprise 12 private houses and 8 rented affordable houses in the ownership of the Swaffham Prior Community Land Trust. Priority for the rented houses will be given to eligible persons with a local connection to the parish of Swaffham Prior.

There will be a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) of about £180,000 from the 12 private houses. The Parish Council are automatically entitled to 15% of this sum - £27,000 which has to be used to addressing the demands that the development places on the area. For example a payment to the primary school for the increase in pupils from the development. It is for the Parish Council to decide how this money is spent. It could decide to spend part of it on our local school which has suffered from a shortage of funding for at least 25 years.

The school needs a new roof at an estimated cost of £85,000 and the replacement of the temporary classroom with a permanent structure. The County Council has submitted a bid to the Department for Education for a capital condition grant for a new roof for Swaffham Prior School, as part of a number of grant applications across the County. We expect to hear in December which applications have been successful.

If the application proves successful, I see no reason why some of the CIL money could not be added to it.

It is now up to all of us to support our wonderful local school. I speak as a past chairman of the Parent Teacher Association and one whose daughter, Abbey Alderson, enjoyed many happy years there.

Allen Alderson



Full Council in October debated a number of motions, including 3 about future governance arrangements. Council agreed a motion to instruct the Chief Executive to examine links with other public bodies, including the District Councils and health, and not just consider unitary status.. Other motions included support for upgrading the A428 and the Local Assistance Scheme, which offers emergency help to individuals.

General Purposes Committee agreed a number of items including a land swap in Littleport, using County Farms land, to secure the site for the new Secondary School, and the 'in principle' decision to take legal proceedings over defects on the guided Busway. The Committee also received the usual range of financial reports.

The Children and Young People's Committee also met in October, with business planning the main agenda item. We still have £5.9 million of unidentified savings for 2015/16 and officers are preparing further options to present to the November meeting, prior to the Committee recommending a balanced budget in early 2015.

I attended meetings of: the Corporate Parenting Board, group spokes for Children and Young People, a seminar about the City Deal and a cross-departmental meeting with the chairman and vice-chairman of Economy and Environment Committee. I also attended the official opening by Edward Timpson MP, Minister for Children, of Cambridgeshire Coram adoption, the new joint venture voluntary adoption agency we have set up.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY
BOTANIC GARDENS
PLANTS OF WAR AND
REMEMBRANCE

Plant knowledge can sometimes seem a luxury of those with too much spare time, but as we contemplate Remembrance Sunday this month, it is perhaps timely to remind ourselves that

plants are fundamental to life providing the air that we breathe, the energy that we consume and the uplifting landscape of our lives. Under the sharpening effect of wartime, plants also came into focus for both practical and poetic motivations.

During both world wars, mass community collections of sphagnum moss were sent to the front to help staunch wounds, its absorbent and acidic properties helping to prevent infections. During World War Two, medical drug supplies



were so severely disrupted by German occupation of mainland Europe and U-boat action in the shipping lanes that by the early 1940s there were critical shortages of essential medicines in British homes and hospitals. In 1941, the Ministry of Health established a Vegetable Drugs Committee at RBG Kew to publish guides for county herb collectors enlisted to make good the supply deficit. These provided specific instructions about what to collect and how to safely and effectively dry, bundle, and deliver the collections for the war effort. Girl guides, boy scouts, women's groups, primary school pupils were all mobilised to scour the countryside for foxglove, used to regulate heartbeat, deadly nightshade, valerian for use as a sedative, wild thyme, an antiseptic, burdock, colt's-foot, which provides a demulcent for soothing inflamed tissue, black horehound, a treatment for spasms and worm infections, and much more.

In the interwar period much research had also been done into newly discovered set of metabolic compounds – vitamins. With home front shipments of citrus suspended during World War Two, plant research centred on rosehips as a rich source of vitamin C. Again half day holidays from school allowed children to gather native rosehips by the pound. Kew botanists discovered that rosehips from northern counties contained appreciably more vitamin C than those from the south, and so collection sites were adjusted accordingly. Rosehips were made into Vitamin C rich syrup, administered primarily as a scurvy preventative.

But plants do not only provide medical healing, as witnessed by the unique wartime industry of silk embroidered postcards. It is estimated that some 10 million silk embroidered postcards were created by French and Belgian women to sell as souvenirs to soldiers posted on the Western Front during World War One. The embroidered images found on the cards often include forget-me-nots, pansy flowers, rosebuds and bluebirds alongside patriotic messages, allied flags and regimental crests. These beautiful greetings would have been sent home giving no indication of what the soldiers were experiencing, sparing loved ones the true horrors of war.

So as you walk the Botanic Garden this month or through the Cambridgeshire countryside, ponder a minute the rich repository not only of medicines and foodstuffs but of spiritual salve that is the plant kingdom. Perhaps include a red rose hip for remembrance this November in a flower arrangement, flick that pepperpot to distribute the poppy seeds and leave that seedling forget-me-not to flower next summer, so that the scarlet and blue may remind us to give thanks once more.

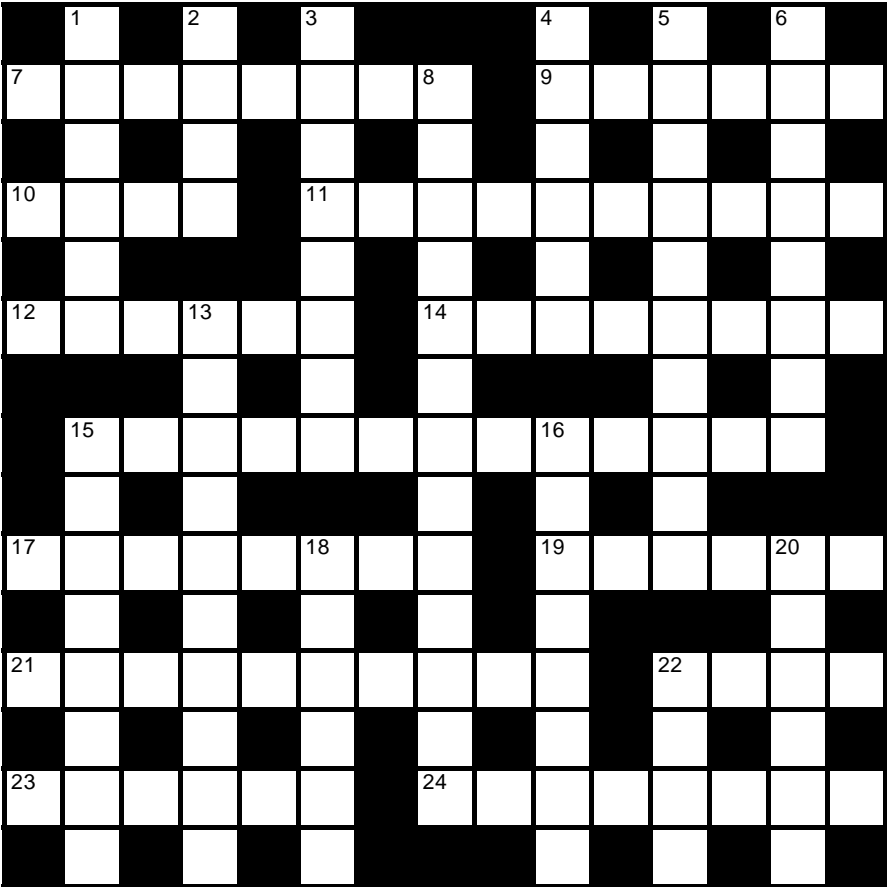
The Botanic Garden is open November & December 10am-4pm. Admission is £4.50, Giftaid admission £4.95 or join the Friends, get free admission and help the Garden grow! For news and events, detailed information about the Garden or to discover this

Crossword Number 114

Sponsored by **The Red Lion**

Compiled by
BYWELL

This month’s puzzle is a simple cryptic crossword. Send your answers to the editors by 18 November 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 Aged with salt and pepper perhaps (8)
 9 My housing-sale arrangement is less than generous (6)
 10 Quick spin-dry following internal cleansing (4)
 11 Fruit go astray just before end of the Spanish match (10)
 12 Barking up tree for honour (6)
 14 Annual rings close together in ruined bakery (8)
 15 Rotting crocus pots etc responsible for throat infection (13)
 17 500-1 against competition for distribution of shares (8)
 19 Officer's ginseng not completely drunk (6)
 21 Perennial playwright who scandalised central Derby (10)
 22 Left to make fresh hiding place (4)
 23 Midwives bearing Her Majesty finish in wood (6)
 24 Tie up 'Quiet' sign around a church (8)

Down

- 1 Let me run wild round Peterhead church (6)
 2 Catch sight of contents of flatmate's pyjamas (4)
 3 Unpleasantly struck by urine flowing back well over one's ankles (4-4)
 4 Sammy oddly ran around old Turkish city (6)
 5 Novel form each year for every defence (10)
 6 Magnificent portrayal of Russian

leaders with igloos (8)

- 8 Flier lands doggedly in a heap (5,8)
 13 Liverpoollian loses a penny, and turns out better than anyone else (10)
 15 Lively but spotted losing tempo inwardly (8)
 16 Word class loves being in fine surroundings, so reserve too many places (8)
 18 Darwin's evolution towards the centre (6)
 20 Malfunction set fire to church after midnight (6)
 22 Still beginners turn left coming up (4)

Solution to crossword no. 113

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We congratulate Sue Richards, the winner of last month's competition, who should collect her prize certificate from the editors. Honourable mentions go to Tamsin Budd and Robert Nunn.



Facebook or Face-to-face?

I don't want to sound like a Grumpy Old Man, but I don't really get the social media craze. The way people quite happily share all sorts of stuff about their lives; what they eating, or drinking, or thinking, at any given moment. The accumulation of hundreds of 'friends', most of whom they have never met. How do we define friendship these days?

Before I go any further, I have to confess that I do have a Facebook account, although I hardly ever think to use it and don't really know what to do with it anyway. I can never think of anything I consider interesting enough to post! Even less do I understand Twitter. Although I'm a keen birdwatcher, I don't Tweet! (Sorry!)

It is concerning to me that social media can also be used in such anti-social ways, with 'trolling' and cyber-bullying being so widespread, sometimes with serious consequences.

I know it isn't all bad, and that things like Facebook can be great for keeping in touch with relatives and friends who live in far-flung places and with whom we might otherwise lose contact.

Who writes letters any more? Before computers and email my handwriting used to be quite good, now it has seriously deteriorated, and not just because I'm getting old! I hardly ever pick up a pen, I just hammer a keyboard.

I was thinking this morning about Paul's letters, in the New Testament, to the young churches scattered throughout the Roman Empire. Written by hand and carried over hundreds of miles; then read out loud, memorised and copied and passed on. Letters which are still full of rich meaning, significance and relevance today. What are the odds of anyone reading my emails, or even this article, in 2 years time, let alone 2000 years?

In some respects, those letters and those early church communities were the first social media. Groups of people of all kinds sharing their lives together, making friendships, with an unprecedented degree of intimacy, and crossing social and geographical barriers to do so. All connected by a common desire to follow Jesus. It is that same connection which still unites Christians today.

And so, my favoured social medium is the church, in particular RE:NEW, where real, rather than virtual, friendships are to be found, along with mutual support, encouragement, and quite a lot of fun! We'd like to Invite you to come and try RE:NEW; you never know, you might Like us, and we'd love to Add you as Friends !

Peter Wells

RE:NEW Services in November 2014.

2 November 10.30am – RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (Bottisham Primary School)
With Holy Communion

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

9 November 6.20pm – Traditional service. (Lode Chapel)

16 November 10.30am – RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (at the School)

23 November 10.30am – RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (at the School)

23 November 6.20pm – Traditional service. (Great Wilbraham Chapel)

30 November 10.30am – RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (at the School)

Beginning our new series: 'Songs of Advent'.

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

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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.

Offered

Two sets WAHL electric grooming clippers for dogs. DVD, instructions and all accessories. Text only please to Fay on 07973 665993

VÄTE Ceiling lamp IKEA. Brand new. Bought wrong thing - lost receipt! Lucy or Nick c811192

Rhubarb sets, Jane c811592

Wanted

An African or Bongo Drum, Nicole 812363

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

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,

November in a month for remembering. The nation remembers those killed in war. The church remembers the saints who down through the ages have shone with the light of God and become beacons of faith. But November is also a month when a number of people feel forgotten and alone. Once the clocks go back and the nights draw in there are many people who feel that when they draw their curtains a long lonely evening and night lie ahead.



In the course of a week I often visit a number of people who live alone. Some of them are elderly and isolated by a lack of mobility. With families spread far and wide (and sometimes overseas) even family visits may be few. I also visit younger people who are housebound or confined to bed because of illness. They too are isolated, apart from the day to day friendships and conversation that enrich our lives. There is whole group of people who are almost hidden to those around them, marooned in their own homes. For them the darkening days only serve to increase their sense of isolation.

In the church's year the darkness helps us to focus on the light of Christ. We get a real sense of the light and love of God breaking into the darkness of the world. Jesus came to tear down the walls that keep people apart from God and from each other. As his people, we too are called to be lights in the world. This winter we could each be a light to someone who might be feeling closed in and alone at home. There may be someone in your road who would appreciate sharing a cup of tea or watching a film one evening with some company. There may be someone who would appreciate a chat to shorten a long day.

As the nights lengthen let's remember those who feel particularly cut off during the darker months.....and let us also remember the words of St Teresa: "Christ has no body but yours, No hands, no feet on earth but yours, Yours are the eyes with which he looks Compassion on this world"

Sue Giles

Christmas Fayre

With **REAL LIVE REINDEER!**

Christmas Market

Santa's Grotto

Jolly Entertainment

Arts and Crafts

Merry Café

Sunday 30th November

10am - 4pm

Bottisham Village College

Church Services in November

at St Mary's, Swaffham Prior
unless otherwise indicated

Sunday 2 November, All Saints Sunday

11am Matins
5pm Families@Five - monthly family wor-
ship

with refreshments and craft activities
School Hall, Swaffham Bulbeck

Sunday 9 November, Remembrance Sunday

8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.50am Remembrance Service with Cubs, Scouts
etc

Sunday 16 November, second Sunday before Advent

11am Holy Communion (CW1T)

Sunday 23 November, Christ the King

10am Benefice Service Holy Communion
(CW1)

St James', Lode

Sunday 30 November, Advent Sunday

8am Holy Communion (BCP)
4pm Advent by Candlelight Concert with
Cambridge Voices

(St Mary's, then St Cyriac's – entry fee
in aid of Emmaus)

Dates for Your Diary November 2014

Fri	7	SB Bonfire Party, 6pm, Vicarage Field, Swaffham Bubheck
Fri	14	St Mary's Windows, 7pm, St Mary's
Mon	17	WI, 7.30pm, VH
Tue	18	Crier Copy Deadline VG, 8pm, VH Mobile Library, Cage Hill 2.45-3.15pm Chapel 3.20pm-4.00pm
Thu	20	Mothers' Union, 2.30pm, Lode Chapel
Sat	22	Quiz Night, 7.30pm VH
Sat	29	SB Village Christmas Art Workshop, 10am-12noon, 2-4pm, St Mary's Church, Swaffham Bulbeck
Sun	30	Advent by Candlelight, 4pm, St Mary's and St Cyriac's

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