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Editorial

If you don't read anything-else in this month's magazine, do read the Bon Mot (page 6). Yes, if scientists can behave like this, what hope is there for the rest of us? And so, as we enter a week in which our country may well be irrevocably changed for a generation or more, you can be sure that for all of us, whatever way we will be voting, *we was right!* Until our dying day.

Meanwhile, if appears that Lode Star have refused to publish our District Councillors advice on How to get Planning Permission this month. This because there is an election. The Crier is more lax, and you can read and enjoy this scurrilous propaganda on page 23.

See you at the War Windows Memorial, Candlelit Carols and finally on the newly fortified Denny (read the unexpurgated account from Bulbeck's PC on page 16) for the Boxing Day Hockey. Don't miss it!

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS, ALL OUR
READERS!**

From all at the Crier,

*Caroline & James Matheson, Pam Waters, Pat
& Peter Cook, Robin Scovil and Alastair Everitt*



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Cover Picture: The Nativity of the Virgin by Lucas Cranach the Elder



Letters to the Editors



Dear Editors,

Appeal for any Used Stamps (including Foreign)

GUIDE DOGS for the BLIND are appealing for any used stamps. Recycling is such an easy way to raise money for this worthwhile charity , especially at Christmas . Just cut the stamps from their envelopes leaving approx 1cm margin round the stamps and put them in the box on the table next to the Foodbank Donation Basket in the church porch .

To make your journey really worthwhile you might like to leave something in the basket at the same time.

Kate Child



Dear Editors,

Flu Jabs and GPs

Many thanks for your tireless work producing the Crier, as ever.

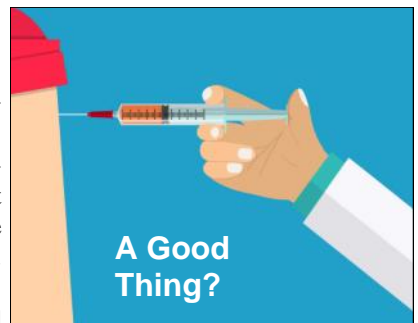
Maybe when you question your GP, whoever that might be, you could bear in mind that for every person who receives the flu jab the GP practice earns approximately £9.50. Conflict of interest, or what ?

The 'privatising' of our GP practices, and services, has single-handedly undermined and done more damage than any of the more recent government vandalism of the NHS in general.

GPs are persuaded by commissioning bodies , ie. government, to resist sending patients to overstretched specialists in hospitals and to do more treatments 'in house', and by doing so, save money. GPs are not, never were, and never will be specialists. We are told that the most important single element is early diagnosis .

Pull the other one , it's got bells on it.

Jeremy Mitchell



Dear Editors,

Nursery Consultation

It is with great excitement that I share our consultation document to extend our Early Years provision to a maximum of six children aged 3 and up from April 2019 creating an Early Years Centre similar to that currently operating in Swaffham Bulbeck.

We believe that providing quality Nursery provision within Swaffham Prior is a valuable resource which is currently lacking in the village and will be an asset to the community. A mixed class of both Nursery and Reception children would be of huge benefit for all the children and would help to develop a robust and sustainable pure early years setting for the future.

I look forward to hearing your thoughts on our consultation, both for and against, via the agreed method shared in the consultation document.

H Bartley, Head teacher
Swaffham Prior CE Primary School
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Dear Editors,

The Denny & The Travellers

It has been brought to the attention of our Parish Council by a member of the public that an article, *From our Reporter at the Parish Council*, appeared in the October edition of the Swaffham Prior Crier reporting on the recent unauthorised encampment on the Denny and Swaffham Bulbeck Parish Council's response. The information in this article is incorrect and misleading.

I have enclosed a report with the correct information and request that you put this matter right with your readers. If you wish to report on any future Swaffham Bulbeck Parish Council matters it would be appreciated if you could ask for the information directly from the Clerk to the Parish Council or the Chairman.

Diane Bayliss

Clerk to Swaffham Bulbeck Council

Diane is referring to Our Reporter's coverage of views expressed by our District Councillor John Trapp at our 12 September PC meeting (see October's issue at www.swaffham-crier.co.uk) at which neither she nor Bulbeck's PC Chair were present, so no point in asking them! The offending passage recounts that whereas John had received a favourable impression of the travellers and was advocating a "Softly Softly" approach, Bulbeck's PC were taking a harder line. This is neither incorrect nor misleading.

However, because the situation then so rapidly evolved between the meeting and our publication, some people may nevertheless have got the wrong end of the stick — see Page 16 for the full account, and many thanks to Bulbeck's PC for this. Eds

From our Reporter at the Parish Council Meeting

What a very pleasant start to the November meeting when David introduced a very positive pastoral note by reporting that Margaret Joyce (WI) and Mike Barker (Gardeners) jointly proposed that the verges either side of the by-pass should be turned into wild flower meadows. This delightful suggestion met all the PC approval and Steve will discuss with Margaret.

Jude read out the letter regarding Land Banking from Lucy Fraser who had forwarded the response from from Luke Hall MP of the Ministry of Housing etc. It was one of those useless letters which in effect says "this has always been one of our major concerns", but you are on your own. There is "a Housing White Paper" for guidance, which cannot focus on a simple issue, but urges that "local authorities should undertake greater scrutiny of a site's delivery prospects.". So, all back to ECDC.

The time for auditing accounts has come around again. These are spot on again but the auditor, to prove his worth and to earn his bob, said the PC cannot budget for donations because we do not know how generous we may be. As everyone has a pretty good idea of the generosity of our PC, and as our donations have been very much the same for many years it seems to be rather a nitpicking trifle as the sum involved is very small. Perhaps the auditors should turn their attention to the East Cambs Trading Company. Something is stirring there and the rumours are growing. It may all erupt in the next few months.

Our reserves have come down this year as the CIS money has been used up. "How much do we have in our reserves?" "£27,000". A silence. Paul wondered if "we were using taxpayers money to best effect". Now it became very interesting. Because the PC does not pay a pension the Clerk builds up a holiday pay etc debt. When Karen left, after many years of service, she was paid £6,000. I think there may be £10,000 in the pension fund. The travellers reserve fund is also quite large and this needs to be, as Bulbeck has shown with the cost of the recent traveller intrusion,.

There was the usual amount of mumbling and grumbling. Steve said that as the

Waiting x and waiting x and WAITING

In the bleak mid-winter,
Standing in a queue.
Waiting my turn to make a mark,
Reflecting my point of view.
And thus to help the country,
Out of its present 'stew',
By appointing a new group of ministers,
Who hopefully, know - what - to - do.

Ophir

Scout Hut had been left out of the CIS money he wondered whether they should give £10,000 to the Scout Hut. That stopped everyone in their tracks, and many gave a little shudder. It was proposed and agreed that it should be on the Agenda for the next meeting so that a decision can be taken "for the public good". Steve went on to explain that we are breaking the ECDC guidelines for the reserves. ECDC suggest it should be one and a half times the precept of £14,000, bringing the recommended reserves down to £21,000. But do remember that the PC has always been a good manager and that



our local rate has not increased for at least a decade, if not longer. If our PC had been like many others the local rates would be much higher, as would the reserves.

David gave the latest news regarding the Mill Hill/Horses Field Development. He said Charlotte had been very helpful and that he had had a

very useful conversation with the planning authorities. He is adding to his previous six objections that the recommended parking space for cars of 1.4 spaces was inadequate as most households have 2-3 cars. Paul, who all his life has worried about too many cars, supported David and feared that if there were insufficient spaces they would park in the High Street. Then, with the surge in the number of electric cars, members wondered how they would be charged if not next to a house. And if we all had electric cars we would have leads trailing all over the place. An interesting problem which may well be the answer to excessive traffic in towns. It could be a very good result if very few are able charge up there car. Fewer cars on the road and a real justification for Greenways.

Now we came to a very serious subject which did cause a certain amount of hilarity, Jade had been on a "Cemetery Management Course" at a cost of £120. And it was worth every penny. She came back with a whole range of questions which stumped even the most experienced. Because of space I shall just give you a few quotations so that you can get the flavour of the meeting,. "I haven't heard of that requirement in all my 15 years". "A person has to be found who will be permanently responsible for the safety of each grave stone!" "The grave has to be left safe so that no-one falls into it." "What about that bloke who fell into a hole in the churchyard?" - "Not our territory". "Surely we can trust the funeral directors to know whether they are burying the right body". "Almost as bad as negotiating Brexit". Everyone was chipping in with their comments and it all became very jolly, and very seasonal with ghosts possibly appearing in the grave yard.

There has been some damage in the children's playground and repairs or replacements are again required. Paul suggested a notice should be put up say "Children Please Keep Off The Equipment".

David passed around a detailed update of the Community Heating Scheme (CHS). I will make just a few comments elsewhere It was suggested that David's report should appear on the CHS website which already exists. I have been assured it is but could not find it. There are 162 people interested and, though I may be inept, it must be made easy for everyone to access these important documents. This is especially so because huge advances have been made since last month. I shall just mention of few in a separate note. Meantime some PC members began asking serious interested questions,. So there is an advance.

Charlotte arrived at 8.55 and gave her usual informative report. Do read it in this *Crier*.

The next meeting is on the same day as the election. This will be a day of huge

Horse Field development—the recommended 1.4 car-parking spaces was inadequate, most households have 2 or 3. People would park in the High Street instead. With electric car leads trailing all over place....

elation or depression. But it is a good run up to Christmas as we are being offered so many presents. What do you want – we'll give you that! Meantime there has been no discussion about the **UK National Debt** which was £1 trillion when the Tories came to power, and now stands at £1.8 trillion. Some say that if 'off-book' liabilities were included the figure would be considerably higher. It is true that the **Government Budget Deficit** has been reduced. But that is something different.

Alastair Everitt

Boxing Day Hockey Match

SWAFFHAM PRIOR VS SWAFFHAM BULBECK

The Denny, Swaffham Bulbeck

Thursday 10.45 am (10.30 am players)

COME AND SUPPORT SWAFFHAM PRIOR!!

All proceeds to MAGPAS



Contact **Mandy Kingsmill** if you would like to play in the winning team!
New players especially welcome

07796 091855 (kingsmills@btconnect.com)

BON MOT NUMBER 102

“A great scientific truth does not triumph by convincing its opponents and making them see the light, but rather because its opponents eventually die.”

Max Planck (1848 -1947)



Julie's recipes for Christmas

Christmas Turkey Pie

225g chopped cooked turkey
125g diced cooked ham
400g pork sausage meat
4 tablespoons of chopped fresh parsley
150ml leftover gravy
450g shortcrust pastry
6 tablespoons cranberry sauce
1 egg beaten

1. Preheat oven to 220c. Mix the turkey, ham, sausage meat, parsley and gravy together.
 2. Roll out the pastry into 2 circles, big enough to line and cover a 10 inch oven proof pie dish. Line the bottom of the dish with the pastry.
 3. Spoon in half the turkey mixture. Cover with the cranberry sauce and then the rest of the turkey mixture.
 4. Finally cover the top with the remaining pastry, brush the edges with egg to seal and brush over the top with the rest.
 5. Bake in the oven for 1 hour.
Can be eaten hot or cold
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Chocolate & Amaretto Terrine

8 egg yolks
50g caster sugar
50ml amaretto liqueur
450ml whipped double cream
125g chopped plain chocolate
40g amaretti biscuits crumbled

1. Line a 600ml loaf tin with cling film, whisk the egg yolks with the sugar in a bowl set over a pan of simmering water for 8 minutes until thick. Take off the heat and whisk in the amaretto for 4 minutes.
2. In a separate bowl whisk the cream, then fold in the chocolate and biscuits and then add amaretto mixture.
3. When all thoroughly mixed together, spoon into the tin and cover with the clingfilm. Freeze for 12 hours. Remove from the freezer 15 minutes before serving to soften slightly.

ST MARY'S CHURCH, SWAFFHAM PRIOR

**welcomes you to our
Christmas Services**

**Sunday 15 December, 4.30pm –
CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE**



**A Service of Lessons and Carols with
readers from throughout the village
and featuring the school choir.**

**Tuesday 24 December, 3pm –
CRIB SERVICE**



**A short, simple celebration of
Christmas around the Crib.
For all the Family.**

**Wednesday 25 December, 10am –
CHRISTMAS DAY FAMILY COMMUNION**

**All are welcome to
celebrate Jesus' birth.**



PLEASE BE NICE INDEED!

Archbishop Welby, and others, have appealed to politicians to moderate their language during the election debate. You English have no idea how to abuse anyone. We Scots know how to do it. Just take the Archbishop of Glasgow in 1525 who cursed the Border Raiders.

“I curse thair heid and all the hairs of thair heid; I curse thair face, thair ene, thair mouth, thair neise, thair tounge, thair teith, thair crag (neck), thair shulderis, thair breist, thair hert, thair stomok, thair bak, thair wame, thair armes, thair leggis, thair handis, thair feit, and everilk part of thair body, frae the top of thair heid to the soill of thair feit, befoir and behind, within and without.

“I curse thaim gangand (going), and I curse thaim rydand; and I curse thaim standand, and I curse thaim sittand; I curse thaim etand, I curse thaim drinkand; I curse them wal-kand, I curse thaim sleepand; I curse thaim rysand, I curse thaim lyand; I curse thaim at hame; I curse thaim fra hame; I curse thaim within the house; I curse thaim without the house; I curse thair wiffis, thair bairns, and thair servandis participand with thaim in thair deides.”

**He went on to curse their corn, their cattle, their wool, sheep,
horses, pigs, geese, hens, vegetable patches, ploughs and harrows.**

That’s how you do it!

Hamish McGregor



**The Crier’s Cryptic
Crossword Winner
Judge settles into
her new job.**



Bottisham Village College

Adult Learning

Our full range of evening courses for January 2020 is
now available on our website:
www.bottishamvc.org/adultlearning

New Courses Include:

Design your Own Garden
Italian Spring on the Table (Cookery)
Patchwork and Quilting (Mornings)
Practical Woodwork and DIY for Beginners
Stained Glass
Tango Salon Dancing – Beginners
Vegetarian Indian Cookery (February start)
Creating Glass Jewellery (March start)

Saturday Workshops on 29th February include:

Cook with Your Kids
Digital Desktop Photography (Still Life)
Glass Bracelets, Rings and Brooches
Plant Propagation Workshop
Stained Glass Colourful Suncatchers
Vegetarian Indian Delights (Cookery)

Would you like to suggest a course?

We are always looking for new ideas, so if you would like us
to provide a course which is not offered, or you have skills you
would like to teach to adults, please let us know.

www.bottishamvc.org/adultlearning

Tel: 01223 811372 email: adultlearning@bottishamvc.org

Facebook: BottishamAdultCommunityLearning or Twitter: @CommunityEdBott

News from Bottisham Medical Practice Patients' Group

Good News, Congratulations and Thanks: Four GPs at Bottisham Medical Practice (Drs Allum, Keith, Harrison and Thijskens) were awarded "certificates for excellent teaching" by Cambridge University and were nominated by students who had been at the practice. There are only a handful of awards given out each year so to get four within one practice is a real achievement and unusual. We thank all our patients for participating in medical student teaching and allowing students to be involved in their care. Without your commitment to teaching we could not be involved in the development and training of your future doctors.

Missed Appointments: There are still far too many of these so if you are not going to attend your appointment then PLEASE cancel it with the surgery so that other patients are not having to wait longer to get an appointment.

Flu Vaccination Clinic: If you have not already had your ‘flu jab or booked to have one then please do so there will still be appointments available.

The cake sale held at the first Saturday clinic raised £270.98. for Arthur Rank Hospice at Home to extend night care provision, thanks to all who contributed.

Purchase of Equipment: Doctors have given us a list of items that would be particularly helpful for them to have and it has been decided to purchase all the smaller items which are diagnostic and examination tools. The Doppler machine, for checking blood circulation in diabetic patients is nearly £1500 so this is our next target.

Walks for Health: The next walks with our accredited walk leader Steve Gilson start at 11.00 am from the surgery car park on 6 December 2019, 15 and 31 January, 12 and 28 February 2020. 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 Patient Group Meeting: Next meeting will be Thursday 23 January 2020 at 6.30pm at the surgery. ***Bottisham Patients' Group***



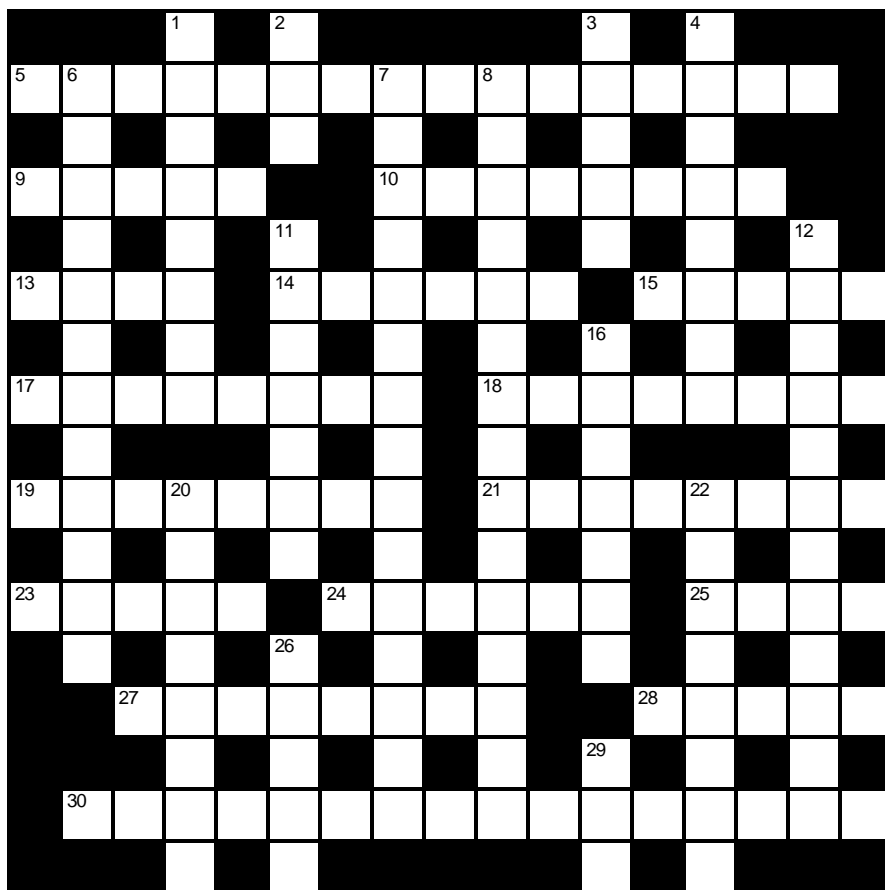
Anyone who likes pasta but is suffering from allergies to spinach or ricotta need to rush down to the CO-OP this month

Crossword Number 170

Compiled by **OUNCE**

Clues marked ** indicate individual answers and the combined answer. e.g. "Pain little Edward possessed (2, 3)" = "ow" and "Ned" combined = "owned".

Send your answers to the editors by 1st January 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

- 5 Matinee idols went crazy over Carol (9,3,4)
- 9 Order in one dictionary, please (5)
- 10 Logical company book contains present (8)
- 13 Short shop yields lemonade, liquorice and cheese (4)
- 14 Advantages found if alien follows donkey - safety first! (6)
- 15 Country, for example, with unknown political leader, Ford (5)
- 17 Animal a mother returns with drink (8)
- 18 Unvarying like Hubble or Planck (8)
- 19 Farm out tattered American flag for cake decoration (8)
- 21 Oriental Ed found in woven cream bulrush (8)
- 23 Baffles Red and Fennec for instance (5)
- 24 Inactivity uncovered as "Como Estas" is spoken (6)
- 25 Understand branch (4)
- 27 Angels fabricate birch emu (8)
- 28 Black measures hung in church tower (5)
- 30 Angler's tarry legs manoeuvred for HP view? (9,7)

Down

- 1 Flower that is never-ending and more heavy-set (8)
- 2 See 29
- 3 Love-in? Glad or ecstatic? (5)
- 4 Backing dim thing badly? It is late! (8)

- 6/8 Agatha Christie: "Swimmer I'm fond of, confused by song's first line" (2,8,2,1,5,9)
- 7 Infrequent furniture? (10,5)
- 8 See 6
- 11 Bird found when son leaves wit's end? (7)
- 12 Back cooler after terrifying film (5-7)
- 16 See 26
- 20 Optician's aid cheery at blunder (3,5)
- 22 Maternal insect one leaves early (8)
- 26/16 ***"Candid" perfume for seasonal gift (5,7)
- 29/2 **Two little boys stroked (3,3)

Solution to crossword no. 169

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We congratulate Martyn & Debbie Clark, the winners of last month's competition, who will receive their prize certificate from the editors. Honourable mention goes to Sue Jackson, Julien Luttrell, Robert Nunn, Jo Pumfrey, Trish Whitehead and Shirley Wilkins.

An invitation

to attend the

Centenary of the WW1 Memorial Windows

to take place in St Mary's, Swaffham Prior
on the 100th Anniversary of their dedication
on **Saturday 21 December 2019 at 4.30pm**



Please come along to a short event to commemorate the historic war memorial windows which were installed one hundred years ago. In a short ceremony we will think about the history of the windows and what they represented to the people of Swaffham Prior in 1919, and today. All are welcome to attend this special occasion – please complete the reply slip below so we can provide refreshments after the event.

Starting at 4.30pm, we will have the windows illuminated for you to appreciate their unique depictions of First World War weaponry and personnel. We are delighted that American poet, Nathalie Anderson will be with us to read a poem from her book “Stain” inspired by our iconic windows. A short act of rededication will form part of the 45 minutes’ ceremony and we would like to re-enact part of the original service where people laid flowers at the memorial. If you represent a village group or organisation and would like to bring a small posy of flowers please include this on the form below. With appropriate music, including a bugler playing the Last Post, and art work by the Primary School we hope this will be a fitting tribute to the twenty three men lost to our village during the Great War.

We appreciate that this is a really tricky time of year, but 21 December is exactly one hundred years to the day since the dedication took place in 1919. We hope this time in the late afternoon will fit in between shopping and parties; we would love to have a full church for this once-in-a-lifetime village commemoration. We look forward to welcoming you, your family and friends on 21 December.

Please see our website on www.swaffhampriorww1.org

We will welcome donations to the Royal British Legion.



Name.....

Address.....

Email

Number of adults

Number of children.....

Do you wish to bring a posy of flowers to lay at the memorial? Yes/No

Name of organisation/group represented (if any)

(NB – if we are overwhelmed with offers we may need to limit the numbers laying flowers – thank you for understanding).

Please email to admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk or return form to box on the doorstep of Well House, High Street, opposite the church by 14 December 2019; thank you

**Some of the Christmas Stockings
knitted by the Swaffham WI for the
Arthur Rank Hospice**



**Heritage tea brand
Jaitea opens its
workshop in Swaffham
Prior**



Heritage tea brand Jaitea has opened its workshop in Swaffham Prior, showcasing the finest ethically-sourced tea blends, single origin honeys, artisan granolas and luxury drinking chocolates.

Jaitea follows the legacy of the grandfather of its founder, Jasmine de Kotwara, who was a great Rajah and renowned for hosting the most incredible soirées at his palace in Uttar Pradesh, India, where he would share the foods and flavours that he had discovered on his travels across the world, not to mention his signature tea blends.

Today, Jaitea takes tea-drinkers on a similar journey of discovery, with traditional and new blends and flavours of black, green and white teas, oolong and rooibos and fruit and herbal infusions, sourced from all four corners of the globe.

For Christmas 2019, Jaitea have created a tea advent calendar that recreates the Rajah's palace, and are also offering limited-edition festive hampers and gift sets. These are available online at www.jaitea.com. Swaffham Prior residents and their friends and family can use the discount code SP10 to receive a 10% discount and a free gift of chocolates with every order in December and January.

What Happened on the Denny

As you will be aware, on Friday 6th September late in the afternoon a group of travellers with seven caravans arrived on the Denny to set up an unauthorised encampment. As the land belongs to the Parish Council it was their responsibility to deal with the matter. Immediate action was taken to inform and take advice from the police, Cambs County Council Enforcement Officer and East Cambs Traveller Liaison Officer. The advice from all three officers, who work closely on such matters, was to immediately instruct bailiffs to carry out the eviction process using Common

The advice from all three officers [CC, ECDC and Police] was to instruct bailiffs to evict immediately and then secure the perimeter

Law power and then to ensure that the perimeter of the Denny was secure from access to caravans. It was recommended that the work to secure the perimeter should be done within two to three weeks as it was highly likely that a traveller group might arrive and set up camp again now that the Denny was known to the traveller community.

Bailiffs were instructed by the Parish Council to carry out the eviction process over the weekend. By Sunday afternoon travellers had been

evicted and our Handyman, Jamie Sugg, cleared black bags of rubbish and checked the Denny was safe to use once more. An Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council was arranged for 17th September to decide how to ensure that the perimeter of the Denny was secured from access to caravans within the timescale suggested by advisory officers.

Unexpectedly, the same traveller group and others returned to the Denny two days later on Tuesday afternoon 10th September with nine caravans. Arrangements to secure the Denny could not have been put in place in time to prevent this unforeseen situation. Measures to secure the perimeter of the Denny needed to take place immediately after travellers were evicted in order to prevent their return. These arrangements were put in place on 18th September when bailiffs evicted this second encampment on 19th September. Mead Construction arrived immediately to set in place tree trunks (loaned to the Parish Council for about three months) and dig a few shallow trenches. A number of villagers kindly positioned cars around the Denny at vulnerable access points endeavouring to prevent any return overnight. However, in spite of all these measures, that same evening cars belonging to the group of travellers gained access to the Denny underneath the horizontal exercise bars and were seen driving around the Denny.

The following morning 20th September, Parish Councillors, the Clerk and the Handyman met with the County Enforcement Officer who advised that the group of travellers were highly likely to make multiple attempts to set up camp on the Denny again and there remained vulnerable points of the perimeter which could be accessed by caravans. He made recommendations and advised that the Parish Council took action as a matter of utmost urgency which the Parish Council responded to over the following couple of hours. As a result, the Denny now has a ploughed edge and tree



trunks have been repositioned. Although this changes the appearance of the Denny, it is reversible. Grass will grow quickly and possibly wildflowers may start to appear.

A Working Group which includes Parish Councillors, the Clerk and members of the community will meet on 25th September to consider options for securing the perimeter of the Denny on a permanent basis. The County Enforcement Officer will also attend this meeting to provide advice.

The Parish Council acknowledges how difficult this situation has been for the community. Sadly, the amount of human waste, broken glass and other debris left behind following the eviction of the second encampment was significant and highly unpleasant. Professionals have been brought in to clean up the worst areas which were cordoned off. These included the adjacent woodland, picnic areas, the rear of the pavilion and some play equipment. The main grassed area of the Denny and the children's playground were cleared, checked and opened again within hours. Without the commitment and speed with which our Handyman responded, more areas of the Denny would have remained out of bounds for a longer period. Our appreciation must also be extended to the flexibility and speed with which Martin Mead and his team from Mead Construction, provided help. Members of the community came forward with offers to help, including G B Geotechnics sending employees with tracing equipment to identify underground hazards before ploughing took place. The Parish Council is very grateful for all the help given and offered.

Sue Romero

Chair of Swaffham Bulbeck Parish Council



Dear OOTWS readers, now I don't wish to gloat but we're back with the adaptability, passion and force of nature that is the Stoat. The Winter stoat certainly may be shy but works hard in its drive for food, shelter and companionship, using its creativity and intelligence to solve challenging situations.

Stoats are mammalian from a particular type called a Mustelid, whose greater family also includes relations like Weasels and Otters. The Stoat Mother is at the heart of this drive to succeed. She puts family first and above herself always, never failing to teach her kids or Stoat 'kits' tough lessons which ultimately will not only benefit them but the ecology surrounding their home and their future success to follow in her small but giant Stoat footsteps. She has between one and twelve kits in a litter each year when she mates with the male during summer months but waits almost a year before fertilising the egg inside. Giving birth to live young, stoat mothers are attentive and as a hunter- their drive to feed their young is admirable, for they are strong swimmers and can climb trees to get at Birds eggs, so their success derives from their adaptability. In terms of their abodes, Stoats make nests of grass and leaves in hollow trunks, in walls, burrows and rock crevices or even thickets. The female stoat is territorial in the breeding season though not for the male. Although once their territory is established, an adult stoat will defend to the best of its ability.

Stoats scientific or Latin name is *Mustela Erminea* and yes, we know that some of us have worn their fur in the past but today we are advocating that if Winter is the season to be jolly but let's be honest, also cold—then please wear a fabricated material alternative as this animal is so important to our countryside. They are native across North America and Eurasia, and within the British Isles they are ubiquitous except for the Channel Islands, the Westerns Isles of Scotland and the Scilly (Holy) Isles. They are also legally protected in Ireland (the Republic) but not in the United Kingdom generally.

Rarely seen are Stoats because they literally live out and about in rural heathland areas, forest or grassland and are as fast as a dart. They are diurnal by nature and mostly carnivorous, with a penchant for Rabbits. Well that's the understatement of 2019. Though stoats are comparatively small, they are actually predators of larger prey. This pattern exists across the entire animal kingdom, smaller but deadlier predator to larger but less armoured prey, though the rule is normally the other way around. They can run at speeds of 20mph when hunting, pretty impressive for such small creatures. Whilst being predators, they are also prey and larger animals eat them as food such as Badgers,

Birds of Prey, Wolves and even Cats.

Roughly double the length of a School Maths ruler (which is 15cm), the Stoat is far more energetic than that magic plastic utensil- used to draw lemon meringue pies and geometric apple crumbles among other festive puddings of arithmetic origin. Described by the Wildlife trusts as having a ‘bounding gait’ and quite marvellous their dance is too; stoats can float by your conversation over puff pastry without you ever realising what that strange long rabbit was doing chasing that curb appeal. They also have a length of between 24-32cm, a significant tail of around 11cm and weight of 140- 450g. They can live up to eight years old, but the standard in the wild is from 1-4 years of age.

As a relative newcomer to Stoats which also include Pine Martins within the Mustelid family, I’m going to talk a little about their importance among our own human cultures. Sharing a home alongside these small mammals gives us time and space to think about their lives and that intelligence comes in all shapes, sizes and patters- if it’s challenging or sublime as farms chime past festive Wine. As mentioned earlier, those wealthy enough in our collective past wore stoat fur – so called Ermine, the nature of their felt and the colour it goes from a Chestnut brown all summer time to that Snow white during the season of Hibernation.

Although not all well to do wore Stoat fur coats and follow fashion to a ‘T’, a dazzling portrait of Queen Elizabeth I with what looks like a domesticated Stoat in its Winter hide at her side shows that kept as potential pets alive and treasured was a symbol of purity flaunted by royalty and the aristocracy. As many of our French cousins may know this Festive season, Stoats origins as pure and noble creatures predate the Tudors by crossing the Channel to Anne de Bretagne and the shadows and lights that cast against her 14th century life and times in a feudal realm. Here we look upon fights over- not Stoat territory but Human regions battling for supremacy, glory or simply trade and its circulation. It’s claimed she once saw an Ermine Stoat being chased through grassy fields until it reached a muddy patch and the small furry mammal would go no further, so it turned around to face its chasers and hunters. It would rather face potential oblivion than get its coat muddy and cold.

Anne was so enamoured and invigorated by the actions of this Stoat, she saved it and took it back to her home. This feeling it energised within her gave sustenance to her own realm at the time as the last independent ruler of Brittany that her motto settled as *Plutôt la mort que la souillure* translated as ‘death rather than defilement’. A similar case echoes around Joan of Arc, but from her reality, ‘forced unwillingly’ into oblivion by a capricious English force. On reflection, noble and greatly virtuous but ultimately relative to context and the promise of a new day. Salvation through sacrifice perhaps- but after all, the saints hold the water on that particular front about forgiveness.

For my own part and claim to stoat glory as it is, my encounter with a stoat was not by an ancient Moat in a faraway kingdom but in fact crossing a car park at Addenbrookes Hospital in Cambridge some time ago and boy, it was amazing and unforgettable to see how it moved! It also had turned white and I think it was winter time, so this fits in with their change of season winter white coat.

I’ve personally been inspired to write this article mainly thanks to the BBC programme on Robert’s Stoat & Weasel Wonderland, what a show that was. Do watch over the festive period if you’ve time. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and an enjoyable festive period among family and friends wherever you are, home or abroad. Stay safe, calm and let’s keep our *Joi de Vivre*, ready for seeing you all into the New Year.

By Jorge Xico Monteiro

The Swaffhams' WI



This month the W.I. had a pre-Christmas treat. A demonstration of Christmas decorations, by Claire Kenward, a Cambridge florist. She used live plants, cones, baubles, candles, moss and NO green oasis. Most florists, are no longer using this, as while it's very useful, its full of micro beads, which go straight into

our water system. So it's back to chicken wire!

**Cut flowers:
have a clean
container, put a
drop of bleach in
the water and
don't bother with
that sachet...**

Her message really, was to keep it simple, using what you've got, by way of containers—glass, metal, wood, boxes, decorations, plants and flowers out of the garden. If desperate, visit Hobbycraft!

Her three decorations were very different. One, a traditional mix of candles, greenery and baubles, the second, a muted moss decorated holder, with a beautiful candle as the centre and the third, three miniature bulbs , impaled on moss that filled a glass container.

Three lucky raffle prize winners, carried them home.

The advice Claire gave us about the care of cut flowers, was to have a very clean container, put a single drop of bleach in the water (don't bother with that little capsule of white powder) and change water every three to four days.

Next month we are having our Christmas party and in January, Cathy Wright is coming to talk about the work of the Ely Food Bank.

All are welcome.

Margaret Joyce



Anglesey Group Mothers' Union Report

For our October meeting, members were invited to bring along a photograph, postcard or picture of their choice to share with fellow members the significance and meaning it held for them. Photographs included family events, including engagement, weddings, family Christmas, and family seaside groups. Timespan for these ranged from the old sepia photographs to laptop images and a photograph taken very recently in Australia, of a much adored 3 week old grand-daughter. Others included local social events, family pets and places of special significance. Postcards were of famous paintings, hand embroidered cards from WWI and modern day postcard written by a 4 year old. [One member brought along one of her watercolour paintings of a wren, and another a favourite poem she had kept for many years.](#) During the meeting we held our Autumn Bring and Buy Stall which raised approximately £40.

In December members and husbands will be having Christmas Lunch at Scotsdales Garden Centre in Fordham.

SWAFFHAM PRIOR VILLAGE GARDENERS

Programme for 2020

Tuesday 21st January	Paul Stearn	Head Gardener Jesus College
Tuesday 18th February	Dr Gwenda Kyd	Plants to Drugs
Tuesday 17th March	Nigel Start	Getting to Grips with Pruning
Tuesday 21st April	Roy Nunn	Gardens of Madeira
Tuesday 19th May	Mike Day	Salads All Year Round
Tuesday 21st June	Evening Visit	Jesus College, Cambridge
Saturday 27th June	Coach Outing	Beth Chatto's Garden
Tuesday 14th July	Evening Visit	Prospects Trust, Reach
Tuesday 20th October		AGM Followed by Quiz and Raffle
Tuesday 17th November	Mike Petty	Pickwick's Gardening Scrapbook 1838

Indoor meetings at 8.00 pm in Swaffham Prior Village Hall
Details of summer visits will be confirmed nearer the time

Membership: £20 per person

New members and visitors always welcome: £4 per evening

Co-chairs: Sophie Rowell 01638 602833 and David Whitehead
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Treasurer: David Whitehead

Secretaries: Margaret Joyce 01638 744390 and Ruth Scovil
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RedGreen News

Red2Green
Options,
Aspirations,
Community Café
& Garden

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at Red2Green. We are looking forward to our Christmas Carol Service followed by a Christmas bazaar. The service will be at 11am on Thursday 12 December at St Mary's Church, Swaffham Bulbeck and will be followed by nibbles, Mistletoe and (mulled) Wine and Christmas Bazaar at Harvey's Barn, Park End, Swaffham Bulbeck. Do join us for both, and do some christmas shopping with our crafts made by our learners. Last Christmas we had a lot of fun, and can't wait for This Christmas. Our craft activities are well underway with producing gifts and decorations so you can Deck the Halls.



There's a happy feeling nothing in the world can buy when they pass around the coffee and the pumpkin pie and if you can't make the bazaar we will be selling our gifts and decorations at the Red2Green Community Café, Bottisham so pop along for some homemade soup, a bacon bap or some of our daily specials homemade cakes (see our Facebook page or website to find out what they are). Open Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am-3pm.

It's the most wonderful time of the year for music here, we have our own Little Drummer Boy in our music sessions on a Monday and soon we'll be Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree.

Recently we raised a lot of money through walking and running. Jackie and Liz ran Lode Half Marathon (at times it felt like 2000 miles, even if it only was 13.1!) and some learners walked the 5K with their tutors. We are really grateful to Lode Runners for giving us the places.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Elizabeth Taylor





Planning process

John is on the Planning Committee, and thought that residents would be interested in the planning process.

Planning applications can be Outline or Full. For the former the application is only indicative, and is more to do with the suitability of the site, whether access to the planning site (adjudged by the County Council Highways department), flood risk, etc. is acceptable; the Full application has detailed drawings, elevations, dimensions, etc. An Outline application is usually for a larger site, and if that is successful it is followed by the Full application.



Planning applications are submitted to the Planning Department; in some cases the applicant discusses the application before submitting it, and this can save time and effort, as the Planning Officers can give good guidance on what is acceptable or not. The Planning Officers are given delegated powers, and almost all applications are decided by them, based on strict criteria. Sites with more than 50 houses, or those that are contentious, are passed onto the Planning Committee which meets on the first Wednesday of each month.

The Planning Committee members are driven in a mini-bus to each site, and the case officer gives an explanation of the application on site. The Committee then meets at two o'clock and discusses each case. Interested parties are given five minutes to speak to the committee, and then asked questions by committee members; first any members of the public, then the submitter (or their agent) of the application, then the Parish Council, followed by the District Councillor, although not every one may be present. The Committee then debates the application and a vote is taken.

District Councillors receive a report of all the planning applications in the Ward, and can comment on them. They can also call in a planning application that may be going through delegated powers if they feel that this application needs wider debate, or they have been requested by residents to do so.

We are not holding a Councillors' Surgery in December, so our next surgery is on Wednesday 22 January at 6.30pm in the Poppy Room at the Bottisham Sports and Social Club, followed by meet your Councillors in The Bell from 7.45.

We hope you all have a Happy Christmas.

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Wicken Fen News

Groups of winter thrushes are creating colourful sights and chattering sounds around the reserve. Corvids can be seen swirling overhead, particularly in the later afternoon just before dusk. The first short-eared owls and hen harriers have now arrived too, so it's a great time for wildlife watching. You can join us for a Winter Wildlife Safari with our rangers on 1st December or 26 January and take a guided walk looking for wildlife out in the wider reserve – see <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wicken-fen-nature-reserve/whats-on> for details.

We're excited that a new artwork is being constructed at Wicken Fen, created by artists Heather Peak and Ivan Morison of Studio Morison. It has been commissioned by Cambridgeshire based Wysing Arts Centre as part of the region-wide arts commissioning programme: New Geographies. New Geographies aims to bring contemporary art to unexpected places in the East of England.

The Wicken Hayrick is a sculptural structure; a pavilion; that has been created specifically for Wicken Fen Nature Reserve. The artists hope that visitors to Wicken Fen will enter into the work to sit, contemplate nature, and to read or write. We hope you'll come and experience the hayrick soon.

Work on our café expansion project is now underway. Our new mobile café unit (affectionately named 'Doris') is looking very smart. We've got a new coffee machine so we can now make barista coffee. Do pop in and try one – bring your own cup and you'll receive 25p discount on your hot drink and help us minimise the number of compostable cups that we recycle.

Our Learning Team are preparing for Father Christmas's return to the Fen! Our event includes a festive trail, meeting Father Christmas and receiving a gift, and making Christmas crafts using natural materials in our winter wonderland. Tickets are selling quickly so book soon - see <http://bit.ly/WickenFatherChristmas>

A lovely crisp, wintery walk is one of the best ways to escape from the hectic run up to the festive season or walk off the excess between Christmas and New Year. Don't forget that we are open every day of the year except Christmas Day, so pop in to see us and stretch your legs.



**Wicken hayrick
under
construction**

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in The Prospect Trust's shops



The nights are closing in and there are not many sleeps till the big fella comes! Whether you are holding big parties or having a low key Christmas or you don't celebrate the festive season, there are plenty of organic goodies in our farm shops at Snakehall and Unwrapped in Ely to make some winter delights to warm the belly. Please visit our website to see what's in stock at our Snakehall Farm Shop <https://prospectstrust.org.uk/what-we-sell/>.

The Co-workers and staff have been very busy making decorations for the season. There is still time to order so please see a list of what we have and bring some extra festive cheer to your home.

Reindeers - Small £2.00 Medium £.650 Large
£8.50

Snowman - Medium £6.50

Wreaths - £10.00

Cork Decorations £1.00

Santa Logs £2.00

Floral arrangement £2.00

Grow your own tree £7.00

Christmas Candles Prices vary



Notes from the November Parish Council meeting

Mr. John Covill (Chair) chaired the meeting with six Parish Councillors and two member of the public in attendance. The meeting started at 730pm.

Public participation for items on the agenda:

Michael Limb asked why the charges are doubled if SID leaves the county. SKP explained that the PC insurance for SID only covers it within the county and so the costs for going out the county are higher.

Matters arising from Previous Minutes (for information only):

Steve Kent-Phillips reported that the letter regarding the PC's objections to closing the slip road to motorised traffic has been sent and that SID had been deployed on the top road (Mill Hill/bypass). During half term, Monday to Friday there were 6000 fewer cars travelling along the road from Swaffham Bulbeck. The figures on the website and have been sent to Greenway.

The details of the textile bank company to the Village Hall, who have had no response as yet.

Correspondence for Consideration/Circulation:

Two letters from Lucy Frazer MP had been received; one concerning land banking which contained no new information and the other containing details of a strategic bus review, including a survey allowing members of the public to give feedback about the present bus service and ideas for the future, found at the following link www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/FutureBus/ and open from 4th November until 13th December 2019.

An email had been received from a member of the public praising the maintained condition of the cemetery.

An email had been received suggesting Swaffham Prior PC look into the rewilding of some of the verges. David Greenfield is to arrange a meeting to discuss the idea and report back to the next meeting.

John Covill had received a telephone call regarding potential building near the Smock Mill – the owner had been considering turning it into an electricity turbine and was concerned that building would affect the air flow.

Consideration of planning applications received:

19/00275/TRE 4 Lower End, Swaffham Prior.

Fruit tree trimming – approved.

19/01349/FUL Church View Cottage, 54 High Street, Swaffham Prior, Cambridge, CB25 0LD. Replacement of existing close board fence with 9” brick wall – approved.

These were noted.

Accounts for Payment:

These were agreed.

Steve Kent-Phillips reported that he had undertaken the quarterly year end budget and accounts. The PC was in credit by £2400.00 against the budget, £2000 of which came from cemetery fees. It was agreed that the precept should stay the same for next year. The amount held in reserves was discussed and it was decided to set an

agenda item for the December meeting to examine how the budget is assigned and possible spending projects, as it was felt that holding too much in reserve was not a good use of the money. Steve Kent-Phillips noted that the ECDC recommend 1.5 times the precept is kept as a reserve.

Residential land development opportunity on Mill Hill:

David Greenfield thanked Cllr Charlotte Cane in her absence for her work on this, but the Planning Department are unable to discuss it with the PC as no plans have been submitted as yet. It would be considered under the 2015 Plan. It was agreed that David Greenfield would write to Rebecca Saunders (Planning Officer), reiterating the 6 points raised in the October meeting and adding a seventh point regarding lack of parking space made necessary by poor public transport.

Clerk's Report:

Having attended the CAPLC-organised cemetery running course, a number of issues have become apparent, including the need for clear rules for gravediggers and a review of the interment notice and other forms related to the cemetery. This is to be discussed at the December meeting.

The Swaffham Bulbeck clerk had asked for a complaint regarding the reporting of the traveller encampment on the Denny to be noted at the meeting

Two complaints had been received regarding the play area equipment. The first was regarding the toddler seats, which have a tendency to tip and one of which has had a part broken off; the second regarding the spring daisy which has had a handle snapped off. Steve Kent-Phillips volunteered to inspect them.

Parish Councillors' reports:

David Greenfield report on the Heating Scheme. The design stage is complete, using 100% renewable energy (with a LPG as back up). The design will give 80°C heat at the start point; at delivery it will be in the high 70°Cs. 39000 tonnes of carbon would be saved per annum. The route for pipes is being planned to minimise road disruption by tunnelling underneath. The next stage is the pre planning application and hiring a sustainability consultant (who this will be is to be confirmed). Round 9 funding application was submitted at the end of October 2019 and the answer should be known at the end of November 2019. There has been an increase in the capital cost of £1 million, bring it to £7 million.

As a result of questions asked, it was reported that:

No more than 200 households could join the scheme, but that at present there are still only 180 households involved.

Houses taking up the scheme would need the equivalent amount of insulation required if they were heated by an oil boiler.

The problem of limescale deposits was taken into account in the design.

The changes that had produced the increase in temperature were the type of heat pump used, the use of air source heat to put heat back into the ground during the summer and the ability to use heat stores.

The temperature profile of the ground will be affected but the heat put into the ground will be done when there was spare capacity.

Solar panels will power the heat pumps.



It will not be possible to store energy for overnight use; instead, overnight they will be powered by energy from a renewable source.

Alan Durrant reported that the wall outside 26 Lower Road was bowing out considerably. It was confirmed that this is the householders' responsibility.

Alan Durrant asked if the PC would consider contributing to the cost of CCTV for the Village Hall car park and/or lighting for the car park. It was stated that the houses backing onto the car park would have to be taken into consideration in the placing of any lights and that once a quote is obtained the PC will consider it.

John Covill noted that the fen roads concrete joints are in need of repair – this has been reported and falls under planned maintenance not reactive maintenance so will be repaired in due course.

Reports:

No report was received from Cambridge County Council.

Cllr Charlotte Cane reported to the meeting for the East Cambridgeshire District Council. A copy of the report was circulated before the meeting.

The ECDC had not passed a motion requiring action and strong targets relating to climate change so Charlotte Cane noted the existence of the East Cambridgeshire Climate Action Network for anyone interested in reducing East Cambs' carbon emissions.

The ECDC Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) budget has been approved so requests should be submitted.

A new Local Plan will not be started for at least 18 months so East Cambs planning will continue to be dependent on the 2015 Plan, with gaps filled by Supplementary Planning Guidance.

Peter Hart asked if Cllr Cane had access to figures regarding population growth in East Cambs. Cllr Cane confirmed this.

Paul Latchford asked if funding is calculated per head of population. Cllr Cane said that it is, fixed on a certain year, so can become outdated quickly.

Open question time:

Alastair Everitt asked if there was allowance for insulation costs in the Heating Scheme. David Greenfield confirmed there was not.

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, 12th December 2019 starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Jude Griffiths

Clerk to the Parish Council.

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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

Small, child-size metal play wheel-barrow (red).
Jun/Andy 01223 813362

Female Trespass water proof light violet jacket size **small**; Men Grey waterproof heavy jacket size **large**; Child light grey Slazenger hoodie zip up size **11-12 years old**; Child Land's End light blue padded jacket with hood size **11-12 years old**; Child Land's End light blue waterproof jacket with hood size **11-12 years old**; woman snake print light waterproof jacket size **14**; Old tennis balls for dogs. Luisa 01223 813793

Single divan bed with mattress, pine headboard, very good condition (no fire label). Laura 01638 741509

Smoby children's football table

Micro Scalextric Mighty Minis track/set

Large cream chest of drawers (not flat pack!). 6 drawers. W1m, D55 cms, H130cms



Live The Questions



One of my heartfelt convictions is that everyone should learn to, and then be free to, question everything boldly in order that we may understand more deeply. I have learned more about who God is; who I am; what the Church is; and what our purpose is in the world - by asking question after question and engaging in dialogue with others. Too many people in church don't question what they are taught / told, and as a result have a shallower, surface understanding and feel very uncomfortable / vulnerable when their belief is challenged.

At RENEW church, questions are more than welcome. I frequently have people coming to me after a sermon to ask a question - to continue the conversation. It is in this practise of ongoing dialogue that I believe we grow in the faith and discover truth.

In my daily times of reading and reflection I am focussing this month on some questions it's worth asking in life, questions like this one:

When is the last time you were amazed (in a good way), in a **‘WOW!’ type way**? This is a question I asked my church family in a recent sermon. It is my belief, and understanding from my reading of the Gospels, that the people who followed Jesus, regularly found themselves saying, ‘Wow!’ I would genuinely be interested to hear your responses. I don’t think it’s possible to follow Jesus and not find ourselves saying, ‘Wow!’ regularly. I want to be someone who steps out in faith, takes risks, serves others, extends hospitality, journeys with people through the highs and lows of life - that we might be wowed together by the goodness in our lives.

You are welcome to join us at RENEW Church as we explore week by week more of what it looks like to live the questions of life - Come as you are, come and see, come with your questions.

Merry Christmas!

Rev’d Alan Brand

RENEW Services for December 2019

Sunday Morning worship is held at Bottisham Primary School

The services begin at 10.30 am

Croissants and drinks are available from 10.10 am.

Except for our special Christmas Guest Service on Sunday 22nd December which will be at 4.00pm

Everyone is welcome to all our services

We have activity groups for children and young people

Also please note the Advent Village Praise 'Carols by Candlelight' on December 8th at Lode Chapel from 5.30-6.30pm. Please come and join us!

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



Some of the huge selection of Christmas presents available at Swaffham Prior's very own Tea Shop Jaitea — see page 15

Services in the Anglesey Benefice in December

Sunday 1 December	8am	Holy Communion (BCP), Swaffham Bulbeck
	9.30am	Village Worship, Quy Village Hall Morning Service - Christingle, Swaffham Bulbeck
	11am	Holy Communion (CW1), Bottisham
Wednesday 4 December	8pm	“C by C” (Short candlelit meditative service), Bottisham
Saturday 7 December	4pm	Advent by Candlelight Concert (£10), Swaffham Prior
Sunday 8 December	9.30am	Holy Communion (VC), Swaffham Bulbeck
	11am	Family Communion, Lode
Saturday 14 December	4pm	Carol Service, Lode
Sunday 15 December	8am	Holy Communion (BCP), Bottisham
	9.30am	Holy Communion (CW1), Quy
	4.30pm	Carol Service, Swaffham Prior
Saturday 21 December	4.30pm	War Windows Centenary, Swaffham Prior
Sunday 22 December	9.30am	Children’s Church, Lode
	11am	Holy Communion (CW1T), Swaffham Prior
	3pm	Carol Service, Quy
	6.30pm	Carol Service, Bottisham Carol Service, Swaffham Bulbeck
Tuesday 24 December Christmas Eve	3pm	Crib Service, Swaffham Prior
	4.30pm	Crib Service, Bottisham Crib Service, Swaffham Bulbeck
	6pm	Holy Communion, Lode
	11.30pm	Midnight Communion, Bottisham Midnight Communion, Swaffham Prior
Wednesday 25 December Christmas Day	8am	Holy Communion (BCP), Quy
	10am	Holy Communion (CW1T), Swaffham Prior
Sunday 29 December	10am	Holy Communion (CW1T), Quy

Dates for Your Diary December 2019

Thu	12	PC Meeting, 7.30pm, VH [28]
Fri	13	
Sat	14	
Sun	15	Candlelit Carol Service, 4.30pm, St Mary's [8]
Sat	21	WW1 Windows Centenary Event, 4.30pm, St Mary's [14]
Sun	22	
Mon	23	
Tue	24	CHRISTMAS EVE Crib Service, 3pm, St Mary's [8]
Wed	25	CHRISTMAS DAY Family Communion, 10am, St Mary's [8]
Thu	26	Boxing Day Hockey, The Denny, 10.45am [6]
Jan	1	Crier Copy Deadline

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