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Editorial

The editors are whizzing off for a day or two as this issue goes to print, so only a few words from us. By now, the new street lights appear to have been completed, and what a happy mix they seem to be! Yes, there's the original orange ones, a really dazzling array of the new style white ones, a mix of Victoriana and some other more elegant affairs. All carefully chosen to blend in with this preservation area., doubtless with full consent of the planners, and as you will see they have continued the patchwork theme outside Carter's Cottage, where there is now a very neat square of tarmac sitting amongst other ruts....

Congratulations to our County Councillor David Brown, who has been shortlisted for a national councillor award, we'll find out how he did in next issue, be sure not to miss Bottisham Surgery's AGM which will tell you how to live longer *and* the FLAG will be flying from St Cyriac's three days this month: 5th for Easter Sunday, 21st to celebrate the Queen's birthday and 23rd on St George's Day. Happy Easter, All!

Caroline Matheson



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Letters to the Editors



Dear Editors,

The Moveable Feast

May I crave the hospitality of your pages to thank everyone concerned for making the Moveable Feast such a delicious success. It was lovely to be welcomed warmly into elegant houses and then royally fed: a memorable evening of bonhomie and haute cuisine and I look forward to the next occasion.

Elisabeth Everitt

Dear Editors ,

New Street Lights

We have been delighted with all the interest shown in the lovely Heritage Lamp-post positioned outside our house (see Alastair's comments in his report at the Parish Council Meeting in the March Crier) and love the idea that special treatment results from money changing hands. He even seems to know the figure involved £845. I wonder if he could now find out the cost to have a suitable light placed on top of the post instead of the current one which somehow looks out of place!

Pat Cook

Dear Eds

“King James” Bible

Peter Wells could have usefully included in his item in the March *Crier* on William Tyndale as the first translator of the Bible into English who was executed for doing so that TV programme he watched recently mentioned also that Tyndale's translation is actually very well known to us by and large because the King James, the first official bible in English and much celebrated for the beauty of its language, isn't really King James' work for the most part: it's Tyndale's.

As Melvyn Bragg revealed, comparison with Tyndale's shows the King James is 85% a direct use of Tyndale's work. So perhaps it should really be called the Tyndale Bible with additional material by King James, to give full credit for what Tyndale devoted his life to and Peter very properly calls us to consider.

On a different note, Peter says 'those were the days when religion was literally a matter of life and death' and I'm sure he didn't mean to ignore what is going on in the wider world, that there are many places we can see every night, also on the TV, where it still is.

Mark Lewinski

Dear Editors,

Coffee Morning

A very big 'thank you' to all those who supported the coffee morning on 18th March. Upwards of 30 people came and the sum of £265 was raised for Alzheimers Research. A number of people benefitted from the large number of raffle prizes which were kindly donated and everyone seemed to enjoy the 'free chat'. Thank you once again.

Betty Prime.

Dear Editors,

QUIZ NIGHT

Wow, what a turnout for our village quiz, fifteen tables. Sorry some teams had to wait a while for us to organise extra tables, we hope it was worth the wait.

We would like to thank all those who participated and hope you all enjoyed the night. Congratulations to the winning team, The Incompatibles, well done.

Thank you to the ladies, Shirley, Linda, Sheila and the new girl Riana, who once again helped with the food and in the kitchen. Thanks to Andrew who yet again stepped up to be our quiz master and to April who organises the raffle, and thank you to everybody who donated prizes. We do appreciate the help

from everyone, also to those who helped put tables and chairs away after the quiz. £450 was raised for St. Mary's Church, thank you. Don't forget the next quiz is on the 17th October, hope to see you there.

Lynne and Jenny

Dear Editors,

Francis Reeks

I would like to thank everyone for the wonderful and warm support I have had from all of you before, during and after Francis' funeral.

The many letters, thoughts and reminiscences I received helped greatly at a very emotional time for me. Francis will leave a large gap in my life after nearly 50 years of happy marriage.

He always greatly believed in the strength and importance of community and village life and devoted a lot of his time to the causes which further that spirit. He would be so pleased to know of the support and comfort that you have all so generously given me.

For that, my heartfelt thanks,

Jutta

Dear Editors,

Sound of St Mary's

I read Alastair Everitt's article "politics in Bulbeck" in the March edition of "The Swaffham Crier, with interest, but a little dismay following his rather acerbic comments about the sound system at St Mary's Church, Swaffham Bulbeck, which was, in fact, working normally for the first half of the Hustings meeting.

Mr Everitt must have had his attention focused on his neighbour's crossword when one of the candidates dropped the microphone which caused the troublesome noises to which he refers and I regret that we didn't have a spare! As a matter of record the sound system is funded by the congregation although donations (preferably gift-aided) are always welcome!

While I am recording corrections may I just add that the missing chunks of wood from the pews emanated from the activities of desecration executed by William Dowsing and his crew of church wreckers in 1643-4 and is not the fault of any rodents that may be around!

Christopher Welton

Churchwarden

St Mary's Church, Swaffham Bulbeck

From our Reporter at the Parish Council Meeting

GREAT NEWS !! We have a new Clark – Paul Catling. He will work with Karen for two months to ensure there is a smooth takeover, unlike many of the new computer programmes being introduced. Unfortunately he couldn't be at the meeting as he was at Addenbrookes having his broken foot attended to. This is the second broken foot in the village in recent times – is everyone doing charity parachute jumps?

ECDC has produced a very helpful booklet as a guide for the press reporting meetings. It is especially meant for "traditional print media, filming crews, hyper-local journalists and bloggers". The *Crier* Reporter is obviously a "hyper-local journalist" – with or without the hyphen.

The Annual Village Assembly is to be held on 27 May and the main theme will be the Mill Hill traffic question. It is to be hoped that a CCC traffic expert will attend otherwise, as one member said, it would just develop into a shouting match. Also raised may be the possible use of CIL money.



The PC is to take over the responsibility and administration of the Gay Bullied award (see explanatory note elsewhere in this *Crier*). But there were some keen questions. "Is this going to be onerous for the PC?" "If it is just a matter of just counting up votes is it worth the PC being involved?" "Can't someone else do it?" "It is a village custom and we should take it on." There was quite a bit of ifting and butting until Sandra Ginn agreed to be responsible on behalf of the PC, because "it is important to keep these village traditions alive". The debate went on for quite a time.

Then we moved on to another issue that caused an even longer debate and soul searching. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is trying to do something about the muddy and often slippery churchyard path leading from the back gate. Andrew Camps mentioned that the PCC is having quite a lot of flack about this. There is a quote for £5900 for extending John Norris' path, right up to the back gate and the question was whether the PC would contribute a third. Martin Meade, who will do the work, has generously offered to contribute a third with the PCC finding the rest. Geoffrey immediately jumped up and said that as it is a closed churchyard the ECDC is responsible for all maintenance. Karen said this was not so and that the PC had been down this route before and the ECDC say they are only responsible for the grass, bushes, and trees. But some did not believe Karen and voted for finding out whether ECDC is indeed responsible before making any decision. David Almond reported that the "feeling in the village is that it is a mess and needs to be improved" and that "it is only right something needs to be done". Though used as a through route by villagers some claimed it was not a public footpath and nothing to do with the PC. Peter Hart said it is a "village feature" and John the Chairman thought "we may have a duty to help the village." Paul expressed repeated doubts and thought we should look at all the footpaths in the village as there may be "better paths to use the money for." Steve worried about any commitment to "continued maintenance". It was proposed and carried that the first thing to do is to find out whether ECDC is responsible – Geoffrey was very voluble about this. David Almond made a second proposal, which was that "In principle the PC agrees to give support if the ECDC is not responsible." There were three in favour and five against this motion.

The situation regarding the lampposts for which the village is responsible is not as dire as first thought. Paul is arranging the necessary check and reported that there are 14 lampposts. Not so, corrected Steve, there are only 10, with the only concrete post being at the bottom of Fairview Grove; which must make that a very special area. The check will now be given the go-ahead at a cost of £350.

During the Clerk's Report Karen offered to deliver all completed PC nomination papers to ECDC. All papers need to be in by 9th April. There certainly will be changes to our PC as some people may leave and others will be anxious to serve, leading perhaps to a democratic election. For example, Geoffrey, after all his sterling work and commitment, has to stand down. A worthy person to fill Geoffrey's unique role would be Mark Lewinski who has the welfare of the people at heart, is committed to fairness and democracy, and would add a new and distinct flavour to our Parish Council meetings. It could be a like for like swap. Rumour has it that he standing as Labour candidate in the ECDC elections. He, and we all, know that he doesn't stand a chance of being elected, so we all say, why not go for a more assured place on our PC, and make your mark there first. Some people pay a lot of money for this kind of professional advice.

Our cemetery fees are bargain and the lowest in the area: Burwell £165, Bulbeck £90, and Swaffham Prior £60. The fees will be reviewed after the new PC is elected.

Alastair Everitt

Easter Lilies

Each year we have had lilies in St Mary's Church at Easter time and, recently, many people have contributed to these in memory of a loved one.

Donations can be made anonymously or with your name and the name of your loved one. A list will then be compiled and placed in church for Easter Sunday. As a guide the Easter lilies cost £2.50 per stem last year. All contributions will be *very* welcome and will enable us to have a beautiful display.

If you would like to make a donation please put it through Sue Rust's door at 23 Greenhead Road or Ruth Scovil's door at The Oaks, Manor Farm Court, Lower End (the letterbox is in the door at the back of the house!). Please include the name of your loved one and your own unless, of course, you wish to make your gift anonymously.



Ruth Scovil



HIGHWAYS
AGENCY

Proposed Upgrade to Swaffham Prior/Upware Road

Despite the many and ongoing repairs that have been undertaken to the Swaffham Prior—Upware route over the years, this road continues to deteriorate, mainly due to its original oak foundations which are now rotting away. At the same time, traffic along this route continues to rise, with heavier vehicles accelerating the process leading to expense and inconvenience as increasingly many vehicles are damaged in transit.

It is therefore proposed that a major upgrade be undertaken in which foundations are replaced and at the same time passing places are removed and the road is converted to two lanes throughout, with additional high-intensity lighting for safety purposes installed on all major bends, straight sections where its is feared speeding may be an issue, and in the vicinity of adjoining residences.

This is a considerable undertaking which will be funded by PFI (private finance initiative), with future interest payments to be raised by toll, with booths utilising automatic number plate recognition conveniently situated at the 30mph signs and offering a variety of easy to use payment methods such as have been installed at local park-and ride schemes. There will be the usual fortnight's consultation process for these proposals commencing April 1st and lasting over the Easter period.

For further information on this exciting new project, or to submit your views, go to www.highways.gov.uk/roadsareus/swaffhampriortoupwareupgrade (or alternatively contact your local Councillors, see front cover. Eds).

Justin Geste
Highways Agency



Support St Cyriac's Church
while you
Celebrate the Solstice
at the
Swaffham Prior

Midsummer Market

Saturday & Sunday
20th & 21st June

More details in next month's *Crier*
Meanwhile, please put by any
lovingly-tended plants,
pre-loved books, toys, games,
local produce, bric a brac, furniture, etc. that
you might care to donate

The Gay Bulleid Award

Like a phoenix rising from the ashes this award makes its return after its demise in 2011 when the Swaffham Prior WI merged with the Swaffham Bulbeck WI to become the Swaffhams WI.

The award was first presented in 1990 in recognition of the community and good neighbourly activities of Gay Bulleid, who was President of the Prior WI for many years. She died in 1988 and such had been her example that it was thought an annual Good Neighbour award would *act as a reminder to everyone in the village of the need to contribute in some way or other to the village community.*

Gay was married to Michael Bulleid who single-handedly, without any outside funding, restored the working windmill, which still successfully grinds away today. The award therefore is a picture of the windmill, which was painted by Ophir Catling, our resident poet who now just happens to live in the Orkneys. At the end of the year the picture is returned and awarded to someone else.

The good news is that the Parish Council has agreed, with the blessing of the WI, to oversee the award which will be presented at the Annual Village Assembly on Wednesday 27 May. It is a democratic choice by village residents. The person with the greatest support receives the award. All suggestions must be submitted in writing to Sandra Ginn by 30 April.

Though called the Good Neighbour award you may choose any one who has made a community contribution whether as an individual or as a member of a society or organisation. You do not need to love your neighbour. There are only two rules – the person must live in Swaffham Prior, and it cannot be awarded twice to the same person within five years.

Previous winners are: 1990 Frederick J. Reeve; 1991 Jean Moore; 1992 Mary Day; 1993 Edith Prentice; 1994 Bob Smith; 1995 Jean Fielden; 1996 Ruth Dalton; 1997 Shirley Wilkins; 1998 Betty & Ron Prime; 1999 Pat Cunningham; 2000 Vera Scrutton; 2001 Kate Child; 2002 Ruth Stinton; 2003 Elisabeth Everitt; 2004 John Norris; 2005 Patricia Harrison; 2006 Gillian and Alan Badcock; 2007 Dee & Andrew Noyes; 2008 Caroline and James Matheson; 2009 Barbara Dennis; 2010 Alastair Everitt.

Sandra Ginn's address is 30 High Street, Swaffham Prior.

So, please start thinking. Show your appreciation. It is your choice.

Alastair Everitt and Pat Cook

THE BURWELL SURGERY NEEDS YOUR HELP TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF MISSED APPOINTMENTS

Missed appointments have an enormous impact on the healthcare system in terms of cost and appointment availability for other patients. At The Burwell Surgery we have an alarming average of 150 missed appointments every single month. This equates to approximately 33 hours of the Doctor and Nurses time that could have been used to see other patients. We would really like to try and improve these results and request your assistance to make it possible.

We completely understand that there are many genuine reasons for non-attendance and it is not always possible or convenient to keep your original booking. These can include forgetting your appointment date, your health has improved and you no longer need the appointment, work commitments, childcare issues, travel problems and difficulties in accessing public transport.

What can The Burwell Surgery do to help?

- Be clear when booking appointments and re-confirm details
- Issue appointment cards where possible
- Ensure letters are easy to read and understand

Send a reminder text message 2 days prior to your appointment

What can patients do to help?

- Complete our text message consent form, so we can help you to remember the appointment made.

Notify us as soon as possible if you are unable to make your appointment. We always welcome appointment cancellations. Even a last minute cancellation on the day of your appointment, can usually be re-booked as there are many calls every day for patients who need to see a clinician urgently and availability is limited.

If we could achieve a 50 per cent reduction in the number of missed appointments, this could allow us to see 75 more patients each month.

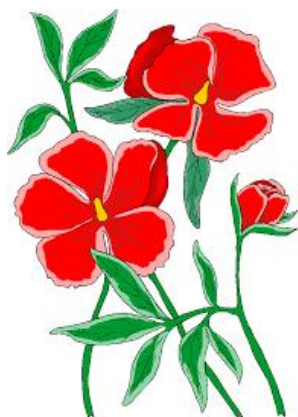
Please help us to improve our service to you!

Many thanks
Debbie Everitt
Practice Manager

LODE VILLAGE OPEN GARDENS SUNDAY 28 JUNE

11.00am - 5.00pm

12 Village Gardens to visit



Music & Art Display in the
Church

Plant Stalls

Children's Activities

Teddy Treasure Trail

Tea and homemade cakes

Adults £6

Accompanied children free

(No Dogs)

Free car parking available

Proceeds to village church & Lode –

Quy cycle path

Get creative with recycling at family activity days

Recycling will be brought to life this Easter at a series of fun family activity sessions at AmeyCespa's waste management park, off the A10 at Waterbeach.

Staff at the Education Centre, which is run by AmeyCespa in partnership with Cambridgeshire County Council, are holding free activity days on Tuesday 31st March, and Wednesday 1st, Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th April.

The sessions will include hands-on, practical activities using recyclable packaging and a range of other reusable materials, as well as a chance to see parts of the site in operation.

The activities are particularly aimed at children aged between six and 12 years old, but all children over the age of six are welcome. All youngsters must be accompanied by an adult.

Sessions will run from 10am to 12pm and 2pm to 4pm on each day and booking is essential to confirm your place. All of the centre's staff are fully qualified teachers.

Mark Shelton, Waste Education Manager for AmeyCespa, said: "This is a great chance for families to find out more about how they can reduce the amount of waste they create, and increase the amount they recycle.

"The activities are really hands-on, including making moving Easter cards and flowers, which is a great way to bring the recycling messages to life. This will be followed by a minibus tour of our site to see it in operation."

Councillor Roger Hickford, Chair of the Highways and Community Infrastructure Committee said: "Easter has become a time of the year when we all seem to be overwhelmed by chocolate eggs in a variety of sizes.

"The activities at the Education Centre at Waterbeach are a great way to highlight what can be done with all the plastic, cardboard and foil packaging which surrounds them. The great thing about the activity days is they are an opportunity for families to learn together about how they can improve the recycling and reuse in their homes."

To find out more or to book your place on one of the family activity sessions contact the education team on telephone 01223 815490, or e-mail education@ameycespa.com



Tears

For Leonard Nimoy 1931-2015

Consider well this evanescent pearl;
Enfolded in its surface tension find
Oils, enzymes, hormones, proteins, salt-
The very building blocks that make mankind-
And all that mankind knows of joy and grief
Of agony and love, of laughter and relief.

For puritan Marvell, a drop of dew,
Like manna, shone like its own tear,
In grief at separation from the sphere
Celestial, and pining for the place
From whence it came, welcomed the sun's
Annihilation, to return to Grace.

Now, sailing dark and silent oceans of
The infinite, the tiny Voyager
Pursues its solitary pilgrimage.
Were it to make landfall on some cold reef,
Remote beyond the power of language,
And there find but one tear-stain on the stone,
Would rational empiricist belief
In logic moisten eyes in NASA's labs
In wonder that we might not be alone?

Wulsin

The Newmarket Cycling & Triathlon Club ***Calling young cyclists***

Come along to the regular free sessions of the Indoor
Cycling System supervised by David Peck

It's a great way for learners to gain confidence and
more experienced young cyclists to practise time tri-
als.

Please bring your own bike

Saturday 4 April, Sundays 3 May and 7 June
10am to 12.30pm at the Fassage Hall, Lode





**EASTON BLETCHLEY
DISTRICT COUNCIL**

From our District
Councillor
Allen Alderson



Councils Budget

At full council on February 26th the budget for 2015/16 was approved. Having made savings of £797,722 in 2014/15, we were able to produce a balanced budget for 2015/16 and 2016/17 with no increase in ECDC council tax over the next two years.

We have also approved £15,000 for a ring fenced Community Transport fund and £16,000 for contributions to Apprenticeship Schemes within the District which is part of our promotion of jobs growth in the District.

Community Land Trusts known as CLTs

This is our preferred mechanism for enabling people to live and work locally, with the slogan Local Housing for Local People.

How are we progressing? We have a CLT at Stretham with another started at Swaffham Prior. We are also working with Soham Thrift CLT to bring another site forward.

Housing Seminar

I recently attended a housing seminar where we examined ways that the District Council and Sanctuary Housing can improve joint working for the benefit of social housing tenants in the district.

Transformation Seminar

I also attended a Transformation Seminar. With reducing resources and increasing public demand on the Council we need to make sure that we have motivated/focused staff and more efficient processes. We are promoting a 'can do' culture, doing the 'right thing' for our residents.

Fly Tipping

This has increased lately and is something that I am keeping an eye on. I have been involved in several local issues in the last month, together with several committees and full council.

What's growing on at The Prospects Trust's Snakehall Farm

MORE TEA FARMER?

We enjoyed a rather interesting five minutes of fame in November 2014. Our Co-workers flourished in the media glare with an ITV crew on the farm and then appearing on Anglia News. Monty Don and Alan Titchmarsh must have been shaking in their wellingtons when our farming prowess televised across the region. We are certain a number of our Co-workers would love a prime time gardening slot to showcase their horticultural skills.

But what was all this interest about? Well about this time last year we entered into the Big Lottery ITV's People's Millions Competition with little hope we would make it through their short listing process, especially after we had won Tilly Tractor in previous years. But WE did it. So after a secretive summer of planning and form filling we finally got to share our new project with the wider world (well Anglia West) and showcase our farm in action, aiming to capture the hearts and voting fingers of the Anglia News viewers. And vote they did! We were amazed by the sheer voting numbers, we ranked 2nd across the region and secured £50,000 in capital grant to bring our new project to life on Snakehall Farm.

So now the project starts. We are installing a brand new accessible training kitchen into our old Tea Barn building. The hope is to create a homely and hygienic catering kitchen where our Co-workers (adults with disabilities) can take their sown, grown and harvested produce and turn them into yummy new products such as chutneys and soups. This year our focus is on installing the kitchen and getting the training packages in place. We are looking forward to savouring the tasty treats later this year. We thought we would share with the Within Reach readers our project as it develops.

FARM SHOP SEASONALLY STOCKED & SNAKEHALL FARM SOWING STRONG

Why not pop in to our new farm shop (launched in 2014 by the Santander Enterprise Development Awards) and stock up on some of our seasonal best? Over the next few months our regular produce range will be: Winter salad, mixed leaves, sprouts, sprouting broccoli, kale, spinach, eggs, leeks, onions, swede, parsnip, garlic, , carrots, potatoes, logs & kindling and to add a bit of springtime colour some sweet smelling potted plants. After last year's successful cut flower project, our very creative Support Workers have been planning & helping our Co-workers by planting more blooming beautiful blooms to adorn your vases in the coming months.

Please remember we can always make to order including pre-packed veg boxes for your Easter feasts. We also make bespoke animal boxes and very unique bird tables. Call the farm team on 01638 741551 if you have a special request. We look forward to seeing you in the shop.

The farm team have completed their seed orders and have started sowing in earnest. As we type they are busy sowing early potatoes, onions, shallots and French climbing beans. We are excited to say we are trialling a few new varieties this year,

so keep your eyes on the shelves in the shop we may have some different veg to try this summer, did someone mention celeriac and aubergines? As you skip past on the Swaffham Road our new caxtons will have signs swinging to let you know just what is new in the shop.

Farmer Mark and his team wishes to thank the hard working horses of Joss Goodchild, we salute you and your organic manure. Keep it coming.

ST JOHN'S SCHOOL CAMBRIDGE PUPILS SUPPORT SNAKEHALL FARM

We are delighted to have been selected as St John's School's charity of the year, throughout the spring and summer terms the parents and pupils of the school are busy fundraising for our unique farm. We will be taking some of our herbs and plants to their Open Day in May and they have already hosted a very successful fundraiser. We love working with local groups, organisations and businesses here at Prospects Trust. From working in partnership on fundraising activities to offering team building volunteering days on the farm, we are always looking for wider support to keep our care farm growing and supporting more people with disabilities.

GARDEN TEAM TOP TIPS

We are launching our new look Prospects Post (our seasonal newsletter) this spring and we have been working with our Co-workers on what news stories and interesting articles we can include. One idea is our Garden Team Top Tips, where our expert Garden Team Co-managers and Co-workers will give novice gardeners some vital timely advice. If you want to see our newsletters we can add you to our email distribution list or you can check it out online at www.prospectstrust.org.uk. This month's top tip comes from Co-worker Trevor. It is now the time to start mowing again, Trevor loves this job best of all on the Garden Team, he has a fresh spring to his step as the ride on mower starts going out with the team. However Trevor advises not cropping too short as we are still experiencing early morning frosts. Now is also the time to start raking your lawns to get rid of the moss so you can have the perfect lawn to yawn upon in the lazy summer holidays.

WOLF WHISTLE FOR THE WOLFSON FOUNDATION AND OUR SPEND A PENNY COLLECTORS

We enjoyed the first flush of our new loos back in September at our 25th Anniversary Open Day however the Conveniencing our Inconveniences project didn't stop there. We have now linked our Tea Barn and Farm Office to the new toilet block with a beautifully constructed canopied walkway complete with rain water harvesting, hand rails for our disabled workforce & visitors and new trellis so we can sow sweet smelling herbs and flowers to really make this a blooming lovely area for all. We have also installed a new First Aid & Welfare Room into our new loos, complete with a defibrillator, so we can deal with any emergency in a safe environment. We thank all those who donated to this project, from the sponsors of the Snakehall Superhero Skydivers, the customers and families who collected in the spend a penny jars and the external funders including: The Wolfson Foundation, The Frank Litchfield Foundation, Bailey Thomas, Pye Foundation, Selwyn College Cambridge and The Mitcham Trust. We are flush with happiness.

WHAT WE WHEELY NEED IN 2015

We always have a wish list, after last year's capital requirements of new farm shop, new kitchen and new toilets we were hoping to take it a little easier, but NO, we are an ambitious bunch at Snakehall Farm and our Co-workers continue to come up with creative ideas. This year we are fundraising for a new accessible MPV, a vehicle than can be used to offer transport to our disabled Co-workers, to take more Co-workers out on wholesale deliveries and to access off site training opportunities. We have created the Wheely Need a Van appeal, take a look at our website for more details or contact maz.baker@prospectstrust.org.uk if you can help get our farm wheels turning.

Do you love our potatoes? So many customers come especially for the Snakehall spud, accompanied with some of our organic mint and melting butter, they really are a carbohydrate craving for many. We are looking at a new potato lifter and are raising funds so we can raise those taters of joy easier in the future. Tilly Tractor continues to develop her range of eye catching accessories, the potato lifter being her next seasonal must have. She is more demanding than an IT girl.

We are also fired up for a new log burner in our revamped Tea Barn. With the introduction of the new kitchen we are looking at installing a new log burner to keep our Co-workers as warm as their cuppas during their break times. Keeping one area warm in the winter is vital for our Co-workers, especially when working in the open fields during the colder months. We can supply the logs but we are looking for funds to cover the cost of professional install of a high capacity energy efficient heating solution.

**Don't miss the
Patients' Group AGM
Thursday 23rd April at 7.00 pm
Lecture Hall, Bottisham Village College**

**Dr Ahmed Rashid will talk about
THE MEDITERRANEAN DIET
Could it help you to live longer?**

Ely Cathedral Choir Tour Fund Etheldreda Craft and Food Fair

Saturday 30th May

Palace Green, Ely 10am – 5pm

Supporting traditional English music with a traditional English fair

The annual Etheldreda Craft and Food Fair takes place on Saturday 30th May on Palace Green, surrounded by the splendour of Ely Cathedral and The Old Palace - two of Ely's magnificent historic buildings.

An entertaining day for the whole family, the fair includes a selection of over 40 tempting stalls featuring crafts, local foods, jewellery, plants, gifts and summer produce.

In keeping with the tradition of this well established country fair, visitors will have the opportunity try their luck on the tombola and test their aim on the coconut shy as well as enjoying a Pimm's and strawberries and cream on the lawns in front of the Cathedral. This, along with bacon rolls, afternoon tea, delicious cakes and champagne, all add to a great day out in Ely.

The Etheldreda Craft and Food Fair takes place between 10am – 5pm on Saturday 30th May with all profits going to the Ely Cathedral Choir Tour Fund.

The Etheldreda Fair was started in the early 1990's by the Director of Music at Ely Cathedral and his wife when they opened their home and garden for refreshments and light lunches on the Open University Degree Ceremony Day. The OU has for many years held it's East Anglian Degree Ceremony at Ely Cathedral in late May or early June and they saw it as an opportunity to raise much needed funds for the Ely Cathedral Choir Tour Fund.

It was named 'The Etheldreda Fair' as St Etheldreda, the founding Abbess of the first Abbey in Ely, is celebrated annually on June 18th.

By the late 1990's the organisation of the fair was taken on by the boy chorister parents who broadened it to the full scale fair, on Palace Green, in front of Ely Cathedral.





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STATION CYCLES

**Sunday
5th July 2015**

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Offered

Camping Stove (2 burners, grill). Marian, c812020

Empty egg boxes (for 6 eggs) – roughly 10 of them. Jun, c813362

Assorted hanging baskets, one bracket, length of black worktop, bread machine, toilet roll holder. Clare & Steve c811693

one new roll (110cm wide) of 170mm loft insulation. Steve c812683

PHILIPS Magic2Vox desk top machine - comprising Phone + Fax + Email, with detachable scanner. Comes with handset, instruction books and spare ink roll. Teresa c811517

Wanted

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.

a spare Laptop. Capacity not important, but must have Windows 8 or above. Nicole, c812363

any 35mm/120 film cameras for photography enthusiast/collector anything appreciated. Mark, c813919

paving slabs, Mark, c813919

BON MOT NUMBER FIFTY THREE

**“It is better to debate a question without settling it,
than to settle a question without debating it.”**

Joseph Joubert (1754-1824)

WI Notes

At the March Meeting our speaker Dr Maureen James gave us a talk about the history of witchcraft in England. The persecution of those deemed to be Witches began during the reign of Elizabeth I. key targets were old women often described as Crones with snaggle teeth. One interesting witch test was to throw the accused into the river suitably tied up. If she floated that demonstrated a guilty verdict and may result in the person being burnt while a sinking proved innocence, even though the outcome was still death. Not a good time in history for many poor innocent folk who just had an unfortunate appearance or an interest in herbal medicine. Following this very interesting talk we took a break to enjoy wine and cheese. The Annual Meeting then continued. The committee remains unchanged for the next year and the president was also re-elected for another term of office.

As this is the Centenary year for the WI movement we are very honoured that there is to be a Royal Garden Party for WI members in June, with each Institute given one place. We held a ballot of those members who wanted to be included and Debbie Bull was chosen. Needless to say she was very excited to be the winner and we are confident she will be an excellent ambassador for the Swaffhams WI.

The next meeting is on 20th April at 7.30pm in Swaffham Prior Village Hall. The speaker will be Paula Dolan who will entertain us with her observations of 'Mishaps Abroad.

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



VILLAGE GARDENERS

Geoff Hales from Cambridge, gave us a delightful anthology of readings, poetry, prose and "jolly garden pieces", at our March meeting, entitled "Gardeners Joy".

"The Garden is a thing of beauty and a joy for ever" - (Keats) - a quote, preceding many others -Kipling (The glory of the Garden),

Oscar Wilde, Edward Lear who only gardened in Italy and Jerome K. Jerome-remember the lost pet rat who was only found, when seconds of gooseberry fool was dished up?

The Victorian Royal Family who grew an extraordinary acreage of fruit and vegetables and Mrs Beaton who wrote with great passion, about garden produce being turned into jams, jellies and preserves.

Charles Darwin, trying to discover if earthworms responded to music, persuaded his wife (who had been taught by Chopin) to play to them. They remained entirely unmoved. We heard about the grim experiences of Victorian plant hunters, from P.G. Wodehouse's Lord Blanding who would "have sprayed his own grandmother if he had

found her on the underside of a leaf and from Fred Streeter, who suggested that gardeners, checked the wind direction, before sweeping up leaves!

Robert Louis Stevenson wrote a Garden of Verses and the home sick Robert Browning "Oh to be in England now that April's here", - heartfelt stuff- but there is a lighter side to the subject. Gardeners do need a caste iron back with hinges, to survive, but we could still laugh at Mrs Dale (it did rather date us) discussing her beautiful new tulips with Mr Monument, her gardener, the Chinese proverb(if I have remembered correctly) that says "To Be happy for a day- take a wife,and plant a garden, to be happy for the rest of your life", from The Wind in the Willows, Moley, showing his friend Ratty his beautiful little garden and finally Joyce Grenfell's misquote "Maude would not be going into the garden, as she was not born yesterday".

Our next meeting is on the 21st of April, when our speaker, Barry Gayton, will be talking about The scented garden and glasshouse".

Everyone is welcome.

Margaret Joyce



Mothers' Union

Arwen Folkes came to speak to us in February about her visit to the Holy Land. In July 2014 she flew to Israel for a visit of one month. During this time she took a total of 900 photographs and gave us a presentation of some of them featuring the important holy sites of the region. These included Church of the Nativity and Shepherds' field in Bethlehem, Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Garden of Gethsemane and Western Wall in Jerusalem. Arwen explained how many of the buildings are build over the caves in which events took place 2000 years ago, and how the churches are divided up and taken care of by multi -denominations under somewhat tense circumstances. The group Arwen travelled with consisted of 29 members from around the world and different denominations. Eight days into the tour war broke out in Gaza and the group experienced the tension and difficulties of the area with tranquil situations suddenly being broken by happenings of war. Arwen gave us an example of such an experience by showing us a beautiful photograph of a sunset sky and telling how this scene was suddenly shattered by the noise and sight of helicopters taking injured to the hospital. This tense and restless environment being the same situation as Jesus was born into. The most beautiful place of the visit for Arwen was the calm and beauty of the Sea of Galilee. A boat trip to the middle of the sea revealed this to be the most authentic place to have visited with views of the coast line being the same as those seen by Jesus 2000 years ago.

Our meetings take place on the third Thursday of each month in Lode Chapel at 2.30 all welcome. In April we will be holding our Spring Social with Bring and Buy Stall.

Ann Langran
C. 812797

War Detectives crack codes at Bletchley Park

Over 130 War Detectives visited Bletchley Park near Milton Keynes over 4 days in March, to crack codes in teams and learn more about the amazing code-breakers, who during World War 2 were responsible for shortening the war by at least 2 years.

The War Detectives were students from Swaffham Bulbeck Primary School, Bottisham Village College and clients from Red2Green, and members of the Bill Tutte Club (based in Newmarket) -being joined by over 50 staff, volunteers and local villagers.

For the first activity the War Detectives were split into mixed teams of 7 – 12 and given a bag full of coded messages to crack using clues they had to find on the Bletchley Park site. As they followed this coded trail they also had to complete a Fact-File of the key tasks and individuals who worked in the area they were in. To complete their challenge they also had a Word Search to do – all within 1.5 hours. This was a competition between the teams with the winners, each day, receiving a prize.

After lunch the War Detectives were free to visit wherever they liked (with their teachers), and then come together to ask questions of the Bletchley Park education team.

The War Detectives project has always been about bringing together disabled people with school students with local villagers to explore the Second World War - with the visit to Bletchley Park giving us the best opportunities so far to do this.

Our next War Detective events – which local people are warmly invited to:



‘Lies and Spies’ – 22nd April 2015

(10.30am to 2.30pm at Red2Green)

We will offer a range of ‘Lies and Spies’ activities (linked to WW2) as well as a sandwich lunch for anyone who wants to join us. In addition, we are very fortunate to have local author **Victor Watson** join us from 1.30 to 2.30pm:

*Victor Watson has written a series of four books, all set in World War 2. On 22nd April he will be talking about the third of them. The story takes place in 1944 and is called **Hidden Lies**. Its theme is **lies and spies**. The **lies** are told by the British and their Allies, with the intention of deceiving the enemy about the approaching invasion of Normandy. This deception is essential. Without it the invasion will fail. The **spies** are Nazi sympathisers desperate to discover the truth and pass accurate information to the German High Command. They are ruthless in their determination to find the truth. Five children living in the Cambridgeshire village of Great Deeping – and aged between 11 and 15 – are caught up in this struggle between fact and fiction. It is deadly, and they are in great danger.*

*The author will read extracts from **Hidden Lies** and discuss any aspect of the book with members of the audience.*

The other novels in the series are ~

Paradise Barn

The Deeping Secrets

Everyone A Stranger

~ all published by Catnip Press (£6.99).

The author will sign and sell copies of the books for anyone wishing to purchase one (at the slightly discounted price of £6.00). Books may also be bought at bookstores, or on-line.

Visit the author’s website at paradisebarn.com

‘Fashion’ – 14th May 2015

(10.30am to 2.30pm at Red2Green)

Come dressed up in 1940s fashion and wear your hair as they used to. Also if you have any stories or artefacts linked to Fashion please let us know? Thanks

The War Detectives project is supported by The National Lottery through the Heritage Lottery Fund.

If any reader wants more information on the War Detectives project and / or Red2Green’s work please get in touch with Nigel Fenner by email: nigel.fenner@red2green.org or telephone: 01223 811662? Thank you

Full Council met on 17th February with the business plan being the main item on the agenda. Following some debate the plan, put together by the various committees over the course of the year was approved by a majority vote. This includes a 1.99% increase in Council Tax for the coming year, coupled with identified savings of £32 million for 2015/16.

I sat on an assessment panel to consider applications to run a new primary school at Alconbury Weald. Following a full day of interviews it was agreed unanimously to recommend a joint bid from the Diocese of Ely and the Methodist Church as the sponsors for the new school.

Other meetings attended included a meeting regarding progress with the School Building capital programme, meetings regarding streetlights in Reach and Swaffham Bulbeck and a workshop of the General Purposes Committee looking at the business planning process for 2016/17. I have been invited to a meeting with the police regarding a proposal for some targeted youth work in Burwell. I am also pleased to report that I have been shortlisted for an award at the annual councilor awards, with winners to be announced in London on 2nd March.

Rubbishy Rituals

This is the era of the pointless gesture;
The slap of four palms; the air-punching fist.
The dragging down of airy levers;
And more puerile actions, that I've probably missed.
The slow motion touching, knuckle to knuckle,
Of a partner's proffered clenched hand,
When it's believed something has been accomplished,
That is, in the mind's eye, incredibly grand.

Poor misguided beings, think what you're doing;
How utterly silly the whole ritual seems.
Go get a life, or else, stay deluded;
Living a vacuous life, in your dreams.

Ophir

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY
BOTANIC GARDENS

Fabulous Frits

Fritillaria is a bulbous genus of around 130 species found from western Europe to east Asia with about 20 species native to North America. Just one species, the beautiful snakeshead fritillary, *Fritillaria meleagris*, is native to Britain and is at its best from April through to May. A lover of



water meadows and ditches, the snakeshead fritillary has bell-shaped flowers gorgeously marked with a checkerboard of purple and white; naturalised in grass, they make a spectacular show if conditions are damp enough. We have established a small colony along the stream that feeds the Lake, but for a really good show, you must visit the Other Place – Christ Church or Iffley Meadows in Oxford!

Very few bulbous genera have the kind of variety in form, colour and growth habit that is seen in fritillaries. This makes them an exciting and very collectible genus for keen gardeners. They range in colour from almost black, bruise purple and mauve to green, yellow, cream; several exhibit beautiful, tessellated patterns. Some are just a few centimetres high and naturally occur in snow melt areas in mountains – these make a wonderful display in the Mountains House of the Garden's Glasshouse Range throughout April; some reach up to one metre often growing along woodland edges or in open meadows. The orange and yellow crown imperials, *Fritillaria imperialis*, are also at their best this month, producing circlets of bell-shaped blooms on tall stems in lightly wooded areas. Crown imperials are the only UK plant species to have been documented to be, occasionally, bird pollinated, when a Cambridge-based researcher observed blue tits hanging upside down on crown imperials in the Woodland Garden here. In probing for nectar, the blue tits effected pollination. Bird pollination syndromes are often seen in South and Central American and South African flora, but rarely in Europe. Fritillaries are also of particular interest to plant scientists as they have been found to contain enormous quantities of DNA - in fact the highest quantities known in any plant or animal species - for absolutely no discernible reason!

The Botanic Garden is open April – September 10–6. Admission charges to the Botanic Garden are as follows: - Adult: £5.00, adult Gift aid £5.50. Concession: £4.50, Gift aid concession £4.95. Please visit the website for details at www.botanic.cam.ac.uk.

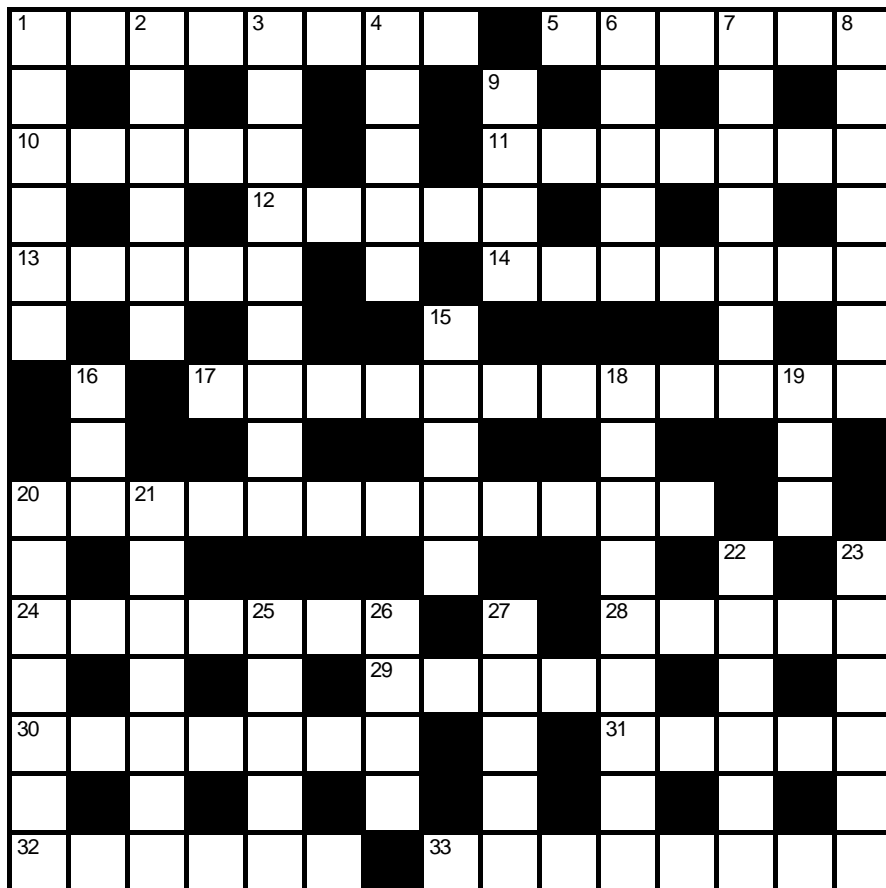
Crossword Number 119

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OUNCE

This month's puzzle is a simple cryptic crossword. Send your answers to the editors by 18 April 2015. 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 Strangely, many hundreds work for nothing at daybreak? (8)
- 5 Loud instrument daughter grooved (6)
- 10 Mortician mislays atom of poison (5)
- 11 Mob finance from 27? (7)
- 12 Something fishy about starting price for rodent? (5)
- 13 About to overturn submarine (1-4)
- 14 Stuart stumbling over Old Bob, 27? (7)
- 17 27 music composed with numb Lou (12)
- 20 Wood rotted? Right, reassign cod (5-7)
- 24 Commander shuffled a laird at end of term (7)
- 28 Retiring? Draw a prize (5)
- 29 27 giant Mitchell's work (5)
- 30 Graduates' early woodwind (7)
- 31 Trunk found in janitor's open closet (5)
- 32 Withstand eruption of southern tiers (6)
- 33 Instructs EU cadets badly (8)

Down

- 1 No seat belt on wrecked battle cruisers (6)
- 2 See 27
- 3 Tricks, not false, school head interprets (9)
- 4 Works must be removed from broken mousetrap (5)
- 6 Beginner, you hear, ran back to type of landing (5)
- 7 Castor, for example, but mixed with old domestic appliance (4,3)
- 8 Delves around East Street for abridged versions (7)
- 9 Young amphibians with feet in two

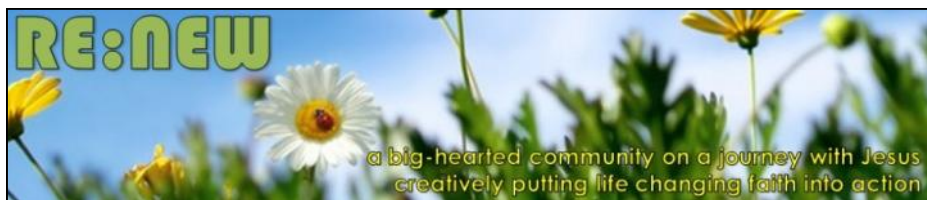
directions. (4)

- 15 Big, large, obese and tubby to begin with, swell! (5)
- 16 12A racer backs up sailor (3)
- 18 A stretch when Al incites rebellion? No (9)
- 19 Wild buffalo loses flab seeing saucer (3)
- 20 27 room detects particles (7)
- 21 Diffusion rings round element little sister joins (7)
- 22 Vehicle rust on Discworld's Captain? (6)
- 23 Turn in? So do I. Outlandishly detestable (6)
- 25 Origin discovered when returning; turns to orange (5)
- 26 See 27
- 27/2/26 **Ideal state? (5,6,4)

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Solution to crossword no. 118

We congratulate Dainin O'Dowd, the winner of last month's competition, who should collect his prize certificate from the editors. Honourable mentions go to Tansy Budd, Julie Nunn, Robert Nunn and Joslyn & Andrew Houston.



Easter is more than a chocolate egg!

The events of the first Easter are at the heart of what it means to be a Christian.

Jesus died on a cross ... he was certified dead by his Roman executioners ... he was wrapped in grave clothes and his body sealed in rock-cut tomb according to Jewish custom ... three days later he came back from the dead! He appeared to his disciples in a locked room, he ate and drank with them and taught them what had happened and what they must do next.

Unbelievable! Or is it?

I certainly used to think so. But ... like many other people, I have had cause to revise my opinions in the light of studying the evidence. Have you ever seriously considered that it might be true?

Why do so many people believe it?

A number of people, including some legal experts, have set out to write books disproving the Resurrection and, on studying the evidence, have come to the conclusion that it actually happened. There is enough historical evidence to convince those who are willing to put it to the test.

The New Testament is painfully honest about the Resurrection. The Apostle Paul wrote to the young church in Corinth: *'If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.'*

This letter was written only about 25 years after the event. Most of us would have little difficulty in remembering a significant event which may have happened in our lives in 1990. Paul writes that at various times, after his resurrection Jesus appeared to his disciples, and on one occasion he appeared to more than five hundred people, most of whom were still living at the time of his letter. It is as though Paul is saying, 'There are plenty of eyewitnesses. You can ask them, if you don't believe me!' Other New Testament writers, including the four gospel writers, also testify to Jesus having risen from the dead.

The followers of Jesus were transformed from cowering in locked rooms for fear of the authorities to openly proclaiming on the streets that they had seen the risen Jesus. Why? They carried the message out, suffering all kinds of hardship and persecution, until it had reached the furthest outposts of the Roman Empire. Why? Most of those first disciples died proclaiming that Jesus had conquered death, and many thousands more were to die for that belief, and many still continue to suffer and die for that belief today. Why?

The fundamental belief of Christians is that because Jesus conquered death those who believe in him and put their faith and trust in him will also rise again. Perhaps the best known verse in the Bible is John 3:16, which tells us that *'whoever believes in Jesus will not perish but have eternal life.'* This is the promise, hope and expectation for the future which Christians have – that this present world is not all there is. The best is still to come!

This Easter ask yourself the questions:

Why did it happen?

Why does it matter?

What might it mean for me if it's true?

Why not join us at RE:NEW to find out?

Peter Wells

RE:NEW Services in April 2015.

We have activities for children and young people at all our morning services, and a crèche is available if required. All are welcome.

5 April. 10.30am – Come and celebrate Easter with us!

RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (Bottisham Primary School)

With Holy Communion

12 April. 10.30am – RE:NEW Café style (at the School)

12 April. 6.20pm – Traditional service. (Lode Chapel)

19 April. 10.30am – RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (at the School)

26 April. 10.30am – RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (at the School)

26 April. 6.20pm – Traditional service. (Great Wilbraham Chapel)

For more information about any of the activities of RE:NEW

please contact

Rev. Keith Morrison on C.813055 or Peter Wells on C.812388.

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

Not Many People Know

**THAT in 1996 Ken Clarke's Budget was leaked
almost in its entirety to the *Daily Mirror*.**

The newspaper returned it, unpublished.

(How times have changed)

Dear Friends,

There are many people who have a strong sense that when they die they will have an existence beyond death. If you ask them about this they find it hard to put into words but it seems to involve the continuation of the person they are now. There are some common ways of talking about this continued existence. Some talk about people becoming stars that look down on the world or angels or spirits. For others the person who has gone is in a good place and will be there when friends and family die and join them. These people feel that memories will be retained and people will recognise each other. Where do these ideas come from? Is life beyond death just wishful thinking? Are these pictures of another life just ideas created to try and comfort those who are grieving? Do human beings have too high a belief in their own value that their existence cannot possibly end at death?



Many of these difficult to express ideas come from our Christian roots. At the heart of the Christian faith is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. This is what we will be celebrating at Easter. On that first Easter morning Jesus' friends came to complete the Jewish burial rites. They came to say goodbye to their friend. When they got to the tomb they found it empty and over the course of the coming weeks many of them met the risen Jesus. The stories of those meetings are the basis for many of the ideas we hold today. The resurrection gives people the hope that there is a life after death. It also gives them a sense that this new life will have some continuity with their old earthly life. The resurrection stories indicate that Jesus recognised and knew his friends. His words continued what he had said and done in his earthly life. In return his friends recognised him but not always immediately. It was as if he appeared similar to his old self but not quite the same. He was certainly able to appear in locked rooms and in places where people took time to recognise him.

Easter is a time to consider what we really believe and feel about death, and any continued existence beyond it. If we want to enjoy that continued existence then maybe we have to take the living Jesus more seriously and respond to him. I know that I will not win the lottery because I don't buy any lottery tickets. What if the same principle operates in terms of heaven and our continued eternal life with God. What if we need to respond to God to attain this amazing existence? What if we need to affirm its truth and celebrate it if we want to participate in it? Easter gives all of us the opportunity to think again and to respond to the God who offers us more than we could ever imagine. You would be very welcome to come and celebrate with us this Easter Sunday. There is a service for everyone or a celebration designed for children. (Families@5 in Swaffham Bulbeck school.)

With best wishes for a joyful Easter full of hope.

Church Services April 2015

Thursday 2 April, Maundy Thursday

7.30pm Benefice Service – Holy Communion (CW1), Lode

Friday 3 April, Good Friday

10.30am Family Worship with Gospel Choir and craft activities, Swaffham Bulbeck

2pm Open Air Service, Quay Triangle

7pm Good Friday Reflection, Bottisham

Sunday 5 April, Easter Sunday

11am Holy Communion (CW1T)

Followed by Easter Egg hunt in churchyard

5pm Families@Five, Swaffham Bulbeck Primary School

Sunday 12 April, Second Sunday of Easter

10am Benefice Service - Holy Communion (CW1), Lode

Sunday 19 April, Third Sunday of Easter

11am Family Service

Sunday 26 April, Fourth Sunday of Easter

10am Benefice Service – Holy Communion (CW1), Quay

Regular Events in the Benefice

Bible Study and Prayer Groups:

Monday Evening, **Weekly Men's Group**, Bottisham – C 812388

Tuesday Evening, **Weekly Ladies' Group** - 01638 743992

Second Wednesday afternoon, **Monthly Bible Study**, Swaffham Bulbeck - 813963

2nd/4th weeks Wednesday Evening, **Bible Study**, Swaffham Bulbeck - 811726

Wednesday Evening, **Fortnightly Ladies' Group**, Lode - 811897

Each Thursday, **Morning Prayer**, Holy Trinity, Bottisham, 8.30am, *followed by breakfast at Vicarage*

Contemplative Services:

Compline by Candlelight - first Wednesday of every month, Holy Trinity, Bottisham, 8-9pm

Especially for Families/Children/Young People:

Family @ Five, First Sundays in the month, Swaffham Bulbeck Primary School, 5pm

Toddler Praise and Play, Fridays in term time, St James', Lode, 9.30am

Gospel Choir, Tuesdays, Swaffham Bulbeck School, 3.30-4.15pm; for children from Year 2 and parents/carers - enjoy singing in the fun style of Gospel Choirs!

Family and All Age Services – please see noticesheet for dates/times

RE:NEW - Sundays, Bottisham Primary School – with activities for different age groups, 10.30am

Social and Support:

Weekly Coffee Mornings, 10.30-12 noon

Tuesdays - Village Hall Annex, Quay

Wednesdays – Poppy Room, RBL, Bottisham; Lode Chapel, Lode

Dates for Your Diary April 2015

Mon		
Tue	31	Aimee Cespa Activity Day, 10am-12 noon, 2pm-4pm, Waste Management Park, Waterbeach
Wed	1	Aimee Cespa Activity Day (see above)
Tue	7	Aimee Cespa Activity Day
Wed	8	
Thu	9	Aimee Cespa Activity Day
Sat	18	Crier Copy Deadline
Sun	19	
Mon	20	WI, 7.30, VH
Tue	21	Village Gardeners, 8pm, VH Mothers' Union, Lode Chapel, 2.30pm Mobile Library, Cage Hill 2.45-3.15pm Chapel 3.20pm-4.00pm
Wed	22	
Thu	23	Bottisham Patients Group AGM, 7pm BVC

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	