



# The Swaffham Crier

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## Editorial

This last month, we had a very sad goodbye indeed to Ophir Catling, for many years our (non) Resident Poet and Correspondent on Skye since he moved there from Swaffham Prior in 1998. Ophir, on the other hand, seems to have been gleefully anticipating this moment for some time now (see his 2015 poem and short obit on page 6) and meanwhile practising his heavenly queuing-up in the Post Office. And quite mysteriously, I think that the ONLY time we have ever published without a poem by Ophir was ... the month he died. He'd sent one, but it was accidentally omitted - see page 20 for his very last poem, and the cover for one of his pictures. Good luck with the Heavenly Bureaucrats, Ophir!

Incidentally, we hope to be collating his poems and his art works into a booklet which will publish on our Website, and maybe also in print. Meanwhile, Earthly Bureaucracy continues unabated but ever more on GREEN side, it would appear. This month we have no less than THREE Eco-Energy proposals, the first of which we are perhaps overly-familiar with by now — Heating Swaffham Prior (this is the month we decide) but there are also Grants for Cosy Homes (p. 13) and the proposed 'Sunnica Energy Farm' (p. 15). Hmmm, we hope this is not another Huge Power Station with the 6 eco-friendly 200 foot Cooling Towers etc.

Additionally, through our letter-boxes has come another opportunity to get the Solar Panels on our roofs at a cheaper price, plus acquire some battery storage to overcome the obvious limitations of this technology. Just visit [www.solartogether.co.uk/cambridgeshire](http://www.solartogether.co.uk/cambridgeshire) to register an interest, but you'll need to be quick, October 6<sup>th</sup> is the closing date.

And it's HALLOWEEN, COVID permitting! We're not up to Pumpkin technology anymore, but we SHALL be putting a LIGHTED CANDLE in a window (and we suggest other residents do the same). This means we have loads of sweets to give away for Best Tricks and we don't want to be eating them at Bookclub again (on the other hand, they were quite nice...).

*Caroline Matheson*

**Cover Picture: Geese over The Tables by Ophir Catling**

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## Letters to the Editors



Dear Editors,

### **Harvest Supper at Home**

If I am not too late for the next edition of the Crier please will you send a great big 'THANK YOU' to the Ladies who provided the Harvest Supper At Home - it was absolutely fabulous! It arrived at the door beautifully packed with everything we had ordered and my family and I thoroughly enjoyed it. They must have been busy all day!

Aren't we lucky to live in Swaffham Prior where these wonderful events just happen, despite the virus. I hope the result was worth all the trouble it took them.

*Betty Prime*

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Dear Editors,

### **Macmillan coffee morning**

I think huge thanks, should go to Ruth and Robin Scovil and son flown in specially to do "track and trace", who, against all odds - Covid, Boris, Rule of Six, masks, social distancing and storm force winds (but no rain) - held a very successful MacMillan coffee morning in their and neighbours' gardens.

Their amazing effort and determination ensured a very enjoyable occasion, of which sadly at the moment, there are few.

*A Grateful Swaffham Prior Resident*

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Dear Editors,

### **Relocating Milton Sewage Works**

I am writing to you as the editors of The Swaffham Crier

I would like to confirm that you are aware of Anglian Water's proposal to relocate Milton Sewage Works. One of the three proposed sites is Honey Hill, which lies between Fen Ditton and Horningsea. It lies within the area proposed for the Wicken Fen Vision and within a few hundred meters of Stow-cum-Quy SSSI.

This is an area of significant importance. It is 100% Green Belt and forms part of the Green Lung of Cambridge, so vital for the physical and mental well-being of all those that access this space. It is home to rare species of insects, rich in flora and fauna and crisscrossed by well-used footpaths, bridlepaths and cycle tracks. It runs close to Fleam Dyke and other ancient sites, including rare Bronze Age remains. One possible access to the site via High Ditch Road would see approximately 140 HGV movements per day, necessitating major road widening and damaging or destroying the archaeological remains. This route would also cut across the National Cycle Route 51, linking Cambridge to Swaffham Prior and other neighbouring villages. Furthermore, the geology of Honey Hill is unsuitable for a sewage works and could very likely lead to groundwater contamination. These are just some of our concerns.

If you and the residents of Swaffham Prior are aware of the proposals and the

impact they will have, I hope you will respond. To find out more visit:

**Facebook** - Fen Ditton Friends

**Youtube** - Save Honey Hill Instagram -

<https://www.instagram.com/savehoneyhill/?igshid=g7c2fad11nf>

Twitter <https://twitter.com/SaveHoneyHill1>

Email: [info@savehoneyhill.org](mailto:info@savehoneyhill.org) or Anglian Water website at [www.cwwtpr.com](http://www.cwwtpr.com)

Please share this information amongst groups, friends and residents who value nature and our fen-edge environment.

With kind regards

*Jenny Krombacher*

*Eds note: This is an edited version of a letter which arrived just too late to be included in last month's **Crier** and before the close of Anglian Water's consultation period in mid-September. It may however still be of local interest.*

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Dear Editors

### **Heating Swaffham Prior**

Our excellent Parish Council is representative not only of the wide range of people in the village, but also of where they live. At the August meeting the following facts were recorded with the thoughts of the nine members (including the Clerk) on the Heating Scheme.

*Too Distant 1 (11.1%); With Air Heat Pumps 2 (22.2%); Undecided 2 (22.2%); Opposed 3 (33.3%); Will Sign Up 1 (11.1%).*

**IF** we apply these figures to 300 houses the results are as follows:

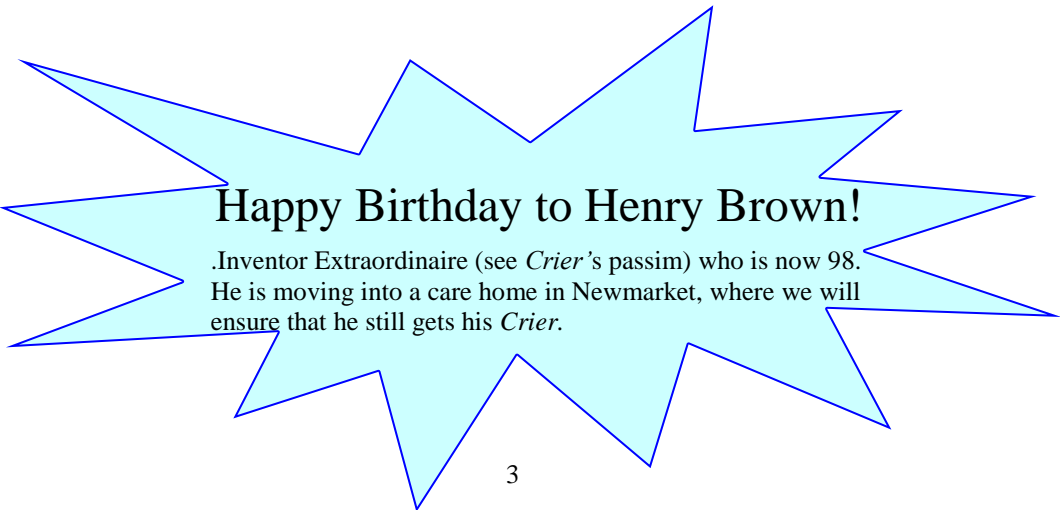
**Will Not/Cannot 6.** This is 66.6%, or **200** of the 300 houses.

**Undecided 2.** This is 22.2% or **67** of the 300 houses.

**Will Sign Up 1.** This is 11.1% or **33** of the 300 houses.

Food for thought? Probably also sufficient information in the last *Crier* for the "Don't Knows" to make a decision?

*Alastair Everitt*



## **Happy Birthday to Henry Brown!**

.Inventor Extraordinaire (see *Crier's* passim) who is now 98.  
He is moving into a care home in Newmarket, where we will ensure that he still gets his *Crier*.

## From our Reporter at the Parish Council Meeting

**Cycling is all the Rage.** Or it would be if the excessively powerful Cycling Lobby had its way. In Cambridge they are causing chaos by closing roads to cars without consultation or notice. It has been discovered that there are more cyclists in Cambridge and Oxford than in any other towns. Surprise, surprise! And that there are more accidents between cars and cyclists in these two places. Another great surprise. We must be so grateful to these researchers. The result is – close roads to cars – driven by “irresponsible wretched people”.



Some readers may ask what this has to do with Swaffham Prior. We must be aware that the zealots are just around the corner.



Remember they want to close the slip road into the village to cars. It will be reserved for walkers and, of course, the beloved cyclists. This is such a ridiculous suggestion that it will not happen. But the Cycling Lobby is on a mission and all of us have to be watchful. And they are sharing a £250 million design scheme to promote Green Transport. Wouldn't that make you feel good and righteous if you were part of that movement. What can we poor sinners do? Struggle along with our walking sticks, buy a disabled buggy, cycle along at a wobbly 7 miles per hour? Or just stay at home, keep out of the way and carry on waiting for our knee operation.

There is great concern that ECDC wish to turn Mepal Outdoor Centre into a Crematorium. What a very strange thing to do. We are told that if we don't exercise we are likely have an early death. Is this to help us on our way? Steve quoted Standing Order 1Z which said that “Meetings should not exceed a period of two and a half hours” This was noted and I am sure that all members were delighted and much relieved. Peter hart asked that he no longer is listed as “Footpath Warden”. He had been such a good, conscientious and sensible warden, and the Village owes him thanks.

**At the July meeting,** David, through a close examination of the rules and regulations convinced our PC that it “was responsible for preventing the transmission of Covid 19” in the **Playground**. I am not sure that any other Parish Council is aware of this. It appears a bit hard to prove that a child who had arrived straight from school or even from Tesco had been infected in the Playground. However the PC, taking its responsibilities seriously, had agreed to David's suggestion that they should pay for a deep-clean of the playground – actual costs £198.00.

After this was done a new notice was put up on



the gate. I don't know who wrote this but it appears to be - well - I am not sure how to describe it. I like to think of a 6 or 7 year old child reading "Please wipe down the play equipment where it has been touched before and after use." It could well scratch it's head. How will the child know where it has been touched etc. Let anyone try to do this with the Slide and give their comments in the *Crier*.

*Alastair Everitt*

## **Join the 'BMI Can Do It' movement**

Do you want to live a healthier, happier life? An exciting healthy living movement has launched in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, helping you eat well, sleep well and move more.

Driven by the local NHS, BMI Can Do It has been developed specifically for local residents like you to support your journey towards a healthier lifestyle. The movement is supported by an investment of up to £1m by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and includes exciting healthy living challenges as well as a suite of resources to help you take practical steps towards a healthier life.

Dr Jessica Randall-Carrick, a local GP and lead for Obesity and Diabetes at the CCG, explains: "If you have a higher than recommended BMI then you are at a higher risk of developing Type 2 Diabetes, cancer, or having a stroke or heart attack. We also know that you are at greater risk of serious health consequences if you contract COVID-19, which is why we want to help encourage people to join our movement to eat well, sleep well and move more.

"We know it's not always easy, but by taking those first steps towards a healthier lifestyle you will have a positive impact on your health. That's why we are asking everyone to say BMI Can Do It and get involved today!"

You can join the movement by visiting [www.bmicandoit.co.uk](http://www.bmicandoit.co.uk) or by following us on social media @BMICanDoIt on Instagram and Twitter, Find us on Facebook by searching for BMI Can Do It or the hashtag #BMICanDoIt.

*Eds Note: Alternatively, simply copy the NHS's own regime (I lived on it for 7 weeks, and after 3 weeks, became a text-book case of health, BMI, blood pressure, heart beats, the lot. This involves idly strolling about the place every hour or so, absolutely no fresh fruit of veg and Proper Puddings every day!)*

## **FOUND**

**Cuddly soft toy found in the lane between Fairview Grove and Cage Hill on Sunday 6th September.**

**Please call 07934899106 to collect.**

## Ophir Catling

It was with great sadness that we learnt in late August of the death in Skye aged 95 of Ophir Catling. In recent years he had become a regular contributor to the *Crier* with his much-loved poetry. The poem below seems particularly appropriate given its subject matter but it also nicely illustrates his style as poet which bears comparison with Robert Burns by whose work it was inspired.

Ophir and his wife Edna, whom he had met in 1943, lived in the village at 'The Stables' High Street for four years from 1964-8 and then at 'Heights' Adam's Road from 1996-8 before moving to Skye from where he kept in regular touch with friends from the village including the *Crier*. Those who had not moved here until after they left in 1998 will probably know their son, Paul, who was the village's Parish Council Clerk for a few years recently.

As well as poetry, letters and pictures for publication, he wrote lovely emails and those around the time of Edna's death in late 2013 are especially moving. By good fortune we have one last poem which Ophir had sent us a month or two before he died and which we can now print as the last of the series (see page 20).

His paintings perhaps have an even greater legacy in the village than his poetry. One of them is given for a year to the winner of the Gay Bulleid award, others provided designs for the church kneelers, others were reproduced as *Crier* covers. As this month's cover we have chosen one of Ophir's lovely pictures of Skye - a fitting way to remember him, his work and his life. A truly remarkable and talented man.

*The Editors*

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### Ground work? The sequel?

First line borrowed from R, Burns

I'm now arrived - thanks to the gods -  
- I came with many others  
My Vital Energy's in the queue  
With parents, sisters, brothers.  
Not that to look at them  
You can tell which one is which;  
All Energies look alike 'round here  
We all have the same niche.

We have to wait till a window's free-  
- The scribes call us by name;,  
They can recognise us  
And know from whence we came..  
My queuing at the Post Office  
Back in the days of yore  
Stands me in good stead; I feel  
I've done all this before

I'm bound to say, "What I see here  
Fills me with admiration";  
"No earth-words can describe the place  
It exceeds my expectation".  
"But what they have in mind for me  
As yet I have no clue".  
Energies, when processed, hurry off  
As though they know just what to do.

And it's all so quiet, no chitchat,  
No noise of any sort.  
The scribes appear to know it all  
As they file their report.  
I think I may just like it here  
If I'm allowed to stay  
But that depends, I understand  
On what happened ---- yesterday?

*Ophir*

(First published in the Crier, June 2015)

# **JULIE'S AUTUMN RECIPES**

## **Oregano chicken & Squash traybake**

180g pack grilled artichokes (if not jar)  
1 ½ tbsp olive oil  
1 tsp dried oregano  
2 tsp cumin seeds  
8 chicken drumsticks or chicken thigh fillets  
1 butternut squash cut into chunks  
150g mixed olives, pitted and roughly chopped  
Large handful of rocket

Heat the oven to 200c, Measure out 1 and a half tbsp's of the oil from the grilled artichoke pack. Mix with the olive oil, oregano and cumin. Put the chicken and the squash into a large roasting tin, mix well with the flavoured oil and season if desired.

Roast in the oven for 45 mins until tender and golden. After that time add the chopped olives and artichokes for a further 5 minutes. When ready, stir in the rocket and serve.

## **Autumn tomato chutney**

1 kg ripe tomatoes, peeled and chopped  
750g cooking apples, peeled, cored and chopped  
375g light muscovado sugar  
250g onion chopped  
250g raisins  
1 green pepper, deseeded and chopped  
2 tsp salt  
½ tsp ground ginger  
350g cider vinegar

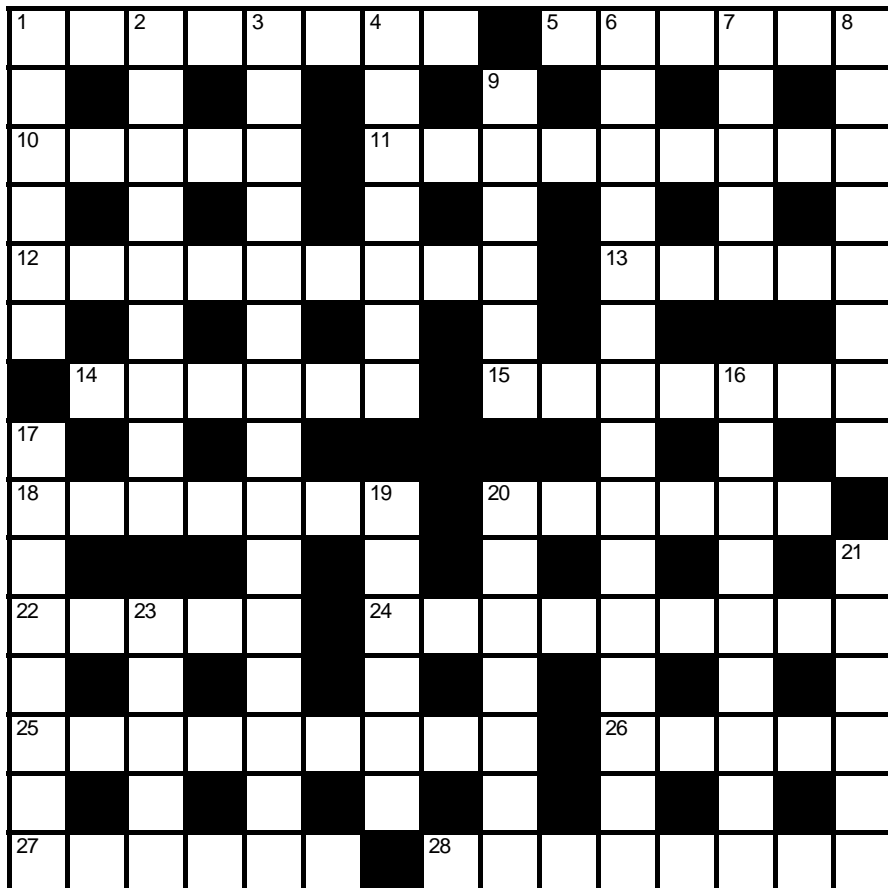
Put all the ingredients into a large pan and bring to the boil over a medium heat. Stir occasionally until the sugar has dissolved. Boil the mixture uncovered for about 45-50 mins until the fruit is tender and thickened. Cool and transfer to sterilised jars and seal.

# Crossword Number 178

Compiled by **NIBOR**

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

NB: emailed solutions are acceptable but please include "CROSSWORD" and the crossword number in the header.



Name:.....

Address:.....

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



## Across

- 1 Terribly hot in type of film garment (8)
- 5 Carriage seen in New Zealand, Australia and England (6)
- 10 Sick after French tuck (5)
- 11 Top grub as cooked here (9)
- 12 Record company had great arrangement before Penny left the country (9)
- 13 He reveres H Selassie - a star turn (5)
- 14 Gently start character acting like many loving youths (6)
- 15 Love from office with US backing will do (7)
- 18 Sea eagle nests in flipping dead surroundings forever (7)
- 20 Live in old couple first take cup to young leader (6)
- 22 Butcher of Uganda gets honour expression (5)
- 24 Misjudged in the past, journalist follows returning sailor (9)
- 25 Varying compound interest lacks coupons; that's a disadvantage... (9)
- 26 ...I'm a trader; that's perfect (5)
- 27 Rush to find employment (6)
- 28 In confusion, cold-heartedly cast off cello; it was wet (8)

- 4 Holding midnight lynching after dark (7)
- 6 Big ship sounds like plain sort of bag (8,7)
- 7 Drugs for fools (5)
- 8 International organisation overwhelmed but not defeated (8)
- 9 whispers from a team skinhead (6)
- 16 I'm in hospital and can't wait to get out! (9)
- 17 Occasional sort of table (8)
- 19 Relax in Waterloo sentry box (6)
- 20 Clearly past the first of the last year (7)
- 21 Confused Labour leader in supplementary surroundings (6)
- 23 Bury inert characters (5)

## Solution to crossword no. 177

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## Down

- 1 Officer leading very loud early English beginners to get drink (6)
- 2 Start putting one US soldier in fancy surroundings (9)
- 3 Henry Moore lamp I smashed in Charlemagne's realm (4,5,6)

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

## The Cummings Affair *continued*

Lord Peter Wimsey and Bunter confer.

**Bunter:** “What did Father Brown say my Lord?” **Wimsey:** “Well it was strange. Have you ever met him?” **Bunter:** “That has not been my pleasure.” **Wimsey:** “Well, he is the most nondescript little cleric I have ever seen. Very retiring, speaks very softly and gently. And yet there is a considered certainty in what he says.” **Bunter:** “But what did he say? Will he take the case?” **Wimsey:** He said yes, but not yet.” **Bunter:** “The reason?” **Wimsey:** “He said ‘Give it time. Cummings is an Anarchist. He will be found out,’” **Bunter:** So we wait.” **Wimsey:** “Yes”

*To be continued ...*



## WHAT WOULD YOU CELEBRATE?

**There was an invitation in the August/Sept Crier asking readers what they would like to celebrate.**

**This was inspired by Thomas Newbolt’s drawing of the imbibing couple on the front cover of the Aug/Sept Crier.**

**The response has been quite amazing. Because of space we have just taken the essence of each entry.**

“The completion of the Scout Hut” “*An effective Test and Tracing System*”  
“Remaining in Europe” “*Getting out of Europe*” “Winning the pools” “*Continued warm weather*” “Life in outline” “*Sketches*” “An efficient and honest Health Secretary” “*Able to go on Cruise Ships again*” “A successful anti-Covid 19 vaccine”  
“*Lucy Fraser, MP, QC voting against breaking International Law*” “The downfall of Dominic Cummings” “*Skating on the Fens again*” “A Labour Government”  
“*Being able to crowd into the Red Lion*” “More honesty from politicians” “*The School remaining open*”



## Next Step:

# Designing Your Connection

## (Free individual workshops)

Calling all homes with a potential interest in joining the heat network to sign-up for an individual design workshop with an engineer.

The design session will plan the network route and Heat Interface Unit location within your property. Engineers will also assess measures for which you could apply to the Green Homes Grant to make other household improvements. Take advantage of this free design session, to discuss details of the project and your home!

[www.heatingswaffhamprior.co.uk/designnow/](http://www.heatingswaffhamprior.co.uk/designnow/) or phone 0207 0480450

## BOOK NOW!

All homes eligible for a design session: oil / gas / electric / conservation and housing association tenants. Free remote design session to plan your household connection to the network. There is no obligation to sign-up to the network at this stage.

## The Future of Oil

A UK without oil is not as far away as many of us might think. In 2018 the UK Government put plans in place to phase out oil from our homes through the Clean Growth Strategy.

***“our ambition is to phase out the installation of high carbon fossil fuel heating in new and existing off gas grid residential buildings (which are mostly in rural areas) during the 2020s...”*** [Clean Growth Strategy, para 15, page 79, UK Gov, 2018]

As a result of Covid-19, the ‘Build Back Better’ and Green Homes Grant programmes recently launched, the UK’s pathway to achieving these goals is quickly accelerating. The days of oil subsidies, cheaper fossil fuels, and low-priced oil boilers will gradually come to an end, as policy continues to support the renewable alternatives and green economy. Perhaps you have already taken some action at home, changing to a green electricity tariff, installing solar panels, or by simply remembering to turn-off the lights! The Heating Swaffham Prior project will support you in making the move away from oil, electric, or gas heating, without any up-front costs.

## ***As a village, Swaffham Prior can be a step ahead.***

Book a household design session to discuss how your home can connect to the network, and what household improvements are possible through the Green Homes Grant. Book a design session on: [www.heatingswaffhamprior.co.uk/designnow/](http://www.heatingswaffhamprior.co.uk/designnow/) or phone 0207 0480450

To find out more about the Green Homes Grant ahead of the design session, see [www.simpleenergyadvice.org.uk](http://www.simpleenergyadvice.org.uk) (go to ‘Find Out More about the Green Homes Grant’). They have a useful tool to check your eligibility and type of improvements that can be made.

***Janet Hall***

## Heating Swaffham Prior Event Calendar

| Date                                  | Time            | Event   |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|---|
| Monday<br>5 <sup>th</sup> October     | By appointment  | Bookings open for household design sessions<br><a href="http://www.heatingswaffhamprior.co.uk/designnow/">www.heatingswaffhamprior.co.uk/designnow/</a><br><br>02070 480 450  |
| Saturday<br>10 <sup>th</sup> October  | 2.30pm – 6.15pm | Heat Interface Unit, village tour. Step out your door, to see what could be fitted in your home.<br>2.30pm Red Lion (driveway) 8.30am<br>3.30pm Greenhead Rd (Green)<br>4.30pm Fairview Grove (Roundabout)<br>5.30pm Lower End bus stop |
| Wednesday<br>21 <sup>st</sup> October | 8-9.30pm        | Heat Supply Agreement Consultation public meeting   |
| Wednesday<br>21 <sup>st</sup> October | N/A             | Changes to the Heat Supply Agreement announced (see <a href="http://www.heatingswaffhamprior.co.uk/HSA/">www.heatingswaffhamprior.co.uk/HSA/</a> )  |



**Readers will be delighted to know that Tesco's etc are now rationing Loo Paper again. Yes, Loo Roll occupied Garage Space may finally be freed up...**

# Swaffham Prior Cosy Homes Project

## Green Homes Grant

– for improving the energy efficiency of your home

From the beginning of October this year, the government has made available £2 billion to homeowners, private and social landlords in England to support energy efficiency improvements in homes. The government will provide a voucher worth up to £5000 to help cover the cost of making energy efficient improvements to your home. If you are on benefits you could receive up to £10,000.

Improvements could include insulating your home to reduce your energy use or installing low-carbon heating to lower the amount of carbon dioxide your home produces. The government will provide a voucher that covers two-thirds of the cost of qualifying energy efficiency or low carbon heating improvements to your home. The maximum value of the voucher is £5,000. If you are on a low income and receive certain benefits, you can receive a voucher covering all of the cost of the improvements. The maximum value of the voucher is £10,000.

The voucher is available for insulation in the loft, room-in-roof, underfloor, cavity walls, solid walls and flat roofs and for insulating a park home. It will cover two-thirds of the qualifying energy efficiency measure up to £5000. It actively encourages homeowners to take a “fabric-first” approach to ensuring that you have a cosy home for the winter period and that it does not get too hot during the summer.

This, also **complements the Heating Swaffham Prior Project** that will provide thermal energy to be pumped through a network, into homes within the village utilising a Ground and Air Source and Air Heat Pump.

Unfortunately, you must redeem the Green Homes Grant voucher and ensure improvements are completed by 31 March 2021. **So, is it worth the trouble?**

Ely based consultancy pjb Associates has teamed up with Heating Swaffham Prior to establish the “Swaffham Prior Cosy Homes Project. Senior Partner, Peter Bates, a qualified Retrofit Advisor and Coordinator is offering a free initial individual 20 min consultation, by telephone, online via Zoom or face-to-face by the Red Lion Pub. For small groups, a free consultation is also available for up to 60 mins via Zoom or at the Red Lion Pub.

There will be opportunities to discuss developing a medium-term retrofit plan, looking at “fabric first”, the complications of listed buildings and for those who are too far away from linking up to the community heating system, we can discuss other low carbon heating solutions and grants that are available.

You should initially look at the new government Simple Energy Advice website at <https://www.simpleenergyadvice.org.uk>

But, if you need more information and advice contact Peter Bates email [her@pjb.co.uk](mailto:her@pjb.co.uk) or Tel 01353 667973

# Ely area capacity enhancement programme



## Introduction

The Ely area capacity enhancement (EACE) programme is a proposal to upgrade the railway to allow more trains to run through Ely.

At this stage, we are looking at options to improve connectivity and reliability for passenger services and meet the demand for more rail freight between the Port of Felixstowe, the West Midlands and the North to support sustainable, long-term economic growth.

## Funding and consent

Network Rail has secured £13.1m funding from the Department for Transport and £9.3m funding from the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and the Strategic Freight Network to understand the scale of the challenge to increase capacity through Ely.

## Consultation

Announced on 25 August, Network Rail are launching the first round of public consultation on 21 Sept 2020 which will be open for six weeks until 2 Nov 2020.

The first round of consultation will set out the challenges of increasing capacity, what the aspirations and benefits are, what approach is being taken for public consultation rounds and the current funding position.

Owing to the current Coronavirus situation and following Government guidance, Network Rail are conducting this first phase of public consultation remotely to maintain the safety of the public and staff.

The consultation will be run through an online portal which will be live for six weeks from 21 Sept accessed via the programme webpage [www.networkrail.co.uk/ely](http://www.networkrail.co.uk/ely). From the consultation portal, members of the public can access the online consultation survey to provide feedback about the programme to increase capacity through Ely. A hardcopy of the feedback form can be requested and sent out by post if required.

General questions about the programme can also be e-mailed to:

[ElyAreaCapacityEnhancements@networkrail.co.uk](mailto:ElyAreaCapacityEnhancements@networkrail.co.uk)

# **Sunnica**

## **Energy Farm**

### **Consultation**



We have begun consulting on our proposals for Sunnica Energy Farm. We would like to invite you to share your views on the scheme as part of the consultation.

We originally presented proposals for Sunnica Energy Farm, a new solar energy farm and battery storage facility connecting to the Burwell National Grid Substation in Cambridgeshire, at a non-statutory consultation in summer 2019.

Since then, we have considered the feedback we received from the non-statutory consultation and have continued with our environmental impact assessments. We have updated our proposals, taking into account the consultation feedback and the outputs of the assessments. As a result, we are now seeking your views on the further development of the design of our proposals and the preliminary outcomes of our environmental impact assessments.

This is a statutory consultation process that we are required to carry out by the Planning Act 2008 because the project is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP). Following the consultation, we will have regard to the feedback received through this process as we develop the final scheme. We will then prepare and submit an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO). The planning process for the application will be managed by the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) on behalf of the Secretary of State for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS).

We are holding this statutory consultation between **22 September 2020** and **2 December 2020**. This consultation is being carried out in accordance with a Statement of Community Consultation that was developed in consultation with Cambridgeshire County Council, East Cambridgeshire District Council, Suffolk County Council and West Suffolk Council.

The Sunnica web site (see below) sets out more details about our proposals and explains the different ways you can find out more and respond to the consultation. We have also produced a hard copy consultation questionnaire if you would prefer to respond this way. For further information, please contact us directly on 0808 168 7925 or [info@sunnica.co.uk](mailto:info@sunnica.co.uk).

***Luke Murray***  
Sunnica Ltd

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So it's October which means that Halloween is just around the corner! Of course I felt I needed to do a creature that was in keeping with the spooky theme so spiders were an obvious choice. Often depicted as creatures of horror- you will see many of them hanging in people's windows and on fake cobwebs in their homes during Halloween. But despite often being painted as the villain in so many stories, I'm



determined to explain why I think spiders are actually pretty great and that we really should just give them a break! They are just incy winsy spiders after all! Most British spiders found in UK homes are harmless to humans, but lots of people are scared of them nonetheless. Whether it's in the corner of our living room, in the bath or hanging quietly from the ceiling, the fact that they have 8 legs and 6 or 8 eyes sometimes seems to freak a lot of us out! It's understandable- our basic human instinct to protect ourselves against danger is in all of us. Evolution shows that we respond positively to creatures such as dogs and monkeys (animals with big wide eyes and often just two or four legs are seen as safe to be around) Perhaps also because they share similar features found in human babies so we can therefore identify with them. However our brain is designed to alert us to anything that may be a danger.

An evolutionary reason for the phobia of spiders remains unresolved. One suggestion is that our evolutionary psychology has taught us that the presence of venomous spiders led to the evolution of a fear of spiders, or made acquisition of a fear of spiders especially easy. So even when spiders pose little risk to us at all, the intensity of fear of spiders is still strong. Spiders are air-breathing arthropods- known as arachnids, that have eight legs and fangs which are generally able to inject venom and spinnerets that dispense silk. They are the largest order of arachnids and rank seventh in total species diversity among all orders of organisms. Spiders are found worldwide on every continent except for Antarctica, and have become established in nearly every habitat. In England, we are pretty lucky as we only have one type of spider that carries venom which is the false black widow spider. But in and around our homes there are three types of spider we see the most- the everyday house spider (large and black, they are the type that most people fear), Cellar spiders (tiny body, thin long legs, they are often seen hanging out in the corners of your ceiling) and lastly the common garden spider (very beautiful, look almost striped, you can normally find them, hanging out on a dewy covered cobweb in your garden).

*Saffra Monteiro*



## Wicken Fen Nature Reserve

The Boardwalk and Woodland Walk on the Sedge Fen are now open for pre-booked visitors. There is a one-way route with regular entry slots across the day. We've introduced advanced booking to keep everyone safe and maintain social distancing. To avoid disappointment, we recommend booking in advance, particularly at busier times such as weekends and bank holidays. However, where space is available on weekdays, booking may not always be necessary, so keep an eye on our website and social media feeds for the latest information. Tickets are released every Friday for the following week, and booking details can be found here <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wicken-fen-nature-reserve>

It's not necessary to pre-book to use the car park and walk in the wider reserve. Our café is also open from 10am and 4pm daily and you don't need a pre-booked ticket to be able to pick up take away drinks, snacks and ice creams, and take a seat at one of the picnic benches near the boat house. We also have a limited number of seats inside the café.

We've just brought back the popular Wicken Fen Stick Adventure Trail for families to enjoy. Bring your own stick from home or choose one when you arrive and take on our new stick challenges! This trail is on the Boardwalk on Sedge fen, so don't forget to book your slot online. If you'd rather just park and walk on Adventurers' Fen, you can try our new geocache puzzles, available on Saturday and Sunday between 10am and 2pm. Go to cycle hire to pick up a GPS device and follow the route; the hire of the GPS unit is £2 per device. At half term we'll be offering a new family trail 'Batty About Spiders' - more details to follow on our website.

Our Cycle Hire has reopened for pre-booked slots on Saturdays and Sundays. We've just taken delivery of new ebikes too, so if you'd like to more information or to book any of our bikes, please send us an email at [wickenfen@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:wickenfen@nationaltrust.org.uk). We've also got details about cycling at Wicken Fen on our website <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wicken-fen-nature-reserve/features/cycling-adventure>

We hope to see you at Wicken Fen soon.



### The Sedge Fen Windpump

(by Rob Coleman)



## Mothers' Union

With pandemic restrictions continuing and to ensure everyone stays safe the Ely Diocese Mothers' Union Autumn Festival, which normally takes place in October, has been cancelled.

In this very unusual year we have not been able to meet in fellowship, but work continues to support those around us who need our help. Members across the Diocese have continued to support the vulnerable throughout restrictions of the pandemic and self-isolation by knitting blankets and items of clothing. With winter approaching, warm hats, mitts, scarves etc. will be needed for the many homeless expected when the accommodation eviction measure ends.

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Hostels are accepting household items, tinned food and toiletries when they can, and the Unit Coordinator and Local Projects Officer are organising collection and distribution of donations.

Recognising that the effects of the global pandemic will continue to be felt across the world throughout 2021 it seems appropriate to develop our 2020 theme ('Building Hope and Confidence') to encompass 'Rebuilding Hope and Confidence' as our theme for next year. As people seek to come to terms with loss of all kinds, from bereavement to loss of livelihood, relationships, wellbeing and other challenges, our work of rebuilding hope and confidence will be vital.

*Ann Langran*



**National Trust**

## Anglesey Abbey

"With the rich tones of oranges and reds beginning to appear in the gardens, autumn is well and truly on its way at Anglesey Abbey. Whilst the house remains closed, the gardens are still providing much needed fresh air to all who visit, with a focus on the circular route in the coming months which takes in many of the tree-lined avenues. Coming up in the next few weeks for families we've got our Autumn Bucket List activity, and we'll be going mad for minibeasts this October Half Term, sharing details of the creepy crawlies who call Anglesey Abbey Home. Keep an eye on our website for further details in the weeks ahead.

We've loved welcoming back some of the regular faces we've come to recognise and hearing the joy in response to being able to explore the gardens after such an unprecedented year. We've introduced advance booking at many places to keep everyone safe and maintain social distancing. To avoid disappointment please book in advance, especially at busier times such as weekends and bank holidays. However, where space is available on weekdays, pre-booking may not always be necessary so you can pop in for a more spontaneous visit. We hope to see you soon."

*Kayley Wilcockson*

Visitor Experience Officer

## The Reading Group Reads... **An American Marriage**

By Tayari Jones

It's the story of Roy and Celestial, an African American couple, whose marriage is torn apart, after a year, when Roy is falsely accused of rape and is sentenced to 12 years in prison.

The whole story is written in alternating chapters, told by Roy and Celestial and when Roy's in prison, in the form of letters. Andre becomes a third story teller, the man who'd introduced the couple, had known Celestial the whole of her life and "had loved her for at least that long".

They are all graduates — Roy from a humble family in Louisiana, brought up by his mother and step father whose father had been a share cropper, Celestial from a more middle class family, in Atlanta, whose father had been a chemistry teacher, but had become very wealthy after devising a chemical formula for the drinks industry and Andre who'd been Celestial's neighbour since they were small children.

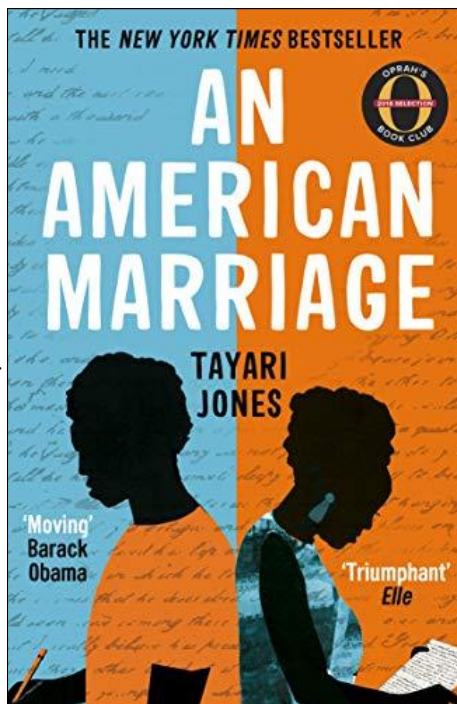
The history and background of the parents, is subtly woven into the main fabric of the story. Roy now a successful young executive and Celestial, - not a southern belle, but a "Georgia Peach", following her dream of making exclusive, very expensive dolls — 'poupees' — "I guess that's why god invented white folk", says her, less than enchanted, mother in law. Well—she's enchanted by the dolls, but not Celestial.

Whilst in prison, Roy meets his real father—Walter, a hopeless, wise, kind old hobo, has a lawyer uncle of Celestial's constantly fighting to get his case reviewed, which he finally does and Roy is released after five years and Celestial, having been supported by Andre, during her husband's imprisonment, inevitably falls in love with him and writes to Roy, saying she no longer wants to be his wife.

Complicated, convoluted, lots happen, but by the end, to all intents and purposes, things are satisfactory. Huge compromises have been made, minds changed, loyalties remain largely intact and the protagonists happy.

Read it and see!

**In November we are reading *The Bee Keeper of Aleppo* by Christy Lefteri and In December *The Citadel* by AJ Cronin, when regrettably we'll probably have to Zoom again.**



*Margaret Joyce*

## HEALTH ADVICE to one of the OVER 40s

You shouldn't run a lot at your age, Mr Elliot.  
You shouldn't over-exercise your heart.  
Let's face it, you are past it  
And if you really want to last  
It is best to give up running, for a start.

You shouldn't eat a lot at your age, Mr Elliot.  
You shouldn't over stimulate your blood.  
Don't altogether ban it  
But don't emulate a gannet;  
If you can it's best to eat less suet pud.

You shouldn't drink a lot at your age, Mr Elliot.  
You shouldn't fill yourself with lots of beer.  
It's OK to quench your thirst  
But don't drink enough to burst,  
For beer's the worst drink out for flatulence, that's clear.

You shouldn't smoke a lot at your age, Mr Elliot.  
You shouldn't fill your lungs with nicotine.  
As you know you've only two  
And they're rotten, through and through,  
And we can't as yet replace with polythene.

You shouldn't sit a lot at your age, Mr Elliot.  
You shouldn't get yourself a favourite chair.  
Take some gentle exercise,  
That's the best I can advise,  
And above all, take the Very -- Greatest -- Care.

You shouldn't think a lot at your age, Mr Elliot.  
You shouldn't over-tax a tired mind.  
Though it's not much use to you,  
There is some good it can do,  
If you leave it, for research, that would be kind.

You shouldn't worry much at your age, Mr Elliot.  
You shouldn't think the end is just in sight.  
You should gently pay my bill,  
And just as gently write a will,  
And go to see a friend of mine, --- tonight.

You shouldn't do anything a lot at your age, Mr Elliot.  
It is of course, a very - dangerous - time.  
Though it's not three score and ten,  
If you think you'll last 'till then,  
I promise you, I'll write another rhyme.

There is one small thing further, Mr Elliot  
Though, now that you've passed your prime  
It has ceased to bother you -  
But just in case you do -  
It shouldn't hurt you, not just one more time.



## Cambridgeshire Fire and Safety Service

**Coronavirus** – sadly this still with us - as virulent and dangerous as ever.

In last month's Cresset we set out informed advice on how to stay safe and well – this advice is ongoing and even more relevant now, given the resurgence of cases in many districts.

Please re-read and act accordingly.

Please do visit the gov.uk website to stay abreast of current advice.

**Bonfire Night** – nearly upon us – again !  
Please do ensure that:

ALL fireworks are kept in a fireproof container

Ideally wear leather gardening type gloves

ALL people stand well clear of working fireworks

Young children do not handle fireworks – even sparklers

NEVER return to 'relight' a 'dud'

Have a bucket full of water available

If you attend an organised display, observe Social Distancing rules

Also, please don't forget that CFRS is looking for more On-Call Firefighters. These people are an extremely important part of the service provided to our communities through their training, commitment and availability by CFRS. More are needed to provide cover from home or from the workplace – please get in touch for information.

**'[firefire@cambsfire.gov.uk](mailto:firefire@cambsfire.gov.uk)'** gets you there, or telephone 0800 9179994.

**Preparing for Winter** – for those households still with open fires or solid fuel burners it continues important that chimneys are regularly swept and inspected, particularly within the roof space (out of sight – out of mind ?)

Burn suitable fuels, keep furnishings a safe distance from the fire and use an approved fire guard.

For households with central heating – please ensure that annual boiler servicing is carried out – don't leave it to chance. Breakdowns, particularly in winter are inconvenient and potentially dangerous.

**Smoke Alarms** – no apology for reiterating – Test them (one on the ceiling of every floor) weekly. Your protection is incomplete without a Carbon Monoxide Alarm too - the 'silent killer'. So, test them both regularly – ideally every week – make a note on your calendar and on your Smartphone.

If you are at all worried about safety in your home, or that of a friend or neighbour, please contact CFRS to arrange a Free Home Safety Visit.

Remember - FIRE KILLS !

**Be a Hero(ine)!**  
**CFRS is looking for**  
**more On-Call**  
**Firefighters — ring**  
**0800 9179994**

*Michael White*

## **Bottisham Surgery Patients' Participation Group**

**Thanks:** We have received two further generous donations and hopefully will soon purchase the Doppler machine and possibly another item that the surgery need as well.

**Appointments:** The Practice continues to offer on the day appointments which are initially carried out via phone or video. Where there is a clinical need, patients are invited in for a face to face consultation. All patients are now being asked to enter via the main entrance and exit via the fire exit at the other end of the corridor to try and maintain a one way system. The waiting room has now opened up again with four patients allowed to wait in this area at one time. We ask patients wherever possible to attend the surgery on their own.

**Reception:** We now have a member of the team on the front desk to help you as we have had glass screens installed. On the days that we are short staffed though you may be required to ring the bell for assistance.

We currently have one less pair of hands to answer the phones and would like to say thank you for your patience. We are encouraging all patients to register for online appointment bookings where they have the facilities to do so. We release appointments at midnight for booking that day. You can select a phone or video consultation. A new phone system is being installed at the end of September which means we will be able to have a better overflow system so additional members of the team can help answer phones during busy times.

**Dispensary:** At the start of the pandemic the dispensary was overwhelmed with patients ordering repeat medications which caused long queues and huge pressures on the service. We are very grateful to the volunteers who assisted the practice in providing a full delivery service during lockdown and patients were extremely appreciative of this. When lockdown eased the logistics of this became more difficult due to volunteers going back to work and patients not being in to receive deliveries.

We are in the process of implementing a permanent delivery service and are aiming to get this in place over the next couple of months. The practice acknowledges the feedback from patients regarding queuing outside for medication and we hope this will offer a solution to the issue and provide you with a convenient service. We will provide more details about this service in the coming weeks.

In the meantime, if anyone is struggling to get their medications, please contact the practice so we can put appropriate arrangements in place.

Can we ask anyone picking up an acute prescription to wait 3 hours before collecting if it has been generated via a phone or video consultation. This will ensure that the prescription has been received in dispensary and dispensed. If you cannot pick up your medication, please let the GP know so we can put arrangements in place to get your medication to you.

Social distancing is a challenge in the dispensary and we do have fewer staff working in the actual dispensary because of this and so we are continuing to work to a five day turnaround time.

## Scout Hut



It's getting there...passing residents have commented on the impressive progress that has been made on the Scout Hut — but more funding sources are needed!



From our District Councillors  
Charlotte Cane &  
John Trapp

Not much activity at the Council and the District the last month

There is quite a bit of resentment from residents, particularly in and around Ely, about the possible closure of the Mepal Outdoor Centre, and to replace it by a crematorium. Many residents have pointed out that, were there a need for an additional crematorium, having it at almost the northern boundary of the district doesn't help those in the south, and that the outdoor centre, if properly managed, would be a real asset to the district.

Apparently the administration has been considering closing the Outdoor Centre for over 18 months, which is when consultants had been first engaged in secret.

The questionnaire for the Bus, Cycle and Footpath survey has not yet been analysed, and the working group has not met for some time.

We are continuing with surgeries, but still cannot hold them face-to-face, and so they will be by telephone to either of us (07976 607512 for Charlotte, and 0794 268 5599 for John. The next one is on Wednesday 28 October at six o'clock, followed by a Zoom meeting (send an email to [john.trapp@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:john.trapp@eastcambs.gov.uk) to obtain the sign in details) at seven o'clock. You can contact us in the meantime by telephone or email ([charlotte.cane@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:charlotte.cane@eastcambs.gov.uk), John's as above)





# Notes from the Parish Council September Meeting

Mr John Covill chaired an online meeting on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> Sept 2020 through Zoom at which there were present eight Parish Councillors and one member of the public.

## Reports

East Cambridgeshire District Council – Cllr John Trapp reporting.

Cllr Trapp noted that there was no written report as little had happened. The Finance and Assets committee are to re-examine the proposed closure of Mepal Outdoor Centre and its conversion to a crematorium because of local concern. During the consultation regarding the Eastern Gateway into Cambridge, moving the Newmarket Park and Ride further out of Cambridge was discussed, to the area around Darwin Farm. The Bus and Cycling group had not met for 3 months and the information gathered from the consultation has yet to be analysed.

Cllr Trapp clarified that the proposed new site of the Newmarket Road Park and Ride was near Darwins Farm, on the Cambridge side of the Quy roundabout, and it's proposed move maybe due to more housing development on the old site. Cllr Trapp said the possibility of opening railway stations at Six Mile Bottom and/or Fulbourn were also being considered. Cllr Latchford asked if the cycle paths had a speed limit of 15mph due to them being shared with pedestrians, meaning that cyclists travelling faster than this had to use the road. Cllr Trapp said he would find out.

Cllr Covill noted that improved links between Cambridge and Waterbeach were being discussed and that there was a need to look outside of the A14.

Cllr Trapp suggested further improvements to cycle routes were needed, such as those to Bottisham Village College to enable more students to cycle to school.

## Matters arising from previous minutes (for information only)

Cllr Greenfield noted that the playground had been cleaned, signage put up and reopened for use; a certificate of cleaning supplied by the company was now on file.

## Correspondence for consideration/circulation:

Highways Asset Management email regarding public access between two footpaths. It was suggested that the opening of a right of way between the two paths may be an agenda item for a future meeting.

The clerk to email the parishioner to clarify that there was no right of way between the two paths in question.

## Consideration of planning applications received:

### a) 20/01046/FUL Ingleside 64 High Street Swaffham Prior CB25 0LD

Single storey rear and side extension, single storey porch and re-render.

No objections were made.

### b) 20/00749/TRE Westview, 37 High Street, Swaffham Prior, CB25 0LD

T1 Yew – reduce height by approximately 2 metres and sides by approximately 30% back to previous points. - noted.

## Accounts for payment.

These were agreed.

## To discuss the results of the 'rewilding the verges' trial

This was postponed until the October meeting as not all the necessary information was available.



### **To agree changes proposed to the Cemetery regulations**

Proposed changes to the cemetery regulations had been circulated prior to the meeting; these were further revised before the new regulations were adopted. There was discussion of how to balance the duty of care against potential costs to the PC and how to define 'suitably qualified'.

In light of the newly adopted cemetery regulations, the results of the previous safety checks were discounted and new checks to be commissioned. The Clerk is to investigate suitable candidates.

### **To agree a maximum meeting length**

Standing Order 1z. 'Meetings shall not exceed a period of two and a half hours', was noted.

### **To agree the renewal of the Balfour Beatty street light maintenance contract**

Agreed.

### **Clerk's Report**

Emails had been sent to the families alleging grave-marker damage as requested – one response had been received and circulated to the PC.

The Asset of Community Value application for the Red Lion had been completed. The landlord and -lady were very pleased.

Properties backing on to School Lane had been contacted to request they cut back their hedges. The side backing onto a field is in need of cutting too. Action: Clerk to use the Land registry to find the field owner's contact details and those for the field by the Smock Mill.

The owner of the damaged cremation plaques had been written to, but had not yet responded. The first people on the waiting list for GAPs had been offered plot 5 but had not responded. ETS had completed removal of the trees in the cemetery as requested.

A memorial bench had been moved to the middle of some graves, facing the horse field. Action: Clerk to return to the row of benches.

A renewal quote for the PC insurance had been received too late to go on the agenda; *the Chair agreed it could be discussed due to the date of renewal being before the next meeting.*

Clerk to email the insurers asking if the contents of the asset register is included and requesting an extension to allow the quotation to be discussed at the next meeting and to get quotations for the cost of repairing the Pound roof.

### **Parish Councillors' Reports**

Cllr Kent-Phillips requested dates for the next cemetery safety test be forwarded so they can go on the website as soon as they are confirmed.

Cllr Covill noted that potholes in the Fen had been reported and repaired, but that the holes reported and those repaired were not always the same.

Cllr Hart resigned as 'Footpaths Warden'.

### **Open Question Time**

Michael Limb asked if the Speed Indicator Device was in need of a new deployer? SKP confirmed that he was happy to deploy SID when needed.

Mr Limb also asked how many communications had been received from the Cambridgeshire County Councillor in the past few months? Clerk to check and respond.

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, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 7.30pm via Zoom. All are welcome to join.

**Jude Griffiths – Clerk to the Parish Council. Tel 745 106.**

Email swaffhampriorclerk@gmail.com

**This is a request for winter volunteers for this winter season 2020-2021.**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the volunteers that took part in our Community Gritting Scheme last winter. For those hearing about the Community Gritting Scheme for the first time it is a scheme where Local volunteers can help to keep their community moving in freezing weather. Under this scheme, the parish or town council agrees specific routes in their area which are important to the local community and agrees them with the county council.

If you are a parish or town council looking to join the scheme, **please send your completed form by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020** by reply to this email or speak to your local highway officer.

**I will need a form for all of your volunteers by the end of October, this includes those who have volunteered before. The form is required annually ensure our health and safety standards are being met.**

For further information please see our web page:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/gritting-roads-cycleways-and-paths/help-with-gritting-and-clearing-snow/>

I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards

***Catherine Howes***  
Business Support Assistant  
Highways Service  
Cambridgeshire County Council



Working from home, but missing the train trips.



Self Isolation Chair

## St Mary's Swaffham Prior

We are currently open daily for private prayer.

Please check on <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7378/> to find out when services will take place in church; a pattern for this autumn/winter is still to be decided and is subject to change.



Online services take place each Sunday at 10.20am via Zoom; all are welcome. Please email [admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk](mailto:admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk) to request a link.

### BON MOT NUMBER 110

“Weasling out of things is important to learn.  
It's what separates us from animals  
... except the weasel.”

*Professor Homer Simpson (1956-)*

### FREECYCLE

Everything is free and nothing is expected in return.

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.

### Offers

6 electricity safety plug hole covers - to prevent children inserting things they shouldn't!; A box of about 30 jam jars with lids. Lis: 01223 811233

Samsung SynMaster SA100 21 inch computer monitor. Gordon 07342 658834

Beige bedroom carpet, good condition, was fitted but could be cut to 2.86m x 2.94m Susan: 01223 811584 Viewing welcomed.

Ivory toilet cistern (new); 5.6m x 5” Gyproc Coving; 32 6”x6” white wall tiles. Dave: 07708 851 958 (text only please)

### 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](tel:01223813922)

Buckets or similar (e.g. plastic 10L paint cans); condition of top or base is immaterial, provided the sides are in fairly good order. Please leave outside 104, Commercial End. John, 01223 812120

## Dates for Your Diary October 2020

|     |    |   |
|-----|----|---|
| Mon | 5  | Heating Swaffham Prior - Bookings open for design sessions [12] |
| Wed | 7  | Book Club, 8pm, Zoom [19]                                       |
| Thu | 8  | PC Meeting, 7:30pm, Zoom [24]                                   |
| Sat | 10 | Heating Swaffham Prior - Heat Interface Unit tour [12]          |
| Tue | 20 | <b>Crier Copy Deadline</b>                                      |
| Wed | 21 | Heating Swaffham Prior - Supply Agreement mtg, 8pm, Zoom [12]   |
| Wed | 28 | District Councillors' Surgery, 6pm, Zoom [25]                   |
| Sat | 31 | Halloween   |

*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   |