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Editorial

On innocently alighting from my car at the Bulbeck Shop last month, I was guiltily startled by a loud Excuse Me. Was I again parked within 10 metres of a junction—yes, but in a marked parking space, should be ok surely? But my accoster turned out to be a reporter for Cambridge Radio News, wanting to know my views on the current state of the Denny. Didn't I think it was a terrible mess? A battlefield? A sledge hammer to crack a nut?

Some nuts are remarkably difficult to crack was what I tried to tell him, and we are very grateful to a letter from a Swaffham Bulbeck resident this month explaining more about what happened. I would only say that the wild camping traditions of travellers (no latrines) seem to be very common, a well known hazard in fact, and while anything but nice for residents, this doesn't mean that they weren't at the same time the "nice young folk" our District Councillor found them, it's just that that's the way they live. Surely this problem at least could be sorted out some other way during their temporary stay? Portaloos even? Cheaper than clean-up costs, no health worries and far less ill-feeling. Has anyone ever tried this?

We also hope that our District Councillor, John Trapp, who seemed to be in favour of an alternative negotiated solution, might reply next month? Bulbeck is by no means alone in adopting the solution it did, but it was costly (£8000?) and of course disruptive. If it was the only solution, so be it, but are there other ways? What do other countries do? Someone must have a good system somewhere.

Many best wishes and commiserations to our Distribution Manager, Pam Waters, who has unfortunately broken her hip and so will be out of action for a bit. Get well soon, Pam, and meanwhile, we're doing our best. And don't forget: Advent by Candlelight is on SATURDAY this year.

Caroline Matheson

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Cover Picture: *Waiting for the First Frost* by James McCubbin



Letters to the Editors



Dear Editors,

Swaffham Prior Parochial Charities

Once again the time has come to remind anyone who considers themselves eligible for our Christmas Grant.

The majority of our applicants come from our pensioners, in particular those who have to manage on the state pension. If however you are in particular need or know of someone who may be in difficulty but are unlikely to apply on their own behalf, the Trustees will always be happy to consider requests for assistance,

Applications should be sent to me or to any Trustee and may I stress that assistance is available at all times not only at Christmas.

Mrs Pam Walters

Clerk to the Trustees

31 Tothill Rd, Swaffham Prior, CB25 0JX, Tel: 01638 741035,

Dear Editors,

Mince Pies

**Advent by Candlelight on
SATURDAY, 7th December at 4.00pm**



Once again we shall be serving mulled wine and warm mince Pies after Cambridge Voices Advent by Candlelight event . It would be very helpful if generous villagers could kindly let me know how many mince Pies they will be providing not later than Thursday 5th December Thank you in advance

Kate Child

Dear Editor,

Art and Craft Exhibition

There will be an Art and Craft Exhibition and Fair in Swaffham Prior Village Hall on Sunday 1st December between 10.30 and 4.30. We have eight artists from Prior and one from Bulbeck showcasing their talents in painting, ceramics, wooden artworks, textile arts and crafts, print and jewellery. Lots of exclusive and original art and craft items will be on sale to suit every budget. Delicious homemade cakes will be available with tea and coffee, with gluten free options.

Deb Richardson 07778 666187

Dear Editors,

QUIZ NIGHT

We hope everybody enjoyed themselves at the quiz and will come again next year, the dates are, the 14th March and the 10th October.

Congratulations to the winning team which was **Lucky Harry RIP**. Once again a big thank you to Andrew who was our quiz master who didn't disappoint with his jokes, well some anyway!

April did a great job with the raffle once again, thank you and also to everyone who donated the prizes. Thank you very much to Sheila, Shirley, Sheila and Maddy for their help in the kitchen and serving the food.

We do appreciate everyone's help and couldn't do it without you. The total raised for St. Marys Church was £300.

Thank you again

Lynne and Jenny

Dear Editors,

Bulbeck Travellers

I have lived in Swaffham Bulbeck for 43 years and I was horrified to read in your October 2019 edition of Swaffham Crier the comments made by Councillor John Trapp regarding the travellers in Swaffham Bulbeck.

"John said they were not travellers in the usual sense, but a rather nice group of young folk with children. He advocated speaking to them nicely, said they behaved well, and cleared up afterwards"

Behind our idyllic Denny there are woods where children play and local people walk their dogs; these travellers had used the woods as their toilets where they had been defecating extensively. When the travellers were evicted, the woods were cordoned off for health & safety reasons. Then this disgusting mess was professionally cleaned up.

I would hope that the vast majority of people agree that nice young folk do not behave in this totally unacceptable manner.

I congratulate Swaffham Bulbeck Parish Council for taking the appropriate actions to stop travellers entering our Denny, it is totally justified.

Terry Ling



**Denny
Fortifications—
some thought
they were too
extreme**

From our Reporter at the Parish Council Meeting

During ‘Matters Arising’ we heard that the missing School sign is already on the school's list of works. Also that Snailwell PC would like to hire our traffic record system. Someone wondered whether we should charge double because they are in a different county.

In ‘Correspondence’ brief mention was made of the Scout Hut open day on the morning of 5th October to hear about the refurbishment of the hut. Apart from a goodly show of the scouts and some parents the only ‘outsiders’ were the following: Sue Giles, who happened to be jogging past on her four mile workout, Andrew Camps, Church Verger (also a PC member), and myself who happened to be on the fag end of an email and couldn’t resist a bit of rubber-necking. Tim Doe gave an excellent presentation and tour of the hut. This is very good news for the Village.



We rapidly moved on to item 10 – Cemetery Waste Disposal. People have been putting dog poo bags into the Litter Bin. This had not been emptied. Sandra asked Janet if she would ask her POP Litter Pick to empty it. Both Sandra and Janet set about the task, were amazed at the number of dog poo bags, and amazed was not the word when some of the poo bags split open. I think both have had better afternoons. The cost of a dog poo bin at the cemetery gate is £300. Sandra thought this was a waste of money just because some dog owners are thoughtless. It was suggested a sign should be erected pointing people to the bin 100 yards away. As this increasingly lively discussion went on John wondered why they just didn’t buy another dog poo bin. Sandra opposed this. Paul wondered why dog owners are so unreasonable. Sandra said that all the dog owners she had spoken to were horrified that any dog owner would do this. This debate was real “heart of the country” stuff. Why bother to think about Brexit when we have such rich fulsome matter, here in this village, to play with.

It is always a joy when Sandra speaks. It is always loud and clear and instantly everyone else speaks up. Maybe she could be a human tuning fork at the beginning of the meeting to set the volume register.

Next David’s “PC Social Media policy” code of practice was circulated and this included 18 “must not do”. Then moving quickly forward to the repeat application for houses on the “horse field” and adjacent land. This application had been made once before and then withdrawn. More on this later after David has spoken to the Planning people

At this point Charlotte was invited to give her report. She concentrated on the recent meeting of the Finance & Assents Committee, the agenda of which included the “accounts for the East Cambs Trading Committee (ECTC)” and which “included approval of its Business Plan for 2019/20 being sought **6 months into the year.**” BUT the key ESTC Chairman and MD were not there to answer questions. Astonishing. ECTC has made a loss, is budgeted to make a further loss, will not be able to repay the £5 million loan to ECDC, and is about to borrow a further £25

million loan elsewhere. Meantime you may remember that last month ECDC rejected the Liberal proposal that there should be at least 46 affordable homes in the ECTC/MOD development of 92 homes. Instead there will only be 15 which are affordable and none of them are for rent. The shortage of affordable council houses for rent is a national scandal and is acknowledged as such. Ever since Margaret Thatcher in 1980 initiated the sale of council houses there have been severe restrictions preventing councils using the money from such sales to build more council houses. This is not quite true, but it is pretty close. Councils only receive 75% of the proceeds sold under Right to Buy. The rest goes to the government. Of the 75% only one third is allowed to build new council homes. The rest has to be found elsewhere. Also Right to Buy proceeds cannot be combined with other grant funding, and there is a time restriction by which the money has to be spent. Also the Government has massively cut the grants to councils to build new homes – which anyway cannot be used with Right to Buy proceeds. And the Government caps the amount which can be borrowed. Margaret Thatcher cannot be blamed for this national scandal. No Government, NONE, has changed this policy.

Councils receive 75% of the proceeds from Right to Buy. BUT only a third of this may be used to build replacements AND this can't be combined with other Government funding AND there's a time limit on its spending AND caps on any borrowing...


To return to Charlotte's report, even though it seems several Conservatives raised concerns about ESTC's Business Plan, it still passed by 5 votes to 4. The Plan will go to Full Council later. Maybe the Chairman and MD will have answered a few questions by then. ECDC has always served us well and the ESTC has always been presented as the commercial flagship of ECDC. Should we be worried by its failure to answer questions?

Then it was time for PC reports, and David gave what he said would be a monthly report on the Community Heating Scheme. As this is now such an ongoing major Village concern I am reporting this in a separate *Crier* entry as maybe it should be in the future.

Steve raised the recent Greenways proposal which had been distributed throughout the whole area in a very glossy expensive large format ten page brochure. It had been tastefully illustrated with a few healthy cyclists, a few walkers, the odd pram, and even a horse to show what an idyllic life we will have once the scheme is put in place. One of the reasons for the scheme is to relieve the traffic problem in Cambridge which is a very hard nut to crack, and which will get worse. It would have been more useful if the illustrator had shown what the paths would be like when hundreds of cyclists, walkers, and even the occasional horse, are using the new Greenways to get to work, or just to travel. They wish to hear the views of the various villages involved. I don't know about elsewhere but as far as Prior is

concerned the general view is that it is absolutely dippy to make the slip road traffic free, meaning that all traffic entering the village from Bulbeck needs to take the sharp left hand bend, and then give way to walkers and cyclist using the slip road. Someone mentioned “articulated lorries”. Just imagine a pair of these following each other, and the ensuing chaos, and you wonder who thought of this – and got paid for it. Steve has been busy and collected a large amount of traffic data which you can find on the Swaffham Prior PC website. This website has been recently redesigned and is one of the more attractive ones around. Enjoy.

Alastair Everitt



SATURDAY DECEMBER 7TH

4.00pm *The two churches of
SWAFFHAM PRIOR*

Cambridge Voices
and Readers from the Parish

Words & Music by
Palestrina & Gibbons
Shakespeare
Carl Rütli
Dorothy Parker
Victoria
John Keats
De Massini

*£10 Admission (children free)
Includes Mulled Wine & Mince Pies
afterwards*

In aid of EMMAUS

by **Candlelight**

AND...See Over →

Julies Winter warmers for November

Pork and butter bean casserole

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| 500g pork fillet cubed | 400g tinned tomatoes |
| 1 onion diced | 2 garlic cloves crushed |
| 1 red pepper diced | 1 tsp paprika |
| 1 tbsp olive oil | 1 tsp ground cumin |
| 410g butter beans tinned | 85ml dry white wine |

1. Fry the onion in the olive oil until soft, add the pork and fry until brown.
2. Then add the chopped red pepper, crushed garlic, paprika and the ground cumin.
3. Next stir in the butter beans and tinned tomatoes, then add the white wine and water.
4. Season well and pour into a casserole dish and cook in the oven at 150c until the meat is soft and tender for about 2 hours..
5. Garnish with flat leaf parsley and serve with crusty or garlic bread.

Serves 4

Bonfire Night Gratin

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| 3-4 large floury potatoes cut into chunks | 2 tbsp hot milk |
| 2 onions finely diced | ½ tsp freshly grated nutmeg |
| 2 tbsp veg oil | 8 good quality sausages cooked and sliced |
| ½ pint meat stock | Grated cheese, cheddar or Em- mental to cover top |
| 2 tbsp tomato puree | Butter for the dish |
| 1 tsp marjoram | |

1. Cook the potatoes in salted water until soft enough to mash.
2. Meanwhile, heat the oven to 200c and butter the casserole dish.
3. Saute the onions until soft ,deglaze with the stock, stir in the tomato puree and the Marjoram and season with salt and pepper. Simmer for 5 minutes and take off heat.
4. Drain the potatoes and mash finely, stir in hot milk and season well with salt and the nutmeg.
5. Put the sliced sausages into the onion sauce mix, thicken with a little corn flour if a bit too runny. Pour into a casserole dish and cover evenly with the mash.
6. Sprinkle the cheese all over and bake in the oven for 40-45 minutes until golden brown,

Serves 4

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT IN THE TWO CHURCHES OF SWAFFHAM PRIOR Saturday 7th December at 4.00pm

This year's annual *Advent by Candlelight* concert, held in the two churches of Swaffham Prior, will take place on a SATURDAY, not on a Sunday, as in the past, on December 7th 2019, starting at 4:00pm in St Mary's Church. The choral music will be provided, as ever, by *Cambridge Voices*, led by their Founder and Director, Ian de Massini, former member of King's College Choir, Cambridge. This year they'll sing ravishing Renaissance music from Palestrina, Victoria, and Orlando Gibbons, alongside specially-commissioned music from the young Swaffham Prior composer, Tristan Latchford, who lives just opposite St Mary's Church, no less! There'll also be some highly evocative contemporary music from Switzerland (one of Carl Rütti's *Songs of Love*, commissioned by *Cambridge Voices*, and recorded and premiered by them in St Cyriac's Church, a while back), plus exciting new music from Norway (Mons Leidvin Takle's *Sanctus*, specially written for *Cambridge Voices*). Modern British music will be represented by music from Jonathan Dove and Judith Weir, together with a new carol being provided for this unique concert by the Cambridge composer, Professor John Wilson. Ian de Massini celebrates his 60th birthday this year with two of his own pieces of music being sung during this special village event, which takes place in both of the village's beautiful, candlelit churches. Readings, spanning more than 400 years, from William Shakespeare to Dorothy Parker, upon the subject of 'love', will be read by residents of the village. Afterwards, there'll be mulled wine and mince pieces, served back in St Mary's Church, with profits going towards the work of the locally-based charity, *Emmaus*. Admission is by programme, on the door, priced at £10.00.

VILLAGE COMPOSER TRISTAN LATCHFORD

Tristan was born in Swaffham Prior in 1996 and first performed in Swaffham Prior St Marys in 2005 singing the solo in Once in Royal David's City in the Christmas Carol service. He attended the Perse School in Cambridge between 2000-2014 and went up to Durham University in 2015 receiving the Vice-Chancellors Scholarship for his 2014 Violin Concerto. In 2016, Tristan was awarded the Nicholas Thorpe Prize for Composition for his work *De Profundis* (For Full Choir and Orchestra) and in 2017, the Best Music Based on the Music of Antonin Dvorak and second overall in the International Anton Dvorak Composition Competition. In 2019 Tristan was invited to hold a two month residency at the Seoul Oratorio composing for regular performances under the guidance of Maestro Choi Young-Chul. He is due to return to Korea and the Seoul Oratorio in 2020. Tristan is currently a regular member of The New Cambridge Voices founded by Ian de Massini, and the New-market Chamber Orchestra.

Tristan's compositional interests focus on new harmonic languages and larger ensembles. Tristan has written for everything from Gamelan Ensembles paired with Symphony Orchestras, Solo Kazoos, to Choral pieces, and even chamber works including a Monkey. This, most recent piece, examines the Modernized version of the Medieval text 'I sing of a Maiden'. The piece is constructed in a manner specifically designed for St Cyriacs church, with a unique placement of choirs and solo voices. Whilst using a relatively simple harmonic language, the piece takes advantage of the reverberating chamber of the Church to create significantly more complex sonorities.

Tomorrow's World

**Contributed by
our Skye
Correspondent,
Ophir Catling**



Scout Hut Update

To mark the beginning of work on the former Priory Youth Club Hut, we held an Open Morning on Saturday 5th October, to present our plans and have a quick tour of the Hut for anyone who wanted to come and see.

Our initial estimate is that to refurbish the Hut will amount to £25,000 to £30,000 in total.

This appears not to be too far out. External work was estimated at £12,500 which is borne out by the quotes and accurate costing detailed below. Internal estimates are the same amount again covering a basic kitchen refit, complete renovation of the toilet allowing wheelchair access etc, replacement of the boiler, hot water tank etc, all new light fittings and finally decorating!

In order to keep costs down, where ever possible we intend to purchase the materials and then find volunteers willing to carry out the work.

Over quite sometime, we have been putting money aside from fund raising and from donations in preparation for such a project. Of course, we did not know that the Youth Club Hut would come available but we needed to be ready for any opportunity.

In March, the Swaffham Prior Parochial Charities (SPPC) informed us that they had completed a structural survey and that the Hut could be refurbished and asked if the Scout Group would be interested in making it “home”.

Since then, the lease has been drawn up, agreed and very soon, it will be signed. Recently, Pippa Carr, the solicitor who undertook this work said that her practice would not be charging us. This was a complete surprise and something which is very much appreciated.

So a big thank you to Thomson Webb & Corfield of Cambridge.

Another thank you to Will Shakeshaft of Cheveley Park Farms, who sent his hedge cutting contractor to Town Close to cut back the hedge which had overgrown the driveway which runs down to the Hut.

Also, Energy Efficiency and Asbestos Surveys have been carried out, the costs



of which have been covered by the SPPC. I am pleased to say that we have been issued an Energy Proficiency Certificate and that the risk is considered “low” where asbestos was found and management/disposal will be straight forward and not too costly.

Power Networks have checked the supply and we have had to have some remedial electrical work done to upgrade the supply into the Hut. We hope that the power and water will be reconnected soon as we now have the required certifications.

We broke down the refurbishment into 3 stages, legal, external and internal.

The legal is now completed and all costs covered by SPPC.

Over this winter we aim to carry out all external works. We have started to apply for grants to cover the cost of this work.

Below is a list of the work to be done and the costs involved:

Replace doors with steel security and fire doors £1,805.00 (materials only)

- Replace windows with UPVC units £3,200.00 (includes installation)
- Replace rotten/broken cladding across the front aspect £1,500.00 (materials only)
- The sides and rear are in a better state than the front and may only require some repairs but will need painting.
- Replace guttering £500.00 (materials only)

The costs to complete the reconnection of power and to reinstate the French drain across front of Hut have yet to be defined.

If anyone would like to donate towards any of these costs, we would be happy to hear from you.

Scout Hut Working Party Morning **Saturday 2nd November, 9-00am to Noon**

ALL WELCOME!

Tea, Coffee, Squash & Biscuits will be on offer throughout the morning.

We need to have a really good tidy up of paint tins, broken glass, hedge cuttings, bits of wood.....

Carpenters

If you have a trade: of particular interest would be those who know how to fit steel doors & frames, please bring your skills & your tools...you can park your vehicles near the Hut for security & ease of access.

The doors have been ordered with fixings needed for a wooden building!

Plumbers

If the water is connected, any plumbers amongst you could check the functionality of the toilets/basins.

The rest of us.....

Here is my suggestions for equipment you may wish to bring:

Gloves
Dust Masks
Safety Glasses
Prying Bars
Hammers
Screw Drivers
Dust Pan & Brushes
Bin Bags
Buckets/Truggs
Saws (Hacksaw & Woodsaw)

All Welcome!

Cheers, **Tim Doe**

(Group Scout Leader 1st Swaffham
Prior Scout Group)

Community Heat Project

This has been extracted from a report presented by David Greenfield at the last PC Meeting. Because it is fairly lengthy, and of a separate ongoing concern for the whole village, it has been given a separate entry.

David opened his address by saying he was aware of the divided opinion amongst PC members. He said that whether we like it or not "it is coming." It is notable at present that only those PC members who are sceptical about the Project have expressed any opinion.

"162 expressions of interest have been achieved." That is a success which should be applauded. I suppose all signatories will shortly be receiving visits to establish the type and age of heating appliances, annual costs etc etc.

"The thermal capacity of the ground is slightly less than expected so more more holes will be required." At the meeting on September 10th the number was 250. Is it now more than this? Also, **"the project is technically feasible, but is likely to cost more to deliver than outlined in previous work stages."** More than £3million?

David gives details of some very tight schedules which all **"are achievable."** **"March 2021 for the first property connections remains the target for switch on!"** Every encouragement should be given to the team. I have a £10 bet riding on this.

"To date, Swaffham Prior has progressed a retrofit district heating scheme further than any other village!" On fairly good authority I gather there is one other village and this is Firle in East Sussex. I happen to know Firle very well having lived in Brighton during the 60s and 70s, visiting Firle about 3-4 times a year. It is the size of Reach, quite small with about 350 population. The Firle scheme is complicated, the village may be divided into three sections, it may incorporate the existing biomass energy centre serving Firle Place Manor House and stables, there may be different systems for heating and for hot water, etc etc. Not a major step to combat climate change one may think. Maybe there are other villages.

Alastair Everitt

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

BEYOND WORDS

Music, Imagery and Inspiration at the Fitz

We connect to the world around us through our eyes and ears.

We learn to use language - words and music to process
and share these experiences.

Can we listen to a painting ?

What does music look like ?



This novel themed exhibition explores the fascinating relationship between our senses.

It includes art works by Watteau, Rossetti, Renoir and Picasso.

There is a choice of three talks (all identical) on different days:

In November, Friday 22nd or Thursday 28th

Or Saturday December 7th, all at 2 – 3.30 p.m.

Please email the tutor: **deborah.monteiro@btinternet.com**

LOCAL LABOUR PARTY EVENTS

Open to Everyone

Regular Meet and Greet: Thurs 5th Dec, 6:30-9pm upstairs (or downstairs) at the Shed Pub in Lode. Chatting, chilling and optional political discussion. Everyone welcome, at any time during the evening.

New Year Labour Extravaganza: Thurs 2nd Jan, 6:30-9pm upstairs (or downstairs) at the Shed Pub in Lode - quizzes, crafts, games, chatting, chilling and debating, or just drop in to see what we're about or tell us what's on your mind. All political opinions are welcome :)



Christmas Fayre

SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER

10AM TO 4PM

MANDEVILLE HALL, BURWELL

★ *Craft Stalls* ★

Santa's Grotto ★ *Fabulous Food*

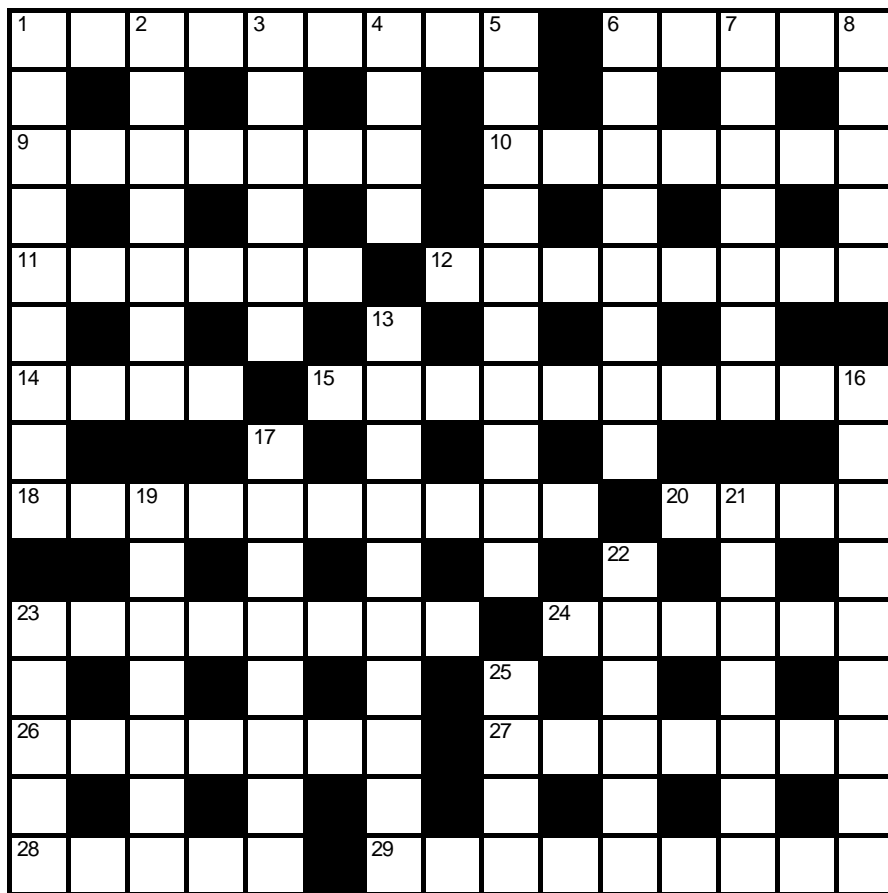
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Crossword Number 169

Compiled by **NIBOR**

This month's puzzle is a simple cryptic crossword. Send your answers to the editors by 18th November 2019. The first correct solution out of the hat will win a £20 meal voucher for the Red Lion—see the pub manager for full details.



Name:.....

Address:.....

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

Across

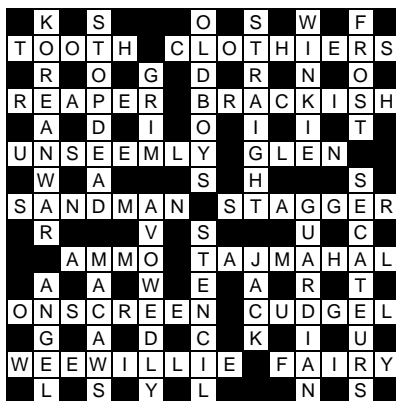
- 1 Ran back to returning sailor; I've got a story (9)
- 6 Bread? Yes, mine thank you (5)
- 9 Trapped in fog as masked men find respirator (3,4)
- 10 First lady holds a stick to get migrant (7)
- 11 Norse god with small hatchet discovers chest (6)
- 12 I leave chaotic haymaking to reach riding event (8)
- 14 Help to produce a flutter (4)
- 15 Prise Helen out with a grasping limb (10)
- 18 Experimental place to find a Labour or a Conservative member (10)
- 20 Try getting bats back (4)
- 23 Drunken stepfamilies pass out for ages (8)
- 24 Very interesting girls of ultra religious origins show vitality (6)
- 26 To guard badly may prolong things (4,3)
- 27 Individual precedes a public image (7)
- 28 Bird rots over the weekend (5)
- 29 Man cycles off to find flowers (9)

Down

- 1 Funny thing, autumn; dark (9)
- 2 Renew bauxite, maybe, after relaxation (7)
- 3 Personification of a tax on a rebel leader (6)
- 4 I never knew you started off black (4)

- 5 Uncovering thievery, wherever it's found, the world over (10)
- 6 Plot leader makes decking (8)
- 7 Big wave breaks up; am I nuts? (7)
- 8 Stadium in which there are named athletes (5)
- 13 It might add up to a mathematical branch (10)
- 16 Humiliate one who bears arms awkwardly (9)
- 17 Worry and get a job, on the guitar perhaps (8)
- 19 Polish article and see US city (7)
- 21 Low numbers about end product gives dual shading (3-4)
- 22 Range of the letter "S" (6)
- 23 Sounds like many deposits (5)
- 25 Heroic story starting with every person in China (4)

Solution to crossword no. 168



We congratulate Trish Whitehead, the winner of last month's competition, who will receive her prize certificate from the editors. An honourable mention goes to Robert Nunn.

Dear Little Buttercup

I once had a Dandelion
I kept it as a pet
Although I'd had odd pets before
This was the quietest I'd had yet.

It didn't answer to its name,
I called it, "Buttercup",
I always took it to a vet
For a regular check-up.

I kept my little 'Dandelion',
In an antique vase;
I did have other flowers,
But they were all in jars.

That's not to say I'm biased.
Against orchids and their ilk,
For they were regularly watered;
But my pet 'Dandelion', got milk!

Ophir



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East Anglian Air Ambulance

Of all missions upon which our crews are dispatched, none is potentially more complex than RTA's – road traffic accidents. Our trauma trained doctors and critical care paramedics are confronted by people from all walks of life in a huge variety of predicaments. Very little, if anything, is straightforward. With Autumn well and truly upon us (and Winter just around the corner), and with leaves falling at a rate of knots, our roads are becoming potentially more treacherous even for the steady drivers amongst us. Please check tyres and tyre pressures, light bulbs (carry spares) and coolant levels.

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Many RTA's are the result of deficiencies of our vehicles, one way or another.

Whilst we support a splendid highly efficient Air Ambulance – they would much prefer not to have to attend heath or life-threatening scenarios – particularly in the face of our winter weather.

But they do – which is why, again, I ask for your continuing generous support in whatever way(s) suit you – according to your means.

And again – a HUGE thank you to all who regularly contribute.

Together – WE Save Lives

Michael White

Wicken Fen

Groups of winter thrushes (redwing and fieldfare) are creating colourful sights and chattering sounds around the reserve. We'll soon be seeing corvids swirling in dark shapes overhead, particularly in the later afternoon just before dusk. It's a great time for wildlife watching as autumn and winter migrants arrive.

Work has just started on our café expansion project. We'll still be serving your favourite scones, soup, sausage rolls, sweet treats and drinks from a new mobile café unit (next to the existing café building) while the work takes place. The work will finish in February next year; we're really looking forward to offering a wider range of delicious food and a bigger, better seating area for visitors to enjoy.

Seasonal crafts workshops for adults are taking place on Friday 22 (Christmas Lino Printing) and Saturday 23 (Christmas Willow and Rush Decorations) November. No experience is necessary, try something new or practise your skills with our friendly crafts tutors. Go to <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wicken-fen-nature-reserve/whats-on>

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. There are lots of dates available, but do book soon as this event is always popular - see <http://bit.ly/WickenFatherChristmas>

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

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Redwing by Richard Nicoll

The Swaffhams' WI

Richard Fletcher, a volunteer at Palace House, gave us a fascinating talk, about the history of Horse racing, in Newmarket- “ the sport of Kings”, and the Palace, built by James 1st, in the town, so he could come to hawk and hunt there.

His son, Charles 1st and grandson Charles 2nd, came frequently to the town and really established the sport of racing. Charles 2nd built a huge palace and stables in 1670. Palace House is one of the few buildings- much changed- that remains standing.

Monarchs continued to visit, enjoyed racing and in 1860, Charles' original stables were demolished and replaced with a Trainers House and Kings yard stables. The Palace fell into disrepair and was sold by Queen Victoria. In 1900, the Palace House was bought by Leopoldo Rothschild and remained in that family until 1992, when it was bought, in a pretty awful state, by Forest Heath District Council, with a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. Palace House was restored and the charitable Home of Horse Racing Trust, was set up to fund raise for the redevelopment project. It was finished finally in 2016 and was opened by the Queen.

The National Heritage Centre Of Horse Racing and Sporting Art, as it has now become, is a five acre site, in the middle of the town, comprising of the Horse Racing Museum in the Trainers House and Kings Yard galleries, the Packard galleries of British Sporting Art, in Palace House and the Retraining Of Racehorses Centre, in the Rothschild Yard, run by British racing's official charity- the National animal welfare organisation. There is of course too, a restaurant and shop.

The museum tells the story of racing and includes exhibitions of trophies, painting of famous horses and jockeys, jockey uniforms, betting and horse racing memorabilia.

Palace House has paintings of hunting, shooting, fishing, archery, rowing and of course race horses, including many by George Stubbs, Alfred Munnings and John Singer Sargeant.

Visiting the Rothschild Yard you can see the stables, the horses in training and

meet an actual race horse—albeit retired. Frankel retired after four years, but he alas isn't here. Better things to do. But there is a lovely statue of him in the courtyard.

From what we heard from Richard, this Centre is very well worth a visit.

Our next meeting is on November 18th, when Clare Kenward is talking about Flowers for Christmas. All are welcome.

Margaret Joyce.



Retired horse Frankel missed the WI visit to Palace House...



VILLAGE GARDENERS

It was our AGM in October and we had a very good evening.

Nearly all officers agreed to stay in post, our finances are pretty healthy and our programme for next year, of talks and garden visits, is varied and interesting.

Judy was thanked for her continuing supply of lovely cakes, which she brings monthly and to Robin for doing our meetings posters.(See village lampposts).

The topic of managing the verges in the village, differently, ie- to cut less and later, to encourage wild flowers and pollinators (a National strategy) was briefly introduced by Mike Barker. There wasn't any wild cheering but no objections either. It will be followed up in consultation with the Parish Council.

We had drinks and snacks, a fantastic raffle and finished with a quiz - questions varying, between Vita Sackville West and Bunny Guinness's pigs.

Our next meeting is on November 19th, when Charlotte Cain is talking about the Devil's Dyke- Romans, Saxons and flowers. *All are welcome.*

Margaret Joyce

Mothers' Union



On a fine August afternoon members, husbands and friends visited Burwell Museum. We were welcomed by Alison Giles, The Administrator and Education Officer, who gave us a guided tour around the museum. Giving us time to savour the atmosphere of the school room, browse the shop window and peruse the many interesting exhibits. After this a mouth-watering afternoon tea of sandwiches, savouries, scones and cookies was served. A most pleasurable afternoon was had by all.

At our September meeting we looked at the Mothers' Union theme for 2019 'Listen, Observe, Act – in step with God'. The session began with a poem 'Ears that Hear' followed by listening to the Andrew Lloyd-Webber's composition 'Love Changes Everything' from the musical Aspects of Love. Each member was given a card to take home with the quote by Paul Tillich (see below). To test observations members were given optical illusion pictures to study and compare findings with fellow members. Over tea and biscuits discussion took place around several MU magazine articles on action and projects taken on at Diocese, Deanery and Branch levels. Mothers' Union supports Prisons Week 13th – 19th October, and the Prison Work Prayer was circulated for personal prayer to enable each of us to take part in the week of prayer for this cause.

Our meetings usually take place on the third Thursday of the month in Lode Chapel at 2.30pm. On November 21st our guest speaker will be Rob Needle, Ely Diocesan Ambassador for The Children's Society. You are most welcome to come and join us.



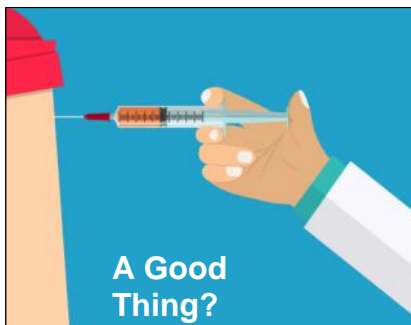
Anne Langran

News from Bottisham Medical Practice Patients' Group

Autumn Newsletter: The Practice newsletter is now available on line or at reception.

Patients' Car Service: We are preparing a question and answer leaflet about this Service which will be available in the surgery for anyone who is interested.

Flu Vaccination Clinics: Saturday 16 November and some other sessions will be available. Early morning appointments will also be made available on Mondays and Tuesdays through the autumn. Flu is a very nasty illness, much worse than a cold, so please have the vaccination to protect yourself and others.



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 to save for.

Walks for Health: The next walks with our accredited walk leader Steve Gilson start at 11.00 am from the surgery car park on 8 and 20 November, 6 December 2019. Do join Steve for a walk he would be delighted to see you. Walks from Angelsey 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.

But IS the Flu Jab a Good Thing?

SUPRISINGLY, NOT ALL MEDICS AGREE. A recent article in our prestigious British Medical Journal (*BMJ 2018;360:k15*), *Official Doubletalk Hides Serious Problems with Flu Shot Safety and Effectiveness* raised concerns, in particular that while Good Thing evidence (stops flu) was remarkably thin on the ground, some high-quality Bad Thing evidence (such as increased propensity to something-else bad) was being unfairly dismissed, ignored or even suppressed.

But although publically available, the article was marked For Medical Professionals Only. Like the old Bibles then, for priests only, the rest of us will only get the wrong idea. Well, I shall certainly be consulting my GP, and any concerned readers should do the same. But a further worry has to be that, the way the vaccine band wagon is rolling, even if a GP does have their own personal doubts, are they free to express them? I shall ask.

Caroline Matheson



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DISTRICT COUNCIL

From our District Councillors Charlotte Cane & John Trapp

The District Council's Finance & Assets Committee met on 26 September, with another full agenda. The internal auditors reported that their work for the year to date found everything was satisfactory, although a number of questions were raised about some of the discrepancies found by the internal auditors. Council officers provided some further information after the meeting but we will continue to try and get these issues clarified in the future.



The committee also considered funding for the District's Sports Centres and agreed a £10,000 grant for Bottisham swimming pool. We agreed to set up a working party to review bus services so that proposals could be submitted to the Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and Charlotte was appointed to that working party.

The property development arm of the District Council is the East Cambs Trading Company Ltd and the accounts for this company were to be presented at this Committee meeting but Directors failed to do this. We were informed that they had been signed and would be circulated to members as soon as possible. As at 13 October this has still not happened. We did review the company's Business Plan and several members raised questions and expressed concerns about the plan. John and Charlotte voted against the Business Plan, with two other Councillors, nevertheless the Committee recommended their approval to Full Council. On 8 October Councillor Anna Bailey informed us that she and Councillors David Ambrose-Smith, David Brown and Joshua Schumann had resigned as Directors of East Cambs Trading Company Ltd and East Cambs Street Scene Ltd (the other Council trading company) forthwith. Charlotte attended a Shareholders Meeting on 10 October, hoping to question the Chairman of the Company and the Managing Director, but neither were present. Serious questions therefore remain about the finances and governance of East Cambs Trading Company Ltd.

Agendas for Council meetings are published on the Council's web site a week before meetings. If you see something on the agendas on which you would like to comment, please contact John – john.trapp@eastcambs.gov.uk or Charlotte – charlotte.cane@eastcambs.gov.uk. The meetings coming up before our next report is published are – Full Council 17 October, Licensing Committee 13 November, Operational Services Committee 18 November and Finance & Assets Committee 28 November. The Planning Committee meets on the first Wednesday of every month.

Our next District Councillors' Surgery is on Friday 29 November from 8.00-9.00pm in the Village Centre, Reach, after a 'Meet your Councillors' from 6.30pm at the Dykes End, Reach. Following that we have a surgery on Thursday 19 December at 6.30pm in Bottisham.

Charlotte Cane & John Trapp, October 2019

November Anglesey Abbey News

With Christmas around the corner, we're starting the festivities early at Anglesey Abbey and invite you to celebrate Thanksgiving with us in the House (16 Nov – 28 Nov). To highlight Lord Fairhaven's American roots, we will be cooking traditional foods to fill the House with festive smells, whilst also getting ready for the Christmas season. Into December, the House and the grounds will transform into a Tinsel

Celebrate Thanksgiving with us in the House, 16th to 28th November

& Tweed haven, with sparkling tree's, festive games and Christmas cooking all around. To join us for Tinsel & Tweed (30 Nov – 5 Jan), pre-book your free timed ticket online at nationaltrust.org.uk/ChristmasAtAngleseyAbbey or call box office on 0344 249 1895. Please note that normal admission applies.

On a pleasant autumnal day, why not take a walk around the grounds to revel in the colours of nature. Now in its 21st year, the Winter Walk is beginning to flourish into its finer months. Join us to see the transformation as we inject a new lease of life into one of our most treasured parts of the garden.

Gather your family and your friends to join us as we transform the grounds into a board game. On your walk around notice different areas of Anglesey Abbey that will be available to purchase. Inspired by a popular family favourite, join us for *Anglesey Abbey: The Board Game* to try and raise your fortune, having a go at fun challenges along the way. Pick up your game kit from Visitor Reception for £1 per player (max. 5 players).



**Anglesey Abbey's stunning Winter
Walk is beginning to flourish...**

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new venue
for 2019

CHRISTMAS FAIR Est. 2013 at



ST MARY'S CHURCH in SWAFFHAM BULBECK CB25 0LX

SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER 10am - 2pm

Gifts, jewellery, crafts, cushions & beauty products
Homemade pastries & cakes, freshly baked bread
Stylish table decorations & wreaths & much more...



Delicious frozen food to help you entertain over Christmas

ENTRANCE FREE incl. a mince pie & a glass of mulled wine

BRING FRIENDS

Christmas Market

Saturday 30th November

2-4pm

St James' Church, Lode

Crafts, Gift Stall, Decorations and
some quality used items

Tea and Cake All Welcome

Contact Coral Hatley 811457 for more details and to book a stall





Hello dear readers and welcome back! Our summer has been eventful and full of sunshine and rain for that matter and now we've returned to school and our workplaces, both old and new. As loyal readers of this series within the Crier know- my passion are birds. All shapes and sizes and particularly colourations. It's now October and finally we can prepare to see in the greatest season of change -in my opinion - with the yellows and oranges. We also have Halloween at the end of the month. Let's celebrate it with frivolity but with great responsibility. Featuring this time around is the Magpie—and what a bird.

Putting this out there, I adore the Crow family. They are intelligent, mysterious and generous. They can be gregarious or quite reclusive depending on their mood but more often than not- on the availability of food, the weather patterns and increasingly human behaviour. Magpies are believed to be one of the most intelligent of **all animals**. They are colloquial cousins of the Raven, the Jay, Jackdaw and famously- the great black Crow. Hast thou dothed thy cap to it twice Sir, no Madam—I had quite forgotten on my way to work this Autumnal morning. Well remember next time. Yes, they love to pinch small and shiny things, sparkly metal rings and the like- all quite plausible.

Now down to the facts of the Magpie. They can live up to twenty-five years of age, which I think personally is fairly impressive for an animal of their size. Thanks in part to this average lifespan, I imagine they can live full lives full of joy and discovery. A combination of white, black and blue with tinges of fluorescent green or purple hues marks the Eurasian Magpie out from the other birds, particularly within

the Corvidae family of which there are eight members.

The Latin name for the British Magpie is *Pica pica*, or otherwise known as Pikachu – the lightning bright yellow Pokémon rabbit creature that many of you 90's generation kids will remember perhaps. All fascinating ideas. These birds are the great aerial survivors of the mass extinction that brought to a close the great age of the Cretaceous many millions of years ago. The Corvidae family emerged at the earliest 15.97 million years ago during the Burdigalian but more likely later on between the Langhian and the Serravallian. All we need to know is it was a long time ago and it predated the emergence of homo sapiens by a long shot. As you can see yet again, age is ultimately just a number.

There are other types of Magpie, particularly in Australia and Africa and though more brightly coloured, are of equal intelligence. Magpies are also an exception to the rule among birds when it comes to self-reflection as they can even recognise their own image in that magic mirror. In case you have a grudge against a Magpie in time for Halloween, just bear in mind that they are protected in law under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. As omnivores, they attack the chicks of game birds, so a lot of Gamekeepers will kill them off. Even with this reality, across Britain today there are over 600,000 breeding pairs, which is not as healthy as the Woodland Pigeon but it's certainly inspiring.

Magpie stats for you birdies out there. Their standard length is 44-46cm, their wingspan is 52-60cm and their weight averages between 200-250g. You can find these stunners in woodland, tree canopies or grassland in towns, cities or countryside and they are resident across the British Isles—as green as verdant as we are. They are scavengers principally and eat berries and nuts as well as chick eggs as mentioned earlier. Their sound is fairly distinctive being a strong chattering amongst the other more delicate song birds. Magpies usually breed from two years old and onwards, but this can start from one year moving forward.

Finally, let's talk about the folklore of these amazing creatures because that in part makes writing about their antics so revealing. A lone Magpie is meant to be a sign of sorrow but if you see two together, it's a display of joy or mirth, three for a funeral and four for a birth. The birds are a sign of witchcraft in Yorkshire apparently, so I will take my cross with me next time I see one out and about and another thing is Magpies do not mourn the Crucifixion of Jesus, so always controversy. There are twenty types of Magpie and not only does this demonstrate to me that they are a marvellous grouping of a genus that is adaptable and tolerant- but that they possess an ancient understanding of the world. A world before human beings and now a world alongside us. Love is the word for all.

I would like to make special thanks once again to the RSPB for their wealth of knowledge, images provided and as guides to the Avian world. I would also like to thank Owlcation and Encyclopaedia Britannica for their information on Magpie folklore and if you want to find out more about the folklore or indeed the diet of these birds, do delve into the research as it's fairly fascinating. The Ornithological Society also have a great amount of information on this natural history of the Corvidae and I would imagine and Magpies in particular.

By Jorge Xico Monteiro



Just a crutch?

I remember, during my first week at university (24 years ago!), hearing one of my friends dismiss the Christian faith as, 'just a crutch'; describing Christians as people who were weak and couldn't stand on their own two feet. The comment wasn't aimed at me directly, but I was offended, hurt and angered by her words. As an 18 year old man with his first real taste of freedom and independence, learning to fend for himself in the world, the last thing I was prepared to admit was being in need of a 'crutch'.

Do you ever think back to experiences or conversations you've had and wish you'd had more time to consider your response? Or wonder how you'd react if you were having the same experience or conversation knowing what you know now, however many years later?

My response to the next person who claims my faith is a crutch will be, "What does a crutch do?" "Have you never needed or do you not expect to ever need the help of a crutch?"

I have learned that I may impress people with my strengths, but I connect with people through my vulnerabilities. I am more than happy to hold my hand up and my head high to the reality that my Christian faith, or more accurately Jesus Christ Himself, is at times a crutch for me to lean on, helping me to stand and continue moving forward when I am not strong enough in myself.

I would also assert, that my faith is so much more than a crutch - it is more like a backbone. It shapes who I am, enables me to stand tall and strong through life. Moreover, at the heart of my faith is the experience of being known by God, being loved to death by Jesus and having life in Him through the power and help of the Holy Spirit every day.

If humans are the measure of all things, then I am deeply fearful of the future. If God is real, Jesus lived, died for me, and rose from the dead, and if the claims of the Bible are true - then I am full of hope! I urge you to resist making an ultimate decision to reject Jesus Christ and the claims of the Christian faith, before first exploring them for yourself.

RENEW Church is a growing family, a community of people being formed by Jesus into the people He would have us be, engaging in His mission in the world. You would be so welcome to join us on this journey - come and see!

Rev'd Alan Brand

RENEW Services for November 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.

Everyone is welcome.

We have activity groups for children and young people

PLEASE NOTE:, Our Community Christmas Meals at 'The Shed'

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

Young reader books (8-12 years): Charlie Bone series by Jenny Nimmo (Books 1 - 8); The Little Black Songbook: Acoustic Hit songs for guitar. Jun/Andy 01223 813362

A large box of office folders and box files. More to follow if interested.

Contact Ian 01223 811 255

Wanted

Old hand tools and motoring memorabilia wanted. Anything considered. Ray 07591 747625

Metal storage cupboard (any size considered!). Jun 01223 813362

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>)

East Anglian Air Ambulance at Christmas

Firstly, a huge THANK YOU to all who recently supported EAAA by coming to a Coffee Morning and Christmas Card Sale– the amazing sum of £504.50 was raised.

If you are reading this, the chances are that you will not have had the need to be at ‘the sharp end’ of what we do. But there are an increasing number of people who do owe much, often their lives, to the Charity.

Whether you have watched Helicopter ER on TV or read a patient’s story, you cannot help but be impressed by the amazing work that these extraordinary people are called upon to do, often under extremely arduous circumstances.



They will be ‘on call’ over the Christmas period – ready to fly, ready to save lives. Like that of ‘Steve’ who, on his motorcycle, overtook a car which, without indication or awareness of Steve, turned into his path catapulting him through a wall and into a watery ditch. Steve was still unconscious 21 minutes later

when the Anglia One crew arrived. They thought that Steve would not survive the traumatic head injuries he had sustained. He was sedated and intubated so that the crew could control his breathing, and flown to Addenbrooke’s Hospital where he remained for ten weeks. Three months after the accident, Steve visited the Norwich base to thank the EAAA team and EEAST paramedics for his life! With no lasting effects from his injuries, Steve went on to make a full recovery.

If you would like to find out how you too might support EAAA, please contact the fundraising team. At this time of year, with so much receiving and giving going on, please spare a thought, and a donation, to help support EAAA continue their vital work. Next time you see a red EAAA collection box please help to fill it – ‘every little helps’ !

Together, we really do save lives.

Michael White

Services in the Anglesey Benefice in November

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| Sunday 3 November | 8am | Holy Communion (BCP), Swaffham Bulbeck |
| | 9.30am | Village Worship, Quy Village Hall Morning Service, Swaffham Bulbeck |
| | 11am | Holy Communion (CW1), Bottisham |
| | 3pm | All Souls Service, Lode |
| Wednesday 6 November | 8pm | “C by C” Short candlelit meditative service), Bottisham |
| Sunday 10 November | 9am | Holy Communion (CW1), Bottisham |
| | 10.50 | Act of Remembrance, Lode RBL Remembrance Service, Quy , for Bottisham and Lode Remembrance Service, Swaffham Bulbeck Remembrance Service, Swaffham Prior <i>with Cubs and Scouts</i> |
| Sunday 17 November | 8am | Holy Communion (BCP), Bottisham |
| | 9.30am | Holy Communion (CW1), Quy |
| | 11am | Family Service with Baptism, Swaffham Prior |
| Sunday 24 November | 9.30am | Children’s Church, Lode Morning Worship, Quy |
| | 11am | Holy Communion (CW1T), Swaffham Prior <i>With Heather Johnson from Mara</i> |

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

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

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

*For weddings and baptisms please contact: admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk;
For funerals please contact the vicar directly.*

Dates for Your Diary November 2019

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| Sat | 2 | Scout Hut Working Party, 9.00am-12.00pm [11] |
| Fri | 8 | Mobile Library, Village School, 3.10-3.35pm |
| Sun | 10 | REMEMBRANCE DAY Scouts' Parade 10.15am, Lower End; Act of Remembrance, 10.50am, St Mary's [31] |
| Thu | 14 | PC Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30-9.30pm |
| Sat | 16 | Flu Clinic, Bottisham [22] |
| Mon | 18 | WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm [20] |
| Tue | 19 | Village Gardeners, Village Hall, 8.00pm [21] |
| Wed | 20 | Crier Copy Deadline |
| Thu | 21 | Mothers' Union, Lode Chapel, 2.30pm [21] |
| Fri | 22 | Beyond Words, the Fitz, 2-3.30pm - also Thu 28 Nov, Sat 7 Dec [14] Seasonal Crafts, Wicken Fen - also Sat 23 Nov [19] |
| Fri | 29 | District Councillors' Surgery, Reach, 8-9pm [23] |
| Sat | 30 | Tinsel and Tweed, Anglesey Abbey, [24] - until 7 Jan Christmas Market, St James's, Lode, 2-4pm [25] |
| Dec | | |
| Thu | 5 | Labour Party Event, Shed Pub, Lode, 6.30-9pm [15] |
| Sat | 7 | Christmas Fayre, Mandeville Hall, Burwell, 10am-4pm [15] Advent by Candlelight, 4pm St Mary's & St Cyriac's [6,8] |

Numbers in square brackets indicate page number of an accompanying article

| Club | Contact | Tel. | Date | Time | Place |
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| 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 | Ruth Scovill | 743720 | 3 rd Tues of month | 8:00pm | Village Hall |
| WI | Margaret Joyce | 744390 | 3 rd Mon of month | 7.30 pm | Village Hall |