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Editorial

This month we say sad goodbyes to Allen Alderson, who has been our District Councillor for 15 years. Allen arrived with a wealth of local knowledge acquired through a lifetime's work as a local builder, and the conviction that local issues should be decided on their own merits, irrespective of party politics. He has been true to his word, and the Crier would like to thank him, on behalf the PC and residents of Swaffham Prior, for 15 years of loyal, unswerving support. His swan song as our councillor will be at the PC Meeting on April 11 (see Our Reporter); don't miss this.

This month, said reporter was somewhat taken aback when instead of anticipated brickbats, instead plaudits were heaped on his head at the local Community Heating Scheme meeting. By unanimous vote, only he would do to write it up. So don't miss CHS latest in this month's issue.

Meanwhile, the Brexit crisis rolls on (and on, and on...) with everyone's blood pressure getting higher by the second. In the good old days, normal BP was 100 plus your age in years, so on finding myself suddenly aged 106 I quickly downed the prescribed pills. Now I'm delighted to say I'm barely 30, the only thing being that the dog also has been poorly, has also had prescribed pills, and there was a bit of a mix-up. Yes, not only am I unexpectedly youthful, no longer dull and lethargic, but have a particularly shiny coat ...

Gay Bulleid! The Village Oscar Award is coming up (see p. 6) don't forget to decide who you will vote for, and get your entries in to Sandra Gynn by the end of the month..

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Caroline Matheson

Cover Picture: *The PC conferring in The Red Lion* by **Honoré Daumier**



Letters to the Editors



Dear Editor,

Great Sunflower Challenge

Thank you for promoting our challenge in the magazine last month.

As the soil warms village people are slowly emerging from their homes to take up the sunflower growing challenge. The lucky ones with greenhouses are planting early. Mandy Kingsmill tells me she has "germination". She hopes to plant her sunflowers out in her front garden.

Our school headmistress is supporting the school planting round the school grounds. I plan to put miniature varieties of sunflowers in the containers around the school with the school Garden Club for our summer display after the tulips are over. With our green fingers crossed we hope to have a cheerful display to welcome everyone to the school in September.

Also we will give each school child who wishes a pot with some seeds before Easter to grow in their own gardens.

I am joining Amanda Parton and Jenny Bridgeman and plan to start their planting with Beavers and cubs and "Schools Out".

Brenda Wilson has suggested we grow the sunflowers in big pots to grow through the church railings. I am hoping to start these pots at home and move to position later in the year.

Do join the Challenge to make sunflowers grow in your garden this autumn-contact Jenny Brand on 01638 742161 or email jenny.brand26@gmail.com for free seeds

Or - pop into the local garden centre to purchase a packet of seeds. (Perhaps a shorter varieties might suit your garden better)

Or - even use the internet shopping for seeds....

So Keep Digging- to make a great show of flowers throughout the village gardens this year

Sue Wade and Jenny Brand

Dear Editors

Snakehall Farm Bookshop

Regular visitors to Snakehall Farm will have seen the increased supply of books and the improvement in quality.

On behalf of Snakehall Farm may I appeal for donations of books (CDs and DVDs as well). These should be in good condition and as a guide, items for which you would be prepared to pay £3.00 - £5.00

For those who have not seen the display recently, the range of books include Gardening, Cookery, Home Maintenance and How To Write A Dirty Story.

Mike Malster

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,

QUIZ NIGHT

Wow, what a turn out on Saturday 16th for the quiz, thank you to everyone who came. You helped raise £370 for St. Mary's Church, thank you. Congratulations to the team, Led By Donkeys, who won.

As always a big thank you to Andrew who was our quiz master, also to the ladies in the kitchen. Shirley helps to make the chilli along with Linda Evans, who unfortunately couldn't help on the night. The other ladies that also help are Sheila, Margaret and Sheila. Yes another Sheila, it's not a typo. Thank you once again to April who organised the raffle and to everyone who donated prizes. Our next quiz is on Saturday 5th October so please put it in your diaries and hopefully we will see you there.

Lynne and Jenny

BON MOT NUMBER NINETY SIX

"We shall stick it out until the end but we are getting weaker. For God's sake look after our people."

Captain Scott's last diary entry **29 March** 1912

From our Reporter at the Parish Council Meeting

So much happened in the second week in March when the PC meeting was held. Anyone watching Parliament would have seen a Parliament in shambles. It has been called “the most chaotic Commons for the last two hundred years”, and by others as “the worst government and opposition for the last hundred years, *and with the worst pair of leaders.*” As a nation we are an embarrassment, and whatever ones views, one can sympathise with the EU. They ask us what we want. And we just squabble.



The one bit of relief was the PC meeting on the Thursday night – or were they also going to be a disappointment? And well they might have been, because sitting near Paul the Clerk was yet *another* trainee clerk. This is the third in a row. First it was Jonathan Giles who, having attended and thought, decided that with all his other activities the demands would be too many. The second was Rosanna Featherstone who, although very keen, could not refuse a most attractive medical appointment which was suddenly on offer. And we now have Jude Griffith, mother of four young children and with experience as a company secretary.

There were five in the Public Gallery. I had oil and wax in my ears, and two others sitting near me were also hard of hearing. Before the meeting began I asked the Chairman if the meeting could speak up as the three of us were a bit deaf. I didn't hear his reply but later it was suggested that he had whispered “Sorry, I didn't quite catch that”.

Allen gave his ECDC Report. He will not be standing in the May elections after 15 years of loyal service to the village. So if you want to see Allen performing for the very last time, come to the April meeting. He announced the opening of the Ely Railway Underpass which was celebrated in the national press on 6th March with a picture of a tall van crunched up against the roof. So quickly we have gone back to the good old days. The new swimming pool at Ely is becoming even more popular with users in January increasing by 10% over those using it in November. Anything to do with Dry January?



**Ely celebrates
reopening of
Railway
Underpass**

Allen also gave us news on the East Cambridgeshire Local Plan. ECDC has distributed to every house details of this and therefore there is no need for me to report it. There was some discussion of the ridiculous and outrageous fact that once a developer receives planning permission, he just needs to dig a trench or two to prove he has started work, and never has to finish building - *ever*. This currently leaves ECDC short of 5,000 units. And it is legal. Is it the same in France, or Germany? Does anyone know, or care?

Paul L circulated his draft agreement for the hire of our SID and this will be on the agenda for approval at the next meeting. A map of the allotments has now been put on line and there has been an enquiry about the remaining vacant plot. And the Village Hall driveway has been repaired by Martin Mead for £120. John raised a query about this and suggested it would be better if we had an expensive more permanent resolution rather than these constant minor repairs. He suggested paying out a big sum now rather fairly regular sums filling potholes. Here opinion divided. Paul L thought that if we were spending a large amount that we ought to select something more worth while. Steve thought the pot holes were like speed bumps and stopped people using the driveway like a formula one race track. John thought that as we had the money we ought to use it. It will be on next month's agenda for further discussion. By then they may have figures for the repairs made over the last three years, and the cost. Martin also spread gravel over part of the parking area. The Village Notice Board became unstable in the gales and has been strengthened.

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In Open Question Time Linda asked about some faults of the Village Website, which had been set up by James Matheson. Steve listened to the problems, and said he would fix them. There are two addresses for the website. Originally it was www.swaffham-prior.org.uk/pc. This was then changed to www.swaffham-prior.co.uk/pc. When you google, the "org" address comes up first. There should be a link between this and "co" but for some reason Air Broadband deletes it from time to time and you get no link. The correct "co" address is at present the fourth down. Google cannot be changed, one can ask Air Broadband again, James will also be consulted, but remember, *use "co", and not "org"*, and you will have no problem.

A question was raised about the "Polo Ponies" lorry parked at the beginning of the village, for weeks, now running in to months. No-one was sure whether to phone the police, they wondered if it was doing any harm, and thought it possibly belonged to someone living nearby. It is opposite Kate Child. Maybe Kate has taken the advice now being widely offered - "Take up a new hobby and become younger". If this is true, Kate is to be congratulated for being a huge inspiration for the village.

One need not be quite as active as Kate but you could get a real boost to the spirits by visiting The Museum of Classical Archaeology in Cambridge. Here they have the largest number of bottoms on display anywhere in the UK – even more than the British Museum. Susanna Turner, Curator, takes great pride in the fact. She thinks that her favourite rear is that of Dionysus - "His bottom is really peachy". Go along and try to identify Dionysus without looking at the labels. And take the kids. They will love it. But no touching.

Alastair Everitt

THE GAY BULLEID AWARD

Now the Gay Bulleid Award has been safely re-established it only requires a short reminder about this. Every village and community is dependent on those people who are active and make a contribution, in some small or large way, to maintain the good heart of the community. There are only two rules – the person must live in the village, and it cannot be awarded twice to the same person within five years.

“ It is a kind of local Oscar....”

It is a kind of local Oscar, a small local acknowledgement. So, discuss it with your friends and neighbours. Think who has made some kind of contribution to the Village, whether from the Scouts, the Church, the Village Hall Committee, the Parish Council, the Youth Club – one could go on and on. The person who receives the greatest number of votes receives the award. As simple as that.

All names, with a short reason, must be submitted in writing to Sandra Gynn by 30 April. Her address is 30 High Street, Swaffham Prior.

The award winner will receive on loan for one year, an original painting of the windmill, by Ophir Catling, our resident poet, who happens to live on the Isle of Skye. **It will be presented at the Annual Village Assembly to be held in May.**

SWAFFHAM PRIOR



Village Feast

25th May

Your Village Needs You!

We are already planning planning this year's extravaganza with a Circus theme.

So, if you have:

- any circus skills you'd like to show off,
- any ideas for new entertainments,
- a business you'd like to promote,
- a penchant for organising events,
- the desire to keep Village traditions alive
- or just an hour or two to help run a stall

We would love to hear from you!

Come and Have Your say

ONE. The Election for ECDC councillors will take place on Thursday 2nd May at the Village Hall.

TWO. There will also be an election for Parish Council members if there are sufficient people wishing to stand. We might at long last even have an election for the PC, though it does seem rather a pity to disturb the present council. If there are two or more new candidates perhaps the PC could ask for a thirty to eighty word statement from each candidate, including current members of the PC, which could be circulated throughout the village before the election.

THREE. The PC AGM will take place at 7.15 on Thursday 9th May, with the PC Meeting following at 7.30.

FOUR. The Annual Village Assembly will take place on Tuesday 14th May at 7.30. The traditional Wednesday had already been booked by another organisation. Paul L, a stickler for strict rules, asked if we were allowed to change the day and Steve assured him, with some relief, that there was a 24 hour flexibility. Don't miss this one.

FIVE. There is a very faint chance there may be an EUP election. If this does happen we will for the first time make sure we find out all there is to know about our candidates.

Cakes, Coffee & West Lodge Pottery

Friday 5th April

10.30am -1pm

In aid of the
Motor Neurone Disease Association
at

41 Cage Hill, Swaffham Prior
POTTERY, CAKE STALL, RAFFLE

Swaffham Bulbeck Summer Theatre
is proud to present 'The Grand Duke' by Gilbert & Sullivan in
June 2019.

As in previous years the productions will be staged in the wonderful 'Theatre in a Barn', Downing Farm, Swaffham Bulbeck, Cambridge CB25 0NW; dates as follows:

Wednesday 12th June 2019 at 7.30pm - £9

Thursday 13th June 2019 at 7.30pm - £9

Friday 14th June 2019 at 7.30pm - £10

Saturday 15th June 2019 at 2.30pm - £7 and 7.30pm - £10

Tickets will be available after 1st April via our website, www.sbsummertheatre.com or by e-mailing sbst.tickets@gmail.com or telephoning 07708 577570. For further information about the show please contact Ruth Dennis on 01638 730659.

First performed in 1896, The Grand Duke was the last of The Savoy Op-

eras. Despite its short run, it contains some of Sullivan's best music, but Gilbert's plot was capricious and wordy resulting in an overly long operetta which soon faded from public acclaim and is rarely performed. However, we have cut unnecessary dialogue and a few of the repetitive songs to deliver a comic and fast moving show, true to its traditional origins but of normal length, that needs a bit of concentration to keep up with its twists and turns, too numerous to go into here! If you have not had the pleasure of seeing it before we recommend this opportunity, and we are sure you will enjoy it.



East Anglian Air Ambulance

East Anglian Air Ambulance's Mission Statement is Short and straight to the point. Our objective is to save more lives by providing the best possible outcomes for patients in life threatening incidents and/or medical emergencies, and minimising the impact of trauma in the communities we serve – which includes us – through:



- The combination of quick response time, advanced clinical care on scene and rapid transfer to the most appropriate hospital
- Dedicated aftercare support to help our patients and their families with recovery
- The delivery of first aid training from our frontline crews to communities and organisations across East Anglia to help build the chain of survival
- Developing partnerships and collaboration with organisations which have aligned ambitions
- Providing the service on a 24/7 basis.

What does this mean to the people of, or passing through, our region ?

It means that we have one of the best emergency response organisations – anywhere ! BUT ! It comes at a cost, which is not met from public funds on a regular basis, but by the generosity of people who contribute their time and money to help people in need.

Ben Parkin - Ben was at home with his family when, without warning, he went into cardiac arrest. His wife phoned 999 and, without prior medical knowledge or training, began CPR to afford Ben the best chance of survival. Just moments earlier he had seemed fit and healthy, but now the cardiac arrest had left Ben's life hanging in the balance. Shortly after the 999 call, EAAA's helicopter, carrying Dr Marcel Rigaud and CCP Gary Spitzer, landed near Ben's home. Ben was defibrillated, put into an induced coma to protect his brain and intubated to allow the team to take control of his breathing. The crew airlifted Ben to Papworth Hospital where he spent a week in intensive care before being brought out of his coma. His life was saved thanks to the immediate CPR and the speed with which the EAAA crew could put their experience and specialist equipment to work. "A true thanks with all my (slightly tired) heart to my wife and to East Anglian Air Ambulance for their work without which I'd be gone for sure". Another satisfied (and saved) 'customer'.

Thank you for continuing to support EAAA

Michael White

"EVERY ONE OF THE 5000 BLOOMS in this garden is made of plastic. Each week the flowers and leaves, are carefully washed and faded petals touched up with lacquer..There are plans to extend the garden with a plastic waterfall and plastic goldfish."



Not Here, surely

Come rain or snow, this garden blooms
With 5000 plastic flowers,
Plastic birds and plastic bees
Stay poised for plastic hours.

Plastic water soon will flow
Containing plastic fishes,
Whilst at the plastic wishing well
One gets three plastic wishes.

People often stop and look
And ask if they might enter.
They think, although I disagree
That it's a plastic garden centre.

But on one thing, we see I.C.I
That it's a glorious sight,
Mainly due to lacquer care
It's free from plastic blight.

Ophir

Julie's Recipes for April

Inspired by my travels in Spain

Dates wrapped in Parma Ham

12 Medjool dates halved and pitted
6 slices of Parma ham

Olive oil to brush over
Blue cheese (optional)

Simply roll the Parma ham around the dates. Brush over with olive oil, Place on a lightly greased baking tray and bake in oven for 15mins until crispy. For an added twist put a small cube of blue cheese inside with the date and then roll the Parma ham around. Finally pop some cocktail sticks in each one to keep them together.

Yummy!

Aubergines with honey

2 large Aubergines
Flour to coat
Olive oil to fry
Good quality runny honey

Toasted sesame seeds
Balsamic vinegar if desired
Pinch of salt

Slice Aubergines into thin slices, coat with milk and toss in flour. Place in hot oil and fry until brown and crispy.

Toast sesame seeds.

Place Aubergine slices on a platter. Drizzle with honey and top with sesame seeds and a pinch of salt, Add a drizzle of good quality balsamic vinegar if desired to give sweet & sour taste.

Chorizo with Red wine

1 tbsp olive oil
1 Banana shallot
2 Chorizo rings

250ml red wine
Handful chopped parsley

Chop shallot finely and slice chorizo into fairly thin rings. Fry the shallot in olive oil until soft, add Chorizo rings and cook until soft and browning. Then add the wine Bring to a boil and then simmer until the wine has reduced. Finally put into bowl and top with chopped parsley.

Sangria

1 Bottle of red wine
1 large orange juiced

1 large lemon juiced
1 orange sliced

1 lemon sliced
1 shot Brandy

Simply mix all the liquid ingredients together, add sugar and stir well. Pour into a large jug. Then add the sliced fruit and ice if desired.

The Reading Group Reads..

In the Kitchen

By Monica Ali

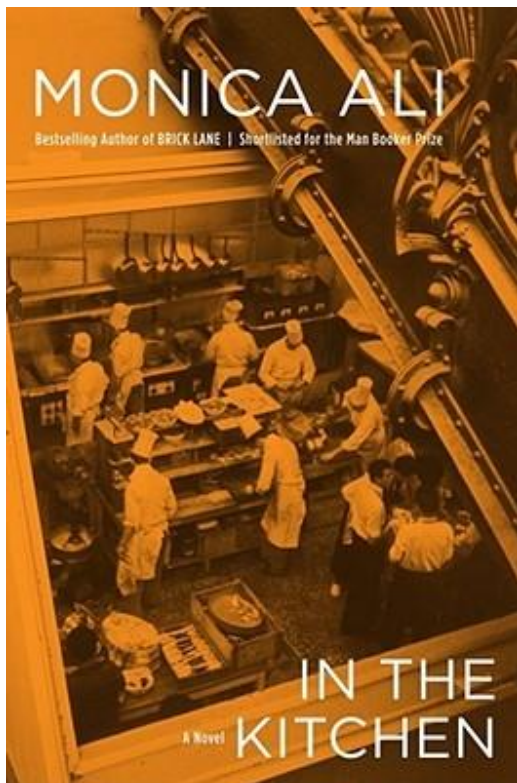
The book we reviewed at our March meeting was *In the Kitchen* by Monica Ali. This is Ali's follow-up book to her well-known *Brick Lane* – but very different.

The story centres around Gabriel, a man from a northern mill town with a passion for cooking. We meet him as head chef in a not-so-splendid London hotel. The story kicks off with the discovery of the dead body of a kitchen porter in the warren of rooms under the hotel where the kitchen is situated. You might think this is going to be a murder mystery, but no! It develops into a tale of Gabriel's downward spiral into a breakdown. We travel with him through various family, business and personal relationships with their tensions and problems. There is not much joy in Gabriel's life, but the author provides some warm-hearted and larger-than-life characters who lift the mood. There are some amusing passages too.

Gabriel (who shouts and swears at his kitchen staff) wants to open his own restaurant, 'classic French, a modern twist, cooked with precision'. Not like (he says) those jokers who mess around with food: 'A handful of this, a slug of that, depending on how you feel, lovely jubbly, tear a few leaves, do a dance, chuck in some chillies, there you go.' (Was this the author having a light-hearted dig at certain celebrity chefs?)

What did the Book Club make of it? Opinion was divided between those that thought there was too much packed into the story, too many characters and events that seemed implausible. Others appreciated the story line of how situations can knock into each other, bringing a life down like a row of dominoes. We all recounted with humour or sympathy many of the characters, enjoying the way Ali had brought them to life in the book.

Ann Hollingsworth



Put some spring in your step and into your food.....

Come into our farm shop to find out what delights we have to offer. To name a few we have some delectable sprouting broccoli, tasty garlic and delicious leeks. We also have some radishes and mixed leaves which would be a great addition to a warm spring salad. For those wanting more than just food, we have some beautiful daffodils and have recently added some Snakehall Lavender soaps to our shop which will make you smell lovely all day long and help you relax in the spring evenings.

CONGRATULATIONS ...

...to our Snakehall Runners for completing the Cambridge 1/2 Marathon in aid of The Prospects Trust. To find out more:

<https://prospectstrust.org.uk/snakehall-runners-success/>



On the 11th February, Sam, Laurence, Jess and Tom from Art of Flooring, a Cambridge based company came to Snakehall Farm to plant trees as part of a scheme they have set up called Install and Grow. The company said "We believe it is important to support local charities in any way possible. By donating and planting trees at their farm will help them develop an area for forestry activities" During their visit they planted 105 wips and 2 larger trees. We would like to say a big thank you to the team for your donation and support.

CO WORKER QUESTION TIME

The farm wouldn't be here if it wasn't for the Co-Workers who come here everyday to learn new skills and achieve goals. I spoke with Alex and here is what she had to say:
What days do you come to the Farm?

Fridays

What is your favourite thing to do on the Farm?

Topping up the shop, I am good at stock rotation

What is your favourite season on the farm and why?

Autumn because its cool, not too hot but not too cold.

Out on the Wild Side

The Chalk Hill Blue & The Red Admiral

Dear readers, welcome to the April edition of Out on the Wild Side- where this time we feature the Butterfly. The Butterfly is a great symbol of hope and of transformation. Spring is a wonderful time of regeneration, which can be seen in the emergence of new growth, plants, insects and birds. Many animals come out of hibernation after a long period of winter sleep.



Butterflies were at the base of Pandora's Box, and they demonstrate that there is light within the deepest wooden box. I do often think if Pandora was laughing at the end as the butterflies found a way to imprint makeup onto her face and she continued to dance away the local barn dance that evening. I think she did.

Anyhow, we're featuring two incredible butterflies this time around, the Red Admiral and the rarer Chalk Blue Butterfly and they are both stunning in equally but different ways. It wasn't until two years ago that I found out that Butterflies can also be called Flutterbies and it's quite a sweet and charming way of describing these stunning creatures of evolution. They always bring joy to the observer, which ever colour of the rainbow they happen to be. I saw a butterfly only today and it took my breath away. It was a thing of beauty that is beyond words to describe, only that I saw a lot of hope in its spirit. I think all beings have spirits and we all have a beauty that is shown lavishly beyond reason across our joyous planet.

This Chalk Hill Blue may be widespread but it's also become a lot rarer in recent decades. It's not only a stunning butterfly but it's small. This is key because small can actually be a really good thing often. It's finding the shine on the butterfly and seeing the colours dazzle on its wings. This butterfly can

be seen mostly in August. The Chalk Hill Blue, as the name suggests is attracted to Calciferous environments. The males are in search of females to mate with and it's not threatened in any way, shape or form. This is very much to be applauded. Living in the moment is something colourful and even before Butterflies come out, you are sure they are around somewhere in the ether.

Moving onto the Red Admiral and this butterfly is well known. A strong, beautiful and capable butterfly, this is one of the most vibrant butterflies across Britain. It has increased by 25% in since the 1970's, so this butterfly is doing really well. The lifecycle of this species and many starts from March and continues until November. From seashores to gardens and mountains to town centres. The appeal and freshness of this butterfly and its ability to fly across such a huge range is both impressive and like the painted lady, glorious to witness. It has a wingspan that is around 67-72mm across. Butterflies use the common nettle to lay their larvae, a plant which is safe and a good nutrient source for caterpillars.

Metamorphosis is an absolutely fascinating subject area, because it tackles something that is just beyond scientific understanding in many respects. It requires a certain amount of faith and a leap in faith to imagine what is happening inside the chrysalis as caterpillars move across the magical spectrum to remerge as butterflies in all their originality and splendour. Some are bright, some are duller, but they all go through incredible change. Many people believe that such a process is so spectacular that it couldn't happen simply because of evolution and that there must be a god behind this movement. And similarly, like butterflies, moths are said to be attracted to the flame, and the flames that 'must be endured as fleshly trials' in order to know the joys of the beyond.

Many cultures believe that butterflies are the spirits or carry spirits of loved ones, which is why they are so revered by many communities around the world. They are a symbol of freedom and liberation. The Greeks believed that every time a Butterfly emerged from its cocoon, a new human soul was born. The Maya actually believed that butterflies were warrior spirits who were descending to Earth. I actually saw the first butterfly of this year, a bright yellow one back in later February. There are many interpretations to the same awe-inspiring creature. All I know is there is an ever after, it's beautiful and it's a heaven that truly can be found here on Earth.

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Jorge Xico Monteiro

Objective Report on the Community Heat Scheme

Part One

IT WAS NOT MY INTENTION TO WRITE THIS REPORT. Having nailed my colours to the mast I thought it only fair to hear the latest news on the Swaffham Prior Community Heat Scheme (SPCHP). So I turned up at the Meeting on 26th January. Towards the end Emma Fletcher asked whether I intended to report on it. I shook my head. In a wonderfully powerful display of grandiloquence she made an extensive plea which included, “and be nice to me”, and then she appealed to the audience who appeared to give her a resounding 100% support. I did not know whether this was flattering or otherwise, but suspect it follows the adman's simple guide – any publicity is better than no publicity. So here we are. And I am always “nice” about Emma.

The January Newsletter which SPCHP had distributed throughout the village left many questions open. Bouygues E & S, experienced consultants, after assessing various heat options, concluded that “a combination of open loop water source and mains gas would be the most viable option”. Good idea many villagers thought, but why not drop “open loop water” and just introduce mains gas? At least we know that works and could well save on the estimated two to three million pound cost. An unanswerable question people thought. But SPCHP were rescued on this point because just a few days before the meeting the Committee on Climate Change (hereinafter CCC-Plus) came up with an answer. The CCC-Plus is a think tank and has an advisory role for the government, with an annual salary of over two million. They have come up with a scheme for green homes in the future. This announces it is essential that there should be a ban on all gas in new homes by 2025 at the latest. Emma loved this and projected forward saying that Britain will have to remove all gas appliances by 2050. It seems that in 30 years time no one will be able to sell a home with gas or oil heating, and that the government will insist all houses comply. That is Emma's forecast.

She may not have been quite so pleased that the CCC-Plus favoured air source heat pumps, which we know work. Some one had already mentioned these heat pumps and Mike Barker jumped in very fast to shoot them down, saying they would cost ten to twenty thousand pounds to install, that they contain lots of dangerous and poisonous gases, and required very regular maintenance. He should tell CCC-Plus this very quickly. The new homes would also have such a high level of “airtightness” that there could be a need for air conditioning, and also for “passive cooling measures such as openable (sic) windows”. Something to look forward to.

There were only between 20-30 people at the meeting. This was a surprise and disappointment. Emma Fletcher chaired the meeting and she did this very well with wonderful panache and polish and style. She was amazing. If this had been a film she might well have been put forward for the “best actress” award. Her supporting cast of 7 or 8 people were a mixture of CCC Council employees and possibly the

odd consultant. If Emma does write a report in the *Crier* it is essential she gives the list and details of her cast, because few if any knew who they were.

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It was long meeting with a lot of talk so I shall just mention what I saw as a few of the high points, not necessarily in the order they occurred. Dave Jackson said the 50 degree level of heat supplied would be insufficient to heat his house to meet his needs. His current boiler produces about 80 degrees. The answer appeared to be to have a radiator two and a half times larger. I suppose this may take longer to heat the house. Dave also asked why they do not choose a site down the fen. It seems we have in Heath Road some CCC land allocated for industrial development. Down the fen it would be considerably more difficult to obtain planning permission and the land would need to be purchased. How many other villages in Cambridgeshire have convenient CCC land with planning permission for industrial development? It seems Reach and Swaffham Bulbeck have already expressed interest in the scheme.

I asked what would happen if they only managed to sign up 80 households instead of the 170 they need to make the scheme viable. Not entirely facetiously, I said that if this was Dragons Den they would be asked "Why should we invest in you when you don't know if there is a market?" A tall don't-argue-with-me-type gentleman standing just behind me, growled "This is not Dragon's Den". He is absolutely right, but the point stands. No answer was given except that they are still working on it.

Graham Jackson asked a number of technical questions, and obviously knows his stuff. He is an enthusiast for the scheme and thought there was a great need to change "the mindset" of people. And he may set about doing this.

Someone raised the risk of being in the hands of an operator who would have a monopoly and users would be trapped. The meeting was assured that there were numerous safeguards to prevent any firm reneging and going bottoms up. People were very kind and did not mention Carillion – safeguards indeed! Someone said there would be no difference from being in the hands of a single water supplier. The two things are not comparable and it is worry if they are thought to be so.

We were given a technical presentation by a very pleasant young man. The trouble is that he used a computer for his power point presentation. He apologised about the size and thought we possibly could not see the details. This was the one verifiable fact in the whole evening.

Emma will no doubt be producing her own report, and especially the amount of money allocated to various projects with a completion date of March 2021 when final details will be published. One of the allocated funds is for a visit to *every* house in the village to record details of the energy supply, cost, and insulation quality. So be prepared for the visit, and have the tea and biscuits ready.

Part Two will appear in the May *Crier*. TO COME – The up front cost, Climate Change, Per Diget comes to the rescue, and more

Alastair Everitt

BOTTISHAM VILLAGE FETE

**Saturday 8th June – 2pm to 5pm
at Bottisham Primary School Field**

Bring the Family for a great day's entertainment

To include

The Panic Steel Band - Horse rides with a difference!! -
Tombola and Lucky Dip - Games - Stalls - Face Painting
B B Q - Bar - Cream Teas - Bowling – Target and Carpet-
Archery - come and try ! - Football club fun -
Dance and Gymnastics displays - Musical delights -
and LOTS more beside

We hope to have both East Anglian Air Ambulance and
Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service represented

This is an event for the whole village
Come and have a great time with family and friends
Put it in your diary now !

To take part or to reserve a pitch for your stall or activity
please email: heathermaclay@googlemail.com

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service

CFRS bulletin this month is directed principally at the business sector of our communities. Please, however, do not overlook all the tips and advice given over the past year – in particular regularly testing those smoke alarms. Look upon them as RNLI personnel look upon their life vests – they're always there but called upon in earnest only when it matters – to save lives.

Do you own or run a business locally?

Have you taken the steps you need to in order to protect the business from fire?

Would you like to come along and hear from a Fire Protection Officer to find out more about keeping your business in business?

Would you like the help you need to build a FREE risk assessment for your business?

Sign up today for a FREE business seminar with Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service.

On average there are 165 fires in business premises each year with many of those businesses not going on to trade again.

Attending a **FREE** Business Seminar with Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service can help you to get the support you need to keep your business safe from fire and to ensure those working there are protected.

We are determined to support and inform business owners across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough on fire safety legislation and to help you put together a **FREE** Fire Risk Assessment to help you to protect your business from fire.

Whether your business runs out of a small industrial unit, is a side-street coffee shop or a licensed premise, our **FREE** workshops will help you to understand important legislation and build a comprehensive risk assessment to protect you and your business.

Our seminars run across the county in various locations and can additionally be arranged ad-hoc to requirements wherever possible.

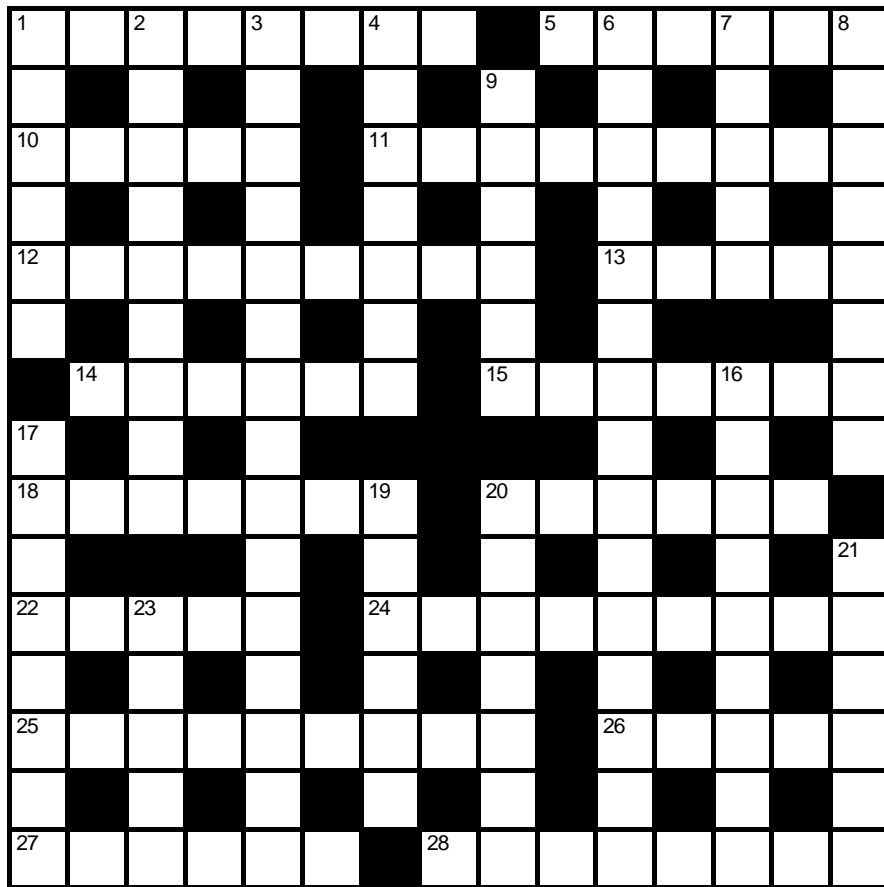
Please Contact us today – For more information on upcoming seminars or to book a place contact us on: 01480 444 500 or book online at www.cambsfire.gov.uk

Michael White

Crossword Number 163

Compiled by **NIBOR**

This month's puzzle is a simple cryptic crossword. Send your answers to the editors by 18 April 2019. 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.



Name:.....

Address:.....

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

Across

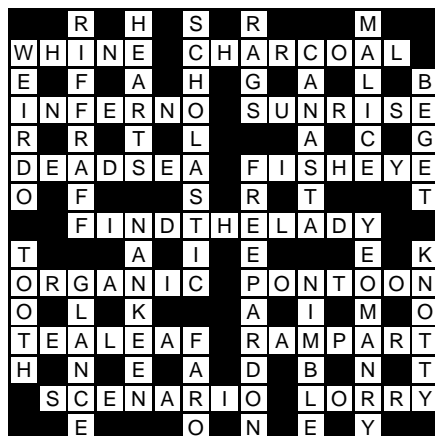
- 1 Perhaps the top of Everest is most enjoyable (4,4)
- 5 Tree bark and old berries as breakfast starters (6)
- 10 A hundred and one against ninety nine from the city (5)
- 11 Alcoholic may bite ear in confusion (9)
- 12 Makes a mistake about one going to university; that's wrong (9)
- 13 Condition of jockey (5)
- 14 Soldier meeting young lady is careless (6)
- 15 Rejection of damaged seal fur (7)
- 18 Held by hippopotamus I called Mary Poppins maybe (7)
- 20 Stride out of awkward predicaments and pitch tent (6)
- 22 To start coming home at seven might cause rift (5)
- 24 Make superficially attractive court saga characters (9)
- 25 Ozzie backwater Mr Bailey found with a ring (9)
- 26 I do it another way, stupid (5)
- 27 Personify electromagnetic figure (6)
- 28 Worried losers do lack perfume in America (8)

Down

- 1 Initially high on cocaine before important ball game (6)
- 2 Goes around Jules with old Bob, the teacher (9)
- 3 O deputy (6-2-7)
- 4 Medal given to new head in debt is inauspicious (7)

- 6 Queen Elizabeth maybe has a warship (8,7)
- 7 Make group surround rebel leader (5)
- 8 Year Bill staggered sleepily (8)
- 9 Hot spring found in cagey servant (6)
- 16 Represent when Leys mob is disorganised (9)
- 17 Cordial friend from Paris gets line... (8)
- 19 ...and instructions from the French boy (6)
- 20 Promised to get involved (7)
- 21 Importance of information about centre court (6)
- 23 It's spontaneous within postgrad libraries (2-3)

Solution to crossword no. 162



We congratulate Trish Whitehead, the winner of last month's competition, who will receive her prize certificate from the editors.



Bottisham Village College

Adult Learning

New Evening Courses starting after Easter:

Cookery: A Taste of Italian Spring on the Table

Design your Own Garden

Digital Photography

Floristry: Cut Flowers for Summer

Introduction to Counselling

Prepare for Maths GCSE (Free)*

***(for those intending to enrol on our Maths GCSE for Adults in September)**

Saturday Workshops – 18th May:

Cook with your Kids

Creative Writing – Flash Fiction

Cookery: Indian Stuffed Breads

Dichloric Glass Jewellery

Skin Care to Make-Up

Vibrant Inks and Pen Drawings for Landscapes

Yoga Workshop

Our full range of courses is available on our website:

www.bottishamvc.org/adultlearning

Tel: 01223 811372 email: adultlearning@bottishamvc.org

Facebook: BottishamAdultCommunityLearning or Twitter: @CommunityEdBott

National Trust - Wicken Fen News

Our summer migrants have steadily been arriving back at the Fen over the past few weeks, and are busy staking a territory, attracting a mate, and getting on with the important task of raising the next generation. We're expecting the return of the cuckoo towards the end of April, and look forward to hearing its familiar call on the reserve. We also have a number of new foals and calves on the reserve, so there's plenty of new wildlife to spot while you're walking at Wicken Fen.



*Reed warbler and cuckoo chick
(photo Richard Nicoll)*

We've got lots of fun activities planned for families over the school holidays: **Pond Dipping** on 10 & 15 April (age 5+), **Story Time: Blackbird, Blackbird** on Tuesday 9 April (age 2-7), **Spring into Spring: Eggs and Nests** on 11 & 12 April (age 4+), **Spring into Spring: Baby Paws and Claws** on 16 & 17 April (age 4+). There will also be offering drop in activities throughout the Easter break.

We'll be running **Cadbury's Easter Egg Trails** over the Easter Bank Holiday Weekend, Friday 22 – Monday 25 April. Trails are £2.50 per child (normal admission applies). You can drop in at any time over the weekend to complete the trail. Look for clues, and find out more about the wonderful wildlife at Wicken Fen and in your garden at home, and how we can help creatures great and small. Then you can claim your chocolate prize!

Our programme of adult events continues with a **Willow Basket Making Workshop** on Friday 26 April. Don't forget that our Health Walks continue throughout

the year; you can meet the friendly group of walkers in our car park every Wednesday at 10am.

Advance booking is essential for all events at Wicken Fen. Full details and ticketing information can be found in the 'What's On' section of our website: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wicken-fen



The Swaffhams' WI

We didn't have a speaker this month, as it was our Annual Meeting. It has a formal agenda: the reading of Bye Laws, the adoption of reports from the Secretary, President and the financial statement from the Treasurer. Individual members are thanked for their contribution to the running of the institute and as this year our President, Pat Cook was stepping down, under the auspices of Tellers from Burwell, a new President was elected.

Pat has been a brilliant, diligent leader working with the committee to keep our group friendly and welcoming; maintaining a programme of interesting, monthly talks, outings (this year to Felbrigg) and other necessary celebrations.

In these miserable, indecisive times, we had made a rapid, totally un-democratic decision to play Beetle, to end our evening. Pencils were poised, dice flew and fierce concentration was needed, interspersed with cries of anguish and delight. Many prizes were carried home, Lindt chocolate bunnies amongst them.

Our next meeting is on Monday 15th April, when we are looking forward to meeting Jean Lawrence and Dino. Dino is a hearing dog for the deaf, so it should be a good meeting.

All welcome.

Margaret Joyce



VILLAGE GARDENERS

There was a slight change of presenter for our March meeting titled 'Getting the Best from Your Roses'. Ian Limmer had been expected but he had been at a funeral in Germany and so his brother Vaughan gave us the very interesting talk with slides. Both brothers, their wives and their mother work at Peter Beales Roses in Norfolk which makes it a real family concern. Peter Beales died a few years ago and there are no more Beales involved in the nursery which is now owned by somebody who lives in Canada.

There are a 2,500 roses at Beales and they all have to be pruned! Vaughan gave us a quick, practical demonstration of how to prune various types of roses. Climbers and ramblers should, ideally, be pruned before January. Climbers benefit from staggered pruning, bending the longer, softer shoots and trimming them as necessary. Ramblers can have the side laterals cut off after flowering every 3 to 4 years. When the long stems are old they can be cut right back in order to promote new growth. Roses should be fed three times a year with Growmore or TopRose but not later than the beginning of August. Watering is also important in the first couple of years. Blackspot and mildew are a nuisance but if all the affected leaves are removed, the rose fed with Tomorite afterwards, then it will recover later in the season.

At Peter Beales there are many gardens to show off the roses to their best advantage. There are numerous arches in the Display Garden and the St. Alban's Walkway has 80 arches. One of the striking roses used is Chevy Chase which is a deep red and flowers for several weeks. There is a Turret structure too and that is covered in roses. The Wildlife Garden is a recent addition. Wildflower seeds have been scattered around, rambler roses scramble over trees and there is a children's play area nearby. There is an increasing amount of wildlife in that area too.

Each year a team goes to Chelsea and in 2017 they won a Gold medal. A team of six goes down on the Monday prior to Chelsea to set up the garden. 2,000 roses are taken and about 1,000 are used. In 2018 the nursery was delighted that the Queen visited their stand, especially as she only visits three stands each year. Climbers usually have single repeat blooms whereas ramblers are in clusters of flowers and last for just three weeks. The latter are ideal over



Some of Beales' 2,500 Roses — and all of them have to be pruned!

established conifers, old trees and unsightly sheds. Climbing roses grow to about 10' whereas ramblers can grow to 30' or 40' but they are best kept under control at about 8' - 10'. There are a few repeat ramblers and Phyllis Bide is one of those. Kiftgate is extremely prolific and will produce hips which can last until Christmas, which is food for the birds. Some roses are very good on a north wall and Mme Alfred Carriere is one of those. It can be cut back three times each year. Dark red roses like Souvenir du Docteur Jamain tend to fade in the sun and they need plenty of food and water.

Offices at Peter Beales are generally more like garden sheds as most of the work is done outside. Nonetheless they are made very attractive by having glorious roses covering the front of them. Shrub roses can be grown as small climbers and can reach 8'. Hybrid musk roses are repeat flowering and highly scented. Ground cover roses can make excellent climbers too and have good flowers and hips. Ramblers can be trained over low walls and also up in a fan or in horizontal lines up walls making them very versatile. After a very interesting and informative talk we were able to buy some beautiful roses at special prices!

Our next meeting is on April 16th at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall when Rodney Tibbs will be talking on Vegetables for Value and everybody will be most welcome.

Ruth Scovil



Mothers' Union

Our 2019 Programme began with a New Year Communion Service led by Rev'd Elizabeth Caswell. Our guest speaker in February was Sarah Maxwell who gave us a very interesting talk on A Life in Teaching. A report on this will be in the next edition of the magazines.

Our April meeting will take place on Thursday 11th April, when we will be holding our Spring Social and Bring & Buy Stall at 2.30 in Lode Chapel. (Please note this is a week earlier than usual due to Holy Week). You are most welcome to come and join us'

Jill Jenyns

News from Bottisham Medical Practice Patients' Group

New Signage: The old dental surgery has been leased by the service for deaf children, which has put up their rather large notice on the Practice nameboard at the car park entrance. The surgery would be interested in hearing patients' opinions on this notice.

University Students: The practice is working with Cambridge University in securing the 2019/20 group of undergraduates who will continue their GP training at the Surgery throughout the year. The Reception team will let patients know when we have students present at consultations and there is the option to decline.

Dispensary: New staff have now been recruited which should ease the pressure there.

Patients' Groups: The GP contract requires practices to have a Patients' Group, the full title being Patient Participation Group (PPG). Each practice is required to make an annual self-declaration electronically to NHS England confirming that they 'have engaged with their PPG throughout the year and made available such feedback to the practice population', 'including actions and reports including where they have acted on suggestions for improvement'. Care Quality Commission inspectors also expect to see and engage with a PPG in each practice.


St Mary's Swaffham Bulbeck


Flower Festival

The English Country Garden


Saturday 11th May 10-5
Ploughman's Lunches

 Cream Teas 

Sunday 12th May 2-5pm
Cream Teas

 Plant Stall 

Free Entrance

Donations for the Church Restoration fund

Walks for Health: The next walks with our accredited walk leader Steve Gilson start at 11.00 am from the surgery car park on 12 and 24 April, 10 and 22 May, 7 and 19 June 2019. Do join Steve for a walk he would be delighted to see you. Walks from Anglesey Abbey continue on Thursdays at 10am from the reception area.

Next Meeting: Next meeting will be Thursday 23 May 2019 at 6.30pm at the surgery.

A.G.M.: Will be held on Tuesday 30 April 7pm at the surgery.

Bottisham Patients' Group



EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE
DISTRICT COUNCIL

From our District
Councillor
Allen Alderson

District Councillors Report April 2019



Because of the forthcoming local elections we are now in Purdah from March 26 to May 4. This means Councillors cannot be quoted in any press release issued by the Council or use the resources of the Council for party political purposes unless to fulfill duty as a Councillor in office.

For this reason I will be concentrating on meetings that I have attended recently. These included a Planning Committee, a Community Services Committee, a Swaffham Internal Drainage Board meeting, and a Full Council meeting where we discuss the Local Plan.

I also attached the following:-

□ A Seminar on Drainage, where we were given presentations by Cambs County Council, the Environment Agency, Swaffham Internal Drainage Board and Anglia Water.

□ A seminar on Archaeology where we were given a presentation by Quinton Carroll from the Historic Environment Team at Cambs County Council. He showed slides of a Bronze Age boat made from a tree trunk from about 1500BC, also a gold torc. They store all of their finds in an underground old War Bunker in Cheshire. They work with developers to record any findings and make information available. They have records of approx 15,000 archaeology sites in Cambridgeshire.

□ A visit to the National Stud at Newmarket which is owned by the Jockey Club. It currently accommodates about 200 brooding mares. On our tour of the stud I saw several recently born foals. The stud works alongside some of the industry's best vets and farriers to make sure that the horses have the best standard of care. They have several famous stallions at the stud.

Lastly, this May I will be standing down as your District Councillor after 15 years of service. I have many happy memories during this period and count it as a privilege to have worked on behalf of the residents of the Swaffhams ward, many thanks to you all.

Allen Alderson

Love is Kind ...



I wonder how you got on with being patient over this past month? Me? Well let's just say I'm still a work in progress!

After patience, the next defining characteristic of Love is, 'kindness' (1 Corinthians 13.4). I have been on the receiving end of so much kindness through my life and ministry, and hopefully I've been able to extend kindness to others too. Think back over your life, how have people been kind to you? How have you been kind to others? Can you identify occasions when you have experienced the kindness of God?

Following last month's pattern of reading 1 Corinthians 13: "Love is Kind"; God is Love therefore "God is kind"; Jesus and God are One therefore "Jesus is kind;" we are called to follow Jesus, therefore we too should be defined by our kindness "[insert your name] is kind". How can you demonstrate kindness to someone today?

Think creatively, use your imagination, think practically. It may be costly, involving a sacrifice of time or money and it may take some effort, but the lasting impact of kindness will more than outweigh the sacrifice. Go on! Be kind to someone today, be the reason someone smiles and gives thanks today. Need some ideas? Invite someone for a meal; give a gift; take someone out for the day; buy someone a coffee/lunch; write a letter; visit someone you know is lonely; meet a need you are aware of; help with some DIY; take the time to listen to someone; forgive the person who has hurt you; help a neighbour with their gardening; use your gifts and abilities to make someone's day!

I'd love to hear your stories of receiving kindness and being kind, feel free to email me. Even better, pop along to RENEW sometime and tell me in person!

Please don't forget Village Praise this month on Easter Day 21st April 5.30-6.30 followed by Easter Refreshments! If you would like to introduce a favourite Easter song / hymn or have a suitable poem or live experience to share, please get in touch with me, soon, these services are really special when lots of people take part.

If you aren't part of a church family, I would also like to invite you to our Easter morning service in particular, there is no better time to go to church and see what all the fuss is about. Come and See!

Rev'd Alan Brand

RENEW Services for April 2019

We have activities for children and young people at all our RENEW morning services. Everyone is welcome. Croissants and drinks are available before Morning Worship from 10.10 am.

Sunday 7th April. Morning Worship. 10.30am (Bottisham Primary School)
Sunday 14th April. Morning Worship. 10.30am (at the School) Followed by shared lunch

Sunday 21st April. Resurrection Sunday. 10.30am A Baptism Service. (at the School)

Sunday 21st April. 5.30pm Easter Village Praise. (at Lode Chapel)

Sunday 28th April. Morning Worship with Holy Communion. 10.30am (at the School)

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

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

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

FREecycle



If you have any offers or wants, please contact me by the 14th of each month by phone (01223 813362/07980 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 1st of the month to make it a little fairer.

Offers

3 sets of golf clubs with golf bags; Golf umbrella; New pair of men's size 10 golf shoes. John/Steve 01223 811745.

Unused boxes of coloured chalks; Baby Annabell dolls high chair; Baby Annabell push chair. Marian 01223 812020 (please leave a message and I will get back to you)

Old office chair on 5 castors. Blue, with arms. Nick/Glenis, 01223 812634

Garden table, light filigree iron work in charcoal, seats 6-8 and 4 matching chairs, slightly weatherworn but in good condition. To be collected. Carol 01223 812007

2.3m green plastic wavy slide (just the slide, so needs a platform to bolt it to) – some scratches on it from use, but perfectly functional. Jun/Andy 01223 813362

Wanted

Corrugated iron sheets. Toni 07803 364278

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. (For an idea of what George is gathering this for – please see <http://georgetrapp.co.uk/georgetrapplamps.html>)

Jun Thompson

Dear Friends,

Everyone loves a happy ending, or do they?

I am writing this on the weekend that a right-wing extremist extinguished the lives of men, women and children as they worshipped at their mosques. He was not planning a happy ending. Fuelled by hatred, his intention was to create as much distress, suffering and confusion as possible and to sow the seeds of mistrust and further hatred as far as he could.

There are others in our world who do the opposite and work very hard to make endings that are good and productive even if they cannot be happy. Such people work to bring comfort to those who are dying and company to those who are lonely. They work to support those who are struggling and seek to encourage those who feel hopeless or vulnerable. We all have to choose and then work for the endings that are good, creative and peaceful.

Endings are incredibly important. How a relationship ends sows seeds for the future. How we leave a job can affect our employment in the future. How we leave this world is important not just for the one leaving but for those who remain behind. How we respond to tragedies such as the one in Christchurch, New Zealand is key to the future we create together.

As you read this article we will be approaching the solemn events of Holy Week and the joyous celebration of Easter. Jesus' betrayal, torture and execution provided a fitting ending in the minds of some. Those who regarded Jesus as a trouble maker, or the creator of instability and the challenger of orthodoxy, were glad to be rid of him and thought that his death in such a public and humiliating way would silence his voice for ever. For those who loved him and those who saw hope and goodness in his teaching the ending of his life was a devastating blow. Yet things are not always as they seem.

The power of the resurrection lies in God's transforming love which can reshape a terrible event or experience into a moment of growth and hope. The resurrection is not a happy ever after ending for those who don't like sadness and can't face tragedy or death. The resurrection is an event which brings, not happiness but hope and the power to seek out goodness and to trust in love. The resurrection is a powerful sign that even in disaster and pain God can empower us, bringing something which is good. Below is a poem found on the wall of a cellar, written by a Jew in the Cologne concentration camp. The poem is far more eloquent than I could ever be.

I believe in the sun
even when it is not shining
And I believe in love,
even when there's no one there.
And I believe in God,
even when he is silent.

I believe through any trial,
there is always a way
But sometimes in this suffering
and hopeless despair
My heart cries for shelter,
to know someone's there
But a voice rises within me, saying hold on
my child, I'll give you strength,
I'll give you hope. Just stay a little while.

I believe in the sun
even when it is not shining
And I believe in love
even when there's no one there
But I believe in God
even when he is silent
I believe through any trial
there is always a way.

May there someday be sunshine
May there someday be happiness
May there someday be love
May there someday be peace...."

Sue Glies

Church Services in April

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

Sunday 7 April, Fifth Sunday of Lent

11am Holy Communion (CW1T)

Sunday 14 April, Palm Sunday

10am Benefice Service, Holy Communion (CW1), Bottisham

Thursday 18 April, Maundy Thursday

7.30pm Holy Communion (CW1), Lode

Friday 19 April, Good Friday

10am Family Worship, Swaffham Bulbeck

7.30pm Reflection, Bottisham

Sunday 21 April, Easter Sunday

11am Holy Communion (CW1T)

Sunday 28 April, Second Sunday of Easter

8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

9.30am Children's Church, Lode

10am Morning Worship, Swaffham Bulbeck

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 April 2019

Fri	5	Coffee Morning, 10.30—1pm. 41 Cage Hill [7]
Thu	11	PC Meeting, VH, 7.30pm [4] Mothers' Union, Lode Chapel, 2.30pm [25]
Mon	15	WI, VH, 7.30 [24]
Tue	16	Village Gardeners, VH, 8pm [24]
Wed	17	
Thu	18	
Fri	19	
Sat	20	Crier Copy Deadline
Sun	21	
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May		
Thu	2	ECDC Election , VH [7]

Numbers in square brackets indicate page number of an accompanying article

Club	Contact	Tel.	Date	Time	Place
FOSPS			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