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Editorial

We were abroad when we heard the sad news of Michael Marshall's death. Like I imagine all of us who have lived in the village for any length of time, I was very shocked and saddened by this, and our thoughts go out to his family. I felt that the village had lost a powerful behind-the-scenes benefactor and "protector", but it was his kindness and support for everyone he came across in his life that particularly impressed. I could tell you how he rescued *me* from a sticky predicament, and I do hope that if anyone-else has any anecdotes to share, they will send them to the Crier.

In fact, we have lost quite a few highly esteemed village characters very recently, seemingly inevitably the ones that made this village so much cheerier a place, and that's before we come to Margaret Arksey! So families and friends, if you get a chance, do please send us a few lines sometimes. Otherwise, be warned, I might write them...

Public Consultations, don't you just love them! What they invariably mean is that something dodgy is afoot and when they invariably take place is over the holidays, when everyone's away, and at two hours notice... Anyway, the Public Transport Consultations that have suddenly come to light (in a locked filing cabinet down a cellar behind a door marked "Beware of the Leopard"..) seem to be fairly par for the course so far, so it would be better if we went and had our say-so. Unfortunately, the Cambridge Consultation clashes with the Autumn Show, so that just leaves the online questionnaire, we'll have to fill that in instead.

Don't miss the two new VH courses advertised in this edition (Art History and T'ai Chi) and alas, more sad news. Our profoundly incorruptible Crossword Winner Selector (Harry the Dog) has sadly also died this month, as also "Grumpy Cat" Rosie, who lived next door. Goodbye old friends, we loved you lots.

Caroline Matheson

Cover Picture: *Sweet Summer Wine* by **Thomas Newbolt**

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Letters to the Editors



Dear Editors,

Sunflower Challenge

Jenny Brand and I are delighted that so many have taken up the sunflower challenge. It would be very nice if the grower stood next to the sunflower for the photo. The flower may be over by the time of the show by September 15th so do take some photos. What ever the size your sunflower grows- do email the photos to Jenny Brand jenny.brand26@gmail.com. We are pleased to see the successful ones and the ones that did not quite make it....

Green fingers crossed and keep feeding.

Sue Wade (Swaffham Prior School Gardening Club)

**TAKE A PHOTO OF
YOUR SUNFLOWER
AND EMAIL IT TO
JENNY**



Higher and higher...will they be the winners? See page 7 for details of this year's Autumn Show.

Dear Editors,

Carcass Tsar Replies

I suppose I should be surprised but I wasn't, to see the Crier 'reporter' plumb new depths of dismality in the July magazine. He was clearly desperate to elicit a response from me on the subject of dead animals, (or any subject probably) by including in his Parish Council 'report' something that wasn't at the meeting, ie me; nor was there any reference I know of to me at that meeting. If dismality isn't in the dictionary it should be, and I gift it to him. Dismality is such stuff as his dreams are made on.* It is a material he clothes himself in regularly.

Mr Everitt would have known if he had asked me, that I am neither miffed nor surprised there's no PC engagement with the contents of my letter in the May Crier that someone on the PC might help to manage organising the removal of dead animals on the verges in the vicinity of Swaffham Prior. Of course they wouldn't. That would involve responding to a suggestion that they might do something useful (by the terribly demanding activity of contacting the district council via the link given in my letter. Or by phone). They are far too busy with important things like keeping from public view the letters sent to them by our MP about the village, letters so secret that they have been read out to the public at their public meetings; and of course, busily wondering how the Community Heating Scheme could use gas, in that quaint disconnected way they have, having not managed to inform themselves of the basics of a major development that could be going on before long literally under their own feet. (A basic bit of info that has been known for quite some time now to anyone who has taken even a small degree of interest).

And they wonder why hardly anyone turns up to the annual village assembly.

For myself, I had wondered after sending that letter in May on appointing a carcass tsar, whether the bleached bones of some large long-dead creature by the Swaffham Prior sign approaching Cage Hill might have been there long enough to be considered permanent enough to be added to the village sign. Tippex would do it, if anyone feels enthusiastic enough to actually do something.

Mark Lewinski

*To borrow lightly from Shakespeare, who according to Mr Everitt, didn't write his own plays, couldn't possibly have done. Perish the dreadful thought.

BON MOT NUMBER THIRTY TWO (Republished from the May 2013 Crier)

"It is much easier to be critical than to be correct."

Benjamin Disraeli (1804 - 1881)

Dear Editors,

Public Transport Consultation

Irrespective of the ‘rights & wrongs’ of when the PC were notified and the location's of the events (*Our PC was not directly notified , as neither was the Crier. We only found out too late for most of the consultations offered, not that any of them were round here ... Eds*) we believe it's very important to raise awareness of the ongoing Public Transport Consultation process and get as many people as possible to have some input.

From the list of venues, 9 of the 21 had already happened before we received notification and only the last three (Peterborough, Chatteris & Cambridge) will be available after the **Crier** is published; Cambridge being the most convenient, but still not easy to get to.

So it looks as though the Internet is our only effective option.

Details can be found here about the consultation: -

<https://www.cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/about-us/programmes/transport/tp/>

and the questionnaire here:-

<https://www.cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/about-us/programmes/transport/tp-questionnaire/>

We need as many as possible to fill in the questionnaire and take part in the consultation NOT just users of Public Transport – it's our chance to mould the future!

David Greenfield
Swaffham Parish Council.

Forthcoming Public Consultation Dates and Venues

Peterborough	Sat 07 Sep	10am-3pm	Peterborough Town Hall
Chatteris	Wed 11 Sep	3pm-8pm	Chatteris Council Chambers
Cambridge	Sat 14 Sep	10am-3pm	Cambridge Central Library, Lion Yard

And there's more ➡

Transport for People and Planet

An opportunity to have your say

Our villages of Bottisham, Brinkley, Burwell, Lode-with-Longmeadow, Reach, Stowcum-Quy, Swaffham Bulbeck, Swaffham Prior and Westley Waterless have been let down and left behind, leaving us with inadequate public transport. At key times of the evening and weekends there is no service at all.

This is not good enough. Our communities should have an effective public transport system that serves the people and the environment. At the very least, the number 11 bus should run until late so that people can get home from Cambridge. This is not possible for students returning later from college or for those who work shifts out of standard office hours. Nobody in our communities can catch a bus home from town after an evening out, or travel by public transport on a Sunday.

Share your ideas

Do you have ideas about what our transport should look like? Do you want to get involved with our campaign? transport4pp@gmail.com

Drop in to our Open Meetings

Bottisham Tue 17th Sep 5:30pm-8:30pm, Community Sports and Social Club, 31 Downing Close, Bottisham, CB25 9DD

Lode Sun 29th Sep 3pm-4pm The Fassage Hall, Station Road, Lode, CB25 9HB

Swaffham Prior Mon 30th Sep 7pm-9pm Swaffham Prior Village Hall, High Street, Swaffham Prior, CB25 0LD

Six Mile Bottom Thurs 26th Sep 7pm-8:30pm, SMB Sports and Social Club, Delamere Close, Six Mile Bottom, CB8 0XF

Burwell Fri 4th Oct 6pm-8pm Mandeville Hall, Tan House Lane (Off Reach Road), Burwell CB25 0AR

Transport for People and Planet is a community campaign started up by members of the local Labour Party but open to everyone.



From our Reporter at the Parish Council Meeting

I waited until Wednesday 24th July to write this report until our new Prime Minister was announced. That was the day when Ireland bowled us out for a mere 85 runs. Let's hope this is not an ill omen. So much has been written and denied about Boris that it does become confusing. So I resorted to my own Backstop when undecided about a public figure. We still have vacancy on our PC. It would be so interesting if there was a secret ballot of our PC members to find out whether they would like Boris to join the Committee. A simple yes or no would do. We all may be surprised by the result



Onto the actual PC July meeting. The minutes were approved after some minor changes. Charlotte Cane presented her ECDC report. She was disappointed that an Extraordinary Meeting rescinded the motion calling for more affordable housing on the MOD site. This means there will be 15 affordable homes

from the 92, with none being available for rent. A compromise amendment calling for 32 affordable homes including 7 for rent was put forward. This was defeated by the casting vote of the Council Chairman.

If David (PC Deputy Chair) writes a letter it is “public”, but any reply from Lucy (our MP) is “private”, and cannot be quoted by the *Crier*. Can this really be so? Seems a crook system to me...

Charlotte had raised a question about the finances of the East Cambs Trading Company (ECTC) which will be borrowing £25 million for the MOD development. ECTC already has got liabilities of £711,139. The Company Directors stated that they were a “Going Concern” because they are supported by the District Council. Charlotte is concerned because, if ECTC fails, she wonders who picks up the bill. She was told that she “doesn’t understand accounts.” She is a Chartered Accountant.

She then passed round a “Young person’s Service Questionnaire” which many members read with a certain amount of disbelief. There are three sections – for those aged 5-8, 9-12 and 13-18. There are 46 questions with three places for extra comments. How much did this cost, how will the young get hold of it, why distribute it in the school holidays, why does it have to be returned during August? Charlotte raised her hands, said she did not know, and that it had all been prepared before she was elected to ECDC. The only identification you need to give is your sex (with only a choice of two), and village. It will be interesting to know how many replies they get, and it is to be hoped no conclusions are drawn from it. If very few are returned.

There was further question about “landbanking”. David is writing to Lucy Fraser following her last letter to the PC. He is going to give a copy of his letter to the *Crier* for publication. So it seems that if David writes a letter it is “**public**”, but, it decided at the June meeting, that any reply from Lucy or government

representative is “**Private**”, and cannot be shown to or quoted by the *Crier*. Can this really be so? Seems a crook system to me.

The controversial sign at the top of Cage Hill has been removed with the minimum of fuss, and all is at peace there. Paul complained that the back path past the horses’ field is now seriously overgrown. This has been complained about for the last two or three years. It is thought the owners of the field and some house owners on the High Street are responsible. I think the PC will try to tackle it but there was no obvious enthusiasm to do so. The alarm of St Mary’s is beginning to misbehave in the night, and the lightening conductor at the top of St. Cyriac’s has a lean. The Village Hall has had it trees surveyed and this will be sent to our Tree Officer, Cathy White, for approval. Someone is interested in the last available allotment.

The meeting would have ended here very quietly. But earlier Charlotte had passed around a statement about access to Castle Mound in Cambridge. This is reproduced at the end of this Report. During Open Question Time Michael Limb made an impassioned plea for the PC to write to CCC insisting the site remains open to the public. And, I think, to say that “Climbing the Mound” is an important Swaffham Prior pastime. It really was a most impressive and emotional outburst with almost tears in Michael’s eyes. So good to witness.

Alastair Everitt

Autumn Produce Show

2019's Show and Auction of Produce will take place on:

Saturday 14th September

So keep planting and watering and feeding, while the sun is out.

And if it starts to rain make jam, chutney and wine.

All the usual categories **PLUS SUNFLOWERS**

No need to dig them up and carry them in this year!

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION themes

ADULT: IN FLIGHT

CHILDREN: WINGS

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The Castle Mound in Cambridge

The question of access to Castle Mound complicated. The Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979 provides public rights of access to the monument, but only as long as the site remains in the ownership of a public body. It would not apply if the site were to be sold into private hands. It's in the public domain that the



successful bidder for Shire Hall and its environs is Brookgate, but I don't think it's in the public domain what the proposed arrangements between the County Council and Brookgate. If the disposal is by means other than outright sale, then the Mound may be said to remain in public hands and public access protected by the Act.

The other issue is that access under the Act is not completely unconstrained. It is not the same as a right of way and can on occasion be restricted – for purposed of maintaining and preserving the site, or in the interests of public safety, for example.

Charlotte Cane



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Jacket Potato Supper

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Landbanking: The response from the Parish Council to Lucy Fraser MP

22nd July 2019

Dear Lucy,

Many thanks for your letter of 3rd June 2019 together with the attachment – letter from Kit Malthouse MP, dated 16th January 2019.

Although the contents of both are informative and make interesting reading, the Parish Council feels that the gist of our original correspondence back in July 2018 has been lost. We were always comfortable that the Inspectors have worked within the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). The Fordham appeal was used in our correspondence as, at the time, the latest example of the Inspectorate overruling East Cambridgeshire District Council's (ECDC) and the local community wishes. Unfortunately, the process takes no account of Planning Approvals given by ECDC, just what's been built. In numerous cases recently, including Fordham, the Inspector has based their decision on ECDC's inability to demonstrate a five year supply of deliverable housing sites.

Much has been made of the Government's independent review of build out by Sir Oliver Letwin MP, with one of its main aims to explore the concerns expressed in some quarters about 'land banking' and 'intentional delay'. One of the main terms of reference for the review was to "explain the significant gap between housing completions and the amount of land allocated or permissioned in areas of high housing demand and make recommendations for closing it". Unfortunately, it was decided to only analyse developments over 1500 dwellings and the report's recommendations are based on developments over this number – we're not aware of any single development of that scale in ECDC.

Our concern is the Law relating to the ability of Local Councils to force developers to develop when permission has been granted.

There is evidence that developers are 'land banking' and although there may be legitimate reasons behind a developers delay in commencing the build, the system fails to have a mechanism to focus the developers' mind.

Our original correspondence in July 2018 was asking for your support in exploring the consequences of the Fordham appeal case and the issues raised in the wider ECDC Local Plan and we were pleased you organised a meeting in October 2018 with the minister for housing, Kit Malthouse MP and councillors Julia Huffer and Joshua Schumann.

In summary, we are asking for your continued support; local authorities need legislation in place to pressurise a developer to develop if Outline Planning or Full Planning has been given, thus meeting the housing need identified by the council and the Local Plan.

Swaffham Prior Parish Council

Yes, but what did she say??? Ours is not to know (see Our Reporter)! Eds

Not entirely sure what Land-banking is? Here's from the CPRE....



A phrase that a few years ago would have been met with a quizzical, confused look is now on the lips of many housing commentators and policy-makers. It's also shaping up to be the next big battle in the effort to tackle Britain's housing crisis and prevent the unnecessary loss of countryside.

The government is waking up to the idea that the country's biggest housebuilders are hoarding land. Secretary of State Sajid Javid wants Westminster to play a 'more active, muscular role' in tackling land-banking, and Tory grandee Sir Oliver Letwin MP is leading a review into the topic, to which I submitted evidence on behalf of the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE).

We've compiled evidence that shows the UK's ten biggest housebuilders have increased the number of plots with planning permission they hold by a fifth in the past ten years, by two-fifths since 1998. Meanwhile, the number of homes completed each year has fallen by 13%. Alongside this, industry profits have skyrocketed, and the loss of our countryside accelerated.

The hoarding of land also has a pernicious effect on our countryside. The dominance of the biggest developers means the market is increasingly geared towards the types of development they want, not what communities need. They are free to cherry-pick land that will make them the most profit - large tracts of undeveloped land carved out of the beautiful patchwork of English countryside we know and love.

Local authorities, housing associations and other smaller builders are often prepared to build more quickly, are better placed to provide affordable housing, or redevelop existing brownfield sites rather than our green spaces, and they need to play a greater role. But, they are being squeezed out as the biggest builders consolidate their grip on the market; the volume builders now have 59% market share, up from 31% in 2007.

We need action. We need stronger powers for local authorities to compel builders to build out sites with planning permission. We need strong 'use it or lose it' measures for large housebuilding schemes, with exemptions that incentivise a role for councils and small or medium-sized builders, and for **building affordable housing first**.

Paul Miner,

Planning Campaign Manager

See also Charlotte Cane on page 24. Eds





Please keep the date!
Saturday 21 December 2019
is the **100th** anniversary
of the dedication of the unique
War Memorial Windows
in St Mary's, Swaffham Prior

We will be holding a commemoration in church at 4.30pm to celebrate the centenary, which will include excerpts from the original dedication service. The short ceremony will be followed by refreshments.
More details to follow.

Looking for a rewarding job in your community? Are you recently retired? Moved to part-time work? Children now at school?

If you like meeting people and are able to deal sympathetically with elderly and frail people a vacancy exists for the post of Clerk to the Trustees following the retirement of the current post holder. Some simple book-keeping, dealing with electronic payments, a high level of confidentiality, minute taking and basic administrative duties are required. The successful applicant will receive any help and mentoring required for the first distribution. An honorarium is attached.

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29 Mill Road
Lode
Cambridge
CB25 9EN

Or E-mail to coralhatley@gmail.com

FUN DOG SHOW



SWAFFHAM PRIOR

Saturday 14th September 2019

Village Hall **1.45 pm** in conjunction with the

Village Harvest Show

Six Classes: Agility, Sausage Hunt,
Most Obedient (sit, down, stand, heel),
Best Paw Shaker, Best Doggy Talent,
Fancy Dress – this year's theme is celebrating 50
years since man landed on the moon, so get creative,
astronauts, spaceships, aliens, planets – let your
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Classes £1 each or £5 for all six classes

Entries on the day, enquires in advance to

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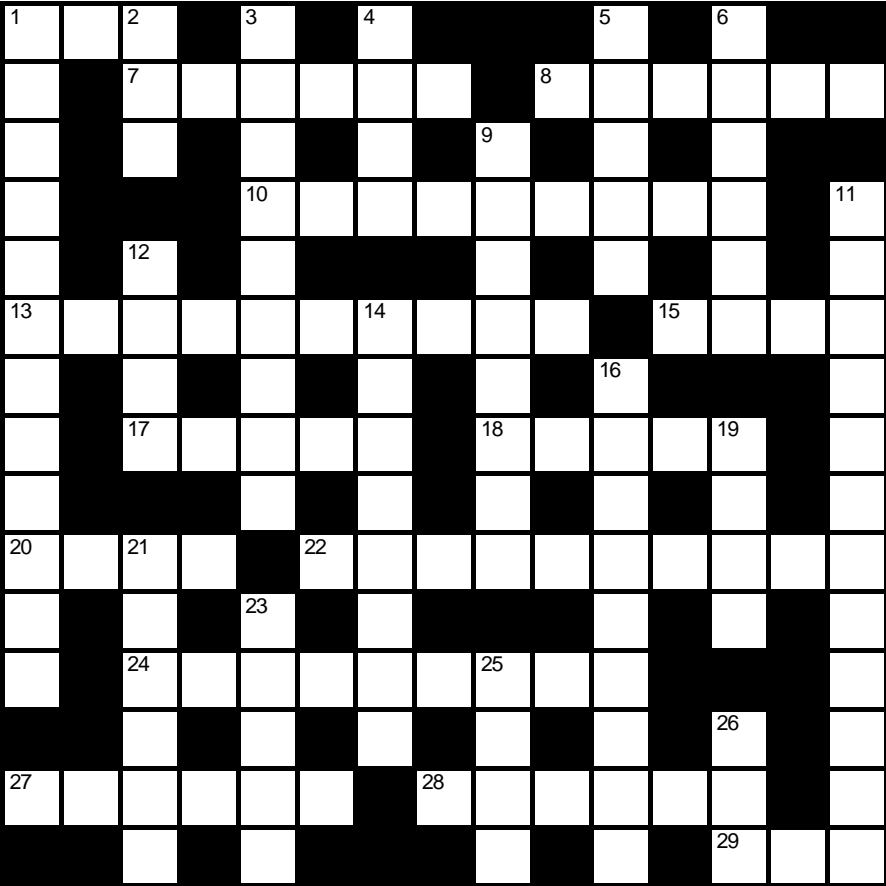


All proceeds to St Mary's Church

Crossword Number 167

Compiled by OUNCE

Answers to clues beginning with '-' are phrases, song, story or book titles, related to the number in the clue and have no other definition. For example, the answer to "- 5 (4)" could be "high". Send your answers to the editors by 18th September 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 Roll when silly Tim leaves bitmap (3)
 7 _ _ 2 (3,3)
 8 Member, one old bridge player for regiment (6)
 10 _ _ _ 4 (3,4,2)
 13 Shortly, I have growth resulting in obesity (10)
 15 Treat dunderhead with wig? (4)
 17 _ 16 (5)
 18 _ 22 (5)
 20 In addition, a long shot, ordered at first (4)
 22 Moderate article about English abstinence (10)
 24 Spuriously rich store yields singer (9)
 27 _ _ 64 (4,2)
 28 _ 5 (6)
 29 Cuddle in Honshu? Great news (3)

Down

- 1 _ _ _ 1 (4,2,6)
 2 School club but, pupils are not members (1,1,1)
 3 Cry of pain swallowed by spouse; joint possessor? (4,5)
 4 Strike this or sit (4)
 5 Controls and rules we hear (5)
 6 _ _ 6 (3,3)
 9 Liquid bedhead? (8)
 11 Thing is, grade is composed by performing without rehearsal (5-7)

- 12 _ 11 (4)
 14 Courageous due to dire pint brew (8)
 16 Holy man with metal source backs Moor into larder (9)
 19 _ 10 (4)
 21 _ 7 (6)
 23 Funny cosmetic set apart (5)
 25 Transport back to market (4)
 26 Tree residue (3)

Solution to crossword no. 166

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We congratulate Sue Richards, the winner of last month's competition, who will receive her prize certificate from the editors. Honourable mentions go to Martyn & Debbie Clark, Sue Jackson, Kelly Mead, Robert Nunn, Dainon O'Dowd and Trish Whitehead.

East Anglian Air Ambulance – Summer update

Each month, apart from August, I have brought news of the wide variety of missions for which our crews are tasked. On one of the hottest days one such happened at a farm near Newmarket when some irrigation kit exploded exposing Jonathan's lung and severely damaging his leg.

His colleague Tim applied first aid and at 15:29 called 999 in response to which, at 15:45, Anglia Two was despatched from Cambridge. Sheltering from the sun under a tree, Jonathan and Tim were located at 16:08 – Dr Ed Gold and Critical Care Paramedics Liam and Chris dealt with the wounds and, sedated, Jonathan was flown to Addenbrookes for blood transfusion and eleven hours of surgery ! Astonishingly Jonathan survived and, in March, CCP Liam and Pilot Elliot were amazed to see him walk into the Crew Room, his self determination, therapy and counselling all having contributed to his recovery. He is now a true ambassador for EAAA giving talks and presentations about his experience. Another 'job well done' and example of the vital life-saving importance of intervention within the 'golden hour'

If you have to have a serious incident, East Anglia seems to be the area in which to have it !

So, please do continue to support this crucial life-saving work in whatever ways you can – donations, playing the EAAA weekly lottery or setting aside a bequest in your will. Oh, and before I close – we could use more help in a variety of ways so why not join in this extremely rewarding work.

Michael White



Julie's Recipes: COURGETTES

(Some ideas of how to use up them up)

Rustic courgette, pine nut & ricotta tart

2tbsp olive oil	Grating of nutmeg
4 courgettes thinly sliced	50g grated parmesan
2 x 250g tubs of ricotta	1 large clove garlic crushed
4 eggs	500g block puff pastry
Large handful of basil leaves shredded	Large handful pine nuts

1.Heat oven to 180c. Heat half of the olive oil in a frying pan. Sizzle the courgettes until golden around the edges, then set aside in a bowl.

2.Beat the ricotta with the eggs, basil, nutmeg, half the parmesan and the garlic and set aside.

3. Roll out the pastry to a rough round about 40cm wide, then transfer to a greased baking tray.

4.Spread ricotta mix onto the pastry leaving a 4cm border. Press the courgette slices into the ricotta, then scatter with pine nuts and remaining parmesan.

5. Bring up the sides over the ricotta and pinch to encase the filling.

6. Bake for 30 mins until the filling is puffed up and golden.

Enjoy warm or cold.

Courgette pate

200g mushrooms chopped	3 eggs separated
370g grated courgette	1tbsp mixed herbs
250g dried breadcrumbs	2 cloves of garlic crushed
200g grated cheese	1 pinch of dried marjoram
4 tablespoons oil	1tbsp chopped fresh parsley
1 onion chopped	Salt and pepper to taste

1. Preheat oven to 180c. Grease a large loaf tin or line with parchment.

2. Cook the chopped mushrooms until they lose their liquid, drain if need be.

3. Combine the courgette, bread crumbs, cheese ,oil, onion, egg yolks, garlic, herbs and seasoning. Add the cooked mushrooms. Stir well to combine. If the mixture is too wet then add more bread crumbs.

4. Beat the egg whites until stiff. Carefully fold in the courgette mixture.

5. Spoon the mixture into the greased loaf tin and level and smooth the top.

6. Bake in preheated oven for 1 hour. Remove from the oven and let cool in tin. Run a knife along the edges to turn it out.

Enjoy once completely cool, as a nibble or served on crackers or toasted crostini.

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First Class Free

Cost: £4.00 per session per person
for members (£5.00 non-members)

For further information contact Faradana Affi Tel: 07919 857617

For those wanting more of a challenge there is a half hour extension to this class working on the first section of the Chen style Liaojia sequence (a T'ai Chi routine) with more of an emphasis on stepping and moving aspects

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MASTERS OF FLEMISH ART

Art History Courses at Swaffham Prior Village Hall

on Tuesdays or Wednesdays

10 weeks: September 24th /25th - December 3rd/4th



Jan Van Eyck stood at the head of the artistic revolution in the 15th century. His technique of oil painting resulted in pictures which have rarely been equalled for their jewel like brilliance and breathtaking naturalism. This workmanship was continued by masters like Memling in Bruges, Van der Weyden in Brussels and Hugo van der Goes in Ghent whilst in the 16th century, Bosch and Brueghel were the leading lights but far more individualist.

A magnificent culmination was reached in the seventeenth century with Peter Paul Rubens and Van Dyck- both had stellar careers and were giants of the Baroque age. The works of Rubens are of an unsurpassed vigour and vitality, painted with a breadth and bravura which took the potential of oil painting to new heights.

For more info/to enrol

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Welcome dear readers to another edition of Out on the Wild Side- for our special August-September issue. Can we imagine it, Summer is already upon us, where has 2019 gone? Well perhaps down the bottomless ale flask that is used by Thor at his favourite tavern in Valhalla. I digress. I am featuring a bird this time around which I know little of, but which in the fabric of England and Britain as a whole punches' way above its weight or specifically mass, the Wren. Ah, the humble Wren, but really- how humble is it- one of the questions I hope to answer in this issue, whilst generally delighting in this fierce but clever little bird.

The Eurasian Wren with its Latin name of *Troglodytes troglodytes* (by far the prettiest classical name we've learnt about thus far) is actually one of Britain's 60 most common bird species and native to these islands. There are also 88 different species of this quirky bird all in all, impressively diverse. If you see this creeper- not that it would be too hard to confuse it with a Tree creeper necessarily- out and about, you could quite easily mistake it for a mouse apparently. I'm sure I am not alone in having the experience of thinking a mouse is rummaging around in the shrubbery and ferns, only to discover it's one of our smallest woodland song birds. That is quite important, as the Eurasian Wren is certainly a distinction song bird of ours, with its 'tit-tit-tit' call. The RSPB even says as much that the minute Wrens song is 'loud and explosive', so don't be too alarmed this summer break if you're sitting quietly on a park bench.

It's imperative upon me to explain why the Wren has such a wrench of a Latin name and here's the truth to that gorgeous pudding. *Troglodyte* refers to cave dweller and yes, some Wren species love nothing more than to poke about in moist,

damp and dark places, where they can collect moss and liken or the such. Their nests are also delicate and have small openings, hence the cave association.

Now, the reason a Wren is not just a Wren but a 'Jenny Wren' is because Sir Paul McCartney did write a song about a lady called Jenny and likened her to the Wren in a plethora of brilliant attributes. That's my interpretation of the song anyhow, we're all novices to begin with. We also have famous Wren's in our history, Sir Christopher- thank you for the magic 52 parish churches and of course St. Pauls- I applaud your love of climbing stairs.

Wrens are very territorial, especially in the warmer Spring and Summer seasons. August may not be the month of the religious but it is said a Wren betrayed St. Stephen according to legend on the Isle of Man and Ireland- so they stuck the Wren to a banner or festival pole and paraded it around local towns. How Victorian! And harming Wrens brings back luck, well it did end Apostle Stephens life- leaving us wondering about avian ethics yet again.

Wrens are pouty for their power. Their length of 10cm is less than a GCSE Maths ruler, amazing. It has a wingspan of 15cm, which is exactly that of a GCSE Maths ruler, marvellous and with a weight of 10g- equal to an apple or 2, it's nifty and thrifty. I will add that an average lifespan for Wren is just two years, but I suppose they fill that time with joy and novelty singing so what a life, je ne regrette a Wren. There are also 7-8.5 million breeding pairs in Britain alone, so they are not doing badly. The Wren just loves to eat insects, so one could say, it's an Insectivore. A quick note in reproduction. The females lay between 1-9 eggs. Part 2 to Wrens may come out in our column later this year.

A jovial note. The Wren is 'totally British', as according to a little bird I met on the way to write this article- this determined and fearless bird was once on the farthing copper coin!

And as it's summer, I only feel it part of my duty to let readers know that singers have sung about a trio of our famed British birds, including our 'Jenny' Wren by Sir Paul, Black Bird by the Beatles and Sparrow- more recently by Emeli Sandé. This summer holiday season, make August the time when you enjoy the outdoors responsibly and listen to the singing of some of our most gorgeous native birds. Also, we may be in the interior of East Anglia, but remember bird life is not confined to the fields but the Coast as well, where among others you could get your chip stolen by a Seagull. But seriously, our costal birds are just as spectacular.

Last but not least, the Wren is the self-styled '*King Among Birds*', an ancient title which attests to the folklore myth that a Wren flew the highest of all birds, even assailing that of a Golden Eagle, as it hitched a ride upon it's shoulders-cheat. To conclude, for summer discovering...the 'Jenny' Wren is not only our smallest native bird but it can chirp louder than a cockerel and fly higher than an eagle, the later through cheating.

Once again, I would like to thank the many peopled sources who made this article possible. To our old friends, the RSPB and the Wildlife Trusts but also Country Life Magazine and particularly; Kate Priestman- for her fabulously researched article in 'Inside Ecology' online publication, well worth a read.

Jorge Xico Monteiro



Mothers' Union

Helen Banyard, Mothers' Union Praying Our Faith Co-ordinator came to speak to us in June about MULO (Mothers' Union Listening, Observing and Acting). The aim being for Mother's Union to work globally to listen to each other, to the people we serve and to partners, so we can co-create the future together.

The Mothers' Union is a charity with 4 million members world-wide and was founded by Mary Sumner in 1976 when she was a grandmother. Today among some of the projects you can undertake, whatever your age or situation, is supporting areas of local need such as Women's Refuges – appeals for items; AFIA providing holidays/breaks for families under stress and many more. One of the latest outreach projects in the Ely diocese is the Wisbech Family Project. In 2017 Mothers' Union Family Worker Sue Squires Dutton started working in the North Ward (Waterlees) Wisbech. The aim to provide support, encouragement and companionship for families in the most challenged and underprivileged part of the diocese. This has been a very successful project, supported by MU fundraising.

Prayer (personal and in groups) can be powerful support for those especially subjected to modern day slavery and human trafficking (there are more than 136,00 potential victims in the UK); Marriage and parenting support; prison workers - prayer for MU visitors and those involved with parenting courses and assisting the chaplain.

Today MU is a Christian Mission organisation based on prayer and action – working with people of all faiths and none.

In July Kerry Briggs, a volunteer with Service by Emergency Response Volunteers Suffolk and Cambridgeshire (SERVSC) was our guest speaker. SERVSC provides an essential free of charge service to five NHS hospitals in the region by transporting blood, blood products, breast milk and samples for toxicology 365 nights of the year and all day at weekends and Bank Holidays. It also makes deliveries to the MAGPA Air Ambulance. Transportation of products is usually by motorcycle, but on occasions cars are used especially in adverse weather conditions. SERVSC was launched in May 2011, and has carried out more than 5,000 delivery runs, saving the NHS approx. £300.00.

Kerry told us about his own personal decision to become a volunteer over 4 years ago. Wanting to give something to the community and helping others in time of need. He is now proud to be a member of a team of circa 100 dedicated volunteers. Each volunteer receives training to advance driving standard, and are allocated a designated area of transportation. Kerry's being between Bury St. Edmunds and Marks Tey. . Each night seven riders/drivers are available for duty and usually receive two to seven calls. In addition, a duty controller takes the telephone calls from hospitals and organise the duty volunteers to deliver products to where they are needed. Very recently SERVSC have received The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. They receive no funding from the government or the NHS and therefore rely entirely on generous donations, such as sponsorship from local businesses,

public donations and the dedication of their volunteers who use their own vehicles and fuel to provide this vital service. Further information is available on the website <https://servsc.org.uk/about>

Our meetings usually take place on the third Thursday of the month in Lode Chapel at 2.30pm. At our next meeting on September 19th we will be looking at our Theme for 2019 'Listen, Observe, Act – in Step with God'. You are most welcome to come and join us.

Ann Langran



Join POP
(Proud of Prior)



COMMUNITY LITTER PICK

Meet at the bottom of Cage Hill
Under the Village Sign

Sat. 14th September
10.00am

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

Please bring your own gloves
All other equipment provided

Come and join friends and
neighbours on this tidy up

Look forward to seeing
the results!





Our first report covered the Council's decision to deliver at least 46 affordable houses on the estate which it was buying from the MOD. Unfortunately, the extraordinary meeting called for 19 June used to rescind the decision made in May. This means that of the 92 homes being delivered by the Council's subsidiary company, just 15 will be affordable and none of them will be for rent. This is a missed opportunity to offer affordable homes to the 710 applicants on the waiting list. We had hoped that including more affordable housing in a scheme devised by ECDC would set an example to other property developers in the whole district, including here in Bottisham ward.



We visited the waste and recycling facility in Waterbeach, on a hot Monday in July. It was reassuring to see how much of our waste is extracted for recycling. But a great deal still goes to landfill and we can reduce that in a variety of ways. If we don't reduce it, the site will be full within 12 years. The most important thing is to reduce what we send to waste in the first place, and try to re-use things. If all else fails, re-cycle – put recyclable things in your blue bin and Amey's staff will sort it; put compostable things in your green bin and they'll turn it into compost. We saw amazing things which people had put in recycle bins, which had caused damage to the machines – including a bowling ball! Staff explained that recyclables from the blue bin had a strong sales value and were moved quickly. Recyclables extracted from general waste were heavily contaminated and it was harder to find buyers for them. Any bottles with liquid in can't be recycled because staff can't be sure what the liquid is. We learnt three key tips for helping maximise our recycling

1 – do not put cloth, heavy objects or electrical items in the rubbish – all of these can cause damage to the machinery;

2 – if in doubt about whether or not something is recyclable, put it in the blue bin – they can remove it if it's not recyclable; and

3 – make sure you clean stuff before putting it in the blue bin and empty any liquid from bottles.

There was a very short Council meeting in July where the main item of business was to note that the Council is undertaking a review of polling districts and polling stations. July's Finance & Assets Committee meeting had a packed agenda. We were shocked that our auditors had not had enough staff to work on the audit and so were unable to report to us – they do not expect to report to our next meeting in September either. Every member of the Committee expressed significant dissatisfaction with this. Despite having no audit report, we were required by law to publish our accounts by 31 July and therefore approved the un-audited accounts for

publication. We also noted the changes to the Risk Register, we found it very frustrating that we were not able to discuss the Register in general, just changes which staff had made to it. In particular we raised concerns about the low level of risk given to Brexit and the limited actions taken by the Council to prepare.

Our next District Councillors' Surgery is on Tuesday 24 September at 6.30-7.45 pm in the Passage Hall Lode, followed by 'Meet your Councillors' at 8.00pm in the Shed, Lode. Following that we have a surgery on Monday 28 October in the Cricket Pavilion, Swaffham Bulbeck, followed by 'Meet your Councillors' at the Black Horse, Swaffham Bulbeck.

Charlotte Cane & John Trapp, August 2019

News from Bottisham Medical Practice Patients' Group

Appointments: All the in advance GP appointments and also minor illness appointments for Nurse Practitioner Welch are now available on line. The Practice has to meet a set target for these. Patients can register to use this service. You will still be able to book on the day and other appointments through reception.

Extended Hours: The new early morning appointments on Mondays and Tuesdays have been fully booked. There are now a further 50 appointments per week.

Dispensary: The dispensary is also open to cover the early start on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Repeat Prescriptions: Please allow 2 full working days between ordering and collection. This also applies when you request repeat prescriptions on line, although currently the computer does not recognise non-working days when giving you your collection date, so please be aware of this.

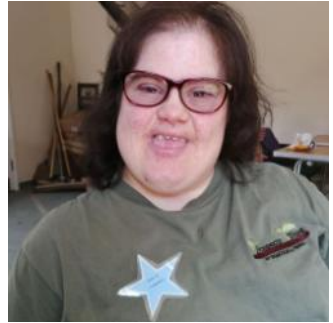
Missed Appointments: There are still too many missed appointments, which could have been given to another patient needing one. This also costs the NHS money so please cancel with reception if you are not going to attend. You can arrange with reception to have a text reminder sent to you if this would help.

Osteoporosis: The Royal Osteoporosis Society has launched a new set of online exercise videos and guides. The guide includes information on how exercise helps with osteoporosis and bone health, answers common questions, and provides exercises to promote bone and muscle strength.

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 September, 4 October, 8 and 20 November 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 26 September 2019 at 6.30pm at the surgery.

July's star of Snakehall tells us what she is most looking forward to about working at Prospects Unwrapped:



As some of you may already know, we are expanding and opening up an eco friendly shop called Prospects Unwrapped. Beverley Lucas, one of our Co-workers at the Farm is hoping to be working on Saturday's at our new shop in Ely. I spoke with Beverley today about her potential new role and here's what she had to say. "I am going to walk to work by myself, which I am looking forward to. I am also looking forward to working in the shop and using the card machine as I haven't used one." Beverley told us she had worked in a café before so her existing skills from there will be a great help when making hot drinks and serving customers. When we asked Beverley how she felt about working with Manager Tom Cockerton, she turned slightly red and giggled like a school girl. I think it is safe to say Beverley is very excited about this new venture, as are we all.

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BON MOT NUMBER ONE HUNDRED

"It's true hard work never killed anybody.
But I figure, why take the chance."

Ronald Reagan (1911 – 2004)

Wicken Fen News

September is a month of wildlife change: summer birds are off on their southerly travels, gathering to spend the last days of summer feeding up on insects before their long journey. We'll also start to see returning winter visitors later in the month. Wigeon could be around the wet areas of the fen, and fieldfare and redwing may be feeding on the early berries of buckthorn and hawthorn.

Our cutting management of the Sedge Fen is now well underway, and the Fen Harvester will be seen most days either cutting compartments of the Sedge Fen behind the Visitor Centre, or the sections alongside the droves. It's exciting that we'll be able to complete the cutting for the second year this year; the regular cuts ensure that the fen plant communities will thrive and a healthy bird population is sustained.

Our Cycling Festival takes place throughout the month of September. We're part of the Cambridge Festival of Cycling, encouraging people to enjoy cycling in Cambridge and the surrounding areas. We've got a new cycling trail to Tubney Fen for people to follow, and have a special offer with cycle hire for September too; see <http://bit.ly/WickenFenbikefest> for more information.

We're also offering a free Sunday Walk on 15 September from 10:00-11:30am. Meet in the Visitor Centre for a steady 3 to 4 mile walk lead by a ranger, for some gentle exercise in the wider reserve. Why not come along and use this as a training walk for our Walk for Wicken challenge on Sunday 13 October? You can choose either a 7.5km or 12.5km route and help us raise money for our Eyes over the Fen project – see <http://bit.ly/walkforwickenfen> for more information.

There's a lot more information about Wicken Fen and our events on our website, go to <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wicken-fen>



Notes from the Parish Council June Meeting

Mr John Covill (chair) chaired the meeting with 7 parish councillors and 3 members of the public in attendance. The meeting started at 7.30pm.

Public participation for items on the agenda:

Alastair Everitt asked whether Sandra Gynn had received any response to the question of access to the Castle Hill mound from Cllr Joshua Schumann. This was answered later under item 2302. b) ECDC report.

Reports:

CC: No report received

ECDC: Cllr Charlotte Cane (CC) reported to the meeting (see Page 24)

Operational Services Committee – reviewed the performance of waste collection and street cleaning services. There is no plan to introduce black bins.

Young Person's Services Questionnaire – this is open from 8th July to 16th August. <https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/consultations/young-persons-services-questionnaire>

Castle mound access – access must be maintained only if the castle mound remains in public hands under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979, so it depends if the site is to be leased or sold. At present there is no clear answer.

The chair invited questions.

John Covill asked if the lack of affordable housing on the MoD site was linked to the deficit in the ECTC? Cllr Cane replied that there was disagreement between the full council and a finance committee member as to the financial state of the ECTC and that CC is waiting for the most recent accounts in order to achieve clarification.

John Covill asked if mistakes in contracts etc can cost the council dear. CC agreed and said that some companies can afford top flight legal advice, but not the Council.

Paul Latchford asked what age group the Young Persons questionnaire was aimed at and if it was anonymous. Cllr Cane confirmed it was for 5-18 year-olds and yes it was anonymous.

Matters arising from the previous minutes (for information only).

Clerk to send David Greenfield's proposed answer to Lucy Frazer's letter re landbanking and to copy in the Crier.

Cage Hill signage - the sign is on the ECDC planning enforcement department's work schedule; however, it has already been removed.

Social Media policy – David Greenfield stated that after looking at several Social Media policies for parish councils, they appear to be generic. It was agreed to put 'Social Media Policy' on the agenda for the next meeting.

Correspondence for consideration/circulation.

- 1) Andy Giblin, UK Power Networks regarding street lighting - noted.
- 2) Cambridge and Peterborough Combined Authorities (CPCA) Local Transportation consultation - noted.

Consideration of planning applications received.

19/00815/FUL – 39 High Street, Swaffham Prior, Cambridge, CB25 0LD

Two storey extension to rear of property. No objections or comments.

18/00850/FUL 6 Cage Hill, Swaffham Prior, Cambridge, CB25 0JS

To vary condition 1 (approved plans) of previously approved 18/00850/FUL for 2 storey side and rear extension and alterations. Noted.

19/00683/LBC Old Barn House, 25 High Street, Swaffham Prior.

Replacement of concrete floor in kids den and internal lining of walls in kids bed and bedroom 3. Noted.

19/00642/FUL Byes Farm Cottage, 6 Heath Road, Swaffham Prior

Proposed garden room. Noted.

Grant for exclusive right of burial (1 plot). *Proposed SKP, seconded PL. Passed unanimously.*

Accounts for payment. Payment of these were agreed.

Village Hall and car park trees.

Alan Durrant reported that a tree survey had been undertaken of the trees around the village hall and car park. 2 trees at the front of the hall have dead branches that need removing, one horse chestnut in the far corner of the car park is dead and needs to be removed and replaced and three trees adjacent to the driveway are in need of pollarding. None of them are dangerous. It was agreed that a copy of the report should be sent to Cathy White, the council tree officer, who will then advise on further action. Alan Durrant to consult with Cathy White and report back to the next meeting.

Moving the table tennis base: Clerk to contact Meads to give the go ahead.

Allotments: The unallocated plot (GAP 2) has now been taken on.

Clerk's report:

Requested that the date of the agenda being published be moved back to the Friday before the next meeting to give leeway in case of unforeseen circumstances. *Agreed unanimously.*

Noted that a place on the CAPALC cemetery course on 29th October 2019 had been booked.

Requested clarification on the cost of an allotment per annum. SKP confirmed £20 full cost or £10 discounted cost.

Collected information necessary for the continuing of the Unity Bank paperwork.

Noted that will be absent from the next meeting - SKP to deputise.

Parish Councillors reports:

Sandra Gynn mentioned complaints from residents of 'The Beeches' regarding overshadowing from trees. As the trees in question are on private land, it was noted that they would have to talk to the owner.

Sandra Gynn noted that a new double stone had appeared in the cemetery; as it replacing earlier grave markers, there is no need to inform the parish council.

Paul Latchford had received a letter regarding the overgrown footpath that runs from near the cemetery to the horse field. Clerk to send a standard letter to properties

backing on to the path, politely requesting that they trim back their vegetation.

Paul Latchford noted - signs of a leak in the church roof – Andrew Camps has been unable to trace it.

- the church alarm has been going off – Andrew Camps replied that it is set off by birds.

- the lightening conductor on St Cyriacs is hanging over – this has been reported.

Sandra Gynn requested that SID be deployed by the play area to check the speed of passing cars – Steve Kent-Phillips to investigate.

John Covill reported a dead tree in the football field gateway threatening overhead cables. Steve Kent-Phillips to look and report to either the Highways Agency or BT.

Open question time:

It was suggested that access to Castle Hill was a point of principle and as such, the PC should write to the head of the CCC. To be discussed at the next meeting.

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

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday, 8th August 2019 starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All are welcome to attend.



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PRIOR FEN CHAPEL

"The Little Chapel in the Fen"

All welcome to our

Harvest Festival Service
Sunday 6th October
3pm

Traditional harvest service and hymns
Produce welcome

Prior Fen Chapel is opened once a year
for the annual Harvest Service through the dedication
of a small group of Trustees with
long family connections to the chapel.

Everybody is welcome.
Toilet facilities available.

Find us at CB7 5YJ, between Upware and Swaffham Prior.
Be early to guarantee a seat.

For more information contact Trish: 07979 868676

TAKE A BREAK FROM THE REMOTE

The television remote is a marvellous beast. It seems to move of its own accord from where it was last seen. It can mysteriously disappear down the side of the sofa just when you want to use it. It can divide family members: everybody wants to use it at the same time, and everybody thinks that somebody else has it tucked away for their own use.

Once there were so few channels that a remote was entirely unnecessary. No day-time television and not much in the evening either before the National Anthem told us all it was time to go to bed. But now the remote can be a real and true friend to those people who cannot get out much or perhaps not even leave the house at all. It is their gate-way to the outside world which informs and entertains. However, there are others for whom it is an excuse to sit on the sofa and watch the football, FI, hours of golf one after the other or channel-hop between them all, and don't even get me started on box-sets!

Could this just be you? If so, what about getting out and trying something different? Something for the mind? Something for the body? Something that challenges mind and body and gives you the chance to work with others in a team atmosphere and enjoy new company?

The Devil's Dyke Morris Men have been dancing in this area for some 40 years and you may have seen them at your village pub or near-by during the Spring and Summer. We are now offering the chance to try something new this autumn: if you want to break old habits, join us at a drop-in session:

**Thursdays 19th & 26th September or any Thursday evening in October
20.00 in the Scout Hut, Bottisham High Street**

(This is the former non-conformist chapel at the very eastern end of the village.)

Come by to see us, or for more information find us on Facebook, search for photos, videos and information on the web, or drop us an e-mail to: bag-man@devilsdykemorris.org.uk

At least the family can have the remote to themselves on a Thursday evening!



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

Easy Home 2000w Garment Steamer (Still boxed. Never used. Have original receipt); Red Leather swivel armchair recliner and stool; Theresa 01223 813222 or 07764 928168

One large plastic composting bin. Lesley 01223 812901 (Evenings)

Dog crate: base 20"x30". Bridget 07889153370

Wanted

Garden Storage seat or cupboard needed (plastic or wood). I am sorry to say, but I have no transport, so would you be willing to bring it to me? I do hope so. Theresa 01223 813222 or 07764 928168

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>)

Romeo and Juliet
Have a lot to answer for;
Plays, ballets, films; and more—
Musical compositions by the score.
How different then,
it might have been,
If the girl next door,
Had been named 'Sharleen'

Ophir



Arthur Rank Hospice Charity

making every moment count

Help Us Be There

Arthur Rank Hospice's Hospice at Home team provides, on average, 126 nights of hands on specialist end of life care each month.

Sadly, due to current funding levels, every day the team is faced with difficult choices about who should be prioritised for its services. Limited funding means that they are unable to provide care to **one in three** patients who need their support, each night.

As Sarah Chipchase, one of the service's Clinical Nurse Specialists, explains:
"As a team we just don't have enough people. It's heart-breaking".

The Hospice have launched an appeal to fund an additional 200 nights of care across Cambridgeshire. Each additional night of Hospice at Home Care costs **£472**. The only way this ambitious target can be achieved is through the invaluable help of the Hospice's supporters and the generosity of the local community.

Anyone can make a difference and help change this situation. Please take a moment to:

visit our website arhc.org.uk/helpusbethere

[watch our video](#) which explains the difference Hospice at Home can make to a patient and their family, enabling them to die peacefully and with dignity

explore the various [ways you can Help Us Be There](#)

consider holding a [Host at Home event](#) for family and friends

Host at Home is a great way to get together with friends, neighbours, family and colleagues, whilst making a difference to other people's lives.

You could:

Host Friends Round Friday: invite your friends over, order in pizza and ask everyone to contribute towards the cost (adding a little extra to fundraise for Hospice at Home!)

Cook up your favourite signature dish and ask guests to pledge what they would have spent on the meal in a restaurant

Ask for a donation when you have your friends and family round for a BBQ

Spending time with friends and family is important to all of us. Host at Home gives you the perfect opportunity to make precious memories with loved ones, whilst raising invaluable funds, so that those in their last weeks of life can do the same.

Dawn Easby

Services in the Anglesey Benefice

Sunday 25 August	9.30am	Children's Church, Lode
	11am	Morning Worship, Quy Holy Communion (CW1T), Swaffham Prior
September		
Sunday 1 September	9.30am	Village Worship, Quy Village Hall
	11am	Morning Service, Swaffham Bulbeck Holy Communion (CW1), Bottisham
Wednesday 4 September	8pm	"C by C" (Short candlelit meditative service), Bottisham
Sunday 8 September	9.30am	Holy Communion (VC), Swaffham Bulbeck
	11am	Family Holy Communion, Lode
Sunday 15 September	8am	Holy Communion (BCP,) Bottisham
	9.30am	Holy Communion (CW1), Quy
	11am	Harvest Festival Family Service, Swaffham Prior
	5pm	Harvest Festival and Supper, Lode
Sunday 22 September	9.30am	Children's Church, Lode
	11am	Holy Communion (CW1T), Swaffham Prior
	5pm	Harvest Festival and Supper, Quy
Sunday 29 September	9.30am	Morning Service, Swaffham Bulbeck
	11am	Holy Communion (CW1), Bottisham
	6pm	Evensong, Swaffham Prior

The ANGLESEY GROUP OF PARISHES comprises: Holy Trinity, Bottisham, St Mary's, Quy, St James', Lode, St Mary's, Swaffham Bulbeck and St Mary's, Swaffham Prior. You are welcome to attend services anywhere in the benefice.

Our Vicar is Rev'd Sue Giles; Tel: 01223 812726; suethovic@btinternet.com

Detail of services and events can be found on www.angleseygroupparishes.co.uk;

www.facebook.com/angleseychurches; www.achurchnearyou.com/

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

For funerals please contact the vicar directly.

Dates for Your Diary August-September 2019

Sat	24	Pup Up Afternoon Tea Shop, VH, 3pm-5pm [11]
Sep		
Sat	14	Public Transport Consultation, 10am--3pm, Cambridge Central Library, Lion Yard [4] Autumn Show + Dog Show, 1.45pm, VH [14] POP Litter Pick, 10am, Village Sign [23]
Thu	19	Mothers' Union, Lode Chapel, 2.30pm [23]
Fri	20	Crier Copy Deadline
Thu	26	Bottisham Patients' Group, 6.30pm, Bottisham Surgery [25] Free T'ai Chi Class, VH, 12 noon -1pm [18]
Fri	27	
Sat	28	
Sun	29	SP Harvest Festival, 11pm, St Mary's [35]
Mon	30	Transport for People and Planet, VH, 7pm-9pm [5]
Oct		
Sat	5	Quiz Night, VH, 7.30pm [9]
Sun	6	Prior Fen Chapel Harvest Festival, 3pm [31]

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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