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Editorial

This month, we are (re?)introducing a *Down Memory Lane* column at Shirley Wilkins' excellent suggestion, and she is our very first contributor. Shirley has sent some pictures and information from June 1986, and we've reprinted John Chalmers' *Out and About* column from that month as well. So readers, please send your old photos (we'll return them afterwards) and any memories or just some names to go with them.

Out and About was a brilliant column, and as you'll see, even more entertaining 31 years later than it obviously was then. Julie and Bob Nunn, early-doors at the Pub, and what's this? The Marie Celeste? And who were the Red Lion Seven Dwarves? If only we could reintroduce this column as well (hint, hint...).

Read all about those mysterious Station Road Bollards in this month's issue. They materialised by the School one day, and a full year after our PC (who weren't even told, let alone consulted) initiated

enquiries as to exactly how this might have come about, they finally got a reply from (see p. 9). Apparently, they were part of a Pavement Improvement Scheme, which does not make a lot of sense since now the pavement is permanently blocked to all but the skinniest pedestrians walking sideways and without encumbrances. Such as push chairs and young children So that's ok, then.

See you at the Strawberry Teas, they're at Adventurers Farm this year, and remember.

there is NO September issue. Next month's issue is August/September, so everyone with September events, be warned.

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Those Magnificent Bollards

Caroline Matheson

Cover Picture: *An East Anglian July Bride* by Weedon Grossmith



Letters to the Editors



Dear Editors,

Flower Festival

I just want to say thank you to my great team of Church Flower Ladies. Not only do they produce lovely arrangements throughout the year but they also came up trumps with the Flower Festival! They worked so hard and decorated the Church beautifully. I am very grateful for all their hard work and I think they should all be named and praised! They are (in alphabetical order) Jenny Brand, Carolyn Caze-nove, Natalie Comins, Hilary Grant, Justeen Lankfer, Ann Mathieson, Sue Rust, and Penny Walkinshaw.

I hope many of you had a chance to see the flowers over the weekend.

Ruth Scovil

Dear Editors,

A big THANK YOU to all those who opened their gardens yesterday. We seem to have had a good crowd of visitors, all very appreciative so it was well worth doing.

Thank you once again,

Betty



Have you seen this little white bird? He/she first appeared in the Editors' garden and then obligingly reappeared in the Kirbys' garden just after we'd mentioned it. They've now identified him as a "Leucistic Dunnock", and he's still around.

Dear Editors

Beautiful Skye

A nearby farm has started conducted tours around their grounds, in conjunction with a Coffee Morning , or Afternoon Tea.

I went with a group of U3a members. Here is a photograph taken in the Bluebell woods, which I thought readers might enjoy.

The homestead is very old, stone built, including the dilapidated remains of a watermill.

Ophir Catling



If Marmite be the food of love, Yeuch!
Give me much less of it,
Even a little, is an excess of it;
The appetite doth sicken and will die – -- --

That scent again ! It can disguise
The tastiest toast or snack.
I do strongly advise
You. - - To, take it back.
'Tis stealing hunger and giving odour – --

Enough! No more !
My appetite is not so strong now as it was before.
Ophir.
After Will'm. S.

From our Reporter at the Parish Council Meeting

When the PC last met it was on the day of the election, a day of high expectancy on one side and gloom on the other. No one foresaw the result, or the astonishing events that followed and continue to follow on an almost daily basis. Is this the beginning of something like the ten biblical plagues of Egypt? Should we amend our ways before it gets worse, and maybe move into coalition government to gain a little stability, just like some countries in Europe?



Our PC appeared to be unfazed by Election Day and quietly went on with its business. ‘Our Reporter’ was criticised for a serious spelling error in the last report. Such was the enjoyment this gave, that people turned their minds to the draft minutes, and what fun they had there. And it wasn’t just the spelling that at times was adrift, but also the grammar. This was such a success they then had a go at the Agenda.

No CCC or ECDC reports had been received. Someone said that it would be nice to meet our new CCC representative one day. Lo and behold, thirty minutes later, the rather dapper Joshua Schumann did turn up to introduce himself. He explained that because he has seven parishes to represent he would not be a regular attendee. But he will do his best to serve us and to deal with and reply to all emails. He sounded very convincing, and then left.

At the Annual General Assembly we were told that the Sport and Recreation Club was that very night meeting in The Red Lion to discuss whether they would fund some benches for the new school swimming pool. The PC had since received a letter from the S&RC regarding this, together with a quote from Martin Mead for “five remedial measures” concerning the pool. The S&RC asked the PC to make a contribution, as there was still spare CIL money. Steve was quite indignant because the 5 measures were the responsibility of others, and are outside the PC’s remit. It seems the School itself had approached the S&RC and Martin Mead. The details are too complicated to list out, but the upshot is, as far as the PC is concerned, that S&RC has only been approached for the swimming pool benches. The PC has completed everything it agreed to do.

Peter Rand, with the help of the new Village Chairman Alan Durrant, has cleared all the vegetation round the trees alongside the drive of the VH car park. An amazing job. As the PC is responsible for the grounds Peter asked whether the PC would fund the huge skip necessary to remove the rubbish. Peter’s eventual aim is to remove all the roots and lay it down to grass. All this received approval.

There was a short update on the refurbishment of the Pound. Anyone who knows the building may have been impressed by the appearance of the original main studded door. Actually this was a phoney, being bits of planking, with studs nailed on, all backed by a big piece of plywood to hold it together. The new door will be a genuine oak door. “What kind of oak?” asked Paul Latchford – “French, Russian or German?” Steve did not appear to be interested in either the question, or the answer.

At PC meetings there are two Pauls. I have been asked to make clear which is

which as both are often mentioned. Paul Catling henceforth will be known as ‘Paul the Clerk’ and Paul Latchford as ‘Paul-L’. I “shall only say this once”.

Sandra again expressed concern about the dog droppings around the cemetery area, and wondered what could be done about it. Various suggestions were made, some mischievous, some unrealistic, and it was decided that the only thing to be done is to challenge anyone seen to be committing the offence. This is a perennial, and the meeting concluded that there will always be a minority who will not pick up their dog’s poo, just as there is a minority who enjoy throwing litter out of car windows, or speeding past on the motorway at 85MPH with a “Baby on Board” notice in the back window, or who never recycle anything, or who tailgate, or who wear grey socks with shorts and sandals, or who talk very very loudly when using the mobile phone. Readers may wish to add others.

Sandra also raised a problem regarding the Champers. She had met two champers who could not get in to St Cyriac’s where they hoped to spend the night. She took them home hoping to find out how to get the key. Janet Willmott became involved and eventually after much time and effort the keys were located. It seems an email giving the location of the keys had not been read, or received, or whatever. Paul-L then entered the fray and said that if the Churches Conservation Trust (CCT) was going to run a business it ought to do it properly, and he raised another list of issues. Janet had written a strong letter to the CCT, which he brandished. He urged the PC to write to ECDC about it, and also to the CCT, using Janet’s letter for the facts. Someone wondered what this had to do with the PC. I am not sure what the outcome was but Paul the Clerk appeared to look slightly nonplussed as Paul-L thrust Janet’s letter towards him.

Alastair Everitt





Strawberry Teas

Sunday 9th July

3.00 – 5.00 pm

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

On the Allotment

This month autumn planted onions, shallots and garlic can be harvested. Continue to dig new potatoes – I think they are best when they are no bigger than a hen's egg.

Salad crops can still be sown, spinach and chard for autumn crops. Oriental vegetables such as pak choi, choy sum and Chinese cabbage are best sown after midsummer as earlier sowings are prone to bolting and may suffer leaf damage from flea beetle. Two sowings may be possible in July and another in early August. Plants should be kept well-watered and free from slugs.



Turnips and khol rabi can be sown this month – if your soil is rich enough.

Peas can be still be sown.

Soft fruit – strawberries in particular – should be watered regularly. Gooseberries and summer raspberries can be harvest. Cut out the canes that have fruited as next year's fruit will be on the new canes.

Tomatoes need only 30% of their foliage to provide adequate moisture so remove excess leaves as they turn yellow. Do this from the bottom up. This will allow more light to ripen the plants and reduce the risk of blight. Do keep plants evenly moist to prevent splitting and blackening at the flower end – bottom end rot. Do not over-water though as this will harm the fruit. For tomatoes in pots regular feeding is vital and I suggest you limit the size of the plants by nipping out the fifth or sixth truss.

Keep a look-out for the eggs of cabbage white butterflies (they are yellow in colour) and remove them at once. They appear on brassicas and squash in particular and it may be worth covering with mesh or fleece to prevent further infestation.

Runner beans and courgettes should be picked frequently and you may be faced with overproduction and friends avoiding you as they are fed up with your offers. It is worth finding looking at recipes for pickles and chutneys. Equally, the last of the broad beans tend to be tough but can be made into bigilla which is delicious.

Mike Malster



Join POP
(Proud of Prior)
for a

CHURCHYARD
COMMUNITY TIDY UP

Meet at the front door of
St. Mary's Church

Saturday 8th July, 2017
10.00am

Accompanied Children Welcome
You participate at your own risk
Your Safety is YOUR responsibility

Please bring your own gloves
and gardening equipment/tools
(call 07833 960678
for more details)

Come and join friends and
neighbours on this tidy up

Look forward to seeing
the results!



THE STATION ROAD BOLLARDS

(Paul Catling, Clerk to the Parish Council, first raised the question with James Rigney on 11 July 2016, after the bollards had been installed.)

Paul – apologies that this has taken a while to get back to you on, but I've needed to have conversations with colleagues.

The specific points you raised were as follows:

Who commissioned their installation?

Why were the Parish Council not aware of the installation or consulted before the installation?

What budget did the money come from (who paid for them) as the PC was told recently that there was no money for a TRO.

Having discussed this with James Rigney and others, the position is as follows:

1. The bollards were installed for a number of reasons; to protect a Grade Two listed building, protect the footpath from damage caused by vehicles and to make the junction safer for pedestrians (especially the children in the primary school at the junction) and were installed as part of a Council funded footpath improvement scheme. As part of the scheme, James Rigney the District Highways Manager commissioned the bollards. He tells me he emailed the Parish Council and Cllr Brown on 17th October 2016 explaining reasons for installing the bollards but as far as I can see, that was simply saying what was happening and there wasn't a consultation with the PC, which clearly would have been helpful. The bollards were installed **so not to impede the footpath or the crossing points**.

The bollards were installed as part of the footpath renewal works that were carried out in Swaffham Prior. The installation of bollards does not require a Traffic Regulation Order. James tells me that any confusion regarding the TRO may come from the fact that the possibility of installing double yellow lines, which require a TRO, at the junction were also discussed.

I appreciate that this simply answers the questions raised from our point of view and may not address the real concerns of the Parish Council. Having reviewed these points, please do contact me again with thoughts and if there are any further questions you may have.

Thanks

Graham Hughes

Executive Director, of the CCC Economy, Transport, and Environment

Out on the Wild Side

Jay Walking



July is upon us, so to do justice to this great summer month, I needed to find a bird with a cool name and I found the ‘Jay’. Jay is a memorable guy’s name particularly the husband of Beyonce, but this article is about the oh-so trendy Jay Bird—specifically the Eurasian Jay (shown in the image above) and not to be confused with the arguably better known ‘Blue Jay’ of North America. Anyhow ‘our’ U.K. native Jay gave its name to all other ‘jays’ so that’s settled the question with our American cousins. With the longer days still around and summer in full flow, it’s a brilliant time to search for these elusive animals. Jays are one of the most distinctive and colourful birds you’ll likely see in the British Isles, especially if you’re lucky enough to catch a glimpse of an individual or pair in your garden.

Their Latin name is *Garrulus Glandarius* (yes quite a mouthful) but Jay sums these inquisitive birds up so much better. They are bright, vivacious and always on the lookout for local gossip from their local bird neighbours. They are spread across the U.K. and prefer to live in woodland. They are members of the Crow family, so naturally are quite intelligent, yet their colouring couldn’t be more different with their plumage comprised of a background rusty chestnut colour with black streaks and a dazzling blue on the wings making them unforgettable.

They are natives of the British Isles and numbering 170,000 breeding pairs, Jays remain stable and strong among their fellow birds. The Jays in Britain are technically the ‘Eurasian Jay’, which covers most of continental Europe and Russia. Ironically for having a reputation for being such shy birds, their screaming call gives them away, turning eyes onto them. They are also omnivores, so share that characteristic with their crow cousins.

During spring time, Jays come together in gatherings known as ‘crow mariages’, the purpose of which is for individuals to find a mate, and they can be quite

noisy affairs. In the autumn their favourite foods are acorns. Jays can give squirrels i.e. ones like Scrat from Ice Age a run for their money in their love for acorns. This is because each individual Jay Bird can bury thousands of acorns each year, playing a key role in the spreading of oak woodlands across the U.K. So they are also fantastic eco system managers.

Like their crow cousins, this bird genus is well known for being among the 'smart birds' and Jays have been shown to be 'as intelligent as a seven year old human at a problem solving task'. Pretty impressive! Along side cerebral power, Jay's also have street smarts. Despite their famed shyness, they have tenacity in equal measure. Hawks are known to attack Jays with regularity but this confrontation is more closely contested then you might think. Despite being sufficiently bigger than the Jay, with more powerful talons, the 'underbird' Jay actually joins with fellow members of it's genus to mob the attacking hawk, mimicking its call to alarm others in its group. Quite a clever tactic and one which ensures Hawks think twice about annoying the great Jay.

Intelligent, tenacious and colourful, now that's my kind of bird!

Jorge Monteiro



Henry Brown's WWII

Henry Brown is the oldest living resident of Swaffham Prior, and a war-time pilot. He was sent to North America then South Africa for pilot training, eventually returning to England in the later part of the war and began active service as a bomber pilot, flying Lancasters in the later stages of the war.

The day came when we had completed our tour of 30 operations. I reported to our flight commander Squadron Leader Robb that we had finished. "Oh, no you haven't", he said, "there is a delay in posting replacement crews and you will have to carry on. It is the same for everyone," he said. It wasn't true. He had only done 20 operations; we did 33 before they let us go. I had had a bellyful of action and expected to become an instructor but: "No, you young men are going to the East to fight the Japs!" Oh, to have been a fighter pilot!

I was called to the Adjutant's office one day. "Bomber Command has awarded you the DFC."* he said. "What action were you involved in to win the medal?" I said that I, with my wonderful crew, had survived for 33 ops. The Adjutant then informed me that I would not be going to the Palace to receive my medal due to my posting to the Far East. The medal would instead be sent to my home address.

At about the same time that we finished our tour of operations, 1000 Squadron was moved from Waltham to Elsham. Waltham was closed down as the war in Europe was nearly over. Elsham was a pre-war base with posh facilities, but we missed Grimsby town. My orders came through – I was to transfer to Transport Command, so I had to say 'goodbye' to my crew, men I had flown with for 9 months, and we went our separate ways. I was posted to 105(T) Bitterswell and here flew clapped-out Wellingtons to gain more two engine experience prior to flying Dakotas. The Wellingtons were hand-me-downs from Bomber Command, and there were many models with different controls. I recall taking off on a night flight and on lifting the flap lever we didn't gain height and I found myself with tree branches flying in all directions - the control had a vital gate missing. We survived; for the experience of nearly being killed by the aircraft, were given 7 days leave.

About 20 of us reported to Brize Norton where we boarded, with our baggage, onto a Short Stirling bomber. We were to pioneer an air service to India. We had no seats and sat on our kit. The first stop was Castel Benito in Africa and then on to Tel Aviv. From there we were supposed to make Karachi, but over the Arabian peninsula the pilot came to ask if there was a pilot with Hercules engine experience. I volunteered and, having inspected the cockpit dials, agreed that the engine oil was boiling and therefore we should land as soon as possible! He put down at Sharjah air-



**Distinguished Flying Cross*

strip, where a jeep met us and indicated “follow me”. We taxied into the desert for about a mile, where the jeep stopped. All around us were parked up Stirling aircraft, never to fly again. Their engines were not capable of running in the heat of these zones. What idiot in Whitehall was organising this shambles? We waited several days until the regular 4 engine planes, designed for the tropics, called and flew us on to Karachi, and then on to Bombay where we were issued with tropical kit.

As a pilot with experience of flying 4 engine planes I was asked if I would like to fly transports over The Hump to China.

[Editor note: This was no small undertaking. "The Hump" was the name given by pilots to the eastern end of the Himalayan Mountains to resupply the Chinese war effort against the Japanese. The India-China airlift delivered approximately 650,000 tons of supplies to China between 1942-1944 at great cost in men and aircraft over the three and a half years of operations. Flying over the Himalayas was extremely hazardous, without reliable charts, radio navigation aids and a lack of information about the weather in a very unpredictable area of the globe in a time before weather satellites or reliable forecasting techniques].

I was sent to Delhi to be briefed. However, the war was moving quickly and the Burma Road had just been re-opened so the Hump flights were terminated. Therefore I arrived at Baroda where Transport Command had a Dakota conversion school. There was just scrubland around the base and it was very hot. Cobra snakes ruled the ground - and you gave them right of way! I found the Dakota very cumbersome compared to the Lancaster, but soon went solo. During a solo circuit and bumps at around midday I had just lifted off when there was a loud bang and a vulture came through the windscreen next to me! I completed a quick circuit with a very foul smell in the cabin. I apologised to the ground crew, but played hell with the duty pilot in the control tower who was supposed to supervise the bird watch wallahs on the runway.

Henry Brown

Edited by Mark Lewinski (To Be Continued)

BON MOT NUMBER SEVENTY EIGHT

“There’s no such thing as an impotent man,
only an incompetent woman.”

Doris Castlerosse (1900 – 1942)

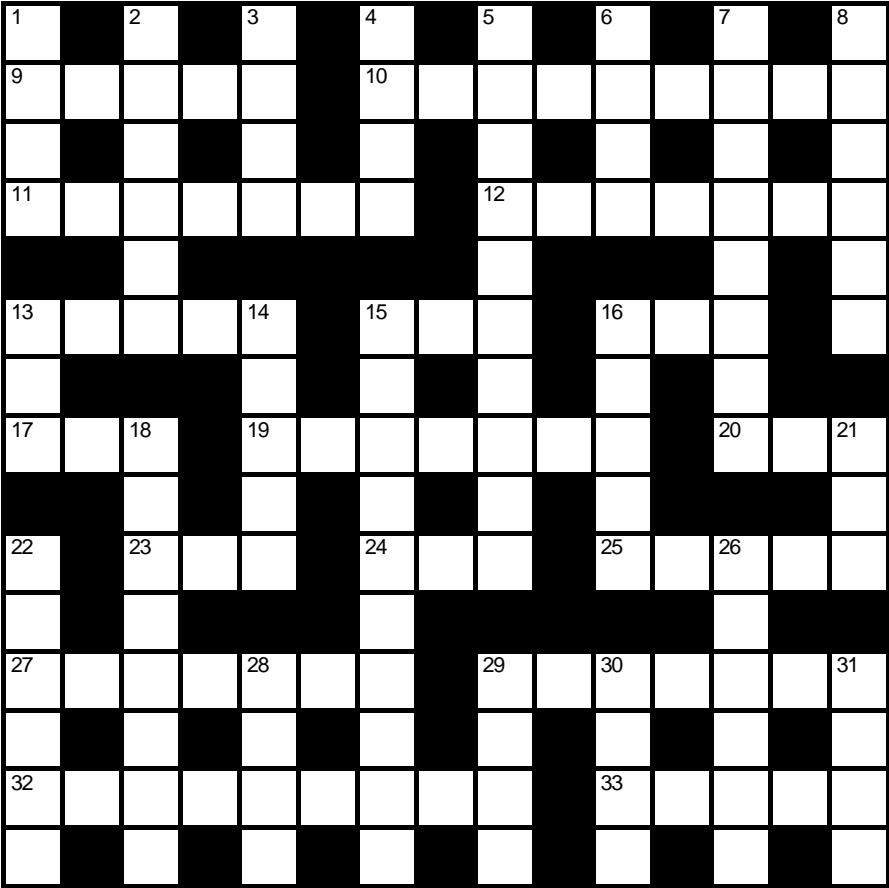
Crossword Number 144

Sponsored by The Red Lion

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* Clues either are, or lack, a definition. Answers are of a kind. Send your answers to the editors by 18 Junly2017. The first correct solution out of the hat will win a free meal for two at the Red Lion—see the pub manager for full details.



Name:.....

Address:.....

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

Across

- 9 Charge after Midway island (5)
 10/29 *Antiquated method for cooking with rhubarb (3,6,7)
 11 One to boast a large nut (7)
 12 Titanic and glacial ending (7)
 13 Arising from nothing after music for two (3,2)
 15 Sleuths following behind Irish leaders (3)
 16 Said by an astonished pigeon? (3)
 17 Lacking centre-forward at present (3)
 19/2 *That's after Poe gets groggier with translation (7,6)
 20 Head immersed in technobabble (3)
 23 Cereal or any toasted starters (3)
 24 Every other friary produces fish (3)
 25 See 33
 27 Cool van crashes into hot rocks (7)
 29 See 10
 32 *Knives followed by a fool (4,5)
 33/25 *Two water-temperature controllers (5,5)

Down

- 1 Meat stuffing in clam bake? (4)
 2 See 19 Across
 3 See 21
 4 Graham's jumper (4)
 5 Regarding with delight Mary idling for a change (10)
 6 Countryman almost joining oxen (4)
 7 Digger interrupts Irishman on the radio squeeze (8)
 8 One hand to feel first shock (6)

- 13 Wear is flowing through Sheffield (3)
 14 Anything is likely (5)
 15 Plank said to be drilled below blemish (10)
 16 Revolutionary has last small game with bishops (5)
 18 Small creatures coiled neatly under skin of water buffalo (8)
 21/3 *Riot in EU lobby (3,4)
 22 Indian from the East backs round another from the West (6)
 26 Larks a'fluttering round African villages (6)
 28 Reseals outer covering as well (4)
 29 Has old Panama perhaps on top of his head (4)
 30 Dances to the music hits (4)
 31 Fricassée starters and cinnamon finish with versatile centrepiece, for example (4)

Solution to crossword no. 143

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We congratulate Jo Pumfrey, the winner of last month's competition, who will receive her prize certificate from the editors. Honourable mentions go to Andrew Houston and Trish Whitehead

Down Memory Lane — 1986



Summer 1986: Coffee Morning and ‘Shotover’ taken by Pam McCauley on her visit to the village. Left to right (top row): Gay Bulleid, Dorothy Jones, Margaret Mason, Anna Bradford. Bottom row: Jean Lewis, Edna Catrling, Shirley Wilkins, Jean Day,



Christmas Over-60s WI Party: Meryl Moore and Mrs Dowdswell (our ex head mistress).

Shirley Wilkins

Out and About

Reprinted from the June Crier, 1986

We were sorry to hear that Jackie Gould had had an accident in her red Spartan sports car. Approaching the dual carriage way from the Milton roundabout, her vehicle went out of control, crossed both carriageways, narrowly missing two cars before careering down an embankment Fortunately the car stayed upright and Jackie was able to climb back to the road and, after a time, get help. A badly cut knee and bruises were sustained but she was obviously very lucky to have escaped so lightly. Alan now has an interesting task, the engine still runs well but the rest needs, as they say, 'slight attention'!

Mrs Ida Clarke, who was born at the Red Lion in 1902 is not quite as sprightly as she was when she moved to Ivy Farm 50 years ago, but is managing to look after herself quite well. She enjoys her summer caravan visitors, especially those who come year after year.

Our congratulations to Kim and Sally Sheldrick on the birth of their son Ryan; sorry the smoke signals didn't reach Lower End in time for the last Crier. Our assumption that we would have a baby in the Arksey family to mention next month was shattered by the early arrival of Joseph Arksey c May 6th, weighing in at 4 lbs 8 oz. Again our congratulations. Fairview Grove has really been supporting the school roll, apart from Joseph, another baby has arrived, James Burton. Our congratulations to parents, Nita and David. AND - just in time for this edition, yet another baby in Fairview Grove - Charles Kirby, 7 lbs 7 02. Yet more congratulations to Alex and Linda. (At this rate we shall need a new school just for this road)

Andrew's request for dogs to be controlled for the period of game birds nesting needs extending until at least the middle of July because of the late spring.

Verdun Fendick, one of the famous Red Lion 7 dwarfs, is moving to The Avenue in Burwell, but has boon given a permit to cross Devil's Dyke to pay his friends a visit whenever he likes.

It was sad to hear of the death of 'Beat' Sheldrick; we extend our sincere Sympathy to Bill and Barry and, also to the family of Mr. Moss of Tothill Road whose death is recorded in the Vicar's notices

Peter Partridge, Reg Fisher and Arthur Nash have all been in hospital; now that they are home we wish them a speedy recovery. Thanks for your letter, Peter.

Friends of Mrs. Titmarsh will be pleased to hear that she continues to recover from injuries sustained in a car accident and was able to walk into Mrs.. Bishop's bungalow for the Crier' Coffee morning..

The recent sight of a washing line full of football shirts was a reminder of the hazards of being married to a Sports Club Secretary

It is unfortunate that our sports field is on the least used road and, unlike Swaff-

ham Bulbeck, most of us do not see when a match is being played. We hope to have a report from Alex Kirby next month and, next season to do our bit to encourage a few more spectators.

A sunny but cool evening suited the hard working Morris Dancers when they performed outside the Red Lion recently but the cold wind may have deterred spectators.

The Australian song *A Pub with no Beer* may have to be re-written. A pub with no Landlord. Early arrivals at the Red Lion one night were surprised to find no one to serve them and were unable to find Judith or Derek. They had, in fact, gone out for a few minutes and forgotten to lock the door and came back somewhat surprised to find they already had customers. Two of these, Robert and Julie Nunn (they live next door to Trevor and Trudy Wright) were very relieved to find that there was a simple explanation for what was otherwise a trying situation..

The Soccer League darts team has had two close matches so far but has still to record their first win. The ladies team won their first fixture against Lode Labour Cluh.

John Chalmers

Forthcoming Changes Local Bus Services Cambridge—Newmarket Service 10

23 July 2017

- Change to route in Newmarket – no longer via Noel Murless Drive and George Lambton Avenue (now covered by amended route 12)
- Changes to most departure times (Monday to Saturday)
- New 06:24 journey between Burwell and Cambridge (Saturday)

Bottisham Village College

Adult Learning

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

NEW courses include:

Maths and English GCSEs for Adults

Creating Glass Jewellery

Engaging in Contemporary Art

Felt Making

Garden Design – an Introduction

Gentle Keep Fit (daytime)

Italian Cuisine

Managing Life and Work Changes

Singing for Fun

Woodwork and DIY Skills for Beginners

Saturday Workshops include:

Effortless Make-up and Day to Evening Make-up

Glass Christmas Decorations

Illustration for Beginners

Introduction to Creative Writing

Mindfulness

Paediatric First Aid (2 days)

Willow and Rush Christmas Decorations

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Mothers' Union

Anglesey Group Mothers' Union

On 20th April Sarah Lowther came to speak to us about her role as Volunteer Puppy Walker for Guide Dogs for the Blind. She brought along her new puppy, Barley, who was just 14 weeks old and placed with Sarah at the age of 7 weeks. She will remain in Sarah's care until she is 14 months old. Sarah explained to us the charity has its own breeding kennels and the good manners, obedience and some of the general familiarity with everyday transport and public environment situations learnt whilst with their Puppy Walker. Each dog then progresses on to Professional Dog Training, followed by Guide Dog Mobility Instruction. A successful Guide Dog completes its training at approximately 2- years- old. Finally, the dog is matched with a person with sight loss, so they can get to know each other and begin their partnership training. Further information can be found at <https://www.guide dogs. Org.uk/microsites/sponsor-a-puppy/#.WRsNgdy1vcs>.



In May Jackie Metcalfe, MU Archdeaconry Vice President, Cambridge, came to talk to us about our Mission as Mothers' Union Members. She took as her text Mark 6: 30-44, The Feeding of the Five Thousand. Afterwards a very interesting discussion took place. We all agreed that we must think of and share with others.

Our meetings usually take place on the third Thursday of each month in Lode Chapel at 2.30 Our next meeting will be on the 20th July and a member of the Bottisham Airfield Museum will be speaking to us. You are most welcome to come along and join us.

Jill Jenyns

Burwell & Bottisham Photographic Society

Club members are enjoying their summer break and are hoping to take many new images for use in club competitions during the forthcoming year. The annual dinner and social evening was held on 12 May where cups and trophies were presented by the Chairman Gerry Metcalfe DPAGB.

New members of the community who are interested in photography may wish to attend our 'Welcome Back' meeting on the Tuesday 12 September 2017. We are a long established club, meeting originally in Burwell and now for many years our venue has been Lode Chapel. Whether you are a beginner or experienced, you may be interested in developing your photography skills further, so why not give us a try?

The programme for our new year which commences on Tuesday 12 September 2017, is available on our website - www.bottburpc.org This also shows our gallery of members' photographs including the winning entries from previous competitions.

Dates for your diary:

'Welcome Back' First meeting of the clubs year (2017/2018) will be held on **Tuesday 12 September 2017**, when members are asked to bring 3 prints and/or 3 digital images taken over the summer break. Last year's award winning prints and digital images will also be shown during the evening.

Tuesday 19 September 2017

'Lifting the Lid on How' Jamie Hall, (GDT) European Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2016. Jamie is a wildlife photographer based in Suffolk and will give a digital presentation together with an insight into how he produces his images.

Tuesday 3 October 2017

'An Evening with Andy Beel FRPS' Andy is a professional photographer, writer and mentor. He is an acknowledged expert in monochrome photography and will be giving a digital presentation of his Black/White photography.

The club has a friendly atmosphere and new members are very welcome. Personal help and advice regarding all aspects of photography, is available from existing members, whose experience ranges over many years. If attending the 'Welcome Back' evening you may if wished, bring three of your own pictures (any size) that you have taken during the summer.

The club always welcomes guests to any meeting at our venue, Lode Chapel **CB25 9EW** from 7:30 – 9:30pm. Fee of £3.00 including refreshments, refunded on joining.

Annual subscriptions: Adult: £40.00, Joint Membership: £67.00, Student: £21.00, refreshments 50p. For further details contact the Secretary:

Mrs Daphne Hanson DPAGB APAGB, T: 01638 741106

Website: www.bottburpc.org

Barry Coles

News from Bottisham Medical Practice Patients' Group

News from the Dispensary: As you may be aware, in April prescription charges increased to £8.60 per item. For those who are not exempt in anyway this can add up to quite a lot when you take several medications a month. We thought it may be useful to let you know of a couple of ways that can help with these costs.

A prepayment certificate could save you money. When the individual charges went up the prepayment didn't, it is increasingly attractive as a means of saving. For example the

3 month card is only £29.10. (Useful for a short term problem)

12 month card which is £104.00 (for those who have regular prescriptions)

So how much can you save?

If you have 3 items per month this = £25.80 per month = £309.60 per 12 months the prepayment can save you £205.60!

Secondly, for patients on low income, who are not eligible for exemption from prescription charges in any other way. An HC2 certificate may be the way forward for you. It covers prescription charges, some dental treatment and some optician charges. This certificate is especially useful for apprentices and for students over 19.

To apply for either of these please ask at the dispensary or apply on line at www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/ppc for a prepayment. Beverley Weller-Lewis (Dispensary Manager)

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. We would welcome help with running the group.

Walks for Health: The next walks with our accredited walk leader Steve Gilson start at 11.00 am from the surgery car park on 7th and 19th July and 4th and 16th August 2017. 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: Meetings have been changed to a Tuesday evening to facilitate the attendance of Practice staff. Next meeting is **25 July 2017** at 6.30pm at the surgery.

We hope you will all have a happy and healthy Summer.

Bottisham Patients' Group

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY BOTANIC GARDENS

THE POWER OF POLLINATION

When you hear the word ‘pollination’ – the act of transferring pollen from one flower to another to enable fertilisation to take place and fruits and seeds to be produced – you probably think of bees. But bees are not the only creatures to fill this role. Around the world, about 87% of flowering plants are pollinated by animals. Plants and animals have been co-evolving for millions of years and across the plant kingdom there are a whole host of plant species which rely on a diverse range of different pollinators. Many other insects – flies, wasps, moths and butterflies are vital for pollination but there are also some more unusual pollinators out there from bats to beetles and hummingbirds to honey possums! You may not have any of these plants in your garden, but we grow many of them at the Botanic Garden.

One such plant is the cactus. In the wild, many columnar cacti are pollinated by bats. As bats travel considerable distances each night they make effective pollinators for these desert plants that can grow far away from one another. Though the flowers are not brightly coloured (bats are colour blind), they attract bats by giving off a strong smell and producing high volumes of nectar. They are also large, strong and stick out from the plant to help bats visit without being pricked by spines.



Bat pollinating a cactus

Pollination is critical for food production and human livelihoods, and directly links wild ecosystems with agricultural production systems. At least one third of the world’s agricultural crops depend on pollination provided by insects and other animals which is why understanding plant-pollinator interactions is important.

To learn more about pollination follow our new **Flower Power** trail at the Botanic Garden. The trail will lead you to some fabulous flowers and provide information about the groovy creatures that pollinate them.

The Flower Power Trail runs from 22 July 2017 to 03 September 2017 and is suitable for ages 5+. The trail is free and normal Garden admission applies for adults. There is no need to book, just drop in.

The Cambridge University Botanic Garden is open from 10am – 6pm, July – September, 7 days a week. The Glasshouses and Café close 30 minutes before the Garden and the Botanic Garden Shop at Brookside closes 15 minutes before the Garden. Please check the website at www.botanic.cam.ac.uk or telephone 01223 336265 for details about opening times, admission charges, tours, courses and special events

Notes from Parish Council April Meeting

John Covill chaired the meeting with 6 Parish Councillors and 8 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.

Reports

CCC Matters: Cllr David Brown reported to the meeting. He added that he would not be standing in the upcoming election. The meeting expressed their thanks for David's work. Peter Hart asked about the Burwell development on Newmarket Road that was 350 houses that it now is 420 and now there would be no roundabout providing access at the junction of Isaacson Road / Newmarket Road. High-ways say a roundabout is not required or developer cannot afford one. Peter Hart reminded the meeting that Ness Road has a roundabout, so why should Newmarket Road not. Peter Hart added thanks to David and noted the email sent to CCC Exec. Director Graham Hughes regarding the Station Road Bollards.

ECDC Matters: Cllr Allen Alderson reported to the meeting, including 120 extra parking spaces at Angel Drove (Ely) car park as the 214 existing are full every day. Littleport were also getting 35 – 80 new spaces. A new station at the Science Park to help keep traffic off the A10. The enforcement officer has left the council and is controlled by Environment & Health but reporting is still the same way. John Covill mentioned the dumping in the fen, which had been cleared the same evening. Allen Alderson had an answer to the question of what protection a Building of Local Interests was opposed to an Asset of Community Value relating the to the Little Chapel in the Fen, that in the Local Plan it cannot be demolished.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Steve Kent-Phillips stated that he had addressed the question regarding The Pound raised by Alastair Everitt in open question time. The Pound had been cleared.

Correspondence for consideration

Local Plan published and Mill Road development: David Greenfield reported all PC Local Plan entries were registered including green spaces. Local developers had added to the Local Plan and Local Planning office had gone out to get further sites. The March report included 2 new sites; 28/06 consisting of 28-01, 28-05 that the PC had rejected and 28/07 was proposed as green space (land adjacent to 38 Mill Hill). ECDC had had input from other interested parties. The Local Plan is now apparently closed to all but the PC for comment and deadline is May 31st. David Greenfield proposed further comment to be sent to EDCC should be an agenda item for the next meeting. It was suggested that information should be published relating to the Local Plan for the PC to include in comments. The meeting was suspended for public comment. This included the PC not being in favour of the recent additions to the proposed local plan, especially due to the issues relating to the windmill.

CIL & Open Space Money Projects

Steve Kent-Phillips reported the status of all projects. The Street Lights were

complete; The Village Hall did not need the windows replaced and repairs to windows and sills would be in the region of £ 2 500. The Pound's wood was all rotten and the stud doors seemed to be fake construction with stuck on studs. Jon Taw will quote for relevant replacements, including the gate. The play area is now complete. The school changing room hut was progressing well. The old hut had been removed and the new one being installed. The project is currently around £ 2 500 under budget. The additional storage shed was to be installed by next Tuesday. Peter Hart asked if there were any more projects required and Michael Malster asked if we could have a copy of the recently created cemetery maps in the cemetery. It was suggested that Jon Taw could add a notice to the pound explaining what the building is and it was agreed to add a Web site notice in the cemetery notice board. David Greenfield asked if Steve Kent-Phillips could provide a remaining account for the CIL and OS money. Steve Kent-Phillips noted that the PC Web site had the recent status but it was in the order of £ 5K with £ 5K outstanding.

Allotments – review tenant agreement

Michael Malster circulated the proposed new agreement for approval. The new agreement was agreed. The new agreement would be sent to the existing allotment holders.

Michael Malster reviewed the existing rent and proposed an increase in line with research in the adjoining allotment landlords. Mike proposed a fee somewhat less than Ely. Steve Kent-Phillips asked the purpose to the increase. Deterring allotment users from not giving up was the main reason. An additional charge for water use was discussed. It was suggested that a concession was offered to allotment users on the South side of the road. It was noted that at least 2 current tenants had volunteered to pay extra for their use of water and had done so for many years. A concession was also suggested for pensioners. The new fee of £20 was agreed. A concession of 50% for OAPs and £10 for an allotment without water available, with only one concession applied to the fee was agreed.

Traffic Survey / Speed Watch

Steve Kent-Phillips reported that the next survey, the SID and Steve Kent-Phillips's training would be next week.

Accounts for payment

These were all agreed.

Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that CGM would be cutting the bank around the UK Power Networks equipment by the village sign. There would be have a one-off initial cut during their next visit and that this was now part of their regular work schedule. Andrew Camps asked if the grass by the new houses in Rogers Road was the PC's responsibility. It was agreed to look into this.

Parish Councillors' Reports

David Greenfield mentioned the state of the slatted seats in the play area. Steve Kent-Phillips stated that 2 new picnic benches were planned. David Greenfield asked who was responsible for the play area grass. It was stated that this was the PCT but may be cut by the same contractor. Andrew Camps added that he had a

report from a resident that the play area looks great. It was also noted that the village hall drive looked better. The Pound brickwork was mentioned as requiring work.

Open Question Time

Peter Rand pointed out that the bins in the play area were full and asked who empties them. Steve Kent-Phillips stated there was no arrangement for them to be emptied and that he did it when he could. Peter Rand also noted that the Village Hall was heavily booked and a customer had been disturbed by noise.

Notes from Parish Council May Meeting

John Covill chaired the meeting with 9 Parish Councillors and 6 members of the public in attendance. The meeting started at 7.30pm. This meeting was preceded by the AGM at 7:00pm. No council positions or jobs changed.

Members' Declaration of Interest for Items on the Agenda + Requests for Dispensation: Paul Latchford declared an interest in items 8 and 10, David Greenfield declared an interest in 10 on the agenda.

Public Participation: None.

Reports

ECDC Matters: Cllr Allen Alderson reported to the meeting.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Steve Kent-Phillips reported that the SID has been in operation and now should be moved to its next site. This is a 2-man job, also he and one other should be trained in its use and how to change the battery. The bins in the play area had been emptied.

Consideration of Planning Applications Received:

17/00715/FUL 56 High Street – Construction of a timber garden studio: It was agreed to pass on the resident's comments.

CIL & Open Space Money Projects

Steve Kent-Phillips reported the status of all projects. The remaining fund stood at around £ 14K but there are projects in progress that will require most of that. The Village Hall Windows and doors and Pound & Keep will take around £ 6K. Steve Kent-Phillips explained the main part of the Pound is grade 2 listed and will be replaced like for like, or in fact, as it should be as some of the doors are currently not all oak. The school swimming pool changing hut project is complete. The extra electrical installation done by E Hurst Electrical was due to the original hut not having electricity as expected. It is now certified, will be used by FoSPS, owned by the school and insured by the dioceses. The play area's RoSPA report was good, despite having some pictures of equipment from last year. Steve Kent-Phillips suggested getting Simon King to paint the slide using Open Spaces Money.

Local Plan Further Draft 2017 – consider responses / further registration:

David Greenfield circulated the plan documents. There was discussion relating to the existing and the additional sites, including the new numbering. The main sites of interest were: Site 28/06 Land south of High Street. Site 28/07 Land adjacent to 38 Mill Hill. John Covill asked if it would be possible to present a draft response at the

AVA. David Greenfield agreed to produce the response for the AVA. The meeting was closed at 19:52. There was a public discussion where comments and objections were noted. It was agreed to present the final return to send to ECDC including all the comments, suggestions and objections at the AVA. David Greenfield agreed to include the additional information and compile the documents for presentation at the AVA.

Accounts for payment

These were all agreed.

Clerk's Report

The Clerk presented a letter from Reach PC, asking for support to make Straight Drove into a restricted by-way. Support was agreed.

Parish Councillors' Reports

Sandra Gynn reported that the tap in the cemetery was not letting much water out. A light tap to the return restrictor vale apparently solved this. Paul Latchford reported more cyclists using the Cambridge side slip road the wrong way. It was agreed there is not much that can be done. David Greenfield asked about the traffic survey on the top road of over 1000 vehicles. Mark Lewinski asked when the new SID may be applied on the top road. Steve Kent-Phillips said that was the next site. Paul Latchford noted the 460 houses in Burwell Newmarket Road / Isaacson Road will add to the traffic problems. The 30/40 mph signs would be available at the AVA. Peter Hart noted the problem of the dogs at 19 Mill Hill had escalated. The Clerk had a letter written but would amend it before delivering.

Open Question Time

Alastair Everitt asked for a copy of the CCC bollards email. The Clerk provided a written copy. It was asked when the 1000 cars were logged. Steve Kent-Phillips said it was 5:45pm Alastair Everitt asked about 2 other dogs in the village, Peter Hart said they were not as much of a problem as 19 Mill Hill.

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

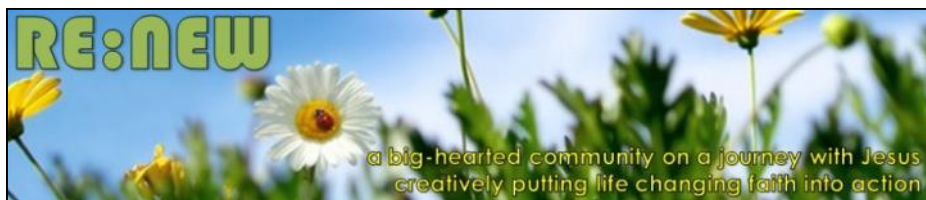
Future meeting dates: July 13th , 10th August, 14 September 2017.

Clerk to the Parish Council: Paul Catling

Tel: 07040 908743 (Voice Mail only).

Email: clerk@swaffham-prior.co.uk

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



RENEW Church is hosting another Alpha course (www.alpha.org) starting in September. At the time of writing we are still considering the best venue, day and time to host Alpha.

If you are interested, get in touch with us as soon as possible and we will consider your preferences in our decision making. Everyone has questions. We believe that everyone should have the chance to explore the Christian faith, ask questions about life and faith and share their point of view. Watch what **Bear Grylls** has to say about his faith being the greatest adventure of his life, at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XLOZM1QwuUs>.

What is Alpha? Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith.

No pressure. No follow up. No charge.

Over **27 million people** have participated in the Alpha course. Run over twelve weeks, each session looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation.

Watch the first video here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CmeSw6KVweU>.

Alpha is run all around the globe, and everyone's welcome. No two Alphas look the same, but generally they have three key things in common:

First up there's food ... Whether it's a group of friends gathered around a kitchen table, or a quick catch up over coffee and cake, food has a way of bringing people together. It's no different at Alpha. Sessions start with food because it's a great way to build community and get to know each other.

Then a talk ... The talks are designed to grab your attention and inspire conversation. We will be using the new 'Alpha Film Series', a brilliantly produced film around twenty-five minutes long for every week. They explore the big issues around faith and unpack the basics of Christianity, addressing questions like *Is there more to life than this? Who is Jesus? How can I have faith? Why and how do I pray?*

Followed by good conversation ... The chance to share thoughts and ideas on the topic, and simply discuss it in a small group. *There's no obligation to say anything and there's nothing you can't say.* It's an opportunity to hear from others and contribute your own perspective in an honest, friendly and open environment.

Consider this your personal invitation to join us, bringing whatever questions or doubts you may have picked up along your journey of life. I believe the adventure of life as a Christian is far too important to dismiss without exploring its claims or to rule out without having tried. This is, I believe, a decision of ultimate

and eternal significance. You will be warmly welcomed at Alpha, whatever your beliefs or worldview.

Check out our website www.renewchurch.org.uk; contact Alan Brand or Peter Wells; or come along on Sunday morning to RENEW Church for more information and to sign up. We look forward to exploring life and faith with you, you may well be invited by someone from RENEW Church. If you've got questions about life, try Alpha.

I hope you have a great Summer,

Revd. Alan Brand

RENEW Church Services in July 2017.

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

Croissants and drinks are available before Morning Worship from 10.10 am.

Sunday 2nd July. Morning Worship. 10.30am (Bottisham Primary School)

Sunday 9th July. Morning Worship. 10.30am (Bottisham Primary School)

Followed by shared lunch

Sunday 9th July. Evening Worship. 6.20pm . (at Lode Chapel)

Sunday 16th July. Morning Worship. 10.30am (Bottisham Primary School)

Sunday 23rd July. Morning Worship. 10.30am (Bottisham Primary School)

Sunday 23rd July. Evening Worship. 6.20pm (at Lode Chapel)

Sunday 30th July. Morning Worship. 10.30am (At the School)

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

Rev. Alan Brand on C.812558. Email: alan.brand@renewchurch.org.uk

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

22ft aluminium extending ladder. Roger 01223 352592

Plastic plant pots, various sizes; Desktop computer without hard drive, 64-bit, 4GB memory, processor Intel Core 2 Quad CPU @ 2.4 GHz; will boot from

external drive, e.g. USB. Bob or Nicky, 01223 813592

Wanted

100% Cotton clothing, sheets, bits of fabric etc. any condition for weaving into mats. Can be dropped outside 6 Lode Road or happy to collect. Fay 07985 722556

Wicker shopping baskets, any size, any condition, handles do not have to be secure, as won't be bearing any weight! Janet 07833 960678

Your old tea sets that are stacked away at the back of the cupboard/sideboard, that have been depleted over the years through breakages and are no longer used. We can give them a new lease of life at our pop up teashop in Swaffham Prior, all proceeds of which go to charity. Cups, saucers, side plates, teapots, milk jugs, sugar bowls, all would be gratefully received. Janet 07833 960678

Wire hanging baskets. Fibre (not plastic!) wall plugs (rawlplugs), sizes no. 8 or no. 10. Bob or Nicky, 01223 813592

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 Aloud

We recently enjoyed a visit from Nathalie Anderson a poet from the States.

Nathalie has been visiting Swaffham Bulbeck for many years and whilst visiting she has spent time looking at the stained glass windows in Swaffham Prior church which were created to mark the end of the first world war. Her poems about the windows are very moving but what was also interesting when she came to read some poems for us was the way one person's view enables others to see a familiar sight through new eyes. As I listened to the poems, Nathalie's words challenged me to look again, to look more closely at those glass pictures and to wonder at the emotions and the events of that difficult period of our past. I also discovered new questions forming in my mind and new emotions surfacing. I began to realise that this visitor had seen meaning in the windows and appreciated their beauty and their story more than we who saw them every week. She had allowed them to speak to her.



Seeing things through others eyes is an important gift and as the country comes to terms with the results of our recent elections it is a gift that is needed in politics and in many other walks of life. As our government begins negotiations on our exit from the European Union they know there are many people who see the world through different eyes. Just as we can become immune to the story of things we see regularly and are familiar with so it is possible for politicians to become so focused on their own agenda and view of how to proceed that they are unable to see the wisdom in others views or permit their ideas to challenge them. A wise leader might consider inviting those who see through different eyes and who have other

aspirations to be part of the discussions that will shape our future. They may produce uncomfortable tension and dissent but creative forces are often challenging and difficult to live with.

And it is not only politicians who may need to be willing to see through others eyes. In our own relationships with family and friends there are times when we can benefit from seeing situations as someone else sees them, especially when there are disagreements. For the Christian community it may be important to understand how others see us and what we do. If we were to look at our worship or our mission through others eyes, what would we see? We may think our Sunday worship is welcoming and accessible when others find it complicated or alienating. We may think we are sharing the story of the God of love while others are hearing judgemental statements. Seeing things through others eyes doesn't mean that we have to agree with their view but it does mean we are open to the challenge and willing to consider and understand other perspectives and positions.

Sue Giles

Bottisham Vicarage

Church Services in July

in St Mary's, Swaffham Prior unless otherwise indicated

Sunday 2 July, Third Sunday after Trinity

11am Matins

Sunday 9 July, Fourth Sunday after Trinity

10am Benefice Holy Communion Service (CW1), Lode

Sunday 16 July, Fifth Sunday after Trinity - CHURCHATHON

8.30am Morning Prayer, Bottisham

10am Village Communion, Swaffham Bulbeck

11.30am Baptism Service, Swaffham Prior

Picnic Lunch in Lode – please bring your own picnic

2.30pm Prayers, Lode

4pm Evensong, Quay

followed by Barbeque in marquee – please buy tickets by 9 July - £5
from churchwardens

Sunday 23 July, Sixth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Benefice All Age Service, Bottisham

*Would you like a lift to a service in Swaffham Prior or elsewhere in the Benefice?
Please be in touch and we will do our best to arrange a free lift: 07553 151585*

Dates for Your Diary July 2017

Sat	8	POP Litter Pick, 10am, St Mary's [p 8]
Sun	9	Strawberry Teas, Adventurers Farm, 3-5pm [p 6]
Thu	13	PC Meeting, VH, 7.30pm [p 24]
Mon	17	WI, 7.30pm, VH
Tue	18	Mobile Library, Cage Hill 2.45-3.15pm Chapel 3.20pm-4.00pm Village Gardeners, 8pm, VH
Wed	19	
Thu	20	Crier Copy Deadline Mothers' Union, Lode Chapel, 2.30pm [p 20]
Fri	21	
Sat	22	Pop Up Teas, 2-5pm, St Mary's [p 11]
Sun	23	Bus timetable changes [p 18]

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	