



# The Swaffham Crier

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## Editorial

Pestilence, War, Famine, and Death? No quite yet, well not here anyway, but the rumour that Pestilence had retired (being replaced by Pollution) was clearly not right, and Flood is doing a good job in the absence of Famine, so perhaps it's time to cheer ourselves up!

The Lindy Hop, which we're delighted to read will be appearing at Reach Fair, seems just the thing, and it would be great if we too could have some dancing lessons between then and now. Any offers, dancing experts?

Meanwhile, our hearts go out to the Scouts, whose upbeat early February report on the progress of their new Scout Hut in this edition predates the ghastly raid on their premises which divested them of most of their equipment. I'm sure we would all like to help, and the Pop Up Tea Shop on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> (see 10) is a good way to start.

Recycling! How many times a day do you wonder "Can this go in? Not sure. Dither. Oh bin it!". As you'll see in this month's edition (p. 4, p. 26) there's been a suggestion that the forthcoming Village Assembly might have an expert present who could answer all our questions, and we think this is a excellent plan. For example, there seem to be problems about how clean things need to be, the amount of hot water needed to reach this standard, and then, well.... So let's have the real low-down so we can really do some good and not just feel virtuous.

Why has a mysterious trench appeared right across the Public Footpath from the top of Cage Hill down to the Dyke? Is it to stop Hare Coursing (see Jorge Monteiro's Wild Side)? Some readers have reported they've seen them down there. Anyway, I think we should be told, it somewhat gainsays the "disabled-friendly" gate that replaced the style further up, although since this usually didn't open at all, I suppose there's not that much difference...

Don't miss the stunning straw-constructed Mother (our Cover picture) off Moore's Drove at Wicken Fen, and you can take in the new refurbished Tea Shop at the same time. See you Quizzing!

**Caroline Matheson**

**Cover Picture:** *The Mother*, photograph by **Julian Luttrell**

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## Letters to the Editors



Dear Editors,

### Used STAMPS

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

To ALL the people who kindly left used stamps in the box in the church entrance for Guide Dogs for the Blind. Thank you in advance for those who have good intentions but haven't got round to it yet, the box is there waiting !!

*Kate Child*

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Dear Editors,

### LOST FRIEND

I am contacting you because I have lost touch with **Anna Yandell**, a lady I met on holiday in Begur, Spain a few years ago.

Her email [anna@swaffham-prior](mailto:anna@swaffham-prior) is seemingly no longer available and I have no other means of contact.

Please reply to:

*Jude Griffiths*

Clerk to the Parish Council.

Tel 745 106. Email [swaffhampriorclerk@gmail.com](mailto:swaffhampriorclerk@gmail.com)

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### Easter Lilies

**E**ach year we have had lilies in St Mary's Church at Easter time and, recently, many people have contributed to these in memory of a loved one.

Donations can be made anonymously or with your name and the name of your loved one. A list will then be compiled and placed in church for Easter Sunday. As a guide the Easter lilies will cost £2.75 per stem this year. All contributions will be *very* welcome and will enable us to have a beautiful display.

If you would like to make a donation please put it through Sue Rust's door at 23 Greenhead Road or Ruth Scovil's door at The Oaks, Manor Farm Court, Lower End (the letterbox is in the door at the back of the house!). Please include the name of your loved one and your own unless, of course, you wish to make your gift anonymously.



*Ruth Scovil*

## Smiley Face in the Sky

George Sealey's Smiley Face (see last month's Crier) was drawn flying in an **Extra Flugzeugbau EA300**, an aerobatic monoplane designed in 1987 by Walter Extra, a German aerobatic pilot. Apparently, George has also been spotted drawing hearts with it as well.



*Many thanks to Janet Willmott for her superlative investigative skills!*

## QUIZ NIGHT

Swaffham Prior Village Hall

**7.30 pm Saturday 14 March**

*Tickets £6 each. To book a table, contact*



Jenny Brand  
(01638) 742161

or

Lynne Rand  
(01638) 741960



*Jacket Potato Supper*

*Bring your own drinks and glasses !!*

Proceeds in aid of St. Mary's Church, Swaffham Prior

## Mystery Trench Blocking Public Footpath to Devil's Dyke



*See Editorial*

## From our Reporter at the Parish Council Meeting

What a meeting! January had so little on the Agenda that the general public had to make extensive contributions to give it any body. Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February was very different. The result is a very long report this month. To help the reader I have added subject headings in bold so that it is possible to skip to any item of interest – if any.

Moving straight to the ECDC report, John Trapp gave his usual enthusiastic absolutely clear statement. No problem here for anyone with hearing difficulties. Devil's Dyke is now in a very wide conservation area and nothing must be allowed to visually endanger it. Swaffham Prior is included in the area, and this may be a problem for planners and developers.



**Brainstorming Buses and Cycles:** John said a Questionnaire about Buses and Cycling is being distributed by ECDC on 6<sup>th</sup> March. Paul asked if there is any value in questionnaires as you may come across one question which offends and it is dumped - "I'm not answering that!" sort of thing. Or the questions can offer no subtlety whereby almost any conclusion you want can be drawn from them. For example one could have masses of "expressions of interest" or "would like more information" and interpret this as "commitment". John agreed with this which is why he and Charlotte are holding three meetings so that people can air their views.

John, from his experience at the Open University, said he always supported a meeting where ideas, objections, and discussions positive and negative, may possibly spark off a great unforeseen possible solution or idea. I know someone on a committee concerned with traffic in Cambridge and they say the worst person you could have on any traffic committee is an "enthusiastic cyclist". We could start with that.

The meetings all start at 7.30 on:

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at Bottisham Sports and Social Club

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March at Brinkley Memorial Hall

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at Swaffham Prior Village Hall**

**Put this last one in your diary**

**and give you views or just come and be amused.**

**E-Scooters will be discussed.**

In Correspondence Anna Chesterman asked whether the PC is involved in the Tree Programme. Paul said we should find out what, and what we cannot, do. Steve said that at present we do not have a tree planting policy – but watch this space.

**Allocation of Budget Surplus.** There were six applications.

(1) Margaret Joyce from the WI and Mike Barker of the Gardeners would like to buy some wild life seeding, and also a mature tree. What kind of tree, where will it be, and who will maintain it? Once satisfactory answers are received the application will be approved.

(2) Elinor Fretwell wants funds to set up a large variety of art classes. This did not fit the criteria and was rejected.

(3) The Village Hall wishes to replace all the twenty year old chairs, plus an extra 20 plastic chairs for use outside. Paul queried the criteria and asked why the Village Hall was not self funding. Alan argued back and he was supported by Christine Carrington, a long-standing outstanding member of the Village Hall Committee, from the Public Gallery. She explained that the chairs had not cleaned well, and that many were now bent and impossible to stack. The criteria came up many times and Paul thought it should be put on next month's agenda to discuss. Peter retorted, "But, we are discussing it now." Eventually it was decided to pay half the cost providing the old chairs were offered free to the Scouts. Steve noticed that Alan's eyes had lit up, and said "Not the bent ones!"

(4) Celia Tyler and Andrew Noyes have come up with an idea which met instant approval. The Cambridge Collection in Cambridge Public Library, at which Celia had once worked, has a huge Photograph Collection covering the very early years through to 1998. By working through this collection Celia/Andrew want to select 200 photographs concerned with Swaffham Prior and reproduce them in four albums to be left in four locations in the village. Few have been digitised but it has been negotiated that the charge will be half the usual price. The total cost would be £73. It is going to involve numerous visits by Celia/Andrew to Cambridge as they work there way through the collections and make their selection.

(5) The Scouts submitted two applications. The first concerned the break-in of the temporary metal storage shed near the Scout Hut. Everything was stolen, the work tools, their tents etc – the lot. Because it was temporary storage it could not be insured. This was definitely outside the criteria but the PC will consider a donation from a separate fund in March.

(6) The Scouts still require a further £30,000 to bring the hut up to scratch, and will be making applications elsewhere. But they have already done a vast amount of work with voluntary labour. Everything had been itemised so that the PC could do some cherry picking. Much did not fit the criteria but the essential security doors and asbestos guttering were approved.

The final result was the overall allocation of £4,200 leaving money still in the pot for other projects. The general view of the PC, and the public, is not to "splurge" it all at once on one large project but to spread it about.

Also in the Public Gallery was the Clerk from Fordham Parish Council. She did not speak but I gather from Jude's summary that Fordham have been having trouble in their playground and were exploring the possibility of introducing ASBOs and joining up with other villages to act together. Steve explained we have minimal trouble. He went on to give the news about the larger spring of the new Daisy which required the assistance of some of Martin Mead's heavy equipment – which Martin

**Celia Tyler and Andrew Noyes have come up with an idea for spending some of the budget surplus which met instant approval: 200 Swaffham Prior photos from the Cambridge Collection to be collated into Village Albums.**

provided at no charge. What an asset Martin is for the Village. He deserves a medal for everything he has done all his life. The toddlers' swings are still a problem.

**Recycling Debate and the AVA.** At the January Meeting Michael Limb, trying to be helpful, suggested it might be of interest and attract people to have talk recycling at the Annual Village Assembly (AVA) by Darren Hughes of ECDC. This did not at first appear to be the most gripping topic, but I later thought it does have possibilities and may be turned into a reasonable draw. So, in Open Question Time I proposed that it should not just be a talk but a 'Question Time'

at which people could bring along a variety of objects and give them to Darren in turn, asking "Where would I put this". That went down like a lead balloon. Such were the blank disbelieving stares I received that I wondered at one stage whether I had remembered to put my trousers on.

Steve was the only one who responded saying the AVA was a "waste of time" and "boring". He refuted the possible reason for the poor attendance in May last year was Brexit exhaustion and two elections. He claimed that attendance had always been poor, which is untrue. He held this view many years ago and refused to come then. Later, for some reason he changed his mind, became enthusiastic for a time, and has now returned to his original view. I have to only quote Steve as he is the only one who spoke.

The two people in the Public Gallery thought it a good idea, I tried it out on three other people and the comment was "great". I think a large number of people in the village and elsewhere are concerned about what they recycle and regularly wonder what they do with particular items. The attraction would be that the public would be controlling the meeting by bringing up what actually concerns them. It would be an event chaired and controlled by the new yet to be formed Recycling Club – PC willing. Of course if a person does not take recycling seriously and just dumps it mostly into black bags apart from obvious bottles, then they will have no interest.

A lot will depend on the publicity. In spite of the amazing continuing contribution Steve makes to the village, I would not employ him as publicity manager for this show. After all, the AVA is for the benefit of the Village, and not for the PC.

There are only two flaws in this proposal. Who dares predict what tumult may occur in May, either internationally, and especially nationally. And Darren may not be able to come. He has been invited and has yet to reply.

Meantime, put in a box any item which causes you uncertainty and also put in any general queries you may have. You may be amazed how quickly the box will be filled. And save it for the meeting.

**What exactly can or can't go in re-cycling? When I proposed a Recycling Question Time for the Village Assembly, such were the blank disbelieving stares that I wondered if I'd remembered to put my trousers on...**

*Alastair Everitt*



## Let's Go Fishing

Yes, we are going to take charge of our seas again. What we may forget is the following.

- After the 1983 common fisheries policy the British Government was *unique in Europe* in allowing British fishermen to sell their quotas which were based on historic catches. Many of our fishing businesses just went for the quick buck.
- The result is that more than half Britain's quota is held by Dutch, Spanish and Icelandic owned ships sailing under British flags. One Dutch multinational controls a quarter of England's quota.
- The British fishing industry had been devastated after we lost the last Cod War in 1976. Thousands of jobs were lost.

**Isuk Wilton**



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## JULIES RECIPES FOR MARCH

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### CHOCOLATE GUINNESS CAKE

250ml Guinness  
250g butter  
75g cocoa  
400g castor sugar  
140ml sour cream  
2 eggs  
1 tsp vanilla essence  
275g plain flour  
2 ½ tsp bicarbonate of soda

Preheat oven to 180c, grease and line 10" round cake tin.

Melt the butter in a saucepan with the Guinness, whisk in the remaining ingredients.

Pour into the tin and cook for 45 mins - 1 hour.

When cool top with cream cheese icing.

Cream cheese icing is simply icing sugar whipped together with icing sugar and a drop of vanilla essence.

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### BAILEYS AND CHOCOLATE CHEESECAKE

100g butter  
300g digestive biscuits, crushed  
600g cream cheese  
100g icing sugar  
25ml Baileys  
100ml double cream, whipped  
Cocoa powder or grated chocolate

Melt the butter in a saucepan and add the crushed biscuits. Mix well.

Press the mixture into a lined springform tin and allow to set for 1 hour in the fridge.

Meanwhile prepare the filling, lightly whip together the cream cheese, Baileys and icing sugar. Then fold in the whipped cream.

When the biscuit base has set, put the cream cheese mix on top and decorate with grated chocolate or cocoa powder.

Return to fridge to allow to set and serve chilled.



**The current Church floor in Mara. The Lent lunches are raising money for its replacement**



**St. Mary's, Swaffham Prior**

## **Lent Lunches**

to buy

**Bags of Cement  
For the Church Floor  
in our link Parish of Mara, Tanzania**

- Friday 28 February at 44 High Street (Jutta Reeks)
- Wednesday 11 March at 73 High Street (Kate Child)

12 noon; soup and a roll; limited spaces - booking essential!

01638 743983 or email [admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk](mailto:admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk)

No charge for lunch; donations please.

Heather Johnson, our CMS link person at the Rehema project in Mara has asked us to raise money to enable the dusty church floor to be concreted.

Bags of cement cost £7 each – please donate what you can.

Thank you for your support!

PS Please see pictures in church of the house we built for Jeska last year!



Village Hall  
Swaffham Prior  
**Pop Up Tea Shop**

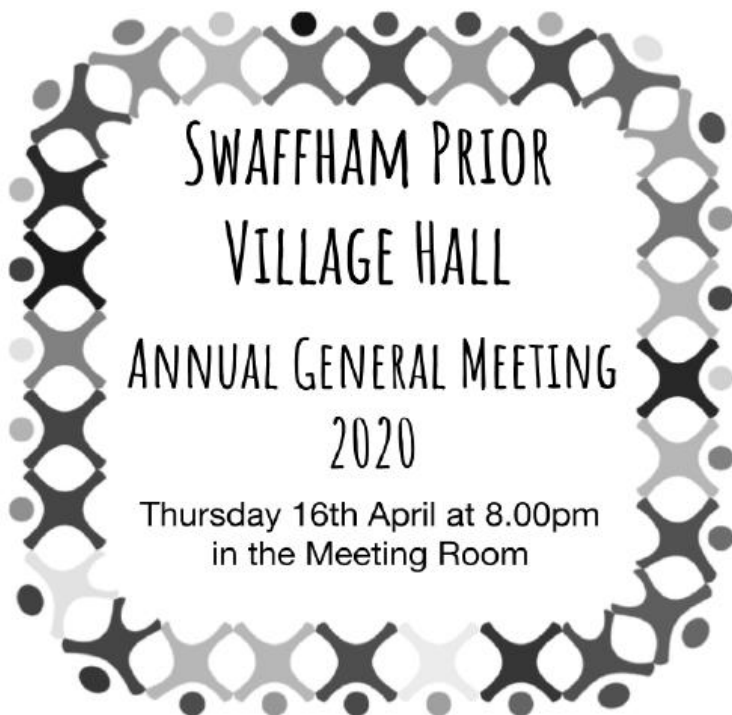
Open 3pm to 5pm

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March

In Support of  
Swaffham Prior Scouts  
Pop in for tea and cake

and some  
entertainment!





If you would like to know more about the running of the Hall, and future developments, or have any suggestions, please come to this open meeting.

Also, if you want to be more involved in the life of the Village, please consider joining the small, friendly group of volunteers who try to provide a pleasant, modern, well-equipped venue for the benefit of all members of the local community.

For more information, contact:

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**Christine Carrington:** *Treasurer* 01638 741659 [treasurer.spvh@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.spvh@gmail.com)

## **BON MOT NUMBER 105**

“The secret of old age  
is to live in the present.”

*Wilfred De'Ath* (1937 - 2020)

# SWAFFHAM PRIOR



## *Village Feast*

6th June

**Your Village Needs You!**

We are already planning this year's fun-filled extravaganza, and would love to hear your ideas.

So, if you have:

- suggestions for new entertainments
- a penchant for organising events
- the desire to keep Village traditions alive
- or just an hour or two to help run a stall

***We would love to hear from you!***

Contact Jenny Brand: phone 01638 742161

or eMail [jenny.brand26@gmail.com](mailto:jenny.brand26@gmail.com)

# THE BUDGERIGAR

I went and bought a budgie,  
as a pet, the other day.  
The man said, *"It'll talk to you",*  
as I walked away.  
I kept it for a week or two,  
but didn't hear it speak,  
(though at the price it wasn't cheap),  
nor I didn't hear it squeak.  
The man said, *"It's unhappy,*  
*buy this lovely big new cage,*  
*this budgie imitation,*  
*you'll find they're all the rage."*  
And so I gave it both these things  
though I thought the last absurd,  
but still I didn't hear it speak,  
not a single feathered word.  
The man said, *"Buy this little bell*  
*and little ladder thing,*  
*then it can climb the ladder*  
*and give the bell a ring."*  
But when I put them in its cage  
and gave the bell a tap,  
It stood and looked about it  
's though it didn't care a rap.  
The man said, *"Perhaps you'd better try*  
*this lovely looking glass."*  
I tried it, and he said,  
*"Not you, it's for the bird, you ass!"*  
I gave it to it, and a swing  
then stood back for a chat,  
But then it fell down faint;  
I said, *"What do you think you're at?"*  
The bird said, *"You take the lovely brand new cage*  
*and the budgie bell,*  
*the glass and swing and ladder,*  
*and the plastic bird as well:*  
*But tell me one thing please, before*  
*I make the Great Big Hop.*  
***Why do they not sell bird seed***  
***at that Budgie Gee-gaw Shop?"***

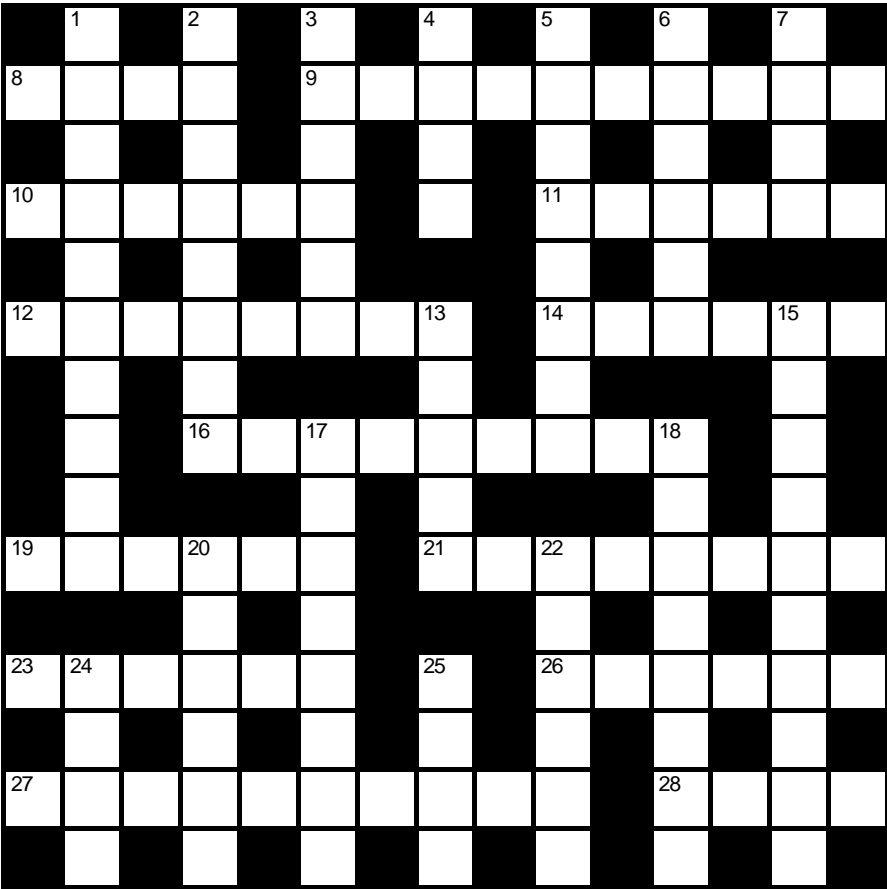


*Ophir*

Crossword Number 173

Compiled by OUNCE

Clues marked \* are of a type and contain no definition. Send your answers to the editors by 18th March 2020. 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

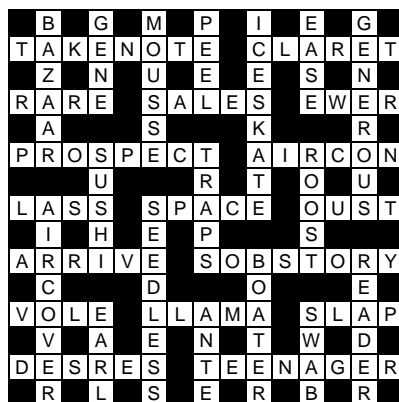
- 8 \* Euterpe perhaps? (4)  
 9 \* He bet slate was broken (3,7)  
 10 When it's mine, it's as good as a bond? Golly! (2,4)  
 11 \* It leaves white-hot mess (3,3)  
 12 \* Wander to Rhodes (3,5)  
 14 Salt last bit of 3D. Failed, we hear (6)  
 16 \* Unit? I ring boss (9)  
 19 Bloodsucker damages group - twice! (6)  
 21 Tory lure leads to scorn (8)  
 23 Detests sailor with tail-less mount (6)  
 26 Shy of French and Greek character joining soldier (6)  
 27 \* May be nurses' song? (4,1,5)  
 28 New University left learner void (4)

## Down

- 1 \* Centre of ham lost with poor security (10)  
 2 Instrument for registrar (8)  
 3 Breeding place on Jovian moon where artists work (6)  
 4 SOS from 9A (4)  
 5 \* Bridge player receives sentence (8)  
 6 Present at a race finish (6)  
 7 "Find a network in Rome," she demanded (4)  
 13 Unemotional, good man has 99 after nothing (5)  
 15 \* We're told you peppered Labour leader Crazy! (4,6)

- 17 Stagehands for storing tableware (8)  
 18 Fantasising about 500 mangier forms (8)  
 20 Mountains crumble when nun leaves religion (6)  
 22 Absurd Bermudians gone bare? They're practising this (6)  
 24 \* Originally British, later urban, rockers (4)  
 25 \* In short, X (4)

## Solution to crossword no. 172



We congratulate Robert Nunn, the winner of last month's competition, who will receive his prize certificate from the editors. Honourable mentions go to Margaret Beckley, Martyn & Debbie Clark, Andrew Houston and Julian Luttrell.



Hello Folks and Welcome to a new month of Out on the Wild Side. And I know I speak for many of us when I say, we are finally approaching spring, hooray! This month’s topic will focus on the ‘Brown European Hare’ a native of the British Isles. A key question will be why the Hare is associated with the month of March? Well, March is here already, it sure did that quickly! Why walk, when you can March after all. And this edition is the ‘Mad Marchy’ one so be prepared.

Like the Wood Pigeons, the ‘Brown’ Hare is a rather successful animal and was doing just dandy here in Britain until modern farming practices arrived, and more recently (last year) a deadly virus that jumped from rabbits. But even so, if you go down to the ‘fields today’, you’re sure for a running surprise. Bare winter fields provide the best opportunity to see the Hares dancing and prancing about, exposed to view from a footpath or two. You’ll usually spot them either early morning or at dusk, so it’s good news for the early and late birds, a win win! They are remarkable creatures and are indeed the ‘fastest land mammal’ in the U.K, recorded as reaching speeds of 45mph! They were first introduced to Britain by the Romans long ago—about 2 Millennia to be precise—and they’ve been ‘boxing mad’ all this time, impressive!

Now, let’s be honest. Thank you Wikipedia, but most of us already know the phrase ‘Mad as a March Hare’, but why is a Hare mad and why particularly in March, why not August? The ‘boxing’ has a lot to answer for. March is when the Hares are caught up in their courtship, with the passionate males (known as jacks) longing for the ‘less receptive females’ (jills) who fend them off with an upper-cut or two, hence they are mad. The ‘box’ is a selection process for the jills to pick their fittest jack—ooh la-la! It’s up to you to decide which sex you think is mad and which rather sensible. The jills are generally larger and stronger than the jacks too, and if you’re lucky enough to see it, it’s quite a display. Hares share much with their

Human neighbours in terms of lifestyle. They live alone or in pairs. But on no account must you ever tell a Hare it's like a Bear because it will be Hare today and gone tomorrow! Hares can also leap 3m into the air so watch your drones, or better still, send it over the Heath along Cadenham Lane and get some lovely videos we can post for Crier Online!

Hares and Rabbits both belong to a family called the 'Lagomorphs', that's just how it flows. Hares are longer limbed and longer-eared than Rabbits and use their hind legs to escape predation. Like Rabbits, they're herbivores, feasting not on crumpets and pots of tea but on grass, clovers and herbs, yummy! Crucially, unlike Rabbits, Hares don't bear young below ground in a burrow or warren but in a shallow depression of flattened grass called a 'form'. Hence, when their young grow up, it's called their 'formative years'- ha-ha-ha. Their young are called 'Leverets' and are adorably cute. Interestingly, because leverets have no protection against land or ariel predators e.g. the Golden Eagle, they are born fully furred with eyes open. This is called 'precocial'. Baby Rabbits by contrast with the burrow protection, are altricial, born blind and hairless.

Curiouser and Curiouser! To top it off, although unlike Rabbits, Hares have never been domesticated, they have also been raised for food (the medieval Hare Warrens). For those familiar with Pokémon, our younger residents may appreciate this analogy; Hares are the next stage of evolution to Rabbits, i.e. Rabbits are the Pikachu of this world (and so adorably cute) but hopefully not lightning yellow and Hares are the Raichu 'yes I had to look that up'. Hares are the 'wilder rabbit cousins' and more mysterious for less of 'us' spend time with them.

Hares can live to be 12 years of age (although typically 4 years in the wild) and they are very much part of world folklore and literature (*see over, Eds*). In Alice in Wonderland as the famous Mad March Hare with his friends, the Mad Hatter and the Door Mouse and also in stories from afar like Aesop's Fable of the Hare and the Tortoise Lady Gaga famously said, we're as 'free as our Hare', so next time, you're out and about in a field or two, let your hair run wild with you.

Sadly, even before the virus, hares have become endangered in the UK, their number having plummeted by 80% in over the last few decades and the brown now being classified as a Priority Species in the UK Biodiversity Action Plan. Before the 2004 Hunting Ban made it illegal, hare hunting was almost as common as fox hunting (you can tell the difference, hare-hunters wear green coats), one in three hunts, and some claim it is still rife. But by far the biggest problem, a HUGE problem around here to both bystanders and land-owners not to mention hares is **hare-coursing**, where dogs are used to chase, catch and kill hares, with gambling on the outcome. The Suffolk police say that the individuals involved are particularly nasty (organised crime gangs) and they're relying on us to be their eyes and ears: **"We would encourage anyone who sees hare coursing in progress to call 999. We don't know how many times people tell us they've called the farmer who owns the land. By all means do that, but call us first so we can act."**

Hares are remarkable creatures and we see them far less than we'd like. They are a spiritual mainstay of our country from ancient Britannic times to the modern day—always a joy to behold.

*By Jorge 'Mad March' Monteiro*



## Some Famous Hares You May Not have Heard Of

The hare (*see page 16*) is perhaps one of the most common and oldest figures in mythology around the world, and folk-lore has associated it with goddesses, companions of goddesses, messengers, fertility symbols, tricksters, Easter and eggs, March madness, the Moon, the elixir of life, the last corn standing at harvest-time, escape from fire,

shape-shifting and witchcraft.. Here are some famous ones you might not have heard of:

- The Algonquin Great Hare from North America, who brought summer to defeat winter
- The Hare from Ceylon, who threw himself into the fire to feed Buddha and was rewarded by being placed on the moon
- The African trickster hare, who become the American trickster Brer Rabbit when he crossed the Atlantic
- The Indian hare, who tricked a lion into fighting his own reflection (rather than eating the hare)
- The Welsh hare which a young boy turned into in order to escape from the enchantress Ceridwen after he accidentally stole some wisdom she was brewing
- The Irish hare that the Celtic Warrior Oison wounded, then followed into the OtherWorld to find a beautiful, identically injured woman on a throne. The fact that she was identically injured seems to have been the surprise element
- Boudica's Hare, kept inside her tunic before battle with the Romans, so when she let it run free, the hare's path was

**Top: The Jewel Encrusted Golden Hare prize for the 1980's Treasure Hunt, Masquerade**

**Right: The Irish Threepence**

*With thanks to [folklorethursday.com](http://folklorethursday.com)*



## The Reading Group Reads...

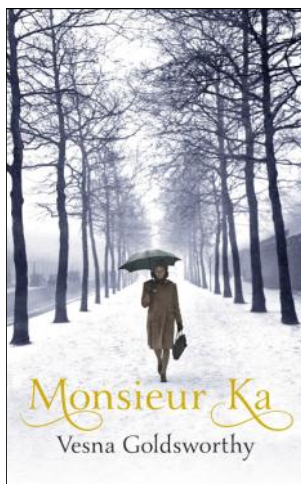
### Monsieur Ka

by Vesna Goldsworthy

This is a tale about a young French woman (Albertine, or 'Ber') living in London just after World War II. Married to an English ex-army officer who is often absent on secret Foreign Office assignments, she finds genteel employment as a companion to an elderly aristocratic Russian man (Monsieur Ka) living in London with his family. Her duties are simply to converse and read to him a few hours a week. A fondness quickly develops between Ber and Monsieur Ka, and as he tells her about his past in Russia she secretly writes up his history to present to him later as a biography. Ber's familiarity with Monsieur Ka's household produces a story about relationships. The author describes a snowy and cold post-war London and introduces a range of characters the Book Group enjoyed discussing. We also raised some questions. Why was Ber's husband so cool? Can we picture Ber? Does the author describe situations and scenes we can believe in?

Next month's book will be "All The Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr, and we will meet to discuss it on Wednesday April 1<sup>st</sup>, 8pm at Kent House, High Street. All welcome!

*Ann*



**Sunday 10 May 2020**

**12 noon to 5pm**

*75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day Celebration, 1940s dress  
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will be at Reach  
Fair—are you  
practising yet?**

## The Swaffhams' WI

This month, our speaker was an Independent Travel Agent, the husband of one of our members, Chris Bailey, who'd come to the profession, via the technology of Lotus cars and space craft. A complete change, following the failed attempt by his company to win a contract in Australia and a much wanted five year stay for his wife and himself.

We had some amusing traveller's tales—the chap who'd hoped to go on the ferry from Newcastle to the Hook—arranged by Chris, but was last heard of trying to find the ferry terminal in Newcastle under Lyme. Then the couple who'd been ecstatic to find a very cheap flight from London to Sydney, only to find at Heathrow, that their flight was from London, Ontario to Sydney, Nova Scotia. No can do Sir. A very good reason, he said, to consult someone like himself, before travelling abroad.

The internet, was for him, a great challenge, along with pandemics, volcanic eruptions, tsunamis and major terrorist attacks. He was he said though, a self confessed optimist.

We ended with a travel quiz and some very nice goodie bags, as prizes.

Our next meeting will be on March 16th, when we'll be holding our Annual meeting, followed by a game of great intellect, beloved by our W.I.

All are very welcome.

*Margaret Joyce.*

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## News from Bottisham Medical Practice

### Patients' Participation Group

**Thanks:** Thank you to those patients who have written letters of support for the practice in objection to the proposed planned retirement village. There are lots of kind comments supporting how the practice is running at present and supporting the objections raised by the practice partners.

**Red Bucket Appeal:** Thanks to all who have been contributing to this. We currently have £760.48 to go towards the purchase of the Doppler Machine, which is useful for checking circulation particularly in diabetic patients to ensure early treatment. This is about half what it will cost.

**Walks for Health:** The next walks with our accredited walk leader Steve Gilson start at 11.00 am from the surgery car park (none in March) 8 and 24 April, 6 and 22 May 2020. Do join Steve for a walk he would be delighted to see you. Walks from Anglesey Abbey continue on Thursdays at 10am from the reception area.

**Next Patient Group Meeting:** Next meeting will be Thursday 26 March 2020 at 6.30pm at the surgery. The committee would welcome any patients who are interested in issues and ongoing fundraising at the meeting, so do come along.

**AGM:** Thursday 30 April 2020 7pm at the surgery when one of the GPs will speak

*Bottisham Patients' Participation Group*



## VILLAGE GARDENERS

Our speaker was Dr Gwenda Kyd who came to speak to us on Plants to Drugs. Plants have been used as drugs for 60,000 years. In the west there is a tendency to turn away from plants in favour of pharmaceuticals. 50% of new drugs come directly or indirectly from plants. 80% of drugs of plant origin are used in a corresponding manner to traditional use.

Willow bark is useful to ease aches and pains. It was discovered in Chipping Norton when a man, suffering from various aches (argues), decided to chew a piece of willow bark. His aches were eased. It was thought that plants grow where they are most beneficial. Hence willow growing where it is wet and aches, pains and fevers are often worsened by the dampness. In 1763 it was recommended by the Medical Society as a remedy. It can cause stomach bleeding and the pharmaceutical equivalent is aspirin. This was used to treat Spanish flu in 1919. It is still in regular use today as a treatment for heart and cancer conditions. Foxgloves (*digitalis*) were found in 1785 to be very effective in the treatment of dropsy (*oedema*) as it slows down the heart rate. However, the beneficial amount is very close to the harmful amount! Consequently today herbalists prefer to use extract of lily of the valley instead.

**A 200 year old tree  
40 foot tall would  
only produce  
enough Taxol for  
one person!**

Plants develop toxins to protect them from predators and it has been found that the toxins will also work on humans as we are seen as predators.

In 1967 during the Vietnamese War many locals were suffering from malaria. The Vietnamese appealed to the Chinese for help using traditional Chinese medicine. Quinghao was used to treat malaria and the compound artemisinin was reported in the west in 1979. The artemisia plant (sweet wormwood) is two to three times more effective than others and it grows in Africa which could be very beneficial as there is so much malaria there. Another example of plants growing where they are of most use.

The original extracts of the anti-cancer drug Taxol were from Pacific yews. A 200 year old tree, 40 foot tall would only produce enough drug for one person! Luckily scientists discovered a similar compound in European yews. It has been possible to treat 1,000,000 cancer patients in the first ten years.

Garlic was used by Louis Pasteur as an antibiotic. Allicin from garlic is a very good treatment for MRSA. Stabilised garlic can be used to treat bleeding canker in horse chestnut trees. The only snag is that the tree then smells of garlic! Garlic also reduces blood pressure and cholesterol.

There are some issues in using plants for drugs - Is it viable? Is it better than what is already available? Harvests can fail. It can be difficult to identify the necessary compound in plants. 15,000 medicinal plants are endangered so that it is necessary to have chemical compounds as well.

It was a very interesting talk and we certainly learned a lot about medicinal plants and their uses. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 17th March when Nigel Start will be giving a talk entitled 'Getting to Grips with Pruning' at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

***Ruth Scovil***

## Scout Hut Progress, February 3<sup>rd</sup>

Since my last report we have made significant progress, the ink has barely dried on the lease from the numerous signatures required but to all intents & purposes, it is sorted.

Replacement external steel doors & UPVC windows have been fitted, the “car park” in front of the Hut is cleared off all debris.

Most work has been internal, some walls have been removed to open up the Hut into one large hall with new walls currently going in to make an entrance hall & large storage area at one end of the building.

The ceiling has been taken down & the insulation removed as it was contaminated with rodent “waste”. This has really opened up the hall making it much lighter & airy.

The old boiler & heating system has been taken out & will be replaced in due course.

Unfortunately, the reconnection of power & water has not run so smoothly. We have been unable to locate our water meter. Wave & Anglian Water have been very helpful regarding this and despite supplying me with grid references & photos, the meter remains lost!

I hope to hear from them this week regarding an engineer’s visit. The problem we have with the power reconnection stems from the fact that the meter had been removed & we had no idea of who was the last supplier. Apparently, regulations dictate that to proceed we needed to know who the last provider was. This has been resolved but has taken quite a long time but we hope to have a new meter soon.

The existing toilets & kitchen have been cleaned and with a little electrical work to establish lighting & some safety devices as soon as power & water are reconnected, we will start using the Hut, although it will be nowhere near completely renovated.

Over the summer, we will concentrate on repairs to the cladding & guttering, while in the car park we plan to have the old gravel removed & new gravel re-laid.

After which, the toilets & kitchen need replacing. The internal walls need relining. Then there is the decorating & the final touches.

So far, the budgeting seems to have been about right & applications for grants & funding have been submitted to a couple of local bodies.

Apart from when we had needed professional certification and the fitting of the new windows, all of the work done to date has been carried out by volunteers & where possible by the Scouts, Cubs & Beavers.

If anyone would like to make a contribution, no matter what the amount or if you would like to help out in anyway with this project, please e-mail me & I will be happy to supply you with our bank details or discuss how you can get involved.

[gsl@1stswaffhampriorscouts.org](mailto:gsl@1stswaffhampriorscouts.org)

Thank you.

***Tim Doe (Group Scout Leader 1st Swaffham Prior Scout Group)***



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District Council  
[www.eastcambs.gov.uk](http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk)

From our District Councillors  
Charlotte Cane &  
John Trapp

East Cambs will shortly be sending out a questionnaire about buses, walking and cycling between 9-14 March. Please use this to share your views about what you want in or local area. You can post it back to the Council, or drop it off at the Red Lion pub, or you can complete it on-line - <https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/roads-transport/bus-services-and-cycling-and-walking-routes-consultation>.

John and Charlotte are holding three meetings to listen to your ideas and your discussion, all at 7.30 pm – Monday 23 March in the Poppy Room at the Bottisham Sports and Social Club, Monday 30 March at the Memorial Hall in Brinkley, and Thursday 2 April in the Small Hall in Swaffham Prior Village Hall.



The Council is also consulting on two Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs). One covers Self-Build and the other covers the Natural Environment. The SPD on the Natural Environment is especially important for our area, as we are in the Devils Dyke 'buffer zone' and the Dyke goes through some of our villages. We also have Green Belt and other areas of significant natural habitat. These SPDs add policy to the Council's Local Plan and will become criteria against which planning applications will be judged. You can take part in these consultations at - <https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/local-development-framework/supplementary-planning-documents>

The Operations sub-committee has decided to stop supporting Citizens Advice Rural Cambridgeshire with an annual subsidy of £47,000, but instead augmenting the ECDC advice service. There were many members of the public who stated their preference for an advisory service independent of the Council, and for one that would have more breadth and depth. We have 'called in' the decision, so that it will be reviewed by Full Council. The subsidy to Citizens Advice West Suffolk based in Newmarket, which is probably of more use to residents in our ward, will continue. The Citizens Advice in Cambridge is also available.

Other sources of advice in the area are ECDC, telephone 01353 665555, who have an out of hours service for emergencies. Charlotte and John are also happy to help and our contact details are published in the village magazines and websites and East Cambs website.

Our next Councillors' Surgery is on Tuesday 31 March at 6.30 in Lode Village Hall, followed by meet your councillors at the Shed in Lode. NB this is a change of date from that previously advertised. Our following surgery will be on Wednesday 22 April in the Memorial Hall, Brinkley.

## Such Sweet Sorrow

Divorce decreed; divided spoils (she gets the house of course) and settled custody, they now can shelve but not forget past acrimony; many mutual flaws that brought them to these courtroom steps where, poised, irresolute, they realise, embarrassed, that their path toward the station where each will embark into their separate lives is the same path that somehow they must walk together in a semblance of decorum.

Tight-lipped farewells and tears of moments past seem wasted bathos now, since they must fill the silence, facing straight ahead a yard apart and striding toward their destiny like ships that didn't quite pass in the night but sailed on parallel courses within hailing range to harbours separate but identical.

Mingling, the churning waters of their wakes cannot be told apart and phosphorescent sparks glitter like stars against the ocean's blue.



*Wulsin*  
31.01.20

## INTERESTING FACTS

Based on the Most Recent Research (MRR)

80% of people are happy with the BBC, with a few reforms

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Two thirds of women are unhappy with their breast size.  
48% wish bigger and 23% want them smaller

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80% of people wish to retain a cash option

## CLERK TO BOTTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Applications are invited for the above position in a village of 1750 electors. This is a home-based permanent position for a minimum of 12 hours/week (work-load will vary over the weeks, so flexibility will be required). Equipment is provided and a home working allowance.

The salary is aligned with national pay scales and pro-rata ranges from £6096-£7730/annum, dependant on experience and qualifications. However there may be flexibility beyond this for the right person.

Key features of the role are:

Attendance at ordinary meetings, documenting and circulation of agendas and minutes, together with comprehensive administrative support. Meetings are held on the first Monday evening of each month (excluding August and on bank holidays when the meeting is held on a Tuesday).

Attendance and provision of administrative support to Parish Council Committees/work-groups and the Annual Meeting.

Responsibility for all financial records of the Council and the careful administration of its finances, including audit. You will be required to store Parish Council records and documents securely.

4. Managing the cemeteries and grass-cutting around the village.

5. The primary administrative point of contact and correspondent with residents and external bodies.

The candidate will be expected to work towards the CILCA qualification for Parish Clerks (if not already qualified), for which the Council will provide support. You will require strong communication and organisational skills and be self-motivated. A working knowledge of local government procedures is desirable, although not essential.

The successful candidate will commence employment on 1st September 2020 and work alongside the current Clerk for 1 month.

A full job description and Person Specification is available from the Parish Clerk at: [clerk@bottishampc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@bottishampc.co.uk). Tel: 07914 219732.

To apply for the position please send your CV and a covering letter to the Chair of Council at: [jon.ogborn@bottishampc.co.uk](mailto:jon.ogborn@bottishampc.co.uk).

Closing date for applications is 30/04/2020, with interviews in early May.



# Notes from the Parish Council Meeting

13<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

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

## **Public participation for items on the agenda:**

Michael Limb pointed out that he had queried the rewilding area, not the conservation area and also noted his approval of planning application 20/00166/FUL (see Consideration of planning applications received).

**Reports:** East Cambridgeshire District Council (ECDC) – Cllr John Trapp reported –see elsewhere in the Crier.

*The Chair invited questions.*

Paul Latchford asked what the purpose of the three meetings. JT explained they were for people to air views connected with the questionnaire that are not directly covered by the questionnaire itself. The limitations of questionnaires were discussed.

## **Matters arising from previous minutes:**

Cleaning out of Lower End ditch – Steve Kent-Phillips had obtained a quote from Meads to clean out the ditch, to be kept on file as a final option. Andrew Camps noted that a flail had been used in the ditch but the resulting debris had not been removed yet.

## **Correspondence for consideration/circulation:**

Anna Chesterman tree planting email – Mrs Chesterman asked about PC plans for tree planting in the future – Steve Kent-Phillips noted that the WI propose to plant one as a PC funded project, but otherwise there are no PC tree planting plans and no PC tree planting policy.

Wicken Fen – Community engagement manager appointment – noted.

Rebecca Stevenson, Playmaintain email – noted.

## **Consideration of planning applications received:**

**19/01363/FUL 42 Lower End, Swaffham Prior.** 2 four-bedroomed houses – approved. Noted.

**20/00046/TRE T1 Cherry** – Crown lift over pavement to 2.5 metres and highway to 4.8 metres – approved. Noted.

**20/00166/FUL The Croft, 15 Cage Hill, Swaffham Prior, Cambridge CB25 0JS.** Demolition of existing lobby building and replacement with single storey rear extension, removal of rear chimney, replacement of windows and doors to side and rear elevations and replacement of rainwater goods.

No objections.

**Accounts for payment:** These were agreed.

**Grass cutting:** A report by David Greenfield comparing the four quotes received had been circulated prior to the meeting. The quote from CGM was recommended on the basis that it was:

- The cheapest
- From the company that had provided the service for the last 3 years and so is a

known quantity.

- From the company with who there is already an established working relationship.

The PC agreed to accept the CGM quote for the next three years.

#### **Allocation of budget surplus:**

Steve Kent-Phillips reported that 6 projects had applied for funding. There was much debate on whether to fund one big project or sundry smaller projects, and also on the fit of applications to the criteria.

- A joint application from the WI and the Village Gardeners to buy seed for the rewilding project and a tree to be planted in the village. The PC were in favour of this project, but requested further information on the location and upkeep of the tree.
- An art club, art workshops and an expressive art week. It was decided to reject this proposal as the application included personal fees.
- An application from the Village Hall to replace chairs. After much discussion if this fits with the grant criteria, it was agreed that the Village Hall be offered half the amount requested.
- A photo album of past images of Swaffham Prior from the Cambridge Collection – one copy each to the Village Hall, The Red Lion, St Cyriac's church and Swaffham Prior Primary. This was felt to meet all criteria and it was agreed that the PC support it.
- Replacing the Scout's stolen kit – Steve Kent-Phillips suggested a one-off donation from a different budget area be made and as such, it will be discussed at the March PC meeting.
- Renovation of the Scout hut. A 'wants' list had been supplied by the Scouts from which items could be chosen. Again after much debate regarding criteria, it was agreed that funding be supplied for the replacement external doors and guttering.

It was decided that the remaining budget surplus could be spent on other suitable projects as they arise and apply.

**Play area:** Steve Kent-Phillips reported that on inspection, the original spring from the spring daisy is bent and needed to be dug out and replaced. This has increased the cost of replacing the spring daisy from £200.00 to £400.00. Steve Kent-Phillips also noted that new bird spikes and potentially new matting will need to be purchased after the next RoSPA inspection.

**Clerk's report:** Letters regarding the clearing of the Lower End ditch have been sent – no response received.

The Annual Village Assembly hall booking has been amended to just the main hall.

The cemetery cost sheet on the cemetery noticeboard has been updated.

An email inviting Darren Hughes (ECDC recycling officer) to the AVA has been sent, but no response received as yet.

A funeral director and a grave digger have been in touch regarding the new

cemetery regulations. They said that locally 6' is standard for a double grave and that a 7' grave required a bigger digger, bigger skip and was consequently more expensive to excavate. It would also be difficult to excavate to that depth by hand when a grave plot is between plots already in use. They also noted that the use of shoring required a bigger hole and that chalk is generally stable; the grave digger requested that he have access to the sexton's shed to store the necessary boards. The PC decided that the 7' depth for a double grave is kept, but if it proved impossible to reach, the clerk be notified; shoring is to remain as a necessity. The funeral director questioned leaving a grave plot level would lead to it ending up sunken after settling occurred; closer reading of the cemetery regulations showed that the grave must be left level after settlement.

Three grave stones have fallen over, belonging to Florence Prentice, Eveline and William Goer and Nellie May, Henry Robert and Rose May Scott. It was decided to leave them where they are for the time being.

Old burial records need to be retrieved from the archives as the 100 year grant of Exclusive Right of Burial (GERB) means that anything granted from 1920 onwards is still relevant. The clerk requested that the PC think again about the 100 year GERB as it can result in trying to trace ownership over several generations, which is complicated.

**Fordham Parish Council** have been in touch asking for support for a Public Spaces Protection Order regarding dog fouling and anti-social behavior – email to be kept on file under correspondence for present.

#### **Parish Councillors' reports:**

Steve Kent-Phillips reported that a tree in the cemetery had fallen over in the high winds, damaging a neighbouring fence. It will need removing and the other trees in the cemetery need looking at with a view to cut down. Action: Clerk to contact a company for an itemized quotation. The PC agreed to pay for the replacement fence panel.

Andrew Camps requested Steve Kent-Phillips contact the Highways agency regarding standing water on the B1102 near the Swaffham Prior slipway. Steve Kent-Phillips noted that he had already reported the 30mph sign that has blown over.

The Clerk read out a report sent by David Greenfield regarding the heating scheme – see elsewhere in the Crier (*Not here! Eds*)

John Covill reported that trees on both side of the football field gate have blown over – Steve Kent-Phillips had already reported them.

#### **Open question time:**

Alastair Everitt suggested that people attending the Annual Village Assembly bring along items they are unsure how to recycle for advice from Darren Hughes, if he attends.

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

**The next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020 starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All are welcome to attend.**

***Jude Griffiths, Clerk to the Parish Council.***  
Tel 745 106, Email [swaffhampriorclerk@gmail.com](mailto:swaffhampriorclerk@gmail.com)

Hello, thanks for reading this page once again, I appreciate it.

I continue my series of 'living the questions' and hope this is something that gets you thinking as it did me.

One of the things I get to do quite a lot is care for people through illness and death, and care for their loved ones too. That probably doesn't come as much of a surprise, but it may surprise you to hear that I really thrive in that part of my ministry. Many of my colleagues hate doing funeral services, but I really love and value this part of my life and ministry. Obviously, these times are not fun, but they are really significant, and I count it a huge privilege and honour to be a small part of helping people through such times by being there for them, leading them through, and sharing words of comfort and hope.

The prospect of death raises all kinds of questions about **'how then shall I live?'** It is a sobering and potentially transformative act to ponder the life that has been lived. **What things of real worth will have been left behind for others? Are they marked by love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control?**

Will you join me in reflecting on these questions personally? **What legacy do you want to leave behind? How will people describe you?** The Bible says that the evidence of a life lived well, a life lived God's way, will be love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. They are known as the 'fruit of the Spirit'. That's how I want to be known.

If your thoughts on these questions lead you to want to continue the conversation and I can be of any help, please do get in touch, I'd be very happy to listen and chat. You are also, as ever, very welcome to join us at RENEW Church, a bunch of ordinary people looking to Jesus and trying our best to follow Him together.

God bless you today, and enable you to be a blessing to others.

*Rev'd Alan*

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## Wicken Fen News

We're thinking about the new season ahead and making plans for all the work that needs to be done to keep the reserve running smoothly, whether that's greeting visitors, cutting grass, or helping in the office. We'll be recruiting new volunteers for various roles at Wicken Fen soon. Our Volunteer Recruitment event will take place on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March; call in anytime between 10:30am and 3.30pm. If you're unable to make this date, but would like to know more, please contact peter Green, Volunteer Co-ordinator, email [peter.green@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:peter.green@nationaltrust.org.uk)

The café expansion project is finished and was launched on Tuesday 3rd March.

Come and taste the new items on our menu and experience the more spacious and redesigned seating area. There will be a wider range of light meals, snacks, cakes, bakes and drinks available now that we have a bigger, better equipped kitchen. Pop in to see what's on offer!

The theme for March's Mucky Pups sessions is 'Muddy March' - so pack up some wellies and waterproofs and head to Wicken Fen for some outdoor fun! These sessions are specially for under 5's, bringing them close to nature, and encouraging them to enjoy fun, adventures and exploration. You can book either Wednesday 11 or Thursday 12 March; sessions are from 10:15-11:45am and cost £5 per child, accompanying adults free. Call 01353 720274 to book to find out more.



Our adult events include 'The Wild Remedy', an evening with author Emma Mitchell exploring the link between nature and wellbeing (12 March), Fenland Landscape Watercolour Workshop (14 March) and Introduction to Mindful Bird-watching course (25 April, 2, 9, 16 May). See <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wicken-fen-nature-reserve/whats-on> for more information.

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## FREECYCLE

If you have any offers or wants, please contact me by the 14<sup>th</sup> of each month by phone (01223 813362/07980 423210), e-mail ([junthompson44@gmail.com](mailto: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.



**Offers:** Card Table (Green Baize Top, one leg bit wobbly but easily fixed); Child's Drop Side Cot; Music Centre Stand (H. 75cms, 3 shelves, Black). Lesley 01223 812901.

**Wanted:** Cricket bats, gloves, pads, balls etc suitable for U13 and U15 age groups. We wish to take to Sri Lanka for a local cricket club in the summer. Mary-Louisa 01223 813922

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

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>)

## Services in the Anglesey Benefice in March

Sunday 1 March <b>Bulbeck</b>	8am	Holy Communion (BCP), <b>Swaffham</b>
	9.30am	Village Worship, <b>Quy Village Hall</b>
	11am	Morning Worship, <b>Swaffham Bulbeck</b> Holy Communion (CW1), <b>Bottisham</b>
Wednesday 4 March	8pm	“C by C” (Short candlelit meditative service), <b>Bottisham</b>
Sunday 8 March	9.30am	Holy Communion (VC), <b>Swaffham Bulbeck</b>
	11am	Family Communion, <b>Lode</b>
Sunday 15 March	8am	Holy Communion (BCP), <b>Bottisham</b>
	9.30am	Holy Communion (CW1), <b>Quy</b>
	11am	Family Service with Baptism, <b>Swaffham Prior</b>
Saturday 21 March	2.30pm	Messy Church Mothering Sunday Workshop, <b>Quy</b>
Sunday 22 March Mothering Sunday	9.30am	Children’s Church, <b>Lode</b>
	11am	Morning Worship, <b>Quy</b> Holy Communion (CW1T), <b>Swaffham Prior</b>
Sunday 29 March	9.30am	Morning Worship, <b>Swaffham Bulbeck</b>
	11am	Holy Communion (CW1), <b>Bottisham</b>
	6pm	Evensong, <b>Swaffham Prior</b>

*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](mailto:suethevic@btinternet.com)*

*Detail of services and events can be found on [www.angleseygroupparishes.co.uk](http://www.angleseygroupparishes.co.uk);  
[www.facebook.com/angleseychurches](https://www.facebook.com/angleseychurches); [www.achurchnearyou.com/](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/)*

*For weddings and baptisms please contact: [admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk](mailto:admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk);  
For funerals please contact the vicar directly.*

## Dates for Your Diary March 2020

Wed	11	Lent Lunch, 73 High St, 12 noon [9]
Thu	12	PC Meeting, VH 7.30pm [28]
Fri	13	
Sat	14	Quiz Night, VH, 7.30pm [3]
Sun	15	
Mon	16	WI, VH. 7.30pm [20]
Tue	17	Village Gardeners, VH, 8pm [21]
Fri	20	<b>Crier Copy Deadline</b>
Sat	21	Pop Up Tea Shop, VH, 3-5pm [10] Messy Mother's Day, St Mary's Church, Stowe-cum Quy [9]
Tue	31	Councillors Surgery, Lode VH (afterwards in The Shed), Lode 6.30pm [23]
<b>April</b>		
Thu	2	Buses and Cycles Meeting, VH, 7.30pm [4]

*Numbers in square brackets indicate page number of an accompanying article*

Club	Contact	Tel.	Date	Time	Place
FOSPS			2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon of Term	8pm	Village School
Beavers, Cubs and Scouts	Tim Doe	01223 861083	Variable		
Reading Group	Brenda Wilson	743937	1 <sup>st</sup> Weds of month	8:00pm	Kent House
Village Gardeners	Margaret Joyce	744390	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues of month	8:00pm	Village Hall
WI	Pat Cook	742224	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon of month	7.30 pm	Village Hall