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Editorial

Out on the dog-walk, the chilly Winter Fen horizon of bare trees decked with huge swathes of ivy (not to mention a number of ivy-laden casualties blocking our path) prompted us to reprint John Norris's 2011 article about the scourge of ivy. Obviously, ivy is no good for trees: surely we should be out there hacking it down? Well, no actually. It seems ivy doesn't hurt trees. We've also got the low-down from the Woodland Trust, and interested readers might also like to go along to the Village Gardeners (Feb 20, see their 2018 programme) where they can ask the Trust's Peter Vince, all about it. Now at least we know why there are always bare branches sticking out at the top....

The first Renewable Heat Survey is completed and you can read all about what Our Reporter thinks of it on page 10. This is such an exciting and revolutionary project, to find a practical means of providing renewable heat for the whole village, but the fact that they'll now need £100,000 to do another survey can't help but remind us of taking the dog to the vet for Tests (albeit this can be even more expensive...). But we would really welcome a summary of this report for Crier publication from people involved, let's not be hasty.

There's been a spate of burglaries in the village, so we hear, and also some very unpleasant scamming phone calls (see Letters). We get at least three a day, of which one was almost certainly from HMRC, since I distinctly remember some burble about their "filing a lawsuit against you" just before the phone hit the cradle. Do we "file lawsuits" in this country? Slam the phone down readers, a genuine caller can always get back.

Meanwhile, if you are anything like us, you might think homemade soup is absolutely delicious, but rarely get round to making it. If so, the Lent Lunches are just the thing, the soups last year were superb, and the first lunch is on February 18, don't miss it.

Caroline Matheson

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Cover Picture: *The Barn Owl (drawn from a ceramic in the Fitzwilliam Museum)*
by Clive Riggs



Letters to the Editors



Dear Editors,

SCAM PHONE CALLS

It's come to my notice that several people in the village - well three families, have had what are quite clearly scam telephone call someone purporting to be from HMRC. Quite threatening.

They are all quite savvy, but others might be less so.

I've been looking for a WI speaker on this topic and meanwhile the police have given me what they consider a good website on protecting yourself online

www.getsafeonline.org

Margaret Joyce

Ed's Note: Here's someone-else's experience:

"My sister was phoned this morning by a 'lady' pertaining to be an HMRC case officer. The message was: 'This is Heather Gray, I am a case officer from Her Majesties Revenue and Customs, HMRC have filed a lawsuit in court against you. To discuss your case press 1'.

My sister panicked into pressing 1, a live person answered who informed her that that £9000 tax was due for year 2012/13 in the most serious tones, the money had to be paid at once or a warrant would be issued for her arrest. To avoid a 50% further penalty the money could be paid by instant bank transfer, or the bank account would be closed and the money taken out directly by HMRC, as the law had been changed allowing HMRC to do this.

My sister was in tears and very distressed, but fortunately hung up. The callers number was 02033895932, although the scammers use many different UK landline numbers to give the call extra validity. Researching this scam online it seems to be operated in the UK, although the initial message has a US accent. Apparently this scam has already netted several million pounds for the fraudsters. They use shock and awe tactics to terrify callers into paying up instantly by phone before they realise they have been scammed. "

The good news is that although this scheme has been a big success for scamsters in the States, it's so far been a bit of a flop here. See Editorial

Dear Editors,

St. Mary's Church Coffee Morning.

The annual coffee morning, in aid of St. Mary's Church, was held on Friday 19th January. The morning's proceeds were a healthy £174! We are very grateful to all those that came along and also to Mrs Natalie Green for kindly hosting such a lovely event.

Annette Goodfellow

Easter Lilies

Each year we have had lilies in St Mary's Church at Easter time and, recently, many people have contributed to these in memory of a loved one.

Donations can be made anonymously or with your name and the name of your loved one. A list will then be compiled and placed in church for Easter Sunday. As a guide the Easter lilies will cost £2.75 per stem this year. All contributions will be *very* welcome and will enable us to have a beautiful display.

If you would like to make a donation please put it through Sue Rust's door at 23 Greenhead Road or Ruth Scovil's door at The Oaks, Manor Farm Court, Lower End (the letterbox is in the door at the back of the house!). Please include the name of your loved one and your own unless, of course, you wish to make your gift anonymously.



Ruth Scovil

Dear Editors

Fairview Verges

It is usual that Alastair will misrepresent whatever I say at the Parish Council meeting, so I suppose I have to reply again.

The concern about damage to verges on Fairview Grove is not exclusively from me, and Alastair failed to report that others spoke about it at the December PC meeting; and he failed to say it was made very clear this is a concern not a complaint. I was asked to raise it by a resident, as was the case with the other matters I asked about at that meeting, ie the cut down tree on Cage Hill and the Donarbon recycling plant. It was asked at that meeting what has changed. The answer from others, not just from me, was quite a lot, actually. Unsurprisingly, Alastair failed also to include that in his report, and that it's not a matter of being 'a bit muddy,' it is damage. A Parish Council is there to represent those who live here; I was asked to raise the matter, and so I did.

If Mr Everitt were to take the time to come up from what he characterises as 'the classy end of the village', he would also be able to see that the number of driveways that would need to be put in place to alleviate the situation at the top end and improve things for the residents is rather fewer than the four he says it is, along with the additional parking bays further down that have been proposed also to help with on-street parking. But he would have to come to Fairview Grove to see that. That's the purpose of raising the issue, Alastair, to help people who live here.

Mark Lewinski

From our Reporter at the Parish Council Meeting

Paul the Clerk is back from his stay in the States and his place over there on the other side of the water is to be taken by David, who is spending the next few months in Florida. But David will be in constant touch, as those in power do need to make themselves available at all times. Three members were absent at the January Meeting to welcome in 2018.

All agreed that Steve's minutes were "excellent", after four minor but very important changes. Everything moved quickly forward until item 5, reports from CCC and ECDC representatives. Joshua Schuman apologised for not being able to attend and said he would be sending a report to all his villages sometime over the weekend. As most/all villages will have held their meetings before then the timing is a little remiss again. In a discussion about him I was told, in full confidence, that "the best thing about Joshua is his clothes. He always turns himself out well". Allen said he would be late so his report was put on one side.



More information has become available about the tree, which had been cut down near the Village Sign. It seems it was agreed many many years ago that a tree should be planted there. But the wrong tree, a Norway Maple (*Acer platanoides*) had been planted instead of a Japanese Maple (*Acer palmatum*). The Norway maple has a great number of varieties, is very hardy, thrives well and some can reach to 100 feet. In fact it's a bit of a thug. The Japanese Maple has over 40 varieties, is far more delicate, grows to about 20 feet, and needs more care. It grows best in a sheltered position, in dappled shade, must be protected from northern and easterly winds, from frosts with fleece, and also protected from hot sunshine. About eight years ago it was agreed that a Japanese Maple could be planted and that when it had grown the Norway Maple could be cut down. We shall all watch with interest the growth of the new tree, which must now be at least eleven years old. Meanwhile perhaps Ruth Stinton, a former Clerk, can recall the decision to plant the Norway Maple.

Allen then turned up and appeared disappointed that his report had not been read already. "Do you really want me to read it?" he disappointedly asked. "YES PLEASE, WE WAITED FOR YOU" was the chorused reply. Allen again proudly stated that for six years running the ECDC had achieved by good planning a balanced budget, without any increased council tax. Peter asked whether this was only possible through increased income from new houses and businesses and Allen conceded this. He also said that ECDC had been lucky in that there had been little homelessness because in one year they had had to spend £800,000 on B & B provision. No one asked but it would be interesting to know the year.

A new application has been submitted in Burwell for a reserve "battery storage facility" in place of the previous diesel application that had been withdrawn. As any "hum" is unlikely to have any impact on Prior it was decided not to make any comment. The batteries will be charged overnight when electricity is cheaper and more plentiful, and the scheme allegedly will produce more reserve power than the diesel option.

The allotment situation appears to be now resolved with an interesting and quite colourful fracas in The Red Lion, worthy of an episode in the Archers. AK has until

the end of the month to remove his materials at which point JW will take over. BD it seems is really PM who it appears has the distinction at the being at the forefront of saving the planet by owning the only Tesla car in the village. He is losing his allotment on the Lower Allotment. But we still do not know whether a “felon” is lurking on one of the plots.

Paul the Clerk is still trying to put right, with the aid of Southgate, the condition of the mistaken burial plot. He said that out of the three or four undertakers with which he deals Southgate is by far the worst in responding and answering queries. In fact he used a much shorter word to describe them. He is also working on a detailed and accurate “Cemetery Plot Procedure”. When completed and approved by the PC it will be posted on the Village Website. Chairman John insisted that there should be a backup if Paul is not available, and Steve volunteered to take this on. Paul announced that at some time there is going to be a service in the cemetery commemorating private Theodore Palmer. Someone asked when that should be and Paul, as he was answering and looking at the letter, with a superb sleight of mouth, moved on to another subject altogether. It was a masterly display of not answering a question. But not masterly enough, and one member insisted on looking for himself. After some time, with several others also scanning the document, they concluded that only the time had been given, but not the date. So Paul was exonerated.

In Parish Councillor’s Reports Steve commented on the Renewable Heat Network Feasibility Study that had been put into motion by Emma and Mark on behalf of the Community Land Trust (LTC). The PC appeared to agree that having spent £20,000 of taxpayers’ money on this survey they could see no point in spending another £100,000 of taxpayers’ money for a further study. This item is being treated as a separate item in this *Crier*.

Meantime I think villagers would be “doing their bit” if they went on line to read the survey. With the recent experience of Carillion it seems important that everyone should scrutinise the use of public money, if the rare opportunity arises. Our village can do this on this proposal. Last month I had accused Michael Gove of jumping onto the plastic bandwagon. After Mrs May’s kerfuffle of a disappointing reshuffle, she also jumped onto plastic, just as everyone else has in the last fortnight, including the EU. With plastic out as a vote winner she then also highjacked Gove’s vote-seeking love of animals. She arranged to have herself photographed with a dog, to show how much she loves animals. But she really must have words with her senior PR person. They gave her a collie to hold. A collie is my favourite dog, but when discomforted they can cringe and look desperately miserable. And this one did. May posed with a flashing smile, but the dog just cowered and looked very unhappy. At least Nixon was given a pair of more reliable Labradors when he was in trouble. Does Corbyn like dogs?

Alastair Everitt





St. Mary's, Swaffham Prior

Lent Lunches

in support of

The Rehema Project in our link Parish of Mara, Tanzania

- Monday 19th February - 73 High Street (Kate Child)
- Friday 2nd March - Anglesey House, 59 High Street (Anne Clayton)
- Wednesday 7th March - Rose Cottage, 42 High Street (Hilary Grant)

Soup and a roll; please book!

07833 960678 or email admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk

No charge for lunch; donations please.

The Rehema Project in Mara benefits women and children in crisis. Many do not have food, clothing or shelter and are susceptible to all sorts of illnesses because of malnutrition. Some struggle with the effects of HIV or AIDS and suffer abuse, rape, theft and mistreatment; they are trapped in poverty, with little hope.



Julie Nunn's February Recipes

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy New Year,
2 recipes for this month, one for Valentine's Day
on 14th February and one for Chinese New Year
16th February (The Year of the Dog)



Valentines Tia Maria & Chocolate Creams

50gr dark chocolate, 70% cocoa broken into squares
150ml double cream
2 tbsp tia maria
Cocoa powder for dusting
Amaretti biscuit to serve

1. Simply melt the chocolate, Tia Maria and half of the cream gently.
2. Put melted chocolate mix into 2 fancy glasses and leave to set.
3. Whip up rest of cream and spoon on top of set chocolate mix.
4. Dust with cocoa powder and serve with an Amaretti biscuit.

Chinese Prawns with Wasabi Mayo & Sweet Chilli Pepper Dip

1 egg
100gr potato flour or similar
24 raw tiger prawns, de-veined and tail removed
700ml ground nut oil for frying.
2 tsp Wasabi powder
6 tbsp mayonnaise
2 pinches caster sugar
1 roasted pepper from jar
5 tbsp sweet chilli sauce
1 tsp lime.

1. To make the mayo, mix the wasabi powder with 1 tbsp of water to form a paste, then stir in the mayo and sugar and chill.
2. For the chilli dip, whizz the sweet pepper, sweet chilli sauce and lime juice together in a blender until smooth and set aside.
3. The batter for the prawns, whisk the egg and potato flour with 4tbsp of very cold water to make a smooth batter, stir in the prawns.
4. Heat the oil in a deep saucepan and fry the battered prawns until the batter is golden brown and prawns pink, drain on kitchen paper.
5. Sprinkle with salt, serve hot ready to dunk into the dips.

ENJOY!

SWAFFHAM PRIOR VILLAGE GARDENERS

PROGRAMME FOR 2018

Tuesday 16 January	Richard Ayres MBE	Kirtling Towers Gardens
Tuesday 20 February	Peter Vince	The Woodland Trust
Tuesday 20 March	Twiggs Way	Artists and Their Gardens
Tuesday 17 April	Veronica Bennett	Peckover House and Garden
Tuesday 15 May	Linda Gascoigne	Wildflower and Wildlife Gardening
Tuesday 12 June	Evening visit	Gardens of Marilyn Butler and Mary Woodroffe, Swaffham Bulbeck
Sunday 1 July	Coach outing	RHS Garden Hyde Hall
Tuesday 17 July	Evening visit	Pippa and Steve Temple's Garden, The Windmill Impington
Tuesday 16 October	AGM	
Tuesday 20 November	Michael Downs	Cambridge Trees, Past, Present and Future

Indoor meetings at 8pm in Swaffham Prior Village Hall
 Details of Summer visits will be confirmed nearer the time.
 Membership £15 per person.
 New members and Visitors always welcome £3 per evening.
 Chairman: Peter Hart 01638 741681
 Treasurer: Maggie Haverson
 Secretaries: Mary Hart and Margaret Joyce 01638 741681/744390



**Yes, it's
coming
round again!
Your help
needed.....**



Egg Throwing 2017: Can anyone take on the Mead Brothers this year?

Swaffham Prior Feast



Saturday 26th May

Attractions will include:

Egg-Throwing

Gurning

Bouncy Castle

Cream Teas

Flying Bears

Beer Tent

Score-a-Goal

Treasure Hunt

Bowling

Ice Cream

The Village Hall Committee would love your help:

- Planning and setting up the Feast
- 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)

Also for your diary:

The Autumn Show will take place on Saturday 15th September, so buy some seeds and get planting. All the usual categories - see www.swaffhampriorvillagehall.co.uk for more detail.

On the Wild side: The (Grey) Heron, the Pond and the Fishes!

Welcome Crier readers to our February issue, this time featuring the Grey Heron which requires further illumination as we continue through the ‘grey’ of winter. This article was actually inspired by a sighting of the bird itself! It flew into our garden on a cold Saturday morning in January- edging towards the pond as still as a statue. We have a few fish and despite having a good net, I wondered- so I headed out into the garden to take a closer look and it flew off, swooping over the hedge and onto Coopers Green! Herons can often



be seen around ponds, they like them fishes, but more about that later. However, seeing this elegant animal once again reminded me of how lucky we are to have so much varied wildlife in our neck of the woods. And my, they have long necks!

The Grey Heron or is part of a family of birds which include the Stork, Crane, Ibises and Bittern, a local gem. They are ubiquitous in the U.K. and are a non migratory bird. They are among the largest bird that many of us will have seen in our gardens and countryside without going to a special falconry show or venturing on holiday to Scotland. They have a wingspan of 175cm plus which translates into nearly 2 metres from tip to tip, impressive. However to support such a large diameter, their weight cannot be too much, on average being about 2kg. That being said, they can be confused with Storks and Cranes.

Both Storks and Cranes have a larger wingspan and are not a common sight- the latter are specifically seen in areas of conservation and re-introduction i.e. in Norfolk or Somerset. Storks on the other hand are not residents of the British Isles but can and do migrate here. Another key way of recognising Grey Herons from their Crane and Stork cousins is that the former are a mixture of greying, white and black coloured plumage, whereas Cranes have a browner and cream coloured body with distinctive red around the eyes and Storks have a stark white and black coloured plumage.

Grey Herons are doing relatively well with 13,000 breeding adults in the U.K. Like Storks, they breed in nests high in trees, in what are called “Heronries”. Parents usually have three to five bluish green eggs. Both mother and father share parenting responsibilities equally during the incubation period of 25 days. This continues through chicks hatching, which incidentally are more matt coloured and lack the brightness of the adult yellow-orange beak. They then fledge around seven or weight weeks of age. Herons have an average lifespan of five years.

Heron also stand a metre tall which coupled with their very flexible necks and impeccable aerial vision enables them to be an expert hunter of fish, their favourite food and don’t we know it! Some of us with ponds want to protect our fish. Usually

good quality netting will suffice but Grey Herons are clever, their lineage is dinosaur ancient so one can never be sure. However, I believe they are worthy of our admiration for their skills and beauty. Just please don't eat our fish Mr and Mrs. Heron.

Jorge Monteiro

QUIZ NIGHT

Swaffham Prior Village Hall

7.30 pm Saturday 17 March

Tickets £6 each. To book a table, contact



Jenny Brand
(01638) 742161

or

Lynne Rand
(01638) 741960



Jacket Potato Supper

Bring your own drinks and glasses !!

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

News from Bottisham Medical Practice Patients' Group

Winter Pressures on the NHS: Please remember the A & E department is for Serious Accidents and Emergencies only, for urgent cases call NHS 111 outside GP hours. The Ambulance Service is also under serious strain so please use it wisely.

Message from NHS England:

There are lots of things you can do to stay well this winter.

Get expert advice - If you start to feel unwell, even if it's a cough or a cold, don't wait until it gets more serious. Seek advice on the best treatment from a pharmacist.

Make sure you get your free flu jab- Flu is a highly contagious and can cause serious complications for at risk groups. Adults over 65; those with long term health conditions; children aged 2 - 8; carers and pregnant women may all be eligible for a free flu vaccination – ask your GP today.

Stock up your medicine cabinet - A well-stocked medicine cabinet can help you treat common winter ailments such as coughs, colds, sore throats and sickness bugs at home.

Keep warm - Keeping warm, both inside and outdoors, over the winter months can help to prevent colds, flu and more serious health problems such as heart attacks, strokes, pneumonia and depression.

Get the right help - Make sure you're receiving all the help you are entitled to. Learn how to make your home more energy efficient and take advantage of financial schemes to keep up with energy bills. Visit [Keep Warm, Keep Well](#) for details.

For further information on staying well this winter visit www.nhs.uk/staywell

On Line Appointments: There are now more appointments available to book on line.

Bottisham 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: Lasting about an hour, the next walks with our accredited walk leader Steve Gilson start at 11.00 am from the surgery car park on 9 and 21 February, 9 and 21 March 2018. 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: Next meeting will be Thursday 22 March 2018 at 6.30pm at the surgery.

Bottisham Patients' Group

The Renewable Heat Network Feasibility Study 2017 by Bioregional



At the January PC meeting serious doubts were raised about this project. £20,000 had been spent on producing this 53 page study. SPCLT (Swaffham Prior Community Land Trust) would now like to apply for a further £100,000, to produce a more detailed study. Having looked at the report it is clear (that dreaded word) that there is sufficient information in this study to make a decision without the need for more information. In fact it seems to be a refreshingly frank and open report. Everyone is urged to look through it, which can be found by searching online for Swaffham Prior CLT Study or similar. Originally I was a strong supporter of this Study being made.

I have needed to be selective, and others may take a different approach. In some instances, when quoting, I have put a word or phrase in bold. Anything in bold is mine.

Page 3. The Executive Summary picks out the main points to consider.

“This study indicates there is a **marginal economic opportunity** to develop a heat network in SP”

“The majority of the newer housing to the north east and slightly separated from the village” has not been considered suitable for any connection. This would include Rogers Road and houses at the bottom end of Lower End

“Two renewable heat supply options were considered”. Straw boilers and ground source heat pumps.

It is assumed 180 houses would join the scheme

The community survey achieved a 33% response rate and indicated that 66% of those were in favour, 28% less sure, and less than 4% against. There are just over 300 houses in the village. A 33% response means that about 100 houses responded, and 66 houses of these were in favour in principle. This is a very long way from the required 180.

The capital cost of Straw Boilers would be **two and a half million pounds.**

The capital cost of Ground Source Heat Pumps would be **three million pounds.**

Page 4 The main purpose is to get us off oil. The church would have to continue to be heated by oil.
[But the use of oil is an essential part of the scheme]

Page 6 “Although heat networks have enormous potential, historically in the UK they have not performed as well as they should. This can lead to overheating as well as higher installation and maintenance costs.”

Page 20. It is necessary to have oil fired back up and a peak load heating plant, which would **also be used for heating up the water pumped up from the ground source.** “Oil boilers are cheap in the context of the whole scheme and the actual use **should** be small so the emissions are low.”

Page 24. “There is not much UK experience of retrofit DH to existing houses such as in SP.”

It has been suggested that ECDC may be giving some support, which makes one wonder why they do not consider exploring its use in the new developments in Soham or Ely.

Modifications in houses would be required- **existing equipment taken out and replaced, pipes and radiators required to replace night storage heaters, pavements and driveways dug up.**

Page 26. Once signed up you cannot change to another supplier.

Page 27. The base assumption is that 75% of houses (180) will sign up.

If the figure is far fewer is one right to assume the scheme will be abandoned? We can easily discover the true figure of possible users without spending £100,000. We could employ the well-tried village system such as, for example, that for collecting bottles for the Bottle Stall at the Feast. Simply ask for volunteers to cover parts of the village. It could be completed in a week and certainly in no longer than two weeks.

The above is only a partial selection from the full Study, **which I believe was certainly worth making**, and people are urged to go on line to form their own judgement, and to raise other questions. For exam-

ple some may be concerned that £3 million should be spent on just 180 houses, and others may wonder where the £3 million will come from. And so on. Help save £100,000.

Alastair Everitt



Bottisham Village College

Adult Learning

Evening Courses starting in February include:
Creative Painting and Drawing (now also an evening class)
Floristry: Flowers for Spring Occasions
Microsoft Excel – an Introduction
Singing for Fun (join at any time)

Saturday Workshops - 3 February 2018

Cook with your Kids
Get to Know your iPad/Tablet
Layered Lino Printing
Make an Appliqué Shoulder Bag
Mindfulness
Revamp your Make-up
Rush Basket Making
Russian Decorative Painting
Stained Glass Memento

Saturday Workshops - 17 March 2018

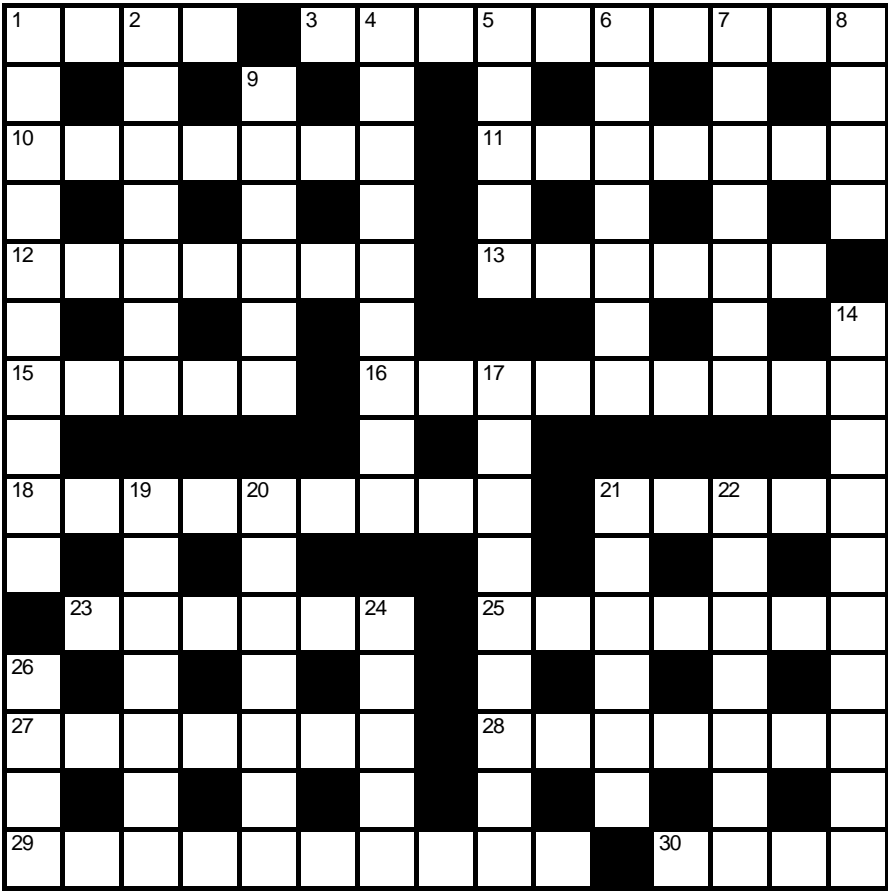
Glitzy Glass Jewellery
Illustration for Beginners
Indian Street Food
Introduction to Digital Photography
Round Willow Baskets
Woodturning
Screen Printing
Yoga Morning

You can enrol at any time by visiting our website
www.bottishamvc.org/adultlearning
Tel: 01223 811372 email: adultlearning@bottishamvc.org

Crossword Number 150

Compiled by BYWELL

In this month’s cryptic crossword, *clues contain no definition, but they are of a kind, with one being unlocked. Send your answers to the editors by 18 February 2018. The first correct solution out of the hat will win a £20 meal voucher for the Red Lion—see the pub manager for full details.



Across

- 1 See 4 Down
- 3 Kyrgyzstan heads into depressions, then rises rapidly (10)
- 10 1AD and Noah becomes a statesman (7)
- 11 City in the Near East loses an old character to one further East (7)
- 12 Moving the last thing sought by Poirot? (7)
- 13 *Two princesses, the first showing some hesitation (2,4)
- 15 Land cultivated until Thracian capture (5)
- 16 Chilean pine leads to confusion in the jungle? (9)
- 18 Discerned in a way to be lifted (9)
- 21 Fear held back by garlic in a pot (5)
- 23 Wickedly trains insect between moults (6)
- 25 Crown as a heavyweight, certainly (7)
- 27 *Soldier relieving station (7)
- 28 Wall painting maybe on a slope (7)
- 29 *Alone with nicad battery (10)
- 30 Back in power, as though once ruling by birthright (4)

Down

- 1 *The greatest people make an effort around midday (10)
- 2 Bacon, lettuce and tomato may be enjoying success (2,1,4)
- 4/1A *Nan and Ken vote for reform (6,3,4)
- 5 As gardener and machine-gunner may have done (5)
- 6 During Jurassic era microbes formed from non-metallic minerals (7)

- 7 Could be Enigma variety of red cone (7)
- 8 See 14
- 9 Six with badly shod clothing against war (6)
- 14/8 *Church under primate has new order of she-priest (10,4)
- 17 Where spectators see Arab beheaded by core of Territorial Army (9)
- 19 The foreign DNA turns up all around The Gambia (7)
- 20 Keen on central 'sine-die' sentences delivered in a regulated manner (7)
- 21 *Plain oatmeal taken regularly (6)
- 22 Ran away from orangutans dissembling sweet nuttings (7)
- 24 Promoted in Innes Ireland's comeback (5)
- 26 On a foot-long reptile (4)

Solution to crossword no. 149

F	U	T	U	R	E		M	O	N	S	T	E	R	S
A	R	O	B	R	E	N	U							
S	E	A	F	A	R	I	N	G	L	E	V	E	R	
H	C	S	G	A	L	I	F							
I	D	I	O	T		C	A	N	T	O	N	E	S	E
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We congratulate John Cook, the winner of last month's competition, who will receive his prize certificate from the editors. Honourable mentions go to Sue Jackson, Julian Luttrell, Michael Mead, Robert Nunn, Dainin O'Dowd, Sue Richards and Trish Whitehead.

An NHS 111 advertisement featuring a blue and orange background with large, stylized '111' shapes. The NHS logo is in the top right. The main headline is 'Worried you have an urgent medical concern? CALL 111'. Below it, a paragraph states: 'Our fully trained advisors will help you get the right medical attention when you urgently need it, 24 hours a day, and can put you through to healthcare professionals.' A blue triangle with 'CALL 111' is on the left. Four healthcare professionals (three men and one woman) are shown at the bottom, wearing blue scrubs and lanyards.

NHS

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CALL 111

Four NHS 111 advisors are shown: a man in light blue scrubs, a woman in dark blue scrubs, a man in a white shirt and tie with a headset, and a woman in a white shirt. They are all wearing lanyards with NHS 111 badges.

HELP

I need help with the cleaning of my lovely, but old, house.

— Flexible Hours —

Please telephone 01638 741141 for more details.

2018

Welcome to 2018! We have decided to focus January's newsletter on how we can look after ourselves and those around us, together with a reminder for those who would like support to help quit smoking and Alcohol Concern's Dry January flagship campaign which has been changing the conversation about alcohol over the past 5 years.

Be Self-Care Aware promotes self-care across communities, families and generations. Pick up a self-care leaflet from our 'Be Self-Care Aware' folder in reception, or visit www.selfcareforum.org/resources/patient-portal or www.nhs.uk

Did you know you can self-refer for some services?



CPFT Psychological Wellbeing Service: offers free NHS talking therapies for those aged 17 and over registered with a GP in the area who are suffering from mild to moderate depression and anxiety disorders. Referral to this service can be via your GP or self-referral: www.cpft.nhs.uk/services/pws/psychological-wellbeing-service.htm

If you do not meet the age criteria for CPFT's service, please speak to your GP or a member of the Nursing team who will be able to signpost you to suitable services.



Everyone Health, Health Trainer Service: Everyone Health currently delivers the **FREE** ChangePoint Lifestyle services commissioned by Cambridgeshire County Council. Their health trainer team offer free 1:1 appointments for individuals that are 16+ who have a desire to create a healthier lifestyle, improve wellbeing, lose weight and become more physically active. Their mission is to provide an accessible service that helps increase knowledge of healthier lifestyles and choices we make. Their team can help you to identify and address any changes before they become a problem, so that you can continue to enjoy life as you want to.

Everyone Health work closely with other services in Cambridgeshire to improve health, wellbeing and weight loss. They are currently offering initial appointments at the Soham Children's Centre, Tuesday, 1pm- 6pm. If you feel you could benefit and would like an appointment please contact Change Point on 0333 005 0093 or speak to your GP or Nurse.



WANT TO BE SMOKE FREE? Are you looking for advice? Worried about cravings? Did you know? If you stop smoking for 28 days you're five times more likely to quit for good. Face-to-face, smartphone, email or social media support is available – you choose! Feel Healthier: nhs.uk/smokefree

Book your first 20 minute appointment today with reception. Following appointments will be 10 minutes.



The Swaffham's WI

At the January meeting our secretary Hilary was the speaker with a very interesting talk on her return to Malaya. Having been born there and left when she was eight when her parents returned to England, Hilary had never been back until last year when she went with her husband to explore the beautiful country and even to find the house she grew up in looking remarkably unchanged from the picture we saw with her mother standing near the door. She was also able to return to her school and was given a tour and leave photographs of her school days. It would have been quite an emotional journey at times and we felt very privileged to share the journey through the beautiful pictures that we saw.

The next meeting is on February 19th when our speaker will be Keyth Rooney talking about how to protect your family wealth.

New members and visitors are always welcome at our meetings so do come along and be part of our friendly group. Check us out on the Swaffham Prior Village website

www.swaffham-prior.org.uk and click on the link women's institute where you will find our programme for the current year and some background information.

Pat Cook – President

Tel: 01638 742224

Email: patcook6@btinternet.com

Comberton Ramblers

Do you want to keep healthy?

Meet friendly interesting people?

Enjoy nature and the outdoors?

Spend a Sunday morning out in the open?

Enjoy the fresh outside air?

Join us in a walk and see if you like it! We give you 2 free walks and if you like us we would appreciate that you become a fully paid up member. Membership fee is £8.50 per person.

For further details please contact The Secretary - Stella.

Email stella.ramblers@hotmail.com

Tel 01954 210049

www.combertonramblers.org.uk



VILLAGE GARDENERS

At our January meeting, we had Richard Ayers as our speaker, talking about the gardens at Kirtling Towers, which he designed for Lord and Lady Fairhaven.

As usual there was a splendid, floriferous slide show. Richard has the ideas and fortunately, Lady Fairhaven has the money, resulting in wonderful displays, especially of bulbs, in their many thousands, including a memorial garden to one of their sons, of 60,000 bulbs.

The house started life as a medieval castle, then Tudor Manor House and was in the 18th century the largest country house in Cambridgeshire. It was demolished about two centuries ago and the house in which the Fairhavens moved to in 2005, has had two wings added. The original medieval gatehouse still stands.

Richard overcame his disappointment of finding the snowdrops to be of all the same variety, but found a new species, now named Kirtling Tower.

Wild English tulips- *Tulipa Sylvestris*, were also found and the gardens have the largest collection in Britain.

Many of the acres are parkland; lovely borders, secret and cutting gardens, pathways, a carp pond, rose gardens, broad walkways and many of Richard's favourites - Camassias, Dictamnus, Delphiniums and Eremurus in abundance.

A really lovely garden, with just a hint of Anglesey Abbey. It's open in March and June for the NGS.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday February 20th, when Peter Vince is talking about the Woodland Trust. Everyone is welcome.

Margaret Joyce.



LET'S DANCE

Come and join us dancing on Saturday evenings in the Main Hall at Bottisham Village College.

We will have music for Ballroom, Latin American and popular Sequence dancing.

Dates: February 10th (Black Tie optional), March 10th, April 21st and May 12th
(Masked Ball)

Time: 7.30pm to 10.30pm.

The cost is £12 per couple, which includes interval tea/coffee. You are welcome to bring along your own refreshments. There is ample parking on site.

For further information please contact: Frank and Sue Hancocks, 01638 741159 or check out our website: www.letsdanceclub.org.uk

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

John Norris Remembers: Ivy

Reprinted from the February 2011 Crier

Not the good lady, but the insidious climbing plant which is becoming rampant everywhere. We all too easily accept it's invasion, and become unaware of the rapid growth it can make.

As I look out of my office window I can see trees that are covered almost to the top branches with this thick green foliage. In time these trees will succumb to the extra weight, and branches fall off, nearly dead from lack of light. The broader countryside is also affected, leaving rows of stunted trees where there would have been fine tall specimens.

When I first arrived here the trees on the Estate were kept in order by the Squire who had retained the shooting rights, and the trees. Mr Goddard who lived in the cottage at the entrance of Coopers Lane had the full time job of cutting through the lower growth of the ivy, thus killing it dead. Land management does not seem to value this task today, and throughout the area I travel in, ivy covered trees are everywhere.

Even the hedgerows are hosts to this pest. A dose of "roundup" in the spring usually stops any invasion, and will not hurt the hedgerow if sprayed on the lower branches where there are no leaves. How to get this job done is difficult, as so few people work the land these days, and the traditional wet day blitz of the staff, armed with saws and hatchets just does not happen anymore.

It is all very well getting larger and larger machines, many of them hired complete with driver, thus reducing the labour force so that very little maintenance is done. The number of people who work on the farms, and who live nearby has reduced to single figures in this parish. Where will it all end?

On the television this morning, January 24, great concern was expressed about the huge rise in population, the growing need for clean water, and a regular supply of nourishing food. Admittedly this was a global analysis. But it does affect us here in Cambridgeshire.

It is all very well the National Trust trying to alter the trend of keeping the very fertile fens in food production, by neglecting all the work done in the past to reclaim the land from a bog, and letting it revert to scrubby third rate pasture. Even the word pasture is too good for what we see today; it is poor grazing.

The new pathway just completed is an adventure for the mature cyclists. I have spoken to many who enjoy the experience of riding through former forbidden territory, and seeing the fen countryside. The bridges do present quite a formidable obstacle, as the steps are very steep for a bike. I suppose the managers have noticed that this path and the smart new bridge lie in the lowest area of the fen, and would be flooded first if that was the final decision to let the water in.

Perhaps it is just a small area that they intend to flood, but even this is too

much in my opinion. Priory farm, now derelict, was once a hive of industry under the management of Mr Ingram, growing root crops, which should never be imported, and providing jobs for the local people. Not so many as previously perhaps, due to modern techniques, but gainful employment nevertheless for some.

I must get off my fault-finding narrative, and get back to something more constructive—the heating of St Mary's church. We do have a system of pumping heat into the building, which has been tried and tested, and found to be partly effective. The trouble is most of the heat rises to the roof (not many folk up there) and stays there until we leave chilled through. I suggest we install three slow rotating fans near the ceiling to blow the warm air back down to us. This has been done in All Saints Church Newmarket, and is very successful.

I hope the PCC will look sympathetically on this idea, as we do have some cash to help pay for it. I have found that if you feel comfortable you will perform so much better, and might even be inclined to watch the ivy in your patch.

John Norris

But was John right? Probably not. Here's from the Woodland Trust....

"Ivy does not kill or damage trees and its presence doesn't indicate that a tree is unhealthy or create a tree safety issue in its own right.

The growth of ivy is controlled by the healthy crowns of trees which limit the amount of sunlight reaching ivy leaves. When ivy does grow on trees, it usually adopts its mature flowering form and ceases climbing before it reaches the crown of a tree.

One of the main implications is that ivy may hide defects or structural issues in the tree, so in some instances ivy may need to be removed to allow safety assessments to take place.

The [wildlife benefits of ivy](#) are huge. At least 50 species are associated with it and the real figure is likely to be much higher. Both the pollen and berries can be an essential source of food for many insects and birds and ivy provides shelter for invertebrates, birds, small mammals and bats. Any management of ivy must consider the impact it might have on these dependent animals."



Ivy stops before it reaches the crown



Advice to the last goose in the skein

Goosey, goosey gander
 You could of course demand a
 Position further forward in the skein;
 But, and please excuse my candour
 Though you may see it as much grander,
 It may not be what you're thinking of as gain.

You'll forego a small advantage
 It could be referred to as a 'Towage'
 From the one in front of you's slipstream.
 So rein in your resentment,
 See your place as an investment --
 A saving of your energy and your self-esteem.

Envoi

You'll get your chance to go 'up front'
 And maybe lead one day;
 But that depends how well you do
 --- And if you know, 'The Way'.

Ophir

Picture: *Geese over The Tables* by Ophir Catling. If you are new to the village, Ophir was a long-time resident of Swaffham Prior (his son, Paul, is now our Parish

Clerk) but now corresponds from his home in Skye. Here's what he says:

“‘The Tables’, is the name for the flat topped ‘mountains’ in the area. Looking West from here, we see ‘Healabhal Mhor’ (Macleod’s Table North) 469 M; and ‘Healabhal Beag’ (Macleod’s Table South) 489M.

Below is a photo taken from the garden. North to the right.

The North Table was once used as a site for a chieftain’s feast. In 1540. A friend of ours used to use it as a jumping off place for his hang-gliding. It took him an hour to get up there. Tourists can be seen at the top In the summer.”



BON MOT NUMBER EIGHTY FOUR

“If you steal from one author, it’s plagiarism;
if you steal from many, it’s research.”

Wilson Mizner (1876 - 1933)

Notes from Parish Council January Meeting

John Covill chaired the meeting with 7 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

ECDC – Cllr Allen Alderson reported to the meeting. Peter Hart asked about the balanced budget, was the income rising? Allen Alderson stated that it was, other sources of income rising but Government income was dropping, although due to work with homeless, there were currently no cases to provide for, so none of the previous costly temporary housing requirements. This had been as high as £800K.

Michael Malster asked about Veolia, Allen Alderson reported that ECDC were going to take the waste collection in house. Andrew Camps asked if the CLTs were creating housing for rent or buy. Allen Alderson explained that each CLT had their own agreements but mostly affordable housing was for rent but if to buy it was shared ownership and the CLT would retain its share and recover 100% ownership if the shares were sold back. He added that Swaffham Bulbeck would soon have a CLT.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

Steve Kent-Phillips commented that David Greenfield, who would be in the USA for the next few meetings, had completed his task from the last meeting. The Clerk reported and answer to the question (minute number 2280) of the missing tree by the village sign. The tree had ECDC (Cathy White) permission to be removed. It was originally planted by the PC on condition that it was a red maple and assumed that it was a Japanese maple. It seems that a Norway maple was planted and due to its size, had undermined the path and building foundations amongst other problems. Alan Gould planted the tree's replacement, an *Amelanchier canadensis* about 8 years ago. The replacement should not get to more than 15' whereas the maple had reached over 50.

Correspondence for Circulation/Consideration:

All correspondence was noted.

Consideration of Planning Applications Received:

17/02205/FUL | Development of a 49.9MW battery storage facility, bridge and associated infrastructure | Land North West Of Electricity Sub-Station Weirs Drove Burwell – no objections.

17/02083/TRE | T1 RED HORSE CHESTNUT - Crown reduce height by approx. 4m. Crown reduce spread to shape and balance. | The Old Vicarage 72 High Street Swaffham Prior Cambridge CB25 0LD – noted.

17/02191/TCON | To comply with condition No. 10 of decision notice 10/00913/FUL. | 32 Cage Hill Swaffham Prior Cambridge CB25 0JS – noted.

CIL & Open Space Money Projects

Steve Kent-Phillips reported that the PC were waiting for a grant application from the VHMC, the Open Spaces fund had 49p left and the CLT had £4.5K remaining.

Village Hall

There had been no direct offer of assistance from SLCC, except using Cambridge ACRE but it was noted that the VHMC were using them for advice already. It was agreed to accept David Greenfield's offer to use his legal company, with thanks to David Greenfield.

Allotments

It was reported that James Willmott was the first on the list waiting for an allotment. It was agreed send confirmation letters.

Cemetery Plot Procedures.

The Clerk explained the procedures and that the PC procedures were to include a full process covering the cemetery ledgers and process of allocating a plot. A backup procedure and essential documents would be distributed to the Chairman and a least

one other councillor, which currently would be Steve Kent-Phillips.

SID (speed indicating device) loan agreement

Steve Kent-Phillips reported that SID was still resting. The Clerk reported that the insurance company were reviewing the updated asset register including SID and would report back when the inclusions were covered.

Agree donation for Remembrance Day Wreath

Andrew Camps reported that the cost price of the wreath was £18.50. It was agreed to donate £50 for the wreath.

Accounts for payment

These were all agreed.

Clerk's Report

The Clerk had some late correspondence to report, including a meeting arranged by Burwell PC with the PCC at Mandeville Hall on February 12th at 7pm to discuss the handling of the illegal travellers' encampment.

Parish Councillors' Reports

Sandra Gynn reported the school had a OFSTED report pre-Christmas. Steve Kent-Phillips asked about the missing trees at the school. Steve Kent-Phillips also reported the snowdrops will need to be ordered soon and as agreed would be around £300. If so they would be ordered but if more than that, he would come back to the PC. Steve Kent-Phillips also reported on the village heating system and that the report (current cost £10K) was available but that it suggested further in-depth research estimated at £100K. Peter Hart noted the pot hols that had developed in the village hall drive. Steve Kent-Phillips offered to talk to Martin Mead. Andrew Camps asked about the defibrillator battery given the cold weather and a recent report of one that failed. John Covill added that Reach now had a defibrillator and a list of trained people on a buddy system. Steve Kent-Phillips reminded the PC that there was an indication of battery state that was checked by the residents opposite the 'phone box.

Open Question Time

Alastair Everitt asked about the type of tree near the village sign and how long it had been there and how the batteries proposed in Burwell worked. Alan Durrant noted that the village hall car park now had more space after further clearance work. Alastair Everitt also asked who had the key for the defibrillator, it seems the instructions are to call 999 who will provide instructions when given the number of the box. Mark Lewinski had prepared a written report and comments, which were read by the Clerk, including progress with Burwell post office making sure the postman does not park on the grass verge in Fairview Grove and other FVG grass related issues.

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

Future meeting dates: February 8th, March 8th, April 12th 2018.

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/>

What does love look like?

This is how a group of children responded to the question:

"When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend down and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love." ... **"When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth."** ... "Love is what makes you smile when you're tired." ... **"Love is when you kiss all the time. Then when you get tired of kissing, you still want to be together and you talk more. My Mummy and Daddy are like that. They look gross when they kiss"** ... "Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen." ... **"If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate."** ... "Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well." ... **"During my piano recital, I was on a stage and I was scared. I looked at all the people watching me and saw my daddy waving and smiling. He was the only one doing that. I wasn't scared anymore."** ... "Love is when Mummy gives Daddy the best piece of chicken." ... **"You really shouldn't say, 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget."**

Each of these children's quotes speaks to me - the connotations of love that is sacrificial, putting others first. I love the phrase, *'your name is safe in their mouth'*, I believe God knows your name and mine, and he calls us to himself by name (Isaiah 43). They speak of a deep love, more than a *fuzzy feeling* we get inside, but growing strong over a long time, being tested. They speak of loving those who make it hard for us to love them. They speak of a father who waves and smiles at us to let us know he's there and he's cheering us on. A love that gives the best and a love that is truly meant. A love that is communicated - not assumed, or taken for granted. They speak to me of the love of my Father in heaven, the source of all love (1 John 4.7). Why not Stop; Listen; Look? Where is the evidence of love in you, around you and working through you?

People are longing to hear that they are loved. God's love for us is demonstrated in Jesus Christ giving His life for us that we might have life in Him (Romans 5.8, John 3.16-17). You are loved!

It would be great to welcome you to RENEW if you'd like to explore more about Jesus and what it means to follow Him with us.

Rev. Alan Brand

RENEW Services for February 2018

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

A crèche is available if required. All are welcome.

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

Sunday 4th February. Morning Worship. 10.30am

(Bottisham Primary School)

Sunday 11th February. Morning Worship. 10.30am (at the School)

Followed by shared lunch

Sunday 18th February. Morning Worship. 10.30am (at the School)

Sunday 25th February. Morning Worship. 10.30am (at the School)

There will be no evening services at Lode Chapel in February

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

Children's plastic picnic table with built-in benches - suitable for approx ages 18 months - 4 years; Children's ride-in police car (the sort you push along with your feet under the car) - suitable for approx ages 18 months - 4 years; Large (160cm tall) PVC inflatable punch bag tower - you inflate the top part with air and fill the base with sand or water, so it stands itself back up when knocked over. Suitable for approx age 6 up. Vicky or Jonathan C.812801

Kneeling chair. Black upholstery. Bought last year and hardly used. Contact: Sonia, [01223 812272](tel:01223812272)

Ikea 'birch' colour rectangular coffee table with shelf underneath, good condition; Ikea 'golden birch' colour TV cabinet and matching single unit with glass doors. Not first class condition from side view but fronts and top are good condition. Judi 07763 769933 (Swaffham Prior)

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.

New Year Resolution to join in a local friendly fun filled activity?



Enjoy Singing? (Even if only in the bath!)

Then come along and test the water.....



HMS Pinafore

Sing Through:

7.30pm Thursday 8th February

Swaffham Bulbeck School

For more information contact Angela Roebuck 01223811722

Aroebuck73@gmail.com

Wolf Moon

Is first a yellow fang. Reflected by
Rime on tiles, it skulks behind chimneys
And aerals and sniffs out scraps of sky
Through latticed twigs of January trees;
Then, breaking cover, climbs the winter night.
An amber disc, a howling jaundiced face,
Eclipses starlight in a headlamp flare.
The planet, hanging transfixed in cold space,
Caught like a rabbit in the lupine glare,
Feels on its shores the land and sea collide
Where feral jaws seize on oblivious tides.

Wulsin



Church Services in February

at St Mary's, Swaffham Prior, unless otherwise indicated

Sunday 4 February, Second Sunday before Lent

11am Holy Communion (CW1T)

Sunday 11 February, Sunday next before Lent

10am Benefice Service - Holy Communion (CW1),
Swaffham Bulbeck

Wednesday 14 February, Ash Wednesday

7.30pm Benefice Service - Holy Communion (CW1), Quy

Sunday 18 February, First Sunday of Lent

11am Family Service

Sunday 25 February, Second Sunday of Lent

8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

9.30am Children's Church, Lode

10am Morning Worship, Bottisham

*St Mary's, Swaffham Prior is part of the ANGLESEY GROUP OF PARISHES together with:
Holy Trinity, Bottisham; St Mary's, Quy; St James', Lode and St Mary's, Swaffham
Bulbeck;
you are welcome to attend services anywhere in the benefice.*

*Our Vicar is Rev'd Sue Giles; Tel: 01223 812726; suethevic@btinternet.com
and our Curate is Rev'd Professor Gina Radford; gina.radford@btinternet.com*

*Detail of services and events can be found on www.angleseygroupparishes.co.uk and
www.facebook.com/angleseychurches*

*For weddings and baptisms please contact:
admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk*

*Would you like a lift to a service in Swaffham Prior or elsewhere in the Benefice?
Please call 07553 151585*

Dates for Your Diary February 2018

Fri	9	PC Meeting, VH [27]
Sat	10	Let's Dance, BVC, 7.30pm [21]
Mon	19	Lent Lunch, 73 High Street [6] WI, 7.30pm, VH [20]
Tue	20	Mobile Library, Cage Hill 2.45-3.15pm Chapel 3.20pm-4.00pm Crier Copy Deadline Village Gardeners, 8pm, VH [21]

Numbers in square brackets indicate page of corresponding article

Club	Contact	Tel.	Date	Time	Place
FOSPS	Clare Freeman	741316	2 nd Mon of Term	8pm	Village School
Beavers, Cubs and Scouts	Tim Doe	01223 861083	Variable		
Reading Group	Brenda Wilson	743937	1 st Weds of month	8:00pm	(See Crier)
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
			Thurs	7-10:00pm	