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Editorial

Happy Autumn, All Our Readers! As you've probably read in the news, our spruced up George IV phone box is now the receptacle for a brand new defibrillation unit. Instructions are on the tin, we're told, but since all we know about these devices is from old episodes of *Casualty* (where they never did work) we'd welcome a bit more advice in these pages!

Alas, we missed the Dog Show this year, the dog is very fed up, but many congrats to the select company of canines who braved the torrential rain — we'll be back next year in blazing sunshine, you'll see.

We rather think that this month's poem from Ophir will resonate with many. Lucky is the fellow who gets to retiring age without suspicion dawning that they've been entirely on the wrong path all their lives. And this is particularly true in Ophir's North West Scotland. We've just been there. You can be entirely on the *right* path, and it's still a sopping bog/torrential river going in the opposite direction....



Elisabeth Everitt and Rob Mathieson in the sunshine with the new defibrillator.

Snakehall farm are putting on a special Spooky Show on the 28th October to celebrate this year's Halloween. Not to be missed! And for youthful spooky persons who go collecting round the village, you are welcome at our house! We won't run to pumpkins, but we will have a candle in the window, and we suggest other spooky fans might do the same.

See you at the Harvest Supper, and of course, the Village Quiz....

Caroline Matheson

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Cover Picture: Kelmscott House Kitchen in Autumn by **Keith Gentle**



Letters to the Editors



Dear Editors,

Cage Hill Fire

Tony and I would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the fantastic firefighters- the first to arrive from Burwell and then four other crews from around the county, who contained the fire in our house and stopped even more destruction. Also to our amazing neighbours and friends who responded so quickly to the explosion- phoning the fire brigade, getting us out of the house, directing the crews, offering us tea, coffee and brandy and finally at 2am beds for the night.

Their very practical help and support continues and has made coping with this disaster so much easier.

What a lovely village to live in.

Margaret and Tony

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

FREE TO A GOOD HOME

The following items are all free, buyer collects:

1. 32" flat screen LG TV. Slight fault on screen, otherwise perfect.
2. DVD player complete with all leads, instruction booklet etc
3. Nintendo Wii balance board complete system, with numerous DVDs.

Contact Dave or Sue on 742559

David Jackson
(34 High Street)



BALMORAL CASTLE

To: The Children of Swaffham Prior C of E Primary School

The Queen wishes me to write and thank you for the colourful handmade cards and messages which you have sent on the occasion of Her Majesty's ninetieth birthday.

It was very kind of you to make your cards for The Queen in honour of her special day and Her Majesty greatly appreciated the care you have taken with your artwork.

The Queen hopes you will understand that, because of the enormous number of letters, cards and messages she has received in the last few months, it has not been possible to reply to you until now and I am to thank you, once again, for your thought for Her Majesty at this time.

Lady-in-Waiting

September 2016

**Royal Thank-you from Her Majesty to the Children of
Swaffham Prior School**

From our Reporter at the Parish Council Meeting

Being the holiday season there were three apologies – anything to do with the Glorious Twelfth on the next day?.

David Brown gave his CCC report. Following a meeting in Great St Mary's in Cambridge a petition protesting about the widening of Milton Road had been presented to the CCC. Mainly the grey or no hair generation had attended that meeting, and there had been a simmering rebellious murmur about the City Deal, and the people behind it. It may be of limited interest to some in Swaffham Prior, but the City Deal will be affecting all our lives. The CCC is considering setting up a company to find "agency workers" because at present it has to pay a 14% premium.



Paul asked David whether there is still a need for more 20mph areas in Cambridge as he thought many appeared to be unnecessary. David was also reminded that the PC has yet to hear from Mr Rigney about the posts which suddenly appeared opposite the School. It has been supposed that what was put up without approval can be removed likewise. David was again faced with complaints about potholes (they ought to go to Sheffield), there was a long discussion, and it appears to be quite a complex issue, being a "whole mish-mash of responsibility".

The last tranche of CIL money has at last been traced by ECDC and a further £35,000 will be coming in. The defibrillator has been installed in the telephone box, but within two hours it had been broken into and the torch stolen. Robin Mathieson, living opposite and the appointed custodian, later witnessed a man and two children who also did the same. By the time Robin had run round to make a citizen's arrest, they were running off up Cage Hill, to some a reputed trouble area. All other CIL projects are proceeding well and the PC has moved quickly on getting quotes for the cemetery fence and hut.

A resident in Rogers Road has asked for some traffic calming measures because of the extra traffic. This is only a few weeks after another Rogers Road resident had deplored the number of cars left on the roads, because this slowed down the traffic. Rogers Road must think very hard before pushing for traffic calming – just look at Quay. A Rogers Road Residents meeting about it could be lively; if it was made an open meeting for the whole village it could be a sell out.

Half way through the meeting Mike Phillips turned up. He thought the meeting started at 8.00pm. When told the meetings always start at 7.30 he brandished his copy of the *Crier* which gave the time as 8.00 in its "Dates for Your Diary August". This gave Steve such joy as it confirmed his opinion that "you can never believe what you read in the *Crier*."

Mike had turned up to asked questions about the planning applications for houses on the field opposite Pulpit Corner and also of the Pump Field. The PC was a bit nonplussed and said there are no planning applications for any developments and that what has been reported is a list of various bits of land that the owners said they would make available for development if they got permission. This is for an ECDC enquiry which has to find the land for a certain number of houses to fulfil a

government target. But they are not planning applications. They assured Mike that no one has offered the land opposite Pulpit Corner, and asked where the Pump Field is. Mike said it was near the sewage pumping station, opposite where he used to live in Lower End, just past the 30mph sign going out to Reach. The Parochial Charities which owned the land had proposed some low cost rental houses. I was able to help and explained that it was thrown out partly because of a 300 year old hedge, possibly for being a "poverty row", and for other reasons. Paul asked whether I had details of the objections that could be used today. I promised to try to find out. This should be interesting because, from memory, it is quite a juicy piece of village history – and may be fun for those who have an interest in local history.

Now that Mike has resurrected the original scheme, and if the Parochial Charities still owns the land, maybe it could it could be added to the list of possibilities.

Alastair Everitt

Cambridge Railway Station – Trumpington P&R Changes to Service

From 16 October 2016

The bus will not be able to turn at Cambridge rail station due to construction of a new turning circle. The bus will use Station Road, Hills Road and Brookgate before picking up the existing route at the Busway. The frequency will reduce to every 30 minutes from every 15 due to the additional time needed to travel along Station Road, Hills Road and Brookgate and retain a reliable service.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY FAMILY & LOCAL HISTORY FAIR

SATURDAY 22 OCTOBER 2016

10.00AM TO 4.00PM AT

GLEBE PRIMARY SCHOOL

GIRTON, CAMBRIDGE CB3 0PN

More than 50 stalls including family and local history societies
and traders with genealogical supplies.

Research and advice given., Free Admission Free car parking

Home cooked food available

Optional attendance at talks priced at £2 each per person (Under 16s free)

10.30a.m Robert Parker Our Ancestors 1939-1945

12 Noon Mike Petty Reflections on Eight Decades researching Cambridge

1.30p.m Myko Clelland Making the most of Findmypast

3.00p.m Gill Blanchard Behind the Scenes of

‘Who Do You Think You Are?’

For further details please see www.cfhs.org.uk

Bertie posing for the camera.



Dog Show 2016

This year's Dog Show was not for the faint hearted! It poured with rain all morning but a few hardy souls turned out which was great. Prizes and rosettes were awarded as follows

Waggiest tail - 1st Bertie with Janine Elston, 2nd Lily with Dee Noyes.

Retrieve -

Bertie

Catching a Biscuit -

Bertie

Paw Shake -

1st Sidney Beans with Liam Roberts, 2nd Lily

Fancy Dress -

1st Lily, 2nd Bertie

Cali, also owned by Janine, put up a spirited effort into the classes she entered and only just missed getting a rosette.



Lily looking adorable in her fancy dress outfit.

Grateful thanks go to Alan's Ark for sponsoring the prizes, Mandy and Phil Kingsmill for judging, Tom Bourne for compering and keeping us all in order, Mead Construction for the loan of the fencing and the Lankfer family for kindly letting us borrow, once again, their dog agility equipment. Sadly we could not use it as the ground was too slippery.

Hoping that the sun shines next year! Very many thanks to the competitors and their owners for entertaining us.

And Eds take note - Harry, we missed you!



Sidney Beans, who not only shook paws but could high five with Liam as well!



Fly, making a guest appearance with owner Caroline McCleave, entered just the Catch the Biscuit round, but preferred to eat them off the ground rather than go to the trouble of plucking them from mid air!

Janet Willmott

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 on Sunday 16 October



With an original ghost story written by a staff member at the Prospects Trust and lots of volunteer zombies this is an event not to be missed.

The farm is transformed, with the Co-workers at the farm creating lots of the Halloween craft and special scenes designed to spook. Nikki Storr, Support Worker said "this year the ghost story has become bigger and weirder with everyone giving me their ideas, I have based the story around an alternative farmer and like all writers I would like to state for the record this is a work of fiction. Names, characters, businesses, places, events and incidents are either the products of our imagination or used in a fictitious manner. Any resemblance to actual persons, living or dead, or actual events is purely coincidental". But we leave it to the visitors to make up their minds.

The Prospects Trust is a socially inspiring enterprise supporting people with disabilities to take an active role in farming & growing on an accessible 18 acre organic farm in Cambridgeshire. Established in 1989 the charity provides supported work and training five days per week to over 45 Co-workers (adults with learning difficulties, physical disabilities and varying health needs). The charity also provides an accessible learning centre for schools, groups and volunteers on a real working farm.

Mark Cornell, Farm Co-manager said "Events like Spooky Snakehall raise much needed funds which are directly used to benefit the Co-workers. This year the funds raised will create an end of the working year Christmas celebration for all the Co-workers and volunteers who benefit from their time on the farm".

Tickets are sold in advance with timed ghost walks starting from 6:30 and running throughout the evening. Anyone wishing to attend the event needs to book their time slot asap as tickets are limited. For tickets please call The farm office on 01638 741551.

**TO ARRANGE PRESS INTERVIEW/PHOTO CALL
CONTACT RHIAN ELIS or MAZ BAKER ON
01638 741 551**

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THE PROSPECTS TRUST PRESENTS
SPOOKY SNAKEHALL
FRIDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2016

DARK SKIES GHOST WALK

ONE FIENDISH FARMER

18 ACRES OF ZOMBIE PUMPKINS

WHEN AN ORGANIC FARM GOES ROTTEN

Small Group Ghost Tale Walks around

The Prospects Trust's Snakehall Farm Site

Tickets on Sale Now

£10 including Soup & Roll, Guided Ghost Walk,

Pumpkin Carving & Tombola

**Call to book your ghost walk slot starting 6pm for the
Scaredy Cats and later for those who dare to be scared**

01638 741551

www.prospectstrust.org.uk

The Prospects Trust is a registered charity 1048584 Event proceeds will directly benefit our charity beneficiaries



TEAM QUIZ NIGHT

Swaffham Prior
Village Hall

7.30 pm Sat 15 October

Tickets £6 each.

To book a table, contact

Jenny Brand (01638) 742161

Lynne Rand (01638) 741960

Jacket Potato Supper

Bring your own drinks and glasses !!

Proceeds in aid of St. Mary's Church, Swaffham Prior



SWAFFHAM PRIOR

IN BLOOM 2017

Volunteer planters needed!!

The Parish Council has kindly donated 1 tonne of daffodil bulbs to be planted in the village this October. Volunteer planters will be given 50 bulbs to plant in the village and 50 to plant in their own gardens.

The bulbs need to be planted as soon as possible: to choose your area for planting in the village (and receive the bulbs for your garden) please contact:

Janet Willmott – 07833 960678
Mandy Kingsmill – 07796 091855

Thank you!



Lode Half Marathon and Fun Run

Sunday 6th November

Starting At Fassage Hall in Lode

Come and join us in this marvellous morning out. The distance is 13.1 miles for the half marathon and 3 miles (approx) for the Fun Run. The half marathon will start at 10 a.m. and the Fun Run at 10.15 a.m.

Entry for the Half Marathon is £23 for unaffiliated runners or £21 for affiliated runners. The Fun Run entrance fee is £5 (adults) & £2.50 for children (16yrs & under).

This year we have **CHIP TIMING** for both the Half Marathon & the Fun Run.

You can enter the half marathon on line via our website – www.loderunners.co.uk - or by post – entry form available on the website and should be posted to Lode Farm, Lode, Cambridge CB259HF. Maximum of 250 runners for the half marathon.

Fun Run entries are by post – entry form can be downloaded from the website. Maximum of 100 runners for the fun run.

On the day entries will only be taken if numbers allow.

If you have any questions regarding entry please do not hesitate to contact Tessa Shrubbs on 01223 811812 or email lodefarm@aol.com

The run goes down the Fen in Lode and follows the Lodes Way cycle path to near Wicken and back. The route is attractive and generally peaceful and pretty!

Refreshments are available at Fassage Hall and include bacon sandwiches, tea, coffee and delicious home made cakes.

Why not register, start running and join us on November 6th.

The money raised will go to the Arthur Rank Hospice Charity which is building a brand new centre just beside the Gog Magog Park and Ride.

Autumn Jumble sale

Saturday 1st October 2016

Fassage Hall, Lode CB25 9HB

2-4pm

Park in the High Street and walk through Fassage Close beside the post office

Entrance £1 for adults and children are free

Please bring any jumble in the morning between 10.30-12

If you have any questions ring Fran Platten on 01223 813 016

Swaffham Bulbeck School PSA

Bonfire & Firework Party

Friday 4th November

Gate opens 6pm Display starts 6.45pm

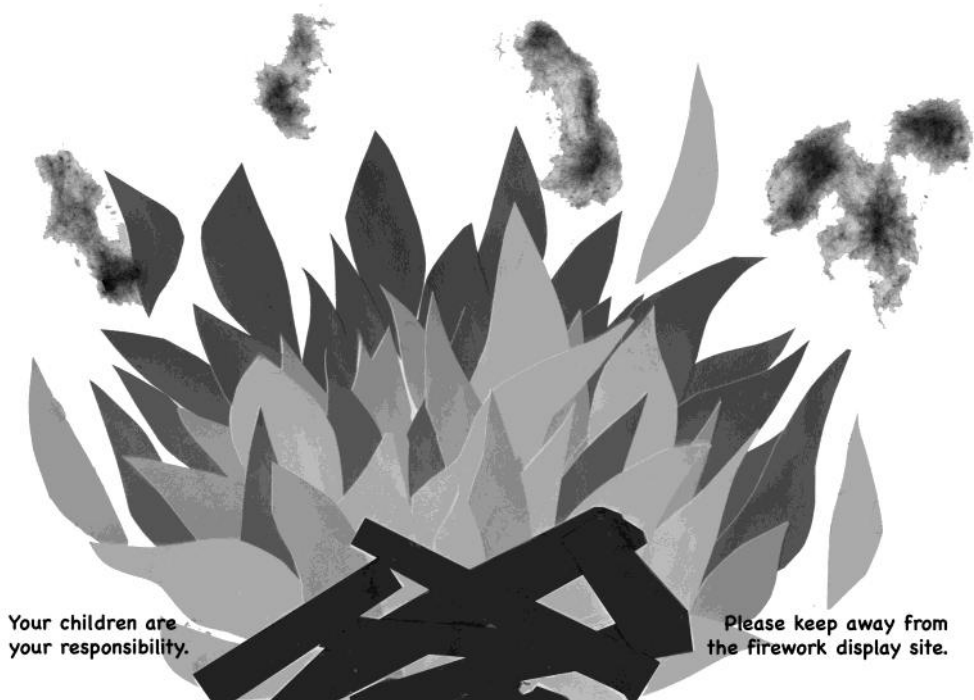
Vicarage Field (behind St Mary's Church, Swaffham Bulbeck)

Adults: £3.50 Children: £2.50

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

Hot Dogs & Mulled Wine for sale from 6pm

NO SPARKLERS PLEASE – Glow bling for sale



Your children are
your responsibility.

Please keep away from
the firework display site.

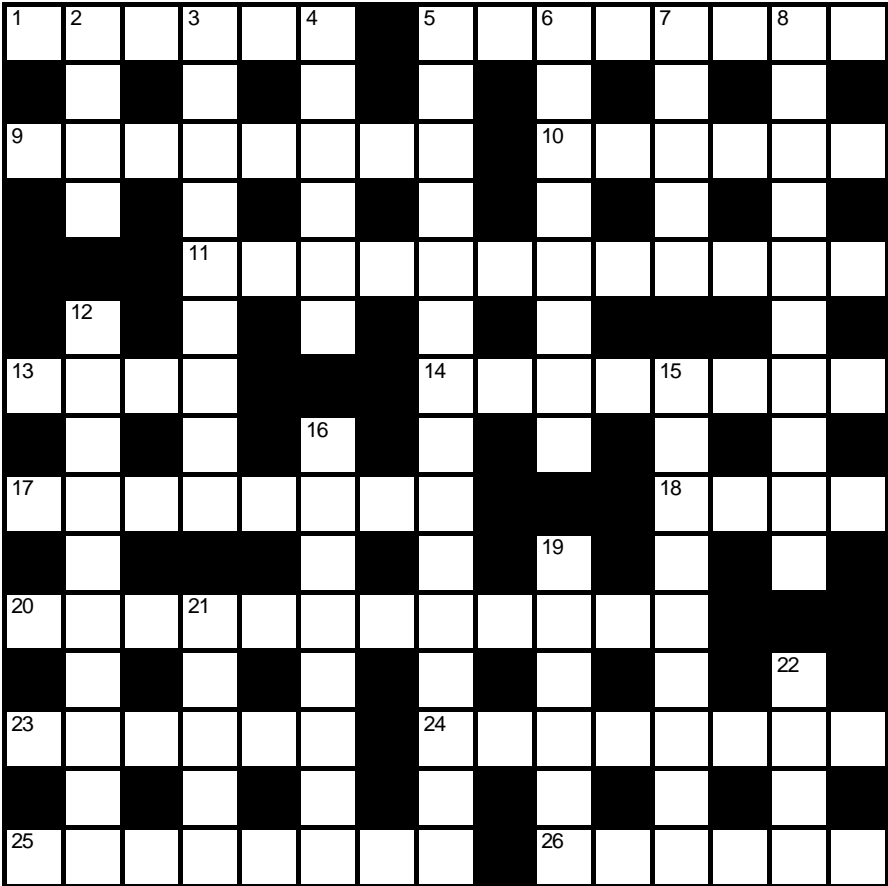
Crossword Number 135

Compiled by

Sponsored by **The Red Lion**

BYWELL

Sometimes clue setters in East Anglia resort to replacing the definition with an asterisk. Send your answers to the editors by 18 October 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:.....

Across

- 1/22** * Doctor sends after gold-plated key (6,4)
5 We are admitting Arabs pay rather too much attention to the ladies (8)
9 Falsify VAT files for Bonfire Night maybe (8)
10 Desert fox comes in from Melbourne (6)
11 Takes note of our cool accuracy (12)
13 Can be served wide and slow (4)
14 Hoyle got aroused looking at animal behaviour (8)
17 Most fuming concoction of inert gas (8)
18 Nothing in arrangement of notes for creating blues (4)
20 Instruments from Richard's shop originally (12)
23 Ester organised nothing for entertainment in the home (6)
24 Called first number with doctor outside after money (8)
25 Country song's backing provides long and thin coverage (3,5)
26 Setter could be made to try again (6)

Down

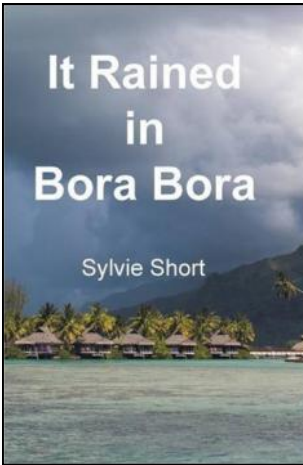
- 2** Thatcher's raw material could be red rising (4)

We congratulate Grant Smith, the winner of last month's competition, who will receive her prize certificate from the editors. Honourable mentions goes to Robert Nunn, S Richards, Trish Whitehead and Shirley Wilkins.

- 3** Remote cat mutation having eight feet (9)
4 Amuse princess with the green forest (6)
5 * Directions to Hale: cross junction first of all after you goes round bend (5-4-3-3)
6 Girl gets letter in Greek from Latin musicians (8)
7 Rewrite of songs without Queen causes loss of feeling (5)
8 *Leading role for actor in good meaty part (10)
12 * Crabs aren't being cooked (10)
15 * Soft towel going through the wringer (9)
16 Bottle shown by half-Baptist (8)
19 * Content with macro-meritocracy (6)
21 Source of misfortune for every one left (5)
22 See 1 Across

Solution to crossword no. 134

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A NEW BOOK BY SYLVIE SHORT

"It Rained in Bora Bora" is a novel that lifts the lid on cruising, probing beneath the superficial glamour of a Round the World voyage to reveal the discontent resulting from unrealistic expectations promoted by the hype in glossy travel brochures. It explores the enigma that is human behaviour while taking the reader on an exciting journey to over twenty different countries.

"...It is a fascinating read...a real page turner..." Prue Lester.

"...A very enjoyable book. It's well written and a real pleasure to read. I can highly recommend it."

A review posted on Amazon by a reader in West Sussex

"It Rained in Bora Bora," will appeal to the same target audience as 'Lady in a Van' and 'The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel,' and would make a good Christmas present. It is obtainable on Amazon in both hardback and paperback but they have got the price wrong, showing the same for both.

Test it out - if you can get the hard back for the same price as the paperback, good luck. Amazon will be the losers! You can get copies directly from me if you wish - £8.50 for the paperback and £14.00 for the hardback.

With love and happy memories to my friends in Swaffham Prior,

Sylvie Short



**Cambridge
Evening News
photographer
getting a snap of
our new
Defibrillator
Phone Box**

Team Arthur needs you!!

An hour of your time means such a lot to the Hospice

Do you know someone who might like to join TEAM ARTHUR and become part of an extraordinary future? Arthur Rank Hospice Charity needs to bolster their fabulous volunteer team, ahead of moving to their new hospice home in Shelford Bottom!

Volunteers have been at the heart of the Hospice since it first opened its doors on the Brookfield Hospital site on Mill Road 35 years ago. It started with just a handful of volunteers and now the Hospice relies on a fantastic team of over 360 who support the clinical, fundraising and administrative teams. Often it is their presence and warm welcome which can help normalise experiences for those receiving the Hospice's care.

As the building springs up at Shelford Bottom - with a footprint of 2500 m², a total floor area of 5000 m² over two floors, twice the number of patient beds and around three times the amount of outdoor and garden space - the need for a new influx of volunteers has become increasingly physically apparent. There are some exciting new roles created by the Hospice's move to their new home, including patient group activity leader, education receptionist, education assistant, café assistants and meet and greet representatives. We also need to strengthen the number of volunteers helping with driving, gardening, afternoon tea, the Inpatient Unit, reception, the shops, bereavement support and fundraising.

Even just 2-3 hours of your time each week or fortnight could make such a difference! Please get in touch with the Volunteer Services team, who are dedicated to finding the right fit for your availability and skills, by calling Vipra on 01223 72311 or emailing Volunteer@arhc.org.uk, or to find out more visit arhc.org.uk/volunteering.asp.



2016 HARVEST SHOW

Full report next month, but here are just a few of the many gorgeous exhibits on show.

Photos by Helen McMenamin-Smith.





A Ballad for Brexit

The Brexiteers have won the day
And now it's down to Mrs May
Instead of that flash Cameron toff
To see the EU's quite cut off.
I say, if "Europe" should expire
Bring back the Holy Roman Empire.
You never heard us Brits complain
When we were led by Charlemagne.
No anti-European thought
Was raised against Pepin the Short.
No unelected Euro-tosser
Measures up to Barbarossa
And when we hear that Johnny Turk'll
Join the club, it's not Frau Merkel
That we want, but brave Don John
Who sank the fleet of Ottoman.
We've never liked the French, it's true –
We've called a station "Waterloo" –
And no true Briton gave a fart
For that Napoleon Buonaparte.
Iberia has been a pain
Since Mary wed Philip of Spain
And we prefer the German State
As ruled by Frederick the Great,
Whilst the mere name of Jean Claude Juncker
Brings to mind the Führerbunker.
If Pericles still ruled in Greece
They might be less inclined to fleece
The taxpayer, whilst Italy
Has such a mad economy
To find a growth rate more than zero
You'd have to go right back to Nero.
Let Boris be congratulated
Now that Europe's isolated.
Remember: God's an Englishman,
So spend your Euros while you can.

Wulsin

Long Service Medal completes Bobby's remarkable legacy

BEING named after one of the greatest battles of the First World War may have destined little Verdun Buck to a life of distinguished and heroic service.

Born just months into the Battle of Verdun in April 1916, the Doddington boy would grow up to serve his country as a soldier and as an officer in his local police force.

He won medals for gallantry while serving in the Grenadier Guards during the Second World War and later the police long service medal for his unblemished career as a beat bobby in areas including Sutton, Ely, Leverington and Wisbech.

But when he died in 1994 at the age of 76, his son Paul, now 69, knew there was something missing from his father's legacy.

Most of his war medals and his police service medal had been stolen after Verdun had generously loaned them out for use in a school play.

Towards the end of his life, and in keeping with his unassuming character, Verdun had showed no interest in getting replacements.

But Paul and his wife Christine, 66, of The Rampart, Haddenham, had different ideas and set about reassembling his legacy.

This week, after years of effort, their task was finally completed when the couple were presented with a police long service medal by Assistant Chief Constable Nav Malik at police HQ in Huntingdon.

Paul, who joined the Navy himself at 15, said: "When dad died I thought we've got to try to get the medals back. Not for me but for the next generation, to show what his life was about, as a soldier and as a policeman.

"It's been brilliant to get the police medal and I would like to thank Donna Stunton from the force who's been trying to get the medal for more than a year.

"It's the last piece, but a very important piece, of the jigsaw and it's taken several years. But then it should take a long time because not everyone gets the long service medal."

Presenting the medal, Mr Malik said: "It's a real honour and privilege to be able to give you this. My dad joined as the first Asian officer in the country in the 60s and I'm sure we are both very proud of our fathers.

"The Home Secretary would have had to approve the medal originally, and as well as length, your service had to be



ethical and beyond reproach.”

Paul, who is chairman of Haddenham Cricket Club, had wanted to retrieve his father’s honours since they were stolen but only started in earnest in recent years following his retirement after more than a decade as a postman.

Lance Sergeant Verdun received the Military Medal for his gallantry while serving at Mount Camino in Italy in 1943. His recommendation for the honour said his “coolness, leadership and complete disregard of enemy fire were an inspiration to his platoon and to all who beheld it.”

The Military Medal was the only decoration that hadn’t been stolen but Paul was determined to reunite it with the others.

The force was contacted on Paul’s behalf by the National Association of Retired Police Officers (NARPO) in November 2014 asking if a replacement medal could be obtained for Verdun, who served in the Isle of Ely Constabulary.

The medal had been presented to him by Chief Constable Thomas C Williams (see pictures). It is not known exactly what year but Mr Williams was head of the force between 1957 and 1964.

Police staff member Donna Stundon, who handles awards for the constabulary, contacted the Home Office, who required confirmation that Verdun had received the medal. This was provided and a replacement was sent.

It was a fitting end to Paul’s research into his father’s past and his quest to restore his legacy.

The Journey

My lot in life
It seems to me,
Is not what I
Wished it to be.
I didn’t plan;
Perhaps I should.
It’s too late now,
I’m ‘in the wood’.
The path’s unclear,
It’s overgrown,
With scrub and weeds,
A few unknown.
Somewhere along
The Route, I’ve gone,
Down a path,
Completely wrong.
I hope to do better
If I come back;
Perhaps I could try
A different tack.

Ophir

WANTED - YOUNG PERSON



If you are interested in **drama** and would like to have the **chance of being on stage** in the next production of the St. Mary's Players – this is your chance.

We are looking for a **keen young person** – male or female to take part in our next production of 'It Runs in the Family' by Ray Cooney

The play will take place in the school during half term week – with performances on February 16th 17th & 18th 2017

We rehearse on Sunday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. from October to December and from Jan to Feb the rehearsals will be Fridays and Sundays.

You would not be required at every rehearsal.

Come and join us and have fun.

If you are interested please contact:-

Anne Datson

55 High Street, Swaffham Bulbeck

or telephone: 01223 812395

email: datson@btconnect.com



Bottisham Village College

Adult Learning

Treat yourself to a day learning something new!

**We have the following Workshops on
Saturday 8th October and Saturday 19th November
To enrol visit our website or contact the Adult Learning Office
(Most workshops run from 10.00 to 4.00,
but check our website for full details)**

Saturday 8th October:

**Autumn Flowers
Basic Cookery
Calligraphy
Computing Learn the Basics (Free)
Indian Street Food
Introduction to Creative Writing
Paediatric First Aid (Sat/Sun) (meets Ofsted requirements)
Stained Glass – Make a Unique Piece in a Day
Upholstery and Chair Caning (also 19th Nov)
Woodturning (also 19th Nov)**

Saturday 19th November:

**Chocoholics
Christmas Cookery
Felt Making – Vessels
Simple Sewing
Website in a Day**

www.bottishamvc.org/adultlearning

Tel: 01223 811372 email: adultlearning@bottishamvc.org

Swaffhams WI News

There was no meeting in September, instead a number of members and friends enjoyed a coach outing to Old Warden where we were able to visit the Shuttleworth Collection. Housed in a series of hangars this forms an amazing display of vintage aircraft and vehicles including buses, motorcycles, cars and pennyfarthings. The Swiss Garden, situated alongside the collection, was also on our itinerary and is an outstanding example of the regency fa

shion for creating landscapes in a picturesque alpine style. Needless to say there was plenty time to enjoy the delicious cakes and drinks in the restaurant too.

Our next meeting is in the Swaffham Prior Village Hall on 17th October at 7.30pm when our speaker will be Angela Hubbard demonstrating Flower Arranging. The November meeting on 21st will be a talk about the Bury Millennium Tower and this will be an open meeting to which non-members, male or female are invited along (£3.50 to include refreshments)

New members and visitors are always welcome at our meetings so do come along and be part of our friendly group.

Pat Cook - President

Tel: 01638 742224

Email: patcook6@btinternet.com



Anglesey Group Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union has been providing parish-based fellowship and practical support for families for 140 years. Founded in 1876 by Mary Sumner to support parents as they undertook to develop the all-round well-being of their children, today Mothers' Union is in 83 countries around the world, which means it is active in thousands of parishes around the globe. At the very local parish level this support to family life can take many forms. Perhaps there is a need for baptism support for parents coming into the church; perhaps the local prison needs help to run a creche during visiting hours, or to give a cup of coffee and a listening ear and prayer support to families with someone in hospital. At a national and international level Mothers' Union speaks out on issues such as the commercialisation and sexualisation of children, and on issues of gender equality in forums such as the United Nations in New York, where the organisation holds consultative status. Mothers – yes, but also women without children, married women – yes, but also single women. AND MEN! This always is a surprise, but here in the UK many men are members of Mothers' Union and contribute an enormous amount to the charity both nationally and at the local level.

The Anglesey Group held an afternoon tea to celebrate the 140th Anniversary in August. This was attended by members, husbands and friends, including our Archdeaconry Vice-President for Cambridge. Celebration bunting made by

members during one of our meetings earlier in the year decorated Lode Chapel for the occasion. A light hearted quiz centred on the founder year was pondered over during tea, and the raffle raised £46.50 for Mothers' Union funds.

On the 6th October Anglesey Group will be hosting the Fordham and Quy Deanery Coffee Morning in St. James' Church 10am -11.30am. Raffle, Bring and Buy, Cakes and Produce. All Welcome.

Our meetings usually take place on the third Thursday of each month in Lode Chapel at 2.30pm. At our meeting on Thursday 20th October Richard Ayres will be speaking to us about The Gibberd Garden and we will be holding our Autumn Bring and Buy Stall. You are most welcome to come along and join us.



Ann Langran



News from Bottisham Medical Practice Patients' Group

Good News: Thanks to your generous donations and to a very kind patient, who made up the difference between our collection and the cost, we have now purchased a second and much needed Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitor.

Retirement: Dr Croucher will be retiring at the end of the year. We have put a book at reception for those who wish to write their memories of Dr Croucher, so that she can reflect on these in her retirement.

Shingles Vaccination Eligibility: If on 1st September 2016 you are aged 70,71,72,73, 78 or 79 and have not had a shingles vaccination you are eligible to book an appointment to have one this year. You only ever need one. Once you have had your 80th birthday you are no longer eligible.

Community Nurses: Due to reorganisation there is a possibility that the community nurses, who are employed by Cambridge and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust, will be moved from the surgery to another base further away. We have started a petition asking that our nurses remain at the surgery.

Signatures are being collected for the petition to the Trust. If you wish to add your name to those who have already signed, there will be a sheet in the waiting room at the surgery. We will keep you informed of progress.

Kidney Awareness: NHS is running a kidney awareness campaign www.thinkkidneys.nhs.uk. See this website for further information and a short film on how to keep your kidneys healthy and what happens when they go wrong.

Repeat Prescriptions: These can be ordered on line, but you will still need to allow 2 working days for these to be dispensed.

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 21st October, 9th and 25th November, 7th December. 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 17th November 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



ELY DISTRICT COUNCIL

From our District
Councillor
Allen Alderson

A Message from your District Councillor – September 2016 Green Flag Awards



Once again Ely's open spaces have been awarded 2 Green Flags.

1) Jubilee Gardens for the twelfth year running, in recognition of the communities involvement in the

Gardens. There is a voluntary organisation called 'Friends of Jubilee Gardens'.

2) Ely County Park for the second year running, for its natural beauty and it's play equipment.

Cambridge has not been awarded any Green Flags.

Ely Southern By-pass

The Government has now awarded the £16million to build it. The contractor is Volker Fitzpatrick, it should be completed by the end of 2017.

Ely's New Leisure Complex

Work has commenced on the new 6 screen cinema, it should be finished by April 2017.

The swimming pool and Leisure Centre should be completed and ready for use by January 2018.

Sport England has awarded it £1.5 million in recognition of our commitment to sport and leisure facilities within the district.

When the Leisure Centre is up and running it should provide the District Council with a considerable profit each year. We then plan a review of all sports and leisure facilities within the District. We need to take a particular look at rural isolation within some of our villages. We could perhaps find ways to help our elderly

citizens. Funding could go towards helping Village Halls to open for such things as whist drives, carpet bowls or even just a get together for a coffee and a chat.

Allen Alderson

BON MOT NUMBER SIXTY NINE

**"My great object is to attain a proper conduct in life.
How sad it will be if I turn out no better than I am."**

James Boswell (1740-1795)

At General Purposes Committee we considered the usual range of financial reports. We also agreed to invest in two particular areas with the aim of securing longer-term savings. The two areas are assistive technology to assist with the care of (primarily) older people and re-negotiation of the waste PFI. We also held a joint GPC/SMT workshop to consider business planning for 2017/18 and held a member seminar on the same topic.

Children and Young People Committee met with the main agenda item being a question and answer session with Dr Tim Coulson, the Regional Schools Commissioner. This involved a number of ways in which we can work together to improve the outcomes for pupils in Cambridgeshire schools. Committee also agreed to join a regional approach to housing and caring for young Unaccompanied Asylum Seekers, which will see Cambridgeshire take up to 92 UASCs.

I attended Constitution and Ethics Committee where we agreed to advertise for people to form an independent panel to consider members' allowances. I also sat on Staffing and Appeals Committee to consider future arrangements for Executive Director for Children, Families and Adults.

David Brown



Christmas Food & Gift Fair

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

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

Saturday 3rd December
The Old Rectory
Swaffham Bulbeck
10.30am 'til 2.30pm

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

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY BOTANIC GARDENS

Luscious leaves

As the days get noticeably shorter, it is evident that autumn is just around the corner. This is a wonderful time to enjoy the many beautiful sights that trees offer, not only individually, but as a whole landscape. The array of autumn hues that trees in particular provide, never fail to surprise and delight us. When we marvel at oranges, reds, yellows and even purples of autumn foliage, we are in fact celebrating decay and chemical change. In early autumn, the pigment chlorophyll in deciduous leaves starts to break down and as it fades away, other colours, which were masked by the presence of the chlorophyll, are revealed.

Managing the diverse tree and shrub collection at the Botanic Garden gives me the opportunity to work with some outstanding trees and shrubs that produce autumn colour. Be it from the more commonly thought of Japanese Maples (*Acer palmatum*), Liquidambar's, the smoke bush (*Cotinus*) to the slightly more unusual Pistacia (*Pistacia chinensis*). The Birch (*Betula*) collection at the Garden is particularly rich as the leaves become gold and warm apricot, often perfectly offset by bright white or shiny lacquer-red bark. The yellow and orange shades which come to the fore are due to carotenoids, the same pigment that makes a carrot orange.

However, one of the most vivid autumn sights is the American Sweetgum, *Liquidambar styraciflua* 'Worplesdon'. It has formed a tear-drop shape and the foliage floods deep wine-red in early autumn, against which burst cerise, red, orange and apricot tones through the following weeks. The tree is a mesmerizing sight throwing a spectacular reflection onto the surface of the Lake. For a few weeks of the year, the Sweetgum becomes the fiery fulcrum about which the whole Botanic Garden seems to revolve.



Science for Girls...

...in Africa!

The new Girls' Secondary Boarding School at Bunda, 10 miles from the eastern shore of Lake Victoria, is one of the projects the Anglesey Group of Parishes supports in our partnership with the Diocese of Mara in Tanzania. This school was started by the diocese to solve the major problem for girls in education - finding time to study. In Africa girls are still expected to be busy with domestic chores, not books or study.

A boarding school solves the problem and helps the future development of Africa. Educated mothers hold the key to the prosperity of families and nations. A group of us saw the school foundations being laid and our villages contributed to the cost of a roof for the Science labs. Three years later development has been dramatic – classrooms and hostels for 200 students and 14 teachers under the Head, Mrs Denisia Jerome.

There are four teachers covering biology, physics and chemistry, but a chronic shortage of equipment. I saw just two tables of science equipment, which means that most practical work has to be demonstrated rather than done by students. Equipment is available from Sciex Ltd in Dar es Salaam, at an estimated cost of £4,000.



Many of you who read this magazine are committed to the development of education, especially in science. Could you contribute to our Anglesey fund for 'The Bunda Science Labs'?

Some people prefer to invest in people rather than things. So why not contribute to a bursary for a girl at Bunda? There are already 4 or 5 bursaries funded by an Australian school but more are needed. The full fee is £500 p.a.

Take a clever girl like Pendo, for example. She is 14 and lives in a small, grass

rondavel. She has been attending primary school, two hours walk away. Her day starts at 6 a.m. and finishes at 6 p.m. Any free time she has is spent in drawing water, cutting firewood,



cooking and cleaning for her grandmother. But in the recent primary school leavers' exams she got the top marks in the whole district. When asked how she managed it, she replied that she just found that whatever she was told she remembered. Her father agreed she could go to Bunda, and she has just started. But there are many Pundos in the Mara Region – who will help them to get the education which will change lives?

You could write a cheque for Holy Trinity Church Bottisham PCC, and send it to the Revd Sue Giles, The Vicarage, Bottisham CB25 9BA, specifying that it is for 'Bunda Girls' School'. You could also ask the Treasurer, George Jenyns, to claim GiftAid on your donation and supply your name and address. Donations to Mara pass through a special Anglesey account and are earmarked for the purpose specified. Our ten years' experience has given us confidence in the proper use of our donations to Mara.

The Revd Sue Giles
(suethetic@btinternet.com)

The Revd Roger Bowen
(bowenrw26@gmail.com)

Please contact us if you have questions or want more information.



“Thank you & God Bless“

I want to say a genuine “thank you” to you for reading this article each month, I really appreciate it. Sometimes the words come easily and at other times I feel less inspired, but I am truly grateful for the opportunity to write each month and for every reader.

I find myself saying, “God Bless” quite a lot, that probably doesn’t surprise you, but recently I’ve been wondering afresh what I actually mean when I say it.

The truth is, I probably mean different things at different times depending on who I’m talking to and what their current situation is.

I think I usually mean something like, ‘I pray God will fill your life with good things and that you will be very aware of His presence with you ...’

‘The Blessing’ is something that we close every service with at RENEW; there are many different ‘Blessings’ but we always end the service with one. Here is a ‘Blessing’ from the Franciscan tradition that I want to share with you:

“May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half -truths, and superficial relationships so that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people, so that you may wish for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done.”

This blessing encompasses much of my heart as a Minister and the heart of RENEW church. I believe God is forming us into a group of people who together can pursue truth, depth, justice, freedom and peace; but first we need to be uncomfortable enough, more angry and less reserved, so that we can stand up against what is wrong and stand out for what is right. May we be the change that we want to see in the world. We are blessed to be a blessing.

If any of these words strike a chord with you, do feel free to contact me at home or at RENEW, by telephone, email or face-to-face. You are very welcome at any of our services.

Sincerely, “God Bless you”,

Rev. Alan Brand

RENEW Church Services in October 2016.

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

*2nd October. 10.30am – RENEW The Bigger Picture. With Communion
(Bottisham Primary School)*

*9th October. 10.30am – RENEW Café style (at the School)
followed by shared lunch.*

9th October. 6.20pm – Evening service. (Lode Chapel)

16th October. 10.30am – RENEW The Bigger Picture (at the School)

23rd October. 10.30am – RENEW The Bigger Picture (at the School)

23rd October. 6.20 pm – Evening Service. (Lode Chapel)

30th October. 10.30am – RENEW The Bigger Picture (at the School)

For more information about any of the activities of RENEW Church please contact:

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

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

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

Large plastic dog basket (dark greenish colour) – suitable for Labrador-sized dog. John/Jill 01223 813810

2 canoes need some attention. 1 Canadian canoe needs some attention; Table tennis table with metal legs. Legs need painting. Chris / Richard 01223 812501

Colgate multi-action toothbrush head (2 in a pack) – fits all colgate battery brushes. We don't have the electric toothbrush anymore. Jun/Andy 01223 813362

Wanted

Full size guitar for learner. Fay 07973 665993 text only.

Empty iPhone boxes (all models), ring 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

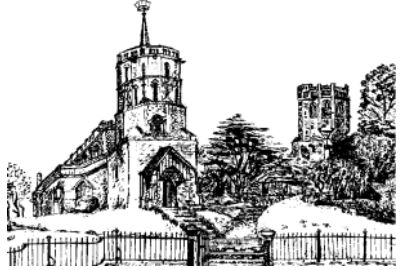
Old tools, garage items and anything classic car related. Ray 01223 813117.

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.

Thinking Allowed!

Views from your Parish Church

When I met our vicar, Sue Giles, at one of the local Open Studio's back in July, I learned that she had been experiencing something of a 'writer's block' with regards to her monthly contribution to our village magazines. Being a member of our local church, believing in shared responsibility and chipping in where one can, I blithely offered to write a small piece in her stead. Having written small pieces here and there before, it is something I enjoy doing, and usually it comes easily. However that hasn't been the case on this occasion. I've actually found it very hard.



When it comes to spiritual matters, I think, it so quickly becomes so intensely personal and most people are immensely passionate about their spiritual or non-spiritual beliefs or experience. In my experience it generally only needs a little oil to set alight a blazing fire. How can my fire come alight, next to yours? So easily things become 'inflammable', giving rise to explosions, fuelling unwarranted attacks, warfare in the name of Even amongst people of similar faiths or belief systems views can vary widely, passions run high. Nobody following the news in recent months would question that.

So writing anything which can ignite 'the spirits' may take courage, skilled diplomacy and openness to the views of others. But then, as we were all invited in our village newsletters for January this year - From our Vicar - how many of us were impelled to respond to the questions posed???

Many of us came out in droves to meetings to discuss our views on the possible new housing developments in the village (the chairing of which I think similarly required huge courage, diplomacy and openness to views other than one's own). However very few people came to a meeting in Bottisham hosted by the local MP. What makes one thing of interest and another thing not? Why do we respond to one thing and not another? And what links all these various events together?

For me it is the sense of community, what community do I wish to belong to? What kind of community do you want to belong to? As a small part of humanity, as villagers, how do we form that community? How individually and collectively can we give shape to the emerging new in a way that is aligned with our most inward passions? And going back to our January village newsletters - From our Vicar - do you see a role for our local church?

Responses to: suethetic@btinternet.com or The Vicarage, 86 High Street, Bottisham CB25 9BA

Nicole Buijsse

Church Services in October

at St Mary's, Swaffham Prior
unless otherwise indicated

Sunday 2 October, Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

11am Matins

Sunday 9 October, Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

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

11am Benefice All Age Service, *Swaffham Bulbeck*

Sunday 16 October, Twenty First Sunday after Trinity

11am Harvest Festival Family Service

Sunday 23 October, Bible Sunday

9.30am Benefice Service - Holy Communion (CW1T)

11am Benefice All Age Service with Baptism, *Bottisham*

Sunday 30 October, All Saints Day

8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

6pm Evensong with choir

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

Raising the Roof Concert Series

KEEP SATURDAY 8 OCTOBER FREE for the AUTUMN SALE AND CONCERT at Jesus Lane Friends Meeting House 12 Jesus Lane Cambridge CB5 8BA for the next event in support of our Fundraising Appeal to raise money for improvements to our Meeting House.

ALL-DAY SALE 10.00 – 4.30

and

CONCERT with CANTORES CHOIR

2.30 – 3.30pm

We will be holding an all-day sale of second-hand books, quilts, handmade items, plants and garden produce, kitchen and other bric-a-brac, cakes and savouries.

Dates for Your Diary October 2016

Sat	1	Lode Jumble Sale, 2-4pm, Dassage Hall, Lode [p12]
Sun	2	Harvest Festival, 3pm, Prior Fen Chapel, [p2]
Sat	8	Harvest Supper, 6pm, VH [p7] Raising the Roof Concert Series + Sale 10am—4.30 [p35]
Thu	13	PC Meeting, 7.30pm, VH
Sat	15	Quiz Night, 7.30, VH [p10]
Mon	17	WI, 7.30om, VH [p24]
Tue	18	Mobile Library, Cage Hill 2.45-3.15pm Chapel 3.20pm-4.00pm Crier Copy Deadline
Thu	20	Mothers' Union, 2.30pm, Lode Chapel [p25]
Sat	22	Family and Local History Fair, 10am-4pm, Girton, [p5]
Fri	28	Spooky Snakehall, 6pm, Snakehall Farm [p9]
Fri	4	Bonfire Night Party, Bulbeck, 6pm [p13]
Sat	6	Lode Half Marathon, Lode [p12]

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	