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Editorial

Congratulations to Martin Burge, for winning this year's Gurning cup, and while we're at it, many congratulations to Toni and Dave from the Lion who got married on the 25 July. Toni and Dave have made the Lion into such a lovely warm and welcoming place: we wish them great happiness for the future.

Now we're in congratulatory mode, also congratulations to the many volunteers who have been involved over the years in the preservation and improvements to St Cyriacs. Remember the Mary Loo Project? Well, one of the upshots of this is that the church can now be used for a great many more things, including the latest craze, championing!

Who would have thought this would become so popular? At £60 per person per night (actually, it's now come down to £45, so we hear) you get a bed atmospheric electric candles and a breakfast bap from the pub. It brings in much needed income for the Churches' Conservation Trust, and everyone loves it, apart from, it has to be said, the people usually involved with the St Cyriac's who find themselves unexpectedly barging in on dishabille champers, and are never certain when the church will be free for their own fundraising events, or indeed the loos for use by St Mary's. A victim of sudden and unexpected success! But all this will change, so we're told this month, when the stake holders involved will all put their heads together and come up with a workable plan

Don't miss the invitation from Janet Willmott and Emma Fletcher to get on the planning committee for the Queens 90th in this month's edition, who pinched an umbrella from Francis Reeks beautiful memorial concert (????), don't forget, Harvest Show and dog Show, and don't forget: next month's edition is **combined September/October** copy in early!

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Caroline Matheson

Cover Picture: *What a beautiful baby* by **Thomas Newbolt**



Letters to the Editors



Dear Editors,

Walks for Charlie

I would just like to write to everyone in the village to say a massive THANK YOU for all the calls & offers of help walking my dog There were at least 8 offers, & I settled on 2 families with children who are really doing a great job, & Charlie is in his element!

Many thanks

Heather & Charlie xx

Dear Editors,

Summer Solstice Celebration

It was great to have the "Feast" back again, and what a good idea to link it with the Midsummer Market in St.Cyriac's making it a great weekend. What a pity the weather was unkind to us. Maybe next year it will be better, and may the Solstice go from strength to strength. Please could we have more music?

Betty Prime.

WHOOOPS

After the wonderful concert on Sunday
given by Cambridge Voices to thank
Francis Reeks for all his support,
one fine umbrella
belonging to a worthy citizen
was "borrowed".

Queen's 90th Celebration

Please do come and join us at the Red Lion on Thursday 10th September at 8pm to get the ball rolling in planning a Swaffham Prior celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday in 2016.

If you can't make the date do let us know of any suggestions or ideas that you would like us to discuss by contacting either Emma or Janet and we will make sure to bring them up.

Looking forward to a fantastic commemorative party!

Emma Fletcher and Janet Willmott



St Mary's Church
Swaffham Prior

Pop Up Afternoon Tea Shop
Open 2pm to 5pm

Saturday 1st August
Saturday 15th August
Saturday 5th September

Pop along for tea and cake



From our Reporter at the Parish Council Meeting

Just before the meeting began Peter Hart leant across to Sandra and asked, now that Karen had gone, whether she felt overwhelmed being the only woman amongst so many men. Some members had a sharp intake of breath and I shot upright on my chair. Where was Peter going, I wondered? Doesn't he know the fate of Sir Tim Hunt and John Inverdale? What was he going to say next? But it was all okay – he was just being a gentleman, acknowledging that Sandra was of a different gender, and showing some concern about her feelings.



You must read Allen Alderson's ECDC report this month as he gives details of the ECDC proposal to reduce the number of ECDC councillors - the reason why was not disclosed. ECDC would like the comments from local people by 31 August. He also described the glorious details of Ely's multi-million pound new leisure centre. Steve asked whether it would jeopardise the Ely cricket pitch. Allen didn't know, but I am sure he will find out.

What is it about the PC meetings these days that the interchange of ideas and the wide ranging discussions, often passionate, are a real credit to our PC. All now seem very happy to add their two pennyworth to a debate. What has happened?

This was illustrated when discussing how to best handle the allocation of the CIL and Open Space monies - £37,000 and £32,000. The PC are determined to handle this well. They will carefully prepare everything to involve the village both in the making of suggestions and decisions, they will make their own suggestions as examples, there will be very careful costings, they will explore other sources of money and seek matched funding where possible, and they will not be making any rush decisions. All will be thought out and discussed. They have possibly taken a leaf out of the SNP's book. They will be acting as Mhairi Black, the baby of the House of Commons, described the action and decision making of the SNP:- "When we do finally reach a decision, we've poked all the holes in it, so we end up producing something of very high quality." As one PC member said, this is "a chance of a decade or so", and we have to do it

right. It all augurs well.

The Red Lion and the Little Chapel in the Fen are being nominated as “Assets of Community Value”. Hedges and brambles are still blocking some footpaths, which is thought to be “very unsociable”. The Clerk was asked to introduce his heavy hand, and Peter reminded the meeting that some PCs, after two letters, carry out any necessary work and bill the landowner. We’ll see what happens.

The Clerk gave his report. Our MP Lucy Frazer offered to come and meet the PC on 27th July. To say that the response was minimal would be an exaggeration of the enthusiasm shown. “Nah!” A lady from the Beeches has complained that some person, almost certainly a passer-by, has again started filling up the roadside bin with rubbish. The dog bin on Coopers Green is still at an uncomfortable level but this will be put right when the new lamppost is installed. Read the Clerk’s Report for a full account.

Paul asked if anyone knew why the flag is being flown this month. They had no idea, and even less interest. This shows how many read the *Crier*. Michael Limb asked if the flag is to be flown on St. Swithin’s Day.

The big news is that the bridge near the Allix Arms will be closed from the 16th to the 21st of October. This will involve a slight detour for lorries, agricultural machinery and residents.

Alastair Everitt

BON MOT NUMBER FIFTY SEVEN

“The age of chivalry is gone. That of sophisters,
economists,
and calculators has succeeded; and
the glory of Europe is extinguished for ever.”

Edmund Burke (1729-1797)



Strawberry Teas

The rain stopped, the sun shone, and a very enjoyable afternoon was had by many at the Strawberry Teas, kindly hosted this year in the beautiful gardens of Rod and Anne Clayton on the High Street. Thanks also go to Marianne, Cynthia and Jess for all their help with serving and clearing up and Brenda on gate duties. The fantastic sum of £230 was made for St. Mary's.



Swaffham Prior Dog *Show*

Saturday 12th September 2015



Village Hall, **2pm**, in conjunction with the
Village Harvest Show

Six Classes: Agility, Party Trick, Retrieve
Waggiest Tail, Musical Sit and Fancy Dress

Classes £1 each or £5 for all six classes

Entries on the day, enquires in advance to
Janet Willmott on 07833 960678

Prizes and rosettes for first place and
a gift for the runner up in each category

Generously supported by Alan's Ark at Soham



All proceeds to St Mary's Church



**Join
POP
(Proud of Prior)**

for another

COMMUNITY LITTER PICK!

**Meet at the bottom of Cage Hill
Under the Village Sign**

Wednesday 5th August, 2015

2.00pm – 4.00pm

Refreshments back at Cage Hill Afterwards

Please bring your own gloves if you wish

All other equipment will be provided

**Come and join friends and
Neighbours on this tidy up**

Look forward to seeing the results!



The Gurning Cup 2015

SOME 75 PRIORITES voted to elect this years winner of the newly introduced Feast's Gurning Cup, and what a contest it was. Along with the Big Three (Martin Burge, Chris Verdonk and Charlie Fletcher) who from the outset battled for first position, first one, then the other, then the other..., there were a sprinkling of outsiders (Emma Fletcher, April Cook, Alastair Everitt, Jarvis Sheldrick, Felicity Cook, Lucas Routely, Nathan Wrench) together with one person who was then accused of cheating. This was me, allegedly because I was not pulling a face at all, but always look like that.



The winner, Martin Burge

But at the end, the overall winner was not in doubt. The final line up was:

1. Martin Burge (26 votes)
2. Chris Verdonk (19 votes)
3. Charlie Fletcher (15 votes)

So congratulations Martin, first winner of what we hope will be many such contests in years to come.

If you've never heard of gurning before, it seems to originate from the Egremont Crab Fair in Cumbria (1257) where the "crab" refers to crab apples and hence presumably the sour faces. Traditionally, competitors look through a horse collar ("gurnin' through a braffin'") although in modern times, sometimes a toilet seat is substituted, as indeed we did here, kindly donated by Newmarket's Homebase and beautifully decorated by Tina Jost.



Runners up Chris Verdonk And Charlie Fletcher

Echoes From the Western Front

Ian de Massini (pianist) Jennifer Bastable (vocal soloist)

St Cyriac and St Julitta's Church, 20 June 2015

The intimate chamber concert of piano and vocal music by Ian de Massini and vocalist Jennifer Bastable which closed the Solstice Saturday of the annual Midsummer Market at St Cyriac's this year was enjoyed by a select but discerning audience in the first sunlight to penetrate the leaded lights of St Cyriac's that day, a mellow amber light complementing the nave's bright acoustic.

The underpinning themes of the concert revisited, and in some cases re-visited, those of the Advent by Candlelight concert of last autumn, but in a progressively lightening mood as befits midsummer.

This, after the solemn *O Lamm Gottes unschuldig*, by Nikolaus Decius, set to Bach's *Air on a G string*, virtuoso piano pieces from Ravel's *Le Tombeau de Couperin*, played with consummate skill and dexterity, by de Massini alternated with folksong from the same composer's *Trois Chansons* that ranged from the melancholy of *Trois Beaux Oiseaux de Paradis* through the suggestive ambiguity of *Ronde*, to the outright sauciness of *Nicolette*. Jennifer Bastable, besides having a voice that is the perfect vehicle for folk chanson of this kind, has an eye and an ear for the internal drama of the narrative and pointed up the mischief, where mischief was to be found, beautifully.

Accompanied sensitively by de Massini, she found the pathos in the more demotic *Homeward* by Cicely Fox-Smith to a tune by Sarah Morgan and the Howells setting of Shelley's *The Widow-Bird* and the lyrical beauty of Grieg's *Solveig's Song*.

Ian de Massini's solo rendering of Messiaen's *La Colombe* led naturally into Poulenc's *Priez pour Paix*, voice and piano complementing each other perfectly, and then to the evanescent delicacy of Lilburn's arrangement of Basil Dowling's poem *Summer Afternoon* gave way to the gallows humour parody of the music hall favourite *Sing me to Sleep*, which posed rather more of a challenge to Jennifer Bastable's impeccable vowels.

Vowels and consonants came in for a searching test (passed summa cum laude) in *Bryde one Brere* in the original Middle English, and glottal stops were successfully deployed in the beautiful clarity of *Dream Angus*, an exemplary fusion of form and meaning, for the purest of finales to a well-judged summer evening's music.

Andrew Grant

Accordionist in the Market Square

His music mingles in memory with
Miasma of distinctive drains.
Gambolling with garlic and Gauloises on its breath,
It caresses rusty edges of enamelled panels:
Michelin and Ricard, Pernod and Peugeot
In a rattle of iron-shod metro, doors latch-locked
Under dim yellow electric low-wattage.
Dancing in its wake, see sturdy, wide-belted,
Moustachioed men in blue overalls and beret,
On one arm a pencil-slim, black-silk woman,
On the other a bicycle hung with onions.
In its tremolo, Piaf and Montand tango:
Ils ne regrettent rien.
A Hymne à l' Amour above rain-slicked pavé,
Les amants d'un jour climb winding wooden stairs
To the death-trap door five floors over Opéra
Where the melody wheezes amid mopeds
And Déesses joust with Deux Chevaux.
The accordion breakfasts on croissants,
Café au lait, vin rouge and absinthe
In our memory of the Paris we were, alas,
Too young to know.

Wulsin



Far from the madding crowd — peace and tranquillity at the Strawberry Teas

Mobile phone use at the wheel can devastate lives

USING a handheld mobile phone while driving could have devastating consequences, that's the message from police running a month-long Think! campaign.

Not only does it cost people their lives but those who cause collisions and survive can receive long jail sentences.

This month, the Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire Road Policing Unit will be out looking for motorists breaking the law.

Driving while using a phone is one of the 'fatal four' driving offences, along with speeding, not wearing a seatbelt and drink or drug driving.

Inspector Mark Rogers said the mobile phones of drivers involved in crashes could be analysed to determine whether they had been used at any point before the collision.

In March 2013, a 31-year-old woman from Peterborough caused a fatal collision on the A47 at Thorney Toll, near Peterborough, after texting and making calls from two phones.

She drove her Jaguar X-Type into the back of a Peugeot 206, shunting it into the path of an oncoming articulated lorry, killing the driver, a 27-year-old man from Leicester.

Police seized her mobile phone, which she had denied using, and a second phone from the car. Examinations showed she had sent and received both texts and calls shortly before the crash.

The woman, who had previously been caught using a mobile phone at the wheel twice, pleaded guilty to causing death by dangerous driving and was jailed for six years at Peterborough Crown Court in July last year. She was also banned from driving for eight years.

Insp Rogers said: "This case demonstrates the potentially horrifying consequences of being distracted from driving by mobile phones.

"And it shows that any use of mobile phones will be picked up by officers investigating the causes behind the collision.

"If you don't end up seriously or fatally injured, you may well end up serving a significant time in prison; either way it will ruin your life."

The penalty for using a mobile phone while driving is three penalty points and a fine of £100.

FLYING THE FLAG

15th August, Feast Day of the Blessed Virgin Mary



The Official Document

I read it once, and to make sure
I read it one more time;
And then I read it once again,
Lest it was too sublime.

And then I put it down a while,
Whilst I had a cup of tea;
And thus refreshed I tried again;
But it still didn't make sense to me.

So I asked the man who wrote it,
Expecting elucidation.
His explanation was superb --
More of a peroration!.

But still the words did not connect;
My confusion only grew.
And still it didn't make sense to me,
Does it make sense to you?

Ophir.

Get Growing for the Autumn Show

The rain is plentiful this year and Swaffham Prior gardens are green and pleasant, with fruit and vegetables swelling and ripening.

All that is needed is a little more sun through August and we can look forward to bumper crops of fruit, giant vegetables and masses of flowers.

The Swaffham Prior Autumn Show will be held this year on:

Saturday 12th September



Use this opportunity to meet other Swaffham Priorites and keep our village life vibrant by taking an active part in community events.

Compete with your neighbours to grow the best flowers and vegetables, bake the tastiest bread and cakes; capture the most interesting photographic images.

The wide range of categories includes the examples below:

CHILDREN'S CATEGORIES

Model challenge

Giant vegetable

Sunflower

Decorated cup cake

Miniature garden

Vegetable animal

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

The themes for this year's photo entries are:

Up to 10 years	People (animals are people too)
11 to 16 years	The Natural World
Over 16 years	The Weather

BAKING and PRESERVES

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

FLOWERS

Roses	Mixed flowers	Pot plant
Flower arrangement		

VEGETABLES

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

FRUIT

Apples	Pears	Soft fruit	Stone fruit
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Full details and rules for all of the categories will be published in The Crier.

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

www.swaffhampriorvillagehall.co.uk



News from Bottisham Medical Practice

Patients' Group

With the holiday season upon us, we wish you a Happy and Healthy Summer and hope that you keep safe in the sun and heat.

Skin Cancer: Sadly there are over 100,000 new cases of all skin cancers diagnosed in the UK each year and the rate of the most dangerous, malignant melanoma, is rising faster than any other type of common cancer, and is also affecting 15 -34 year olds .Protection in the form of high factor sunscreen against UVA and UVB, keeping in the shade on sunny days between 11am – 3pm and wearing a sun hat and clothing to protect the skin are all ways to help prevent this disease. For further helpful information see website:

<http://www.britishskinfoundation.org.uk/SkinInformation/SkinCancer.aspx>

Blood Donation: There is a national shortage of blood donors so if you can help by becoming a donor for further information see website www.blood.co.uk or ring 03001 232323 for details of giving blood locally. Someone, somewhere, will be thankful you did.

Walks: The next walks with our accredited walk leader Steve Gilson start at 11.00 am from the surgery car park on 12th and 28th August. Anglesey Abbey walks continue on Thursdays at 10am from the reception area.

THE BURWELL SURGERY

FLU IMMUNISATION

It may seem far too early to be thinking about flu, as the summer sun still shines, but the doctors at the Burwell Surgery would like to let you know about the upcoming flu clinics for this year.



The Department of Health recommends annual flu vaccination for all those who have diabetes, are pregnant or are aged 65 and over. You are also recommended to get the vaccine if you have any long term conditions affecting your lungs, heart, kidneys, liver, brain or nervous system, immune system or spleen. Carers are also encouraged to have the flu vaccine.

We will be holding flu clinics from the end of September through to November, so please contact the surgery to make an appointment or come along to one of our open sessions below:

Thursday 24th September 2015 – Day Centre 09.00 to 11.30 (Adults only, by appointment)

Saturday 3rd October 2015 – Burwell Surgery 09.00 to 11.30 (Adults

only, open clinic)

Monday 5th October 2015 – Burwell Surgery 18.30 to 19.30 (Adults only, by appointment)

Thursday 15th October 2015 – Burwell Surgery 14.30 to 17.00 (Adults only, by appointment)

Saturday 17th October 2015 – Burwell Surgery 09.00 to 11.30 (open clinic)

Monday 26th October 2015 – Burwell Surgery 18.30 to 19.30 (by appointment)

Thursday 5th November 2015 – Burwell Surgery 14.30 to 17.00 (by appointment)

The childhood flu vaccination will be available through the surgery again this year if your child is aged 2, 3 or 4 years old on the 1st September and will be administered through a nasal spray. **Please note, we have been advised that the childhood flu vaccine will not be available until mid-October this year, so our earlier flu clinics are not being offered to children.**

If you are unable to attend any of the above clinics and would still like the vaccine, please do contact the surgery.

Finally, we will still be offering the shingles and pneumococcal vaccines to eligible patients during the above clinics.

Debbie Everitt
Practice Manager

LET'S DANCE

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

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

Dates: 12th September (Hawaiian Theme), 10th October, 14th November and 12th December (Black Tie optional).

Time: 7.30pm to 10.30pm.

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

For further information please contact: Frank and Sue Hancock, 01638 741159

or check out our website: www.letsdanceclub.org.uk

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





Bottisham Village College

Adult and Community Learning

Enrol now for courses starting in the Autumn
You can enrol at any time by visiting our website, or come
along to the Community Office to enrol on
Tuesday, 8 September, 7 – 9 pm

All courses are listed on our website, but

NEW courses include:

Art from History of Art

Baking for Christmas

British Sign Language

Cake Decorating

Calligraphy

Feltmaking

Mediterranean Cookery

Singing for Fun

Tai Chi

Saturday Workshops include:

Cook with your Kids (parent plus child)

Flowers for Christmas

Indian Street Food (cookery)

Make a Stained Glass Suncatcher

Make an A-line Skirt in a Day

Website in a Day

Wedding Flowers

Willow Weaving – Willow Baskets or Plant Climbers

For further details visit: www.bottishamvc.org/adultlearning

Tel: 01223 811372 email: adultlearning@bottishamvc.org

Facebook: BottishamAdultCommunityLearning or Twitter: @CommunityEdBott

Bottisham & Burwell Photographic Club

August 2015

The club will be commencing its 43rd year on 8 September 2015 7:30pm at Lode Chapel CB25 9EW. This evening, as with all our meetings, new members are welcome to attend and bring some prints taken in the summer (any size). Current members are asked to bring 3 prints or digital images that they have taken during the summer for viewing. Last year's award winning prints will also be displayed.

If you are new to photography or would like to develop your knowledge further, why not try our club? This may help you to achieve your aims and have an enjoyable evening, at our comfortable venue. Members use a wide range of cameras to take their photographs - DSLR's, Smartphones, Mirrorless and Compacts. They also have a very wide range of experience over a number of years and can offer guidance to newcomers.

Early next year the club is supporting a new venture in which club members will be asked to donate photographs to the long running Burwell Community Print Centre (Registered Charity No.1053026). Hopefully this will enable the charity to raise additional funds to support their valuable work for people with learning disabilities. Further details to follow later in the year.

Our programme for the year 2015/16 is wide and varied, which is always our aim. The initial programme will be:

Tuesday 8 September

See above.

Tuesday 15 September

Permajet Colour Management Presentation by Ian Windebank from The Imaging Warehouse, Stratford-upon-Avon. During this evening, monitor and printer profiling will be discussed along with Permajet papers and their uses.

Tuesday 22 September

'Taken on the Club Outing'. A new competition for this year – 'The Metcalfe Trophy' donated by Gerry Metcalfe DPAGB, who has been Chairman for the past ten years. The competition is to consist of four projected digital images taken on the day of the annual club outing.

Further details of our programme for the year can be viewed on our website, see below.

The club welcomes guests to any meeting at our venue, Lode Chapel **CB25 9EW** from 7:30 – 9:30pm. Fee £3.00 including refreshments, refunded on joining.

Annual subscriptions: Adult: £40.00, Joint Membership: £67.00, Student: £21.00. Refreshments 50p.

For further details contact:

Hon. Secretary.

Mrs Daphne Hanson DPAGB APAGB
T: 01638 741106

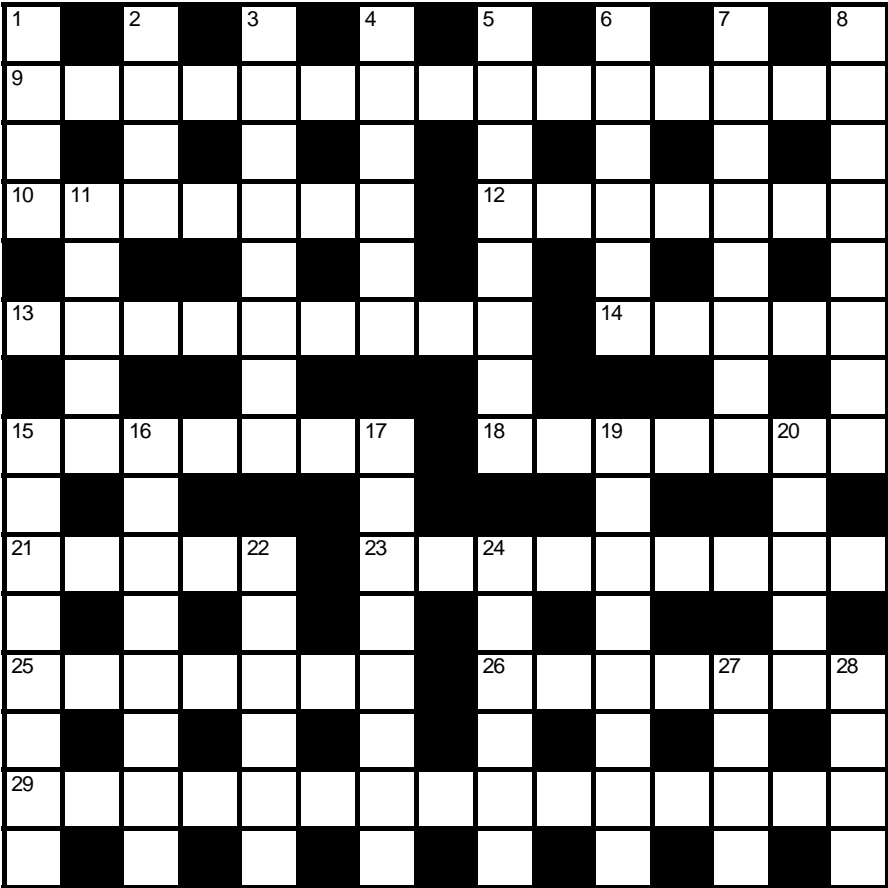
Crossword Number 123

Compiled by

Sponsored by **The Red Lion**

BYWELL

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

- 9 Packs a bit of a punch this; is it based on vodka? (7,8)
- 10 Makes notes from a Con Air remake (7)
- 12 Wake early before the match begins (5-2)
- 13 Spotting everything, dog heading off to small hole at end of field (5-4)
- 14 Friendly Islands' new leader dressed in old clothes (5)
- 15 Relatives praise return of movement (7)
- 18 Approving signal for double-back in mine (7)
- 21 Praise extraction from latex to lycra (5)
- 23 Setter is almost socially correct in choosing headers likely to cause offence (9)
- 25 Greek character opposed to surrounding Florence and Siena (7)
- 26 Green denial to setter's efficiency (7)
- 29 A triple example? Stop! (11,4)

Down

- 1 Peeled gammon rounds for example (4)
- 2 Little person gets upset over a jumper (4)
- 3 Explosion of red TNT is loud (8)
- 4 A sign on top of refreshed airy cage (6)
- 5 Upset by recollection of word 'puke' (6,2)
- 6 Carefully use eukaryote by cooking the outer portions only (3,3)
- 7 Naked red repositioned, became nearer to black (8)
- 8 Trumpeter causing disharmony in the plane (8)

- 11 Ran away from Croatian raccoon (5)
- 15 Joint protection for Europeans taken in by upcoming hit on the bottom (8)
- 16 Rent unit out for sustenance (8)
- 17 Deplorable Italian resort almost surrounded by US state (8)
- 19 Billy Bunter's state comprehensive? (3-5)
- 20 Expression of identity on an island (5)
- 22 Miles sometimes left Ghent by arrangement (6)
- 24 Grand follower's covering letter could be concrete preparation (6)
- 27 Fine Hungarian wine loses its head (4)
- 28 Borne in Mayo, Kevin once helped with the ploughing (4)

Solution to crossword no. 122

R	E	G	U	L	A	T	I	O	N	S		F	A	R	M	S
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We congratulate Robert Nunn, the winner of last month's competition, who should collect his prize certificate from the editors. An honourable mention goes to Jenny Brand.

County Council Report

July 2015

Full Council in July was dominated by discussing the County Council response to the Local Government Boundary Commission proposals to reduce the number of County Councillors. After much discussion a submission was agreed based on reducing the number from 69 to 63. As far as the local area is concerned this would see Lode being merged into the current division covering Burwell, Reach, Swaffham Bulbeck and Swaffham Prior. Council also agreed a motion asking the Audit and Accounts Committee to investigate issues surrounding Cambridge Central Library and the rejected proposals for an enterprise centre on the third floor.

General Purposes Committee also met to discuss a number of issues. One agenda item was the business case for the County Council to develop housing for rent off Newmarket Road, Burwell to generate an ongoing income stream for the Council. Other agenda items included: undertaking a strategic review of the County Farms Estate, the future of a number of buildings in Cambridge and the usual range of financial reports.

I also chaired a meeting of the Corporate Parenting Board and attended meetings with the parent's charity Pinpoint and with directors and other spokespersons for Children and Young People.

The County Council is currently consulting all Parish Councils on proposals to turn off certain streetlights between midnight and 6.00am as a cost and energy-saving exercise.

David Brown

DID YOU KNOW?

THAT the surplus milk we currently produce in Britain
would fill milk container tankers stretching all the way
from Lands End to John of Groats.

There's nothing quite like a good cup of tea ...

Especially if it raises money for a really good cause!

That's why we're inviting you to host a Tea for RNIB party this summer. Join hundreds of people across the UK raising money to support blind and partially sighted people.

Call 0845 345 0054 and we'll send you everything you need to get your Tea for RNIB party started. You just need to invite your friends to your house, garden, street or anywhere else you fancy.

There's a serious side to the party. Did you know that in the next 15 minutes, someone in the UK will be told: "You are losing your sight"? But right now, we can only reach one in three of the people who need our help the most. Your support can help more blind and partially sighted people to face the future with confidence.

You could support us by:

Asking guests to donate for a slice of cake and a cup of tea

Selling raffle tickets for donated prizes

Asking for donations to guess the number of sweets in a jar

Selling home crafts or yummy delights

Remember, it's easy and fun to run a Tea for RNIB party. There's loads more ideas in our free party pack, just call 0845 345 0054 or visit www.rnib.org.uk/tea-rnib to order yours today. We'll also then be able to put you in touch with Hayley, your local fundraiser who will be able to answer all your questions and help in any way she can.

Hayley Newton

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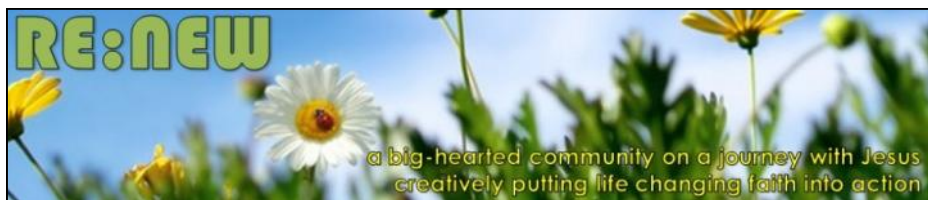
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There's nothing quite like a good cup of tea - especially if it raises money for a great cause! Hold a Tea for RNIB party this summer. Register now: <http://rnib.in/1Csbqh3>



New Things:

This month we will be welcoming our new minister at RE:NEW. Rev. Alan Brand, his wife Tammy, and their four young children will be joining our church family. They will be moving from Stockton-on-Tees to live in Lode. We are looking forward to what God has in store for us at RE:NEW as we move into this new phase of our life together.

We have been in what is known as a 'Pastoral Vacancy' for more than 18 months, since our former minister, Rev. Simon Goddard, left to become a Regional Minister with the Eastern Baptist Association. During that time the church has continued to flourish, and only last Sunday we were thrilled as one of our number was baptised. The RE:NEW church family is a varied group of people, old and young, single and married, who are committed to discovering together what it means to be a follower of Jesus in the 21st Century. We don't always agree, we don't have all the answers, we don't even know what all the questions are! But we do have a lot of fun together!

We know that Jesus wants us, more than anything else, to be loving people. People who love, care for, support and encourage one another. And that love and concern needs to spill out from the church to our friends, neighbours and, dare I say it?, even to our enemies. We are continually challenged by the radical nature of the life Jesus requires of his followers.

Alan and his whole family, the children's ages are from 2 to 10, are accepting the challenge this summer, leading a group of other families, to build homes for poor families in rural Mexico. We are looking forward to hearing their story when they come to RE:NEW.

Perhaps you are looking for a new challenge? Or a change of direction? Or to make some new friends? I guess, if you are looking for any of these things, church might not seem to be the most obvious choice, but those of us who belong to RE:NEW would testify to all of those things being relevant in one way or another to our lives. Why not give us a try? There is nothing to lose, but you might find there is everything to gain!

Jesus said, '*Behold, I am making all things new!*'

Peter Wells

RE:NEW Services in August 2015.

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

2nd August. 10.30am – RE:NEW The Bigger Picture

(Bottisham Primary School) With Holy Communion

9th August. 10.30am – RE:NEW Café style (at the School)

9th August. 6.20pm – Traditional service. (Lode Chapel)

16th August. 10.30am – RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (at the School)

23rd August. 10.30am – RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (at the School)

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

This will be the Closing Down Service for 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

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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

LEXMARK printer/copier/fax together with unopened new colour cartridge, instruction book and CD. Fay 07973665993 TEXT ONLY

Baby's car-seat. Mike c811606

Childs bicycle – suitable for 7 to 10 year old child. Good sturdy machine, needs a little clean and attention, otherwise in good order. Cheap at £5.00. Geoffrey c812395

Collection of Kilner Jars with lids. Lesley c812901 evenings

Pine bunk bed. Head boards have stickers on them which are difficult to remove but otherwise in good condition. Lucy/Nick c811192

Wanted

Dressmaker's dummy. Fay 07973 665993 TEXT ONLY

Metal-turning lathe, any age considered. Ray c813117

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 07895 064727.

St Mary's Church Services in August

Sunday 2 August, ninth Sunday after Trinity

11am Holy Communion (CW1T)

Sunday 9 August, tenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Benefice Service – Holy Communion (CW1), Quy

Sunday 16 August, eleventh Sunday after Trinity

11am Matins

Sunday 23 August, twelfth Sunday after Trinity

10am Benefice Service – Holy Communion (CW1T)

Sunday 30 August, thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

6pm Evensong

Would you like a lift to a service in Swaffham Prior or elsewhere in the Benefice?

St Mary's, Swaffham Prior is part of the Anglesey Group of Parishes comprising

Bottisham, Lode, Quy, Swaffham Bulbeck and Swaffham Prior, and a range of groups and activities are on offer throughout the benefice to which everyone is welcome:

Bible Study and Prayer Groups:

Monday Evening, **Weekly Men's Group**, Bottisham - Peter Wells 812388

Tuesday Evening, **Weekly Ladies' Group**, Bottisham - Lesley 07402 939791

Second Wednesday morning, **Monthly Bible Study**, Swaffham Bulbeck - Mike Procter 813963

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

Wednesday Evening, **Fortnightly Ladies' Group**, Lode - Iris Stannet

811897

Wednesday Evening, **Ladies' Group**, Swaffham Prior/Burwell - Fleur
01638 743992

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, Quy

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



Dates for Your Diary August 2015

Sat	1	Pop-up Afternoon Tea Shop, St Cyriac's, 2-5pm
Wed	5	POP Litter Pick, 2-4pm, Meet at bottom of Cage Hill
Wed	12	Flag Flying, Feast Day of Virgin Mary
Sat	15	Pop-up Afternoon Tea Shop, St Cyriac's, 2-5pm
Tue	18	Mobile Library, Cage Hill 2.45-3.15pm Chapel 3.20pm-4.00pm Crier Copy Deadline: Sept/Oct
Sat	5	Pop-up Afternoon Tea Shop, St Cyriac's, 2-5pm
Sat	12	Harvest Show and Dog Show

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	