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Editorial

NOW is our opportunity to have a say on all things political, and let's not miss it. Our local election is for TWO District Councillors (alas, we're not winning: the larger region they represent used to have three councillors) and takes place on May 3. But do see our Centre Page first. We enjoyed the Hustings event at St Mary's this month, not the least because we finally got to meet our County Councillor (Our Reporter's *Invisible Man*), who has promised to be less invisible in future.

Then there's the (potential) EU Elections. We promised last month we would keep you informed on this, and so we have (see p 3), as best we can, and your guess is as good as ours.

Two big village events coming up this month: first the annual Village Feast, which will be having a Circus Workshop this year in addition to all the usual attractions. Then there's the Village Tea Party to be held in the grounds of Swaffham Prior House. In addition, there's Ascension Day, and a lovely aspect of that is that Cambridge Voices ascend St Cyriac's Tower and sing out from the top of it.

Don't miss Jasmine Taylor's letter about Olio. This is a local food sharing network you can join. We've tried it (or rather the dog has, having gone off his usual dried food leaving us with tons of it). No taker yet, but we'll see!

Caroline Matheson

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Cover Picture: *May is the time for Fun?*



Letters to the Editors



Dear Editors,

St. Mary's Church Flower Arrangers

The church looked lovely on Easter Sunday with so many beautiful lilies. Thank you to all those who arranged them and to everyone who made donations in memory of loved ones.

We are a friendly bunch of ladies (and gentleman in an emergency!) but we are a little thin on the ground when it comes to special occasions. These are Easter, Harvest, Christmas and Weddings. None of us are florists, just amateurs who enjoy working with some beautiful flowers. If you are free do come along and meet some of us on the morning of Friday 3rd May and 17th May when we'll be doing the flowers for weddings in the church.

In the meantime if this sounds like something you'd enjoy then please give me a call on 01638-743720 or email me at ruth@scovil.uk I look forward to hearing from you.

Ruth Scovil

Dear Editors,

Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to everyone that helped and came to the coffee morning, for the MNDA- brought cakes, eat cakes, bought cakes, brought raffle prizes, bought raffle tickets, pottery and gave donations, which realised a grand total of £486.40. Amazing. The Cambridge Branch of the MNDA very much appreciate your generosity.

Margaret Joyce.

Dear Editors,

Olio — the Food Sharing Network

I live in Swaffham Prior and I am a volunteer for a food sharing network called Olio (www.olioex.com). Olio is a free initiative that aims to reduce waste. One of the things that we do is work with organisations such as Waitrose, Pret A Manger, Co-op and collect their unsold food at the end of the day and then redistribute it locally for free. I have been flyering and trying to spread the word in the village, and so wondered if I may be able to write something for the Crier? I do believe that this would be of interest to your readers and it would really help us spread the word.

Jasmine Taylor

Jasmine has since been voted Ambassador of the month for Olio: see her article on page 18. Eds

Dear Editors,

Road Kill

Thank you to Heidi Flowers for being the only person to reply usefully in response to my recent post on the Village Facebook Noticeboard re the dead deer on the bypass, giving me the link to East Cambs to report it to get it removed, which they seem to have done within 12 hours. I've since reported the dead badger on the verge by the Dyke.

As large dead animals are a regular presence on the roads round here perhaps the Parish Council, who don't seem to be on the SP facebook page or don't respond if they are, would like to appoint a Carcass Tsar to co-ordinate the village's response to the wildlife carnage on our village's roads? There is currently other dead stuff to be dealt with, of various sizes. They could begin by doing something about the bleached skeletal remains of something else large, quite easy to find as it's just in front of the gated Swaffham Prior sign welcoming visitors to the village as they come up the bypass towards Cage Hill. Or perhaps that's been there long enough to be considered a historic feature of the locality?

<https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/east-cambs-street-scene/dead-animals> or phone 01353 665555 of course.

Mark Lewinski

Come and Have Your Say

ONE. The Election for ECDC councillors will take place on **Thursday 2nd May** at the Village Hall. (See page 16). We will now be voting for TWO candidates.

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

THREE. The Annual Village Assembly will take place on **Tuesday 14th May** at 7.30.

FOUR. EU Elections **Thursday May 23rd**. Possibly! We are in the Eastern Region and will be voting to elect 7 candidates on a proportional system (d'Hondt). You can only vote for a party though (choose from Labour, Lib Dems, Change UK, Brexit Party, UKIP, Greens or Conservatives, although the Conservatives are yet to announce any candidates, and it is rumoured that they may not field any). Declared Candidates are currently listed on <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-48027580>

NB. There will be no election for Parish Councillors as there are not enough candidates to need one. See *Our Reporter*.

From our Reporter at the Parish Council Meeting

Even though I have had a severe loss of hearing during the last month or so, I took it as a personal challenge to report of the April PC meeting, whether I could hear or not. The Agenda offered nothing unusual. Even so it is always essential to have a backstop in case things do not work out. And Catie Whiteley was the backstop. She was available on her only free night before she started sailing the high seas again. And it was just as well she was there as Josh Schumann turned up for his one visit of the year.



Jude Griffith was at the table in the Clerk's position and very proficient she looked. Paul discreetly sat at her side. It was a full member turnout and there were five in the Public Gallery. It was an evening of farewells. Thanks were given to Paul Catlin for all his hard work as Clerk, to Allen for his loyalty and help to the village, and also for Mike who was standing down with the allotments sorted, and as he said, with him and his wife Eileen having put in a joint eight years service for the village, he thought that was enough. Is this double entry book keeping? The last meeting's minutes were approved with a few minor changes.

Then it was Josh Schumann making his one annual visit. I wondered why he was there and then remembered May is ECDC election year. Josh, as Chairman of the ECDC Planning Committee, had come to give further details about ECDC's decision to cancel their 2018 Plan. It was private contractor, rather than a government body which was reviewing the plans, and ECDC found them very uncooperative, and the actual inspector rather unknowledgeable, for want of a better word. When ECDC raised the question of land not being developed after permission was granted it was told that "there was no evidence of any land banking". For many reasons ECDC has decided to withhold any further payment to this contractor. I need to say nothing further on the subject because every one in the village in April received the reasons for ECDC's decision.

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Josh now moved on to the other hat he wears, as Chairman of the CCC "Commercial and Investment Committee", which is responsible for the move out of Shire Hall up to Alconbury. This was agreed in May 2018 at an estimated cost of around £16.6 million. If it opens in 2020 they hope to save £45 million over a thirty year period. It is not easy to project forward so far into the future, and for a number of years such a projection is safe. But already in December 2018 it was discovered that, through "planning mistakes", they needed 4 acres rather than 2 acres for the site, and also more meeting rooms, resulting in an estimated additional cost of £1.7 million, raising the total costs to £18.3 million.

Josh also raised the issue of the lease/sale of the 6 acre site of the Shire Hall in Cambridge. Some people have inevitably disputed the wisdom of the move and one

cannot but be reminded of the debate when many urged ECDC to abandon its central Ely offices and move to a new site outside. Eventually it was decided to stay, to adapt the building, reduce some staff, with the result that an enormous amount of money was saved, and there has been no rate rise for many years. To be fair CCC did not have any rate rise between 2016 and 2018 resulting in a loss of £11million for local services which has meant many schools having their budgets severely cut next year, such as Netherhall School which is losing £200,000. Also, to be fair, ECDC and CCC are not comparable in many ways and do not share the same problems. Anyway, for the moment, CCC probably favours a long lease with a steady income rather than a sudden windfall from the sale of the Shire Hall.

Allen presented his final report and gave everyone a copy. In this he mentioned that he had been to the National Stud which currently has “about 200 brooding mares”, and that he “saw several recently born fowls”. How the meeting enjoyed that. There was much guffawing. We then moved onto Correspondence and the Waterbeach Anti-Incinerator Group would like to come to address the PC.

The quote for putting mesh in the Village Hall driveway was £12,000. Unanimously it was agreed to continue patching. The PC also unanimously agreed to support the Village Hall grant application for the hall’s extension, which was estimated to be £65,000. There I still one allotment available. The new Clerk signed her contract, and the SID rental agreement was agreed.

In the Clerk’s report she said there had been a query about the level of street lighting in Lower End (this is an old chestnut); there had been a complaint from one mother about the height of the slide in the playground, saying it is far too high for very young children (this is the only thing that our play area betters that in Bulbeck, and anyway babies grow); and someone had enquired about the Chapel down the Fen, and they were referred to Geoffrey Woollard.

During PC Reports David said there had been several people who had complained about the very large bright orange advertisement on a fence at the top of Cage Hill. David said that before discussion went further he would check whether it is legal. Steve said we were rejoining CAPALC as this makes Jude’s training fees considerably cheaper. Sandra noted some damage to play equipment which Steve said he would attend to, and Sandra also reported the good news that Helen Bartley is now permanent as Headmistress. Linda refused the invitation to fill the vacancy on the PC, which means that again we have no election and the PC saves money. No-one in the Village applied to join, which in some ways is quite impressive because it means that everyone has total faith in our PC.

As I walked back with Catie I asked what she thought of the PC, as this was the first time she had ever been to a meeting. Always a lady of great tact, she said “some members mumble”, and “the seats are very hard to sit on for one and a half hours”. Needless to say any errors in the above report are mine and not Catie’s.

We do need someone to report on The Annual Village Assembly on Tuesday 14th May. If anyone is interested please give me a call.

Alastair Everitt



Swaffham Prior Village Tea Party

~ Sunday 16th June 2019 4.15pm to 6.30pm ~

We are delighted to invite the village to a tea party kindly hosted by Michael & Sibyl Marshall in a beautiful marquee in the wonderful grounds of Swaffham Prior House.



Tickets cost £1/head and will include tea, cake and for those who are able, a 45 minute tour of the grounds and woods with Sir Michael as tour guide.

Tables are for up to 10 people and open to residents of the village and their guests. Full access is available by car/cycle/foot and entrance to the marquee is on the flat. Also all tables and chairs are provided – you just need to turn up and enjoy. Sadly we cannot accommodate dogs and the tour is only for those able to walk on rough ground for 45 minutes and have the stamina to keep up with the pace of Sir Michael! If you have any dietary needs please feel free to bring your own drinks/cake.

To book, please find an envelope on the front door step of 50 High Street, Swaffham Prior (yellow house opposite the churches), fill in the details and post through the letterbox together with ticket payment of £1/head. Further information will follow by email.

The Red Lion is also hosting a village BBQ at 6.30pm after the tea party for anyone else that wishes to carry on the festivities! No booking necessary and pay as usual at the pub.

Janet Willmott & Emma Fletcher

janet@adventurersfarm.co.uk emmalindseyfletcher@gmail.com

A fun day for the family!

Village Feast



Saturday 25th May



1 pm at the Village Hall

With **Circus Workshop**



Plus:

Brilliant Games for the whole family, Craft stalls,
Barbecue, Cream teas, Beer tent and fantastic Ice cream

All this and then:

The Annual Egg Throwing Championship

Followed by:

Live music, beer festival and barbecue at the Red Lion

*If you have any surplus plants for the plant stall,
bric-a-brac, prizes for the raffle, or would like to help in
any other way, please contact Jenny or April:*

- Jenny Brand: phone 01638 742161
- April Cook: email april.cook@btinternet.com

“Cambridge Voices – Reinvented”
are singing at the
Ascension Day Service in
St Cyriac’s and St Julitta’s Church
On Sunday May 30th at 7.30pm

*A Note by Ian de Massini
on the Reinvented Cambridge Voices.*

As many know, *Cambridge Voices* was founded jointly by the former King's College Chapel choral scholar, Ian de Massini and the French composer, Maurice Duruflé, 31 years ago. It 'reinvented' itself early last year and forsook the use of a conductor.

As a result, half of the 16-strong choir resigned, but they were replaced by a crop of new, younger singers of outstanding calibre, principally former choral scholars from the Cambridge chapel choirs of King's, Trinity, Jesus, and Clare. These are singers who thrive in the environment of working collectively, and creating a self-motivated sound, without the need of a dictatorial conductor.

Rehearsals takes longer in this new format, but the resultant performances are now led collectively and sensually, by all the singers working together. They make decisions of tempos, dynamics, and interpretations collectively, *much as members of a string quartets do.*

The new choir has caught the attention of several European composers, including **Mons Leidvin Takle**, a leading choral composer from Norway. He has written a new large-scale setting of the **Mass for the Choir**, which will receive its World Premiere in St Cyriac’s Church in Swaffham Prior on Ascension Day this year.

Ian de Massini

The music will include

Gibbons: *Lift up your heads* (introit)

Mons Leidvin Takle: **The Complete Mass**, including the *Gloria*

Bach: *When Jesus Christ ascended into Heaven* (Gradual)

Trad. Caribbean: *The Lord’s Prayer*

Tallis, edited by De Massini;:

Iam Christus astra ascenderat (Communion anthem)

Finally, from the Top of the Tower

Philips: *Ascendit Deus*

Julie's seasonal Rhubarb Recipes for May

Rhubarb Chutney

500g rhubarb
1 medium onion, finely chopped
100ml cider vinegar or white wine vinegar
1cm fresh ginger, finely chopped
200g sugar
½ tsp salt

1. Trim and wash the rhubarb, then slice it into fairly fine chunks.
 2. Heat the onion, vinegar, ginger, sugar and salt in a heavy non aluminium pan. Bring to a rolling boil for about 5 mins, then add the rhubarb. Reduce the heat and simmer for 15 mins, until slightly thickened.
 3. Whilst still warm pour into sterilised jars. This can be kept for up to a year. A lovely accompaniment to cheese and a great dressing for smoked mackerel, drizzled over slightly warmed.
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Rhubarb and custard cheesecake

65g butter melted
125g digestive biscuits crushed
425g stewed rhubarb drained
4 tsp of custard powder
2 eggs separated
150ml milk
11g of sachet gelatine dissolved in 2 tbsp of water
225g ricotta cheese
90ml plain yoghurt
75g caster sugar
2 tbsp whipped cream

1. Line a 18cm loose bottomed tin with greaseproof paper. Mix the melted butter with the biscuit crumbs and press into the tin evenly. Then top with the rhubarb.
2. Mix the custard powder, egg yolks and milk and simmer until thick, stir in the gelatine. Cool, and then stir in the ricotta and the yogurt.
3. Whisk the egg whites until firm, then gradually whisk in the sugar. Fold into the custard mix, spoon over the biscuit and rhubarb base and chill for 2 hours. Decorate with whipped cream and some rhubarb, remembering to keep a little back.

This recipe can be adapted to a low calorie recipe using low fat spread, low fat digestives. Skimmed milk, low fat yoghurt and half fat cream!

Serves 8

Objective Report on the Community Heat Scheme

Part Two

This is a bit like old news now, but as promised, I add a few more comments about the meeting which took place on 26 January. This meeting left a large number of unanswered questions, and few answers. But there was one clear answer for those who have an Oil Aga. This was very easy. Get rid of it, and buy an Electric Aga. Problem solved.

Less clear was the statement in their January Newsletter which said that “the overall cost to the householder is *expected* to be lower than the current fuel costs.” EXPECTED!! Would you buy a second hand car with such a sales pitch? “It is expected to get you home sir”. And they always end with their trump card, the advantage being - “the removal of large oil tanks in the gardens”. I doubt if there are many people who have this worry.

But things may become clearer after Per Digets visit in February. Per is “an experienced Danish engineer with huge expertise in the delivery and design of ground source heat schemes.” He has been procured as a technical adviser. What were Bouygues signed up for? How many more experts and advisers are required? And at what cost?

Let’s now come to the money which is estimated to be near £3 million. We are told there “will be no large upfront costs” for villagers. How? Emma answered this, and I hope my memory is correct, by saying that the relevant government department (the one which is also responsible for the Smart Meter disaster) is so keen on the idea they may stump up the money. So we will get it for free. Except that it is our money being spent. If I heard Emma incorrectly I apologise and she can chastise me in the next *Crier*. But I remember being stunned by such a triumphant solution.

I said that all the people I had spoken to thought retrofitting a village like ours was a non-starter, but they do support its use in new developments. A CCC representative at the meeting said that they did have 7 or 8 other projects of that nature. It would be useful to know what these are. Are any concerned with new developments of 100 houses or more? Meantime CCC have refused planning permission for the

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Amey incinerator application in Waterbeach which would be used to provide heating for the Waterbeach New Town, a huge number of houses – about 11,000 houses. This is something I thought would have had the support of the Community Heat Scheme lobby, especially as a large part of Copenhagen is heated through its local incinerator. That would make a very real contribution to fighting Climate Change. People living nearby may have different views which is why Waterbeach Anti-Incinerator Group hopes to be able to come and talk to our Parish Council. While on num-

bers it takes me back to the question I had already raised. Why not check whether there will be 170 takers of the scheme before spending more time and money. While SPCHP said they were very pleased with the initial response to the first and only questionnaire, there was nothing, ABSOLUTELY NOTHING, in that response to suggest they would get any way near the 170 required.

To be fair one must acknowledge the time and work which has been applied to the project so far. But it would very helpful for those of us on the outside if Emma would publish in the next *Crier*:

1. The details of the programme and allocated expenditure until completion in March 2021. Emma at the meeting did promise it would be reproduced in the *Crier*.
2. The names and positions of her 7 or 8 supporting cast.
3. The names and types of the other 7 or 8 Heat Schemes being explored/carried out by CCC.
4. As a matter of interest for many, what is the heating system in the new Rogers Road development?

As the project will be continuing for the next two years we should all in Swaffham Prior take an interest. At least this is something in which we can express an opinion, unlike the interminable Brexit debate – that is unless we have to have a European Parliament election, or another Referendum.

Meantime the January meeting ended with a great rallying cry which will make everyone feel better. We are no longer “GUINEA PIGS”. We are “PIONEERS”!!

Alastair Everitt



Autumn Show 2019

Another early reminder to get planting for this year's Autumn Show, which will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 14th September.

New this year!

Sunflower Challenge - we will be looking for the most impressive sunflowers on display in gardens around the village. If you haven't planted yours, there's still time.

Photography

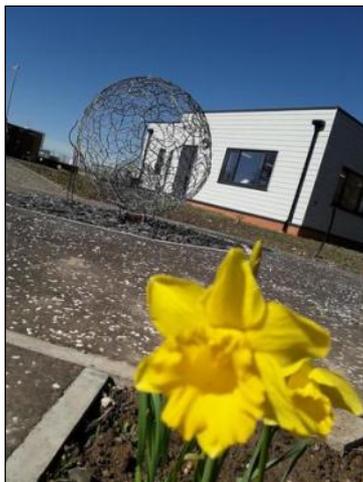
Is it a bird? Is it a plane? Is it a staircase?
This year's photography competition will be based around FLIGHT. So get out and get snapping.

Thanks to Amy's Art Journal for use of the drawing of 'Sparrow on Sunflower'

Red2Green Community Café celebrates 1st birthday

Red2Green have had a garden on the Bottisham Village College site for many years. In 2018 we were delighted to move into our new purpose built centre, on the edge of the school site with direct access the road which made it very suitable to use as a community café. We were very lucky to receive funding for a year from Awards for All England from the Big Lottery Fund for funding towards our Hearts & Crafts Café project, which meant that we were also able to provide refreshments as relaxing crafting activities for all.

Now that we have celebrated our first year at the café we are delighted to say we plan to continue with the project. Feedback from our learners is that they have really enjoyed preparing and serving refreshments and home-made snacks whilst learning new business and social skills which in some cases might help them prepare for future employment or volunteering opportunities.



Aaron was a Red2Green learner who became a café volunteer and now he has a job. He says “I really enjoyed my time at the café and it really helped me with the confidence to get my job”. Aaron still feels part of the café community and visits weekly to tell us about his work. We received a 5 star hygiene rating from East Cambs District Council and are open **every Tuesday and Thursday from 11am-2pm serving very reasonably priced homemade sausage rolls, soup and bread rolls, cakes and cream teas.**

You can find us at Red2green community café & garden, Lode Road, Bottisham, CB25 9DL - next door/to the left of Bottisham Village College.

Sensory garden and plant sales

Our garden also gives our learners the opportunity to take part in horticultural and retail activities providing work experience, training and fun. We in the process of developing our new sensory garden and our learners are busy growing a wide range of vegetable and salad crops for use in the café as well as our famous hanging baskets which will be available in early summer.

Reader offer – if you bring this article with you to the café we will be happy to provide you with a free cup of tea or coffee with any food purchase.

To find out more please ring 01223 811662, or email info@red2green.org.

Photos available – please let me know if you’d like any.

Julia Rutherford

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Cambridge, CB25 0NA

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**THIS MY
THEATRE**

William Shakespeare



Romeo & Juliet

www.thisismytheatre.com / 07732 253311

25th June 7.30pm

St Cyriac & St Julietta

Swaffham Prior

£12.50 general admission (discounts available)

Please buy tickets in advance.

For more information please see website

Consequence hangs in the stars...



CAMBRIDGE OPEN STUDIOS

Visit local artists this July when they open their studios free to the public. The codes indicating which weekends the artist's will be exhibiting are as follows: Weekend (1) 6/7 July Weekend (2) 13/14 July Weekend (3) 20/21 July Weekend (4) 27/28 July

168a Heidi Lichterman - Weaver/artist

The Old Courthouse, 123 High Street, Bottisham, CB25 9BA - heidilichterman.co.uk

Weekends: 2, 3, 4

168b Tony Davison - NEW - Contemporary landscape paintings

The Old Courthouse, 123 High Street, Bottisham, CB25 9BA - tdart.blog

Weekends: 2, 3, 4

168c Claire Howieson - Contemporary jewellery

The Old Courthouse, 123 High Street, Bottisham, CB25 9EG - clairehowieson.com

Weekends: 2, 3

168d Jeremy Nicholls - Decorative woodwork

The Old Courthouse, 123 High Street, Bottisham, CB25 9BA - jermynicholls.info

Weekends: 2, 3

169 Matthew Blakely - Porcelain and wood-fired pots

9 Abbey Lane, Lode, CB25 9EP - matthewblakely.co.uk

Weekends: 2, 3

170 Jamie Sugg - Landscape painting, wildlife drawings

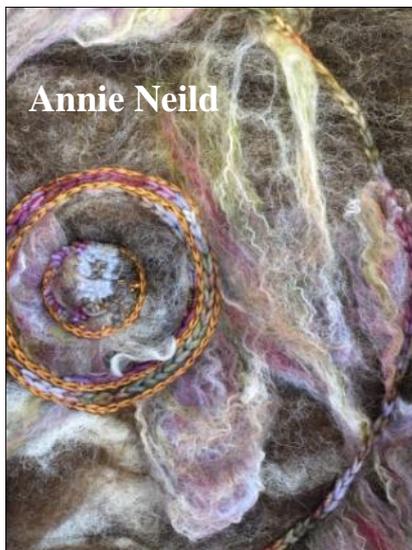
Downing Farm, Station Road, Swaffham Bulbeck, CB25 0NW - jamiesugg.co.uk

Weekends: 2, 3

171 Outside Edge - Six painters in various media

Church of St Cyriac and St Julitta, High Street, Swaffham Prior, CB25 0LD

Weekends: 1, 2



172 Prior Arts Group - Textiles, paintings, ceramics and print

Swaffham Prior Village Hall, High Street, Swaffham Prior, CB25 0JX - bramblecottagecrafts.co.uk

Weekend: 2

173 Prior Arts Group - Textiles, paintings, ceramics and print

3 Foster Lane, off Rogers Road, Swaffham Prior, CB25 0FA - www.instagram.com/priorartsgroup

Weekend: 3

174 Paul Abbott - Colourful oil paintings and more

The Mill House, 11 Mill Hill, Swaffham Prior, CB25 0JZ - www.vividicity.com

Weekends: 1, 2, 3, 4

175 David George - Watercolour and oils

Windmill Cottage, 34 Mill Hill, Swaffham Prior, CB25 0JZ - drgeorge459@gmail.com

Weekends: 1, 2, 3, 4

176 Ruth E Blundell - Wooden sculptures and paintings

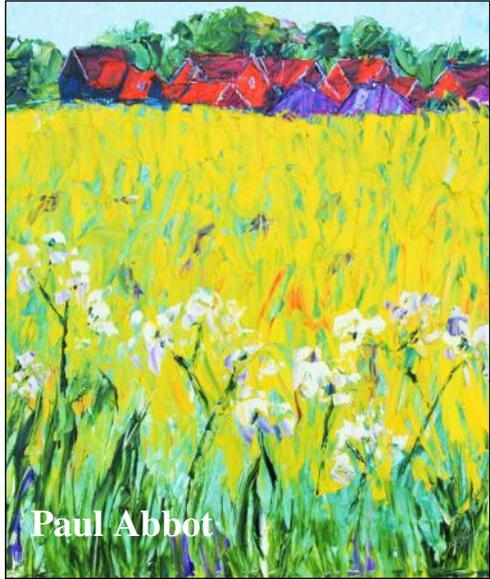
34 Lower End, Swaffham Prior, Cambridge, CB25 0HT - rutheblundell@hotmail.com

Weekends: 1, 2, 4

177 Annie Neild - Wet felting, hand embroidery

36 Lower End, Swaffham Prior, CB25 0HT - annie_neild@yahoo.co.uk

Weekends: 1, 4



Paul Abbot



Ruth E Blundell

ECDC Elections

The Crier invited all seven candidates for the ECDC elections on 2nd May to provide a brief statement explaining why the villagers of Swaffham Prior should vote for them. We did this for much the same reason that led to election hustings being held here and in Bottisham, i.e. that with the current uncertain and volatile state of national politics it is more important than ever that we vote so that we have the right people representing us at all levels of government to guide the country through what may well be difficult times ahead.

We are very grateful to the three candidates who have responded and their statements are printed in alphabetical order below giving us all a bit more information on which to base how we vote. One of candidates, Matthew Shutter (Con), explained at the hustings that he would not be writing for the village magazines as his dyslexia makes it hard for him to do so. We have not heard anything from the remaining three although two, Jane Goodland (Lab) and Bradley Thurston (Con), came to both hustings; the Green candidate, Steve McGrady, came to neither.

Whatever else please vote!

It's unlikely than any of us truly don't care at all what the outcome is.

Charlotte Cane—Lib Dem

I am standing for the District Council because I want to make sure our villages stay great places in which to live.

I have lived in Reach for over 20 years with my husband Jon and our two children. Both children attended Swaffham Prior Primary School and Bottisham Village College. After working for ten years as an archaeologist I retrained as a Chartered Accountant and now work for the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire. I am active in the local community serving as a Reach Parish Councillor and an honorary Director of the Reach Community Solar Farm Ltd.

I first joined the Liberal Party when I was 16, because of their active campaign against apartheid in South Africa and their policies to protect our environment. South Africa is now a multi-racial democracy, but we still need action for our environment. There are major global issues, which East Cambridgeshire District Council can do little to influence. But we can take action locally – Liberal Democrats will value our green spaces, promote sustainable energy, reduce waste and boost recycling, enforce against littering and fly-tipping, and tackle air pollution and the growing risks of both flooding and drought.

I love the sense of community in Bottisham ward, with a huge variety of local groups, from Scouts and Guides to Gilbert & Sullivan and Bowls. I admire the way each village puts on its own Fair, Feast or Street Market. As your District Councillor, I will work with you to protect our villages from unsuitable developments and encourage more affordable housing; take action to protect our environment; and lobby to reduce speeding traffic through our villages.

Charlotte Cane

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Steve O'Dell —Labour



I have lived in Bottisham for well over twenty years and have stood for election for the last twenty of those years but never elected. I am also a Bottisham Parish Councillor for the same period. Our policies cover the whole of Bottisham ward as we mainly suffer from the same things that everyone must face. Although Swaffham Prior has a CLT affordable housing is still a priority as many of our families struggle to live where they were born. Getting to and from work is another issue having to work in Cambridge or Newmarket congestion is always a very big issue. The only way to relieve this is a reliable public transport system to give people the alternative. As well as a public transport service that works at the weekend and in the evenings. I have had first-hand experience when I have had to pick my niece in Reach who had missed the only bus out and became stranded. Swaffham Prior has got a play area for the community, but summer evening activities should be organized. Swaffham Prior is on the edge of the fens and we should be working towards a scheme in co-operation with the Parish council to see if there is any prospect of using the countryside around it for recreational uses. I clearly have a support for environmental Issues and the Swaffham prior heat pump is going in the right direction, but the district council must do more to protect our environment. Building on the green belt is a never with me. I am dedicated to bringing accountability to our ward and will instigate regular surgeries and a report in the village magazine. Regular consultations would become part of our informed decision making.

John Trapp—Lib Dem



John Trapp has lived in Swaffham Bulbeck for over thirty years, and his mother lived in Swaffham Prior for the last decade of her life. He was a Maths lecturer, now retired, at the Open University almost from the beginning and was engaged in changing methods of teaching such that so many people were able to transform their lives for the better. He feels that his experience in changing established practice will be of benefit on the District Council.

John feels that the villages in the south west of the district are different to the rest of the district and have stronger links with Newmarket and Cambridge whereas the District Council places much more emphasis on Ely.

He has decided to stand as a councillor in order to make a positive change to the neighbourhood he likes and to retain its character. He wants to encourage more truly affordable housing, enable more local businesses, improve and build more off-road bicycle paths, and to promote better public transport.

He has commuted to Cambridge by bicycle, motorcycle, bus and car so is well aware of the horrors of daily commuting on roads with ever-increasing traffic from a decrease in public transport and more residents.

Olio — a free food sharing app to reduce food waste

Local residents and businesses in and around Swaffham Prior are discovering a modern way of reducing their food waste with a click of a button.

OLIO is a free app that connects neighbours with each other and with local shops and cafes, so surplus food (and other household items) can be shared not thrown away.

Users simply snap a photo of their spare and add it to the app. Neighbours who live nearby receive customised alerts and can request anything that takes their fancy. All items are offered for free.

Food shared could be food nearing its sell-by date from local stores, spare home-grown vegetables, bread from the local baker, or the groceries in your fridge when you go away, move home or go on a diet. You can also share non-food items such as furniture, clothes, toys, household and beauty products.

Food waste is a major issue, and not just for the supermarkets. Globally, a third of all food produced is wasted, and in the UK, households account for half of all waste – throwing away over £15bn of edible food and costing families an average of £800 per year. Food waste is also costly for local stores and councils and ranks as one of the world's largest emitters of greenhouse gases.

OLIO has been used in over 50 countries and over 1.6 million items have been successfully shared between neighbours. OLIO also has a flourishing volunteer net-



Alexander and Katrice (Jasmine's children) plus puppy Alice helping out with the leafleting

work — over 30,000 people have reached out to the organisation requesting to become volunteers, to promote food sharing locally and rescue and redistribute food in their communities via OLIO.

One of those volunteers is Jasmine Taylor of Swaffham Prior: “Not only does OLIO stop good food from going to waste, but it’s also a fun and rewarding way to connect with your community. OLIO makes reducing food waste quick and easy. If enough people start using OLIO, it can also help you reduce your weekly shopping costs as you just hop on the app and see what’s available nearby.”

OLIO Co-Founder Tessa Clarke adds: “Every day across the communities we’re in, hundreds of people are connecting on their doorsteps to share surplus food. If you love food, hate waste, enjoy a bargain or just want to meet your neighbours, then OLIO is for you!”

If you would like to find out more or download the free app, then please visit OLIOex.com.

Jasmine Taylor



St Mary's Swaffham Bulbeck

Flower Festival

The English Country Garden

Saturday 11th May 10-5
Ploughman's Lunches
Cream Teas

Sunday 12th May 2-5pm
Cream Teas
Plant Stall

Free Entrance
Donations for the Church Restoration fund

The Swaffhams' WI

Well the star of our meeting, spent 90% of the evening, snoozing on a his purple cushion, wearing his smart burgundy jacket of the Hearing Dogs for Deaf People - and was called Dino.

His clearly very lucky partner, Jean Lawrence from Ely, our speaker had sustained serious injury as a teenager and had slowly lost all her hearing. "They change your life", said Jean and everyone with a hearing dog considers theirs to be the very best. Dino was obviously very special.

People lucky enough to be allocated a hearing dog often move from being depressed, isolated, lonely and with very little confidence, to being smiley people, able to live a normal life, when they "get their ears back".

Dogs take about 18 months to train: one year with a volunteer puppy socialiser, then special sound work training at one of the two specialist centres and are finally very carefully paired with a deaf person.

Sharon Robinson, in the Village, is a puppy socialiser for Hearing Dogs, and currently has a beautiful black lab called Figgy.

They are taught to alert the person they live with to door bells, smoke alarms, alarm clocks, phones etc. and in Jean's household, Dino will "find Jean", when requested by her grandchildren.

Labradors, spaniels, poodles and cockerpoos are the most commonly trained dogs, but Dino was a Shih Tzu, a smaller breed, as Jean has balance problems. So these dogs are faithful friends who give support, companionship, independence and enable their deaf partners to reconnect with the world.

Just out of interest, Sharon Robinson, in the Village, is a puppy socialiser for Hearing Dogs, and currently has a beautiful black lab called Figgy- short for Figaro, being socialised.

Our next meeting, is on May 20th, when our speaker will be Sophie Ellis, from the University Criminology Department , talking about 'Women and Imprisonment'. Everyone is welcome.



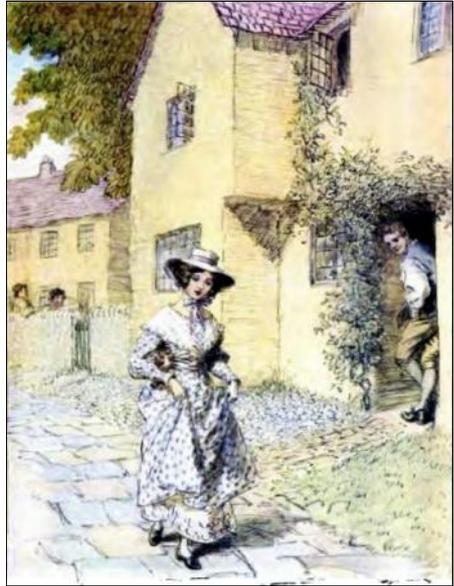
Margaret Joyce.

The Reading Group Reads....

Scenes of Clerical Life

By George Eliot

The three short stories that comprise *Scenes of Clerical Life* were George Eliot's first venture in fiction, when she was 37 years old. They were set in the area in which she was born and brought up (near Nuneaton in Warwickshire) and many of the characters and events are based on real people and true events, rather too recognisably in some cases, causing her to have to write a letter of apology to the curate on which she had based the eponymous Rev Amos Barton of the first story. Her gentle humour, her extraordinary insight into humanity and the exquisite detail in which she describes the delights and irritations of everyday life shine from every



page, and constituted something of a revolution in literature at the time. But did people believe that anyone who was inclined to anticipate difficulties in the washing, ironing and starching department whenever they spotted a snowy white collar could be a man? Possibly not! Here's from Charles Dickens:

“I have been so strongly affected by the two first tales in the book that I hope you will excuse my writing to you to express my admiration of their extraordinary merit. The exquisite truth and delicacy both of the humour and the pathos of these stories, I have never seen the like of; and they have impressed me in a manner that I should find it very difficult to describe to you, if I had the impertinence to try. In addressing these few words of thankfulness I am (I presume) bound to adopt the name that it pleases that excellent writer to assume....but I should have been strongly disposed, if I had been left to my own devices, to address the said writer as a woman...”

Although an agnostic herself, she was very interested in the ongoing Anglican and evangelical upheavals that much preoccupied the age, and if book club has some reservations, it was that these became too dense, were not very comprehensible to modern ears and overly dominated the beginning of the third story. Other than that, a big thumbs up!

Next month, we will be reading *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman. 8pm Kent House, 1st May, All welcome!

Caroline Matheson

Wicken Fen News

May is historically the month of “May Blossom” when the hawthorn hedgerows glisten white. It’s worth a close look along the edges of the dykes and lodes for signs of new aquatic plants and maybe a Marsh Marigold or two. On warmer, still days you may also catch a glimpse of an early Hairy Dragonfly or Red-eyed Damselfly.

Hopefully this article reaches you before our **Big Vision Weekend** (4 to 6 May), when we’ll be celebrating two important anniversaries: 120 years since the National Trust bought its first two acres at Wicken Fen, and 20 years since the launch of the Wicken Fen Vision. There will be lots of great activities to enjoy over the weekend, including: the Big Vision Treasure Hunt, special Vision boat trips and safaris, pond dipping, storytelling, face painting, and much more! Go to <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wicken-vision> for more details.

You can also join us for the first of our anniversary talks: **Cuckoos and Curious Naturalists** on Friday 10 May. This is a chance to hear local Behavioural Ecologist Professor Nick Davies tell stories from the field of cuckoos, warblers and the naturalists who became interested in them.

For the May half-term holiday, family activities include: **Pond Dipping** on Tuesday 28 May (age 5+), **Cuckoos Calling** (age 5+) on Wednesday 29 May and **Tracks, Poos, and Animal Clues** (age 4+) on Friday 31 May.

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



Swaffham Bulbeck Summer Theatre

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

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

Wednesday 12th June 2019 at 7.30pm - £9

Thursday 13th June 2019 at 7.30pm - £9

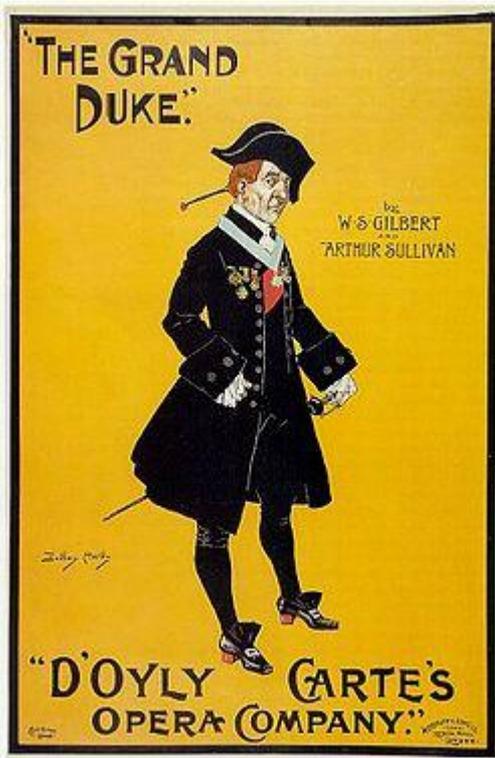
Friday 14th June 2019 at 7.30pm - £10

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

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

First performed in 1896, The Grand Duke was the last of The Savoy Operas.

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



Summer's Sweet Music

Sunday 2nd June 3.30pm

St Cyriac and St Julitta

If you have been near to Swaffham Prior Village Hall at the weekend in the past few months you might just have heard some singing – no, it wasn't the heavenly chorus calling you, it was us, a chamber choir called Serenata. We are a group of around 20 women who love to sing together. There's something rather special about the close harmonies we can create.

Serenata female voices have been using the hall for their rehearsals since September 2018 and we are delighted to be performing in the beautiful space of St Cyriac and St Julitta in Swaffham Prior on Sunday June 2nd at 3.30pm. We will be celebrating the arrival of summer through music. Our programme includes Elizabethan madrigals by Weelkes and Gibbons, Romantic partsongs by Edward Elgar, Thomas Dunhill, and Edward German, art songs from Ralph Vaughan Williams and Benjamin Britten, The Blue Bird by Stanford and some lighter pieces such as Irving Berlin's Blue Skies, Gershwin's Summertime and Sting's Fields of Gold, all arranged for two to four female voice parts.

Serenata are a chamber choir of experienced singers from across the East of England, many of whom sang together previously in the highly regarded Coro Stellante. Serenata performs a wide repertoire of music drawn from the 12th century up to the present day, arranged for three or four vocal parts. The choir is directed by Dr Kate Wishart; Kate started her professional life as an orchestral timpanist and developed her interest in working with voices whilst working with a number of opera companies. She is in great demand as a conductor of singers in ensembles including Peterborough Opera.

Serenata's debut performance was in December 2018 at King's College, Cambridge for Maggie's Cancer Centre, raising over £2000 for the charity. A selection of songs from the silver screen comprised our next concert programme in Downham Market Methodist Church in April 2019. We already have bookings for 2020!

We do hope that you would like to come along and hear us - we sound even better close up and St Cyriac and St Julitta has a wonderful acoustic we know you will enjoy. We will be providing refreshments (included in the ticket price) and the cakes will all be homemade (by us!) Tickets are available on our website, at the door, or for telephone bookings call 01223 892001

For more information visit our website, Facebook page or Twitter feed:

www.serenatafemalevoice.co.uk Facebook
@serenatafemalevoices Twitter @serenatafemale1



News from Bottisham Medical Practice Patients' Group

Hay Fever: This is the time of the year when the hay fever season starts. Hay fever (seasonal rhinitis) is an allergic reaction to pollen, usually occurring when it comes into contact with the mouth/throat/nose or eyes. It can affect both adults and children. The most common types to cause problems are grass pollens (May-June) and tree pollens (Feb-June).

Symptoms include itchy throat, sneezing, blocked or runny nose, watering or red eyes, blocked sinuses which can lead to headaches, tiredness and a sensation of mucus running down the back of the throat (called post nasal drip).

It is a good idea to start your hay fever medications in good time. Many can be bought over the counter, so you could ask a pharmacist what they recommend if you do not feel your hay fever is well controlled. It is usually much less expensive to buy generic (non-branded hay fever medications) - a pharmacist can advise with this. GPs/practice nurses can also help if you need any more specific help.

Allergy UK has some excellent resources to help manage hay fever. <https://www.allergyuk.org>.

Entrance Doors: The Practice is currently working to enable the entrance to have electrical assisted doors to support patients. This additional benefit should really help any patients who require extra support entering and leaving the building, however if there is still an issue please ring the external bell and staff will provide assistance. The doors will also remain operational to be used by hand for anyone who doesn't require this assistance at the same time.

Tests: Have you had a blood, urine or tissue sample taken for analysis? If you want to know what happens next then the answer is on <http://www.samplejourney.com>.

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

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

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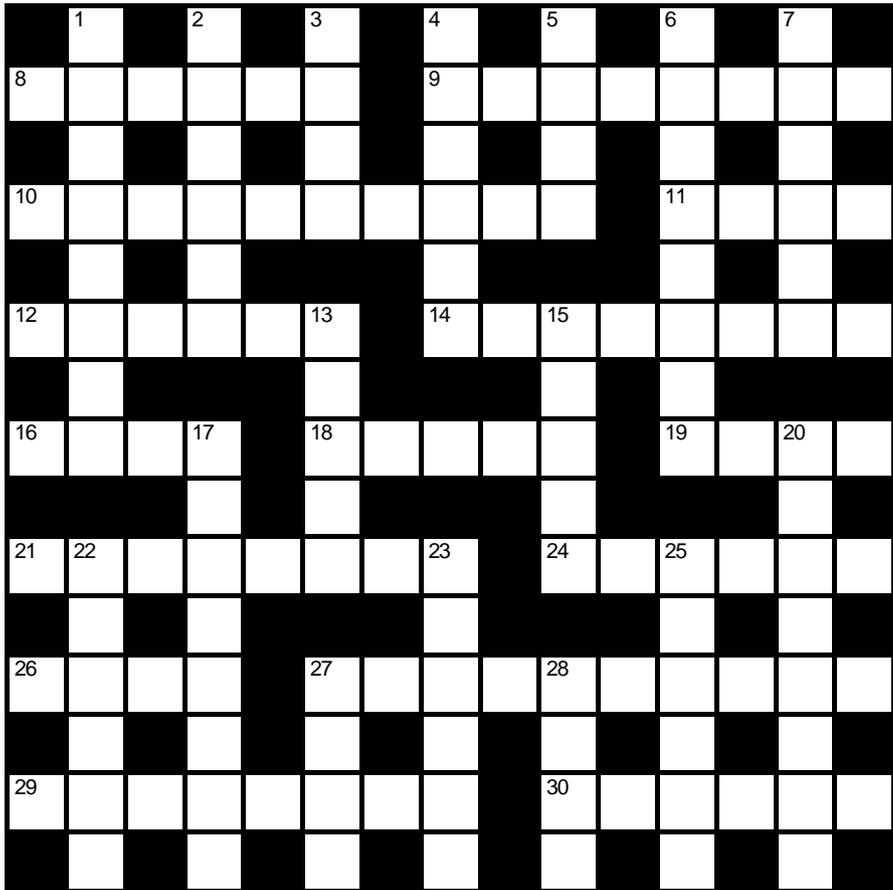
**"The complete woman is manipulative,
uses other people to get her own way,
and works within whatever system she is in."**

Anita Brookner (1928 – 2016)

Crossword Number 164

Compiled by OUNCE

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

- 8 Climb like Charlie to the finish (6)
- 9 Menorahs broken by rider (8)
- 10 Three-sided test caught afterwards (10)
- 11 Rock scattered noxiously after Louis left (4)
- 12 Vivaciousness starts enjoyably, sadly passes right into tantrums (6)
- 14 Golden Notebook author follows bishop for benediction (8)
- 16 Tramp uncovered in Idaho, borrowing a dime (4)
- 18 Dance? Graduate needs drink first (5)
- 19 Yarn with which to court student (4)
- 21 Cover up a Conservative in unhurried way (8)
- 24 Great university transport for nomad (6)
- 26 Put your shirt on this horse? No, put this on your dress shirt (4)
- 27 Drunken rat I tap in river living abroad (10)
- 29 Divergence from course when peculiarly fit doctor reaches maturity (8)
- 30 Vice grips public house; marked wrong riddling monster (6)

Down

- 1 Peer's SOS "Awful coffee!" (8)
- 2 Look around large lake with right trader (6)
- 3 Rewrite reveals deed I typed (4)
- 4 Little angel plays with clothes brush sloths abandon (6)
- 5 Spoken part of Morality Play (4)

- 6 So, was none to be returned holding tool? (5,3)
- 7 Ring Nancy tossed into ravine (6)
- 13 Body found in janitor's office (5)
- 15 America leaves crazy nutcase to perform (5)
- 17 Lights flickering occasionally? (2,3,3)
- 20 Potentially veto Nero? What an implication! (8)
- 22 Popular bird trainee (6)
- 23 "Pay back head of Police," editor barked shrilly (6)
- 25 Baron Cohen's alter ego gains height when in flames (6)
- 27 Test Eastern cross before noon (4)
- 28 Ivory president (4)

Solution to crossword no. 163

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We congratulate Jo Pumfrey, the winner of last month's competition, who will receive her prize certificate from the editors. Honourable mentions go to Jenny Brand, Tansy Budd, Clare Freeman, Andrew Houston, Sue Jackson, Robert Nunn, Dainin O'Dowd, S Richards and Trish Whitehead.



Love does not envy ...

So far in our considering what it means to love, we have considered 'love is patient' (March) and 'love is kind' (April). Next in the great scripture on love from 1 Corinthians 13 we read, love *'does not envy'*. The dictionary definition of 'envy' is, *'a feeling of discontentment or resentful longing aroused by someone else's possessions, qualities, or luck; or, the desire to have a quality, possession, or other desirable thing belonging to someone else.'*

The Bible says that to truly love someone, like God loves, means rejoicing when others are blessed, leaving no room for envy. Someone who truly loves is content with what they have and focusses on meeting the needs of the loved one more than their own desires.

This teaching is included in the Bible because the church at Corinth was ranking some spiritual gifts as more important than others and envying those who had the 'best' gifts. The apostle Paul points out that the different gifts are meant to serve one another and build up the church.

We need each other, and each other's gifts. No-one has all the gifts, but every believer has at least one. One of the greatest joys in my ministry is helping people to discern their gift(s) and give them opportunities to exercise their gift(s) in and through the church - that everyone might be encouraged, strengthened, built up.

I have spent far too long in my life and ministry comparing myself with others, wishing I was like x, envying their gifts and talents, wishing I was different - that life is so draining! How liberating to accept and rejoice in the way we have been made and live life in all its fullness.

I dream of a world where everyone is content with how God has made them and exercises their gifts, living fully as the people God intended them to be. Not comparing themselves with others, but cheering others on as they move forward on their journey of life and faith. Love does not envy.

You would be so welcome to join us at RENEW Church as we continue to grow in our understanding and experience of following Jesus. The journey is much better with companions on the way. Blessings!

Revd. Alan

RENEW Services for May 2019

*We have activities for children and young people at all our RENEW morning services.
Everyone is welcome.*

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

Sunday 5th May. Morning Worship. 10.30am

(Bottisham Primary School)

Sunday 12th May. Morning Worship. 10.30am (at the School)

Followed by shared lunch
Sunday 19th May. Morning Worship. 10.30am (at the School)
Sunday 26th. May. Morning Worship with Holy Communion. 10.30am
(at the School)

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

You are invited to "An Evening with Amor Europe" Friday 31st May, 7pm-9.30pm RENEW Church, Bottisham Primary School.
The event is hosted by RENEW and is supporting a charity that works in the poorest countries in the world providing water filters, building homes for homeless people, building and resourcing schools in poor communities, training those who work with children. They are a truly amazing team and I have had the privilege of working with them over several years.
Come along to find out more, you won't regret carving out the time.
RevAlan Brand on C.812558.

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

Two children's cycles , a first and second stage , complete with stabilisers; One Britax car seat ,very good condition. Mike 01223 811606

3 bean bags (1 v large burnt orange, 2 smaller red & yellow colour); Rocking nursing chair with separate foot stool, light coloured wood; Cot/junior bed; Camping cot; Ladies ski boots size 6 to 6.5. Catie 01638 742545

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

Chiming Wallclock, XP 245 Printer (good working order along with 8 cartridges). John Lince, 01223 812227

Wanted

Wire hanging baskets. Fibre (not plastic!) wall plugs (rawlplugs), sizes no. 8 or no. 10. Bob or Nicky, 01223 813592

Your old light fittings, brown Bakelite switches, iron conduit and switches, bulb holders and holders. Sheets and bits of bakelite. Postcard rack (carousel if possible). George 07895 064727. (For an idea of what George is gathering this for – please see <http://georgetrapp.co.uk/georgetrapplamps.html>)

Dear Friends,

My time to leave the Benefice and move down to Devon to look after two villages on the edge of Dartmoor as their Team Vicar, is rapidly approaching. I realise this not so much from looking at the calendar, but rather as I have begun to take my “last” service in this church or the other. I am feeling rather mixed emotions – sadness at the thought of leaving all the wonderful people I have met in the benefice, excitement at the prospect of the new adventure before me, exhaustion at the idea of packing and sorting, trepidation at the realisation that this is “it” – my days of being a curate are over and the slight unsettled feeling that change so often brings.



Change is a fact of life – whether in nature with the changing seasons, or in our own lives with all the changes we experience. Change brings with it so many different emotions - some change is welcomed, some even longed for, other change is feared or resented. Some change is very hard to understand and endure – the loss of someone we love, the breakdown of a relationship. Other change such as growing older is a fact of life that is part of human experience. Some change is wonderful, joy filled and full of expectation, such as the birth of a child, a new blossoming friendship. Life is forever changing, with all that means. But the one great truth we can hold on to is that one thing remains constant – God’s love and faithfulness never change. It is something we can hold on to in the middle of all that is going on, that our God is constant, and secure, His love is “steadfast” as the Bible says.

So as I leave, I would like to say a huge “thank you” to everyone in the benefice. You have made me feel so welcome, and taught me so much. Thank you for your patience when I got things wrong or did things differently, thank you for the fun and friendship, and thank you for showing me more of God in our worship and fellowship. And we can all be assured that our God is unchanging, eternal and His love has no end.

So its off to Devon, cream teas and lots of walking with the dog on Dartmoor. Please do pray for me and my new parishes of South Brent and Rattery, that together we may learn and grow and witness to the reality of our unchanging and faithful God.

*Great is Thy faithfulness O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not,
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.*

Wishing you all God’s blessings, whatever the future may bring

Gina
Rev Prof Gina Radford, Curate

Church Services in May

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

Sunday 5 May, Third Sunday of Easter

11am Matins

Sunday 12 May, Fourth Sunday of Easter

10am Benefice Service, Holy Communion (CW1), Swaffham Bulbeck
Curate Revd Prof Gina Radford's last service, with Bring and

Share lunch

Sunday 19 May, Fifth Sunday of Easter

11am Rogation Day Open Air Service
On Cooper's Green

Sunday 26 May, Sixth Sunday of Easter

11am Holy Communion (CW1T)

Thursday 30 May, Ascension Day

7.30pm Benefice Holy Communion, St Cyriac's
With Cambridge Voices

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

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

*Detail of services and events can be found on www.angleseygroupparishes.co.uk;
www.facebook.com/angleseychurches and www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7378/*

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

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

Dates for Your Diary May 2019

Thu	2	ECDC Elections 7am-10pm, VH [3, 14]
Thu	9	PC AGM + Meeting, VH, 7.30pm [3]
Sat	11	Bulbeck Flower Festival, 10am-5pm, St Mary's, SB [19]
Tue	14	Annual Village Assembly, VH, 7.30pm [3]
Mon	20	Crier Copy Deadline WI, VH, 7.30pm [20]
Thu	23	EU Elections, VH, 7am-10pm [3]
Fri	24	
Sat	25	Village Feast, VH + School Playground, + Red Lion, 1pm start [7]
Tue	28	Wicken Fen Pond Dipping [22]
Wed	29	Wicken Fen Cuckoo Calling [29]
Thu	30	Cambridge Voices Ascension Day, St Cyriacs, 7.30pm [8] Wicken Fen Tracking [22]
Sun	2	Summer Sweet Music, St Cyriac's, 3.30pm [24]
Sun	16	Village Tea Party, Swaffham Prior House, 4.15pm-6.30pm [6]

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	Weds (term)	6:00-7:30pm	Village School
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