



# The Swaffham Crier

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## Editorial

SO READERS, NOW LOOK WHAT A FINE MESS WE'RE IN. As we watch our country seemingly self-destruct before our very eyes and sit here wondering when the Tsunami's going to hit us, we'll just have to Not Panic and Carry On. Or in our case, Carry On but Panic Anyway.

But the Crier would just like to take this opportunity to say to any readers from elsewhere in Europe, something that each and every resident of this village will tell you anyway: YOU ARE WELCOME HERE, your contributions to our community are invaluable, and I do hope that some kind person will ensure that a copy of this magazine reaches some of the many irreplaceable people from the rest of Europe who live and work around here.

Oh, woe is us. So but anyway, about a thousand years ago (seemingly) we had a party to celebrate the Queen's birthday, and very enjoyable it was too. See our centre spread, and a great many thanks to the organisers, The Cyriacs, Gospel Choir, Scouts, helpers, Marcia for her field and to everyone-else who helped and supported, it was lovely. Festivities continued in the Red Lion (thank-you, Toni and Dave) with the most excellent music from a superb swing jazz guitarist Jack Austin (jack.austin@hotmail.co.uk) who very kindly stood in at the last minute

Unfortunately, Our Reporter couldn't attend the PC this month, but in compensation readers have a double PC Notes

instead. Thank-you everybody

who has voted in the Gurning Contest, and keep those votes coming in — winner announced at Autumn Show. **AND, double issue Aug-September, so September events need to be in for next Crier.** See you next month, when doubtless everything with THEM will be completely different *again*.

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Setting up the Tent — see P. 16

*Caroline Matheson*

Cover Picture: *One Man Went To Mow* by Thomas Newbolt



## Letters to the Editors



Dear Editors,

### **Call me a nimby**

I have been thinking about the little field on Lower End. It was mentioned in last month's Crier as one of the sites for possible future housing development. I live opposite the field so I will put my hands up to being biased when it comes to the idea of developing this land, however I just want to say I think this field is pretty special. Swaffham Prior does not have a grand village green or a hansom cricket pitch but it does have this little piece of rural landscape that floats its way right up to our main street. This is an unusual feature and because the field has no hedge it gives the village a sense of space and acts like an open window to the country side beyond. People stop - walkers of all ages, joggers even cyclists stop to look out across the open space. Seasonal changes, local wild life, the open sky, lovely sunsets, it's all there.

As I write this article I can see swifts zig zagging across the barley, what a privilege it is to get such a close up view of these amazing creatures right in the middle of our village. Muntjack and roe deer visit the field on a regular basis, the occasional stoat, foxes, bats, and all manner of birds in fact over the last couple of years we have even seen egrets resting in the surrounding trees and hedges. We need new housing stock for sure and I would be lying if I said I didn't feel uncomfortable writing this piece (I was brought up in a council house myself), even so, - and you can call me a nimby but I really do think this little field is a village landmark and its preservation is worth careful consideration when the time comes.

*Lorraine Izon*

*We couldn't agree more, Lorraine. Eds*

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Dear Editors,

### **Picnic and Proms - Three Cheers for Swaffham Prior**

What a fabulous afternoon. Massive congratulations to Emma and Janet for organising the whole event, to the committee and volunteers who erected the marquee and put up all the bunting - there must have been nearly half a mile of it. Congratulations to Andrew and Dee for supplying the lovely music and organising the dancing. Congratulations to the Gospel Choir who sang beautifully - how did they remember all the words? And congratulations to the Scout Troup who provided lovely cups of tea.

I hope I haven't forgotten anyone - if so congratulations to them too. And very many thanks to those who helped us carry all our gear!

I guessed it would be a lovely afternoon when James greeted us at the entrance with flags, coasters and song sheets. I haven't enjoyed an afternoon so much for ages. Well done everybody.

*Betty Prime.*

## CAN I HELP YOU?

I am 22, female and live in Swaffham Prior. I am trying to organise my Gold Duke of Edinburgh award of which one part requires me to volunteer 1 hour weekly or 2 hours fortnightly for a non profit making charity or for the community.

I would ideally love to work with animals or in the environment locally.

Please phone me on 01638-743259 if you can help me.

### **'Give me some music'**

The Cantilena Singers  
Saturday 9 July, 7.30pm  
Church of St. Mary  
High Street, Swaffham Prior, CB25 0LD

An evening of unaccompanied choral music and Shakespeare vignettes in this beautiful ancient church in Swaffham Prior, celebrating the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death, the Queen's 90th birthday, and the 60th anniversary of Gerald Finzi's death. Featuring works by Finzi, Vaughan Williams, Byrd, Dowland, and John Rutter.

Director Daniel Spreadbury

Vignettes by the Lanwades Hall Players

Refreshments available.

Proceeds to the Church

Tickets £10 (free admission for under 18s) on the door or contact Caille Sugarman-Banazsak 01223 813918 or Steven Aronson 01223 812823  
website: [www.cantilenasingers.org](http://www.cantilenasingers.org)

### **BON MOT NUMBER SIXTY SEVEN**

"The optimist proclaims that we live in the  
best of all possible worlds;  
and the pessimist fears this is true."

*James Branch Cabell (1879-1958)*



## **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.

## **Bones of Richard III**

**found under car-park, in Leicester.**

Could it be that Shakespeare was aware of the plan to bury Richard III's body under the Leicester Council car-park? Perhaps this passage contains a clue.

“Now is the winter of our discontent  
Made glorious by the discovery of this interment.  
And all the people who haply here park  
Ne'er dream of it; for there is no mark.  
Now, 'tis found; and tho' we searched before,  
Yet not so near the bosom of this great earth's core.  
It can be prov'd; 'tis true; hys spine is greatly curved,  
As was the King's; who once we proudly served.”

*Ophir*

# Strawberry Teas

Sunday 10th July, 3-5pm

Adventurers Farm  
Station Road

One mile from the School

Tickets £5.00/£3.00

Must be booked in advance please

Dee Noyes 743864

Janet Willmott 743472

All welcome

Will go ahead whatever  
the weather!

In aid of  
St. Mary's Church  
Swaffham Prior





## LET'S DANCE

Come and join us dancing on Saturday evenings in the Main Hall at Bottisham Village College. We will have music for Ballroom, Latin American and popular Sequence dancing.

Dates: September 10<sup>th</sup>, October 8<sup>th</sup>, November 12<sup>th</sup> and December 10<sup>th</sup> (Black Tie optional). Time: 7.30pm to 10.30pm.

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

For further information please contact: Frank and Sue Hancocks, 01638 741159 or check out our website: [www.letsdanceclub.org.uk](http://www.letsdanceclub.org.uk)

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

CAMBRIDGE  
SUMMER MUSIC



CAMBRIDGE  
UNIVERSITY  
Botanic  
Garden

### **Sounds Green at Cambridge University Botanic Garden**

*The Cambridge Summer Music Festival brings four new exciting acts to the Botanic Garden's July Wednesday late night openings this year.*

Cambridge University Botanic Garden will open its gates late on Wednesday evenings throughout July for the **Sounds Green** series – relaxed, sociable picnic proms in the Garden. Music will begin at 6.15pm, lasting one hour, with the Garden closing promptly at 8pm.

Normal Garden admission applies and although there is no extra charge to attend Sounds Green, donations are invited to the musicians' performance fees.

Visitors are encouraged to bring along a small folding chair or cushion to sit on and check the weather forecast to see if a brolly and raincoat may be required for the English summer.

#### **Programme (Wed 6.15pm):**

- 6 July - Sounds Green I: She'Koyokh**
- 13 July - Sounds Green II: Barokksolistene: *The Alehouse Sessions***
- 20 July - Sounds Green III: Classico Latino**
- 27 July - Sounds Green IV: Ímar**



# St Cyriac's Church

with the Churches Conservation Trust

## Pop Up Afternoon Tea Shop

Open 2pm to 5pm

Saturday 2nd July (St Mary's)

Saturday 16th July

Saturday 30th July



Pop in for tea and cake

### The Swifts' Late Arrival

This year, it seems the southern trade winds failed  
And migrants from another hemisphere  
Found cold Norwegian northerlies prevailed  
Against their best attempts to fetch up here.  
Not UK border agencies, but chance  
It was, that penned *you* on the Calais side,  
Prolonged your normal three-week *Tour de France* -  
Team Sky irregulars that couldn't ride.  
But now you're back and welcome, I've missed you -  
Your soaring arcs across my skylight's eye -  
Dancing the cobalt, European, blue  
To Beethoven and Schiller's *Ode to Joy*;  
Happy indeed, simply to over-fly  
All frontier posts to reach our island sky.

**Wulsin**

## GOOD OLD WILL SHAKESPEARE

Last month I touched briefly on Shakespeare's career as a grain hoarder. Fortunately there are extensive records detailing the business acumen of the "Great Man", and he does appear to have been a very sharp operator.

But there are no other records about him apart from those dealing with his shares in the theatre, and possibly being a bit actor. Nothing is known about him after his baptism in 1564 and his marriage licence in November 1582. In 1583 and 1585 there are two other references to the christening of his daughter and the twins. Between 1585 (when he was 21) and 1593 nothing – I repeat nothing – is known about him.

Scholars call 1585-1593 the "Lost Years". Various theories have tried to explain why this seemingly uneducated man acquired all the knowledge and experience to write the poems and the plays. Scholars have really grappled with this and have proposed a number of suggestions. These include that he was a schoolmaster, that he was employed by noble families, that he worked in the office of a lawyer, was a military foot officer in the low countries, a scrivener, a gardener, a sailor, a printer, that he went on an extended holiday to Italy, that some good person taught him Greek, Latin, French and Italian, and so on. The suppositions and assertions are almost endless. Some have just thrown up their hands and said "Does it matter?" We have the plays, is that not enough.

It was at the end of these "Lost Years" that Shakespeare suddenly broke on to the scene as the author of two very polished and sophisticated poems – *Venus and Adonis* and *The Rape of Lucrece* – under the name Shake *hyphen* Speare. There is no evidence he had written anything else. Then there was a total silence about Shakespeare, and Shake *hyphen* Speare, even though the poems were reprinted several times.

In 1598, the year when he hoarded grain, and should have been hanged, his name burst out again on to the scene with the publication of Francis Meres' *Palladis Tamia*. This work revealed that, during those intervening "Lost Years", Shakespeare had written, and had had produced twelve plays, both comic and tragic which previously had been anonymous. Remarkable. Do remember that London was not a large city, writers in the theatre world would have known each other, and it was a time when England had a highly effective spy service.

From this time forth his plays were being ripped off and published by others – 40 percent under the name Shake *hyphen* Speare. Shakespeare's modesty was such that he chose not to reveal that he was the great playwright, and he was unperturbed that others should publish under his name. His name was even used for plays not written by him. But the "Great Man" was above all this. He even allowed the Sonnets, of which we may suppose he had the manuscript, to be published by someone else in 1609. What a noble man. He showed no concern about this rip off. Yet in the very same year he was pursuing John Addenbrooke, a resident of Stratford, through the courts for a non-payment of £6 plus costs of 25 shillings. And when Addenbrooke ran off the "Great Man" furiously pursued the guarantor.

But we do have to remember that he was the son of illiterate parents, his children were illiterate, we do not know whether his surviving siblings were literate, and all the evidence shows that Shakespeare was also illiterate.

*Alastair Everitt*

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## **FREecycle**



If you have any offers or wants, please contact me by the 14<sup>th</sup> of each month by phone (c813362), e-mail ([jun.thompson@tiscali.co.uk](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> of the month to make it a little fairer.

### **Offered**

- Goblin Vacuum Cleaner, old, but rarely used and still in original packaging. Phil/Lis 01223 811233
- Four dustbins full of coal offered complete with dustbins. Recipient collects. Phil/Lis 01223 811233
- Bathroom scales, Jacqui (afternoons/evenings) 01223 811190
- Brother phone/answerphone/fax machine. In working order – no longer need a fax machine! Jacqui (afternoons/evenings) 01223 811190
- A large number of new 10l ice cream tubs with lids. Not sterile but clean. Useful for storage of small items? Jacqui (afternoons/evenings) 01223 811190
- 1 sheet 8ft x 4ft 25mm celotex. 4 sheets 4ft x 2ft 50mm celotex. Andy 01223 813362

### **Wanted**

- A motor, e.g old lawnmower engine or starter motor for a car. 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.

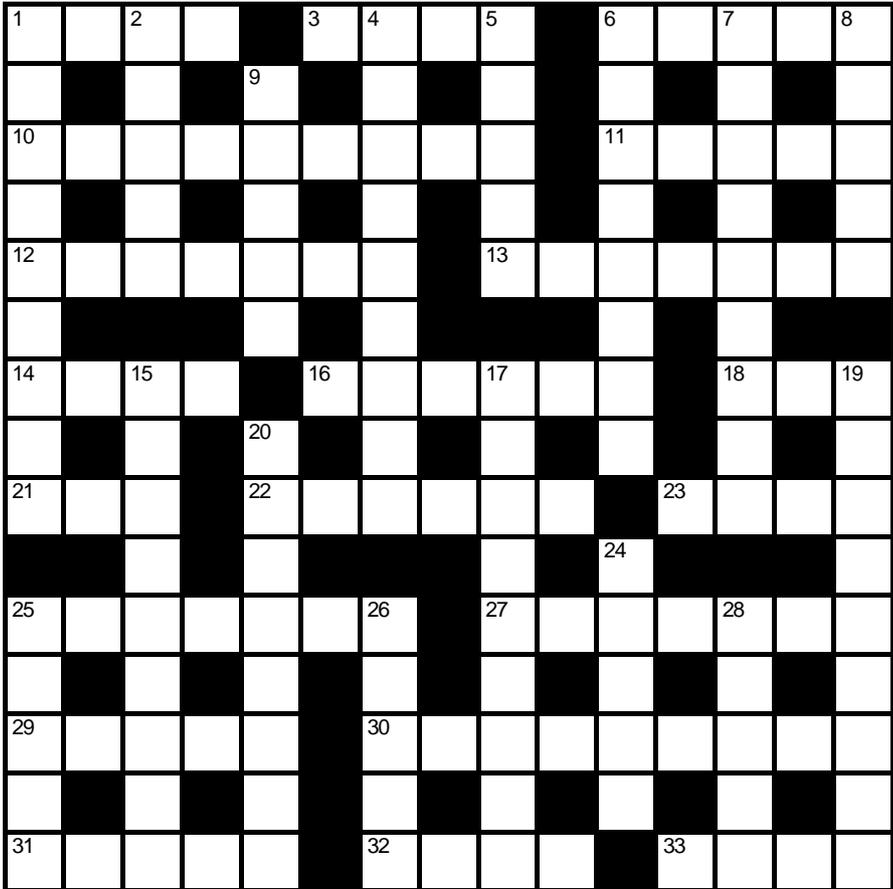
# Crossword Number 133

Compiled by

Sponsored by **The Red Lion**

**NIBOR**

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



Name:.....  Address:.....  .....Tel:.....
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**Across**

- 1 Wading bird opening its beak in summer (4)
- 3 Despot destroys rats (4)
- 6 Look at all those nightingales (5)
- 10 What to do in boxing and cricket? Get your drinks here (5,4)
- 11 Mr Laurel took cocktail that didn't smell so good (5)
- 12 Designate money in bear market (7)
- 13 Unknown cause of TV show (1,6)
- 14 Wise man finds silver in the home counties (4)
- 16 Observable ampoule contains sulphur and uranium (6)
- 18 Insect trapped in test tube easily (3)
- 21 Change colour and fade we hear (3)
- 22 From where a bird enters the western church (6)
- 23 Charges up front for extra evening services (4)
- 25 Opposing information about a medical toxin (7)
- 27 Confused social worker looks out for aviators (7)
- 29 A sales agent goes back to job centre for the works (5)
- 30 Protocol is good form (9)
- 31 Time for school attendance conditions (5)
- 32 Drop a stirring chronicle (4)
- 33 Travelled on the highway to the listener (4)
- 6 Can be cleaned? western tree can (8)
- 7 Manageable area to which sailor leads the French (9)
- 8 Walker in Delhi kerfuffle (5)
- 9 Make cereal with fire under cow's tail (5)
- 15 Large animal sees The Plough (5,4)
- 17 Deviant using cane non-stop (9)
- 19 The Spanish stitch up in this place or in another place (9)
- 20 My targets for negative scoring (3,5)
- 24 Father brings gold to daughter but it's a sham (5)
- 25 Relating to a fight (5)
- 26 Shortages are born by old Penny and Bob (5)
- 28 Old fashioned about rot compound (5)

**Down**

- 1 Moved as I'm short of time (9)
- 2 Hidden near the bull (5)
- 4 I lock pets out of store (9)
- 5 Careless engineer first gets to unwind (5)

**Solution to crossword no. 132**

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We congratulate Trish Whitehead, the winner of last month's competition, who will receive her prize certificate from the editors. An honourable mentions goes to Steve Kent-Phillips.



**Join  
POP  
(Proud of Prior)**

**for another**

**COMMUNITY LITTER PICK!  
POP NEEDS YOU!!**

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

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July, 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!**

## Arthur Rank Hospice



### **Cambridge provides a special backdrop for Hospice campaign video viewed by more than 20 thousand**

Cambridge is helping to cause a buzz around Arthur Rank Hospice Charity's new awareness campaign: TEAM ARTHUR. The city - and some of its names - provide a vibrant backdrop and colourful protagonists for the 2 minute 20 second video,

which has gained more than 23 thousand views and gathered a Facebook reach of more than 60 thousand people in less than a week.

Narrated by BBC broadcaster and Cambridge local Nick Barraclough, the video takes viewers on an alternative tour of Cambridge in 2016, featuring a diverse cast of Cambridge names, including the well-recognised such as Stephen Hawking, the Rosie Hospital and St Catherine's College as well as more locally recognised characters such as Eddie of Eddie's Barber Shop, Harriet of Harriet Kelshall Bespoke Jewellery, Jack of Jack's Gelatos and Franck from Le Gros Franck.

The joint TEAM ARTHUR initiative aims to extend awareness of the special nature of the Cambridgeshire Hospice's care amongst those who may not have previously experienced its services, break down misconceptions and illustrate how integral Arthur Rank Hospice Charity is to the city's life and people. Those watching are invited to share it with their friends, sign up to TEAM ARTHUR and visit [teamarthur.org](http://teamarthur.org) to find out more about how they can get involved.

The video was officially launched on Thursday 16 June to 300 guests attending the EY Charity Quiz at the Guildhall in Cambridge and released later that afternoon on the Arthur Rank Hospice Charity's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/ArthurRankHospiceCharity/>). It can now also be viewed on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/ipXZ8N1v5Uk>. The Charity hope that those viewing the video will be inspired to donate to their new hospice appeal and are encouraging people to visit [teamarthur.org](http://teamarthur.org) where they can join TEAM ARTHUR.

It was a special celebration at Arthur Rank Hospice on 21 June as the Charity's mascot Arthur Bear celebrated his first birthday. The furry and loveable mascot, sponsored by the Quy Mill Hotel & Spa, has become a very popular member of the Hospice team over the past twelve months, after he was introduced at last year's Cambridge Roar. For more information about Arthur Bear, or if you would like to invite Arthur to your Hospice fundraiser visit [www.arhc.org.uk/arhc-arthur-bear.asp](http://www.arhc.org.uk/arhc-arthur-bear.asp) or call 01223 723115.



## Swaffham Prior Autumn Show 10th September 2016

Full rules and entry forms will be delivered later, or can be downloaded from [www.SwaffhamPriorVillageHall.co.uk](http://www.SwaffhamPriorVillageHall.co.uk)

### Vegetables

4 French beans	4 Tomatoes
4 Runner beans	3 Courgettes
3 Beetroot	Squash or Marrow
3 Onions	Cucumber
4 Shallots	Any other vegetable
3 Carrots	Odd and/or Rude vegetable
3 Potatoes	Display of mixed herbs
6 Cherry tomatoes	

### Fruit

3 Dessert apples	3 Plums
3 Cooking apples	6 Soft fruit (same variety)
3 Pears	Any other fruit

### Flowers

3 roses	3 Dahlias (same or mixed)
3 Other flowers (same variety)	Flower arrangement
4 Mixed flowers	Mini arrangement
Sunflower	Pot plant

### Additional classes (one entry per class per person)

Jam or jelly	Victoria sponge (W.I. rules)
Pickle or chutney	Fruit cake
Marmalade	Decorated and/or filled cake
Any other preserve or honey	Any other cake
Homemade wine	Hand-made bread
4 eggs	Bread-machine bread

### Children's classes (one entry per class per person)

Miniature garden	3 Decorated cupcakes
Vegetable or fruit animal	Model – Robot

### Photography (up to three entries per person)

"Close to nature" (aged up to 16 years)	"Light & Shade" (aged 16 years & over)
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### Additional Attractions

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## Cambridge Open Studios Summer Event July 2/3, 9/10, 16/17 and 23/24



Artists from a huge range of specialisms, including fine art, photography, pottery, glass making, sculpture, illustration, textiles, jewellery and furniture making, among others, will open their doors to the public over four weekends in July. This is a wonderful opportunity for members of the public to see artists at work, discuss their inspirations and techniques, and to browse, purchase or even commission their work. As always, visitors are guaranteed a warm and friendly welcome - and no pressure whatsoever to buy anything. Cambridge Open Studios is completely free to visitors of all ages.

The event will run on the weekends of July 2/3, 9/10, 16/17 and 23/24. Not all artists will be exhibiting every weekend so it is important to check the website, or refer to the famous yellow guide, which will be widely available in local outlets including libraries, tourist information sites, galleries and selected shops.

Cambridge Open Studios is a rewarding and enriching initiative offering a really entertaining insight into the multi-faceted world of art. Visitors are encouraged to visit as many studios as possible, perhaps planning a route through a particular area incorporating lunch or tea in one of the many local eateries. The participating studios are spread throughout the whole region, not just in the city centre, and there will be a wonderful variety of talent on show, with some artists collaborating to share their exhibition space on their chosen dates. As usual, the distinctive yellow COS flags will be out to identify participating studios.

In the months leading up to the open studio event, many artists will be running workshops, courses and exhibitions. Members of the public can keep up to date on their activities via the COS website ([www.camopenstudios.co.uk](http://www.camopenstudios.co.uk)) or by following them on Facebook or Twitter (@CamOpenStudios), where they can also follow specific artists.

# Prom in the Park Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations







I think we over catered!



A Cake fit for a Queen, courtesy of Wade-Gledhills. And a great time was had by all!



## Flag Flying Days this Month from the Tower of St Cyriac

30<sup>th</sup> July

St Julitta



### May Anglesey Group Mothers' Union Report

#### A very memorable event

Wendy Lovell started her talk by asking us ‘ What happened on 31<sup>st</sup> August 1997?’ This was the sad day that Diana, Princess of Wales, was killed in a car accident in Paris. At the time Wendy Lovell worked for relate. Princess Diana was a Patron of Relate and had recently visited the centre.

On the following Tuesday at 9 o'clock the centre received a phone call to say the funeral was to be the next Saturday and that the organisers of the funeral would like two representatives of Relate to walk with the charities that Diana was involved with in the procession. None of Wendy's colleagues were able to go and so Wendy went by herself. In the end she was instructed not to join the procession but was to attend the Service in Westminster Abbey. She received her Invitation and was told she was not to wear black.

The next difficulty was how to get to the Abbey travelling on her own. Wendy caught a train to Euston Station: no public transport was working so the only way to travel was by taxi - But there were hardly any to be seen. Eventually, with some other people she decided to share a taxi to the Abbey; the streets on the way were deserted. The instructions told her to be at a hotel nearby at a certain time - Wendy arrived and was given a ticket to go to the Poets' Corner Entrance of the Abbey, sitting a few rows behind the Royal Family . The whole congregation were given Orders of Service.

The Service was wonderful and Wendy watched the procession on the television screens all around them. The Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Charles, Earl Spencer, William and Harry joined the procession for the last mile.

Afterwards Wendy walked to Buckingham Palace and she will never forget the amazing flowers in the Abbey and lining the Mall. It is an experience she will always remember.

During our social time we all looked at Wendy's Book of Personal Memories including her Order of Service, the entry ticket and the photographs she took after the Service.

Our next meetings will be on Thursday 21 July in Lode Baptist Chapel at 2.30 pm. On Thursday 18 August we will celebrate 140 years of the Mothers' Union with our Afternoon Tea. Our meeting will start at 3.00 pm on this occasion.

*Julie Sale*

## News from Bottisham Medical Practice Patients' Group

### Did you know



.....that a car service exists for elderly patients and the chronically sick who have **no other means of transport** to get them to and from the surgery for their appointment? This service has been in existence for many years and is run by volunteers from the community. It covers the villages in the surgery's catchment area. If you think you may be eligible for this service and have a genuine need for help to get to the surgery, please speak with a receptionist when you book your appointment or mention it to your doctor who will be able to advise

**Why self-care is good for patients :** Our local NHS is already overdrawn by several million pounds so all we can do in the way of self care for minor health matters will save resources for care for major health issues. More cost effective use of stretched NHS resources allows money to be spent where it is most needed and to improve health outcomes. Increased personal responsibility for healthcare helps improve people's health and wellbeing and to better manage long term conditions if they develop. This will help to ensure the future of the NHS.

Despite initial self-treatment, there are still 57 million GP consultations a year for minor ailments at a total cost to the NHS of £2 billion. Research shows that people often abandon self care earlier than they need to, typically seeking the advice of a doctor within a period of 4-7 days. The main reasons for this are:

- Lack of confidence in understanding the normal progress of symptoms (e.g. a cold can last up to 14 days)
- The perceived severity and duration of symptoms
- Reassurance that nothing more serious is wrong
- A prescription to 'cure' the illness, even though the same medicine may be available over-the-counter

The good news is that self care CAN help us manage many problems. For information on common conditions, visit the **NHS Choices** or **Patient UK** websites. If you are not sure about your symptoms, or if you need more advice or are unsure what is the right thing to do ask your pharmacist for advice or call the surgery to speak to a doctor or make an appointment to discuss your problem further.

**Walks for Health:** The next walks with our accredited walk leader Steve Gilson start at 11.00 am from the surgery car park on 8th and 20th July, 5th and 24th August, 7th and 23rd September. Do please think of joining Steve on these walks, which are not too strenuous. Anglesey Abbey walks continue on Thursdays at 10am from the reception area.

**Next Meeting:** Patients' Group will meet next on 28th July 2016 6.30pm at the surgery. Come along to learn more about your Patients' Group.

***Bottisham Patients' Group***

## Perfume in the Garden



Whether from flowers or foliage, scent always adds another dimension to any garden and it is well worth including some scented plants when planning a new border. They are best planted in a prominent position beside a path or close to a window where their perfume will be appreciated. Scents can often bring back childhood memories - for me it was a couple of lilacs either side of our garden path that always flowered profusely in May filling the air with a sweet heady perfume and near our front gate a patch of the old fashioned pink

called Mrs Sinkins, filling the air in June with its rich clove scent – I'm sure my sense of smell was much sharper in those days!

The Botanic Garden has many scented plants through the seasons scattered throughout its collections; these are always popular with our visitors and they can sometimes be overheard discussing which plant they think the scent wafting on the breeze is coming from; as a last resort they will ask a nearby gardener!

One area wholly devoted to scented plants is tucked away in a sheltered south facing aspect at the eastern end of the Garden. Primarily developed for the benefit of those that are visually impaired, the Scented Garden has raised beds – thus enabling one to gently rub the scented foliage or sniff a flower without having to bend too far! The bed retaining walls and gently sloping path lead to a purpose built shelter which provides a sunny retreat to relax and enjoy the variety of aromas.

The Scented Garden demonstrates two groups of plants – those with scented flowers and those with scented foliage; the primary purpose for flowers is to attract pollinators and for those herbs with scented foliage, such as mint, sage and thyme, to make them unpalatable to herbivores and sap sucking insects.

The wide selection of plants planted here provides scent and colour from spring to autumn. Polyanthus, wallflowers and hyacinths give a mass of scent early in the season; but the best time, in my opinion, is the summer when the early plantings are replaced with half hardy exotics - scented leaved pelargoniums, Mexican pineapple sage, and heliotrope smelling distinctly of cherry pie, planted against a backdrop of scented grey foliage Mediterranean sub-shrubs such as cotton lavenders, curry plants and wormwood. In the planting scheme this year we have included some chocolate scented plants – aptly named chocolate cosmos and a less well known chocolate scented daisy called *Berlandiera lyrata* to add to the variety.

*Peter Kerley*

Picture: The Scented Garden by Juliet Day



## Special Constables

The force currently has more than 250 Specials but the aim is to reach 300 next year. They provide support over a whole range of policing activity, from road policing, football matches and emergency response to major crime and other specialist areas such as domestic abuse and the rural crime team. In the 12 months from April last year to March this year, Specials worked nearly 10,000 shifts in Cambridgeshire, amounting to just over 66,000 hours of duty. Like the regular colleagues they work alongside, Specials are sworn in by a magistrate and have the same powers by law, including power of arrest.

Specials working for Cambridgeshire Constabulary have careers as diverse as podiatry, research chemist, children's kung fu instructor, college lecturer, legal secretary, chef and orchestra manager. Chief Constable Alec Wood said: "Volunteering is a great opportunity to give something back to your community while getting involved in the exciting world of policing and gaining professional training, skills and experience.

"If you can spare a minimum of four hours a week and want to join our team, visit the force website for more information on becoming a Special or Police Support Volunteer: [www.cambs.police.uk/recruitment](http://www.cambs.police.uk/recruitment) For more information on other volunteering opportunities visit: [www.cambs-police.co.uk/recruitment/volunteers](http://www.cambs-police.co.uk/recruitment/volunteers)

### CASE STUDY

As a girl growing up in her native Poland, Special Constable Aga Strykier always wanted to work for the police. But she wanted to study first and after rejecting an offer to read law at university, left her family in Warsaw to come to the UK in 2009 at the tender age of 19. She had learnt rudimentary English at school but knuckled down to master the language just before travelling to the UK to read criminology, and eventually law, at Aberystwyth University. After graduating, she completed a MA Degree in criminology: transnational crime and then applied to become a Special.

Now 25, Aga is a Special of some experience, having worked on the Operation Pheasant team in Peterborough and in the domestic abuse investigation and safeguarding unit in Peterborough, but her main duties are on reactive patrols in Cambridge. Aga said: "I always wanted to work for the police, hence the choice of my studies, and seeing the opportunity to become a Special at the end of my Masters just seemed perfect. The training was absolutely amazing. It went very quickly. I got to meet new people with the same interests and passions and make new friends for life. Training is very convenient for anyone who has a full time position as it's held evenings and weekends. There is a lot to learn but the instructors are always there to help."

Aga has now begun the process of becoming a regular officer but is undecided as she has had a job in the force's Central Intelligence Bureau and is about to move to the Beds, Cambs and Herts Major Crime Unit, where she will be an Indexer with Action Management. She will use her time off between jobs this month to visit her family. "I have gained so many different skills that can be transferred to everyday life", Aga added. "I would definitely advise other people to apply to become a Special. I'm absolutely loving it and it's the best experience I have ever had. If you are a motivated person who actually wants to give something back to the community and learn and experience new things, this is definitely the place for you."

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## The Swaffhams WI News

Our June meeting was the annual garden party and after a wet day the skies cleared and we enjoyed a warm sunny evening in Hilary's garden enjoying a glass of wine and lots of delicious food brought along by all the members. A really lovely social evening and chance to relax and chat together. A couple of quizzes to engage the little grey cells, a buried treasure map and some nice raffle prizes rounded off the evening nicely.

On July 18<sup>th</sup> we will be back to our normal 7.30 meeting in the village hall, when our speaker will be Geoff Lambert telling us about the important work of medical dogs.

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

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## Notes from Parish Council May Meeting

Peter Hart chaired the meeting with 6 Parish Councillors and 2 members of the public in attendance. The meeting started at 7.30pm after the AGM which started at 7.00pm.

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

### **Public Participation**

Alastair Everitt asked if the Gaye Bullied award was on the agenda. It is not PC business but it would be presented at the AVA. Michael Limb asked about the lack of grass cutting invoices. The Clerk stated that the contractor was being chased. We had not invoices because we had had no cutting! Steve Kent-Phillips asked if ETS had been working in the cemetery. Andrew Camps confirmed that he had been in touch and on site to check. Alastair Everitt commented on how neat the account were.

## **Reports**

ECDC Matters: Cllr Allen Alderson reported to the meeting. His report included, key infrastructure projects with mention of the railway curve at Newmarket and that we needed on on the way to Cambridge, that it was a big wish list and would be in the region of £900M, Paul Latchford asked if the list had any priority order. Allen Alderson was not sure at present but Ely By-Pass and A10 upgrade and that he hoped to have more to report at the AVA. Peter Hart asked how priority will work and Allen Alderson agreed to ask.

### **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

Sandra Gynn pointed out that in the item (Min.ref.1916) relating to the Queen's Birthday celebration support, she had said that Emma Fletcher had a file but it was on her doorstep. Peter Hart about the Village Hall road and car park pot-holes which Steve Kent-Phillips had agreed to investigate with Marin Mead. Steve Kent-Phillips stated that the work had been done. Andrew Camps stated that he had solved the cemetery tap problem. Paul Latchford said the street lights status would be covered later in the meeting. Steve Kent-Phillips reported that the CIL money had been transferred and ring fenced. Peter Hart asked if there had been any more applications for the councillor vacancy. The Clerk reported no further interest.

### **Correspondence for Circulation/Consideration**

All correspondence was noted except:

East Cambs Local Plan update and 2 June Parish Conference – which David Greenfield agreed to attend.

### **Consideration of planning applications**

Rose Cottage, 66 High Street – Single storey side extension for additional toilet and utility room - 16/00415/FUL: There were no objections.

### **Annual Play area Inspection Report:**

Steve Kent-Phillips presented the results covered in the report. That the overall risk rating is LOW that the bench was too near the fence and a section of fence was missing. Andrew Camps said that he had the materials and would nail it. The report included the hinge bolt on the gate as damaged, which it is not but is being replaced with the new gates. The Rocker Daisy seat is damaged exposing wood at the edges, Steve Kent-Phillips said that he would contact Simon King, who has done such work in the past, to look at a repair and quote. The Junior swing seats were reported as loose again but he said the bolts were rusty and so will not move. The Toddler Swing was reported as having possible wear in the bushes – none was found.

### **Street Lighting—Agree Contractor and Action for Fairview Grove:**

Paul Latchford stated he had asked CCC for assistance and asked if he had to go to his MP. Alan Hitch then call him and said that he had got Balfour Beatty to talk to Electrical Testing who are now helping BB due to their high workload. ET took £199 off the quote, so this is now £499 when we have 3 lights repaired together. He had a price for LED replacements and confirmed that we would do 3, 6 or 9 – 10 if we include the telegraph pole mounted light. All had to be a minimum distance from overhead electrical cables. It was decided to do the 3 now as all 9/10 would be a CIL money based project and so the 2 urgent lights in Fairview Grove should be done plus GHRD/PC1 near to David Greenfield's house would make those 3.

### **Agree action relating to Station Road parking restrictions**

Steve Kent-Phillips began what became a lengthy discussion about parking problems. He suggested that double yellow lines would not be accepted by those in the vicinity, the restrictions are all day, not when needed and are unenforceable. Paul Latchford stated that the only recorded accident in the road was someone that drove into him on ice, driving too fast. Sandra Gynn reported that the problem had recently been much improved through the efforts of the school. The rare events when the school has an event and or elsewhere, that causes extra parking problems are still possible. Steve Kent-Phillips asked about reinstating the gate at the front of the school. Sandra Gynn reported that this would not work as the staff needed to recognise the person dropping off the pupil and that at the start of the day it is the parent that is responsible and at the end of the day it is the staff. David Greenfield said it was a management issue, he was not in favour of double yellow lines and CCC's James Rigney's proposal was only double yellow lines. Andrew Camps stated that large lorries vying with parked cars is a problem. Sandra Gynn said that David Almond would have agreed that trucks have been getting longer. Possible management issue is with where the lorries are going. David Greenfield and Paul Latchford agreed that it is a management issue, it is good that the school has made improvements but the message needs to be refreshed with parents on a regular basis. Sandra Gynn noted that the problem is worse when it rains and that Andrew Camps is correct, trucks could be warned to avoid drop-off and pick-up times. Peter Hart summed up that the problem has diminished and that a Traffic Regulation Order was not a solution. That David Greenfield's management suggestion is working so it just needs maintaining.

### **Approval of Annual Audit Return 2015-16**

Steve Kent-Phillips reported that the year-end account had been done. We had made or achieved a surplus of £5054.91. This was due to £1000 of VAT, low or zero Clerk training spend 6 months with no grass cutting and very little maintenance at around £2K. Including the CIL money, this left the current reserves at £52 695. The auditor may not like it but there were still possible costs for the Top Road and Travellers of possible £10K each. The CIL money etc. will be in the region of £76K but this must be spent in 3 years. £24500 is the actual cash reserve. Allen Alderson asked about the rural grant, Steve Kent-Phillips pointed out that was in the current year. This should be £2904 when we do get it. It was pointed out that when we do get it the street lights are paid for. It was agreed to accept the Audit Return.

### **Accounts for payment**

These were all agreed.

### **Clerk's Report**

The Clerk reported recent discussions with the grass cutting contractor and they should have been on-site Monday (just gone) the map making part of the contract had been copied and would be discussed with the contracts manager.

### **Parish Councillors' Reports**

Sandra Gynn asked who recovers the tennis balls from the electricity sub-station next to the school playground. The Clerk agreed to find the contact responsible and send a letter. Steve Kent-Phillips covered the process of the audit and the public no-

tice for inspection should be from 6th June to 16 July. Andrew Camps reported that ECS had been working in the cemetery (today) trimmed the tree and shred the waste. There is a lot of waste remaining but not ETS' and they seem to have completed the work as requested. Steve Kent-Phillips pointed out that the removal of the spoil heap was planned for discussion a a CIL money project. Paul Latchford asked if anyone had noticed a pole that had appeared in the road between Swaffham Prior and Swaffham Bulbeck. There was no information available. David Greenfield pointed out it was not part of the bus delivery system as we had one on the top road.

### **Open Question Time**

Alastair Everitt asked about new poles / bollards in Station Road. Did anyone know who commissioned them. Steve Kent-Phillips asked if they were to keep trucks out of the verge and there was one outside the school. He agreed to investigate. Alastair Everitt pointed out that control of lorries in and out of Lords Ground Farm could be achieved by talking to LGF. Alastair Everitt asked when the government grant of £2900 needed to be spent. Allen Alderson said it was not time restricted and ECDC has not even received it yet. Michael Limb said that controlling contractors (like LGF lorry drivers) was not easy. He did not have his normally handy copy of the Highway code so could not relate directly the restrictions regarding road junctions. It was also noted that yellow lines had once appeared opposite the junction but this was in error and they were removed.

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

**Clerk to the Parish Council:** Paul Catling

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## **Notes from Parish Council June Meeting**

John Covill chaired the meeting with 6 Parish Councillors and 2 members of the public in attendance. The meeting started at 7.30pm.

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

**Public Participation:** None

### **Councillor Vacancy**

Michael Malster, was the only applicant, was co-opted onto the council and joined the meeting.

### **Reports**

CCC Matters: Cllr David Brown reported to the meeting. Paul Latchford asked about the bollards that had appeared in Station Road in the last 3 weeks. He pointed out that they obstructed normal use of the path, which is a facility for all to use. The PC had not been consulted, so had normal procedure not been followed? David Brown did not know and had not been lobbied. Paul Latchford added that pushchairs and so on could now not use this path and that when he asked CCC Highways Neil

Band had said that the path was not used and Paul Latchford pointed out that at least he did use it on a regular basis. David Brown agreed to send the relevant contact details to The Clerk request further information. John Covill also mentioned the road repairs in the fen had not been completed satisfactorily. Michael Malster asked what authority and on who's instigation had the bollards been installed.

ECDC Matters: Cllr Allen Alderson's report was read to the meeting by the Clerk.

### **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

Steve Kent-Phillips mentioned the RoSPA report and that Simon King had been engaged to repair the Daisy Seat. David Brown mentioned on Allen Alderson's behalf, that there is currently no infrastructure list priorities but that there will be a meeting where the priorities will be set. Paul Latchford suggested the A10 upgrade was the most expensive so other, less expensive options were better.

### **Correspondence for Circulation / Consideration**

All correspondence was noted except: the Parish Conference 2 June follow up. David Greenfield was at the meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and reported on the follow up report. From the 4 (A,B,C,D) forms we had responded to the "B" - residential spaces form with 2 sites. The report has 5 sites that were not decided on or planning approved, just identified sites. The other responses (A,C,D forms) were being worked on. We now have form "E" to respond to the report's 5 sites: support - yes or no and reasons. David Greenfield reviewed the sites:

28/01 Part of Dale Field, 28/02 Land at Goodwin Farm fronting Heath Road, 28/03 Rogers Road, 28/04 Land at Lower End and 28/05 Land between High Street and B1102. There was much discussion about the acceptability of each site, except 03 which it was decided to accept on the basis that it had already been developed and 02 as that was the other site that had been suggested. Road access and the bridal-way/path were problems for both sites 01 and 05 as were the proposed number of houses. There may also be problems with protected trees and grass snakes. It was decided to accept the proposals for site 04 - Lower End as it matched most of the ECDC criteria. It was decided not to accept sites 01 and 05 and Paul Latchford agreed to write the reasons. The vote was not unanimous. David Greenfield went on to mention the other issues possibly hidden "off the radar" were the travellers and show people sites. David Greenfield then covered the updates and changes to the infrastructure list and read out the current list. The wish list, including a shop and improvements to the village hall were discussed and agreed.

### **Street Lighting—Agree Contractor and Action for Fairview Grove:**

Paul Latchford reported that Electrical Testing had been given the go-ahead. And there was a meeting on June 21 to look at the remaining lights as the CIL money had been approved to cover all the lights. He asked for a decision on replacing the light at the top of Adams Road as the post was OK. It was decided to replace it in any case.

### **CIL Money Projects**

Steve Kent-Phillips reported on progress with the projects recommended by the village at the AVA. The tennis court and path to the football field had both been ruled out. Due to ownership issues of ground and hut the youth club survey and

indeed any further action was decided against (for now). Steve Kent-Phillips pointed out that we may have slightly more budget as VAT was not included in the value of projects and the PC can recover the VAT. The new play area round-a-bout was being ordered and should be installed in August. The path to the back gate of St Cyriac's was agreed and Steve Kent-Phillips agreed to include the church's rear gate restrictions so that vehicular access was limited but pedestrian and wheel chair access was provided for. He also added that two third parties will be contributing to the cost - Martin Mead and the church would contribute 2/3. A quote would be obtained. Removal of the spoil heap in the cemetery may not be as much as estimated (£10K). The 'phone box purchase was organised and Steve had arranged for the defibrillator, training and 7 years electricity to power it as part of the package. The company are in fact in Haverhill. There will also be special pads in case it needs to be used for under 9 year olds that will be kept in the school. The governance system allows for regular checks which also means the Red Cross will know we have a functioning unit in the village. The package even included refurbishment materials for the 'phone box itself. Steve Kent-Phillips said that the current state of projects would be available on the Web site. The Clerk read out a request for further inclusion in the CIL Money project to rebuild the schools swimming pool changing "hut". It was agreed to include this on the further projects list. Steve Kent-Phillips' good work was generally noted.

#### **Accounts for payment**

These were all agreed with the exception of the grass cutting contractor.

#### **Clerk's Report**

The Clerk reported more discussions with the grass cutting contractor. A full review of the agreement would happen during June. The agreed areas to be cut would be published and a map of missed areas sent for explanation and correction.

#### **Parish Councillors' Reports**

Steve Kent-Phillips reported replacing more bird spikes on the play area equipment. John Covill had been asked, whilst in Yorkshire recently, if SPPC had done a neighbourhood plan. Paul Latchford said that he keeps getting asked for the key to the church tower, which he cannot provide and that the CCT is the place to go to ask for access.

#### **Open Question Time**

There was no further business.

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

**Future meeting dates:** 14<sup>th</sup> July, 11<sup>th</sup> August, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2016. All are welcome to attend.

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There is so much I'd like to write about this month especially having just returned from a week in the Jungle, Calais with two of my children; so many stories to tell, some of which you may have heard at the village fete, and there are several really exciting things happening at RENEW, but the main thing I need to highlight at this time is the return of our **RENEW Summer Holiday Club** at **Bottisham Primary School**. The club will run from **Monday 25th July 'til Thursday 28th July**, from **9.45-12.30**. Details will be sent through Primary School communication channels and through local churches. A contribution towards costs of £5 per child (for the whole 4 days) or £10 per family where more than one child is taking part would be appreciated. The club is open to children from Reception to Year 6 inclusive based on the school year that is coming to an end. If your child / grandchild would like to take part, please do get in touch with me or Peter & Ann Wells for registration details.

We have so much fun planned, lots of games, crafts, stories, music - it will be a great week. Our theme is 'the 4 points' a series of symbols that help people young and old alike to gain an understanding of and easily communicate the essence of the Good News of the Christian faith ([www.the4points.com](http://www.the4points.com))

It is important for me to make clear that this is a Holiday *Bible* Club so there will be Christian content; however I can also give assurance that the message will be communicated in a very gentle, age appropriate, sensitive and fun manner, and whilst opportunity will be given to reflect on the themes and to respond in various ways, nothing will be imposed on anybody.

We are excited for what God has in store for RENEW and have been blessed to regularly welcome new folk into our church family, either as a result of our website ([www.re-new.me.uk](http://www.re-new.me.uk)), these articles, or personal invitation. We would love *you* to join us.

Please do get in touch with any questions or comments - we are here for you!

***Rev. Alan Brand***

*RENEW Church Services in July 2016.*

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

*A crèche is available if required. All are welcome.*

*3<sup>rd</sup> July. 10.30am – RENEW The Bigger Picture. With Communion  
(Bottisham Primary School)*

*10<sup>th</sup> July. 10.30am – RENEW Café style (at the School)*

*10<sup>th</sup> July. 6.20pm – Traditional service. (Lode Chapel)*

17<sup>th</sup> July. 10.30am – RENEW The Bigger Picture (at the School)  
24<sup>th</sup> July. 10.30am – RENEW The Bigger Picture (at the School)  
**Special All-age Holiday Club Commissioning Service**  
24<sup>th</sup> July. 6.20 pm – Traditional service. (Lode Chapel)  
31<sup>st</sup> July. 10.30am – RENEW The Bigger Picture (at the School)  
**All-age Holiday Club Celebration Service – all parents invited.**  
**Followed by a shared lunch.**

For more information about any of the activities of RE:NEW please contact:  
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## Letter from St Mary's

St Mary's church has been the heart of our village for generations: a place of worship; a place of learning; a place of refuge; used by many as a source of strength and comfort in times of trouble, a place to learn about and demonstrate the Christian faith. Long may it continue to be so.



As you know, our vicar the Rev. Sue Giles is responsible for four other village churches as well as ours, collectively known as the Anglesey Benefice. This has necessitated some quite major changes to our pattern of worship, which is taking some getting used to. There is a choice of services at 8.00, 9.30, or 11.00 at different churches in the Benefice. A board on the railings of the churchyard, easily readable from the footpath, tells where they are each week. It is confusing but it does have benefits for Sue and can also enrich our experience of worship.

Sue is an inspirational leader and we are very lucky to have her, especially in a time of diminishing congregations. Her faith governs her life and being and she works hard to spread her vision of a generous and loving God. Her sermons are honest, thoughtful and challenging to anyone who cares about our modern world. Her love shines through whatever she does.

And she does do a lot. In addition to at least two services each Sunday, she is on the governing body of the two primary schools in the Benefice; she takes assemblies there and runs lunchtime clubs; she runs a film club for young teenagers and a Play and Praise group for mothers and toddlers. She also takes funerals, weddings and christenings as one would expect, and people who have little experience of church worship, are made to feel welcome and are discretely guided through the services. She enjoys these activities but they do put a lot of pressure on her, which is why these changes to worship patterns are necessary.

We have heard recently that we have been allocated a curate who is to be ordained on 3<sup>rd</sup> July at Ely Cathedral. This is good news and we look forward to welcoming her. If you would like to come to this service at 10.30 at the cathedral, just get in touch and we can arrange lifts.

We would also welcome you at any of our services. If you haven't been for a while the Family Service would be a good one to start with.

We wish you every blessing

**Brenda Wilson**  
(Churchwarden)

## **Church Services in July**

at St Mary's, Swaffham Prior  
unless otherwise indicated

### **Sunday 3 July, Sixth Sunday after Trinity**

8am Holy Communion (BCP), *Swaffham Bulbeck*

9.30am Morning Prayer, *Quy*

**10.30am Ordination of our new curate Revd Dr Gina Radford, *Ely Cathedral***

### **Sunday 10 July, Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

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

11am Benefice All Age Service, *Lode*

### **Sunday 17 July, Eighth Sunday after Trinity**

11am Family Service

### **Sunday 24 July, Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

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

11am Benefice All Age Service, *Swaffham Bulbeck*

### **Sunday 31 July, Tenth Sunday after Trinity – CHURCHATHON!**

9.30am Morning Prayer, *Quy* →

11.15am Holy Communion, Ministry of the Word, *Lode* (followed by coffee) →

12.30pm Holy Communion, Sacrament, *Bottisham* (1.30pm bring & share picnic) →

3pm Reflection, *Swaffham Bulbeck* →

4pm Barbeque, *Anglesey House, Swaffham Prior*

6pm Evensong with Choir, *Swaffham Prior*

Please collect barbeque tickets from church to help with catering

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

## Dates for Your Diary - July

Sat	2	Pop-Up Teas, St Mary's, 2-5pm [p7] Open Studios [p15] & Sun
Wed	6	Summer Music, Botanic Gardens, 6:15pm [p6]
Sat	9	Cantilena Singers, St Mary's, 7:30pm [p3] Open Studios [p15] & Sun
Sun	10	Strawberry Teas, Adventurers Farm, 3-5pm [p5]
Tue	12	Mobile Library, Cage Hill 2:45-3:15pm, Chapel 3:20-4:00pm Village Gardeners, Village Hall, 8pm
Wed	13	Summer Music, Botanic Gardens, 6:15pm [p6]
Thu	14	PC Meeting, VH, 8pm
Sat	16	PoP Community Litter Pick, Cage Hill, 10:00am [p12] Pop-Up Teas, St Cyriacs, 2-5pm [p7] Open Studios [p15] & Sun
Mon	18	<b>Crier Copy Deadline</b> WI, Village Hall, 7:30pm [p23]
Wed	20	Summer Music, Botanic Gardens, 6:15pm [p6]
Sat	23	Open Studios [p15] & Sun
Wed	27	Summer Music, Botanic Gardens, 6:15pm [p6]
Thu	28	Bottisham Patients' Group, Bottisham Surgery, 6:30pm [p20]
Sat	30	Pop-Up Teas, St Cyriacs, 2-5pm [p7]

Club	Contact	Tel.	Date	Time	Place
FOSPS	Clare Freeman	741316	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon of Term	8pm	Village School
Cubs	Tim Doe	743656	Weds (term)	6:00-7:30pm	Village School
Reading Group	Brenda Wilson	743937	1 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> Tues of month	8:00pm	Village Hall
WI	Pat Cook	742224	3 <sup>rd</sup> 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	