

## The Swaffham Crier

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## Editorial

The Parish Council has been coming in for some stick recently in the pages of this magazine (see *Our Reporter*), and even though it's commonly acknowledged that anyone in politics has to have a skin as thick as a rhino, it's entirely possible that even they may have been experiencing some mild fed -upness of late. In fact, for the first time in living memory, too few turned up at the PC meeting this month and it had to postponed. Oh no!

Just to hastily redress the balance, we'd like to say that we think the PC does an excellent job and any future criticisms will be immediately relegated to 6pt upside-down in the margin on page 69. Come back, all is forgiven! Seriously though, they really do do an excellent job, and that's why we live in the lovely village we do. So much work, none of it paid. There's always going to be people that don't agree, always stuff that goes awry, but no point in getting things out of proportion. So, from the July Crier: A VERY A BIG THANK YOU to you all.

There may be a sense of déjà vue this month where our end-of-May's Village Feast again features on our centre pages, but this time it's the full behindthe-scenes story from the Committee, itself (there wasn't time for this last month). This is fascinating and we think this year's Feast was such an impressive effort it's well worth the coverage.

Don't miss Henry Brown, he's back again this month. World War II might be over, but now he's fighting the Motor Industry Giants, with his delightful Rodley minicar. But they have not signed the Geneva convention.....

WARNING. Next month's issue will be the combined August/September which always catches everyone on the hop! See you with all your September copy at the ready. *Caroline Matheson* 

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## Letters to the Editors



Dear Editors,

## Elizabeth Mitchell

Elizabeth Mitchell, Lode Star's editor since 2007, passed away at midday today, 8 June. There are no other details at this time.

As you know, Liz has been in Arthur Rank for some weeks, so her death is not unexpected but we all hoped that a lung transplant might be forthcoming, but it wasn't to be.

Lode Star will continue of course and I look forward to receiving copy for the combined July/August edition.

Please pass on the sad news to anyone you think would like to know. The funeral will be on Tuesday 26 June 2.30pm in Lode Church.

Susan Swannell

Dear Editors,

## **Colour Crier**

What a fantastic issue with super photos. Can we have the one on the front cover on every issue in future? It raises it above all others! Many congratulations.

Gone are the days when we printed and checked it in John Chalmer's barn and collated it in our kitchen!

**Betty Prime** 

Dear Editors,

## MORE on the PC...

Re Mr Kent-Phillips' letter in the June Crier re me: I have no idea what he has been reading or thinks I've been reading or thinks someone has said to me, but I have never in the last several years been asked by the parish clerk for a reason for absence from any parish council meeting.

Does this mean the clerk has been failing in his legal duty Mr Kent-Phillips referred to, to ask for a reason? If so what steps does Mr Kent-Phillips propose should be taken against the parish clerk?

I for one have no intention of pressing charges, but perhaps it should be decided democratically. That could be by the PC taking a vote. But since a number would have to recuse themselves on the grounds of lack of impartiality related to pub-going activities, perhaps a village referendum.

#### Mark Lewinski

PS yes an application was made to E Cambs re the funding for rebuilding the Youth Club hut - I have a copy of the letter circulated by the PC clerk rejecting it on the grounds that most of the eligibility criteria were not fulfilled.

Dear Editors,

## Macmillan Coffee Morning - Friday, 28th September, 2018

Once again we're coming round to that time of year when many of you come to our house and help to raise lots of money for Macmillan Cancer Relief. Unbelievably this is the 25th year that I have hosted it! There will be a cake stall, so get baking as I would welcome plenty of home made cakes. If you're not a baker then I hope you'll come ready to buy some of the delicious teatime treats. There will also be a Raffle and, no doubt, other ways for you to donate to so that we can raise as much money as possible.

So, please, leave that date free so that you can join us. If you're a regular it will be lovely to see you and we'll also be delighted if you are a newcomer to the village and would like to meet some more people.

Whatever your age, from babies to centenarians, we look forward to seeing you on Friday 28th September, 10.30 - 12 noon at The Oaks, Manor Farm Court, Lower End, Swaffham Prior.

**Ruth Scovil** 

Dear Editors,

## Looking for Steve Chapman

I recently met an old friend of mine who used to live in Swaffham Prior ,many years ago. I forgot to take contact details, but would very much like to get in touch with him again. If anyone knows his current address, I would be very grateful if they could let me know.

John Mitchel 17 Station Rd Lode

## **Bottisham Branch of The Royal British Legion**

Following the disaffiliation of the social club from The Royal British Legion (TRBL), the social club is changing its identity to The Bottisham Community, Sports and Social Club Ltd.

At the same time, The Bottisham and District Branch of The Royal British Legion is unchanged and will remain with the support of those who wish to continue to be members of the local Branch of TRBL .

If you are a member of the Legion and intend to continue your membership, then this is an invite for you to come along to **the next Branch meeting on Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> July** in the Poppy lounge at the Social Club at 8.00pm.

Without the support and involvement of its members in the Branch organization, then the Branch like many in the country will not be able to continue and will fold.

As a current member you will be welcome to come along to our next meeting and show your support for the continuation of this Branch.

## From our Reporter at the Parish Council Meeting

There is a rumour in this lovely peaceful little village of ours, as yet unconfirmed, that someone has sent details of our Allotment Affair to *The Archers*.

Add a little marital stress and it may well be a perfect theme for that programme. It would run for several seasons ending up with a highly competitive Harvest Show in which someone bemoans the fact that his neighbour has squeezed his prize tomatoes. This is but a rumour.

What is not a rumour is that our beloved PC has had a bit of a drubbing recently. In the May *Crier* there was a two pager of what some people think of as a rant by a resigning member of the PC. This was followed by a stiletto attack from LG, 'Our Reporter' last month.



It was a masterpiece, and called to mind those wonderful 18th/19th century satirical and amusing cartoons by Gillray that took the establishment apart. A bit short of facts and context, but who is concerned with that when, in the words of Colonel Blenkinsop, "I went in to find faults, and by Jove I found them."

So -- how did the PC handle all this in the June meeting?

They did not. The meeting was postponed instead.

Only four members had turned up. Three had sent apologies, the "bolter" of course had not, and after a time it was thought that the fifth may have given a verbal apology. Paul the Clerk got on the phone in a most dramatic and dashing way, just like the films. Tension rose, as he achieved no success with number after number. We waited in vain. With only four members there was no quorum. Even some of the usual culprits in the Public Gallery were missing.

Everyone was stunned. This had never happened before as far as anyone knew. Eric Day, if still with us, could have reached back into the past when people did not fly off to Florida, go skiing, or swanning around the world. Therefore it is probably safe to say this had never happened before, and HISTORY HAD BEEN MADE. At least that achieved something. It also joined the other historical events on the same day:- Donald Trump's birthday, the invitation from Putin for Kim Jong-un to visit Moscow, the beginning of the World Cup, and the important announcement that evidence taken from *The Des Moines Register* shows that those with a religious affiliation are likely to live six and a half more years than others, and that a similar effect is likely to apply in Britain.

At 7.45 the Clerk declared the meeting inquorate (*fewer than five attendees*. *Eds*). It was rescheduled for Thursday 28 June. It may be an interesting meeting as

"I went in to find faults, and by Jove I found them."

Col Blenkinsop

the rather bland Agenda may have a couple of firecrackers. There is a letter from a resident about the allotments as well as a separate email on the same subject. No 4 Rogers Road planning application has popped up again.

So I strolled home on a beautiful early summer evening with two of the members. When we reached the playground area I stopped and pointed out the striking contrast between the new seats and the shabby appearance of the remaining old one. Not wishing to be poncy and saying something like "it is aesthetically displeasing", I said, "It don't look nice and needs sanding down and cleaning up, or replacing". My two companions, looked, considered, and then after a time said to me, with some gentle kindness in their voices, that maybe this was something I would enjoy doing. So we carried on with our stroll, kicking along the street some of the wine bottle corks, from the pile outside Number 10.

Alastair Everitt





Where's that Bear this time? Here he is, busy helping in Burwell now....

Last month's Crier Bear News apparently scooped the Guardian. They have only just realised that Foxes (especially Rupert's friends, Freddie and Ferdie), are very light-fingered when it comes to any possessions you may have left out overnight...



Allegedly....

## **Poppies in Prior**

Joining the national poppy project to commemorate the centenary of the end of WW1 in November this year, we will be knitting and crocheting poppies to be displayed in the five churches of our Benefice.

All the poppies will be made from the same colour red and black yarn, some of which has been kindly donated by King Cole Yarn, and Tina's in Burwell is stocking it too. Patterns and yarn can be obtained from Kate Child, for a small donation, by contacting her on 01638 743983. If you have any spare 4.5mm or 5mm knitting needles or crochet hooks that would be most useful.

Anglesey Stitchers have arranged some workshops, one of which will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> July in St. Mary's Swaffham Prior during the St. Mary's Saturday (SMS) session, 3.00-5.00pm. You would be most welcome to come along and join in.

If you would like any further information, or would like to make a donation, please do get in touch with Kate on the above number. ©



# Julie Nunn's July Recipes

## **BBQ** lamb skewers



8 long rosemary sticks 3 garlic cloves chopped Extra virgin olive oil 20 pancetta slices halved 40 sage leaves 1 large leg of lamb 2.25kg boned and cut into cubes (serves 6-8)

- 1. Strip the rosemary leaves from the rosemary sticks, then smash the rosemary leaves and the garlic cloves with a pestle and mortar, add some sea salt and 3tbsp of olive oil to make a paste. (Keep the rosemary sticks for skewers).
- 2. Then thread pieces of lamb, pancetta and sage leaves alternately onto ready prepared rosemary sticks. Spread the paste evenly over the skewered meat and marinate for at least 30 mins.
- 3. Grill lamb over a medium heat for 10-15 minutes for rare to medium.

When cooked and ready to eat, squeeze with lemon and serve.

## Crunchy feta & tomato salad

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> small ciabatta loaf 2 tbsp olive oil 4 tomatoes roughly chopped <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cucumber roughly chopped A handful of pitted black olives 100g feta cheese cubed Handful of basil leaves or oregano Splash of balsamic vinegar (serves 4)



Cut the ciabatta into bite-size pieces and put onto baking sheet and drizzle with olive oil and then grill for 3-4 minutes until golden brown.

When cooled put the toasted ciabatta in a bowl with the tomatoes, cucumber, olives and feta, then scatter over basil or oregano. Whisk the balsamic and any remaining olive oil together and drizzle over, then mix gently to combine.

## And so, the Picnic crumbles

"Here, with loaf of bread beneath the bough A flask of wine, a book of verse, and thou ----But wait -- this bread is wholemeal and you might Have remembered that I only eat the white". "And you've brought the Pilchards. I thought We'd decided on Sardines, that I especially bought; And you've brought white wine; I told you - Red! White must be chilled. I can't drink it warm instead!" "And where are the goblets? Do we have to drink Unchilled white wine from plastic? I think It's just as well our neighbours couldn't come. They'd have found this whole charade a trifle rum". "I try to inculcate a certain standard in our life And look! You have **not** packed **my** butter knife! And where are the serviettes to wipe my hand? It's time, I think, to make a stand".

And so this mournful moaning mumbles on, and in a huff It's followed by, "I've had more than enough; I'm going back to get some white,

This whole meal's wrong. Not one single crumb is right." Ophir

After the 'Rubáiyát of Omar Khayyam.'



## News from Bottisham Medical Practice Patients' Group

**Donation**: We were delighted to receive a generous donation from Meeting Point to boost our funds towards the purchase of a surgery pod.

**Dispensary:** Further to our previous items about the dispensary and repeat prescriptions please note that whether you order or line or by prescription itself you do need to allow 2 full working days before your medication is ready for collection.

Staff: We have a new Practice manager, Nick McDonnell, who has joined the practice during June. Rowena Pilsworth has moved on to a new job at Addenbrooke's. Dr Muse will be working Monday and Friday as locum GP.

**Bottisham Patients' Group**: The Patients' Group would be delighted to hear from you – 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 13 and 25 July, 10 and 22 August, 28 September 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 26 July 2018 at 6.30pm at the surgery.

# The Village Hall Swaffham Prior

Pop Up Afternoon Tea Shop 2018 Open 3pm to 5pm

> Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July, then Saturdays: 21<sup>st</sup> July, 18<sup>th</sup> August & 1<sup>st</sup> September Pop ín for tea and cake





COMMUNITY LITTER PICK POP NEEDS YOU!!

Meet at the bottom of Cage Hill Under the Village Sign

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 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

Look forward to seeing the results!

**Bottisham Patients' Group** 

# Life on the Wild Side

# ...a Summer Swallow



Summer is upon us, a time of reflection and great celebration as wildlife comes into a great majesty in this season of abundance. In the July issue, 'On the Wild Side' is returning with a special summer edition focusing on one of our most spectacular and enigmatic birds, the Swallow. It's a bird I have always found to be endearing and strong at the same time. It's a bird with great character, heart and tenacity (one of my favourite words apparently). One of the most delightful summer memories for me is watching the Swallows fly high above, using the winds and breezes to propel themselves through the air.

Swallows are seen across our skies nation wide, throughout the countryside, where the fields and woods meet the houses and homesteads. The roofs of our ancient villages are a magnetic force attracting the Swallows to be used for their abodes and play pens. This bird is a key part of our national heritage and it's clear why. They have a very distinctive appearance with their different coloured hues spread across their body and wings. When we say, Rachel have you seen that Swallow over there, we actually mean 'Barn Swallow' as this is the breed that we recognise with vigour.

These aerial acrobats are not just living in the British Isles but dwell around the world, being the most successful and notable of the entire Swallow species. Their range extends across Asia, Europe and North America. The Latin name for Swallow is 'Hirundo' meaning, well I'm not certain. But I'm sure it's something fascinating, perhaps it relating to Hindu. Either way, it's different and pretty. In terms of conservation status, we have little worries about our Swallows; there are currently 860,000 pairings in the U.K alone. They are in the green in terms of the scientific international classification for such things. This is a joy to know, as so many of our birds and beasties are not so lucky!

Swallows like all birds lay eggs and so need to construct nests for their new arrivals. Their nests are as famous as they are, building them from mud and straw and attaching them to the ledges of our buildings. This may seem a precarious way to raise offspring, but actually it's very secure, as it keeps predators at bay. Swallows are very agile in adulthood, so they can live a life without major predation, unless they decide to try their luck with a falcon of some kind, not so wise! They are generally gregarious birds and like to live among larger groups, only breaking to make babies.

Migration is an overwhelmingly large part of their lives. They thrive on change and the journeys they make, crossing thousands of miles in search of pastures new at speeds of 22mph are a testament to their determination to succeed in the quest for sustenance. Their distinctive look –with their forked tails are colourful plumage of red, black and blue reflects their characters as birds. At 20cm length, they are large enough to human eyes to see their incredible over head displays and light enough at 25g to have the movement and speed needed to fly in such a unique way. They live about 4 years of age, but some can reach 8, but what they lack in time, they make up for in heart.

The relationship between Swallows and Humans is an ancient one. They have been mutual partners with us for millennia, using our homesteads to nurture their next generations. We have a deep connection, based on mutual respect and understanding, that we are different but also the same. Swallows fly high for a reason, to inspire and keep us high. Like House Martins and Swifts, this incredible family brings a touch of magic to every blue sky summer day and glow in the setting sun of our evenings.

## Jorge Xico Monteiro



# **Crossword Number 155**

This month's puzzle is a simple cryptic crossword. Send your answers to the editors by 18 July 2018. The first correct solution out of the hat will win a  $\pm 20$  meal voucher for the Red Lion—see the pub manager for full details.

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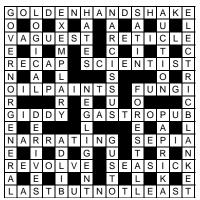
- 6 Music played for football supporter's meat pie? (7)
- 7 Quiet, key way to fragment of London landmark (5)
- **9** Note my editor may order primarily (4)
- **10** Impromptu performance read from shirt sleeve? (3-3-4)
- **11** Flood a holy sister with fruit (8)
- **13** Shakespearian murder victim was a dull brown tin (6)
- 15 Club decapitated at boundary... (4)
- 17 ...and tool beheaded in shack (5)
- 18 Bishop's dancewear (4)
- 19 Small and spotty? (6)
- 20 Village darts or small birds? (8)
- **23** Strangely, her talents are the result of a stinging contact (6,4)
- 26 Raise attic (4)
- 27 Ghost at the window? (5)
- **28** Wrongly trace Greek character to mythical hybrid (7)

## Down

- 1 Meets bridge opponents by the worktops (10)
- 2 Oriental tower found by Pa. Go Daddy! (6)
- **3** Complaint about the meat? (4)
- 4 Lop heads off flower (8)
- 5 Opens tin and lavishes cosmetic powder for body (4)
- **6** Oddly, force found cooler (not a 14D!) (5)

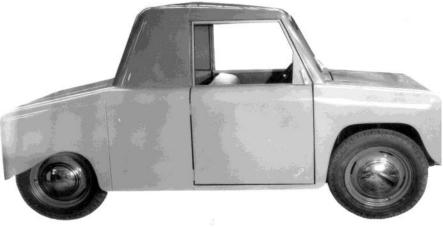
- 8 Boldly resisting authority if Dante at fault (7)
- 12 Roof sections belong to Adam's wife, reportedly (5)
- **14** Urged away from using granulated sugar as fuel (7,3)
- **16** The German less confused about engines (7)
- 17 Coward's "Allergic Rhinitis" (3,5)
- 21 Hurting within each ingrown nail (6)
- 22 Metal enters battle for biscuit (5)
- **24** Oriental draw, we hear (4)
- **25** Most important curve (4)

Solution to crossword no. 154



We congratulate Jo Pumfrey, the winner of last month's competition, who will receive her prize certificate from the editors. Honourable mentions go to Tansy Budd, Sue Jackson, Robert Nunn, Dainin O'Dowd, K Richards, David Unitt and Trish Whitehead.

## Henry Brown Life and Times 1946-



The Rodley

Henry Brown is Swaffham Prior's oldest living resident. Last year his wartime experiences were serialised. This is the third section of his post-war entrepreneurial experiences, designing and making cars.

By 1953 I was fed up with working with Rubery Owen and I had a bedstead frame car running at Shed 18. In hindsight I was mad to attempt to produce a cycle car as so many people had tried before and failed. I had had a lot of luck and success, and this had gone to my head. I knew the market was there, the problem was supplying it. I went ahead and ordered the components for a production prototype. This had the aforementioned JAP 750 twin engine, an Albion gear box and cable brakes.

The JAP sample engine had a Lucas ignition and a Solex carburettor; it ran sweetly. The car was as simple as possible – a frame chassis, sliding pillar front suspension, leaf sprung rear, a sheet steel body, tubular steel seats and Lucas electrics. I bought a double action press to make the panels and made the press tools. Word got around that a car was to be made in Rodley, and ex-Jowett car workers queued up to join the company. The first shock to hit was the performance of the production delivery of JAP engines. When started they jumped about and clearly had not been balanced. I went to see JAP in London and met Teddy Prestwick who had inherited the company from JAP. He couldn't have cared less – "You get what we make", was his response. So we had to strip the engines, take the cranks to Leeds to have them balanced, then rebuild the engines. We had to make one car per day to make a profit.

There were short deliveries from Lucas – always missing one or two items from an order. So we had partly completed cars blocking the assembly line. Then I had a letter from the Ford Motor Co, saying that the Rodley infringed their patents and I was to stop production immediately. That's junk, my solicitor said. There was a man sitting in a car in a lay-by just outside the exit of Airedale Mills. He was there all day – 'Mr Ford' the locals called him!

I wrote to Alfred Owen for help, and his response was that I should try and borrow some money. We had made 65 vehicles, and they sold like hot cakes. The first 6 cars were collected on low loaders and paid for in cash – obviously by other car manufacturers. The mini, which came into production later, was –

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strangely or not, depending on what you think of industrial espionage - the same size as the Rodley and had almost identical panels, the main difference being the welding. The Rodley had internal joining flanges whilst the Mini had those distinctive external panel joints covered by trim.

I decided to go into liquidation – having worked harder on this project than ever before and failed. No buyer came forward so the company was sold by auction. I was unemployed and had lost a lot of money. Then I was contacted by the Hunslet Engine Company. Would I like to work for them? So I became an employee for the first time! A new car design would come next.

> Extracts from Henry Brown's Memoirs By Mark Lewinski

Now you see them, now you don't. Bee orchids growing by the side of the National Trust's Cycle Path close to where it crosses Bulbeck Lode. But not for long! Then they came and mowed them down.



# Village Feast - the full story

## The Planning Phase

Feasts don't organise themselves. The Feast sub-committee, led by Jenny Brand and April Cook, had been beavering away for months in underground caverns - phoning helpers, repainting attractions, ensuring that General Data Protection Regulations were being fully complied with, and collecting tin cans for the can shy by eating baked beans. We hope no-one was inconvenienced.



## Setting up



Saturday 26th May dawned grey and slightly damp, and the helpers arrived at the Village Hall shortly after 9 am carrying tables, gazebos, rats for splatting, and the hopes of the whole village that the weather would improve on their shoulders.

Peter Rand not only brought plans for where everybody should be, but also friends from Norfolk who provided considerable expertise and enthusiasm for fete-running.

The best laid plans, however, do not always work out as foreseen, and the unexpected arrival of Dave, complete with his coconut shy, caused some minor



One of Martin Mead's lorries was required to deliver Alan Durrant's sizeable barbecue, ensuring the availability of sufficient hot food throughout the afternoon. panic.

As the morning wore on, more and more people arrived to set up stalls with cakes, bric-a-brac, plants, woodturning, photographs, Pimms and cream teas. The lawn and Hall, resplendent with bunting, looked at its busiest for many years.



Throughout this period, one corner of the lawn remained worryingly unoccupied, prompting April to make frantic phone calls to check that the bouncy castle really was on its way. Eventually it arrived and the attractions were complete.



Wood turning stall



Alastair being haggled down



Lynne Rand peers through jungle



Rocket on launchpad

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Note for next year: it transpired that three and a half hours is insufficient time to set up all the stalls, attractions, gazebos and tables. The first revellers were already arriving whilst stallholders finalised the arrangement of their wares!



WI's jam jars full of surprises

Children's tombola



Julian's bowls

The Bourne Collection

Paul Latchford models cans

### The Opening Ceremony

Miraculously, the weather was, once again, kind to the Feast. The rain was long gone. The afternoon was sunny and hot. There was no opening ceremony.

As more and more villagers arrived, the numbers of bouncing children, rocket-firers, burger-eaters, bowling-competitors and can tower-demolishers (the wind played its part here) increased dramatically.





And with all the efforts involve in winning games and Maypole dancing (many thanks to the children and teachers who organised and took part in this), so appetites and thirsts developed, ensuring healthy queues of people for the bar, ice cream van and for Clare's delicious cream teas.

## The Middle of the Afternoon

One new attraction, the-game-where-you-manoeuvre-a-ball-round-a-path-usingstrings-without-it-falling-into-one-of-the-holes-as-quickly-as-possible, proved popular with certain people, who competed fiercely to decrease their times by fractions of seconds. It is reported thatMartin Mead did **not** help them to achieve this goal.

Another note: we must find a catchier name for this game.



Martin tests his driving skills

A gentler form of hare coursing



Waffham Prior Gurners in action



A winner being drawn



Hill Farm's delicious ice cream was appreciated - as were Alan's efforts with burgers



As the afternoon shadows lengthened, gurners gurned (see pictures of all entrants at the end of the article), the raffle was drawn, and still more food was consumed.

## The End: the End Game and the Eggs

This year's quiz, words ending in -end, attracted more entries than ever, with five completely correct answers. The name drawn from the hat was the Parry family. Congratulations to them - and all the other entrants.



While the stalls started to wind down, the road started to fill with people taking part in the annual egg throwing (and successful catching) competition, once again presided over by Martin Mead.



A great catch



Helen with the winning egg



Martin running the show



Josh



The looks say it all ...

Nothing was wasted!

And when the yolks had settled, the happy crowds started to wend their way towards the Red Lion, and more food and entertainment.

The committee would like to thank the Red Lion for their support of this year's event. We look forward to more of the same next year!



## **Results of the Competitions:**

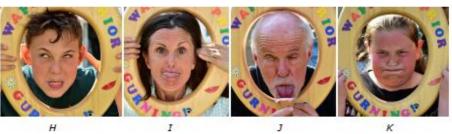
Football:	Adults: Pete Bridgeman and Dan C Children: George Sutton	Claydon - joint winners
Follow the Path:	Adults: Pete Bridgeman (again!!) Children: Chris Verdonk	
End Game Quiz:	The Parry Family	Send your Gurning
Playstation F1:	Adults: Nick Swift Children: Leah Swift	Votes to the Editors for AUGUST 20 <sup>TH</sup> . Cup presented at
Egg Throwing:	Josh Willmott and Helen Blair	Harvest Show

## **Gurning Photos:**





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Once again, congratulations to the winners and a huge thank you to everyone who turned out and made the day such a resounding success. Over £1,300 was raised to help to keep the Hall in tip-top condition.

The Committee

# Free concert **Junior Prime Brass**

# Saturday 14 July 3.00pm



## St Mary's Church, Swaffham Bulbeck



# A date for your diary

The Autumn Show will take place on:

# Saturday 15th September

so get planting and watering and feeding, now that the weather has improved.



More details soon ...

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION themes ADULT: POWER

CHILDREN: SUMMER

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# **School News**

As we enter the last term of the year, the children are enjoying the lovely weather and continuing the usual pace of school activities. Children throughout the school recently welcomed their fathers (and a few clandestine mothers too) into class after a bacon roll in the hall to celebrate Father's Day; our sporting



calendar has been aided by good weather: Neptune and Saturn classes have taken part in the Swaffham Olympics against Swaffham Bulbeck, Mars class competed in the mini-Olympics and the school sport's day is coming up. Alongside all this, Saturn class have been preparing for their annual production, which this year will be *Pirates of the Curry Bean*.

Miss Curtis resigned as Head teacher after a period of illness at the beginning of May, and the school continues to be supported by Mr Joe McCrossan and Ms Helen Mulligan as interim Head teachers.

Mrs Helen Bartley, current Deputy Head at St Andrew's Soham will be joining the school in September as Head Teacher. She has already met the Staff and some

We would like to invite everyone in the village to join the School for our Leavers' Service on 18<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm in St Mary's. parents. Over the next few weeks she will be in school on a number of occasions getting to know the children and the school.

The school is also in the final stages of becoming an Academy as part of the Diocese of Ely Multi-Academy Trust (DEMAT). DEMAT consists of 34 Church of England schools across Cambridgeshire and neighbour counties. The vast majority being small village schools like Swaffham Prior. The school community very much looks forward to working with DEMAT to continue to drive school improvement while maintaining our school's identity and ethos.

The school continues to welcome help in many forms, from the Library through to helping at events with our PTA. Do contact the school via <u>office@swaffhamprior.cambs.sch.uk</u> if you have time or other resources you would like to give.

Finally, we would like to invite everyone in the village to join the School for our Leavers' Service on 18<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm in St Mary's as we say goodbye to our Year 6 children and wish them all the best for the future as they move onto secondary school.

Chris Goodfellow Swaffham Prior CofE VC School Chair of Governors

## **Mothers' Union**



In April our Mothers' Union Diocesan Chaplain, Rev. Valerie Kilner gave us a talk on the paintings of William Holman-Hunt. Beginning with his 'Light of the World' painting Valerie pointed out features within

the painting that can be easily missed, and their significant meanings. She followed on with paintings The Scapegoat and The Shadow of Death. This was highly enlightening and motivated our thinking into how Hunt's more concealed meanings within the paintings relate to us as members of Mothers' Union today.

Barry Griffiths, Communications and Communities Officer and Ros, Volunteer Co- ordinator for Jimmy's Cambridge were our guest speakers in May. We learnt how the night shelter was



first set up in the basement of the Zion Baptist Church in 1995 and named after Jimmy Dilley who regularly slept under the bridge at J13 of the M11. Five shared dormitories, which slept up to six people in bunk beds, provided guests with a bed off the streets, warmth and a hot meal for over a decade. In 2008 funding was granted for a full refurbishment and in 2015 Jimmy's Assessment Centre was

Jimmy's Night Shelter ....was named after Jimmy Dilley who regularly slept under the bridge at J13 of the M11. opened. A fully functional four storey centre, providing 24-hour service, with 20 single occupancy en-suite rooms, and extensive facilities for day time support activities.

After two days orientation, guests are allocated a support worker to advise on benefits, health issues, and aid with resettlement, life skills training and achieving long term, positive outcomes – not just short term support. Commitment of staff and countless volunteers, funding from local authorities and donations from the supportive community, all contribute to the caring services Jimmy's provides. At the end of the afternoon a box of toiletries and

foodstuffs, donated by members, was given to Barry and Ros for the centre.

Further information on services provided can be found on the website:

http://www.jimmyscambridge.org.uk/about-us

Our meetings usually take place on the third Thursday of the month in Lode Chapel at 2.30pm. All are welcome to come and join us. On 19<sup>th</sup> July Alice Leadbeter will be speaking to us about her running the London Marathon in 2017. In August members will be going out for afternoon tea at Scotdales Garden Centre.

Anne Langram

# **The Swaffhams WI News** Our summer garden party in June proved to be a bit of a challenge due to the gusty wind. We discovered new entertainment in catch the food and chase the plates and we had to go on red alert when some huge black storm clouds threatened

to go on red alert when some huge black storm clouds threatened to disrupt our plans. We somehow managed to complete the evening al fresco and enjoyed a delicious array of foods and some very nice bottles of wine to celebrate the occasion. We had two quizzes where members were able to display their geographic knowledge by filling in the names of European countries on a blank map, not as easy as you might think, and compete to provide the most words containing no vowels. The teams were very competitive but with the President overseeing the marking to ensure fair play, the prizes were amicably shared and eaten by the winning tables. It was a lovely social evening.

We are back in the Village Hall for our meeting on July 16<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 when our speaker will be Veronica Bennett talking about the National Trust property at Felbrigg in Norfolk.

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

<u>www.swaffham-prior.org.uk</u> 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

# **BON MOT NUMBER EIGHTY NINE**

"My mother said 'You have two ears and a mouth for a reason. Use them in that proportion."" *Hilary McGrady* (**1966 --** )

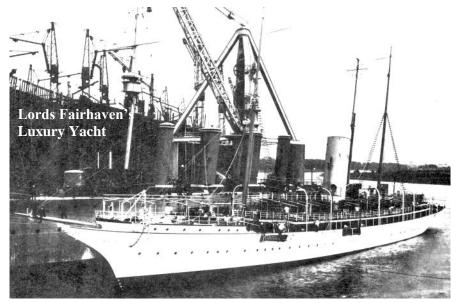
## News from Wicken Fen and Anglesey Abbey

## Wicken Fen

Once July arrives, the Fen is literally buzzing, as butterflies, dragonflies and other insects enjoy the diverse and beautiful plants and wild flowers. We will be offering butterfly walks in the run up to the **Big Butterfly Count** from 20 July to 12 August, and the British Dragonfly Society (BDS) volunteers will be opening the Dragonfly Centre at weekends, where they will be getting ready for **Dragonfly Week** from 21 to 29 July. If you are interested in dragonflies, the BDS is looking for volunteers to help man the Dragonfly Centre during the summer, please contact Fiona McKenna, Conservation Outreach Officer at: <u>Fiona.mckenna@britishdragonflies.org.uk</u> and see the Dragonfly Centre webpage <a href="https://www.british-dragonflies.org.uk/content/volunteer-dragonfly-centre">https://www.british-dragonflies.org.uk/content/volunteer-dragonfly-centre</a>

Our annual **BioBlitz** also takes place in July, with events starting early evening on 21<sup>st</sup> July (evening walk, bat survey and small mammal trapping) and continuing for 24 hours. We will need plenty of help to discover, identify and record the species that we find, so do come along; all ages are welcome. This year we are proud to be included in Chris Packham's UK Bioblitz, see <u>http://www.chrispackham.co.uk/</u>chris-packhams-uk-bioblitz-2018

As we reach the end of July, the school holidays begin, and we welcome families to the Fen for some fun in the outdoors. Our summer programme begins on Wednesday 25 July with **Den Building** (Age 3-10), followed by the ever-popular **Mud Glorious Mud** on Friday 27 July (Age 3+) and **Fenland Fairies and Pixies** on Monday 30 July (Age 3-7). Further fun activities are available throughout August and can be booked now via our website. Don't forget that we will still be offering



**Mucky Pups** sessions for under 5s in July on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:15-11:45; Damsels and Dragons is this month's theme.

Please check our website for further information about Wicken Fen and our events: <u>www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wicken-fen</u>

#### **Anglesey Abbey**

High days & holidays ( $5^{th}$  May –  $30^{th}$  September). Join us this summer as we explore Lord Fairhaven's journeys across the globe in his luxury Steam Yacht, The Sapphire. Discover how his travels influenced his design of the garden, and enjoy the Dahlia Garden where he entertained his close friends, including members of the Royal Family, upon his return home for the final stages of the flat racing season.

Our exhibition will include artefacts never seen before. A digitised cine film taken by Lord Fairhaven at the Cowes Regatta in the 1920s will be on show in the House, after the Conservation Team, discovered it in a trunk in Lord Fairhaven's wardrobe.

Pick up a family passport and travel around Anglesey Abbey to explore Lord Fairhaven's home and gardens, children and adults alike will have plenty of fun along the way with a wide variety of activities and challenges. You can complete them all in one go, or you can space them out over the whole summer. Get your passport stamped after completing each activity - some are in the house, some in the garden and some at Hoe Fen - and once you have collected them all, claim your certificate from Visitor Reception.

Our restaurant and shop will be offering themed food and products so you can taste and take home a flavour of Lord Fairhaven's travels.

This summer programme includes:

**Motoring around Europe (4 June - 15 July)** We look at Lord Fairhaven's European adventures in his luxury Rolls Royce. He was also partial to a round or two of golf, with his close friend Lord Inverclyde, who joined Lord Fairhaven on many of his travels. Highlights include a chance to practise your putting in the Arboretum, mapping your own travels in the Library, a self-led statue trail, plus the chance to satisfy your sense in the Rose Garden and Herbaceous Boarder.

An Eastern Exploration (16 July - 9 September) Our exploration take us to the Far East. Highlights include games on-board the Sapphire whilst circling India, Singapore and Egypt.

**Homecoming** (10 - 30 September) Traditionally Lord Fairhaven returned to Anglesey Abbey in September to enjoy the latter stages of the flat racing season where he could entertain guests including Royalty in his Dahlia Garden.

A date for your diary – Tickets for this year's **Winter Lights at Anglesey Abbey** go on sale on Tuesday 24 July. The event runs for 10 nights, over 3 weekends in November (9 - 11, 15 - 18, 23 - 25 November). Ticket prices are Adults £15.50, Child £10.50, Family £50.50 (2 adults & up to 3 children), Under 5s & Carers (accompanying a disabled ticket holder) Free. Tickets will be available from the NT Box Office on 0344 249 1895 or online – see www.nationaltrust.org.uk/anglesey-abbey



EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## From our District Councillor Allen Alderson

## **June 2018**

At the May Full Council Meeting the title of Honorary Alderman was bestowed on ex-councillor Andy Wright in recognition of his 39 years of continuous service up to 2015. He is the first member of East Cambs District Council to have this honour bestowed on him.

At the same council meeting I was also re-elected to the Community Services Committee plus as a substitute to the Resources and Finance Committee, and a board member of the Swaffham Internal Drainage Board.



The Drainage Board's main purpose is its management of water levels and flood risk within its drainage area and to seek opportunities to enhance the environment.

Now that ECDC is responsible for its waste services we are doing a sweep of the whole district to clear up, and hopefully identify, fly tipping.

During the last month I undertook a visit to Gs Growers at Barway, near Ely. It is very well run and spotlessly clean. Its workers are a mix of local people plus some European workers. It has an environmental policy of planting trees and hedgerows on small areas not suitable for crops.

Allen Alderson

## CAMBRIDGESHIRE ACF BATTLEFIELD TOUR 21-24 October 2018

As part of Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force (ACF) World War 1 programme and the Ministry of Defence (MOD) project 'Operation Reflect', a party of Cambridgeshire Army Cadets will take part in a Battle Field Tour (BFT) from 21<sup>st</sup> to the 24th October, 2018. This follows our successful BFT in 2016, led by Commandant Col Mark Knight MBE and Padre Ryk Parkinson. The Cadets visited Belgium and France with the Cambridgeshire Royal Anglian Regimental Association and the Royal British Legion Riders in order to honour the Cambridgeshire Regt at the 100-year Anniversary of the Schwaben Redoubt battle at the Somme.

This project has been sponsored by the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Army Cadet Force Association and the Reserve Forces and Cadets Association for East Anglia.

We would be pleased to hear from anyone who knows of a relative who served with the Cambridgeshire Regt in 1918.

For further information on Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force or how you can get involved pleasevisit our website: <u>www.armycadets.com/county/cambridgeshire-acf/</u>

#### Trevor Cox, Lt Col for Commandant, Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force

## **Notes from Parish Council Annual General Meeting**

Peter Peter Hart (vice chairman) chaired the meeting with 7 Parish Councillors and 5 members of the public in attendance. The meeting started at 7.00pm.

**Election of Posts:** The only changes of post were the vice chairman: David Greenfield. The Village Hall Management Committee Representative: Michael Malster.

## Notes from Parish Council May Meeting

David Greenfield (vice chairman) chaired the meeting with 7 Parish Councillors and 5 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 Joshua Schumann reported to the meeting. He apologised for it being only his second visit but suggested this would improve soon.

Paul Latchford asked about the Ely Southern bypass asset data, the additional work and were any of the design changes to accommodate the new budget. Joshua Schumann stated that there was not sufficient asset data, especially relating to ground issues. The risk was shared with the design and build contract. Joshua Schumann offered to chase for answers regarding moving forward but no problems were expected now. He also said that the cycle underpass was dropped as it did not connect to cycle ways. The main design issues were not changed. Paul Latchford asked about adult, needy and child care and budgets. Joshua Schumann confirmed that central government had been asked for more funding due to the increase at that we are above average requirements. Paul Latchford noted that the new Dragon Patcher the county was using was a good piece of equipment, Joshua Schumann asked for people to report pot-holes. Balfour Beatty can be charged if they do not effect repairs. Paul Latchford suggested that we put this on the Website. Peter Hart suggested in the costs savings CCC were making, to only cut grass where safety is an issue. Joshua Schumann asked for any areas that did not need cutting to be reported. Joshua Schumann noted that CCC do Highways, whereas ECDC do parks etc.

ECDC Matters: Cllr Allen Alderson's report was read by the Clerk. Paul Latchford asked about the Ely underpass, Steve Kent-Phillips said it was to be one-way, the Clerk agreed to ask Allen Alderson including the accident count – not including vehicles stuck.

**Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:** Steve Kent-Phillips noted that Andy Martin's bill was now OK. The situation worth the drains in Lower End had been reported and CID was now up and running. Paul Latchford asked about the contact details for the Champers.

**Correspondence for Circulation/Consideration:** David Greenfield had local plan correspondence.

#### **Consideration of Planning Applications Received:**

18/00481/FUL - 2 bed bungalow off 4 Rogers Road. Steve Kent-Phillips noted

that the residents in the chapel had objections. The PC had no objections to the last revision. It seemed there were no significant changes. It was agreed to recognise the resident's objections but the PC had no additional objections to those.

18/00419/LBC - 2 bathroom roof lights in Goodwin Manor. It was agreed that this proposal was similar to a previous one and the windows did not overlook anything, so no objections.

#### CIL & Open Space Money Projects

Steve Kent-Phillips reported that all projects were complete except the village hall electrical work. David Greenfield asked if there were any funds remaining. Steve Kent-Phillips reported that there may not be but any remaining would be available for the youth club hut survey.

#### Village Hall

David Greenfield reported on the options for restructuring the various documents. Rather than consult other PCs, his personal solicitors represent many PCs and had provided advice: 1) There is no downside to Charities Commission as this was managed as a custodial company and so no independent will. 2) Could the CLT be a custodian? This was only possible with the Charity Commission's OK, so No. 3) Ownership and land registry, Title and freehold title cost £250 to register. 4) If legal representation were required on both sides should the PC pay both costs? If VHMC did not have funds available they could apply for a grant. 5) There was the cost of getting the documents signed. There were 3 proposals:

- 1. Instruct Wellers Law Group to proceed £250. Agreed.
- 2. Instruct Wellers Law Group to represent PC £200 Agreed.
- 3. Provide a grant to VHMC between £500 to £750

Meeting closed at 20:18.

Alan Durrant asked if £750 had not already been agreed and if so could it not be allocated now. The meeting was reconvened at 20:19. It was agreed to check on previous meeting minutes for any agreement to pay legal fees to or for the VHMC..

#### Allotments

Paul Latchford reported that the documents had not been sent yet. The visit to the allotments was on the 10th. Breach of agreement letters and new agreement were done. Some work had been done on the allotments. One remains untidy. The compost had been moved and the measuring completed – all 4 feet. The hedges were still in need of trimming.

Meeting closed at 20:22. Linda Kirby pointed out that no apology or letter had been received so the allotment had not been taken on, hence no work was done.

The meeting was reconvened at 20:25.

David Greenfield asked if the letters could go out Friday. The Clerk agreed to send with the Chairman's input, if he was available. Peter Hart suggested providing and apology now, David Greenfield agreed. The meeting was closed and a verbal apology delivered from 20:26-20:28. Paul Latchford reminded the meeting that the breach letter was going to all allotment holders and apologies to relevant parties. David Greenfield suggested the effective date of renewal will be April 1. And we should reduce the fee as a good will gesture to Mr & Mrs Kirby. It was decided to offer 50% discount.

#### Cemetery

Sandra Gynn presented a diagram of spoil overlapping grave plots. Excessive spoil was mentioned relating to the incorrectly dug grave plot. This amounted to the 3rd time Southgate's had not managed spoil correctly. Sandra Gynn also pointed out that the gravedigger was one used by many Funeral Directors. Paul Latchford noted that some material should be left for settling but in this case too much had been left. David Greenfield suggested the Undertakers were not doing as instructed, so this should be re-iterated. The previous correspondence should be re-sent, Southgate's should be written to to request a solution for the specific plot and inform the family who's grave would be affected.

#### **Clerks' Report**

The Clerk presented some document samples from CCC for order to display in the village hall.

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

Steve Kent-Phillips had a call from the new resident at No. 4 Cage Hill, who had said he will cut back hedge and replace the fence. Paul Latchford noticed that the play area gates were open again. Steve Kent-Phillips said that it had been wedged open by users to get prams in. David Greenfield suggested a piece in The Crier, Steve Kent-Phillips offered to do a letter. Peter Hart had noticed that the back path from Cage Hill was not being cut. The Clerk agreed to send a note to CGM. Sandra Gynn reported that the school now has an acting head, which was a job share with a head from St Albans. David Greenfield reported an email regarding the Local Plan, that an inspector has been appointed and details of the hearing meetings – stage 1.

#### **Open Question Time**

It was asked why the last item was brought up when not on agenda. Unapproved minutes were noted on the Website, which it was agreed to correct. It was asked if hedge removal did not need approval – relating to the property in Cage Hill. David Greenfield agreed to get the conservation area requirements. There was a discussion about the Ely bridge and if it is one-way, is that due to the cycle path.

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

Future meeting dates: July 12<sup>th</sup>, August 9<sup>th</sup>, September 13<sup>th</sup> 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/



#### Games and Picnic on the Fassage, Lode.

Last year we hosted some games on the Fassage for accompanied children and young people and we had a good crowd of people gathered in support and enjoying the sunshine. After a couple of hours playing rounders, cricket etc. we enjoyed a picnic together. We plan to do the same again this Summer. From 10am 'til 12noon on Wednesday 8th to Friday 10th August we will have a team of RENEW folk leading games and anyone who is not feeling so energetic can gather and spend time with friends old and new, then at lunch time we will all join together for a picnic.

You are very welcome to join us and bring family, neighbours, friends. Please note, this is not a formal organised activity where you can leave children with us, all children must be accompanied by a parent / adult family member.

#### Village Praise at Lode Chapel

On **Sunday 16th September** we are holding our first **Village Praise** event at Lode Chapel from **5.30-6.30pm**. The hope is that we can develop a service that appeals to a wide range of folk in our villages. Maybe you worship at a different church on a Sunday morning and would like to join together for worship with people from your village occasionally too? The content of Village Praise will be accessible to people who are not regular church goers as well as being an opportunity to worship for those who are. Familiar hymns (chosen by you), Scripture readings (chosen by you), stories of how life and faith connect ... we believe Village Praise could be a great way to encourage people to gather, and a way of (re)introducing people to the Christian faith.

The services will evolve from our starting point in September, but even from the outset I would welcome suggestions of hymns / songs; musicians and singers who'd be happy to share their gift; anyone with a brief story to tell about how their faith makes a difference in their day to day lives.

Initially we envisage a quarterly service 16th September; 2nd December (Advent); March/April (Easter); June/July (Summer).

We look forward to connecting with you over the Summer, and once again extend an invitation to you to join us for worship every Sunday morning, 10.30am at Bottisham Community Primary School. It would be great to welcome you.

#### Rev'd Alan Brand.

#### **RENEW Services for July 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 1<sup>st</sup> July. Morning Worship. 10.30am With Holy Communion. (Bottisham Primary School) Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July. Morning Worship. 10.30am (at the School) Followed by shared lunch Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July. Morning Worship. 10.30am (at the School) Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Morning Worship. 10.30am (at the School) Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July. Morning Worship. 10.30am (at the School)

For more information the activities of RENEW Church please contact: Rev. Alan Brand on C.812558. Email: <u>alan.brand@renewchurch.org.uk</u> Or visit our website at <u>www.renewchurch.org.uk</u>

# FREECYCLE

If you have any offers or wants, please contact me by the 14<sup>th</sup> of each month by phone (01223 813362/07980 423210), e-mail (junthompson44@gmail.com) or drop a note through the letter box (23 Longmeadow). Please let me know if you would



like anything repeating in subsequent issues. Everything is free and nothing is expected in return. Please can you contact the offers after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month to make it a little fairer.

## Offered

Child futon bed in wood, size140x80x20 cm Two mattresses for the child futon bed size 140x70 Ikea Patrull stove guard (protection for toddlers) Portable Bed Rail, the bedrail folds down making it easy for child to get into bed, 126 cm long Tagalong trailer bike for children Roller blades size 5-6 Kids Mini Buggy Board, cool mini skateboardboard to attach to buggies Old buggy still functional; Luisa 01223 813793 (please also email me on lc284@hermes.cam.ac.uk)

Ab Frame (almost new) - for exercising. Judi 07763 769933

## Wanted

Good quality second hand cricket gear and footballs (which can be deflated). We are taking sports equipment to Sri Lanka for the children who love to play sport but cannot afford the equipment. Mary-Louisa 01223 813922

Approx 12 house bricks, any age, for use in the garden Susan/Peter C.811584 Jam jars with or without lids. Jackie 01223 812227

A full size SCRABBLE set. Lis 01223 811233

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.

**Bottisham Vicarage** 

Dear Friends,

Sunday Tea, Anyone?

We have just celebrated National Carers Week 2018. Currently there are around 6.5 million carers in the UK, looking after older, seriously ill or disabled family and friends. Caring is an integral part of family life, it's the glue which holds people together through good times and bad. The care of the others is what enables us to weather the storms and



challenges of life, the care of others supports and encourages us and gives us hope and comfort. Jesus spoke about the care that God had for the smallest and least noticed members of a community and he put that into practice in the way he cared for the people others tried to avoid or didn't want to notice. He spoke about the care that God had for tiny sparrows, the joy in heaven over a sinner who repented when others wanted to exclude them. He ate with those others despised or ignored. God's love and care were there in action for all to see.

As the population ages and people live longer, often with complex health conditions, more of us will find ourselves caring. It is a role that some carers are given suddenly because of accident or illness while for others the role unfolds before them as a loved one gradually becomes unwell and vulnerable. It is a role fulfilled by people of all ages, including children who act as carers for a parent or a sibling.

Yet many still see caring as a private matter. Maybe it is time to change this view and to follow Jesus' example of caring for those who often go unnoticed. Now is the time to recognise and affirm that caring is an important and vital part of what it means to live in community. Often carers become isolated from the rest of the community because they spend many hours in the home. They may not be able to get to activities and groups they used to belong to. Simple tasks take so long that they may not have free time to do other things. Many carers are just so tired that they don't have the energy for other activities. The result of all these factors is that they can drop from view and loose contact with others. They can easily loose touch with the support, encouragement and relaxation which sustains their own health and wellbeing as well as enabling them to be gentle and effective carers.

One of the things that we could all do is to take some company to carers and the person they care for. There is a movement called Sunday Tea where two or three people get together and take high tea to someone who lives alone or to a carer and the person they care for. It means no tiring travelling, nothing to prepare and company in a place that is familiar where all the support equipment is in place. If you would like get involved and if you would like to make caring a more visible and supported part of our community please e-mail me. Similarly if you would like high tea to come to you please be in touch. It would be lovely to help people find one another.

## **Church Services in July**

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

#### Sunday 1 July, Fifth Sunday after Trinity

11am Matins

#### Sunday 8 July, Sixth Sunday after Trinity

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

#### Sunday 15 July, Seventh Sunday after Trinity

11am Family Service

### Sunday 22 July, Eighth Sunday after Trinity

8amHoly Communion (Book of Common Prayer)9.30amChildren's Church, Lode10amMorning Worship, Bottisham

### Sunday 29 July, Ninth Sunday after Trinity

6pm Evensong

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; <u>suethevic@btinternet.com</u> and our Curate is Rev'd Professor Gina Radford; <u>gina.radford@btinternet.com</u>

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 July 2018

Sun	8	PopUp Tea Shop, 3pm—5pm, Village Hall [9]
Mon	9	
Tue	10	
Wed	11	
Thu	12	PC Meeting, 7pm, VH
Fri	13	
Sat	14	Litter Pick, 10.00am, By Village Sign, [9] Junior Prime Brass, St Mary's, Bulbeck, 3pm
Sun	15	Strawberry Teas, 3.00—5.00pm, Lords Acre [5]
Mon	16	WI, VH, 7.30pm [25]
Tue	17	Mobile Library, Cage Hill 2.45-3.15pm Chapel 3.20pm-4.00pm
Wed	18	SP School Leavers Service [23]
Thu	19	Mothers Union, Lode Chapel, 2.30pm [24]
Fri	20	<b>Crier</b> Copy Deadline for AUGUST/SEPTEMEBER [1] Remember to send your Gurning Vote [21]

#### Figures in square brackets indicate page number of relevant article

Club	Contact	Tel.	Date	Time	Place
FOSPS	Clare Freeman	741316	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon of Term	8pm	Village School
Beavers, Cubs and Scouts	Tim Doe	01223 861083	Weds (term)	6:00-7:30pm	Village School
Reading Group	Brenda Wilson	743937	1 <sup>st</sup> Weds of month	8:00pm	(See Crier)
Village Gardeners	Margaret Joyce	744390	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues of month	8:00pm	Village Hall
WI	Pat Cook	742224	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon of month	7.30 pm	Village Hall