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Editorial

“Why have you so got it in for orgies Mum?” - “NOT AT ALL! (splutter) I’ll have you know our generation are far more open-minded than your own (blah) but would you be VOLUNTEERING to clean up the Orgy Palace after them?” Now, just what in the Crier might have triggered this surreal speculation around the kitchen table?

Well, you’ll have to look hard, because this month’s *Crier* is 44 pages long and mostly full of village dogs. Many thanks to Peter Rand and Janet Willmott for some excellent pics of the Annual Dog Show/Harvest Show combined (both brilliant) and the only reason your dog might not be there is because clearly as editors, we had to cram in 29 pictures of our own, see below! Please get in touch if you’d like a copy of the CD.

Congratulations to cup-winning Sarah Thacker, who won Overall Show Champion this year (that’s the Harvest Show of course, Dog Show star was, by popular acclaim, Cali, the Counting Dog), and also, far be it for me to sing our own praises, but Lucky Harry (our team, so named after Harry below and now in memory of his big sister Lucky Noyes) *finally won the Quiz*. As usual, with no help from me...

A big welcome to Alan Brand, who is the new Re:new minister, and many apologies because we missed the news about his inauguration ceremony in the August *Crier*. On the subject of our churches, St Mary’s has an extremely popular Family Service every month, with a children’s play which has been the launch pad for a number of Prior’s budding stars to go on to appear on stage and screen. These plays are lovely, frequently hilarious, and all the children benefit from the extra confidence gleaned from speaking in public. If your child would like to join in, just get in touch with Dee Noyes (743864).



Don’t miss *Our Reporter* for news about yet more potential development in the village, and if you have any views on the Champing issue (see p 32), we are inviting contributions for next month. See you Adventing, Friday Coffeeing at the Village Hall, **Caroline Matheson**

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Letters to the Editors



Dear Editors

Macmillan Coffee Morning, 2015

We all raised the most amazing amount of **£637!** That is more than we ever raised before, and all in the space of 90 minutes. A very big thank you to you all for being so generous. Particular thanks go to Margaret Joyce for manning the cake sales and Robin for selling all the raffle tickets. Thank you also to those who came and spent their money; people who couldn't come but made donations; others who made or bought cakes and the rest of you who brought your friends along to swell the numbers! It was lovely to see so many people here and to welcome some new people too. What a challenge for us all for next year.

I shall hope to see you all here then on the last Friday of September 2016 which I think will be the 30th.

With many thanks,

Ruth Scovil

Dear Editors,

Pop-up Tea Shop

I would like to take this opportunity, through the letters page, to thank everyone who came and supported this years' Pop-Up Tea Shops, mainly in St Cyriac's, but also a couple were held in St Mary's. As word spread, more and more people came along on the Saturday afternoons to enjoy tea, coffee, cake and chat. There was a really lovely community feel to the whole thing. As promised, all the money that was made, after expenses (we pay to be in St Cyriac's and purchased cake dome covers and bunting), has been used for things in the village. We bought a new flag to fly on special days from St Cyriac's tower, the purchase of shoeboxes for the Christmas appeal were a gift from the tea shop, refreshments for the POP (Proud of Prior) litter pickers were sponsored by the tea shop as will be the hire charge for the committee room at the village hall for the Winter Community Coffee Mornings. We have also been very kindly offered an owl box for the Churchyard, the materials for the construction of which will also be purchased from the tea shop takings. As an acknowledgement to St Mary's, which kindly hosted a couple of the afternoons, but no charge was made, we donated £100 to the Mara project which it supports. Looking forward to more Pop-Up tea shops next year!

Janet Willmott
07833 960678

Dear Editors

Harvest Supper

A very welcoming, relaxed and fun evening for the whole family. The food was fab and the puddings were scrumptious! The entertainment was fantastic. Thank you to all who organised it. We had a great time and look forward to next year!

The Shakeshaft Family

Dear Editors,

Coffee Mornings Sponsored by Pop Up Tea Shop

As the very popular summer Pop Up Teas have now finished, Coffee Mornings have been arranged on Fridays 13th and 27th November and 11th December in the Village Hall from 10.30 -12 noon at £1 per session. This will be an opportunity to pop in when ever it suits you for coffee, biscuits and chat in warm pleasant surroundings .It is hoped to continue after Christmas at 2 weekly intervals. All will be very welcome .

Kate Child

Dear Editors,

Shame on the person responsible

I have been enjoying short breaks in Swaffham Prior this year and have had some great walks around the area. One walk I particularly enjoyed has been along Heath Road. The wild flowers including the star of Bethlehem, sainfoin and chicory have been amazing as have the amount of bees and butterflies. So I was really disappointed to see one of the local farmers has cut the grass verge right back leaving hardly any flowers, and very few insects. As both bees and butterflies are in serious decline why should someone be allowed to destroy their habitat which is council property. Also it was cut on a wet day which means most would have been in a kind of stupor so wouldn't have escaped the grass cutter – meaning they were killed.

Shame on the person responsible.

Lisa Wilsher

Dear Editors,

Car Cleaning

Ref. Alistair Everitt's article in Sept/Oct issue; page 6 paragraph 5; I recently wiped the steering wheel, gear lever, and inside door handles of my car with a cloth dampened with diluted Milton. It made a surprising difference to the feel of these items. Well worth 5 minutes of your time.

Ophir Catling

*The flag will be flying from St. Cyriac's on
8th November for Remembrance Sunday*

BON MOT NUMBER FIFTY NINE

"Art is meant to disturb, science reassures."

Georges Braque (1882-1963)

Dear Editors,

SWAFFHAM PRIOR PAROCHIAL CHARITIES

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

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

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

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Pam Waters

Clerk to the Trustees.

31 Tothill Road Swaffham Prior Cambridge CB25 0JX Tel 01638741035

Dear Editors,

Metal Detector?

Help! We've 'lost' a metal spike in the garden that holds the swing-ball post. It's there somewhere underneath the grass, but we can't find it. Does anyone have a metal detector that could find the missing spike? Should only take a couple of minutes. Just pop round or give us a ring if you can help.

Thanks,

Peter & Margaret Beckley

5 Tothill Road - 744327



HORSE HELPER NEEDED

We need a responsible person to help us on a regular basis with 3 horses in Swaffham Prior. The work would ideally suit a teenager who is keen to earn some regular money.

It involves about an hour's work a day although the applicant can allocate this as they wish through the week.

Extra work may be available at certain times should he/she wish. Experience around horses is essential.

Call Judi on 07763 769933



MINCE PIES

Yes it is getting near that time of year when we shall be serving Mulled wine and mince pies at

**ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT
ON SUNDAY 29th NOVEMBER
AT 4.00 PM**

Once again I am asking villagers how many they can provide and would appreciate a call no later than 27th

Thank you in anticipation

Kate Child 743983



The Swaffhams Women's Institute

is holding an open meeting on

16th November at 7:30pm

In the Village Hall Swaffham Prior

Alison Dickens will be speaking on

The Archaeology of the Grand Arcade

All members of the public are welcome

Admission £3 for non-members



**Can't wait for the
off! See our
Centre pages for
a full report on
Swaffham Prior's
2015 Dog Show.**

From our Reporter at the Parish Council Meeting

PC Report for September

As John Coville was on holiday Peter Hart took the chair for the **September meeting**. When Michael Limb and I arrived all the places in the public gallery had been taken. So Michael and I set off to collect more chairs from *Slimming World* which appeared to be in excellent form, and still offers invaluable help to people for just a few pounds a week.



Three grey suited strangers then presented the case for some development in the field opposite Fairview Grove . At one time this was owned by Eric Day and was also, many many years ago, the subject of a planning enquiry at ECDC. The occasion was certainly reported in the *Crier* (what a source of information this is) but it would require a true zealot to hunt it down. The land is now owned by Eric's grandson James Brownsdon, who was accompanied by Mike Bliss, architect, and Peter Jeffery, a planner, who led the presentation.

Basically they would like to build 7 houses, varying from 2 beds to 5 beds. Having previously sounded out some of the concerns of the village they would consider family housing discounts, perhaps affordable housing, some financial help for the school, some provision of amenities etc. Steve said it was outside the village envelope. Peter Jeffery said there could be exceptional circumstances that could change that. Steve denied there were any. Paul Latchford asked what would happen with the other land on what is a huge site. Peter Jeffery said they would sign a covenant that would prevent any further development on that land **forever**.

David Almond thought the large site could offer space for extra village amenities – hence the picture of the tennis court that had astutely been inserted in the distributed brochure. David Greenfield expressed concerns very well by likening himself to a man with two parrots, one sitting on each shoulder. One parrot was muttering in his ear – “If you open this up to one developer you’ll open it up to others in other parts of the village”. The other parrot spoke into the other ear saying – “But wouldn’t you like a tennis court, a bowls club etc”? Ah! Get behind me Satan.

This presentation was just to sound out the views of the PC. ECDC has not been approached. At 8.00pm the PC meeting began.

After the usual formalities a question arose over some slight inconsistency in the minutes. This was settled, but Steve pointed out that “The only truly consistent are the mediocre”. Peter Hart supported this by saying “There is no advantage in consistency”. These home truths appear to be in fashion as John Berry of *Red Lion* fame recently reminded me “The bottom rung of the ladder is usually the most important one.” The village is full of, one could even say riddled with, wisdom of this kind.

Neither CCC nor ECDC representatives were able to attend. Allan's report, which was read out, announced that there is to be a review of all ECDC toilets and

that a 20p charge may be introduced.

Now to local affairs. The new parish notice board is up and the right hand side is open for village use. Paul Catling reported that some blocked footpath owners are still uncooperative with one even saying “if they won’t do theirs why should I do mine.”

Three planning applications had been received, the most interesting one being changing 30 Greenhead Road (the Chemical Laboratory) back into a house. A roar of approval went up from all members. There was also an application from 9 Cage Hill which may affect another development in Cage Hill. Meantime the refurbishment of the village sign continues to exercise the minds of the PC as they grapple to find the best solution with so many factors involved.

So it was probably with quite some relief when they could move onto the review of Cemetery Charges. Here a solution has been found. They had acquired the charges from 8 other cemeteries and had taken the average. In the list below the old SP charge is in brackets following the new charge being made. Child burial 100 (26); adult burial 175 (47); ashes burial 100 (26); reserve grave spot 225 (65); reserve ashes spot 90 (26); grave headstone 100 (47); grave flatstone 50 (47); vase 30 (13); cremation flatstone 50 (26); additional inscription 50 (15); stillborn burial 0 (15). If there is an application from outside the parish there is a discretionary four-fold increase.

Steve reported that the low cost housing allocation for the Rogers Road development had now been agreed and there was much celebration in the *Red Lion*. There had been 26 applications with 14 from the village. Anyone who took advantage of visiting the two show houses a few weeks ago must have been impressed by the care taken with this development. It is excellent, and the village is so lucky to have such a well-considered scheme. The preparation of the gardens has been first class and the picket fencing is so attractive and consistent with the village. I had been talking to a venerable and long established resident of Rogers Road who thought it wonderful that no longer is Rogers Road out on a limb, but is now part of a real street. Some residents have even celebrated by smartening up their house by adding an attractive porch.

Alastair Everitt

A note from ‘Our Reporter’

It is generally agreed you can have too much of a good thing, and this is especially so if it is a bad thing. There are two reports of Parish Council meetings in this month’s *Crier*. To avoid tedium (for those who happen to read the reports) I have persuaded the Editor to leave the September report in its usual place, and to tuck the October report somewhere later in the magazine. Those interested can search it out there if they wish.

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ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT ON SUNDAY 29th NOVEMBER AT 4.00
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Shoebbox Appeal

A fabulous 132 boxes were packed this year to support Mustard Seed Relief Missions Christmas shoebox appeal. The Benefice came together in St Cyriacâ€™s for the operation and huge thanks goes to all who contributed either financially, in donations or with their time. Our parcels will be shipped to children in Easter Europe and I know they will bring a great deal of happiness when they are delivered. Thank you again to everyone that was involved.

Janet Willmott

On learning that hills smaller than Munros* are designated “Marylins”

Poor Norma Jean, they stole your name again,
But this chalk scarp, where prehistoric
Interstates collide, would make short work
Of that white, pleated skirt and here
Where kites bark and strain to slip the leash,
Gliders ride on thermals more robust
Than gentle updrafts from a City subway.

Where Middle England comes to meet
Well-mannered wildness is not your domain.
My mind's eye conjures Hebridean skies,
A long strand shelving to a sapphire sound
And there, black, jagged fault line where a
Cold sky meets a colder ocean in
Stark silhouette, against the westering sun,
Twin peaks of Jura, Munros both, evoke
The immortality your beauty won.

Wulsin

***Munro: a Scottish peak over 3000 feet**



PROUD OF PRIOR

POP (Proud of Prior) was back in action during October with a Church-yard grounds working party. Two bird boxes and a bat box had been donated for installation, courtesy of Peter and Lynn Rand and Kate Child, many thanks, and folk generally got on with the task of clearing weeds, tackling the ivy and de-mossing the walls. The time sped by and the results were very impressive. Many thanks to everyone that turned up and helped, a lot of effort went into some much needed maintenance work. Look out for details of more POP initiatives. We would love to see you.

Janet Willmott



FRIDAY COFFEE MORNINGS



10.30 – 12.00 Noon



**Fridays
13th & 27th November
11th December 2015**

Swaffham Prior Village Hall

£1 per session
*includes coffee, biscuits
and chat*



Swaffham Bulbeck School PSA

Bonfire & Firework Party

Friday 6th November

Gate opens 6pm Display starts 6.45pm

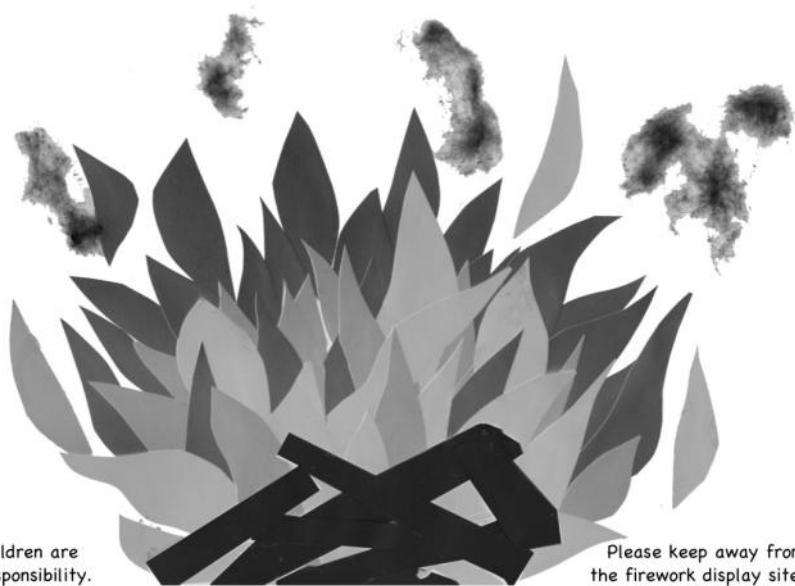
Vicarage Field (behind St Mary's Church, Swaffham Bulbeck)

Adults: £3.50 Children: £2.50

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

Hot Dogs & Mulled Wine for sale from 6pm

NO SPARKLERS PLEASE - Glow bling for sale



Your children are
your responsibility.

Please keep away from
the firework display site.



CHRISTMAS FAYRE

SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER

10AM TO 4 PM

MANDEVILLE HALL, BURWELL

★ MANY CRAFT STALLS ★
SANTA'S GROTTO ★ FABULOUS FOOD
★ LOCAL CHOIRS & PERFORMERS ★

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Burwell Print is a Social Training Enterprise. We are running this event so that we can continue to provide additional and creative work opportunities for people with learning disabilities. Registered Charity Number 1053026

Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day:

The Cantilena Singers

Saturday December 5th 2015, 7pm – 9pm

Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Gt. Abington, Cambs CB21 6AE

**An evening of song for Advent and Christmas
in aid of the John Chaplin Open Church Project.**

Director Daniel Spreadbury

£10 (free admission for under 18's)

Tickets from the Village Shop Great Abington

or from Anne Hall (01223 892275) Marilyn Broadhurst (01223 893214)

Mary Miles (01223 891083), or Tony Collett (01223 893447)

www.cantilenasingers.org

Old Christopher Robin.

I glance in the mirror and what do I see?

A much older version of someone like me.

I can't understand it, something here is not right;

It really must be a trick of the light.

And I'm thinking it looks a tiny bit smaller.

I'm sure that I am at least an inch taller.

The image is now moving the hand on its right,

But I'm moving my LEFT hand. It **IS** a trick of the light.

Ophir

2015 Autumn Show Report

Ode to Autumn by John Keats:

"Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eves run;
To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,
And still more, later flowers for the bees,
Until they think warm days will never cease,
For Summer has o'er-brimm'd their clammy cells."

Entries arrived from the minute of the 10am opening, right up until some minutes after the 12 o'clock deadline, and these were electronically logged, tagged and neatly set out, ready for the judges' scrutiny. This year saw a significant increase in the number and variety of entries, with only two categories going uncontested. Well done and thanks to everyone who took part.

While the judges cast critical eyes over fruit and veg, jam and cake, the dogs and their owners sought rosetted glory.

And The Winners Were:

It was a good year for potatoes, with few gardeners suffering from the blight that had all but wiped out last year's entries. This time it was the carrot crop that had suffered weather and insect damage, with only a single entry.

The results for the vegetable categories were as follows:

Beans		Potatoes		Any other veg	
1st	Mary Hart	1st	Julian Luttrell	1st	Mary Hart
2nd	Graham Preston	2nd	Julian Luttrell	2nd	Andy Mitchell
3rd	Viv Elston	3rd	Viv Elston	3rd	Viv Elston
Beetroot		Tomatoes		Mixed herbs	
1st	SP School	1st	Peter Hart	1st	Jill Bourne
2nd	Viv Elston	2nd	Andy Mitchell	2nd	Emma Mitchell
Onions		3rd	Graham Preston	3rd	Scarlett Fletcher
1st	Iris Barker	Squash etc		Rude vegetable	
2nd	Viv Elston	1st	Jacob Mold	1st	Milly Parry
3rd	Viv Elston	2nd	Tristan Latchford	2nd	Trish Whitehead
Carrots					
1st	Tristan Latchford				

It was, yet again, an excellent year for apples, pears and soft fruit, and this was reflected in the large number of entries - although my eating apple tree hadn't heard the good news, and managed only three small specimens. Late raspberries were plentiful, and again scored highly in the 'any other' fruit section. It is likely that a raspberry category will be making a reappearance next year. We were impressed to see Ros Chalmers gaining an impressive second for her grapes in the AoF category, despite being away for the duration of the Show.

The results were:

Dessert apples		Pears	
1st	Peter Hart	1st	David Unitt
2nd	Leo Unitt	2nd	Scarlett Fletcher
3rd	Mary Hart	Any other fruit	
Cooking apples		1st	Julian Luttrell
1st	Sarah Thacker	2nd	Ros Chalmers
2nd	Scarlett Unitt	3rd	Steve Thacker

Flowers were well represented this year, with all classes (including the returning Sunflower category) having entries.

Roses		Single flowers		Flower arrangement	
1st	Pippa Bourne	1st	Emma Mitchell	1st	Sarah Thacker
2nd	Milly Parry	2nd	Alastair Everitt	2nd	Betty Prime
3rd	Sarah Thacker	3rd	Elisabeth Everitt	3rd	Emma Mitchell
Mixed flowers		Sunflower		Pot plant	
1st	Scarlett Fletcher	1st	Jacob Mold	1st	Sarah Thacker
				2nd	Elisabeth Everitt

Priorities have been very busy in their kitchens recently, judging by the plethora of jams, jellies and cakes that were shown - all of a very high standard; I know as I took away a selection of produce after the auction and tested them exhaustively. The WI Victoria sponge controversy seems to have been settled - either raspberry or strawberry jam will do! There were no disqualifications.

Jam or jelly		Victoria sponge		Decorated cake	
1st	Sarah Thacker	1st	May Bourne	1st	Cleo Wrench
2nd	Mike Barker	2nd	Ruth Gunn-Mair	2nd	Sarah Thacker
3rd	Bob Bourne	3rd	Ruth Scovil	3rd	Betty Prime
Pickle or chutney		Any other cake			
1st	Pippa Bourne	1st	Milly Parry		
2nd	Alastair Everitt				

The children's classes, as always, contained many wonderful entries, with the decorated cupcake category being the most hotly contested of the day, so Emmett Thacker deserves a special mention for winning this section.

Miniature Garden		Decorated cupcake	
1st	Evie Mitchell	1st	Emmett Thacker
2nd	Rose Mitchell	2nd	Evie Mitchell
3rd	Charlie Leitch	3rd	Lara Spencer
Vegetable animal		Model alien	
1st	Florence Mold	1st	Leo Unitt
2nd	Sophie Thacker	2nd	Cleo Wrench
3rd	Emmett Thacker	3rd	Scarlett Unitt

The photography section continues to grow, although we seem to lack young photographers in the village. The adult photography section was extremely hard-fought, with Peter Rand just pipping a host of other entrants.

Adult photography

1st Peter Rand
2nd Tom Bourne
3rd Sarah Thacker

Bread

1st Pippa Bourne
2nd Niamh Shadbolt

Junior photography

1st Lara Spencer

Eggs

1st Ruth Gunn-Mair

Our New Champion:

Detailed computational and statistical analysis of the results, powered by Google and two cream teas, has resulted in the crowning of a new **Overall Show Champion: Sarah Thacker**, who has knocked the champion of the last two years, Viv Elston, into second place. Many congratulations to her, for an excellent all-round performance! Other individuals who shone, included Milly Parry and Julian Luttrell.

Thanks Go To:

Cream teas, coffee, juice and other delights were provided, with a smile, by Clare Freeman and Catherine Wrench.

The Auction of Produce was presided over, with his customary suavity, by Alastair Everitt. Following allegations of vegetable misconduct, he had briefly stood down, before reinstating himself for another term.

Thanks go to everyone who helped out, including the judges, who didn't even claim a cream tea for their sterling efforts. Also, thanks to everyone who supported the event by coming along, entering produce and bidding in the auction: we raised just short of £250 for the Village Hall funds.

This year's Show seemed to go well, with no arguments and the best turn-out for some years.

Several helpful comments and suggestions were made about how the Show could be made even better - including that one about putting names to prize-winners. We will do our best to put this into practice in 2016.

If you have any suggestions or would like to help out at next year's Autumn Show, please let me know at mcarrington@me.com

"Or by a cyder-press, with patient look,

Thou watchest the last ooziings hours by hours."

Mike Carrington

**All the Fun of the Show
with Veteran Auctioneer Alastair Everitt in action**



Red2Green

War Detectives DVD and report available now.

Over the last year, Red2Green's clients and learners have worked with local school children, all as War Detectives, to explore the stories and experiences of local people who lived or fought through the Second World War. The final event in June, to coincide with the 70th Anniversary of the end of the war, involved burying a time capsule near the War Memorial in Swaffham Bulbeck – the contents of which included a final report and a DVD containing 45 minutes of local peoples stories – and is now available for £3 (+ £1 if you want it posted to you).

If you want a copy please write or call in at Red2Green, Harvey's Barn, Park End, Swaffham Bulbeck, CB25 0NA or email info@red2green.org or phone 01223 811662. Thanks – first come, first served

Nigel Fenner

Care Network Cambridgeshire

I am here to help!

I am writing to introduce myself, and offer my help. My name is Lynne McAulay and I am the Community Development Officer in East Cambridge. My team is here to help people set up and sustain community groups, like lunch clubs, good neighbour schemes, knitting groups, gardening clubs, dog cafes. In fact, this list is endless because if you want to do anything to help older, isolated or vulnerable people in your community, we will try to help.

We are funded to do this work and so there is no cost to you, and we can come out to chat about any of your ideas with no pressure for you to do them if you change your mind.

We have a long history of helping groups and in the last few months have supported Swaffham Bulbeck re-start their lunch club, including finding them £1000 of funding to help them get going.

If you don't want to set up your own group but want to be involved in helping people in your community, you could consider one of our other volunteering opportunities:

- Practical Help – our Help at Home volunteers offer free short term practical and emotional support for up to 3 weeks, during an illness at home, crisis or after a hospital stay.
- Information and Advice – our Community Navigator volunteers provide information about services and activities that you may find enjoyable or useful.

If you have any questions, would like more information or would like to arrange for a visit, please just call or email me on 01954 211919 lynne.m@care-network.org.uk



For more information our website is here <http://care-network.org.uk/> We are also on twitter @CareNetworkCamb and you can find us on Facebook.

Bottisham Village College Adult and Community Learning



If you are free on Saturday 7th November, why not come along and learn something new at one of our day courses?

Decorate your Christmas Cake (Igloo and Penguins)

Dressmaking (9.30 am – 4.00 pm)

Flowers for Christmas

Indian Street Food

Paediatric First Aid (7th/8th Nov) (9.15 am – 3.15 pm)

Make a Stained Glass Sun Catcher

Upholstery and Chair Caning (9.30 am – 4.00 pm)

Website in a Day

Courses run from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm unless specified

In the meantime, don't forget our 5 week evening courses commencing after half term:

Baking for Christmas (from 3 Nov)

Authentic Indian Cookery (from 5 Nov)

Sugarcraft – Miniature Shoes & Handbags (from 5 Nov)

To enrol, see our website, or contact the Community Office

www.bottishamvc.org/adultlearning

Tel: 01223 811372 email: adultlearning@bottishamvc.org

Facebook: BottishamAdultCommunityLearning or Twitter: @CommunityEdBott





Cali, the Amazing Counting Dog

Swaffham Prior Dog Show 2015

The Annual Village Dog Show took place once again alongside the Harvest Show and Auction at the Village Hall in September. There was a super turnout of dogs and quite a crowd to cheer them on as well. Tom Bourne did an excellent job for a second year running as the compere and kept us all organised and the partnership of Mandy Kingsmill and Marianne Venn as judges was brilliant. The entries in a couple of the classes caused them quite a lot of deliberation as to who should finally be first and runner up in the category! As always the prizes were very generously donated by Alan's Ark at Soham and the rosettes were gifted by a kind anonymous donor. Thanks go to Justeen Lankfer for loaning the agility equipment and Martin Mead for supplying the fencing which more or less kept our canine friends contained! The event was enjoyed by all who participated and watched alike and £40 was made for St. Mary's, so a good afternoon all round.

The winners and runners up for the classes were:

Party Trick

First	Cali	Charlotte Elston
Runner Up	Bertie	Janine Elston

Agility

First	Cali	Charlotte Elston
Runner Up	Izzie	Elinor Jepson

Waggiest Tail

First	Bach	Verity Routley
Runner Up	Jasper	Jenny Lee

Retrieve

First	Izzie	Tegan Jepson
Runner Up	Harry	Caroline Matheson

Musical Sit

First	Harry	Caroline Matheson
Runner Up	Polly	Emma Blundell

Fancy Dress

First	Lily	Dee Noyes
Runner Up	Polly	Emma Blundell



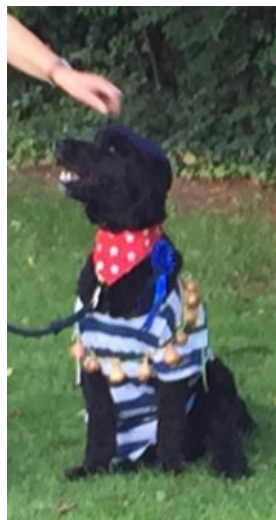
What? For us?

Janet Willmott





DOG SHOW 2015



Hot plants!

Earlier this summer thousands came to witness the dramatic flowering of one of the Garden's rarities, a titan arum from the rainforests of Sumatra. Also known as the corpse flower for the stink of rotting meat it emits in flower, the titan arum produces one of the largest single flowering structures in the world – ours reached 130cm and this was tiny compared to others! The dramatic structure is not actually a flower at all, but an inflorescence, comprising a central, spike-like spadix, surrounded by a frilly, funnel-shaped spathe. At its base, the spathe, really a highly modified leaf, forms a protective chamber enclosing thousands of actual flowers. These are arranged in rings; the lower rings of female flowers open on the first night of full flowering and the upper rings of male flowers open on the second night.

When the female flowers are ready for pollination, the spadix heats up through a series of chemical reactions – a process known as thermogenesis. As night falls, temperatures in the middle of the structure can reach 40°C, which is higher than human body temperature. The heat helps to distribute sulphurous compounds – the atrocious stench for which it is famous – across vast distances to lure its pollinators, thought to be carrion beetles and blow flies. With the help of volcanologist Dr Clive Oppenheimer and his phenomenal thermal imaging camera, we were able to record the titan arum heating up over the course of its two-night flowering and a sequence of remarkable images clearly shows the spadix heating up from the tip downwards, rather like a Star Wars lightsaber but in reverse!

This ability to self-generate heat is not unique to the titan arum but is seen in quite a number of plants. Heating up helps the plant to disperse the smells (chemical compounds) and it may also help cold-blooded insect pollinators get up to operating temperature. Our Santa Cruz waterlily in the Tropical Wetlands house also heats up to release its pineapple scent to lure in pollen beetles.



Breathing patterns

As late autumn strips back the Garden to its bare bones, the season also brings into focus how different to ours are the regulatory systems that govern a plant's development. A plant, in the right growing conditions, can initiate, sustain and deliver its own genetic blueprint from seed to maturity, employing a vast and only partially understood range of hormonal and chemical checks, balances and reactions that can promote, differentiate and halt growth as required, often in response to the environment.

The Garden paths are now a tapestry of gold, scarlet and flame-coloured leaves, the patterns of fallen foliage representing the culmination of the growing season. Photosynthesis, this miraculous ability of a plant to capture the energy of the sun

through the chlorophyll in its green leaves to fuel growth, is being closed down for the winter. In response to shortening day-length, a corky thickening at the base of the leaf stalk has shut off supplies to encourage leaf fall; the leaves themselves are in the throes of chemical decomposition and as the chlorophyll breaks down, the process unmasks autumn's reds and golds. And all this activity and change is regulated and achieved without a brain or central nervous system to deliver and receive messages.

But as this bonfire cools, different patterns are revealed that again show plants doing things differently. Tree barks in late autumn and through the winter, particularly in cherry and birch, are striking for their decorative horizontal stripes, sometimes widening to eye-shaped markings. These are the lenticels, which function as pores, providing a pathway for the direct exchange of gases between the internal tissues of the plant and the atmosphere just as stomata do in leaves (but they are much smaller and harder to see!).

Plant cells respire, just as animal cells do, absorbing oxygen and producing carbon dioxide and respire all the time, day and night, as we do. Plants, however, do not have lungs or a blood stream – their breathing patterns are all their own and best observed in the tree barks of winter or on many of the fruits this harvest time – apples and pears often have a noticeable stippling of lenticels and can serve as an indicator of when to pick. When the lenticels start to darken due to the formation of cork cells, the fruit is ripening.



The Botanic Garden is open in Oct 10-5 and Nov –Dec 10-4. 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 web-site for details at www.botanic.cam.ac.uk.



**Should've gone
to Specsavers,
that's what I
told the ref....**

From our Reporter at the Parish Council Meeting

PC Report for October Meeting

For the **October meeting** there were apologies from John Coville and Mark Lewinski. Peter Hart took the chair. However there was a welcome return of our CCC and ECDC representatives who had been seen for some time.

David Brown had little to report because after a week's holiday he had strained his Achilles tendon and could not walk or drive. He did say there is to be a twelve-month trial period to share the Chief Executive's role with that of Peterborough in order to save money. Interesting.



The refurbishment of the village sign has now been resolved. Peter Rand is voluntarily very happy to restore and repaint the sign itself, while someone else for a reasonable payment will take down the sign, restore the post, and re-erect the whole thing when everything has been completed. The PC appears to have handled this very sensitively.

Every few years the parking problem at the school comes up. Goodwin Manor has complained because mothers (let's be equal on this - there may be a few fathers involved) have been reversing into his driveway and causing serious damage. This is regrettable. The headmistress is doing her best by asking parents to be considerate. Rose Cottage has also thrown in its two penny worth. It had been suggested by one helpful member that Sandra should attend the parent/governor's meeting to discuss the issue. Surprise, surprise, she ended up being a school governor.

Several factors are involved. You are not supposed to park within a certain distance from a junction, so adding yellow lines would only endorse what is already an offence. Parents **have to** deliver and collect children from the classroom, thereby to leave their parked cars, and parents often drop children off while on the way to work. More children are coming from Burwell and therefore more parents need to drive. It was suggested that they should be encouraged to use the Village Hall Car Park. What frolics this could bring as parents in a hurry meet each other, eyeball to eyeball, in the drive. Could this be the source for regular stories for the national press.

The PC concluded that, as there is no viable place for parents to park, it is an impossible problem to resolve. It was agreed that yellow lines would not help. In passing, mention was also made to the ever increasing popularity of the *Red Lion*. Recently a CCC specialist had been asked to visit the site but at the time of the meeting his report had yet to come in. So, it is still an open question. Having recently been to Sicily it was explained that the Sicilians always deal with the parking question in a very logical way - "There is always plenty of space in the middle of the road."

All the suggestions for the use of the CIL/OS money have now come in. The PC will publish them all (without the names of the people making them) on the village Website for everyone to view. Paul Latchford then recited his continuing

battle to bring about the street lighting refurbishment. His disappointment and frustration, with a touch or so of ire, soon became apparent when he explained he had been unable to obtain certain information from both Balfour Beatty and the CCC. David Brown will be taking up the issue with the CCC.

The cemetery has accumulated a fair amount of natural debris over the last few years. Four firms had been asked to quote for its removal and only one was interested at the cost of £654 (about £500 without VAT). This does not include removing the heap of clunch which has also accumulated over the years. Some members thought this a lot to spend, whereas Steve just wanted it done and thought the quote should be accepted, especially as the VAT could be reclaimed by the PC.

At this stage Peter Rand put up his hand. Because he had been so helpful about the village sign the Chairman kindly suspended the meeting hoping Peter would offer a solution. Not a bit of it. Peter has joined the Village Hall Committee and, together with Lynn, has cleared an enormous amount of vegetation around the Village Hall. He asked “what about the huge pile of vegetation at the end of the car park.”

With the meeting still being open I mentioned that at one time the Village Hall Committee used to burn it providing the wind was in the right direction. Michael Limb entered the fray and said he used to burn the cemetery waste with John Norris and others, and winced that so much should be spent on what villagers could do. He suggested a notice should be put in the *Crier* offering his services and asking for other volunteers. Such a bonfire would be perfectly acceptable because it is ‘carbon neutral’. Someone asked if Sandra’s green bin could be made available, and, she gave a rather abrupt forceful answer. As far as I recall, nothing was resolved.

Later Michael Limb made the point, in a most eloquent speech, that he was so appreciative of all the work being done by the PC members. That it was not just a matter of turning up and sounding off or remaining silent, because all worked so hard for the village. He expressed himself more elegantly than this, but it was an excellent note on which to end the meeting.

Alastair Everitt

Solution to crossword no. 124

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We congratulate Mrs J Shreeve, the winner of last month’s competition, who should collect her prize certificate from the editors. Honourable mentions go to Robert Nunn, Sue

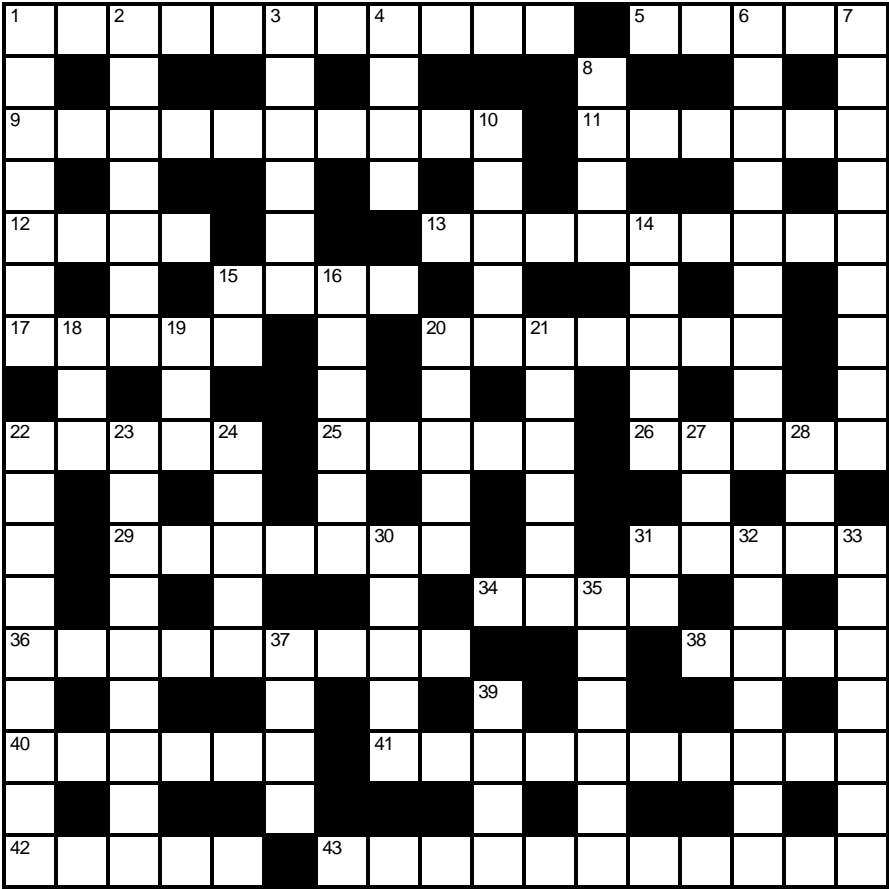
Crossword Number 125

Compiled by

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OUNCE

A good challenge this month from one of our most exacting compilers. The ‘characters’ are all comic strip or animated characters; the portions of those clues in brackets are meant as additional help. Send your answers to the editors by 18 November 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:.....
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Across

- 1 Character's strange; the fate of 149 Romans (but happy) (5, 3, 3)
- 5 Character's European, sleeps over. (Pointed ally of 20D) (5)
- 9 Profit swallows debit; small change? Tory will put on a shiny coat (5,5)
- 11 Foe of 20D repeats himself on drum? (3-3)
- 12 Character of dubious intellectual efficacy at first (and sidekick of President's namesake?) (4)
- 13 Part of character is funny looking gay Hitler (Other part with Aldrin?) (5-4)
- 15 Iota, a portion of 11 (4)
- 17 Geeks lost if friends go astray (5)
- 20 Character deviously cases bluebird, I hear. (Partner of Jolly character; related to 36?) (7)
- 22 31D with article, after writing Eastenders and Dallas for example (5)
- 25 Metallic river? What an unusual thing! (5)
- 26 Adjusted frequency of French almond, perhaps flipped? (5)
- 29 Foolish restyle bluntly (7)
- 31 Oily secretion released when tramp follows bridge opponents (5)
- 34 Mistake in text? Your poor oversight initially! (4)
- 36 Character annoys partner of 20A. (And frustrates 7D) (4, 5)
- 38 Character teaching meditation techniques? (Smarter than most ursines?) (4)
- 40 Part of character's mental disorder resolved when merriest removed. (Bob down for part) (6)
- 41 Character is street smuggler (Avoiding Acme Corporation's traps) (10)
- 42 Circle small conveyance and gain award (5)
- 43 Part of character throws key note to mad lurcher? (Other part with Scandinavian or dog?) (11)

Down

- 1 Part of character's mist instrument. (Other part when two leaders are replaced by the French for a hat) (7)
- 2 Noel or I go crazy, or crazier. (More so than some tunes?) (7)
- 3 Character to quietly act around. (Boss in UK, however) (3,3)
- 4 Backing green boy? (4)
- 6 On the whole, awfully thin, one German swallowed parent (2,3,4)
- 7 Character will elude Mr. F. D. Wild? (but not catch 36A) (5, 4)
- 8 Inscribe the ends of elegant couch (4)
- 10 Catherine, without care; careless but yours, as we used to say (5)
- 14 Impurity in Atlanta in the Fall... (5)
- 15 ...since African leader joined head of state (2)
- 16 Sibyl, we are removed from carousel - dizzy (6)
- 18 Trip to find self (3)
- 19 By happy chance loses serenity; depression results (3)
- 20 Character can build. (Margot's partner?) (5)
- 21 Character, eponymous, confused without 28. (From Carter's crop?) (6)
- 22 Character perversely boos old Cody (while ghost-busting?) (6-3)
- 23 Mixture can ignite immune response (9)
- 24 Discovered in the Bush: rubber plant (5)
- 27 Employ in circus environment (3)
- 28 European letter; antipodean bird (3)
- 30 Ship, it's heard, I joined for make-up (5)
- 31 Said to work needle thus? (2)
- 32 Short relative of Wren, eccentric and relatively tanned (7)
- 33 N. Irishman who tees off is jittery? Cor blimey! Be off! (7)

News from Bottisham Medical Practice Patients' Group

Antibiotics: There is a growing resistance to antibiotics due to overuse and it is one of the most important current public health issues. Antibiotic resistance arises when bacteria evolve mechanisms to withstand the drugs which are used to fight infection. Due to the increased use of antibiotics over recent decades, there has been a huge global surge in antibiotic resistance. *Did you know that Antibiotics will NOT treat cold and flu symptoms?* The majority of cold and flu symptoms will be over in 4-5 days but complete recovery can take up to 10 days and sometimes longer. There is no 'cure' but you can treat the symptoms with some practical self-help measures and over-the-counter (OTC) medicines (sold without a prescription) which don't require a trip to your GP. See <http://www.treatyourselfbetter.co.uk/> for further information or you could consult your pharmacist.

Self Care for Life Week: NHS is promoting self care for life during the week 16 – 22 November. There is further information on the website www.nhs.uk/selfcare on how best to look after your health, to keep well and also advice on dealing with chronic conditions.

Surgery Closure: A reminder that the surgery will be closed from 1pm on Thursday 26th November for training and clinical governance purposes. Patients will need to contact the Out of Hours service during these times, if their need is urgent.

Reminder - Meningitis Vaccinations: NHS choices also provides further information regarding this vaccination available to freshers – please book your appointment at the practice if you are eligible.

<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/vaccinations/Pages/men-acwy-vaccine.aspx>'. If you have any queries please ask at reception at the surgery.

Patients' Group: The Patients' Group would be delighted to hear from you – please see the notice board in the waiting room for details, speak to the receptionist or look at the practice's website for further information

<http://www.mysurgerywebsite.co.uk/ppg.aspx?p=D81055>

and see what your Patients' Group has achieved.

Non- Emergency Patient Transport: Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has launched a 12-week public consultation on the future model for Non-Emergency Patient Transport Services (NEPTS) for our area. *Please note that this finishes on 19 November 2015*, should you wish to have any say. A copy of the consultation document and details of a number of public consultation meetings are available at

<http://www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk/have-your-say/nepts.htm> or by writing to:- Freepost Plus RSCR-GSGK-XSHK Engagement Team, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CCG Lockton House, Clarendon Road, Cambridge, CB2 8FH. Walks for Health: The next walks with our accredited walk leader Steve Gilson start at 11.00 am from the surgery car park on 13th and 25th November and 11th December. Anglesey Abbey walks continue on Thursdays at 10am from the reception area.

Next Meeting: Patients' Group will meet on 19th November at 6.30pm at Down-

ing Court, Swaffham Bulbeck. Come along to learn more about the Patient Group or if you would like to join us.

Bottisham Patients' Group



**EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE
DISTRICT COUNCIL**

From our District
Councillor
Allen Alderson

Ely Leisure Centre

A decision will be made at Octobers Full Council meeting on the appointment of Mace. They are the consultants that will be producing a very detailed report on the projected costs and income for the new Ely Leisure Centre. When we have their report, about April next year, we will make a decision as to whether it will be built. If we go ahead the time scale to open the Leisure Centre will be August 2017.



Buffets at Full Council Meeting

A tea has always been provided at Full Council pre-meetings. It is proposed that these will no longer be provided, at a saving to the Districts tax payers of £200 per meeting.

Community Land Trusts News

Community Land Trusts in East Cambs are continuing to progress. The one at Streatham and Wilburton CLT - where 50 homes, 15 of which will be affordable are being built along with a doctors surgery, small business units and open space has paved the way for other schemes. In Swaffham Prior, building is well advanced with the allocation of eight new homes completed and the prospective owners hoping to move in by Christmas. Thrift CLT for Soham is currently looking for a suitable location. Witchford CLT has one site identified and Fordham Parish Council wish to move forward with a CLT.

The Councils Planning Service

We have made some very significant changes within the planning service, both in customer service improvements and on new initiatives to contribute to the councils growth agenda. The majority of these changes had a launch date of October 1st. The user-friendly website has been revamped. From October 1st pre-application advice will be free for charities and for small businesses of 5 employees or less. Also the scale of charges has been amended-giving more categories. Plus two new leaflets have been launched.

Allen Alderson

CHAMPING IN ST CYRIAC'S

The Churches Conservation Trust (the body responsible for the upkeep of disused churches such as St Cyriac's) has recently found a lucrative source of income in "Champing". But not everybody benefits. Andrew Grant gives us his take on the current state of play

Traditionally, the Churches' Conservation Trust (CCT) has presented itself as holding these buildings in trust on behalf of their historic communities and has given a priority to community use as part of their brief to ensure that they remain living buildings rather than museum exhibits. However, under financial pressure as they are, this aspect of their mission is in tension with the need to raise funds. The runaway success of champing has taken the Trust by surprise, and gathered pace well before the consequences had been thought through or the administrative or ancillary infrastructure, including reliable cleaning, was in place to cope with the new demands. It is still not in place.

However, the Trust has recognised a lucrative income stream whereby churches suitable for champing might generate funds in excess of their own requirements to subsidise other buildings in less accessible or less exploitable locations. In short, the CCT have come to the view that they need to "sweat the assets" as the unsavoury phrase has it, wherever they have an asset that lends itself to such sweating.

St Cyriac's, endowed as it is with a kitchen and lavatory facilities, lends itself, in the CCT's opinion, admirably to champing. The fact that those facilities were paid for by the PCC on condition that St Mary's congregations would have free use of them during and after services, has led to a potential conflict, since the Trust guarantees privacy and sole tenancy, as it were, to those who hire the Church for champing, and, predictably, the weekend is a prime time for hiring.

Among other, certainly unanticipated, perhaps still unintended, consequences are that whilst champers are in occupation, other visitors, who may have travelled some distance to see the celebrated two-churches-in-one-churchyard, cannot gain access to St Cyriac's. When they do get in, they have, not infrequently, been confronted by recently-vacated camp beds that do not lend a sense of the numinous to the experience. Meanwhile, local community use at preferential hiring rates has to be weighed against the opportunity of generating more serious income by private hiring and is in danger of coming a poor second. Both of these might be seen as undermining part of the *raison d'être* of the CCT. Instances of double-booking have led to a situation where bookings can no longer be made locally, conveniently and quickly, but all requests to hire must first be referred to the CCT. The unusual circumstance that St Cyriac's shares a churchyard with the parish church has led to occasional conflicts of use, perhaps exacerbated by champers' natural assumption, not contradicted by the CCTs' terms and conditions, that they have the place to themselves and therefore have a right to party and/or barbecue in the churchyard.

Peter Aiers, the CCT's Director South East, who attended a meeting of the PCC in September, was courteous but appeared to give little ground at the time. He noted that income from St Cyriac's was among the best of any of their churches, implying

a cause-and-effect relationship with champing that is not borne out, since St Cyriac's income has always been among the highest. He claimed that champing brought revenue into the village, but was perhaps unaware of the unwelcome impositions this has sometimes placed on the supposed chief beneficiaries, Toni and David at the Red Lion.

His written response to the lavatory issue is as follows:

This is a more difficult issue which will require some co operation on each side. We cannot expect champers to put up with people letting themselves into the church to use the loo. At present, Champers have exclusive use of the church from 3pm – 11am the next day. We could potentially change these times to 4pm – 10am if that was easier for St Mary's on a Sunday. If there are funerals we would expect that as much notice as possible is provided to the Champing™ administrator. With the timings we are suggesting I would have thought that there is ample opportunity to allow funerals to be arranged and for us to find an appropriate solution.

To the access issue:

General day to day visitors will not be affected as champers can only arrive after 3pm and have to leave by 11am . The church can be open as normal outside of these times. The only slight cross over is that the champing beds will be set up on the afternoon before champers arrive and taken down shortly after they have left. Visitors can still come in to visit the church, but we plan to have a poster, or some information available in the church to say why there are beds set up – I'm sure people will be very interested to learn more.

To the concern that champing would squeeze out less lucrative community activity:

I believe that this is an issue of negotiation. We would be happy to host pop up tea shops, but we will have to agree on the number of these. Revenue does not trump everything but there needs to be consideration of what is the most effective balance of events. There will be liaison from our volunteering officer over this matter.

And to the question as to whether champing constituted a change of use:

The church belongs to the CCT and we are able to undertake appropriate activity in the churches that we own. We do not require permission for Champing™. We have done extensive research into the issues of people staying in churches and there are many precedents, the earliest being in the Middle Ages. The insurance is covered by our own public liability insurance.

Finally, in response the question "Why St Cyriac's?"

It is a great location near Cambridge, a tourist hot spot. The surrounding area is lovely, lots of walking, cycling, has a loo, kitchen and wifi, great space.

Straws in the wind: The phrase “champing season” has, almost unnoticed, entered the everyday lexicon of the Trust, which has recently appointed its first Director of Development. He, presumably, will devote himself to the new item the Trust has recently added to its mission and development plan: “Creating Value”. “Development” and “Value” are, of course, traditional corporate euphemisms for raising cash.

Andrew Grant

Notes from Parish Council Meeting 10th September 2015

Peter Hart (vice chairman) chaired the meeting with 7 Parish Councillors and 3 members of the public in attendance. The meeting (at 7.30pm) was delayed for 30 minutes to allow for a presentation by Mr Jeffries regarding a proposed development opposite Fairview Grove. Mr Jeffries and 2 others with JLL left before the meeting.

Members’ Declaration of Interest for Items on the Agenda + Requests for Dispensation: David Greenfield declared an interest in the planning application to be considered for 9 Cage Hill.

Public Participation: No items were raised.

Reports:

CCC: Cllr David Brown – no report had been received.

ECDC: Cllr Allen Alderson’s report was read by Peter Hart. His report contained a comment about ECDC losing a planning appeal in Witchford where it had been found to not have adequate five year land supply. That this means that planning now have to assess an application in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework. This in practice means that there is no village envelope outside of which no housing can be built. His report also included the changes to the local boundaries. This would mean that the Swaffhams Ward would become a 2 member ward and be renamed the Bottisham Ward to include Bottisham, Lode, Brinkley, Westley Waterless, Swaffham Bulbeck, Swaffham Prior and Reach.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Steve Kent-Phillip had discovered that Ely new Sports Centre would have no cricket ground. It was noted that the resident who had offered to spray the weeds on paths, was happy that the PC would purchase 20l of replacement chemicals. Steve Kent-Phillips pointed out that the new notice board had been installed. Paul Latchford reported that he was still chasing Street Lighting quotes from Electrical Testing and that as they were so slow he would also seek an alternative supplier. David Greenfield asked about the CIL money, The Clerk read the email from Emma Grima explaining where the money was and when it would be in the PC account. Steve Kent-Phillips reminded the PC that the money needed to be moved to the correct account after it was received. Footpaths: Peter Hart asked if Karen Champion (Public Rights of Way Officer - CCC) could be consulted on the way forward. Andrew Camps added that the Probation Service were now working on the paths.

Peter Hart pointed out that a resident further up the path away from Cage Hill was not trimming his hedges as the resident nearer to Cage Hill had not done so. David Greenfield added that the path opposite, towards Coopers Green was now improved. Andrew Camps added that there was some Elder in need of attention.

Correspondence for Circulation/Consideration

ECDC: Asset of Community Value. Red Lion: qualifies.

ECDC: Prior Fen Chapel, Upware: does not qualify. It was noted that there was no appeal but it was possible to apply for ACV for the Chapel in the future.

ECDC: CIL money email. – noted.

CCC: Draft Cambridgeshire Flood and Water Supplementary Planning Document

Consideration of planning applications

Old School House 69 High Street – Proposed demolition of existing garage and erection of new garage in its place - 15/00905/FUL: There were no comments and no objection.

Land adjacent 9 Cage Hill - Proposed dwelling – 15/00846/FUL: some serious concerns: Access sight lines and splays. Pedestrian and vehicular. There is no footpath on Cage Hill at the location of the vehicular access into the property. Access would be directly onto Cage Hill. The area is a conservation area and the proposed development is opposite a listed building (The Pound) and the development was considered detrimental to the visual impact of the conservation area and the listed building.

30 Green Head Road - Change of Use from Class B1(b) to dwelling house: There were no comments and no objection.

Village Sign

Two commercial quotes and a resident offering to work on the sign were discussed. The local tradesman's quote and the resident were compared and it was decided to discuss the work with the resident. Paul Latchford agreed to contact the resident and make sure he can address all the requirements.

Review of Cemetery Charges

The figures available from other parishes were discussed and new charges agreed, with some adjustment, around an average of the other parishes. The fee for outside of parish to be 4 times the normal fee – at the discretion of the PC. The new fees to be published on the notice boards and Web site.

Accounts for payment

These were all agreed.

Clerk's Report

The Clerk had been asked by Eastern Tree Surgery to clarify the work to be done in the cemetery. Andrew Camps agreed to talk to them. Also reports had been made by residents regarding obstructed paths at Mill Hill, near the Wind Mill and Lower End. Steve Kent-Phillips offered to make Highways aware and report back. There had also been a report by a visitor that verges down Heath Road had been aggressively trimmed by the farmer. Andrew Camps offered to investigate as this verge should be the responsibility of the council.

Parish Councillors' Reports

Andrew Camps reported that the Community Probation Service had been doing a good job on Coopers Green to Cage Hill. Their next jobs may be the paths from Cage Hill towards the Windmill, followed by some work on the Village Hall vegetation but they will need direction. Andrew Camps also reported that the bus stop sign replacement had been actioned by Mark Oldfield of Balfour Beatty who had passed it on to Stagecoach. The result was a sign in the correct place but also the Lower End sign remained in the wrong place. Peter Hart expressed his thanks for Andrew Camps' efforts. Steve Kent-Phillips reported that the Dencora low cost housing allocation had been release today and that the 8 allocations were all local people. Sandra Gynn asked how many had applied. David Greenfield reported 24 applications, 14 short listed and the final decision was September 3rd

Open Question Time

Paul Latchford asked Alastair Everitt if he knew the farmer that would have cut the verges. Michael Limb asked about the verges being cut in Cage Hill and Steve Kent-Phillips said that he had contacted CGM to make sure it was on their cutting list.

Notes from Parish Council Meeting 8th October 2015

Peter Hart (vice chairman) chaired the meeting with 7 Parish Councillors and 3 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

Emma Fletcher asked if the Clerk would consider being a director of the SPCLT. Karen King had resigned as of the 4th of September having moved out of the village. Alastair Everitt apologised for not having found the farmer mentioned in Heath Road. Michael Limb asked if CGM could be reminded about the cutting of the verge in Cage Hill.

Reports:

CCC Matters: Cllr David Brown reported to the meeting. The chief executive - Mark Lloyd is leaving so Cambridge are trialling a chief executive sharing scheme with Peterborough. Paul Latchford asked about street lighting and reported a strange conversation with a CCC employee in customer service who said that no one in the office knows about street lights. David Brown suggested Tom Blackburn-Maze is the correct contact.

ECDC Matters: Cllr Allen Alderson reported to the meeting. He said that Ely Council had engaged a company called Mace to consult on running costs of the new Leisure Centre, opening August 2017. He also reported that ECDC meetings would no longer have a tea break at 16:00 even though the meetings often went on until 9pm. Paul Latchford mentioned that the black refuse sacks had been delivered and Steve Kent-Phillips offered to put a notice on the Web site reminding residents to claim inside the allowed period if they had not had their sacks delivered. Allen Alderson also reported the slow progress on the repairs to the High Street sign

despite Jason Littleboy reporting a new contractor had been found 2 months ago.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Andrew Camps mentioned the Probationary Service's progress and that the Village Hall had not yet been done but they were back on Monday. They would be clearing the Mill side of the Cage Hill path including cutting back the Elder. Sandra Gynn mentioned she had seen someone clearing weeds at the Village Hall, Peter Rand (public) said that it was himself and his wife. David Greenfield reported a conversation with CGM whilst they were cutting grass in the who said Cage Hill verges were not on their list, Steve Kent-Phillips said that the lady he spoke to at CGM said that it was. The Clerk will send a note to CGM. Andrew Camps reminded the meeting about the Probation Service working on the path from Cage Hill and Peter Hart said he was still talking to Karen Champion (Public Rights of Way Officer CCC) about who the owner of the road end of the path was.

Correspondence for Circulation/Consideration

CCC: Email reminder about the closure of Station Road between 26th and 30th October

ECDC: Email from Emma Grima confirming authorised transfers to precept account for the CIL 15% period 1/4/15 – 30/9/15. John Covill to check the bank online.

General: Resident's letter regarding the proposed development on Mill Hill by James Brownsdon. Quotation from Eastern tree surgery for work in the cemetery. Business Services at CAS Ltd – Insurance. (& email confirmation). Email from resident regarding parking near Vicarage Lane and bus stop sign.

Consideration of Planning Applications Received

All noted. No decisions or comments to be made.

Village Sign

There was a discussion with a resident in public gallery and after further discussion regarding the state of the post and carving and how best to get the sign down, refurbished and replaced, it was decided to take the offer to work on the sign by the local resident and get a new quote from Elston Decorators for taking down, putting back and painting the post.

Station Road – Consider parking restrictions

Sandra Gynn said that she had been to the school governors' meeting where the parking problem had been discussed. The owners of Goodwin Manor had complained about their drive being used to turn around and some damage had been caused. The owner of Rose Cottage (42) had sent an email also complaining about parking, which Cllr David Brown had passed on the council. The Clerk would chase David Brown for an update. Allen Alderson mentioned that he had comments from the owner of Goodwin Manor about being disappointed with the damage. Paul Latchford asked if children have to be escorted into the school; Sandra Gynn said that they have to be escorted to the classroom door. A member of the public added that there were many children attending the school from Burwell and therefore will need to be driven. Paul Latchford pointed out that parking restrictions would make the problems worse so additional parking would have to be provided elsewhere. David Almond suggested the school was responsible for encouraging considerate

parking. The meeting decided to reconsider the matter after further reports at the next meeting.

CIL and Open Space Money – review residents’ responses

David Greenfield pointed out that as of yesterday (7th Oct.) the second payment was due. The Clerk presented a list and consolidation of the responses to the request for ideas letter. Peter Hart suggested using the list to discuss the way forward. Sandra Gynn pointed out that some suggestions would involve on-going costs. Steve Kent-Phillips suggested one criteria would be sustainability and also suggested the play area cargo net, as it was only £100, we just do that now, then it is on the list of done items. Paul Latchford added viability as criteria and that we should take account of the range of ages in the community. David Greenfield suggested we include sources of other funding and that we use the list as feedback to the village. Peter Hart & David Greenfield suggested shortening the list against proposed criteria. Allen Alderson pointed out that the list may have items that are already in progress. There was some reference to cycle way improvements in progress. Peter Hart suggested putting the edited list on the Web site as feedback per David Greenfield's proposal and to group the suggestions to limit the list. Steve Kent-Phillips offered to edit and further consolidate the list. David Greenfield proposed using the raw data so all suggestions can be seen but remove personal data. This was agreed by the meeting.

Peter Hart asked for an agreement on the criteria to be used - It was agreed the 6 criteria would be: viability, eligibility, sustainability, inclusivity, underway and match funding. A sub-committee of 4 members was agreed and they were to report back at the next meeting.

Street Lighting

Paul Latchford reported that he was still having trouble with Balfour Beatty regrading Fairview Grove's street lights but he would continue to chase.

Cemetery – Agree contractor for clearing waste and further trimming work

Eastern Tree Surgery's was the only quote received out of 4 companies asked to quote. It was agreed that they should do the work.

Accounts for payment

These were all agreed.

Clerk's Report

The Clerk had been contacted by a resident who considered exiting his drive was being made unsafe by another resident's parked vehicle. Steve Kent-Phillips agreed to talk to the vehicle's owner.

Parish Councillors' Reports

Sandra Gynn reported that since the meeting at the school it seemed she was now on the board of governors of the school. Steve Kent-Phillips gave his apologies for the November meeting. Paul Latchford reported that the flag would be up next month.

Open Question Time

Michael Limb said that he was thankful for all in the PC who do so much work outside the PC meetings and that he is personally grateful. He was not happy about spending community funds on removing waste as, he suspected, neither would have

John Norris. Alastair Everitt agreed and suggested putting a letter in The Crier asking for volunteers and that he was available to help. He also asked if the ETS quote included removing the spoil heap – it did not. He commented that the grass cutting could be confused by the wild flowers (which they are not allowed to cut) about that time of year. David Greenfield said that the time was agreed 2 meetings ago when Steve Kent-Phillips had talked to CGM.

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

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday, 12th November 2015 starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Future meeting dates:

10th December, 14th January. All are welcome to attend.

Paul Catling – **Clerk to the Parish Council:** Tel: 07040 908743 (Voice Mail only). **Email:** clerk@swaffham-prior.co.uk

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

Christmas Food & Gift Fair

Come and enjoy a festive glass of mulled wine....

...and choose from a selection of delicious Christmas foods, jams, chutneys, cakes, pastries and savouries Christmas gifts for all the family, Christmas wreaths, scented candles, plants, jewellery &, new this year, original art from local artists at affordable prices

Saturday 5th December
The Old Rectory
Swaffham Bulbeck
10.30am 'til 2.30pm

In aid of the Karukekere Water Project & St Mary's Church



Three little words.

A few years ago, a cross section of the British public were surveyed to find out, ***“What phrase do you most long to hear?”***

The top three results were:

I love you

I forgive you

Dinner’s ready

I hear the words, “I love you” every day from my wife and children; I have made mistakes, and have been forgiven; I hear, or say, “Dinner’s ready!”, every day. I don’t take any of these blessings for granted as I know many people do not hear these words.

As human beings we can share love, forgiveness, food and hospitality; but I believe it is God who satisfies our deepest longings.

People are desperate to hear the words, “I love you” - God says, “I love you so much that I gave my only Son, Jesus, and if you believe in Him you will not perish but have everlasting life!” (John 3:16)

People are desperate to hear the words, “I forgive you” - God says, “If you confess your sin I can always be trusted to forgive you and wipe your slate clean” (1 John 1:9)

People love to hear the words, “Dinner’s ready!” - God says, “I’ve prepared a feast for you because I love you” (Song of Songs 2:4). Jesus describes himself as the Bread of Life and says if we come to him we will be satisfied. (John 6:35)

Tell someone you love them today (Don’t just assume they know it or feel it). Is there someone you need to forgive? Tell them you forgive them. Invite someone to share a meal or next time you sit as a family to eat, give thanks for the blessing of food and company.

You are welcome to join us at any of our services if you’d like to see how we live this out at RE:NEW.

Alan Brand

RE:NEW Services in November 2015.

We have activities for children and young people at all our morning services.

A crèche is available if required. All are welcome.

1st November. 10.30am – RE:NEW The Bigger Picture

(Bottisham Primary School) With Holy Communion

8th November. 10.30am – RE:NEW Café style (at the School)

8th November. 6.20pm – Traditional service. (Lode Chapel)

15th November. 10.30am – RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (at the School)

22nd November. 10.30am – RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (at the School)

22nd November. 6.20 pm – Traditional service. (Lode Chapel)

29th November. 10.30am – RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (at the School)

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

Rev. Alan Brand on C.812558. Email: alanbrand77@icloud.com

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

Armchair with white loose covers. Clean and tidy. Squarish contemporary shape. Can email photo if interested. Hilary n741433

Wanted

2 or 3 wooden pallets. Jacqui c811190

Window Roller blind (any colour) – at least 48” (1.2m) wide, any height/length. Susan/Peter c 811584

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.



Spot the Dog!
Round here
somewhere...

Church Services November 2015

Sunday 1 November, All Saints' Day

11am Holy Communion (CW1T)

5pm Families@5, Swaffham Bulbeck School

Sunday 8 November, Remembrance Sunday

10.50am Remembrance Service – with Cubs, Scouts etc

Sunday 15 November, second Sunday before Advent

11am Matins

Sunday 22 November, Christ the King

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

11am Benefice Service – All Age, Lode

Sunday 29 November, Advent Sunday

8am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion

4pm Advent Carols – Cambridge Voices

*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 1515*

*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!

Film Church, second and fourth Fridays, St James', Lode, 7.30pm – for Year 6 and above

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



Mothers' Union

On August 20th we all enjoyed our annual summer cream tea. Jennifer Prouse played the piano and we sang songs we all remembered. Millicent and Sid Chapman were celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary and to congratulate them on this wonderful achievement a beautiful plant was presented to them on behalf of the Mothers' Union. The raffle raised £52.00 and this will be given to the Wheels Appeal.

On September 17th Ruth Pym gave us a wonderful talk on 'Fine Cell Work.' Fine Cell Work was founded by Lady Anne Tree in 1997. Currently working in 29 British prisons with up to 450 prisoners.

Once a month Ruth visits a local prison and shows the prisoners how to do high-quality needlework. The kits are supplied by the Charity and Ruth teaches them how to make them. The work has to be perfect and they are finished on the back using blanket stitch which makes the cushions very long-lasting indeed.

Prisoners spend long hours in their cells often from 7 o'clock in the evening until 7 o'clock in the morning and the needlework is vital to their well-being; some sleep very little and spend their time doing this wonderful needlework. They are paid for this work and this fosters confidence, hope and self-discipline and also creates the opportunity for them to send some money to help family members or to save for their release. At the same time they become part of Fine Cell Work through their regular classes and gain a powerful experience of inclusion, connection and integration through the extensive network of volunteers, staff and customers. The aim is to enable them to acquire new skills, to earn and save money and to acquire the self belief to stop offending. One prisoner said "Fine Cell Work has given me back my sense of pride in myself, my self esteem and my self-worth." There is a long waiting list for prisoners to join the class.

Ruth showed us some beautiful examples of the needlework. This handmade work is supported by designs from interior designers including Pentreath and Hall and Kit Kemp and is bought by organizations such as the V & A and English Heritage and the public. The e-mail address is info@finecellwork.co.uk. Ruth's enthusiasm for this work was infectious and she was asked a great many questions.

Jill Jenyns

Our meetings usually take place on the third Thursday of each month starting at 2.30pm in Lode Chapel. On November 19th Mike Proctor will talk to us about "Christ to the World - by radio and more." You are most welcome to come along and join us.

Dates for Your Diary November 2015

Fri	6	Bulbeck Fireworks, Vicarage Field, Bulbeck
Sun	8	Remembrance Day
Thu	12	PC Meeting, VH, 7.30pm
Fri	13	Friday Morning Teashop, 10.30-12 noon. VH
Mon	16	WI Open Meeting, VH, 7.30pm
Tue	17	Mobile Library, Cage Hill 2.45-3.15pm Chapel 3.20pm-4.00pm 3rd Tues
Wed	18	Crier Copy Deadline
Fri	27	Friday Morning Teashop, 10.30-12 noon. VH
Sun	29	Advent by Candlelight, 4pm, St Mary's and St Cyriac's

Club	Contact	Tel.	Date	Time	Place
FOSPS	Clare Freeman	741316	2 nd Mon of Term	8pm	Village School
Cubs	Tim Doe	743656	Weds (term)	6:00-7:30pm	Village School
Reading Group	Brenda Wilson	743937	1 st Weds of month	8:00pm	(See Crier)
Scouts	Tim Doe	743656	Weds (term)	6:15-7:45pm	Village School
Village Gardeners	Margaret Joyce	744390	3 rd Tues of month	8:00pm	Village Hall
WI	Pat Cook	742224	3 rd Mon of month	7.30 pm	Village Hall
Youth Club	Alan Badcock	742228	Tues	7-8:30pm	Youth Club Hut Hut
			Thurs	7-10:00pm	

