



The Swaffham Crier

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Editorial

Correspondents responded magnificently to the Fooling Fiesta in the April Crier (see page 31). Dee Noyes was responsible for several dastardly additions and may have inadvertently struck gold with her assertion that the newly-planted daffodils were to be destroyed due to complaints about the pollen. Alas, when going to unlock the church, she could not help but notice that some of them had already been trimmed. Oh no! Who did it? Alastair was joining the Navy, Burwell Print's new hi-tech printer now inserts hyper-links according to Paul Catling (doubtless nano-technology at work in the ink —this will probably come to pass at some point, readers), St Cyriac's will be flying the Stars and Stripes when Donald Trump comes to visit and a great deal more things that could never possibly happen. Um. But, star of all, and by unanimous decision of the editors the Winner was Mark Lewinski's Mark II dead hedgehog reviving Defibrillator (see Letters, and yes, we would like to be reminded what that wretched lock code no-one-can-possibly-forget is again).

Mind you, Mark got his come-uppance, since he was completely fooled by the NOT fool: yes, Peter Rand and Viv Elston really DID meet a member of his growing Guardian fan club...

Meanwhile, many congratulations to them for our glorious new village sign, and to them and many others (pretty much every regular of the Red Lion, by the sound of it!) whose sterling voluntary efforts have made the new swimming pool changing rooms possible. Read Steve Kent-Phillips on p. 8.



Henry Brown's riveting account of his WWII continues, but not to worry if you missed the first one last month, it's on the Web and I dare say we'll be releasing the boxed set any day now.

Don't miss the Village Assembly on the 17th and of course the Village Feast. See you there...

Caroline Matheson

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Cover Picture: *The Swan* by Tina Jost



Letters to the Editors



Dear Editors,

Hedgehog Entanglement!

I like to think that Swaffham Prior is a very wildlife friendly orientated community however there are always exceptions and recently we had a case in the village where I was contacted by a concerned and thankfully caring resident after a hedgehog was brought to them from a neighbour all tangled up in netting. My colleagues at the hospital did all they could for the hog but unfortunately it had to be put to sleep due to horrific injuries caused by the restriction of the wire which included a crushed leg, blood clots, infected cuts and severe dehydration. We do not know how long the hog was in this state before it was found but we are quite upset by this as another resident has told us that this is not the first time a case like this has occurred in our village.



So, I ask now please that all residents take a responsibility for making sure that their gardens and surrounding area are hazard free. This means no old bits of fencing, rope or children's play toys such as army nets and tent ropes left on the ground. Pond netting should be suspended above the ground and attached with camping hooks and hose pipes should be secured at night or lifted onto a raised patio area where the hogs cannot get to. Old Christmas decorations have also caused fatalities in the past. If you see rubbish lying about in the village, please pick it up and throw it in a bin, we all have a duty to keep our community clean and safe, not just for the animals that reside here but also for us. Hedgehogs are on the endangered list and therefore cases of entanglement are taken very seriously so please help us to make sure this does not happen again. If your concerned about a potential hazardous spot in the village or a certain garden please contact me by email and I will look into it- saffra.monteiro@gmail.com

Saffra Monteiro

Dear Editors,

Quiz Night

Thank you to everyone who attended the quiz on the 18th March. Quizzimodo were the winners so congratulations to them. Thank you to Shirley, Sheila, Betty, Jo and Linda who helped with the food and in the kitchen. April organised the raffle so thank you for doing it again and thanks to the people who donated prizes. Also a big thank you to Andrew who was our quiz master once again. Jenny and I appreciate all of your help, £250 was raised for St. Mary's Church so thank you. Hope to see you all and others at our next quiz which is the 21st October.

Lynne and Jenny

Dear Editors.

That Defibrillator

I feel I must bring to the attention of people in Swaffham Prior and elsewhere for that matter, that the ex telephone-box and refibrillator/defibrillator installation site or TARDIS as I will call it, does not have magical properties as maybe believed. I have had several callers with dead gold fish, half worms, empty snail shells and a fish finger also a Mary from a college in Cambridge all hoping the TARDIS and its newly installed Deluxe Defibrillator could bring life back to deceased loved ones. One very distraught gentleman even had a Norwegian Blue parrot nailed on its perch which he reliably told me was `no more, gone to meet its maker, pushing up the daisies and was singing with the choir invisible`.

I reluctantly had to tell them all that as I no longer knew the lock code that I was unable to assist them. May I suggest that the new number for the lock be known to responsible local residents within the area of the TARDIS, with a list of contacts in it. An easily remembered number would be helpful and one that springs to mind could be the birth date of some famous British historical figure such as the well known playwright William Shakespeare.

T.Reeborn

Lady of the Cloth
Anagram & Cryptic Clue Enthusiast

Dear Editors,

Not Dead Yet!

Thanks for my 'obituary' in the April Crier. I don't think I actually led the cows, this was usually my brother or mother as I would have been only in my early teens. It was the field behind the Hall where the cows grazed during the day and near Reach Bridge (Knights Meadow) in the evening.

Regarding the note about Clifton Fletcher, he will be 90 years old in August.

Ruth Stinton

Dear Editors,

Flower Festival - June 17th - 18th

As many of you will now know there is going to be a Flower Festival in St Mary's church over the above weekend. I believe that some people, or groups, are interested in helping us with the flower arrangements. If you would like to help please let me know on 01638 743720 before May 21st.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Ruth Scovil

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Letters to the Editors



Dear Editors,

From David Brown

May I please thank the people of Burwell, Reach, Swaffham Bulbeck and Swaffham Prior for the opportunity to represent you at the County Council for the last 8 years?

Some months ago I decided not to seek re-election as I was finding it difficult to juggle various demands on my time.

I have enjoyed representing you and I am proud of achievements including: securing the futures of Burwell Day Centre and Burwell Sports Centre; the completion of the new Fire Station; the expansion of Burwell Village College; and the finances for necessary improvements to Swaffham Prior School.

I also had the honour of being short-listed nationally as local councillor of the year.

I wish the new County Councillor every success and hope that they will enjoy the support and challenge that has been shown to me.

Yours faithfully

David Brown

Dear Editors,

Trumpsetter

I enjoyed (still do) Wulsin's verse re the gent who seems to enjoy **trumpsetting** everybody. I don't usually have the patience to read dialect works, but that is 'something else'.

Meanwhile here's my wee verse:

A Fragment

That *was* a lovely moment,
when you laid your hand on mine,
And I dare not retract it,
for fear I'd 'break a line'.
But my thumb was free to stroke your finger,
and it did so, with delight;
Though with a hint of trepidation - -
- - not sure, I was doing right.

Ophir

From our Reporter at the Parish Council Meeting

Nothing on the Agenda suggested anything of especial interest to attract 8 villagers in the Public Gallery. All was revealed later. Sandra and Paul were unable to attend.

David Brown opened his report by saying that for personal reasons he will not be standing for re-election in May. This was shattering news because he has been an outstanding CCC councillor for us – the best possibly we have ever had. Everyone exchanged thanks saying what a pleasure it had been working together. In answer to Peter Hart, David confirmed that the development in Newmarket Road, Burwell, is to increase from 350 to 420 houses, and that the developers cannot afford a roundabout at the top of Isaacson Road, and also that Highways insists there is no need for a roundabout. Extraordinary! Burwell PC has been fighting for this for some time, without success. So much for common sense.



Peter also, rather tentatively, asked about the bollards and whether there would be any answer before David leaves. David assured the meeting that the Executive Director of the CCC will be getting back to the PC about the matter.

There has been an update to the ECDC Local Plan report which was sent out last January. Since then a further request has been made for further possible development sites including those already rejected – the one in the High Street and that in Mill Hill opposite Fairview Grove. This latter has been joined by an application for 10 bungalows, made, it was eventually revealed, by Martin Mead. We now knew why there were so many people in the Public Gallery. Most of these I had not seen before but they seemed to be a very effective group and I suspect could put together an excellent committee. (This appears to be case because since the meeting they have dropped handbills throughout the village).

The PC repeated its opinions on the two developments, and the matter will be raised at the Village Assembly on May 17th. This is a wonderful time to give your opinion, for or against any development. ECDC says it only wants a report from the PC and will not accept any comments from individuals. BUT ECDC suggested there should be village meetings to discuss and bring together all the views through the PC. Seems sensible. All reports have to be sent to ECDC by 31st May.

Meanwhile, as Alan again warns us, without a Local Plan there is no village envelope and therefore no restriction on where people could ask to build. He hoped the Local Plan will be finalised by the Autumn, but as the date keeps being bumped forward there are doubts, and we will remain vulnerable.

Steve brought us up to date with all the CIL and Open Space projects. The School Swimming Pool Changing Room has been delivered and Steve spent six hours unloading it, with the Polish driver. Previously Steve had reported it was coming from Germany but he admitted he had made a mistake. This is possible I suppose because, for some, all these foreigners can sound the same. Steve thanked the huge amount of voluntary work given by the village in the hut's erection, and in

the end £2500 was saved. Steve was so proud of the hut that he asked whether it could be photographed for the *Crier*. Peter Rand agreed to do this. It was suggested that Steve be in the picture, with his shirt and vest off, flexing his muscles. After some careful thought he said he didn't think this would very edifying - for anyone.

At the last meeting it was proposed that the Pound should be refurbished. An examination of this grade two-listed building revealed that virtually all the woodwork is rotten and needs to be replaced. This is now a project, a notice giving the history of the building will be put up, and the gate will be left open so that people do not think it is someone's private shed.

Allotment holders will have to sign a new agreement, based on Ely's agreement, and the fees will go up from £5 per annum to £20, with pensioners paying half the amount. Mike Malster, who was quite insistent about pensioners' needs, wondered whether he should declare an interest. Because there appear to be no Tories on the PC, no-one mentioned the needs of the JAMs (just about managing) or of the OWFs (ordinary working families), both of which are the flavour of the month, and currently being promised a fair deal by the Government. Why are not they being offered a concession?

Much else was discussed and for this you will need to read the Clerk's excellent full report, next month. Amongst these was the concern of a resident at the bottom of Fairview Grove who complained that some residents are parking on the grass verge, asking whether more parking spaces could be cut into the grass. Dogs are frightening people as they walk past the railings of 19 Mill Hill and there is great concern about this. Further enquiries reveal that the two black Labradors at the Mill are even more frightening. Does this put that particular walk out of bounds? The Manchester Building Society into which we made a deposit is reducing its rate of interest. Because there had been such a variety of topics, two PC members after the meeting regretted that no-one had thanked Peter Rand for all his work on the Village Sign, now that it is up again. Never has it looked so good and those have yet to walk round it are urged to do so. It is a delight. It is to be hoped that Peter will give an account of the work involved which he once promised for the *Crier*.

The clock in the Committee Room needs putting forward one hour. Last year this did not happen until November.

Alastair Everitt



**Two Buckets of
Spuds planted up
by the the School
Garden Club,
Who will win this
year?**



Save the Dates ☺

Flower Festival in St Mary's Church
17th-18th June, 2017

Village Open Gardens
Sunday 18th June, 2017

Teas, 17th, St Mary's
18th, in a Hidden Garden!!

Full details coming soon

All proceeds to St Mary's

New Swimming Pool Changing Rooms



Steve Kent Phillips standing by the swish new changing rooms for Swaffham Prior School Pool.

At the last Annual Village Assembly, Alex Kirby made a request on behalf of the Friends of Swaffham Prior School (FoSPS) for replacement changing rooms for the school swimming pool, for use by the children both during term time and in the summer holidays.

We processed this through the Parish Council, and obtained some £11, 000 of the Open Spaces monies that were available. A plea was made in the locals' bar of the Red Lion, and several people put their hands up. A great deal of work was done by many people, and the school are now proud owners of possibly the finest changing rooms in the county.

The committee was formed by Steve Kent-Phillips (Parish Council), Alex Kirby (Design and liaison), Hannah Curtis (School) and Andrea Strange (FoSPS), but several other people are due thanks (in no particular order); Dylan and his merry gang of FoSPS dads who kindly removed the old shed; Mead Construction who supplied a mini-digger, disposed of the old shed and underpinned the new one; Alex Kirby, who not only spent six hours building the metal pool equipment storage shed but also removed all the scrap timber; Mike Malster who painted all the outside with special preservative; Viv Elston who laid the floor and skirting then painted it with non-slip paint, and Ted Hurst who installed all the electrics.

Everybody donated their time for free to keep the costs within budget, which we managed to do. There are a few final pieces on order (paid for) to install such as benches and coat hooks, but the village now has an asset that will last for many decades.

Steve Kent-Phillips
Swaffham Prior Parish Council

On the Allotment

Usually we look forward to cutting asparagus throughout May but this year we were able to start doing so in early April which is a bonus.

May is a busy month because we need to continue to sow successional crops such as salads, broad beans, carrots peas and beetroot – some of the coloured beetroot have wonderful flavours and as a roasted vegetable are delicious. It's not too late to plant potatoes and planting basil, coriander and parsley in the herb garden.

Leeks can be planted – make a hole with a dibber, fill with water and drop the plant in but do not fill the hole around it. Courgettes and tomatoes can be planted out towards the end of the month once the risk of frost has passed, but do check the forecast.

Brassicas, kale, cauliflower, calabrese, broccoli and sprouts – all of which do well on our chalky soil – can be planted but not in soil which has been manured recently.

Runner beans and dwarf beans can be sown outside or transplanted if they have been grown in pots – but leave this until the end of the month as runners are susceptible to frost.

Sweet corn be transplanted or sown directly. Space the plant 45cm apart to aid wind pollination in blocks. Keep the plants well-watered and weed free but be careful to avoid the surface roots when hoeing. It is a good idea to give the plants extra stability by pulling earth around the base of the stems.

Tucking straw around strawberry plants keeps the fruit clean, reduces the risk of botrytis from contact with damp soil and discourages slugs and snails (alternatively plant through holes in black polythene or a suppressant). It is important to keep strawberries well fertilized and watered.

Having looked at soil types in March and composting in April, the next step might be to make a raised bed. This is a quick way of improving the soil condition, it makes weeding easier, allows more intensive planting and needs no digging. It should be wide enough to enable you to reach the middle from either side so you do not need to walk on the bed, with enough room either side to enable you to work comfortably – standing or kneeling depending on the height you decide. Beds can be made from a variety of materials, - bricks, paving slabs, sleepers- but probably the cheapest and easiest are used scaffold boards. Use cardboard or a good thickness of newspaper to cover the floor and fill with compost, well-rotted manure or good soil. Then a layer of good soil or commercial compost and the job is complete. Raised beds do need regular watering as they can dry out quickly but, overall, the result is positive.

Weeding is always important but usually more so in May than any other month.

Happy growing.



Mike Malster

Swaffham Prior Feast



Saturday 20th May

1pm Village Hall and School Grounds

Entrance: 20p (Under-11s Free)

Egg-Throwing

Gurning

Colouring Competition

Fancy Dress

Flying Bears

Beer Tent

Score-a-Goal

Treasure Hunt

Bowling

Barbecue

You can help by:

- Sorting out used books and other items for the Book stall and Bric-a-brac
- Providing a bottle, can or carton for the Bottle stall
- Manning a stall for part of the afternoon
- Potting up some seedlings for the Plant stall
- Baking a cake for the Cake stall

Contact: Mike Carrington (01638 741659 or mcarrington@me.com) or Peter Rand (01638 741960 or perand@btinternet.com)

National Mills Weekend

Foster's Mill

National Mills Weekend, a weekend to celebrate the UK's traditional milling heritage and organised by the Mills Section of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings falls on the 13th and 14th May this year and mills around Cambridgeshire will be opening their doors to welcome visitors. East Cambridgeshire has one of the largest concentrations of remaining windmills left in the whole of the UK and we, Swaffham Prior, are the only village in the region with two preserved windmills!

If you fancy learning more about our regional milling heritage, why not take a look at:

Stevens Mill, Burwell – restored to working order in 2015 / 2016 and open Saturday and Sunday 11am to 4pm

Fulbourn Mill – now with repaired fantail and sails, open Saturday 10am to 5pm

Wicken Corn Mill – working commercial windmill and open Saturday and Sunday 10.30am to 5pm

Foster's Mill will be open on Sunday from 1pm to 5.30pm. World renowned artisan baker Carl Shavitz of the Artisan Bread School will be running sourdough and focaccia baking demonstrations during the afternoon, so if you already bake your own bread, come along and get some top tips. If you're tempted to join the baking revolution, come along too and see how easy it is to make your own bread! For those of you who already bake and fancy trying your bread baked in a real wood fired oven, bring your proven dough for 2.00pm or 4.00pm and load it into our oven which will be fired up ready for the fun!

The mill will also be open for tours and working, wind permitting. Our award winning flours (11 varieties in all) will all be on-sale along with our muesli and oat product range. If you can't get along, remember the mill shop is open Thursday mornings each week from 9am to 1pm. Our mail order business allows you to send flour across the UK, a great way to send a gift from Swaffham Prior!

More information at www.priorsflour.co.uk



BON MOT NUMBER SEVENTY SIX

"The only reason for time is so that everything doesn't happen at once."

Albert Einstein (1879 - 1955)

Henry Brown's WW2

Part 2

Henry Brown is the oldest living resident of Swaffham Prior, and a wartime pilot. He was sent to Canada then the USA for pilot training, but for advanced training the US would not take pilots under 21 so he was sent home, then to South Africa, to continue training out of sight of the US as it was thought it would annoy them to train pilots they had refused to take!

The troopship was a foul-smelling ex-refrigerated meat boat, 6 weeks at sea. At Cape Town we were sent to a holding camp in the Transvaal. Bullets were coming through the windows at night so the first thing we did was to dig a trench around the camp perimeter against a Boer attack.

Typical of the RAF, our flying training in the USA was not recognised. We were sent on a basic Tiger Moth course at Kroonstat in the Orange Free State; meanwhile Rommel was winning in the desert. The Boers, hoping for a German victory, sabotaged our Tiger Moths, putting sand in the engines, until a ruling that the mechanic servicing the engines had to go up as passenger on the test flight!

Not surprisingly we went on to advanced flying training on a variety of aircraft, starting with the Hawker Hart Audax with Rolls-Royce engines. These were highly manoeuvrable but very old-fashioned. Then the mono-plane Havards arrived, very manoeuvrable and with a machine gun for gunnery practice. Our extra US training gave us the advantage over other pupils. I gained my wings and met a girl in town who I dined with on Sundays. I considered her a match. I was right; we corresponded every week for three years till the war was over and she came to the UK to marry me.

On qualifying we were sent to Cape Town, where we embarked on the liner Mauritania, which was a luxury - we had bunks to sleep on! I was now a sergeant pilot. In about 20 days we were in the UK.

A fighter squadron posting was required but weeks went by and there were few casualties in our squadrons and Fighter Command's own UK training squadrons were supplying all replacements. Other fighter pilots were sent for bomber conversion but two of us were kept standing by.

During this time I was able to attend an auction of the wine cellar of a large house in Harrogate on behalf of H. Brown & Co, using their licence. A large amount of port, etc. was purchased for resale at the shop back in Swaffham Prior!

The commanding officer then considered his two reserve pilots should be given some exercise so we were sent on an N.C.O. (Non-Commissioned Officer) course at Whitley Bay. This turned out to be a commando-type course, which we survived. After 6 months the a we were sent on to convert to bombers. The first stage was at



Chipping Warden where we flew twin engined Oxfords. This was the summer of 1943 and the living was easy in Oxfordshire. My hobby was visiting farms to beg for spare eggs for the mess, which made me very popular.

The little Oxford was a boring aircraft to fly. It was very sedate, and we were ordered to fly straight and level on cross-country trips as navigation exercises. After completing the primary twin engine course, the next stage was the large Wellington bomber. We were operating out of a base at Wymeswold, near Leicester, and it was here that we recruited flight

crews to take part in bombing operations. The Wellington was an unusual aircraft. It was not fully rigid - it had a geodesic construction which allowed it to flex. Consequently it wallowed around the sky! It started life with twin 1000 hp engines and then was upgraded with 1600 hp engines which shook it about, but it was still more serviceable than the Oxford. When we had completed the flying instruction course we were sent to a hangar full of navigators, bomb aimers, engineers, wireless operators and gunners and rather than being organised, we were told to sort ourselves out into crews! This required luck and I had a 5 out of 6 success rate, with only my first navigator failing to stand up to the stress of operations after a short while.

Our first trips together were cross country expeditions to the Western Isles. The next stage was conversion to 4 engine aircraft which took place at Sandtoft, Lincolnshire. with Halifax bombers, which were old and badly serviced. There were burnt patches all around the airfield where planes had crashed on take-off. My plane had an engine not revving properly. One day I stopped it and asked the instructor, "Where is the mechanic?" He replied, "He'll be at cricket practice. The CO is a fanatic." There were as many casualties at Sandtoft as on operations and I could not understand why the instructors allowed this. A degree of mutiny would have worked wonders! Despite this we survived and were posted to 1 Group for familiarisation with the Lancaster bomber and from there to 100 Squadron at Waltham, Grimsby, where we quickly settled in. It was not long after D Day and we were sent on daylight raids over France. One was against the German big guns firing at Dover. We heard that their firing rate increased during the bombing to prove how well they were protected!

The CO of 100 Squadron was an odd character who would turn up for Ops briefing just to wish us good luck. He would often explain he would not be coming with us because his crew always got lost! They consisted of senior administration officers who were supposed to take part in missions to show support to the air crews. They had flown just four operations.

The Army used heavy bombers very sparingly. It seemed the Army had to do what the Army had always done; they took little account of the lives that could have been spared by bombing the enemy instead of tackling them face-to-face on the ground.

“ The Boers sabotaged our Tiger Moths, putting sand in the engines, until a ruling that the mechanic servicing the engines had to go up as passenger on the test flight ...”

We had complete air supremacy within the range of our fighters, but as air crews we were spectators to a struggling army below us.

Before going on a mission you were given a meal which was usually a fry-up, always including an egg. One day there were no eggs, so I went to the cook house to enquire why; “no issue”, they said. The next day I went to see the WAAF catering officer. “What is the reason for this?” I demanded, whereupon she started to cry. “It was Squadron Leader Irving,” she said, “He told me to give the sergeants’ mess eggs to the officers!” I advised her firmly that I would report the matter to the Air Ministry if the egg ration was not reinstated. Eggs returned to the menu the next day...

Henry Brown

Edited by Mark Lewinski
(To Be Continued)

Princess Ida

Swaffham Bulbeck Summer Theatre

Swaffham Bulbeck Summer Theatre is proud to present Gilbert & Sullivan's comic masterpiece 'Princess Ida' in the wonderful 'Theatre in a Barn', Downing Farm, Swaffham Bulbeck, Cambridge CB25 0NW, on:

Wednesday 14 June 2017 at 7.30pm - £8

Thursday 15 June 2017 at 7.30pm - £9

Friday 16 June 2017 at 7.30pm - £10

Saturday 17 June 2017 at 2.30pm - £7 and 7.30pm - £10.

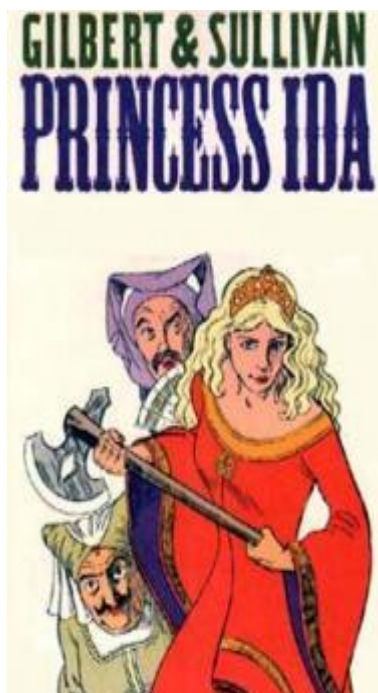
Tickets are available via our website, www.sbsummertheatre.com or by contacting Caille Peri on sbst.tickets@gmail.com or 07541 554845. For further information about the show please contact Ruth Dennis on 01638 730659.

Princess Ida synopsis

Princess Ida and Prince Hilarion were betrothed when they were babies. Twenty years have passed and the time has come for Hilarion to claim his bride. She, however, has other ideas and has set up a women's only university where men are not allowed. A feud between the two families occurs and there are threats of war if the Princess does not comply.

Further complications arise when Hilarion and his two friends dress up as women and climb into the university.

Love triumphs in the end as the families attack each other before coming to a peaceful solution.



SATURDAY 8th July 2017 at 7.30pm
Church of St Mary, Stow cum Quy, CB25 9AF
The Cantilena Singers

A Celebration of Britain and Europe

With Britain on the verge of a new relationship with the countries of continental Europe, join the Cantilena Singers for a summer evening exploring the rich musical tradition that has bound us together for more than 500 years, from the early Renaissance music of Josquin des Prez to the plainsong-inspired music of Maurice Duruflé some half a millennium later, by way of the English Tudor period and the Romantic part songs of 19th century England and Germany

Programme to include:

Josquin des Prez – El Grillo (The Cricket)

Byrd – This sweet and merry month of May, Though Amaryllis dance in green

Passereau – Il est bel et bon

Clara Schumann – Abendfeier in Venedig

Rheinberger – Abendlied

Elgar – My love dwelt in a northern land, As torrents in summer

Stanford – Shall we go dance? Heraclitus, When Mary through the garden went

Duruflé – Notre Père

Finzi – My spirit sang all day

Director Daniel Spreadbury

Refreshments available.

Tickets £10 (free admission for under 18s) on the door or contact Caille Sugarman-Banazsak 01223 813918

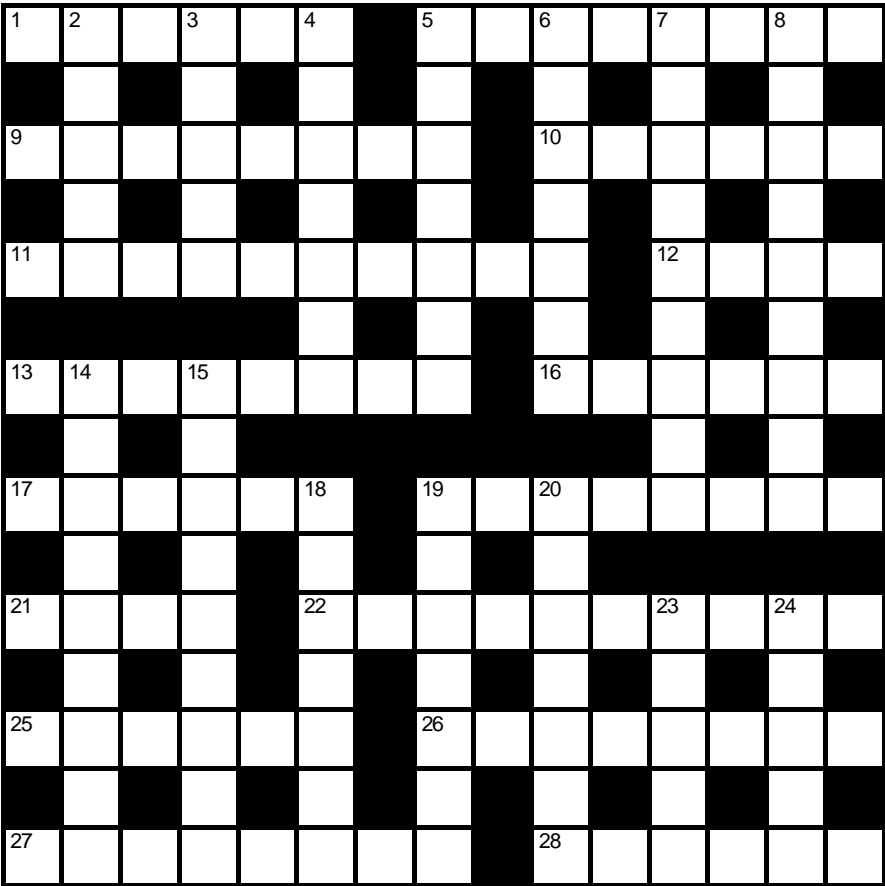
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Crossword Number 142

Compiled by **NIBOR**

This month’s puzzle is a simple cryptic crossword. Send your answers to the editors by 18 May 2017. 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

- 1 Block enclosure and get wet (6)
- 5 It's tedious to flag a bit (8)
- 9 Domestic battles lead to internal conflict (5,3)
- 10 Ought to look at joint without hesitation (6)
- 11 Decapod cut this elf badly (10)
- 12 Peer group confusion? Remove upper characters therefore (4)
- 13 A suit perhaps might make chaps curse (8)
- 16 Fathers include a member from area of Argentina (6)
- 17 Young Violet and Linda share nothing but it's a fiddle (6)
- 19 Control includes freedom in A-team (8)
- 21 Male journalist take note (4)
- 22 Match probe characters find something under the bed (10)
- 25 Elf by the river is unclean (6)
- 26 Perhaps Jack and the beanstalk was an exaggeration (4,4)
- 27 Store ice transported in secret (8)
- 28 Strong drinks for boxers maybe (6)

Down

- 2 European Union comes after beginning of our era - So long (5)
- 3 Coat for smart Tory leader (5)
- 4 Present in this place? No, and not in any other place either (7)
- 5 Row about mistake finding dog (7)

- 6 Strange relationships Stalin avoided bore fruit (7)
- 7 Rod's on an island as a representative (9)
- 8 It is evil to insult six-footer (9)
- 14 Skinny covering (9)
- 15 Tube folds out to reveal insecurity (4-5)
- 18 Unclear about what sort of power to use (7)
- 19 Cassandra, stick around inside; that's a bit extreme (7)
- 20 Phones old boy seen in the distance (7)
- 23 Really early toys remind one initially of the past (5)
- 24 Find young bird in crumpled towel (5)

Solution to crossword no. 141

U	P	P	I	T	Y		L	A	W	M	A	K	E	R
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We congratulate Chris Carrington, the winner of last month's competition, who will receive her prize certificate from the editors. Honourable mentions go to Andrew Houston, Steve Kent Phillips, Robert & Julie Nunn and Trish Whitehead

Dear Oh Deer!.....

The Muntjac Deer, also known as the barking deer because of its ghostly night calls, is one of our most common but also I think, more fascinating mammals, found in abundance in our area. Many of us would have seen this curious dwarf like deer at one point or another but they receive little attention in the wildlife media compared to their much larger cousins, the Fallow and Red deer. Yes, those deers are far more impressive in build and confidence but let's not forget our shy little Muntjacs going about their lives quietly in the forests and fields.

They are the oldest known deer species in the world and are thought to have begun appearing between 15-35 million years ago! The present day species is native to south Asia and India and are closely related to mammals such as springbok and antelope. This combination of breeds gives them their distinctively odd proportioned body with a long nose, pointed ears, spotted back and small stubby legs rather than tall and strong like Red deer. Muntjacs have no need to be tall, they live off the forest floor, seeking out fresh roots, nuts, berries and spring buds to munch their way through. Being so small they are able to camouflage in with the bushes offering them safety from predators and safe havens from humans. Their introduction to England's wildlife back in 1925 was somewhat done by mistake (as in most cases). A small number of them managed to escape the park land of Woburn abbey estate and since then their numbers have been steadily growing in the wild.

Muntjac deer have no seasonal rut and so mating can take place at any time of year—this is a big part of why they are such a success, even in our world today that very much as the hand of man firmly on it, they still continue to grow in numbers. Sadly other than the occasional glimpse of them within the countryside or in the village at night, the most common place to see them is lying on the sides of our roads and motor ways dead. A study carried out by the British Deer Society back in 2009 found that along with hedgehogs, badgers and rabbits, Muntjac deer are the most frequently found mammal to be killed by cars. Roads are a huge danger for many animals but thankfully in the Muntjac's case, their population is stable even with road deaths.

Many wildlife rescue centres have Muntjac deers brought into them, especially babies- this is because if the mother is killed on a road, the baby is often found nearby in the long grass crying. Despite being dedicated to hedgehogs, we recently had a baby Muntjac brought into us, suffering a similar fate, in these cases the baby can be fed by bottle and normally can be rehabilitated and then released into the wild. Their thin hoofed feet mean that they also sometimes become tangled up in fencing and wire.

If you come across one that has its foot caught, often the wire can be cut and the deer released, but sadly sometimes the foot becomes infected and broken in which case, hold back to avoid further stressing it, call for help and if possible place a towel over its head. Darkness calms them as with most mammals.

So next time you see one rustling about in the trees, just think how lucky you are to see such a splendid creature, they deserve more love than they get. Dear oh Deer no more!....

Saffra Monteiro

**Baby Muntjac
deer brought to a
local rescue
centre after its
mother was killed
on a motor way**



Fundraising kicks off for 'blue light' tournament

POLICE officers will join emergency service colleagues to play a fund-raising football tournament at the ABAX Stadium in Peterborough.

The Blue Light Football Tournament on Friday, May 26, will feature police, ambulance and fire service teams, and a veterans' side comprising all three services. The latter will include Deputy Chief Constable Alan Baldwin and Assistant Chief Fire Officer Rick Hylton.

It will raise money for the Road Victims Trust, which offers a range of free support services to residents of Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire who have been affected by fatal road collisions.

Spectators are welcome but are asked to make a contribution to the cause via the event's Just Giving page [HERE](#), or at the stadium on the day.

DCC Baldwin said: "In our daily lives, fatal road collisions are often presented as statistics but it's important to remember that every one of those crashes has had a devastating impact on the family and friends of the victim. The Trust provides information alongside emotional and practical support to people who are most likely going through a rollercoaster of emotions and feeling bewildered and distressed. "As emergency services who deal with the aftermath of these terrible events it is particularly apt that we show our support and raise money for this charity.

"The tournament will be a fun and entertaining event in a great stadium and I would like to thank Peterborough United for allowing us to use the facilities as well as all the players who have agreed to take part. I hope to see as many people there as possible."

The event will begin at 10am and there will be a presentation to the winning team at the end. If successful, the event could become an annual event.

The Swaffhams WI News

At the April meeting our speaker was Jason Middleton who came to talk to us about gemstones. Jason has his own company in Cambridge supplying the jewellery market with pearls and semi-precious gemstones and it is clear that he is passionate about his subject. We had a fascinating introduction to the different families of gems and how the chemical composition gives the distinctive colours we see. We also learnt what part of the world they were found, the methods of extraction and how they are transformed through the cutting and polishing processes into beautiful pieces ready to be set into jewellery. Jason brought lots of samples both of host rock and the finished items. You may notice a number of members wearing some very nice pearl earrings that they were able to buy at the end of the evening!

In May, we meet on 15th at 7.30 as usual, when our speaker will be Sarah Harrison and her talk is "you couldn't make it up" which promises to be very entertaining.

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



VILLAGE GARDENERS

Rodney Tibbs from Cheveley, gave us a very interesting talk, entitled " Gardening then and now." He had become interested in the topic of garden history and had divided his research into Grass cutting, Hedges, Watering, Digging and Growing under glass. All basics of garden care that have gone on for centuries.

This was presented to us, using a great variety of fascinating slides- starting with the Egyptians, who had lawns, duck ponds and borders of trees, as early as 1400 BC.

Rectangular beds appear to have been part of garden design through history, especially in the 15th and 16th centuries and have now in some cases become very decorative parterres.

Sheep were of course the original grass cutters, both mowing and growing, to produce the perfect turf. Then came scythes of various designs, to be followed in 1830, by the first push along mower. Many were so heavy that they had to be pulled as well as pushed, by hapless young gardeners or horses! Steam mowers were developed in 1912 and now of course we have electric, petrol, sit ons and robot mowers. Boys toys, perhaps, but there was pictorial evidence of lady Gardeners, clad in both very unsuitable attire and trousered, so as not to distract the men! Certainly up for mowing.

There were various hedge trimmers, all of course manual and heavy and extraordinary watering devices, cans and hoses, all fore runners of the modern

technical methods.

Digging is digging, though with a variety of different spade and fork designs and growing under glass, originally the preserve of the wealthy, with huge glass houses and orangeries. Rodney thought the ultimate model now, were the Biomes at the Eden Project.

He had found the Museum of Garden History, in Lambeth, a great source of information and said it was very well worth a visit.

Our next meeting is on May 16th, when Andrew Sankey is talking about the English Landscape Movement.

Everyone welcome.

Margaret Joyce



**Join POP
(Proud of Prior)**

for another monthly

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

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

**Saturday 20th May, 2017
10.00am**

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

**Please bring your own gloves
All other equipment provided**

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

**Look forward to seeing
the results!**



Charity quiz and raffle for Cam Sight

Hello, I'm Warren Wilson, I would like to tell you about a charity quiz and raffle I am organising for Cam Sight, our local charity for the blind, registered charity number 201640; please visit their website to find out more: <http://www.camsight.org.uk/>.

When: Sat 8th July

Time: Doors open at 19:00, quiz start at 19:45, quiz finishes at 22:30

Where: Frank Lee Leisure Centre on the site of Addenbrookes hospital

Entry fee: £5per person Team size: 6 per team – all money goes to Cam Sight

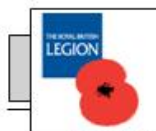
Parking: free at Long Road Sixth Form College, 2 minutes walk away, disabled parking at The Frank Lee

Unlike previous events under 16's are allowed to attend.

If you would like to attend please contact me (Warren Wilson) at Cam Sight on either 01223 420033 or warren@camsight.org.uk. We may be able to accept people turning up on the day but we will need to keep track of numbers on the lead up to the event.

I am fundraising for Cam Sight because I lost a considerable amount of my sight during the summer of 2009, at the age of 19, whilst I was doing my A-Level exams. Cam Sight initially helped me with things such as teaching me to touch type and use screen reading software and they raised the funds to get a tandem that they loan to me, keeping my love for cycling alive. Cam Sight continued to support me with the forms I needed to get into university and some of their fantastic volunteers helped me by transcribing some interviews I recorded for my dissertation. Without their great help I would have found it very difficult to have graduated from Anglia Ruskin University in the summer of 2013 with a 2-1 in history. Since graduating from university I have started working for Cam Sight and bought my own home. I feel the support of Cam Sight has played a significant role in helping me maintain the confidence and drive necessary to live a fulfilling life where I have gone to university, played sport at national level and managed to buy my own home and live independently.

Since working for Cam Sight I have realised the charity supports visually impaired people in Cambridgeshire of any age and in whatever capacity necessary whether it's emotional support, mobility training, technology assistance or organising social events for visually impaired people such as rural support groups and youth groups. Therefore, Considering Cam Sight has been [instrumental in the upkeep of not only my upbeat nature.](#) confidence and independence, but also that of others, I thought it would be nice to give something back to them and every year since 2010 I have held a fundraising quiz and raffle.



The Royal British Legion Social Club

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH AT THE LEGION SOCIAL CLUB

Line Dancing every Wednesday (except the first Wednesday in the month.)

Bingo every 1st and 3rd Sunday.

Member's draw, Meat draw and Play you cards right every Friday

OPENING TIMES Mon-Thurs 5-11pm : Fri 5-12pm : Sat-11.45-12pm : Sun 12.-11pm

Saturday 6th May,
Live music with Coast
Starting at 8.00pm
Members £4 Non Members £6

Saturday 3rd June
BVC any years leavers Charity Disco £10 Entry (Legion members £5)
Tickets in advance from Kate at the Legion

Saturday 10th June,
OAP Members night with Brian Roy.
With a Fish & Chip supper
Names on the list in the Club

Saturday 24th June,
The Big Legion Quiz
7.30pm start £3pp

Don't Forget The Regular Activities For You To Join In and Enjoy
Darts / Pool / Snooker / Billiards / Cribbage / Dominoes / Bar billiards
Also Hall and Poppy Lounge room hire available for all your functions

The Royal British Legion Social Club, Bottisham & St. James's,
31 Downing Close, Bottisham, Cambridge CB25 9DD
Tel. 01223 812063 www.britishlegion.org.uk/branches/bottisham



Bottisham British Legion Social Club wins CAMRA Club of the Year Award!

Our Steward Katy and her team were delighted to win this award. It is the result of her excellent cellar work and adds to the cask marquee award already received for the quality of the beers that are served. Do come and try some.

News from Bottisham Medical Practice Patients' Group

Message of Thanks: Health chiefs in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough have thanked local residents for becoming more self-care aware. They revealed 21,000 fewer prescriptions for self-care related medicines were issued from April to October 2016 than the previous year – a reduction in spend of £350,000.

They report that locally, the NHS spent over £4million on prescribing medicines that can easily be bought at local pharmacies or supermarkets for less than it costs the NHS to prescribe. These medicines include painkillers, antihistamines, and indigestion remedies.

The general public have helped enormously by purchasing their painkillers and other medicines from pharmacies or supermarkets rather than getting them on prescription. A packet of paracetamol can cost as little as 25p for 16 tablets at a pharmacy. But if you go to your GP with an ache or pain and get a prescription, the total cost to your NHS is approximately £45*. We all have a responsibility to look after our own health and look after our NHS.

The biggest area of success within self-care medicines was over the counter painkillers, saving over £190,000.

“Self-care is an important part of keeping well and having a well-stocked medicine cabinet can help people to treat minor illnesses and injuries at home, without the need to see a GP.”

*The £45 the NHS spends on a prescription if someone sees a GP is made up of the GP consultation time, the cost of the medication, and the dispensing fee.

Out of Hours Service: The Clinical Commissioning Group has now decided that this service should move from the base at Chesterton to one at Addenbrooke's Hospital. The website www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk has further details.

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 5th and 17th May and 9th and 21st June 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: Patients' Group will meet on 27 July 2017 at 6.30pm at the surgery.

Bottisham Patients' Group

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY BOTANIC GARDENS

EXCITING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE TERRACE GARDEN

The Terrace Garden was originally installed to house the Botanic Garden's first rock garden, however when funds were released in the 1950's to develop the Limestone Rock Garden, the alpine collection was relocated, and the Terrace Garden planted with a collection of shrubs. About 10 years ago, this planting was reassessed and the idea of enhancing the landscape and unifying the plantings with the introduction of a New Zealand theme was agreed.



The initial developmental stage involved the re-laying of the dry stone walling. Once completed, work commenced on the introduction of a New Zealand themed planting to complement the existing plantings in the adjacent Glasshouse Bays.



Few pollinators exist in New Zealand and many species have developed ways to stand out. This includes the subshrub *Linum monogynum* var. *diffusum*, which are characterised by their small, white flowers that are attractive to the limited number of pollinators present. As is evident in *Coprosma brunnera* 'Blue Beauty', the foliage tends to be small, and the branching divaricate (branched at wide angles) as in *Muehlenbeckia astonii*. Many of the plants grown in this area also show similar characteristics. Over subsequent years the planting has been developed and new species such as the spiky-leaved speargrass, *Aciphylla colensoi*, and the silver-leaved *Astelia fragarans* introduced.

New seating has been installed in this area and the existing dry stone walls have been adapted to accommodate a new water feature in the hollow of the Terrace Garden. The final element of the project is the installation of interpretation panels, which will provide visitors with further insight into the plants of New Zealand. We anticipate that the addition of these features in the Terrace Garden will enhance the landscape and provide a quiet corner in which visitors can sit and not only enjoy the plantings, but also learn more about this extraordinary flora.

The Cambridge University Botanic Garden is open from 10am – 6pm, April – 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.

Sally Pettit, Head of Horticulture

Notes from Parish Council March Meeting

John Covill chaired the meeting with 8 Parish Councillors and 3 members of the public in attendance. The meeting started at 7.30pm.

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

Public Participation: None.

Reports

CCC Matters: Cllr David Brown's report was read to the meeting by The Clerk.

ECDC Matters: Cllr Allen Alderson reported to the meeting. Steve Kent-Phillips commented that the Little Chapel in the Fen was a Building of Interest not ACV, as it is only used once a year. He asked what this meant. Allen Alderson offered to find out. JC noted that Mike McHaffy had a problem with contractors clearing the fly tipping in the fen and was no longer on post at the council.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Steve Kent-Phillips commented that the play area gate catch was not missing. The Clerk reported that Borley Brothers had replaced the pin recently and made it secure. It was also noted that the swimming pool windows were ordered as frosted.

Consideration of Planning Applications Received:

There were no objections to the 3 (2 properties) planning applications.

CIL & Open Space Money Projects

Steve Kent-Phillips reported the status of all projects. The play area was now complete. The St Cyriac's path needed better weather to complete the top skin, so this was likely to be completed in 2 weeks.

Street Lights: Paul Latchford reported that the problem with the remaining 2 lights were now complete and would forward the invoice for the remaining 2 to The Clerk. The old concrete stand had also been removed.

The daffodils had been a great success. Paul Latchford suggested more diversity when we do more planting, such as snowdrops and bluebells.

The Village Hall doors repairs had been quoted for at £1958 it was agreed to go ahead and provide a deposit of £1000 to Jon Taw. The window sills were not as bad as expected and only required painting. Elston Decorators would be providing a quote. Andy Martin Builders would be doing the porch when the doors are complete. It was noted that the back doors could be further projects as they may need some attention. It was agreed to get Jon Taw to investigate. Paul Latchford suggested that for further projects the village should be consulted, John Covill suggested the Pound & Keep (Gaol) was in need of attention.

The swimming pool changing hut was to start Monday April 10, with electrical work on the 13th. It was agreed to put a call for further projects in The Crier. Steve Kent-Phillips would get the keys for Jon Taw to investigate the Pound.

Allotments – review tenant agreement

It was agreed to leave this item for the next meeting.

Traffic Survey / Speed Watch

Steve Kent-Phillips reported that £3000 was being spend on the Speed Indicating Device (SID) and 30 & 40 mph please signs. Martin Mead was sponsoring the surveys and Rogers Road were getting their signs free. Volunteers were required to deliver the signs. Mark Lewinski asked if parishioners could request the data. Steve Kent-Phillips suggested that other parishes may want to rent the SID, one of which is Lode. A further donation of £60 Road Watch had already been agreed.

Accounts for payment

These were all agreed.

Clerk's Report

There was nothing additional.

Parish Councillors' Reports

Sandra Gynn pointed out that the dog fouling was getting worse. John Covill reported that the dumping was being handled and the daffodils were very nice.

Open Question Time

Alastair Everitt agreed that The Pound does need attention. The notice board in the bus stop is too small and in need of attention. The Station Road bollards was discussed, JC noted that an email to High-Ways head man was in hand with David Brown. There was a discussion about what would strip bark from trees, rabbits and muntjac deer seem to get the blame. Peter Rand reminded the meeting that the Village Feast was on May 20th and the village sign should soon be back up. The hedgehog, waste paper sheds also got mentioned – they are still in use.

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

Future meeting dates: May 11th, June 8th, July 13th 2017.

Note: The May meeting is also the AGM.

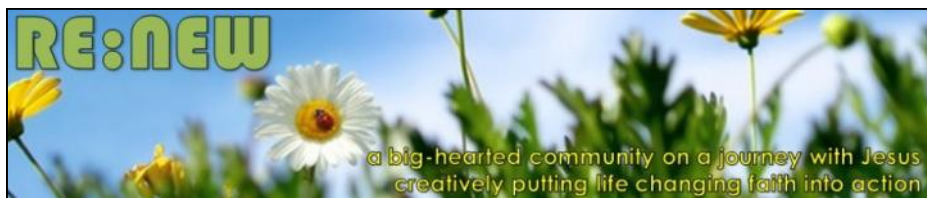
All are welcome to attend at the

Annual Village Assembly May 17th 7.30pm Village Hall

Clerk to the Parish Council: Paul Catling

Tel: 07040 908743 (Voice Mail only).

Email: clerk@swaffham-prior.co.uk



The answer is in your hands ...

Two young brothers were playing in the garden, talking about their father. “I think I’m wiser than father,” the older brother said. “I’m not sure.” said the younger brother, “Father is very wise.” “I’ll prove it.” the older brother exclaimed as he caught a small bird from the hedge around the garden. “I will take this bird, cupped in my hands, into father’s study and will ask him if it is dead or alive. If he says ‘alive’ I will crush it in my hands and reveal a dead bird; if he says ‘dead’ I will release the bird to show it is alive.

The two brothers approach their father in his study and the older brother says, “Father, in my hands I have a small bird. Is it dead, or is it alive?”

The father pauses momentarily before responding, “The answer, my son, is in your hands.”

Often we find ourselves lamenting situations we find ourselves in, longing for things to be different; or with choices to make. Sometimes we can be so focussed on our lament, on asking and waiting for someone to intervene, or on the different options, that we lose sight of the fact that, sometimes, the answer is in our hands. I believe we often have a part to play in the answering of our prayers.

My experience of following Jesus is, more often than not, that when I’m praying for more patience, rather than immediately bestowing patience upon me, God gives me opportunities to be patient. If I pray for courage, He gives me opportunities to be courageous. When I pray for relationships to be restored, He gives me opportunities to demonstrate love, to listen, to understand, to say sorry, to forgive, to be reconciled.

Sometimes the answer is in our hands.

I say sometimes, because of course there are things that are beyond our control, things that only God can do. We need to be wise to discern the difference:

“God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference.”

You are invited to join us at RENEW as we move forward together on our journey of life and faith.

Revd Alan Brand

RENEW Church Services in May 2017.

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

Sunday 7th May. Morning Worship. 10.30am (Bottisham Primary School)

This morning we celebrate as at least four of our young people are baptised.

All are welcome to this special service.

Sunday 14th May. Morning Worship. 10.30am (Bottisham Primary School)
Followed by shared lunch

Sunday 14th May. Evening Worship. 6.20pm . (at Lode Chapel)

Sunday 21st May. Morning Worship. 10.30am (Bottisham Primary School)

Sunday 28th May. Morning Worship. 10.30am (Bottisham Primary School)

Sunday 28th May. Evening Worship. 6.20pm (at Lode Chapel)

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 quantity (~25) bamboo canes . Jill Brown 01223 813810

14ft TP trampoline with anchor straps, needs a new home. Helen or Ian 01223 813962

1 Dicotia Selfie Stick. Mike 01223 811059

Freestanding basketball hoop, reasonable condition. Matt 01223 811959

Lady's bike, Katie 01223 813852

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

J & J Hopkinson upright piano. Was used constantly until last summer. It is still a good instrument for beginners/improvers but will increasingly need minor repairs as the action is getting a bit old. Robert 01223 813384

Wanted

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.

Any solid wood doors (internal or external); Unwanted pillow cases (preferably plain). Jun/Andy 01223 813362



**Bishop George of Mara
chatting with Dee Noyes
during his visit here last
month, and below, some
of the science lab
equipment that the
Anglesey friends helped
finance for the Bunda
Girls' School.
(See April Crier)**



Church Services in May

in St Mary's, Swaffham Prior unless otherwise indicated

Sunday 7 May, Third Sunday after Easter

11am Matins

Sunday 14 May, Fourth Sunday after Easter

10am Benefice Service - Holy Communion (CW1)
Led by our former vicar, Rev'd David Lewis

Sunday 21 May, Rogation

11am Open Air service at Lord's Ground Farm
For all the family; followed by refreshments

Thursday 25 May, Ascension Day

7pm Holy Communion (CW1T), St Cyriac's,
with Cambridge Voices

Sunday 28 May, Sunday after Ascension

8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Benefice All Age Service, Quy

*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*

April Fools as spotted by A. Everitt

1. Page 3. Viv and Peter's note about Levinski. (*WRONG! See editorial*)
2. Page 5. Daffodils to be dug up
3. Page 5. I didn't think anyone would believe my joining the navy again, so I don't think this should count. But they did....
4. Page 5. Mark's note about the defibrillator.
5. Page 20. Flying the flag. "This directive does not include visits by heads of State of the EU."
6. Page 30. Caddenhams drove sanitation barrier
7. Page 34. Crier Reports: Justified Oratory Kerning Engine
8. Page 39. "Daily Mail", even though, much to your disgust and of many others it happens to be true, does this count?

Missed: Village Broadband Takeover by News International. And quite possibly others. Eds

Dates for Your Diary May 2017

Sat	13	National Mills Weekend [p. 11]
Sun	14	Fosters Mill Opening Day, 1pm—5pm. [p. 11]
Mon	15	WI, VH, 7.30pm [p.20]
Tue	16	Village Gardeners, VH, 8pm Mobile Library, Cage Hill 2.45-3.15pm Chapel 3.20pm-4.00pm
Wed	17	Annual Village Assembly, 7.30pm, VH
Thu	18	
Fri	19	
Sat	20	Village Feast, VH, 1pm Crier Copy Deadline POP Litter Pick, Village Sign, 10am [p. 21]

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	