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Editorial

STOCKS ARE LIKE BUSES THEN. First there's none, then three come at once. Such it was at the Solstice Feast, where the ladies' version (just in case the men failed as anticipated) is modelled by April below. Perhaps we'll keep them in the Cage, since as Mike Carrington points out in his Feast report, they could come in very handy. Anyway, we didn't need them as it turned out because it poured down, and that's clearly just what you get for changing the Feast day from its traditional place on the um first Saturday after Rogation Sunday (possibly). But never mind, what a SUCCESS (!!!) and thank you everybody who helped or just came along.

Harry the dog would like to point out that it is not he who is the anonymous canine writing on the *Letters* page this week, but as the editors' dog, *he does know who it is*. And is already considering a crafty scheme in which HE might finally win the coveted Retrieve Rosette at the Dog -Show. Yes, a Delicious Cake Stall, just the thing....

Many congratulations to Janet Willmott, the first winner of the Gaye Bulleid Award after its restitution this year. Janet does incredible things for this village and always has, but recently she has branched out into pastures new, kindly offering to provide the editors with *free Strawberry Teas*. Actually, one strawberry for every day past our copy date (18th) is going to be our new charge out rate — correspondents take note!



Charlotte Cane, take a bow, with the help of our councillors, she's got the money for the School Roof (see Letters), and last of all, in memory of Francis Reeks: A Memorial Concert. What could he have possibly more enjoyed and what better tribute to a greatly loved and respected member of our community than Ian's Concert on 26th July. See you there

Caroline Matheson

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Cover Picture: *Dragon fly on the wing* by **Claire Warren**



Letters to the Editors



Dear Editors,

Heritage Walk

Under Elizabeth Everett's gentle guidance and with her wealth of historical knowledge, the village Heritage Walk was fascinating. Two of the participants were born here seventy years ago, and live here still, so were able to add anecdotes and memories that showed how hugely Swaffham Prior has changed in just their lifetime. I gathered that Elizabeth wasn't keen to do another walk because she felt there probably wouldn't be much interest, but we hope she'll change her mind as we'd certainly do it again, and I know we're not alone in that. Many thanks also go to Colin and Chrissie Fordham, who brought the tour to its conclusion by welcoming us into their lovely home for tea .

Maggie Cotner

Dear Editors,

Those Cakes!

A big thankyou to all those who made cakes for the Solstice Fair.
They were all sold and am sure all enjoyed!

Margaret and Zelda.

Dear Editors,

...And More Cakes

The cakes at the Village Feast were delicious!

An Appreciative Canine

Dear Editors,

School Roof

I am delighted to let you know that the County Council have agreed to fund the full repairs to the roof of Swaffham Prior School.

I would like to thank Swaffham Prior Parish Council for their support for the school, which together with the support from Reach Parish Council, shows strong community support for the school. I would also like to thank County Councillor David Brown, District Councillor Alan Alderson and Parliamentary Candidate Jonathan Chatfield for their support in highlighting the need for these roof repairs. I hope we can continue to work together to support our local primary school.

This is a major project, so the works won't start before 2016. But the planning will start soon and we will keep you informed as the plans develop.

Charlotte Cane
Chair of Governors

The Gay Bulleid Award

It was in 2011 that the Award took a rest following the amalgamation of the Prior and Bulbeck WIs. This year the WI passed the Award over to the Parish Council.

To the delight of everyone at this year's Annual Village Assembly it was awarded to Janet Willmott. If there had been more at the meeting the applause would have been deafening. Janet was not there to receive it because she was in Cape Town helping the less fortunate.

Chairman John Covill mentioned Janet's initiation of the Community Car Scheme and her work in helping and raising funds for both churches. Indeed her energy, and her willingness to share her time when needed, is amazing. Amongst her many achievements she arranged the raising of the flag on St Cyriac's, the Heritage Walk, and more recently a churchyard care group. But be warned. There is a rumour she has other joint ventures in mind which will provide opportunities to meet others in the village, to get to know them, and thereby help to make the village a real community.

Well done Janet. You are an example to us all.

ANJC

STOP PRESS — SCAMMER DANGER!

Just today, a highly intelligent definitely not gullible upstanding member of our community was rung up by an American gentleman from "HomeITMaster.com", who told her that he was working for Microsoft, her browser was under threat, listed a number of sites she had recently visited, and then said he needed just £204.99 to fix the problem. After an hour or so on the phone, our resident finally gave up, allowed him to install dodgy stuff on the computer, and tried to transfer this amount to said US gentleman-no-I-am-NOT-a-scammer-Ma'am, otherwise known as Toe Rag. The dodgy stuff is still there, but....

Fortunately, the money transfer did not succeed. The bank knew all about Toe Rag. You probably pride yourself that you are never fall for scams! Well....

If ANYONE you don't know rings you about ANYTHING concerning your computer, finance details, wanting money, whatever, just put the phone down, no matter what panic/emergency//you-will-lose-everything histrionics they are attempting to tell you about. ALSO, be aware that if you ring anyone on the same phone after they have rung you, Toe Rags can cunningly reproduce the dial-tone and you might end up talking to them again, rather than the Police or your Personal Banking. Use a different phone, or just ring someone you know first. It's simply because it's the caller (not you putting the phone down) that terminates the call, **and they might just hold for Scam Part II.**

Eds

From our Reporter at the Parish Council Meeting

Truly we are a very rural community. Our Chairman missed the meeting because he was haymaking. Peter Hart took the chair and jolly good he was.

It was an extraordinary meeting. It is a very long time since I have witnessed such a wide exchange of opinion with proposals being met with counter proposals. At several points these were so many that you will need to read the Clerk's report to discover some final resolutions. To confuse everything further the members of the public became actively involved in 'Open Question Time'.



Some amazing news came from Charlotte Cane, in an email from the School Governors, announcing that the CCC will fund the repair of the School roof in 2016. This could be in the region of £200,000 some one said. What a rapid response to the concerns raised at the Annual Village Assembly. All who attended that meeting must feel very proud.

The Village Sign needs urgent attention. It was carved by Ron Morris of Reach and erected in 1986 (see Sylvie Short p. 143 for more details). At the meeting we were told the problem is that it was carved from a piece of railway sleeper soaked in creosote, and still bleeding. Several options were considered from making a plaster cast, creating a plastic copy, leaving it just as it is, dipping it, stripping off the paint carefully and leaving it as bare wood, put it in storage in the Pound and invite a new design. Mark, who in his varied career had been a painter, insisted it should not be dipped and that any paint stripping must be done most carefully. He thought a young man was unlikely have the skills and the knowledge, and they will need to locate an old craftsman. David Almond thought it essential that professional advice be sought before any action is taken. There is a separate fund of £1000 to care for the Village Sign. The post and plinth also require repainting.

The Clerk has received a credit note for £106.22 to cover just one year of our overpayment for street lighting. But he has had nothing in writing and no news about all the other years of overpayment.

To save the world etc the Clerk may now send all information electronically. This will save him travelling around the village every month. I think Paul still wants him to travel. To help the PC understand the change a copy of Statutory Instrument 2015 No 5 was distributed. The opening paragraph of this is reproduced at the end of this report. Some may find it a challenge.

Mathew Pickering, the CCC traffic authority, apologised for not being able to attend the Village assembly (AVA) to discuss Mill Hill traffic but he

is very happy to come another time. When to arrange it? One suggestion was to kick it into the long grass and have it at next year's AVA. Another was to have an open village meeting, and to discuss it with the CIL proposals (more on this later). David G thought Pickering should first only address the PC because, while David said he had attended many meetings from the public gallery, he had no clear picture of the options. Later I said that I had also witnessed many meetings and knew what the options are: changing from 40 to 30 mph, a pelican crossing, chicanes, a roundabout, and others yet to be mentioned by local people who have views, and knowledge. Surely it must be a public meeting.

The footpath from the Village Hall through to Station is again impassable. It is the most neglected footpath in the village. Meantime the blocked sewer in the High Street has caused some concern. Many are the stories that abound as so many appear to have spoken to "the terribly nice man" who unblocked the sewer. One consistent story is that it is caused by the excessive fat and grease which comes down Cage Hill.

Paul was very exercised by the closure of the Devil's Dyke by Newmarket Racecourses for health and safety reasons when after-racing concerts are on. He said that that section of the Dyke is in our parish and they should have asked the PC for permission.. Paul thought the PC should take on the Jockey Club, but no-one had the stomach for that, and all his protests fell on barren ground. Later Michael Limb said that if this particular part of the Dyke is in Cambridgeshire then an application for closure should have gone to the CCC. He suggested the CCC is informed. I am not sure if our Footpath Officer agreed to do this.

Now to the CIL – the County Infrastructure Levy. This allows us 15% of the money being paid by the developers of the Dencora Field. The total amount payable is £213,583, and up to 18 months or so ago, so the story goes, all of this would have come to the village. Now the 15% amounts to only £32,000, in three payments. We also receive £37,000 for "Public Open Space Contribution".

How are we going to spend it? The general view of the PC appeared to be that all ideas should be collected and then raised at a public meeting. This could take some time and, to my mind, will be so complex that it should not be combined with the Mill Hill traffic. Meantime the first payment of £8000 should have been made, and the PC will be writing to ECDC to find out how to obtain it.

Alastair Everitt

POSTSCRIPT (See Over)

Statutory Instrument
2015 No 5
LOCAL GOVERNMENT , ENGLAND

The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, considering that the authorisation of the use of electronic communications by this Order for any purpose is such that the extent (if any) to which records of things done for that purpose will be available will be no less satisfactory in cases where use is made of electronic communications than in other cases, makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 8 and 9 of the Electronic Communications Act 2000.

(so that's telling us. Eds)

The Heritage Walk

This year's Heritage Walk, superbly led by Elisabeth Everitt, was well attended and much enjoyed by everyone. It started under the village sign on Cage Hill and ended outside the Church and covered a huge amount of history inbetween! From pubs and shops to the Cage and Pound, from the dairy and police house to the Chapels and so much more. This was all followed by tea and cake which was kindly hosted by Colin and Chrissie Fordham and to top it all £159 was raised for St. Mary's Church. A huge thank you goes to Elisabeth for the amount of time and effort that had gone in to preparing the afternoon and for making it so interesting and entertaining.



Janet Willmott



Midsummer Market

This year's Midsummer's Market in St Cyriac's Church was a lovely weekend of catching up with village friends, browsing the stalls which included local produce, and wonderful entertainment which was provided by The Anglesey Benefice Gospel Choir under the direction of Angela Roebuck. The children meet once a week at Swaffham Bulbeck school to rehearse and the choir is made up from pupils from both the Swaffham Primary schools and several adults, including Rev Sue!



They wowed their audience with many songs and their enthusiasm and energy was amazing. A wonderful performance and a treat for all those enjoying tea and cake on Father's Day. Definitely not to be missed when they make a return visit in the Autumn at the Harvest Supper..

Janet Willmott



Strawberry Teas!

Sunday 5 July, 3-5pm
Anglesey House, Swaffham Prior
(next to the church;
by kind permission of Anne and Rod Clayton)

Tickets: £5 adult/£3 children
in advance, please, from
Kate 01638 743983 or
Janet 07833 960678

All welcome
Will go ahead whatever the weather!
In aid of St Mary's, Swaffham Prior



Thanksgiving concert in memory of
Francis Reeks
to be given by **Cambridge Voices**
and flautist Nick Nightingale

Directed by **Ian de Massini**

In the two churches of Swaffham Prior,
(starting in St Mary's Church)

SUNDAY 26th JULY
4.00 – 6.00pm

**Fauré's *Requiem*, Brahms' *Liebeslieder Waltzes*,
Finale from Mahler's 3rd Symphony, arranged for choir
in memory of Francis Reeks (World Premiere),
music from Grieg's *Peer Gynt Suite*,
Francis Poulenc's *Songs of St Francis of Assisi*,
plus music by Carl Rütti, Mendelssohn, and De Massini**

Free admission: retiring collection
in aid of the
choir's forthcoming concert tour of Paris



Dee and Emily Noyes hard at work on POPs first village litter pick

POP's Litter Pick

POPs (Proud of Prior) first litter pick was enthusiastically supported and a staggering amount of rubbish was collected, which was efficiently removed the following day by Veolia. All the equipment we needed was supplied by ECDC which made the job so much easier. As one picker commented, she had collected enough car parts from the verges on Mill Hill to start making her own! On the same evening the village Scouts started to tackle the rampant ivy in the Churchyard which is their contribution to the POP effort and we will be seeing them again later in the year as they have offered to slot this into their schedule of evening meetings a couple of times a year. So, a huge thanks goes to those who turned up to collect litter and help in the Churchyard, we got off to a great start. Offers of help to rub down and wood treat the two benches in the Churchyard would be most welcome.

Janet Willmott
07833 960678

BON MOT NUMBER FIFTY SIX

"Bowl fast, bowl faster. When you play Test cricket
you don't give Englishmen an inch.
Grind them into the dust."

Sir Don Bradman (1908-2001)



St Mary's Church.
Swaffham Prior

Pop Up Afternoon Tea Shop
Open 2pm to 5pm

Saturday 4th July
Saturday 18th July

Pop along for tea and cake



Donations!

Many thanks to the Village Festival Committee for their very kind donation to the *Crier* this month.

Annual Village Assembly 2015

In my April PC Report I grumbled because the Mill Hill Traffic Question was not on the Assembly Agenda. The meeting could have been a humdinger. In spite of this missed opportunity it was a very good meeting. Not so many attended. There were six PC members, 2 Clerks, 11 members of the public, and 2 builders involved with the Rogers Road development, who left after their ten minute presentation.

The ECDC and CCC Reports were read out (neither councillor was able to attend), and the PC Report was delivered. John Covill paid tribute to the two departing PC members. Firstly to Eric Day, perhaps the longest serving PC member ever. He was noted for his practical help in putting things right, especially if it saved money. He was frugal in the extreme and was opposed to any PC expenditure. Tribute was also paid to Geoffrey Woollard who often raised concerns which took the PC outside the village confines. He is now on a new career with the Soham PC. All of us who know Geoffrey wish the Soham PC well. Also presented was the Gay Bulleid Award to Janet Willmott who unfortunately was unable to attend.

John Chalmers expressed his disappointment that no mention had been made in any of the reports of the urgent need for the school to have a new roof. It did not make it onto the CIL Regulation 123 list. Once again it was lamented that ECDC had kidnapped (or did they mean misappropriated) the old s106 fund.

Charlotte Cane gave a report on the School. Charlotte is the new Chair of the School Governors, having taken over from Roz Chalmers who had carried the school banner so successfully for so many years. The last Ofsted report was "Good".

David Greenfield, representing the Community Land Trust, said that at present there were 15 applications for the 8 low cost houses. Mike Carrington gave a report on the Village Hall and his great excitement was that 4 new enthusiastic people had joined the Committee. This is such an important building, and plans are afoot to raise money for an expensive upgrade. Meantime over the summer there is to be a high-level clean, fresh painting, and sanding etc of the floor. It is very heavily used building.

Tim Doe, Group Scout Leader, turned up in a very dashing (perhaps even natty) suit and gave the latest member figures. There are 18 Beavers, 22 Cubs and 28 Scouts. What a remarkable achievement. Tim gave a long, highly entertaining and informative report. Two very exciting events stand out. One was participation in a 24 hour scout activity event at Mepal, when no-one was allowed to go to bed. It was 24 hours activity on the trot. I gather the kids loved it. The other event is that they will go to Germany next year and link up with Jan Petersen and his scouts. Many of us remember Jan with affection following his stay in the village many years ago. Tim paid tribute to all the many people who help with the scouts.

Betty Prime asked why ECDC is refusing to put up fences to divide gardens. This was a seemingly innocent question - but it resulted in a very long and passionate discussion. It was a story worthy of the *Sun*, and certainly too tasty for *The Crier*. Only those present will ever know the true story.

Alastair Everitt



Rain failing to stop play at the Egg Throwing

Breakfast Sonnet 1

or *What else did the Romans ever do for us?*

The provenance of bread that's lightly scorched
Is still a foremost cosmic mystery.
Was some great Caesar's purple toga torched
As, once, he sat down to enjoy his tea,
Only to find he rather liked the taste
Of carbon on the slice held in his hands
And with unseemly and un-Roman haste
Sent legions to the far-flung Empire's lands,
Proclaiming to the peoples that he led
Of all who shared in fealty to Rome
That *tostum* was the only kind of bread
For fashionable patricians back at home?
If such there were, I'll gladly raise a toast
To one more "first" of which the Romans boast.

Wulsin

Champing?

(As in the Crier; May. Pg 9)

'Champing' has acquired a new implication
No longer is it to noisily 'chew on the bit';
But it's to spend the night resting,
In a church, possibly testing
one's natural 'grit'.

Is it with intent to feel any depths of dejection,
Once experienced by people, long, ago passed?
To try to sense something of their devotions;
To share, as it were, in their extreme emotions?
Or to go the next morning, to the pub, to break fast?

Ophir

Summer Solstice Celebration



The **Village Feast** and **Midsummer Market** came together in one action-packed weekend despite the vagaries of British summertime weather. The theme was long hot summer days, with Pimms for Mum and Dad and lots of games for the

kids. What we got was warm, but overcast and threatening weather in the morning, followed by rain in the afternoon.

And, despite that, the day was a resounding success!

The Feast's inaugural Children's **FANCY DRESS** Parade was won by a beautiful fairy called Molly Elston, and it didn't take long for the whole range of events to be

busily underway, with something for kids of all ages.

Despite heavily stocking up on our local Hurrell's superior beef and sausages, the **BARBECUE** sold out with queues still queuing, and our thanks go to Neil and Ann Winkup and the Swaffham Prior scouts for their hard work in preparing the food so excellently. Thanks also to Griff Hunt for providing the barbecue and (importantly as it turned out) a rain-proof gazebo.

The **TREASURE HUNT** provided the stimulus for many revellers to stretch their legs and wander between the Feast and the Midsummer Market, whilst also exercising the little grey cells. No-one managed to quite complete Caroline's, Julie Nunn's and Ophir Catling's fiendish rhyming riddles but three went in the draw (Peter Arksey, Paul Latchford and Tom & Pippa Bourne), each with a different one wrong. Congratulations to winners Tom and Pippa, who can look forward to treating the village to a drink from their vast winnings (well, £20!)



Whilst all this was happening, **WATER BALLOONS, FLYING BEARS, FACE -PAINTING** (many thanks to Chris Clarke for providing suitably beautiful and macabre make-up for young and old alike) and the **FOOTBALL CHALLENGE** were busy in the School playground.

Outside the Village Hall, Julian's brand-new **BOWLING** game did a roaring trade, possibly helped by being next to



the drinks tent, which sold out of Pimms for the first time in living memory. Sorry to anyone who didn't get their annual fix! A host of our regular games, such as the Can Shy, Tombola, Lucky Dip and Splat-the-Rat were joined by not one, but two sets of **STOCKS** (thanks to Pete Bridgeman and Peter Arksey for their hard work), plus a painted lady from Tina Jost.

They will be made available to the Parish Council for the punishment of Village hooligans and yahoos throughout the year.

For the first time, traditional East Anglian **MOLLY DANCING** featured at the Feast, courtesy of the children and staff of the Primary School who have done a marvellous job of keeping this endangered pastime going - we are also very grateful for them allowing us to spill



into their playground, which made it possible to increase the range of attractions.

And then the rain came down. The stalls which were under cover continued trading, but many went into the Hall for cream teas and to take part in our first **GURNING COMPETITION**.

A traditional halter

was not available, however a suitably adorned toilet seat (unused, but decorated by Tina Jost) was placed around the necks of a great number of hopeful gurners, and we can now announce that, after much detailed consideration over pints of beer, **YOU** are deciding! Votes to the Crier please, by the end of next month (see page 18). Whilst the raffle was concluding in the Hall, the rain was abating outside, and soon everyone had bought their eggs for the Swaffham Prior **EGG THROWING CHAMPIONSHIP**, run, as usual by





Martin Mead. The winners (Tom and Mike Carrington) apparently cheated, but in the absence of a red card, managed to get away with it and carried off the Egg Cup.

We are extremely grateful for all the hard work put in by our expanding band of volunteers, and hope that the Feast keeps growing bigger and better over the

coming years. We made just short of **£750** towards upgrades to the Hall, thanks to the generosity of the Village community and local businesses.

... and don't forget to keep sowing - the Autumn Show isn't far away!

Mike Carrington.





The ever popular Tombola (thanks for all our contributions!), cake stall, Extreme Bears, Molly Dancing in the playground and Egg Throwing in the road.



COMPETITORS WERE
(WE THINK!) from the left
and column by column:

- 1 Martin Burge
- 2 Tina Jost
- 3 Leo Fletcher

- 4 Felicity Cook
- 5 Lucas Routley
- 6 Archie Wesley
- 7 Alfie Wesley

- 8 Lily Shakeshaft
- 9 Alistair Everett
- 10 Daisy Sheldrick
- 11 Javis Sheldrick

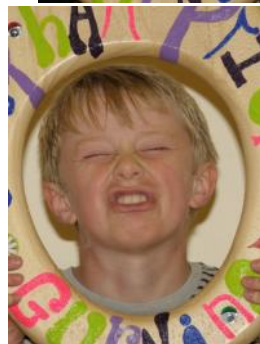
- 12 Martin Mead
- 13 Michael Mead
- 14 Aiden
- 15 Paul Murfet

- 16 Emma Fletcher
- 17 Charlie Fletcher
- 18 Caroline Matheson
- 19 Matt Yorke

- 20 Will Shakeshaft
- 21 Chris Verdonk
- 22 April Cook
- 23 Nathan Wrench

**Send your votes to
the Crier for next
month (email/phone
or note) to elect this
year's Swaffham
Prior Gurning Cup
winner!**

Swaffham Prior Gurning Cup Competition 2015





News from Bottisham Medical Practice Patients' Group

Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitor: We are pleased to report that this piece of equipment, paid for by a patient following the fund raising campaign by the Patients' Group, is now in use and there is a waiting list.

Shingles Vaccination: Shingles is a very painful disease so if you are eligible, that is patients born between 2.9.44 - 1.9.45 (70 years old), 2.9.36 - 1.9.37 (78 years old) or 2.9.35 - 1.9.36 (79 years old) and have not had this vaccination before then do please take this opportunity. The Practice reports that many patients have not taken up this offer.

Missed Appointments: Although the May figures showed a reduction on the annual average of 100 appointments a month missed, there is still room to improve.

This leads to an increase in waiting times for appointments, frustration for staff and patients and waste of resources. If you are not going to keep your appointment please let the surgery know so that urgent cases can be slotted in.

Wasted Medication: Millions of pounds are lost to the NHS on drug wastage, which could usefully be used for patient care. Please ensure you only order what you really need and do not stockpile your medication. Once a prescription has been made up and dispensed it is no longer able to be reused and thus has to be destroyed.

Walks: The next walks with our accredited walk leader Steve Gilson start at 11.00 am from the surgery car park on 10th and 29th July and 12th and 28th August.

Committee Meeting: The next meeting of the Patients' Group Committee will be on Thursday 30th July at Downing Court, Swaffham Bulbeck. If you are interested in joining the Committee please contact our secretary or chairman, details on the website and surgery noticeboard.

Bottisham Patients' Group Committee



Flag flying dates

30th July

St Julitta

15th August

**Feast Day of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**



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
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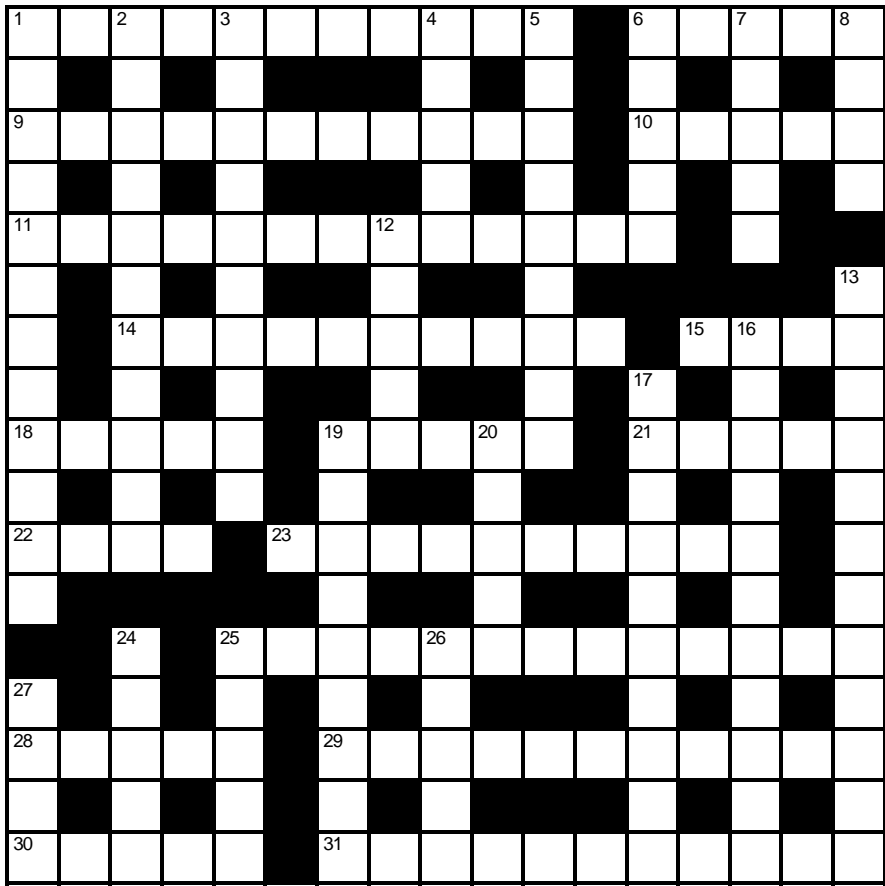
Crossword Number 122

Compiled by

Sponsored by **The Red Lion**

OUNCE

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



Across

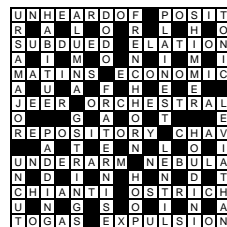
- 1 Lou angriest when breaking these rules (11)
- 6 Loud marine enters 'Like' for arable enterprises, for example (5)
- 9 Land near the confused ancestor man? (11)
- 10 Angry 19A loses direction in cover (5)
- 11 Sad bird in broken tree house on islands (5,8)
- 14 Detests Honest Lincoln in moats mess (10)
- 15 Pain in stomach? Eating too much! (4)
- 18 Flying pest makes irritating drone, going earthward at first (5)
- 19 Crawl on all of these boundaries? (5)
- 21 Scientist absconds from shambolic constituencies with setter (5)
- 22 Remove figurehead from banquet in the Orient (4)
- 23 Canal transport containing youth leader and inexperienced driver, in general (2,3,5)
- 25 Numismatist is not cool, circle around (4,9)
- 28 Motoring organisation returns. Leave with load (5)
- 29 Bag containing breathalyzer, beefalo and brunch? (11)
- 30 Unite leaves trade union in disarray over natural gas (5)
- 31 Unusual birch hat, but used to house lagomorph? (6,5)

Down

- 1 No feeling in midst of ruined red manor, generated by Ernie? (6,6)
- 2 Endangered species adapting short answer (5,6)
- 3 Leonard embraces the German with watering device in shorts? (10)

- 4 Parent loses head over alternative? (5)
- 5 Son sidles about substantial quality (9)
- 6 Tools confound faithless. Hats off! (5)
- 7 Reveals that Matahari values competitor (5)
- 8 Held out shielded eleven erratically (4)
- 12 Instrument in suburban job centre (5)
- 13 Ooh! Rupert, beg wildly in county town (12)
- 16 Explodes TNT on cement; result happiness (11)
- 17 Part of unmade futon there (10)
- 19 TV dolphin swallows unknown quantity of national beverage. In short, he dumps illegally (3,6)
- 20 No, I'm moodier going berserk at cowboy event (5)
- 24 Corrosive, right? In formic, for example (5)
- 25 Chromium ring, with Norse initials, worn on royal head (5)
- 26 Chocolate-flavoured pud from cupboard mix (5)
- 27 Mark left by small vehicle (4)

Solution to crossword no. 121



We congratulate Keith Richards, the winner of last month's competition, who should collect his prize certificate from the editors. Honourable mentions go to Tansy Budd, R E Nunn, Jo & Helena Pumfrey, and Jenny Brand.

We had a fascinating talk about the history of Papworth from Becky Proctor, the Heritage Project Officer, at the Papworth Heritage Centre.

Papworth Hall was built in farming land, by a wealthy farmer in 1810. It was not until 1918, however that patients were moved from the Cambridge TB colony in nearby Bourne to the Hall.

Prior to the First World War, 75 thousand people died, annually, of TB and the idea of a new approach to treatment was developed by a Cambridge educated physician, social pioneer and later administrator of the Papworth Village Settlement, Dr Pendrill Varrier Jones.

He believed that patients needed not only treatment, but long term convalescence, a nourishing diet, plenty of fresh air, access to financial support and paid work- all aiding recovery.

Patients were at first nursed in open air wards, often on complete bed rest and as they progressed- some over a number of years, they moved to open air huts- made of wood and fabric where they lived all year round. The fresh air was considered by Dr Varrier Jones to be the key to recovery. The Settlement grew, houses were built and light industry developed for the patients. Money was raised to purchase the Papworth Estate, so that by 1926, the Village Hall was built by Papworth Industries, staffed by Papworth patients and became the centre of the community.

The settlement grew further and in 1948, the treatment blocks in the settlement passed to the newly formed NHS. The original Papworth Hospital.

In the fifties, antibiotics were regularly used for the treatment of TB and in 1957, Papworth settlement extends supporting people into Independent living, to those with a wide range of disabilities. Papworth Trust was formed.

The hospital gradually changed from treating patients with thoracic problems only, to admitting those who needed heart surgery and cardiology expertise. Open heart surgery was first carried out in 1958 and in 1979, Keith Castle was the first patient to receive a new heart. Now of course Heart and Lung transplants are carried out regularly Part of Becky's work as Heritage Officer is to collect "Voices from the Village of Hope"- oral histories of patients who have been treated over the years in Papworth.

Papworth Hospital is moving, it is hoped, in 2018, to the Cambridge Biomedical Campus -that's Addenbrookes really - just 100 years after Papworth Hall had it's first patients.

Next month we are having our annual garden party.

Please contact Pat Cook -742224 if you'd like to know more about our WI.

Margaret Joyce.



Mothers' Union

In May, Mike Young came to speak to us on John Argentein, whose family were large landowners in Cambridgeshire, including Bottisham. John Argentein was born in Bottisham in 1443 and was almost certainly baptised in the font that still stands in Holy Trinity Church. He went to Eton and then

became a scholar at King's College, where he studied first the Liberal Arts and then Theology. However, he also took a course in medicine and after Ordination was absent for two years in Italy, where it is thought he studied medicine, most likely in Padua. In 1478 Argentein became physician to King Edward IV and then to the Princes in the Tower, Edward V and his brother. He made regular visits and was possibly the last person to see the Princes alive, except for their murderer. It is recorded that he then served Richard III, who still seems the most likely murderer of the Princes, and then, remarkably, Henry VII, following his defeat of Richard at the Battle of Bosworth in 1485.

In 1501 Argentein was appointed Provost of King's, whose mighty new Chapel, started by Henry VI, was less than half finished. It is known that Henry VII and his mother, Margaret Beaufort, celebrated St George's Day in the Chapel in 1506 and it is possible (King's College believes it to be so!) that John Argentein played a significant part in persuading Henry VII to provide the funds for the completion of the building, although neither he nor Henry lived to see it. Argentein died in 1508 and was buried in the Chapel. His Chantry Chapel, now the Memorial Chapel to those who died in the two world wars, is at the east end of the south aisle. His epitaph asked those who passed by to say a prayer for him; perhaps we should spare him a thought too when we pass the font in Holy Trinity.

Our meetings usually take place on the third Thursday of each month in Lode Chapel at 2.30pm. On July 16th, our speaker will be Libby Ahluwalia, Chairperson for Friends of Whitworth House. We have invited members from Impington our link branch to join us. On August 20th, we will be holding our Summer Cream Tea. All are welcome to both events.

Jill Jenyns

DID YOU KNOW

THAT more Labour voters read the *Daily Mail*
than read *The Guardian*.

Summer at the Museums 2015
www.cam.ac.uk/museums/summer
Discover summer adventure and fun
on your doorstep
23 July – 2 September 2015
Pack more into your holidays this
summer and join museums in Cam-
bridge and beyond for some family
fun and adventure.



23 venues across the County will be presenting a jam-packed programme of drop-in and bookable creative activities, events and trails - all part of the annual *Summer at the Museums* line-up. Whether it's something to do on a rainy day, a day out close to home, or a bit of hands-on creativity, we have loads of activities and events for you to choose from.

From creating miniature masterpieces at the Fitzwilliam Museum, solving detective mysteries at the Farmland Museum or travelling through the ages on the Burwell Museum Time Travel Bus, this year's *Summer at the Museums* 'What's On' guide is full of events and activities to keep everyone entertained. You can also keep a record of your visits throughout the summer with our accompanying museum passport. Use it to collect a stamp from every place you go.

Free 'What's On' guides and passports will be available from all participating museums or collections from 20 June. Alternatively, or your own from www.cam.ac.uk/museums/summer.

The following museums and organisations will be participating in this year's Summer at the Museums programme:

Burwell Museum & Windmill
 Cambridge Centre for Computing History
 Cambridge Museum of Technology
 Cambridge Science Centre
 Cambridge University Botanic Garden, Cambridge
 Ely Museum
 Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey
 Fitzwilliam Museum
 Great St Mary's Church
 March & District Museum
 Museum of Archaeology & Anthropology
 Museum of Cambridge
 Museum of Classical Archaeology



Norris Museum
The Polar Museum
Prickwillow Museum
Saffron Walden Museum
Sedgwick Museum of Earth Sciences
St Neots Museum
Stained Glass Museum
University Library
Whipple Museum of the History of Science
Wisbech & Fenland Museum,

For further information or to arrange a visit to an event, please contact:
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EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE
DISTRICT COUNCIL

From our District
Councillor
Allen Alderson

In last Mays elections locally we followed the national trend with a strong swing to the conservatives, resulting in the ruling conservative group now having a very large majority at ECDC. This is new ground for us. We certainly do not intend to steamroller our policies through but wherever possible follow a democratic process. I believe that district wise there is definite shortage of affordable housing and also houses available at a fair rent. We must attempt to address this issue.



Within the ward I believe the most important issue is the funding that Swaffham Prior School desperately needs. We must continue to pursue this.

There have been three fridges fly tipped at Little Fen Drove at Swann Lake Barns.

There is also a large amount of fly tipping in the stream at Stonebridge bridge at Park End, Swaffham Bulbeck. I am dealing with both these issues.

Following my request, the fly tipping at Head Lake Drove has not been cleared up. Unfortunately we seem to be getting an increase in fly tipping.

Allen Alderson

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY BOTANIC GARDENS

BIG TREE SPLENDOUR

A postscript to the commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo last month recalls a spat with our friends in the other direction across the pond over the naming of one of the most impressive tree species we grow here at the Garden.

Commonly referred to as the big-tree, giant redwood or wellingtonia, *Sequoiadendron giganteum* is an evergreen tree originating in the foothills of the western Sierra Nevada in California. It remained unknown to science until the age of the great plant hunters, who travelled the world - often in conditions of great discomfort and danger - in search of new species. One such plant hunter, William Lobb was appointed by the renowned Chelsea nurserymen, Messrs Veitch, to explore the American continent. Having heard tell of a grove of gigantic trees he hot-footed it to Calaveras County where he was astounded by their stature, noting: 'from 80 to 90 trees, all within the circuit of a mile, and these varying from 250 feet to 320 feet in height and from 10 to 20 feet in diameter.' Such was the thrill of finding an exceptional plant with great commercial potential, Lobb cut short his trip and returned immediately to England with herbarium specimens and seed. Veitch's Nursery was quickly offering seedlings at the price of two guineas each. Meanwhile, the type specimen (the original specimen from which new species descriptions are based) was passed on to the botanist John Lindley, who initially named this new discovery *Wellingtonia gigantea* to commemorate the Duke of Wellington. This caused great offence to American officials who proposed *Washingtonia gigantea* instead. After much debate the neutral name of *Sequoiadendron giganteum* was settled upon, although its common name of wellingtonia is still much used in the UK!



The Garden's plantings of *Sequoiadendron giganteum* along the Main Walk originated from Lobb's 1853 seed collection and are already magnificent trees. It is hard to imagine our landscape without them, but what of their future? Records suggest that plants have been found in California that are 4,000 years old. So, ours may continue to have an impact on the Cambridge landscape not just for the coming decades, but for many centuries, perhaps even millennia.

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.

Notes from Parish Council Meeting – 11Th June 2015

Peter Hart chaired the meeting with 8 Parish Councillors and 2 members of the public in attendance. The meeting started at 7.30pm.

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

Public Participation: No items raised.

Reports: No reports had been received.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

It was proposed to move the *reviews of financial risk, burial charges and asset register* to the meeting in August. David Greenfield asked about the *clearing of foot paths* and the Clerk reported that letters would be delivered to residents responsible for hedges in need of attention and that Sanctuary Housing had been contacted. Paul Latchford presented some information on the "*Self-Service*" scheme and how it supports the Localism agenda. How it would allow match funding with CCC for projects such as re-surfacing the paths. He circulated a list of some possible projects and said he would ask David Brown (not present) about CCC's position. He circulated paperwork relating to the scheme. The Clerk (ECDC) reported that had responded regarding the *Improvements to Footpath in the Churchyard* and that he was trying to identify what funding is available and that as ECDC do not own the land, S106 money could not be used. He said it would be discussed at the Asset Development meeting on the 22nd of June and would report back.

Correspondence for Circulation/Consideration:

The Clerk read out an email from Charlotte Cane regarding the *Swaffham Prior Primary School Fabric Update* and that CCC have confirmed that they will be funding the works necessary to repair the roof. She says that this was in no small part because of the clear and strong support which both Swaffham Prior and Reach Parish Councils have given the school. Due to the extensive nature of the work it will not start before 2016. Paul Latchford asked why CCC now accept responsibility. Various answers related to the situation with ECDC having to confirm that they would not fund it.

Consideration of Planning application Goodwin Manor:

Four applications were considered including one for 10 Station Road. All voted for no objection to all 4 applications.

Village Sign:

Steve Kent-Phillips said that he had had a report from a resident regarding the poor state of the sign. The post and plinth seem in good condition with the exception of the paintwork. It was proposed to just repaint the post and consider the options for the sign itself. Mark Lewinski asked why "knotting" had not been used on the post. Steve Kent-Phillips pointed out that there was a separate fund retained for such repairs in a separate account and proposed getting quotes for the plinth. There was a discussion regarding how long the sign had been up. Three options were proposed for dealing with the sign: just remove paint, take down and store in the Pound and replace with new or attempt a repair. The meeting closed briefly for consultation

with the public. David Almond suggested getting some expert advice, Mark Lewinski agreed, especially as it was painted with acrylic. Paul Latchford proposed that taking it down was part of all options, that should be done and then a decision could be made as to the final course of action. Steve Kent-Phillips offered to get quotes. It was decided to take the sign down and seek advice.

Street Lighting:

The Clerk reported that he was now in receipt of the credit note from Balfour Beatty. It was agreed that the invoice was not paid until the ownership of the 4 street lamps was established in writing.

Paul Latchford presented the reports on the *damaged lights* and there was a discussion about how many lights had defects and the quotes presented by 2 companies. It was agreed that Paul Latchford should ask both companies for a review of the quotes to get the best LED light replacement inside the allowed repair timescale for both Fairview Grove lamps.

CAPALC Membership:

The Clerk asked if the support provided for The Clerk was of additional value to the SLCC membership given the cost of CAPALC membership. It was agreed *not to join* and The Clerk would consult SLCC or other Clerks if support was required.

Electronic communication:

Steve Kent-Phillips covered the Government act that has allowed email as a valid form of communication since January. Steve Kent-Phillips proposed the standing orders amendment required for electronic distribution of the agenda/summons in the August meeting, which was agreed. It was also agreed that printed documents would be available at meetings.

Accounts for Payment:

These were agreed with the exception of the invoice from Balfour Beatty.

An ex-gratia payment to Karen King was agreed in respect of her 16 years of service as Parish Clerk.

Clerk's Report:

The Clerk read out an email requesting help from ECDC regarding the ownership of property where foliage had overgrown road signs on Great Drove and Prior Fen. It was suggested that John Covill would be the best to consult. The Clerk agreed to pass on the request. It was also agreed that The Clerk should contact CGM to attend to the *Village Hall drive overgrown foliage* once and then review additional work. The Clerk read a letter from a resident regarding the state of the footpath leading from the Village Hall. Peter Hart agreed to investigate. The Clerk read thank you letter from Karen King and Eric Day. The Clerk reported an email from Matthew Pickering (Project Manager, Local Projects, Cambridgeshire County Council) regarding - *CCC Mill Hill Traffic Calming* – who could not get to the AVA but offered to come to a future meeting. It was decided to assess what SIL money could be used for and when it would be available and discuss the traffic calming options at a future meeting. Steve Kent-Phillips agreed to meet the *Community Payback Probation* representative to do a site survey for work they had offered to do *clearing foliage and litter in the cemetery* and possible other work in the village.

Parish Councillors' Reports:

Sandra Gynn mentioned the on-going problem of the *High Street sewers* being blocked had occurred again and that she had spoken to Anglian Water, who had inspected them. They said that the sewers are old, not just blocked and that the problem was caused not only by High Street users but also Cage Hill's sewer which fed into the High Street sewer. Anglian Water had sent in Dyno-Rod. It was agreed that The Clerk should register concern of the Council. Paul Latchford mentioned the *closure of the public footpath on the Dyke*. Peter Hart said that he would email his paths contact. Paul Latchford pointed out the Jockey Club had proposed this closure without consultation with the Parish Council and that it is in our parish on the parish boarder. Mark Lewinski pointed out that the Jockey Club would just refer us to whoever had requested the closure. David Greenfield asked if anyone knew that you could "*Champ*" in *St Cyriac's* church for £45. Peter Hart asked if The Clerk could *inspect the paths from Cooper's Green towards Reach* for overgrown foliage. Paul Latchford asked if anyone had seen the *Flag on the church* in the week.

Open Question Time:

Alastair Everitt suggested that the Mill hill issues needed a village meeting and asked if, before the older parish records were archived, someone could have access. Steve Kent-Phillips said he should contact The Clerk. He also asked who was responsible for the paths on the route of the Heritage walk as it was blocked and that an alternative route would be required. Peter Hart said the landowner was responsible. He also asked about the kissing gate and the conclusion was the same unless it was the surface and then it was ECDC's responsibility. There was more discussion about the drains and that modern sewage was less greasy and fatty. There was more discussion regarding the closure of the path on the Dyke and that it is only people trying to get a free concert. Michael Limb congratulated Paul Latchford on *flag raising*, said that CCC or PC should be consulted on closing the Dyke and added that it looked like the PC would be getting sums of money from SIL and that we should be sure that the village was getting what they wanted including relevant traffic calming on Mill Hill. He also pointed out that at the previous meeting he had welcomed **both** David Greenfield **and** Mark Lewinski.

If anyone would like further information on any of the above items, please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday, 9th July 2015 starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

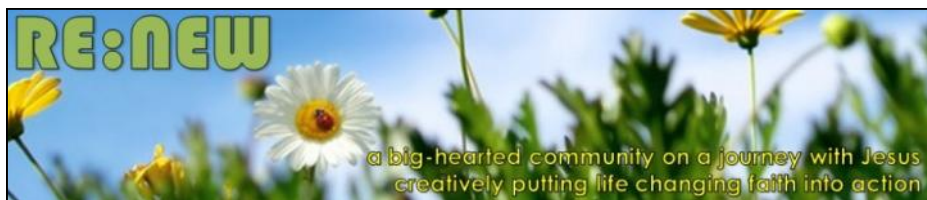
Future meeting dates:

13th August (if called), 10th September 2015. *All are welcome to attend.*

Paul Catling – Clerk to the Parish Council. Tel: 07040 908743 (Voice Mail).

Email: clerk@swaffham-prior.co.uk

Website: <http://www.swaffham-prior.co.uk/pc/>



Just wait a minute!

We're not very good at waiting are we? At traffic lights; supermarket checkouts; doctor's surgery (why do you think it's called a 'waiting room'?) we get impatient if we have to wait.

We live in an age of instant gratification. We want everything now!

We hurry and we scurry. The African word for white people means '*ones who scurry*'! Africans move at a different pace. I once talked to a lady in Uganda who said, '*You people have the watches, but we have the time.*' She was talking to me instead of going to a meeting!

My granddaughter is at present working for six months in an orphanage in South Africa. She recently wrote on her blog page: '*African time has taught me that if you're always racing to the next moment then you never fully appreciate the one you're in. There is a beauty and calmness in just being content with where you are right then.*'

The New Testament tells us that one of the flavours of fruit which the Holy Spirit seeks to grow in the life of a Christian is patience. The others are: love; joy; peace; kindness; goodness; faithfulness; gentleness and self-control. (See The letter to the Galatians Chapter 5 verse 22) Not such a bad recipe for living!

When was the last time you actually sat down for ten minutes and did nothing? I mean, really nothing. Not watching TV or texting or checking your mobile or reading or talking – just being.

Now I know this is a bit extreme, but I recently spent four hours standing by a large pool surrounded by reed-beds waiting for a brief glimpse of a fairly rare bird – a Little Bittern. I could hear it, but I never saw it! Mad? Perhaps. Did I go home feeling relaxed and refreshed and ready to get on with the busyness again?

Certainly!

For the sake of our mental, physical and spiritual well-being we actually need to be able just to relax and switch off now and again. Chill out; de-stress; contemplate; meditate – call it what you will. Try to find, or perhaps I should say make sure you find, a 10 or 15 minute space in each day. (Not four hours!) Perhaps in the garden, or go for a walk, or just sit in a quiet place. Leave your phone somewhere else. Let them wait! There are still 1,425 minutes left in the day to do all the other stuff!

If you are a believer, then this can be time spent consciously with God. The Bible says, '*Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him.*' (Psalm 37 v.7) This is the time when God might just be able to get a word in edgeways – and you might even hear what he has to say! The prophet Isaiah wrote: '*In quietness and trust is your strength*'. (Isaiah 30 v.15)

Even if you are not a believer, those few moments of quiet and stillness can make a difference to your day – and your life.

Peter Wells.

RE:NEW Services in July 2015.

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

5th July. 10.30am – RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (Bottisham Primary School) With Holy Communion

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

12th July. 6.20pm – Traditional service. (Lode Chapel)

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

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

*26th July. 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

FREECYCLE

If you have any offers or wants, please contact me by the 14th of each month by phone (c813362), e-mail (jun.thompson@tiscali.co.uk) or drop a note through the letter box (23 Longmeadow). Please let me know if you would like anything repeating in subsequent issues. Everything is free and nothing is expected in return. Please can you contact the offers after the 1st of the month to make it a little fairer.



Offered

Coffee table/storage unit (pine effect); Large ironing board. Janet/Robert C. 811643

2 black ink cartridges: HP56, in unopened pack. Sylvia 01223 811770

2 cold frames (51" x 25", 45" x 33"); large plant pots. Mrs Cox c813427

2 compost bins - conical with lids - stand about 1.2m high; 1 water butt - about 100litre capacity; insulation - 3 bales of rock wool, 1 of canaflex. Jane c811592

Wanted

Large buttons, preferable with four sewing holes. Any colour. Needed to make crochet hat decorations for charity. Janet 07833 960678

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.

Dear Friends,

In our household, there is a shared obsession with the Big Bang Theory, but there is a price to be paid: before and in between parts of each episode are very irritating advertisements for a particular brand of sweets. Unusually, however, just one of these advertisements contained a riddle which caught my attention:

Why can't you trust atoms?

Because they make up everything!



As we look at the world around us, we are struck sometimes by its beauty – the glory of spring flowers - and at others by its awesome power – an earthquake that can devastate vast tracts of land careless of the individual people and creatures that live in it. When we look further out into our solar system and galaxy, we struggle to comprehend the sheer enormity of the universe of which we are an infinitesimally small part. What impact can we possibly have on a stage which is so large?

And that's where the riddle comes in. The wit, if there is any, lies in the two meanings ascribed to the words “make up”. Alongside the neutral sense that atoms are the basic building blocks of everything (at least until sub-atomic particles came along) is the pejorative sense that something made up is not true. As I thought about it, there are other instances of this ambivalence: a human being may create an artifice, but describing it as “artificial” implies something which is “not the real thing”. The word “fabricate” may be neutral, but “a fabrication” is often understood to be a lie.

This ambivalence underlies a lot of our speaking about human creativity. It is as though it is something of little value in the face of the natural universe, whether you see that as the creation of God or other processes. Believing as I do, that the natural universe springs from the will of God, I believe also that our creativity is God-given. It enables us to do two things: firstly, to discover more and more about the universe of which we are a part. If I reflect for a moment, it is astonishing how much our understanding of the universe has changed just within my lifetime – the Big Bang was far from being the orthodoxy of the astronomers of my youth but now we are confronted with the incomprehensibility (to me at least) of String Theory. Secondly, as we learn more and more about the creation, we increase our ability to participate in the creative possibilities that it affords. This, it seems to me, is hallowed by God.

There are some who would characterise believers and scientists as coming from irreconcilably different places but we share some things in common: even as our knowledge increases some ultimate questions remain for both of us which only faith can determine (whether that is faith in God or in the work of future scientists), and we all look in awe at a universe that is vast and beautiful beyond our imagining. And, equally important, the gifts we have mean that we too can have a part, however small, in the continuing work of creation – we make not make up everything, but we do have a share in fabricating our world!

Sue Giles

St Mary's Services, July 2015

Sunday 5 July, Fifth Sunday after Trinity

11am Holy Communion (CW1T)
3-5pm STRAWBERRY TEAS, ANGLESEY HOUSE – SEE ADVERT
5pm Families@Five, Swaffham Bulbeck Primary School

Sunday 12 July, Sixth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 19 July, Seventh Sunday after Trinity

11am Family Service

Sunday 26 July, Eighth Sunday after Trinity

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

*Would you like a lift to a service in Swaffham Prior or elsewhere in the Benefice?
It makes sense to share cars and can be reassuring to go into church with someone else.
Please be in touch and we will do our best to arrange a free lift: 07553 151585*

*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 July 2015

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| Sat | 4 | Pop-up Afternoon Tea Shop, 2-5pm |
| Sun | 5 | Strawberry Teas, Anglesey House, 3-5pm |
| Thu | 9 | PC Meeting, 7.30pm, VH |
| Sun | 12 | Crier Copy Deadline |
| Thu | 16 | Mothers' Union, 2.30pm, Lode Chapel |
| Sat | 18 | Pop-up Afternoon Tea Shop, 2-5pm |
| Tue | 21 | Mobile Library, Cage Hill 2.45-3.15pm Chapel 3.20pm-4.00pm |
| Thu | 23 | Summer at the Museums (see page 26) |
| Sun | 26 | Francis Reeks Memorial Service, 4-6pm, St Mary's |

| Club | Contact | Tel. | Date | Time | Place |
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| 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 | |