



The Swaffham Crier

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Editorial

August, last month of summer and we're still waiting for it! Worse, many of our readers will be most disappointed that their end-of-summer treat, the Lode Festival has been cancelled this year. Well, it would probably have poured down anyway, but a great pity, we do hope they have another go next year.

That CIL money is back on the agenda this month (see p. 28) and there's some still left to go. More suggestions are needed, do get in touch with the PC by the end of September.

Planning permission for a new house at 65 High Street is causing some consternation this month (see Our Reporter). Not only is this going to be fully visible from our conservation High Street, blocking the view of our lovely churches, but this is going to be a *two*-storey house. Now when it comes to planning parlance even one-storey seems to mean high-rise with added aircraft warning beacon on top, we're not at all sure about this — readers wishing to object need to act quickly.

Ah well, we're off for our summer break now (next edition: October) and so the magazine is full of things happening in September, (but don't miss Margaret Joyce's August coffee morning) and certainly not the September Dog-Show (we'll not be able to make it, oh no!) in conjunction with the Village Harvest Show where the 2016 Gurning Cup will be awarded. Happy Hols All,

Caroline Matheson

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Cover Picture: *Summer Growth* by **Tina Jost**



Letters to the Editors



Dear Editors,

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Once again the time is nearing when we will have our Macmillan Coffee Morning! It will be, as usual, at our house from 10.30 am - 12 noon. If you have never been before and are new to the village we would love to see you, your children and your friends. In fact the more the merrier! It's a great way to meet some new people. It goes without saying that all those who come regularly and raise so much money are, of course, very welcome too. There will be a raffle and cake stall and we just want to donate as much money as possible for this excellent charity which has helped so many people.

I look forward to seeing lots of you on Friday 30th September.

Ruth Scovil

Eds Note: See advert on page 8

Dear Editors,

From Skye

Great colour pages in the last issue!

A note to 'Wulsin': we do see Swallows around the trees here; but no Swifts; though occasionally I see the larger Hobby fly by.

Ophir

Help Required

Swaffham Prior Parish Council needs help...

There are 2 repair projects that the Council needs a **handy man** or **company** willing to:

- Repair and tidy the cemetery fence.
- Repair and or replace the cemetery shed hinge fittings and doors.

Quotes will be required. Details of the work (please feel free to investigate) available from the Clerk. **Email:** clerk@swaffham-prior.co.uk

BON MOT NUMBER ?

"It may be the cock that crows,
but it is the hen that lays the eggs."

Margaret Thatcher (1925-2013)

Organising an event and don't have enough **tables and seats**? We can solve the problem!

For Hire:

Grey hard plastic stacking chairs, black metal legs, can be used indoors and out, hirer collects and returns (deposit required), 50p per chair and a £1 per table per hire. Contact 07833 960678

Proceeds to St. Mary's Church, Swaffham Prior

Swaffham Prior Dog Show

Saturday 10th September 2016



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

**Six Classes: Agility, Best Biscuit Catcher, Retrieve
Best Paw Shaker, Musical Sit and Fancy Dress**

**Classes £1 each or £5 for all six classes
Entries on the day, enquires in advance to
Janet Willmott on 07833 960678**

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



**Generously supported by
Alan's Ark at Soham**

All proceeds to St Mary's Church

From our Reporter at the Parish Council Meeting

Like many in the nation I was bewildered and bemused by the astonishing shenanigans over the two weeks prior to the July PC meeting. Dodgy CVs, backstabbing, exposed incompetence, increased hate mail and racism, Ken Clarke's illuminating off the record exposure, Tories accused of denying democracy by avoiding the vote for the new prime minister by the 160,000 members of what some people call, not I, the "blue rinse and pearl brigade", the Labour Party fudging the rules so that what some people, not I, call the "Militant Tendency Hard Left" are able to elect the Labour leader and possible future prime minister, and the long awaited Chilcot Inquiry report which barely got a look in.



So it was with some relief when I set off one Thursday evening to report on the July PC meeting. Here one knows exactly where one stands. Tradition and stability is always maintained. Though no reporter was there I am sure that the new PC member, Mike Malster, was installed with all dignity and decorum. No skulduggery there. And with so many ladies now running countries it is comforting to have the assurance that our PC still appears to maintain the policy of one token lady member on the committee. Currently it is Sandra Gynn. Previous incumbents have been Elaine Malster, Pat Cunningham, and Elisabeth Everitt.

Events that evening took off with David Brown explaining the CCC's current thinking on the proposed combined authority for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, with a directly elected mayor. If this is agreed there could be a bundle of money available. It was decided to go to public consultation on the proposed deal. Alan had the ECDC statement explaining that the Government proposes **putting the power and funding "into the hands of local people"**. [Huh – what about our Local Plan – more later]. It seems "no powers will be taken away from councils" without their consent. [Reassuring?]. If anyone has views you can give them by going onto the CCC website at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

There were two planning applications this month. The one for 36 Mill Hill passed without objection. But the one for 65 High Street certainly caused a stir. **New building has been taken out of the "hands of local people"**. We once had a Local Plan that preserved the village as a conservation area and which prohibited Back Fill. This Local Plan has been suspended until 2018, and in the meantime anyone can offer up land anywhere in the village for development. Behind 65 High Street is a huge garden and the application is for one house with a road going up, between 65 and 67, to the top where there is space for another three houses at some stage.

Three people attended the meeting to lodge their protests and they were joined, fortuitously at the very moment the meeting was thrown open, by two other big hitters. One very learned member of the public stated that the development would be "a travesty". The PC will be lodging many objections, one of which is that it would destroy the conservation area and certainly impair the view of the two churches which is one of the features of the village. The PC urged everyone

concerned to lodge their own individual concerns. I have a feeling that Phil Sheldrake, the original owner, will be turning in his grave. On the other hand he did have a quietly philosophical humour, and may be chuckling.

We were brought up to date with the latest CIL monies news. Some is being used to revamp the streetlights. All the works had been agreed when it was discovered that the telephone pole near the school entrance had been removed, together with the street light. On enquiring, the PC was told by BT that the light had never been authorised and should never have been put up there. The school is happy with its own lighting of the steps and the PC has saved a little money. But it is not happy with the coming and going of posts in that area, without being informed or consulted. We have now bought the phone box for £1. Steve informed us it is a special phone box with the gold crown to commemorate the silver jubilee of King George V in 1935. In it will be a defibrillator, and various neighbours will be trained to use it.

The Soil Heap in the cemetery has at last been removed. In future all gravediggers will need to remove their own spoil. There then followed a very long discussion about the use, and state, of the cemetery. I am not sure anything was ever resolved. In brief – is there a gate, a gap, a board dividing the cemetery from the allotments, is there or isn't there a fence, and does it do the job, is there any objection to walkers going through the cemetery and out through the allotments, should the cemetery be reserved as just a place of peace and reflection with casual people being urged to walk by the side of the horses field and going in by the side gate, how does one stop travellers using the water tap especially as there have been lumps of brown evidence showing that Dobbin may also have been invited in. The seemingly endless discussion continued with the question of the incinerator for dead flowers etc. The present incinerator, though fragile, is "still standing". Replacing it with a chimneyed dustbin was rejected as these soon wear out. Mike Malster, an allotment grandee, said that it is he who maintains the incinerator, and that it is still serviceable. For the moment there needs to be no action. It was perhaps the longest meandering inconclusive debate that we in the public gallery had ever witnessed. We just looked at each other in astonishment.

At the end of the meeting Steve revealed that he had obtained three good litter bins from Martin Meade who had no further use for them. Just the thing for the Village Hall, Steve thought, and deposited them out side the Village Hall door. He then emailed the Chairman with the good news. After so much effort and initiative it is always disappointing to receive the prompt reply – "Thanks, but no thanks". Undaunted, Steve will now put two in the children's play area. That leaves one more to get rid of. Villagers are advised to keep their front gates closed.

Alastair Everitt

VILLAGE HARVEST SUPPER

SATURDAY 8 OCTOBER



at 6pm

Village Hall, Swaffham Prior

Supper with scrumptious puddings

Bar serving wine and soft drinks

Entertainment

Raffle for Fair Trade hampers

In aid of St Mary's Church and
Projects in Mara, Tanzania

Please remember your own
plate, bowl and cutlery

Tickets – prices held from last year:

Adult – £8; over 65/under 16 – £7;
under 11 – £5

Please book in advance to aid catering
Newcomers to the village especially welcome



From Janet Willmott – 07833 960678

Dee Noyes – 07585 807413

Village Harvest Festival
St Mary's Church
11am, Sunday 16 October

Prayer Heart



At the back of St Mary's Church we now have a Prayer Heart. If there is someone you would like remembered in our Prayers, pop into Church at any time and write their name/names on one of the post its, with a message if you would like to, and then slip it into the Heart. If you would like Rev Sue to contact you please leave a phone number or email address as well.



COFFEE MORNING

41 Cage Hill Swaffham Prior

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 10th

10-12pm

COFFEE. CAKES. RAFFLE

Money raised will go towards a bike ride, in Vietnam and Cambodia, for Women v Cancer.

Please come and bring friends.

**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**



COFFEE MORNING

Ruth Scovil's house

The Oaks, Manor Farm Court

Lower End, Swaffham Prior

Friday: 10.30 am - 12.00 noon

30th September 2016

World's Biggest Coffee Morning

Every cup will help improve the lives of people living with cancer.

GOOD OLD WILL

Recently I was challenged by a canny friend for pursuing the Authorship Question - for him it was just another conspiracy theory. I mentioned the fact that Shakespeare's children were illiterate. His matter of fact response was that they obviously didn't go to school. That is a reasonable explanation. But it does not explain why Shakespeare did not send his children to school. I may be wrong, but it may be supposed that anyone, with even the minimum amount of curiosity, may wonder, just a little, why Shakespeare did not send his children to school. Yes?

Amongst numerous other curious facts is that the memorial in Holy Trinity Church is not the one that was erected in the church after Shakespeare's death. But that is another story.

Alastair Everitt

Epitaph?

**And, yet further to Richard III's end;
Just in case it's the start of a trend:-**

Not for me, a Council car-park.
Not for me a marble cross.
Not for me a chiselled headstone,
Covered, eventually, in moss.
Not for me a polished casket,
With '*a choice of engraved plates*',
With my name - with proper spelling,
And my start and ending dates.

Not for me a rural, background,
In amongst a grove of trees.
Not for me an ocean backdrop.
Let me be on dry land, please.
Not for me a 'deep freeze' future,
Waiting for the Final Call.
Not for me a vacant alcove,
In a long 'Remembrance Wall.'

Too much space is being taken
Storing folk, until The Day;
I am opting for cremation,
Spread my ash where e'er you may.

Ophir

REACH FESTIVAL

10.30am
to 4.30pm
Fair Green
Reach
CB25 0JD

Saturday
24th
September 2016

and parking

Free entrance

Traditional Handmade Crafts
Local Produce * Food * Drink * Music
Storytelling and more

Displays including Potting * Coinmaking
Wood Turning and Flint Knapping

info@reachfestival.org.uk

www.reachfestival.org.uk



**Join
POP
(Proud of Prior)**

for another

COMMUNITY LITTER PICK! POP NEEDS YOU!!

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

**Saturdays 20th August and
17th September, 2016
10.00am**

**Accompanied Children Welcome
Hi Vis Jackets provided
You participate at your own risk
Your Safety is YOUR responsibility**



**Please bring your own gloves if you wish
All other equipment provided**

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

Look forward to seeing the results!

Crossword Number 134

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 September 2016. The first correct solution out of the hat will win a free Sunday lunch main course for two next month at the Red Lion (generously donated by the pub management). See full terms and conditions on the Crier web site.

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Name:.....

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.....Tel:.....

Across

- 1 Told to cut down on the cigarettes; use anthracite for example? (9)
- 6 Rock or shake unrighteous without hurt (7)
- 11 Woolly James the First, you hear, joins member with hesitation (6)
- 12 Cornish roe hatches into large herbivore (10)
- 13 Reject politician? Reject if suffering self-deceit (8)
- 14 Lighting inside whirligig nit ingeniously spun (8)
- 15 Fortune teller, in other words, is craze gals try (7,5)
- 17 Helps serious disease (4)
- 18 Nonplus Hugh with clam stew for pub meal (10,5)
- 22 Pinnacle, supplier to Wile E Coyote (4)
- 24 Holy festival gone wrong? Stay under sea (6,6)
- 27 Make a division when member of airborne unit, in short and shirt, invades diocese (8)
- 28 Parade card theft precursor (8)
- 30 Destroy Italian hen (10)
- 31 Appear inside when homespun Ruth returns (4,2)
- 32 State founder and relative, it's reported, flag (7)
- 33 Alsatians chewed up attacker (9)

Down

- 2 Peculiar opera must play in Hamlet (9)
- 3 Herrings caught sleeping and cured? (7)
- 4 Quite big in Molecular Genetics (5)
- 5 I leave magistrate organising manoeuvre (9)

- 7 Basic principles by which heraldic red surrounds circle, right? (6,5)
- 8 Ocular stress, caused by retina? Yes (9)
- 9 One Spanish bridge player followed by Edward - not possessed (7)
- 10 Kate's interrupted by intrusive Tracey Ziegler, at first offering unwanted advice (6)
- 16 A horse, for example, in allotment assemblage (11)
- 19 Carmen, for instance, first person in not reversing procedure (9)
- 20 Born to eat on board or extreme poverty? (9)
- 21 Symptom of gastric reflux cured by "Herb Tuna", right? (9)
- 23 Purify thin son embraced by church (7)
- 25 Observe tool yo-yo? (6)
- 26 Not artificial, if Ted ignored plastic adulterant (7)
- 29 Additional spear carrier (5)

Solution to crossword no. 133



We congratulate Sue Jackson, the winner of last month's competition, who will receive her prize certificate from the editors. An honourable mentions goes to Robert Nunn.



St Cyriac's Church

with the Churches Conservation Trust

Pop Up Afternoon Tea Shop

Open 2pm to 5pm

Saturday 20th August
Saturday 3rd September

Pop in for tea and cake



The Burwell Surgery Flu Immunisation – Save the dates!

At The Day Centre: Adults by appointment only:
Thursday 29th September : 9.00 – 11.30 am

At The Burwell Surgery: Open Clinics will be held on:
Saturday 8th October: 9.00 – 11.30 am
Saturday 5th November: 9.00 – 11.30 am

By appointment : Clinics in October:
Monday 10th - 6.30 – 7.30 pm
Thursday 20th – 2.30 – 5.00 pm
Monday 31st – 6.30 – 7.30 pm

By appointment: Clinics in November:
Thursday 10th – 2.30 – 5.00 pm

Further details will be available in September



Bottisham Village College

Adult Learning

**Are you interested in learning something new?
Our full range of courses for the Autumn is now
available and you can enrol at any time by visiting our
website www.bottishamvc.org/adultlearning**

NEW courses include:

**Bookkeeping Level 1
British Sign Language
Calligraphy
Caribbean Cookery
Contemporary Felt Making
Managing Stress & Anxiety
Maths GCSE
Moroccan Cookery
Singing for Fun
Tex-Mex**

Saturday Workshops include:

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Calligraphy
Indian Street Food
Introduction to Creative Writing
Paediatric First Aid
Stained Glass**

www.bottishamvc.org/adultlearning

Tel: 01223 811372 email: adultlearning@bottishamvc.org

Facebook: BottishamAdultCommunityLearning or Twitter: @CommunityEdBott



Strawberry Teas in July.

Nearly 50 guests turned out for tea, scones fruit and cream, despite it being Wimbledon finals, and with the sun shining, good company and garden games it was enjoyed by all and raised £187.00 for St. Mary's Church.





Sage advice



Whether used as a culinary herb, grain or bedding perennial, the genus *Salvia* has a versatile relationship within many human cultures. It is the horticultural value that stands out for me - diverse and vibrant blooms on scented foliage, which come into their own during the longer summer days in British gardens.

The genus contains nearly a thousand species, and finds its highest diversity in Central and South America, with the Mediterranean Basin and Himalaya also displaying large species counts. The unifying characteristic of these species is the presence of a pair of hinged stamens, which form a staminal lever on the male part of the flower. This unusual pollination mechanism is activated by a visiting bird or bee. A nose around in the flowers on your common-old garden sage (*Salvia officinalis*) should allow activation of this lever, which under the right circumstances

daubs the back of the pollinator with pollen.

The species which cause most excitement tend to be from the New World. Many of these have colourful tubular flowers, such as *Salvia fulgens*, *Salvia guaranitica* and *Salvia concolor* or the deep purple-black of *Salvia discolor*- all of which are flowering in the Garden's Glasshouse Bays at the moment. William Robinson wrote of another *Salvia* species, the Mexican species *S. patens*, "doubtless, the most brilliant in cultivation, being surpassed by and equalled by few other [garden] flowers". Rather than bees, these New World cousins are geared up for hummingbirds, and the queen amongst this group is the giant Bolivian sage, *S. dombeyi*, from the high Andes, with 8cm, vivid scarlet pendent blooms.



Hopefully, this has wetted your appetite for the genus *Salvia*, which is much more than sage and chia. Many *salvia* species will be flowering right into September at the Garden, providing some late-summer, colourful and inspirational ideas for the home garden.

Alex Summers
Glasshouse Supervisor

The Speaker at our July meeting was Geoff Lambert who came to talk about medical detection dogs, bringing with him a very talented springer spaniel called Buddy who is specially trained to detect changes in blood sugar levels in Brittle Type 1 diabetes. This is a particularly debilitating form of the disease with a daily risk of coma. The Charity 'Medical Detection Dogs' works on two fronts, one trains and supplies dogs to support people on an individual basis and the other is in researching methods to detect certain cancers either through breath or urine samples. It is also hoped that the technique can be extended to include Parkinson's disease and early warning for seizures. We could see much more involvement of our canine friends in future non-invasive screening programmes.

In August we meet on 15th in the Village Hall at 7:30 when one of our very talented members, Gill Rushworth, will be talking about her embroidery. We will then have social time with refreshments, competitions and raffle.

There will be no meeting in September as we are having an outing to the Shuttleworth Collection and Swiss Gardens on Saturday 3rd September. There are still a few seats available on the coach so if anyone is interested in coming along give me a ring or email to check availability and cost

New members and visitors are always welcome at our meetings so do come along and be part of this great organisation.

Pat Cook - President

Tel: 01638 742224

Email: patcook6@btinternet.com

COMBERTON : RAMBLERS CLUB

The Comberton Ramblers Club walk on alternative Sundays. All walks start at 10.15 a.m. Walks are from 4 - 7 miles, usually ending near a public house.

We are a friendly / informative group and enjoy exploring the varied countryside in this area. New walkers are welcome to join us with up to 2 free walks, and if you enjoy our walks we request that you become a member.

From the 1st September 2016 our annual membership fee is £8.50 / free if under 18 years old.

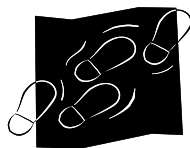
Our Autumn Walk Programme starts on the 4th September 2016:

Horseheath - 4.5 Miles

For further details on how to join our sociable rambling group please Contact the Secretary - Stella..

stella.ramblers@hotmail.com

Tel: 01954 210049



FREECYCLE



If you have any offers or wants, please contact me by the 14th of each month by phone (01223 813362), 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

- Modern high chair; travel cot; clean jam jars with screw lids. Mike 01223 811606
- Large plastic dog basket (dark greenish colour) – suitable for Labrador-sized dog. John/Jill 01223 813810
- Two windows and one 3-panel window in its wooden frame (all second-hand, double-glazed latticed windows). Andy 01223 813362
- Large quantity of Ordnance Survey maps and assorted road maps; Wheeled soft travel bag (Turquoise, approx 750cm, x 350cm x 330cm. Excellent condition); Numerous back copies of Leisure Painter magazine; Floor standing small calogen heater. New (Perfect for caravan). Fay 07973 665993 (by text only please)
- 2 Roman blinds, plain dark turquoise, blackout lined, each 120 cms (47 ins) wide by 107 cms (42 ins). Sylvia or Bob, 01223 811770.

Wanted

- A motor, e.g old lawnmower engine, starter motor for a car to get community apple scratter working again. Andy 01223 813362
- Redundant (could be dysfunctional) Ladders. Nicole 01223 812363
- Wanted any old (or new, lol) computers or laptops or monitors to build a computer for my son. Anything at all even an old laser printer or Atari or even an Amiga and Sinclair spectrum. Also old software of ANY sort. Joseph, 07341971330
- Old tools, garage items and anything classic car related. Ray 01223 813117.
- 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.

News from Bottisham Medical Practice Patients' Group

Thanks: *Firstly* from Nurse Annabel Cullen “I’d just like to say goodbye to all the lovely Bottisham Medical Practice patients I’ve got to know so well over the last 14 years. Thank you for your cards and good wishes, it’s been a pleasure to work here. Best wishes to all, Annabel.”

Secondly to all those who contributed to and donated prizes for our stall at the Lode Fair. £100 was raised to go towards the purchase of a second ambulatory

blood pressure monitor.

Bowel Cancer Prevention: Bowel cancer, also known as colorectal cancer, is one of the most common cancers, accounting for over 10% of all cancers in England. Every 15 minutes someone is diagnosed with bowel cancer in the UK. Public Health England has published a resource on bowel cancer prevention <https://www.gov.uk/...preventing-bowel-cancer/health-matters-improving-the-prevention-and-diagnosis>. It includes information about the prevalence of the condition, dietary and lifestyle factors that increase the risks of developing it and advice on early detection. Just over half (54%) of bowel cancer cases in the UK are linked to lifestyle risk factors. Diet plays a major role in bowel cancer risk. The evidence has been steadily growing around the risks of eating large amounts of red meat and processed meats, such as sausages, bacon, ham and salami.

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.

Walks for Health: The next walks with our accredited walk leader Steve Gilson start at 11.00 am from the surgery car park on 5th and 24th August, 7th and 23rd September, 5th and 21st October. Do join Steve for a walk he would be delighted to see you. Anglesey Abbey walks continue on Thursdays at 10am from the reception area.

Next Meeting: Patients' Group will meet on 22nd September at 6.30pm at the surgery. Come along to learn more about the Patient Group or if you would like to join us.

Bottisham Patients' Group

School News

On Friday 1st July pupils and staff from Swaffham Prior took part in the service at Ely Cathedral to commemorate the Battle of the Somme. It was a very moving service. After processing into the Cathedral behind the Royal British Legion banners and a bag-piper, our pupils sang two of the songs which would have been sung by British Soldiers at the time. Mr Godfrey and pupils joined senior military representatives and local dignitaries in reading texts about the battle, many written by the soldiers themselves. The Swaffham Prior pupils represented their generation really well showing great respect for the soldiers who fought for the freedoms we benefit from today. After the service, they joined pupils from Ramsey Primary School in performing some Molly Dances outside the Cathedral, to show the happier traditions of the countryside at the time of the First World War.

Last week, I enjoyed the school production of 'The Mystery of Magpie Manor'. A musical whodunit, with theft, fraud and impersonation. Fortunately a renowned



author, Agatha Christie, was on hand to solve the case and as an added benefit the long lost family treasure was found whilst hunting for the stolen property. The pupils gave a rousing performance which was much enjoyed by everyone who came.

On a smaller scale, the Reception pupils took Assembly this week. They showed us all the importance of building strong foundations by acting out the story of the ‘Three Little Pigs’. They worked well together as a team, acted their parts brilliantly and sang really well.

The building works are well on schedule. All classrooms have been refurbished and look fresh and welcoming. The pupils and staff are very pleased with their new rooms. The roof works are nearly complete and will give us a well-insulated roof with no leaks. Over the school holidays they will move to the common areas, electrics and the boiler. There has been one delay, due to problems with the original window supplier. A contract has been agreed with a new supplier but as the windows are purpose made for us, they are unlikely to deliver before the new term. The contractors are confident that they can install the windows outside of school hours with little disruption.

Charlotte Cane, Chair of Governors
chair@swaffhamprior.cambs.sch.uk



Registered Charity No: 1063430

NHS HEARING AID CLINICS for 2016

NEWMARKET

Day Centre

Fred Archer Way CB8 8NT

The fourth Tuesday of every other month
from 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY

SESSIONS WILL BE HELD HERE ON:

Tuesday 26 th July	Tuesday 25 th October
Tuesday 23 rd August	Tuesday 22 nd November
Tuesday 27 th September	No service in December

Batteries for NHS Hearing Aids are issued at these sessions

Suffolk Hearing Advisory Service, Basepoint Centre, 70-72 The Havens
Ramsomes Europark, Ipswich, IP5 9BF
T: 01473 286060

www.hbas.org.uk/suffolk E: suffolkinfo@hbas.org.uk



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www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/concessionary



Ely Southern By Pass

The Government will shortly be confirming the funding for this project. We can then announce our preferred contractor. This will be a design and build contract with a start date of approx November 2016 and completion date of November/December 2017.



Council Meeting

On 28th June I attended a full council meeting mainly to discuss two issues

1) The new district Leisure Centre at Ely

The Leisure Centre would have the following facilities-

An eight lane 25m swimming pool

A learner pool

A 120 station gym

Two dance studios

A four court sports hall

A 3G all weather pitch

The preferred contractors to build the new Leisure Centre is a company called Pellikaan. The preferred contractors to operate the facilities on the Councils behalf once open are GLL – a large trust operating at 222 sites on behalf of 45 local authorities or similar clients, including Cambridge City Council.

The budget for the project is £13,500,000. The majority of this funding will come from capitol receipts or borrowing. Financially it should be cost neutral for construction and operation.

2) The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Devolution Proposal

The devolution deal includes new un-ring fenced funding under a single pot (£600 million over 30 years, £20m per annum) for infrastructure and economic growth; £100 million capitol grant (out to 2020/21) for the delivery of new homes and developed budgets for key route network of roads and local transport. An additional £70 million capitol ring fenced for Cambridge to address the exceptional housing market conditions.

James Palmer, our Council Leader has negotiated the inclusion of key infrastructure projects in the deal document for consideration. Specifically: CLT scheme for Kennett, CLT development as a whole, Soham railway station including double tracking and reinstatement of the loop 'Newmarket Curve', Ely North junction improvements, Ely Southern bypass, A14/A142 junction and upgrades to the A10.

I have been involved in several local issues this last month, mainly planning matters.

June 2016

The main issue at the County Council in June has been the debate over devolution of powers from Government to a combined authority for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, with a directly elected Mayor. After a long debate Council agreed by a majority vote to go to public consultation on the proposed deal.

The proposed deal includes 170 million pounds for housing over the next 5 years together with 600 million pounds over 30 years for infrastructure improvements across the County, including items like the A142/A14 junction. Funding for skills and adult learning would also be devolved to the proposed combined authority together with certain powers over roads and transport.

Personally I believe the proposed deal to be worthwhile but I urge you all to have your say in the consultation. The consultation is available on the County Council website - www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

July 2016

Full Council met on 19th July. A petition was received regarding City Deal proposals for widening Milton Road, which would result in the loss of a number of trees. Following debate it was agreed to refer the petition to the City Deal Board. Council also considered and approved the Treasury Management Strategy. A motion was debated and supported regarding the need for tolerance across the County following recent reports of racial incidents.

The Children and Young People Committee met. The Committee supported applications to create 2 Free Schools, a new primary school in Chatteris, an a new Special School associated with the Meadowgate School in Wisbech. A report was tabled regarding the work of the Corporate Parenting Board (which I chair) and the Committee also considered a Finance and Performance report.

General Purposes Committee also met in July. As well as the usual Finance and Performance Reports, the Committee considered reports regarding the Total Transport Pilot proposal based in and around Ely, the business case for developing a company to supply agency workers in conjunction with Suffolk County Council, a consultation strategy and provisions for the County Council elections in 2017..

I also attended a business planning seminar for Children and Young People Committee, a GPC/SMT Business Planning Workshop, a member seminar regarding early consideration of setting up community hubs, and a meeting with Burwell Sports Centre regarding issues with the car park.

Work is progressing with the Ely Southern by-pass, with funding in place and work expected to start on site in November/December 2016 and completion by end 2017.

David Brown

Notes from Parish Council July Meeting

John Covill chaired the meeting with 8 Parish Councillors and 9 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:

It was noted that the public interest was in the planning applications and so could be handled under that item.

Reports

CCC Matters: Cllr David Brown reported to the meeting. The main issue was the debate over devolution of powers from Government to a combined authority for Peterborough and Cambridge. It has been decided to go to public consultation and there will be a formal meeting in October. He urged people to have their say in the debate. More is available on the Webtie : www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk

ECDC Matters: Cllr Allen Alderson reported to the meeting including, that he does not want the devolution David Brown was discussing being mainly for CCC's benefit. Andrew Camps added the project to add the Cambridge Loop rail link will allow access to Cambridge from Soham. Allen Alderson handed out copies of the devolution agreement projects. David Brown added that although the cost of the rail link was high, the project would very likely receive funds from other sources as with the A142-A14 junction, where it was possible the Earl of Derby may assist with funding.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

David Greenfield had received feedback from the reply to the Parish Conference 2 June follow up. He thanked Paul Latchford for the information he had provided. There are 2 more parts that are not up for comment by the PC, published June 24th. David Greenfield gave an update on the response and current state including green spaces; they had accepted the PC's entries but as with the other areas, had input from other sources resulting in 3 additional areas: The field known as Dencora, the land at the top of the village (also in the housing development list) and at the end of Lower End, the Pump House Field. The Development envelope has the PC's proposed change near to Rogers Road / Lower End but 4 more changes were proposed.

Correspondence for Circulation / Consideration

All correspondence was noted including the PC agreed to contact or pass on any local residents details who may own a pumping station to report back to Anglian Water.

Consideration of Planning Applications Received:

There were no objections to the application for 36 Mill Hill.

The Application for construction of 4 bedroom, two storey detached dwelling behind 65 High Street was discussed at length and the meeting was suspended to allow members of the public to provide comment. The conclusion was a number of serious concerns and objections including: backfill development would not normally (currently) be passed, access and egress issues, overlooking existing properties gardens and windows, the elevation would make it on a level with the churches and

hence change the character of the village. Questions were raised regarding services, especially sewage as it would probably join a sewer, already congested, that crosses a local residents land. It was also noted that the proposed “drive” is in the middle of one and opposite another, bus stop. There was concern about the extensive removal of trees and hedges in a conservation area, the access is not a road and allowing for 18 tonne vehicles so close to existing 18th century buildings may cause damage. Further comments were requested before the end of the following week. It was decided to enter a strong objection.

CIL Money Projects

Steve Kent-Phillips reported on progress with the projects recommended by the village at the AVA. He covered the 7 current projects most of which were progressing as expected.

Refurbish the path from St. Cyriac's to be back gate: a new quote had been received for £5250 from **Mead Construction**. The PCC has agreed to share the cost with the PC and Martin Mead. The PC agreed to pay the 1/3 share of £1750 as all previous concerns had been resolved.

The Cemetery Spoil Heap: has been removed. After an estimate of up to £10K the actual bill for this was £2040. It was agreed to get Mead's to quote for further work to replace topsoil, landscape the site and repair path edging.

The Clerk will send letters to request grave diggers take spoil away in future or accept that the PC will get the work done and present them with the bill.

Street Lighting: The light outside the school has been removed for some reason it should not have been on a telegraph pole but the school has said that their new security lighting make it redundant in any case. The Clerk will adjust the asset register and inform ECDC and the insurance company. Paul Latchford covered the recent news on Fairview Grove Lights. Apparently 2 of them now need attention. Paul Latchford noted that Electrical Testing were standing by their original quotes now around a year old. They can do 2-3 lights per day and expect to be able to replace the remaining lights in 3 days. It was agreed the project cost of less than £7.5K should go ahead, which is to replace all remaining lights.

Telephone Box: We are now in possession of the Box and a nice 'phone box owners pack. The Swaffham Prior Box is a rare one as it was installed to commemorate the George the V silver jubilee. It is a K6 (kiosk number six) 1935 designed by Giles Gilbert-Scott. Plans to install the defibrillator including the training, materials, Web site (for Red Cross to see we have one) insurance and electricity, the estimate was £2K, the actual cost is £1721. It was agreed to proceed. Steve Kent-Phillips said we had requested quotes to refurbish the box. Most had declined, one was £900 but Andy Marin, who had worked on the Burwell boxes, had presented a quote for £300. Steve said that he had a source for materials (over and above those supplied in the “kit”) from the company that is the original parts supplier. It was agreed to purchase the required parts and get Andy to do the refurbishment.

The (only current) additional project was discussed. *The School Swimming Pool Changing Facility;* It seems that FoSPS have some resources, including a builder, willing to help with the project. It can be done over the Easter Holidays. It was

suggested that this was the replacement for the Youth Club Hut project. It was agreed that before proceeding with any projects, that had not been part of the original consultation and decision process, the PC should consult the village and ask for any further suggestions that should be considered. It was particularly noted that new projects would not include those already considered. Paul Latchford agreed to create a letter or notice for The Crier.

Agree further support for Queen's 90th Birthday Party

It was agreed to provide a further £100 towards the birthday party account. The PC agreed that the party was a great success and such events and their organisers should be encouraged.

Cemetery, Allotments & Grass Cutting

Cemetery Fence: Andrew Camps reported the state of the fence between the cemetery and the allotments was poor and looking untidy. The left hand section (as you go in) was not fully supported. There was some discussion about access to the allotments and that someone had been reported using the cemetery tap (PC water) for watering or washing a horse. The Clerk agreed to get quotes to repair the fence.

Cemetery Incinerator: Andrew Camps reported recovering the old carrot wash that had been used as an incinerator for some years. Michael Malster agreed to tidy it up.

Cemetery Shed: Andrew Camps reported the poor state of at least the door hinges and probably the doors. Steve Kent-Phillips confirmed that the shed was owned by the PC. The Clerk agreed to get quotes for relevant repairs including the addition of a brick or concrete apron for the doors to open over.

Grass Cutting: The Clerk reported general improvements in CGM's attention to the cutting areas but it was pointed out by Peter Hart that they had not done the width of the verge near the orchard and the cemetery left hand side was still in need of cutting. The Clerk agreed to circulate via the Web site, the cutting areas map and pictures of missed cuts for the PC to comment on. An email or letter would be sent to CGM. It was agreed not to pay the initial invoice for the year from CGM.

Accounts for payment

These were all agreed with the exception of the grass cutting contractor's March April invoice.

Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported more discussions with the grass cutting contractor. The agreed areas to be cut would be published and a map of missed areas sent for explanation and correction. The original agreement will be reiterated and a copy published. There had been no reply from CCC regarding the Station Road bollards so a new email and or letter would be sent, possibly copied to higher officials in Highways. Thanks to David Brown for the CCC list. The village maintenance contribution from CCC had now been invoiced at £504.36. Two road closure notices had been received; one for Cage Hill for the 3rd of August and various closures of Headlake Drove/Straight Drove/Harrisons Drove for short periods from 4th July, for 18 months. These are mostly to do with resurfacing. Cage Hill is for Anglian Water to connect water to the new builds. The Clerk reported having spoken to UK Power networks about how to get balls, Frisbees and assorted throwing toys out of the

transformer enclosure next to the school playground. The contact number to report low grade “emergency” call outs was passed to Sandra Gynn.

Parish Councillors’ Reports

Sandra Gynn reported having attended governor's meetings and that the school will now be getting a new assistant female head, so there will no longer be any male teachers at the school after September. She wished Gordon all the best as he was moving away to Wales.

Steve Kent-Phillips reported recovering 3 litter bins destined for the bin. He suggested redistributing them (mostly) around the play area. Andrew Camps reported an overhanging hedge in Lower End. The Clerk agreed to send an email or letter to the owner.

Open Question Time

There was a discussion about kerbs and what the 3 scruffy bins were outside the village hall. The amount received in the accounts for cemetery fees was noted and the insurance value of the Swaffham Prior (rare) Telephone box for insurance.

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

Future meeting dates: 11th August, 8th September, 13th October 2016. All are welcome to attend.

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

CIL and Open Spaces Projects - Suggestions Please

As a result of the building works on Roger's Road, the Parish Council has been awarded two significant grants: an Open Spaces grant of £37,600 and a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) grant of £32,000. To date, Open Spaces money has been allocated for repairing the path from St Cyriac's Church to the rear churchyard gate, a roundabout in the play area, and removing the spoil heap in the cemetery. CIL money is being used to replace the nine remaining yellow street lights with white, purchase and restore the telephone box, and survey the Youth Club hut with a view to upgrading it.

After completion of these projects surplus sums remain available for community use. Therefore the Parish Council would like further suggestions from members of the public as to how these sums can best be used to fund community projects. This is a significant opportunity for the community and we would like to ensure that we have considered all suggestions put forward by the public.

Please ensure that your suggestions reach the Parish Council by the end of September 2016.

There is additional information available on the PC Website at <http://www.swaffham-prior.co.uk/pc/CIL.html>



On being a Pastor.

One of the most precious aspects of being a Pastor, is the privilege of having people come to talk to me; people who have something to share with me, people who want advice, people in desperate need or just wanting to get something off their chest, to share a burden. I have shared in people's most joyful moments, and indeed in their moments of deepest sadness too. Sometimes it's a one-off chat; at other times it may be a long series of conversations and appointments as we journey through something together.

I am reminded as I reflect on recent conversations that life is complicated, I know you didn't need me to tell you that. There are several wise phrases that I've heard over the years that help me to remain focussed on how and who I need to be in this pastoral side of my role.

"You never know what battles someone is facing, so be kind". Often people are so quick to judge others based on how they look, act, appear - but our initial judgements are so often wrong.

"People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care."

"Talk in such a way that others want to listen to you and listen in such a way that others want to talk to you"

"We have one mouth that shuts and two ears that don't for a reason"

"Some great people make others feel small; truly great people make others feel great"

"When the power of love is greater than the love of power, the world will know peace".

At RENEW, people continue to find a place where they can belong, and where they can share life together; the mountain-top moments, the time spent in the valleys, and the journey between the two. You are very welcome to join us at any of our gatherings, there is a place at RENEW for you.

Praying you have a blessed Summer,

Rev. Alan Brand

RENEW Church Services in August 2016.

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

A crèche is available if required. All are welcome.

7th August. 10.30am – RENEW The Bigger Picture. With Communion
(Bottisham Primary School)

14th August. 10.30am – RENEW Café style (at the School) followed by shared lunch.

14th August. 6.20pm – Traditional service. (Lode Chapel)

21st August. 10.30am – RENEW The Bigger Picture (at the School)

28th August. 10.30am – RENEW The Bigger Picture (at the School)

28th August. 6.20 pm – Traditional service. (Lode Chapel)

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

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

Or visit our website at www.renewchurch.org.uk

Church Services in August/September
at St Mary's, Swaffham Prior
unless otherwise indicated



Sunday 7 August, Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

11am Holy Communion (CW1T)

Sunday 14 August, Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Benefice Service - Holy Communion (CW1T)

11am Benefice All Age Service, *Quy*

Sunday 21 August, Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

11am Matins

Sunday 28 August, Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Benefice Service - Holy Communion (CW1), *Lode*

11am Benefice All Age Service, *Bottisham*

Sunday 4 September, Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

11am Holy Communion (CW1T)

Sunday 11 September, Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Benefice Service - Holy Communion (CW1), *Swaffham Bulbeck*

11am Benefice All Age Service

Sunday 18 September, Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

11am Family Service

Sunday 25 September, Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Benefice Service - Holy Communion (CW1), *Bottisham*

11am Benefice All Age Service, *Lode*

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



Flag Flying Days this Month from the Tower of St Cyriac

15th August

Feast Day of the Blessed Virgin Mary



News from Mara - a new Bishop

The five churches, and villages, in the Anglesey Group – Bottisham, Lode, Quy, Swaffham Bulbeck and Swaffham Prior have links with the diocese of Mara in Tanzania.

The Diocese of Mara, Tanzania, is delighted to announce the appointment of its new Bishop. He is the Revd. Canon Dr. George Okoth, aged 53, married to Janet, with three adult children. He was ordained in the Diocese of Mara in 1991 and has studied at institutions in UK and USA as well as Tanzania. His most recent position was as Director of St Mark's Centre within St John's University of Tanzania in Dodoma.



He succeeds Bishop Hilkiah Omino who has visited us in Anglesey on two occasions. Bishop Hilkiah is delighted at his appointment, and is sure that he will continue to develop the spiritual and material welfare of all the people of Mara District. We ourselves here in Anglesey have been privileged to play a part in this ministry as we have supported a number of projects. Among these are the provision of clean drinking water in villages and the development of the new Girls' Secondary School. Look out for more about both these enterprises in the next editions of this magazine.

We look forward to a visit from Bishop George in the next year or two – and who knows, maybe another group of us will visit Mara again in the not too distant future.

Revd. Roger Bowen

PRIOR FEN CHAPEL
"The Little Chapel in the Fen"

All welcome to our
Harvest Festival Service
Sunday 2nd October
3pm

Traditional harvest service and hymns

Find us at CB7 5YJ, between Upware and Swaffham Prior.
Be early to guarantee a seat.

For more information contact Trish: 07979 868676

Dates for Your Diary August

Tue	9	Mobile Library, Cage Hill 2:45-3:15pm, Chapel 3:20-4:00pm Village Gardeners, Village Hall, 8pm
Wed	10	Coffee Morning, 41 Cage Hill, 10am [p7]
Thu	11	PC Meeting, VH, 8pm [p25]
Mon	15	WI, Village Hall, 7:30pm [p19]
Sat	20	PoP Community Litter Pick, Cage Hill, 10:00am [p11] Pop-Up Teas, St Cyriacs, 2-5pm [p14]

Dates for Your Diary September

Sat	3	Pop-Up Teas, St Cyriacs, 2-5pm [p14] WI Outing [p19]
Thu	8	PC Meeting, VH, 8pm [p25]
Sat	10	Village Dog Show, Village Hall, 2pm [p3]
Tue	13	Mobile Library, Cage Hill 2:45-3:15pm, Chapel 3:20-4:00pm Village Gardeners, Village Hall, 8pm
Sat	17	PoP Community Litter Pick, Cage Hill, 10:00am [p11]
Thu	22	Bottisham Patients' Group, Bottisham Surgery, 6:30pm [p20]
Sat	24	Reach Festival, Reach Green, 10:30am-4:30pm [p10]
Thu	29	Burwell Surgery Flu Clinic (appointments only) [p14]
Fri	30	Macmillan Coffee Morning, The Oaks, 10:30am [p8]

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	