



# The Swaffham Crier

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## Editorial

Plenty to read and digest in this month's Crier, as the Autumn Show sets out its stall. First of all comes the Dog Show, but since there isn't Fastest Marathon Entry for dogs, we don't think we stand much chance with our Polly. But before that, we'll all have a chance to win the Best Scarecrow prize — we've seen other villages do this — can we do better? Then the traditional Autumn Show itself — see page 10 for entry form — but will anyone have any fruit and veg which has not given up the ghost during the heatwave? We can but see!

Another fun thing that's starting up this September is the monthly Quiz we mentioned in the last issue — the signing up date has been postponed to the end of the month so there's still a chance to join.

This month we bid sad goodbyes to Pat and Peter Cook who have been helping with the Crier for many years — Peter as Treasurer and until recently, Advertising Manager. They are leaving the village at the end of this month to go to live close to their family and we wish them every happiness in their new abode.

Inspired by Saffra's On the Wild Side articles, many of which are about common furry and feathered companions we love to *hate*, Keith Carter's "On the Other Hand" is about muntjacs, which he calls the Bastardo family, from which you'll gather he's not keen on them! But when you get to know them better — we would very much welcome contributions on the same lines from other readers about their pet hate.

We usually bring the August/September Crier out at the beginning of August, but this year we suddenly lost our email. But now, hip hip hooray! we have it back, thanks to Air Broadband who helped out — see page 17 for the horrible story.

Don't forget the Macmillan Coffee morning to round off the month — see you there!

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**Caroline Matheson**

**Cover Picture: Covid Restaurant Kitchen by Thomas Newbolt**



## Letters to the Editors



Dear Editors,

### That Jubilee Do

Despite all the planning the weather is unpredictable, however thanks to the Churches Conservation Trust we were able to change the venue from a soggy Coopers Green to the serenity of St. Cyriac's. The church was adorned with bunting and balloons and everyone decorated their tables adding to the atmosphere. There were quizzes and games. The best crown was won by Oliver Warner. Thanks to Betty Prime for judging, who looked very regal in her crown. The afternoon ended with a return of egg catching which was won by Nigel and James Duff.

Our thanks to Heidi, Pippa, Lynne, Steve, Peter, Tanis, Pam, Chris, John, Martin and Sharyn who leant a hand in helping arrange competitions, decorating and clearing up at the end of the day. It was great to see so many there.

Thanks

*April, Lesley and Jenny*

*Many apologies, Jenny's letter should have appeared in the July Crier. Eds*

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Dear Editors,

### Village Hall

The village hall management committee has gone through some major changes. Mike Carrington has resigned from the committee and the new bookings contact is Philip Blackburn, tel: 07501 230256.

We held a recruitment wine and cheese evening in March which resulted in 6 new trustees coming on board which saved the village hall from closing due to lack of trustees.

The new committee comprises of myself as chairman, Mr Keith Carter - Treasurer, Mr Daniel Spencer - Assistant treasurer, Mr Philip Blackburn - Bookings, Mrs Anna Janes - Secretary, Mr Steven Herd Herbert - webmaster, Mrs Jenny Brand - Trustee, Mrs Lynne Horsefall - Trustee and Dr Emily Thomas - Trustee.

*Alan Durrant*

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Dear Editors,

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

**Friday 30th September, 10.30 - 12noon at**

**The Oaks, Manor Farm Court, Lower End, Swaffham Prior**

Once again we're at that time of year when I remind you all of our Macmillan Coffee Morning. We will, as usual, have a stall to sell **home made cakes or savouries** (all contributions welcome) but also buyers, in case you're not a home baker! There will be a **Raffle/Tombola** and, of course, **Coffee and Biscuits**. If you're new to the village or have never been able to come before then we would love to welcome you along with our regulars. We're all very friendly and would be delighted to meet you!

I'm looking forward to welcoming you all on **Friday 30th September**. See you then!

*Ruth Scovil*



# SWAFFHAM PRIOR AUTUMN SHOW

## COMPETITIONS

PRODUCE ~ BAKING ~ PHOTOGRAPHY

CHILDREN'S CREATIVE

SCARECROWS

DOG SHOW  
CREAM TEAS

See Page 10 –11  
for Entry Form  
and Rules



SATURDAY  
**10 SEPTEMBER**  
SWAFFHAM PRIOR VILLAGE HALL

**FREE ENTRY**

## From our Reporter

What a rich and exciting abundance of sport at the beginning of July. It was all happening . Wimbledon, Tour de France, Rugby, Golf, men's and women's Football, men's and women's Cricket, Formula One. Something to keep everyone happy.

Then Boris Johnson resigns and we have a new game. Choose the next PM. At one stage it looked very exciting with fourteen entries. But on the day it was eight, quickly reduced to six. Still admirably diversified. Then we had those irresistibly entertaining TV performances. This game was spoilt when two of the star players walked off the pitch. At last we reached the final two entries with the final choice being left to the 120,000 to 200,000 or so active Tory members to decide over the summer. No-one is sure how many there are.



The discussion and debates will continue throughout August as candidates continue to put forward their policies, views and denials. But before this my concern has been the “fantastic” Australian trade deal by the “I get things done” Liz Truss. This has just been “steamrollered” through without any parliamentary scrutiny. The Government had given a clear commitment that the deal would go before parliament before being ratified. This was not only to parliamentarians, but a number of NGO's and the farming industry. They have broken that commitment. This deal undercuts the British farmer with cheap food imports produced to low animal and environmental standards. These include the use of growth hormones, antibiotics and pesticides that are banned in the UK. There are other aspects of the Australia trade deal that are disadvantageous for Britain. A Commons committee has urged Liz Truss to negotiate harder in future rather than making speed her priority – “to get things done.”

The general public has on the whole lost all respect and trust in the Government. This is why Johnson was ousted by his own party. Yet here is the Government continuing to flout the rules and avoid proper scrutiny. The disturbing news at the moment is that the majority of Conservative members still support Johnson, and regret his departure. As of course do Liz Truss and her two most voluble promoters Jacob Rees-Mogg and Nadine Dorries. This last point is partly irrelevant, except we must ask “Who can we trust”?

Before completing this report I just managed to hear the TV debate between Liz Truss and Rishi Sunak on 25<sup>th</sup> July. Rishi warned that Liz's economic proposals could lead to a 7% interest rate. Why did he stop there? Starting in the 1970s and during the 1980s the Bank of England Base was 9-14% and the average mortgage rate was 11-15%. I was paying 13%. One cause was rising oil prices, government overspending, and rising wages. Familiar?

Of course none of this disruption would have occurred if only Chris Pincher had kept his hands to himself. We could just have jollied along as before.

The one surprise is that so many wished to become PM. The country faced and faces such huge challenges that so many have asked “who would want the job of being PM at this time?” But it seems there is no limit to political ambition. We wish the same could be said about our Parish Council. There has been a vacancy for many many years and no-one has come forward. So if Boris Johnson wanted a job maybe he could fill it, Would the PC see him as a useful addition?

On this question of Trust we have a local issue on which we cannot get a straight answer. Without kicking a very lively horse we have a right to know just how many have *actually* signed up for the new heating system. In the June *Crier* I had mentioned that, in all good faith, David, with an inside track to the CCC, had reported in the middle of May that “122 dwellings had signed up.” In late May the *Times* stated “The County Council has said that 68 ... have registered for the scheme.” In the June Liberal Democrat *Focus* it said that “68 signed agreements are now in place” with “potentially a further fifty housing association homes.” We deserve to know how many have actually signed, *really signed*, the agreement. This must not include “about to”, “have serious intentions to”, etc. There is no engineering complexity here. Just a clerk who can count will do. *Is it 68 or 122?*

Jude’s June Meeting Minutes records that “A member of the public suggested that emails listed on the agenda be made available where appropriate” Accepted immediately, Steve has added “a monthly email section to the website.” This was such a brilliant suggestion one wonders why none of us have thought of it before. The result is immediate. Go to the website and you will find the very full and professional report by Jonathan Cook and Mike Horsfall regarding speed and safety on the B1102 between Burwell, Prior and Bulbeck. This was discussed at the July meeting.

Now for some good news. Scientists at Reading University have shown that Marmite can reduce depression and anxiety. So if any of the above depresses or upsets you just eat a couple of slices of bread, butter and thick marmite. You will feel much better. If you are already a regular addict of Marmite worry not. This does not necessarily mean you are a depressive.

*Alastair Everitt*



**WORLD'S  
BIGGEST  
COFFEE  
MORNING**

CAKE  
STALL

RAFFLE

WE ARE  
MACMILLAN.  
CANCER SUPPORT

**Ruth Scovil's house**  
**The Oaks, Manor Farm Court**  
**Lower End, Swaffham Prior**  
**Friday: 10.30 am - 12.00 noon**



**30th September 2022**

# Swaffham Prior Scarecrow Competition 2022

**Free  
Entry**

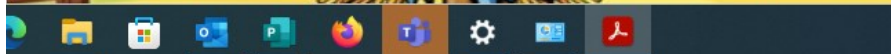
**Two top  
Prizes of  
£20**

## **Judging Day - Sat 10th September**

Your Scarecrow is on the theme of "Nursery Rhymes" and will be judged from 12:00 at the village hall but extra prizes will be awarded for those displayed at your address during previous week

To enter see entry form in the Swaffham Crier or contact Philip Blackburn on 07501230256

**Make your village proud !  
Good Luck and get Stuffing!**



## Welcome to the Swaffham Prior Scarecrow Competition 2022.

As part of the welcome return to our Autumn Fair on September 10th we will be running a Scarecrow competition on the theme of "Nursery Rhymes" which can be displayed throughout the village in the run up and judged at the Village hall on the day.

There are two main prizes of £20 each for the winners and additional prizes for those being creatively displayed at home beforehand. This is a fun event but the following guidelines will give you a better chance of winning.

- There are two categories, one for 11's and under and one for 12's & over and is open to anyone.
- Any size scarecrow can be entered on the theme of "Nursery rhyme characters" but life-size will have more impact.
- The scarecrows can be made and stuffed with any material.
- Multiple entries are accepted.
- It is free to enter your scarecrow in the competition.
- Judging will take place at the village hall from 12:00noon on 10th September 2022 and all entries must be in place beforehand.
- The judges decision is final
- Entrants are responsible for full removal of their scarecrow after the event.
- There will be additional prizes for Scarecrows displayed in the village beforehand but you will need to add the location to the entry form in order to qualify.

## Entry Form

The completed forms can be presented on the day with your entry but if you want to be in for a chance to win one of the many prizes for displaying at home, you will need to add a location and contact details. The completed forms can be placed in the box at the side of the village hall between 1st September and 7th September. You can also copy this form for multiple entries.

**Name** (To be completed for all entries) .....

**Contact** (Tel no or email) .....

**Class entered** (Please tick) - 11's & under..... 12's & over.....

**Location of Display** (If displayed at home during week of 2nd - 9th September)  
.....

Let's get creative and show that the pandemic is truly behind us and remember to have fun and maybe win one of the great prizes!



# **FUN DOG SHOW**



## **SWAFFHAM PRIOR**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Village Hall **1.45 pm** in conjunction with the

### **Village Harvest Show**

Six Classes: Agility, Waggiest Tail,  
Most Obedient (sit, down, stand, heel),  
"Treat Run", Best Doggy Talent,  
Fancy Dress – on a Royal theme, let your  
imagination run away with you (dog and owner)

**Classes £1 each or £5 for all six classes**

Entries on the day, enquires in advance to

Janet on 07833 960 678

Prize and rosette for first place and  
a rosette for the runner up in each category

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## Village Artists on Show

Cambridge Open Studios always has a county wide series of exhibitions in July. I have recently learned that Swaffham Prior is so fortunate in having such a wide collection of artistic and craft people. Many are self taught. Some exhibited in the Village Hall during the last two weekends in July. Others exhibited on their own studios.

A visit to the Village Hall was such a delightful occasion with the exhibitors being so hospitable with their time. Here you can learn how to create the wonderful effects of some watercolours, or how to create a colourful picture from a sheep's fleece, etc.

You can buy your tea and cakes from two delightful 11 year old girls straight out of *Swallows and Amazons*. Then enjoy it under the shade of the tall trees and meet visitors from other villages. What a way to spend an afternoon.

A YEAR OF  
QUIZZING!  
OCTOBER 2022-  
SEPTEMBER 2023

One payment of £12 will bring you a year of fiendish quizzes.  
Each month you will receive a quiz by email (or delivered by hand).  
Work out the answers, return your entry by the deadline and a monthly winner will be drawn from the correct submissions.

An overall winner will be crowned in September 2023.

Will you be Swaffham Prior's Champion of Champions?

Please email: [dee@noyes-noyes.co.uk](mailto:dee@noyes-noyes.co.uk) for sign-up information.

In aid of St Mary's, Swaffham Prior



10th September 2022

NAME:

**Vegetables (one entry per class per person)**

Class	Entry	Tick
A	4 French beans	
B	4 Runner beans	
C	3 Beetroot	
D	3 Onions	
E	4 Shallots	
F	3 Carrots	
G	3 Potatoes	
H	6 Cherry tomatoes	

Class	Entry	Tick
I	4 Tomatoes	
J	3 Courgettes	
K	Squash or Marrow	
L	Cucumber	
M	Any other vegetable	
N	Odd and/or Rude vegetable	
O	Display of mixed herbs	
P	Trug of mixed fresh produce (vegetables and fruit)	

**Fruit (one entry per class per person)**

Class	Entry	Tick
Q	3 Dessert apples	
R	3 Cooking apples	
S	3 Pears	

Class	Entry	Tick
T	3 Plums	
U	6 Soft fruit (same variety)	
V	Any other fruit	

**Flowers (one entry per class per person)**

Class	Entry	Tick
W	3 roses	
X	3 Other flowers (same variety)	
Y	4 Mixed flowers	
Z	Sunflower	

Class	Entry	Tick
AA	3 Dahlias (same or mixed)	
AB	Flower arrangement (See rule 1)	
AC	Mini arrangement (See rule 2)	
AD	Pot plant (See rule 3)	

**Additional classes (one entry per class per person)**

Class	Entry	Tick
AE	Jam or jelly	
AF	Pickle or chutney	
AG	Marmalade	
AH	Any other preserve or honey	
AI	Homemade wine or alcoholic drink	
AJ	4 eggs	

Class	Entry	Tick
AK	Victoria sponge (W.I. See rule 4)	
AL	Fruit cake	
AM	Decorated and/or filled cake	
AN	Any other cake	
AO	Hand-made bread	
AP	Bread-machine bread	

**Children's classes (one entry per class per person)**

Class	Entry	Tick
AQ	Miniature garden (See rule 5)	
AR	Vegetable or fruit animal	

Class	Entry	Tick
AS	3 Decorated cupcakes	
AT	Junk Model (See rule 6)	

**Photography (up to three entries per person)**

Class	Entry	Tick
AU	"My family and other animals" (aged up to 16 years)	

Class	Entry	Tick
AV	"Dusk till Dawn" (aged 16 years & over)	

Please see all detailed rules overleaf

## Swaffham Prior Autumn Show

### Rules

#### General Information and Rules

Please read this information carefully to prevent disappointment

All competitions are open to residents of Swaffham Prior and Reach. There is no entry fee.

Only one entry per person per class is allowed, so choose your entries carefully. Extra entry and quiz forms can be downloaded at [www.SwaffhamPriorVillagehall.co.uk](http://www.SwaffhamPriorVillagehall.co.uk)

All entries (including quizzes) should be brought to the Village hall between **10:00 and 11:50** on the morning of the show. **Doors will be locked at 12:00** to allow judging.

Points will be awarded to decide on the winner of the overall prize as follows:

4 for 1 <sup>st</sup> in Class	3 for 2 <sup>nd</sup> or 100% in Quiz	2 for 3 <sup>rd</sup> or 75% in Quiz	1 for Entry or Quiz entry
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Prizes will be awarded by **14:00**. The **Grand Auction** of produce in aid of the Village Hall will be at **15:00**. (If you don't want your entry to be sold, please remove it before the auction starts!) Presentation of Gurning Trophy.

#### Produce Competition

All produce must have been home-grown. There are no specific display rules, but, in addition to quality and size, entries will also be judged on regularity and neatness.

1. The flower arrangement theme is "**Enchanted Wood**". Entries should not exceed **45 cm** (18") tall.
2. The miniature arrangement should not exceed **6 cm** (<2½") in height.
3. The Pot plant should have been owned for at least 12 months.

#### Baking Competitions

4. Victoria sponge W.I. recipe (<https://www.thewi.org.uk/what-we-do/recipes/baking/victoria-sandwich>). A 20 cm (8") basic Victoria sponge with a raspberry jam filling (no cream), topped with caster sugar.

Bread can be made with any combination of flours and other ingredients. Hand-made bread should not have been mixed in a bread machine.

#### Children's Competitions

5. The miniature garden should be no larger than an A4 sheet of paper (approx. 20 x 30 cm).
6. The junk model can be any subject, but must be made mainly from waste items (egg boxes, yogurt pots, etc.). The footprint for the model should be no larger than an A4 sheet of paper.

#### Photography Competition

Theme and age groups as indicated on form. (No 'adult' themed photos will be accepted). Only one entry per person allowed. Photos will not be auctioned and should be removed immediately after the end of the event.

Entries may be colour or black and white and must be **unmounted and unframed**.

**Maximum size per entry is A4. Photo entries will be pinned to the noticeboard for display.**

If photos are significantly edited, please explain this on your entry form.

It is the entrant's responsibility to ensure that all the necessary permissions are obtained from people featured in photographs.

Copyright remains with the photographer.

Please see overleaf for list of classes.

## Out on the Wildside

### As hopping mad as a grass hopper!

Okay so I know grass hoppers make most of us jump! But I decided they deserved an article of their own, as their actually pretty funky little insects. Did you know that they are among what is probably the most ancient living group of chewing herbivorous insects, dating back to the early Triassic around 250 million years ago. Grasshoppers are typically ground-dwelling insects with powerful hind legs which allow them to escape from threats by leaping vigorously. When we think of grasshoppers, most people recall pleasant childhood memories of trying to catch the jumping insects in meadows or backyards. Say the word locusts, however, and it brings to mind images of historic plagues raining down destruction on crops and devouring every plant in sight. Truth be told, grasshoppers and locusts are members of the same insect order. Getting even weirder, did you know that Grasshoppers Have Ears on Their Bellies!! Talk about super powers!

Although Grasshoppers Can Hear, They Can't Distinguish Pitch Very Well. As with most insects, the grasshopper's auditory organs are simple structures. They can detect differences in intensity and rhythm, but not pitch. The musical tunes that grasshoppers are famous for are created using a technique called stridulating or crepitating. If you're not familiar with those terms, don't worry. It's not complicated. Most grasshoppers stridulate, which simply means that they rub their hind legs against their forewings to produce their trademark tunes. If you've ever tried to catch a grasshopper, you know how far they can jump to flee danger. If humans could jump the way grasshoppers do, we would be able to easily leap the length of a football field. How do these insects jump so far? It's all in those big, back legs. A grasshopper's hind legs function like miniature catapults. In preparation for a jump, the grasshopper contracts its large muscles slowly, bending its hind legs at the knee joint. A special piece of cuticle within the knee acts as a spring, storing up all the potential energy. The grasshopper then relaxes its leg muscles, allowing the spring to release its energy and fling the insect into the air.

And now some final facts about grass hoppers- Modern-day grasshoppers descend from ancient ancestors that lived long before dinosaurs roamed the Earth. The fossil record shows that primitive grasshoppers first appeared during the Car-



boniferous period, more than 300 million years ago. Although they are pretty harmless when alone, when locusts swarm, their combined feeding habits can completely defoliate a landscape, leaving farmers without crops and people without food. Grasshoppers also have an interesting history in folk law- in Native American history: In many stories, the grasshopper appears as a greedy, careless, and deceiving insect, which is a sign of bad luck and hostility. This insect was thought of so antagonistically that a Hopi myth was created for disobeying children in which the grasshoppers bite their noses. However in many western children stories, grasshoppers are depicted as well groomed, educated bugs, often playing the violin in relevance to their own music making- as seen in James and the giant peach. So there you have it, yes they are hopping mad but there only as hopping mad as a grass hopper should be!

*Saffra Monteiro*

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## **East Anglian Air Ambulance**

As a rule, these articles comprise information, appeals and ‘thank yous’ - not in any particular order ! – this is no different.

Of the callouts attended by our crews, nearly half are by Rapid Response Vehicle (RRV), travelling to situations where helicopter access would be difficult, in some cases potentially unsafe, and where time is of the essence. With four split between Norwich and Cambridge, two have been in service for over five years, the average lifespan of an emergency vehicle. Carrying heavy loads of vital medical kit they are, as one might expect, often necessarily driven at high speeds. It is vital that our RRV’s are in top condition and are kitted out with the latest medical technology. The new vehicles will be able to carry additional weight – more equipment to deal with more cases and, potentially, save more lives. If you are able, please do what you can to support this important aspect of our work in the community by donating on line at [www.eaaa.org.uk/rrvdonate](http://www.eaaa.org.uk/rrvdonate) A huge thank you to all who have already donated – if you haven’t done so please help now !

Whilst on the ‘help’ aspect, ‘Gifts in Wills’ fund 1 in 4 of our missions ! Have you written your will yet, or does it need rethinking ? We recognise that you will first want to consider the needs of loved ones and then perhaps make a lasting gift, even just 1%, to East Anglian Air Ambulance. To donate in this very worthwhile way please go to [www.eaaa.org.uk/freewills](http://www.eaaa.org.uk/freewills) to register to leave a gift and to have your will written free.

If you would like to know more about how you might support EAAA please get in touch – there are lots of ways by which you could help this wonderful charity continue its invaluable work. To those of you who already do please spread the word – remember, Together We Save Lives.

*Michael White*



## ON THE OTHER HAND

In a recent edition of the *Crier* I wrote about my (almost) daily circumnavigation of the Fens from Swaffham Prior via Reach; in that essay I wrote disobligingly of the Muntjac who at the time paid us nightly visits to sample the Smörgåsbord of newly-budding roses, azaleas and rhododendrons, arranged in our garden at great cost in gold and sweat.

Bastardo.

I went so far as to implicate his entire family, who could be seen, at a distance if they could help it, *en route* to Reach.

It occurred to me that, other than their taste in newly-shooting shrubs, I knew little about the Muntjac. The *Crier*'s reporter, forever after a scoop, asked me if they make good eating; I had asked the same question in the essay, admittedly not out of the best intentions. A quick check on my phone, which knows such things, revealed this from Stansted Farm Shop – a classy joint near Rowlands Castle in Hampshire:

*Muntjac venison is regarded as one of the most delicious of all the venison, and the haunches are tender and ideal for a summer BBQ.*

This got me thinking that perhaps I had ignorantly traduced a fellow Cambridgeshire creature for whom the balance sheet was perhaps overall in credit. So I thought I'd write an article *in favour* of the Muntjac.

Muntjac are brave immigrants trafficked here against their will and have made a pretty good hand of integrating. Natives of Asia, brought here to decorate the grounds of Woburn Abbey, they quickly adapted to our temperate climate, organised an escape party, successfully broke out (supposedly in 1925), and ... well, now they are everywhere in the British Isles including chilly Scotland and Ireland. So we can add their swimming skills to the positive side.

They are shrewd. Rather like our dear Royal family, they cleverly adopted a local name (the Reeves Muntjac, after a British 19<sup>th</sup> century naturalist) which had wider acceptability than the more socially divisive 'Duke of Bedford Muntjac' or anything from their Chinese heritage.

They are lovely to look at. Rather than trying to do their beauty justice in words, I'll let a picture express this unarguable point:

Muntjac are small and compact. We installed stock fencing on our perimeter – something the old Duke might well have considered – and thought it very effective. Bastardo seemed to have stopped visiting. How we patted ourselves on our backs! Then one morning we saw him there, on our grassy bit (it cannot really be called a lawn, unless moss and bindweed count). Bold as brass. On being asked his business, he bolted – through one of the 11cm squares of the stock-fence. This seems so unlikely that, even having witnessed it with my own eyes, I wonder whether the Muntjac is actually a shape-changing alien.

Muntjac have small tusks, or long downwards-protruding canine teeth – unique among British deer. Yes, like wild boar, but as can be seen above, far more attractive. Yes, OK, like vampires. I don't know why you even mention that.

They have a delightful nocturnal call, quiet and discrete – like Bambi snoring gently. I've no idea why they are also called 'barking' or even 'screaming' deer.

Muntjac have no seasonal rut. This apparent promiscuity probably explains a) why they blend in so well in modern Britain and b) why they are expected to be the most numerous of all our deer by .. well, pretty soon.



So there we have it. Pretty convincing, I'm sure you'll agree: like so many candidates for leader of the Conservative Party, a laudable example of the immigrant made good; shrewd and pretty both to see and hear, possibly with shape-changing super-powers; dentally and reproductively outstanding. What's not to like?

Oh, and they *are* tasty and nutritious. What is more, owing to the rutting and population, the Muntjac is the only British deer with no off-season for hunting. Just say-in'.

*Keith Carter*



### **BON MOT NUMBER 131**

“What is the use of supporting your own Government only when it is right. It is just when it is in this sort of pickle that you ought to come to our aid.”

*Neville Chamberlain (1869-1940)*



# **An Evening With Charlie Haylock 21<sup>st</sup> July**

## **The Friends of St Cyriac and St Julitta, for and on behalf of The Churches Conservation Trust**

If you haven't yet seen "The Dig", a gentle, meticulous and uplifting film about the exploration of the 7<sup>th</sup> century Anglo-Saxon longship burial mounds at Sutton Hoo, then do take the opportunity when it presents itself, not least for the masterly performance by Ralph Fiennes as Basil Brown, who, despite being self-taught and never straying far from his birth village of Rickinghall in Suffolk, masterminded one of the greatest archaeological finds of the twentieth century.

Fiennes is known for his dedicated and painstaking approach to his craft, but even so, the authenticity of his Suffolk accent has been much admired; for that, we have to thank Charlie Haylock, who, as Suffolk dialect coach on the film, played, as it were, Henry Higgins to Fiennes' Eliza Doolittle.

Charlie has more than a little in common with Basil Brown, his expertise in linguistics and dialect being essentially self-taught and his stage character as a waist-coated and flat-capped rural archetype being, to a degree, self-invented. Born Gordon Alecock, in Hornchurch, Essex, he spent most weekends of his early life in his parents' county of Suffolk, where his maternal grandfather had been the blacksmith in Snape, and when his unusual hybrid career as entertainer, raconteur, dialect scholar and academic writer began to evolve, and ultimately take over from his day job as a special needs teacher, it was his maternal family name of Haylock that he adopted as an alter-ego.

Charlie's show opens with a familiar shot projected onto the screen of him in 21<sup>st</sup> century Barbour, flat cap and headphones with Fiennes, dressed as Brown, complete with trilby and pipe, looking every inch the 1930's amateur. Standing by the screen, his opening quip, which sets the tone for the evening, is to don his flat cap ostensibly to avoid any confusion as to which one's Ralph and which one's Charlie.

Then we're off on a lightning tour of the UK's accents, with pitch-perfect delivery; a light-touch, but genuinely scholarly analysis of the Suffolk dialect and accent (including the difference between dialect and accent), its history, its vocal production, and its linear descendant in Australia; an analysis of the sonic differences between closely-related accents (with special, very-slowly-enunciated, explanations for poor, benighted natives of Norfolk in the audience) all interspersed with anecdotes of the process of turning one of RADA's finest into a 1930's Suffolk farmer's son.

The funniest of these features Charlie taking Fiennes, in character and in costume, and answering only to "Basil" on an extended pub crawl in the Sudbury area in search of the real deal. After a number of abortive visits to places too cosmopolitan, too middle class, or too ready to recognise Ralph Fiennes, they finally fetch up in a remote rural bar containing half a dozen elderly men and women, monosyllabic over their Adnams and dressed in a fashion with which 1930s Basil blends seamlessly. In a joyous triumph of their joint enterprise, Basil is taken entirely at face value as an entirely unexceptional and typically laconic local, albeit one they haven't seen before, but I won't spoil the punch line.

The appreciative audience were also offered a book signing, wine and nibbles and left happy in the thought that the proceeds of the evening would contribute, through the Churches Conservation Trust, to the maintenance and survival of St Cyriac's which, for events such as this, is such an asset to the village.

*Andrew Grant*

## Crier Email Problems

We are sorry that some emails for this edition may have gone astray and others may have resulted in confusing error messages - they confused us too! After some time investigating it became apparent that Voneus Ltd who have recently taken over the running of the village's wireless broadband network had altered vital parts of the network configuration thus inadvertently stopping all the Crier's email (editors, advertising, etc) working. This was particularly disappointing because Voneus had already accidentally deleted the Editors' personal @swaffham-prior.co.uk email addresses, though those at least were reinstated reasonably quickly. As part of that conversation we'd mentioned the Crier's email addresses as we'd hoped they might be prepared to provide email facilities for the Crier but they weren't.

Eventually and with the help of the village broadband's previous owners, Air Broadband who were as ever very helpful, we've been able to reinstate all the @swaffham-crier.co.uk addresses in a way that should make them proof to most future changes. If problems do recur and you get errors trying to send to any of the @swaffham-crier.co.uk addresses please use [swaffhamcrier@gmail.com](mailto:swaffhamcrier@gmail.com) as a temporary solution.

*James Matheson*



Two friendly faces that have become very familiar about the village as they go about with the Heating Scheme installation.

# **JULIE'S BBQ RECIPES**

## **Barbecued fish with lemon and rosemary**

2 medium sea bass about 600g each or 4 mackerel scaled and gutted

A handful of rosemary sprigs

2 lemons, 1 finely chopped and 1 halved

2 tbsp olive oil

Salt and pepper for seasoning

Light the bbq and whilst its getting going prepare the fish. Season the fish cavities with salt and pepper, then stuff with most of the rosemary sprigs and lemon slices. Brush or rub the skin with olive oil and season well. If you have a fish cage, lay the fish inside with the remaining lemon slices and rosemary sprigs or wrap fish into foil packets and uncover at the end if it needs browning a little.

Lay the fish onto the grill and cook the fish for 8-10 minutes on each side until the fish is cooked through.

When ready serve with freshly squeezed lemon. Serves 4.

## **Lamb Skewer kebabs**

1kg of tender lean diced lamb

Red onion sliced into chunks

Fresh rosemary

Fresh or dried oregano

Olive oil

2 lemons, 1 sliced and 1 juiced

2 cloves of garlic crushed

Salt and pepper for seasoning

Marinate the diced lamb and onion chunks in olive oil, lemon juice, garlic, oregano and fresh rosemary sprigs with some salt and pepper. Leave for at least a couple of hours to marinate well.

Thread the lamb onto skewers with the red onion in between. If you have plenty of rosemary in your garden, you could use any woody sprigs as your skewers to add extra flavour.

When prepared transfer to bbq and cook evenly for 10-15 minutes until brown and meat is pink and tender. Cook longer if you prefer your meat more well done.

Serve with freshly squeezed lemon and really delicious with a minty yoghurt dressing.

**The Reading Group reads...**

## **My Early Life**

**by Winston Churchill**

Most of us have formed an opinion about Winston Churchill, 1874 – 1965. *My Early Life* presents an entirely different picture of him. Not published until 1930 it is the most graphic story of a young man growing up in the late Victorian world. It is so full of fun, self mockery, action, acute observations and events that there is insufficient space to give examples.



The book covers his childhood with loving but distant parents, a wonderful nanny, an awful flogging-loving fashionable prep school, being a sickly child, a dullard at Harrow because he could not see the value of Classics and Maths, his blossoming in the B forms where English, History and Chemistry were taught. Then his time at Sandhurst and the escapades there, onto the cavalry where he offers a revealing insight into the arduous horsemanship training.

There had been no war for forty years and all officers were panting for action as indeed were many with the Falklands war. In 1896 he went to India and there he developed a respect for the tribesmen. In between polo and duties he began thinking of a parliamentary career. Conscious his education was below those of his university friends one summer he spent educating himself by reading Plato, Adam Smith, Macaulay, Gibbon, Darwin and many others. The books were supplied by his mother.

Next to South Africa. At this time his career was being played out against the background of an Empire expanding rapidly with increased competition from other European powers. He was also a war correspondent, as were other officers, this being the only way newspapers could get the news. Never short of an opinion on military affairs his analysis and criticism often offended the military authorities. Kitchener was especially displeased. It is in South Africa while being a civilian war reporter that the Armoured Train incident occurred with his subsequent capture and escape. It is a brilliant and enthralling tale and made him a national hero. So on it goes until he was elected for Parliament in 1900.

It is a wonderful and inspiring story showing the confidence, exuberance and ability of young people in their late teens and early twenties.

In 1972 the film *Young Winston*, based on the book, was released and became a huge box office success. I never saw it. But a film based on an actual Muslim/Hindu confrontation in 1905 illustrates so well the complex situation in India at that time. This is *Northwest Frontier* made in 1959. Like the Churchill book it is a rollicking adventure as well as accurately illustrating the situation and showing why the 1947 blood-letting of the 1947 Partition was almost inevitable.

It may appear strange to introduce films into a book review but they do add even more colour and information to a book which is such a dashing, multi-layered and informative adventure. And highly readable. Enjoy.

***Alastair Everitt***



## Anglesey Group Mothers' Union

In June, on a hot afternoon in the cool of Lode Church members enjoyed a social afternoon of flower arranging with summer flowers. Members brought along flowers and foliage from their gardens and everyone used their artistic skill to make up their arrangement. Some stories were exchanged of where their flower container/vase had originated from: purchased at a holiday destination: passed down from a relative: a favourite container of sentimental value.

At our July meeting two new members, Carol Kitson and Marion Jackaman were enrolled by Jo Wibberly, MU Archdeaconry Vice President, Cambridge.



Our guest speaker Stuart Field gave us a very interesting presentation 'From a mining village to Buckingham Palace – A medical journey'. Stuart, a Consultant Radiologist, retired in 2004, thinking he would be taking things easy, but soon became Chairperson for the League of Friends Kent & Canterbury Hospital. Having moved to Bottisham in 2020 he has recently taken on the busy role of Church Warden at Holy Trinity Church.

Stuart led us through his journey from place of birth in the small village of Ashby de la Zouch to Buckingham Palace with accompanying powerpoint presentation. His birthplace being in the centre of Leicestershire, Derbyshire and Staffordshire coal mines. In 1947 the family moved to Bushy with his father's job, but Stuart continued



to visit relatives in Moira only 2.5 miles from his birthplace. His mother was one of 11 children, all boys were miners and girls married miners except of Stuart's mother who married an RAF serviceman. Stuart had recently visited his 92-year-old Aunt in Moira, and showed us photographs to compare the Canal and Furnace as it was in 1947 and how it looks today restored to a museum. Having worked hard at school he progressed to Gramma School and becoming an accomplished violin player. Stuart was awarded a Royal Academy of

Music Junior exhibition, and travelling by cycle, bus and train each Saturday to the Academy. In 1956 the family moved to Watford which made it easier for his journey to school and the Academy. Stuart attended Gonville & Caius College Cambridge, and went on to study medicine at Kings College Hospital Medical School qualifying in 1969. Here he met his wife, Maggie and they married in his final year. Stuart decided to specialise in Radiotherapy, and was appointed Consultant Radiologist at Canterbury and Thanet Health District in 1974. Having completed special studies on

Plain Abdominal X-ray, Stuart was asked to write chapters on the subject in various medical books. By this time Stuart had become well known in the field of Radiology, and was presented with the President's medal. In 2013 he was awarded an MBE for services to the NHS attending Buckingham Palace to receive the award. In addition to this, he and Maggie have attended garden parties at the palace in 1980, 1998 and 2015 in recognition of their services to charity and community.

At the time of writing members are looking forward to afternoon tea in the garden at Station Farm, Lode on the 18<sup>th</sup> August. If the weather should be inclement, we will be sipping tea in St. James' Church.

Our meetings usually take place on the third Thursday of the month, at 2.30pm in Lode Church. In September, our guest speaker will be Elizabeth Caswell – 'Seeing is believing'. Copies of our programme for the remainder of this year are available in all five churches of the Anglesey Group. You are most welcome to join us.

*Ann Langran*

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## **The Swaffhams' WI**

At the August meeting we were joined by Mike Petty with his tales from the Fen. Such an interesting speaker, Mike who is a Cambridge Researcher, Lecturer and Historian has become the most widely acknowledged authority on Cambridge and the fenland. He stressed the important part local newspapers had played in documenting local events and he has amassed his own library of books, illustrations and information which he has shared via the Internet Archive website. Do have a look at his website [www.mikepetty.org.uk](http://www.mikepetty.org.uk) where you will find all the details and links.

There is no meeting in September as an outing has been arranged to the Manor at Hemingford Grey. The next meeting in the village hall is at 7.30pm on October 17th when the speaker will be from Deafblind UK. Do come along and join our friendly group.

*Pat Cook*

## **NEWMARKET COMMUNITY CINEMA**

Here are our film shows for the rest of 2022 at The Stable, High Street.

Sept 18th and 19th - The Duke (12A)

Oct 16th and 17th - The Phantom of the Open (12A)

Nov 20th and 21st - The Good Liar (15)

Dec 11th and 12th - The King and I (U)

Door open at 6.45pm with the film starting at 7.30pm. Admission is £6 which includes free refreshments. For further information please call 01638 666810.

We are getting increasing complaints about motorists speeding and/or parking inconsiderately. Much of the speeding on the B1102 may be people from outside our villages, but most of the speeding within the villages will be people who live in that village or a neighbouring village. We all like the quiet and safety of our villages, and we all can help keep them that way by keeping within the speed limit. The York and North Yorkshire Road Safety Partnership has calculated that if you hit a pedestrian:

at 40 mph there is a 90 percent chance they will be killed.

at 35 mph there is a 50 percent chance they will be killed.

at 30 mph there is a 20 percent chance they will be killed.

at 20 mph there is a 2.5 percent chance they will be killed.

The other concern is parking, especially around shops, schools, and narrow roads. When you park, please think about other road users especially pedestrians, emergency vehicles and waste lorries.

626 new dwellings were built across East Cambridgeshire last year. Of these 154 met the Government's definition of affordable. These completions are a significant increase on previous years, but it is very disappointing that just 25% of these dwellings were 'affordable'. The definition of affordable housing detailed in the National Planning Policy Framework is at least 20% less than market rent or market prices, which would leave housing costs in this area well above Shelter's definition of affordable for those on median salaries, which is 35% of income after tax. Nevertheless, whilst we quibble with how affordable 'affordable' housing is, it is at least less expensive than market prices and we should be requiring developers to provide more than 25%. The Council will publish a breakdown of these figures by Parish on their website in the early autumn.

Government housing policy is not just about how many homes are delivered, but also what future supply of new homes are forecast for an area. The most important aspect of that policy is whether an area can demonstrate 'five years' worth' of supply which is likely to come forward via recent planning decisions. East Cambs' latest calculations demonstrate that we continue to have a very healthy supply of homes coming forward, of approximately 7 years' worth. This means that the policies in the Local Plan, including the development envelopes, are robust and enforceable.

With CPI inflation at 9.4% and forecast to rise further, the fuel price cap forecast to increase, and domestic oil almost double the cost of last year, many of us are worried about our finances. If you are struggling with bills, or know people who are struggling, please talk to someone. There is support available – East Cambs have a team who can help, email them at [communityadvice@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:communityadvice@eastcambs.gov.uk) or call 01353 665555 and ask for the Housing and Community Advice team. There is a list of helpful sites at <https://www.angliarevenues.gov.uk/services/moneyadvice/index.cfm>. Or there is Citizens Advice in Newmarket <https://suffolkwestcab.org.uk/>. There will be help available to at least agree a manageable payment schedule and quite possibly to get financial support.

One very sustainable way to reduce your energy costs is to ensure your home is



well insulated. If you earn less than £30,000 a year or receive certain benefits, for example Universal Credit or Income-based Jobseekers Allowance, you could get a grant of up to 100% of the costs of insulating your home. If you rent, your landlord could get a grant of up to 80% of the costs. If you want more information E-mail [HomeEnergy@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:HomeEnergy@eastcambs.gov.uk) or call the Customer Service team on 01353 665555 and ask about Action on Energy grants.

Our next Councillors' Surgery will be at Brinkley Memorial Hall at 6.30pm on Thursday 22 September for one hour, and thereafter at the Red Lion at Brinkley.

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## **News from Wicken Fen Nature Reserve**

### **National Nature Reserve Festival**

#### **(May to October 2022)**

We still have some availability for our final festival event:  
**Darwin's Life in Letters – Talk**

7pm, Tuesday 13 September

From the Darwin Correspondence Project, a talk encompassing some of the copious letters that Darwin exchanged throughout his life. As a student in Cambridge, he spent time in the Fens.

£5 per adult, includes light refreshments.

Book via our website (link below).

#### **Young Person's Volunteer Opportunity**

Do you know a young person who is looking for a volunteering opportunity that meets the requirements of the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award? If so, then ask them to contact Wicken Fen Nature Reserve, where a volunteering programme is available from October to December. We are looking for two young people aged 14+ who are interested in helping to run family events over October half term and in the lead up to Christmas, as well as completing tasks in the shop. An induction will be given and uniform provided (including an Elf costume!). Candidates can email [wickenlearning@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:wickenlearning@nationaltrust.org.uk) for more information. The deadline for expressions of interest is 01 October 2022.

#### **Footprints: Community Engagement**

Following the success of our initial programme of walks, we will be launching a weekly wellbeing walk at Wicken Fen from Friday 30 September, from 10-11am. The walks will be at an easy pace and around 2 miles in length. We look forward to welcoming the walkers we have met during our initial programme, as well as new walkers who are interesting in joining a friendly group for a relaxed walk. For more information go to our website.

#### **Vision Festival – bookings now live**

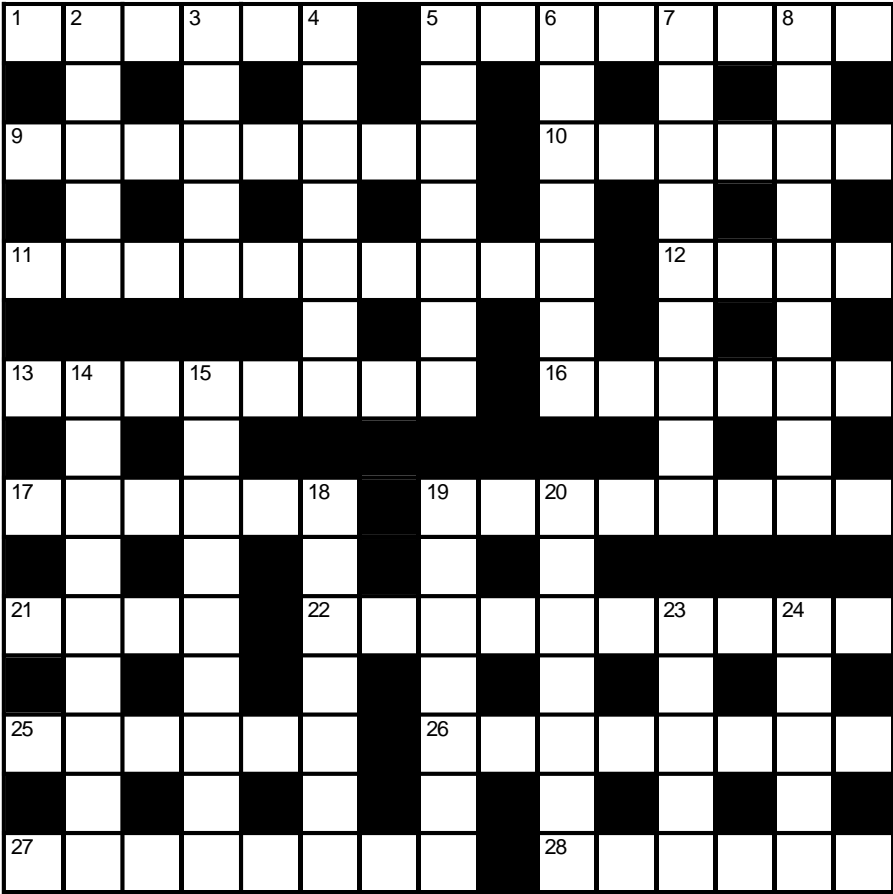
We will be holding events as part of our Vision Festival on Saturday 8 October at Wicken Fen, and Saturday 15 October at Anglesey Abbey. There are drop in and bookable activities across the Festival. The bookable events are now live on our website and include talks and walks.

For the latest reserve information, please visit our website [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wicken-fen](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wicken-fen)  
Details of our events can be found on our website at <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wicken-fen-nature-reserve/whats-on>

# Crossword Number 198

Compiled by NIBOR

This month’s puzzle is a simple cryptic crossword. Send your answers to the editors by 18th September 2022. The sender of the first correct solution out of the hat will be awarded a *Winner’s Certificate*. Emailed solutions are acceptable but please include “CROSSWORD” and the crossword number in the header.



Name:.....
Address:.....
.....Tel:.....

## Across

- 1 Distant planes return to nothing very loud... (3-3)
- 5 ...or abrasive or bad-tempered (8)
- 9 Perform or improvise; a follower gets the post (8)
- 10 Pale? Put a cover on, my friend (6)
- 11 Feelings of thrills (10)
- 12 Conspire to find Labour leader in vessel (4)
- 13 Offender ruins matriculations; sat out, not in (8)
- 16 Ought to hold us out (6)
- 17 Prehistoric primate mother found in a cage (3-3)
- 19 Eloquence of hot Crier composition (8)
- 21 Flair found in cruel animals (4)
- 22 Cannot melt troubled agitator (10)
- 25 Reject Islamists in soft feather clothing (6)
- 26 Run away from unlit art compilation (4,4)
- 27 Beads Ted arranged to make mattress holder (8)
- 28 Souped-up fake (6)

## Down

- 2 Make amends for a bad note (5)
- 3 First one gets really excited seeing monsters (5)
- 4 Smooth endless flan with coffee filling (7)
- 5 Underwater vessel found near wrecked missile chamber buried under topsoil (7)
- 6 Meals made from rotten pears on back street (7)

- 7 Type of lens used when fans leave damaged elephant's-foot (9)
- 8 Hello, nothing inside? Zero to one after ballot for the common people (3,6)
- 14 Not attractive so, doctor, pulverise (9)
- 15 Important instant inside house (9)
- 18 Candidate lingering in Filipino mine entrance (7)
- 19 Told a story like an uncle maybe (7)
- 20 English leader got rent as act of self-importance (3,4)
- 23 Name given to a lord perhaps (5)
- 24 Water nymph upset Diana (5)

## Solution to crossword no. 197

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We congratulate Mike & Chris Carrington, the winners of last month's competition, who will receive their prize certificate from the editors. Honourable mentions go to Robert Nunn and Trish Whitehead..

# Notes from the Swaffham Prior Parish Council meeting

Cllr Covill chaired the July meeting of the Swaffham Prior Parish Council, attended by 7 Parish Councillors and 2 members of the public.

## **Correspondence for consideration.**

An email requested that SID is put up on Rogers Road and that traffic calming is considered. Cllr Kent-Phillips noted that the last set of readings obtained did not show a problem with excessive speeding on Rogers Road, but the PC agreed that once the High Street is reopened, SID should be redeployed and a new set of data collected.

In response to a letter from Lucy Frazer MP, inviting the PC to a tour of the Houses of Parliament, the PC decided to accept the offer and ask for available dates.

## **Replacing the playground equipment.**

Options had been obtained from Wicksteeds and NGFplay. Kompan were unable to visit the playground before the end of July. After discussion, it was agreed to accept the Wicksteed quote for a Marco Polo unit and for moving the spring daisy.



Cllr Latchford agreed to apply for grants for funding.

## **Use of water from the cemetery tap.**

It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the allotment renters and the owner of the horses, reminding them that the filling of the horses' water trough is to take place in an evening (after 6pm) only, and that no unattended hosepipes are to be left on at any time, as stated in the allotment agreement.

## **Appointing Parish Council representatives to the working group for B1102 improvements**

These are to be the Clerk and Cllr Greenfield (subject to Cllr Greenfield's agreement).

### **Clerk's Report**

The Clerk had attended the ACRE talk on affordable housing and noted that Cambridgeshire ACRE would be a useful contact if more affordable rural housing schemes were planned for the village.

### **Parish Councillors' Reports**

Cllr Gynn asked that a notice be put up in the cemetery pointing out the new location of the bins, next to the gates.

Cllr Latchford commented that the increase in commercial flights over the village was due to a new flight path.

Cllr Hart noted that two of the traffic calming posts on Mill Hill had been destroyed – to be reported.

Cllr Kent-Phillips noted that the website had been inaccessible for 4 days but was now up and running again

### **Open Question Time**

It was noted that the Pound needs attention as it is increasingly weed-filled - Clerk to follow up.

If anyone would like any further information on any of the above items, please contact the Clerk.

The next monthly Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday, 11th August 2022 starting at 7.30pm at 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)***

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## **News extra from Bottisham Medical Practice Patients' Participation Group**

**Appointments:** Patients can now choose between face to face or telephone consultations. For non-urgent issues please ask for a pre-bookable appointment

**Masks:** Covid infections are rising again so for your protection and the safety of the staff please wear a mask when visiting the surgery.

**Dispensary Newsletter:** See separate item.

**The Patient Participation Group:** As usual we are looking for new members to join the committee, all patients of this Practice are eligible. Please contact our chairman as below to find out more information and how you can be involved

**Regular Meetings:** Although the future dates are currently under discussion and maybe will return to 6pm and on Thursdays as we used to do before the pandemic. However we will be continuing on Zoom for the time being. So the next meeting is *due to be on Thursday 22 September 2022 at 6pm*, but this could be subject to change. If you wish to join our Zoom meeting then please email our chairman at [s.j.gilson@btinternet.com](mailto:s.j.gilson@btinternet.com) who will confirm the meeting date and time and send you an invitation..

***Bottisham Medical Practice Patients Participation Group***

## Advance date for your calendars!

We have all experienced a lack of water in these hot times.

At least we can turn our taps on and receive clean water.

Imagine what life would be like if we had to walk to the nearest Lode  
and carry water back home?

That is the reality for so many.

WaterAid seeks to provide clean running water and sanitation with projects throughout the world.

[www.wateraid.org](http://www.wateraid.org)

## Saturday 8th October WaterAid Run/Walk

This is the annual WaterAid fund raising event on the Denny Swaffham Bulbeck

**0800hrs Mile Run/Jog** for those that do this sort of thing!!

**1000hrs Mile Walk** with push chairs, dogs, children and lots more!

Coffee and cake are served at the end

A mile is 3 laps of the Denny

£1.00 per person or donations over a £1.00

This is always a fun event that brings folk together and enables fresh water/sanitation to be provided somewhere in the world where it is much needed.

[ian@goldtraining.co.uk](mailto:ian@goldtraining.co.uk)  
07968 83 66 45





*Heating Scheme on the High St*

## **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**

‘Nursery style’ iron fire guard. 91cm wide, 77cm tall and 26cm deep.

2 Pets at Home gerbilarium cages (each suitable for 2 gerbils)  
Complete Lexicon surround sound system. Lexicon MC1 controller with slightly-damaged remote control, plus 315 (3 channel) and 415 (4 channel) amplifiers and a complete set of speakers (3 front, 2 rear and a sub-woofer).

Large box of Scalextric

Amy Weatherup 07795 975075 (call, text or WhatsApp)

2 small bookcases. Each measures 470mm (L) x 135mm (B) x 680mm (H). Shelf depth approx. 108mm (bottom one wider). Equivalent: 18.5" x 5 1/4"

x 26 3/4 ". Phone: Jacqui 01223 811190

### **Wanted**

Dementia-friendly phone (with ability to add photos in). Jun 07980 423210/01223 813362



## **News extra from Bottisham Medical Practice Patients' Participation Group**

**Dispensary Newsletter:** See separate item.

**Appointments:** Patients can now choose between face to face or telephone consultations. For non-urgent issues please ask for a pre-bookable appointment. Whilst patients will still need to queue for the dispensary there will be now be more seating allowed in the waiting area.

**Flu' Clinics:** These are planned for 24 September and 1 October and invitation letters will go out at the end of the month initially to the over 65's.

**Masks:** We ask that you please continue to wear a mask when visiting the surgery for your protection and the safety of the staff.

**Health Pod:** This has now been installed in the waiting room to enable patients to take their blood pressure, weight and complete health questionnaires which will automatically upload to their GP record. Screening will be provided for privacy.

**Red Bucket Funds and other Donations:** Thank you to all those who have donated. The current total is £388.90 after our contribution to the purchase of the new ECG machine. We are planning to purchase a mobile screen to have available in the waiting room in case of need.

**The Practice Manager** wishes to extend thanks to patients for their help and support over the last difficult few months.

**The Patient Participation Group:** We are looking for new members to join the committee, all patients of this Practice are eligible. Please contact our chairman as below to find out more information and how you can be involved

**Regular Meetings:** Next meeting is Wednesday 28 September at 2pm. If you wish to join our Zoom meeting please email our chairman at [s.j.gilson@btinternet.com](mailto:s.j.gilson@btinternet.com) who will send you a meeting invite.

*Bottisham Medical Practice Patients Participation Group*

## **ANGLESEY GROUP OF PARISHES**

**Holy Trinity, Bottisham; St Mary's, Quay; St James', Lode;  
St Mary's, Swaffham Bulbeck; St Mary's, Swaffham Prior**

### **Services in September 2022**

#### **Sunday 4 September**

9am Online service on Zoom  
10.30am Holy Communion, Bottisham  
4pm Village Worship, Village Hall, Quay

#### **Wednesday 7 September**

8 pm C by C (a short contemplative service), Online service on Zoom

#### **Sunday 11 September**

9am Holy Communion, Quay  
10.30am Harvest Festival, Swaffham Prior – also on Zoom

#### **Sunday 18 September**

9am Online service on Zoom  
Morning Prayer, Quay  
10.30am Holy Communion, Swaffham Bulbeck  
Morning Prayer, Bottisham

#### **Sunday 25 September**

9am [Online service, on Zoom](#)  
10.30am Holy Communion (BCP), Swaffham Prior

#### **Each Thursday**

10.30am Holy Communion, Lode

Vicar: Rev'd Sue Giles, The Vicarage, 86 High Street, Bottisham CB25 9BA Tel: 01223  
812726; [suethetic@btinternet.com](mailto:suethetic@btinternet.com)

All are welcome to services in any church in the group.

Please be in touch if you would like a lift to a service.

Please check <http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7378/benefice>  
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## Dates for Your Diary September 2022

Sat	10	Autumn Show/ Dog Show/ Scarecrow Judging, 1.45pm VH [3,6,7,8]
Thu	15	Mothers' Union, 2.30pm Lode Church [21]
Sun	18	Newmarket Community Cinema, "The Duke", The Stable, High St, Newmarket, 7.30pm [21]
Thu	22	<b>Crier Copy Deadline</b> <b>Councillors' Surgery, 6.30pm, Brinkley Memorial Hall, Brinkley, [23]</b>
Fri	30	Macmillan Coffee Morning, 10.30—12 noon, The Oaks, Manor Farm Court, Lower End [5] A Year of Quizzing Joining Up Deadline [9]

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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	Ruth Scovil	743720	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues of month	8:00pm	Village Hall
WI	Margaret Joyce	744390	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon of month	7.30 pm	Village Hall